



HUD FY24 CoC Competition- Request for Proposals (RFP)

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Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH) Continuum of Care announces the availability of grants to prevent and end homelessness through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's "Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2024 Continuum of Care Competition." The CoC is open to and will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Funding. The deadline for the CoC to submit applications to HUD for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition is October 30, 2024 by 7:00 PM CST/8:00 PM EST. Please read the NOFO thoroughly to review changes from the FY 2023 NOFO.

NEW PROJECTS

- Eligible New Project Program Components: Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless individuals and/or families, Rapid Rehousing, and Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing. The NOFO provides details on each of these
- Applications that serve victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking will also be considered. These projects must be Permanent Supportive Housing (if they will serve DV victims that are chronically homeless), Rapid Rehousing, or Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing.

Applicants for all projects must submit a letter of intent including the project type and estimated amount (budget) of request to CATCH at ccole@littlerock.gov. All interested organizations are urged to contact the CoC and read the NOFO in its entirety before submitting a letter of intent **by 08/23/24**.

Click this link: [FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants \(hud.gov\)](#) to download the FY 2024 NOFO. Click this link [CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) to access critical instructions and guidance from the HUD website. Project applications and application instruction materials will be posted to that link by HUD. Visit catcharkansas.org to stay up to date on information released by our CoC concerning the funding.

New projects ***must*** create a Supplemental Application in accordance with the attached instructions ***and*** complete an application in HUD's e-snaps electronic grants systems **by 09/20/24**.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Applicants for renewal project must send a letter of intent to apply for or notify the CoC of their plans for voluntary reallocation **by 08/23/24**. Letters should specify the project name, project type, and funding amount. Email notification should be sent to ccole@littlerock.gov.

Renewal projects ***must*** complete a Supplemental Application in accordance with the attached instructions ***and*** complete their e-snaps renewal application **by 09/20/24**.

*NOTE: All Project applications are **due 09/20/24**. The Rank & Review Committee will notify all applicants of acceptance, rejection, or modification of their projects **by 10/15/2024**.*

Please understand that HUD has specific requirements for applicants, including:

- The Rank & Review Committee **must** carefully review the qualifications of the applicant and the proposed project to assure that they meet HUD's threshold requirements.
- Projects **must** pass the initial threshold questions to be reviewed for scoring and ranking. *The CoC evaluation metrics for new and renewal projects are explained starting on page 3.*
- Individuals, for-profit organizations, and unincorporated entities are **not** eligible to apply.
- Questions regarding the application process can be sent to ccole@littlerock.gov until **09/20/2024**.

Project Ranking Criteria

The CATCH (AR-500) FY 2024 Ranking Tools are recommended by the CoC Rank and Review Committee and approved by the Executive Committee. The tools consider information from the HUD e- snaps application, Applicant's supplemental application, and performance data to determine the extent to which project outcomes address federal and local policy priorities.

HUD has seven National Priorities:

- Ending homelessness for all persons
- Using a Housing First Approach
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Improving system performance
- Partnering with housing, health and service agencies
- Racial Equity
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+
- Persons with Lived Experience

The CoC set its priority based on 2024 PIT Count data as well as conversations that have taken place with community partners and CoC stakeholders over the past year indicating the growing need for housing for individuals that are chronically homeless specifically those facing serious mental health disability and/or substance use disorder. Out of the individuals recognized as homeless, 219 were identified as chronically homeless. Permanent Supportive Housing will continue to be a priority for the Rank and Review Committee.

Threshold Criteria:

The CoC requires all applicants to meet the following criteria in order for their projects to be selected and ranked:

- The project complies with eligibility requirements of the CoC Interim Rule and Subsequent Notices while meeting threshold requirements outlined in the HUD 2024 NOFO.
- The project does utilize the Housing First Model.
- The project will follow the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, including HUD's Equal Access Rule, when it is implemented while also participating in the development and implementation of it.
- The project does or will participate in HMIS or an equivalent database.
- The project has written documentation of a match that meets HUD's standards.
- Applicant is an active CoC Participant.
- All application materials are completed and submitted by the deadline.
- Applicant does not have any unresolved HUD monitoring findings.
- Current agency audit is exempt from findings.
- **If** a renewal, the project has a spending rate of at least 80% on their total grant award.
- **If** a project serves families, the project will accept all families with children 18 and under without regard to age or gender.

- **If** a project serves families, the project has a staff person responsible for ensuring that children are enrolled in school and connected to services in the community.

Project sponsors are invited to submit proposals to provide housing with supportive services in the following categories:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

Organizations that have not previously applied for CoC Program funding, as well as currently funded organizations, are encouraged to submit proposals for new projects. This RFP also serves as notice for existing CoC Program-funded projects of the deadline to submit applications for renewal of CoC project funding.

Funding for new projects under this RFP will come from HUD CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funds as well as any resources made available via reallocation of current CoC Program funds.

All proposals will be evaluated to determine which projects will be included in the CATCH CoC’s FY2024 CoC Program Competition application to HUD. Proposals should demonstrate the project’s alignment with the specific funding priorities described in this RFP and the evaluation criteria described in the CoC Program Application Rating and Ranking Process.

Project sponsors seeking to apply for funding are encouraged to carefully review the HUD FY2024 CoC Program Competition: Notice of Funding Opportunity (referred to throughout this RFP as “HUD NOFO”).

Application and resource materials:

[FY 2024 CATCH Checklist COC Project Application Submission.pdf](#)

[FY 2024 CATCH CoC Supplemental Application - New.pdf](#) (word document included with email)

[FY 2024 CATCH CoC Supplemental Application-Renewals.pdf](#) (word document included with email)

[Housing First Checklist](#) and [Housing First Assessment Tool](#)

[HUD Form 2991](#)

[Comparable Database to HMIS](#)

[Comparable Database to HMIS-Spanish Version](#)

[E-snaps support page on HUD Exchange](#)

[Log-in to E-snaps](#)

Activity	Time
CATCH releases NOFO from HUD	08/01/2024
CATCH releases RFP, Application Materials, Deadlines, and Rating Tools through email and on website	8/12/2024
Project Application Letter of Intent	by 8/16/2024
Project Application due to CoC (no late applications accepted)	no later than 09/20/24 at 4:30 PM
Applicants informed of Rank and Review Decision	no later than 10/15/2024
CoC Application and Priority Listing made Public	2 days before app is submitted to HUD
CoC Application and Priority Listing are submitted to HUD	by 10/30/2024