



NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDING PROPOSALS
HUD 2021 CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS APPLICATION PROCESS
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The DuPage Continuum Collaborative Applicant is starting the application and selection process for HUD’s 2021 Continuum of Care funding. This is an open invitation to apply for funds in the 2021 competition for both funded and non CoC funded organizations. Applicants may apply for renewal or new projects. Both current grantees and new agencies not previously funded may apply. This includes victim service providers with consideration of their data and the population they serve. Eligible project applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, public housing agencies and instrumentalities of state and local governments. For profit entities are not eligible. **The only new projects that may be applied for are those described below.** Please note only those applicants that apply for a new project will be considered for any bonus or reallocation funds which may become available when HUD makes their 2021 funding announcement. This notice is publicly posted on www.dupagehomeless.org

There are firm deadlines for submission of the required documents in Zoomgrants. All projects must complete a Project Performance Evaluation by February 25, 2021. All approved projects must complete a Business Plan and Cost Forms by April 2, 2021. The link to access the application forms in Zoomgrants is posted on www.dupagehomeless.org, and will also be emailed to the CoC membership. While the amount of HUD funds available has not been announced, last year the DuPage Continuum had an annual renewal amount of approximately \$5 million. In 2019, there was also a bonus amount of approximately \$237,000 for one or more new projects. This amount may be more in 2021 since there were no new projects in 2020.

In this FY 2021 DuPage CoC funding process, applicants may submit requests for renewal projects and requests for new projects. In accordance with HUD guidance, the CoC will competitively rank projects. Each CoC must review all current projects to determine the extent to which each project is necessary and addresses the HUD policy priorities. Strategic re-allocation of resources is encouraged to further HUD policy priorities. All projects are subject to re-allocation. Reallocation is a process whereby a CoC reallocates funds in whole or in part from a renewal projects to create one or more new projects. Please refer to the DuPage CoC Reallocation Policy on www.dupagehomeless.org. All projects will be evaluated for reallocation both on performance and on expenditure of grant funds.

NEW PROJECTS

New projects may be created through reallocation of current renewal funds, bonus funds, or a combination of reallocation and bonus funds.

For all new projects, 5 types of projects are allowed:

- Permanent supportive housing that serve chronically homeless or that meet the Dedicated PLUS definition. See 2019 NOFA definition p. 17
- Rapid Rehousing projects that serve individuals, families and unaccompanied youth who meet the NOFA criteria. See 2019 NOFA p. 13 (2)
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component project who meet the NOFA criteria- See 2019 NOFA p.13 (2)

- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead)
- Coordinated Entry (supportive services only) to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

There will be a separate NOFA for domestic violence projects. Applications may be submitted now:

CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$25,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence. (only 1 such application is allowed).

The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year.

The term of all new projects may be 1, 2 or 3 years for leasing and 1-5 years for rent assistance. There is no match requirement for leasing, but there is a 25% match for Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Administrative and Operating Costs. For other project questions, please refer to the HUD regulations at **Continuum of Care Homelessness Assistance Program Highlights and Systems Information.**

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

All renewal projects are eligible to apply for funding in this competition at their current level or a reduced amount. All will be evaluated for performance and unspent funds. Renewals may also apply to reallocate their project to another type of eligible project. This will then be considered a new project and subject to the HUD rules of new project selection.

Please note that Rapid Rehousing projects under the CoC program must have additional match since their leasing dollars will become rent assistance, will not be able to claim operating expense, and must have the leases in the client's name, not the agency's. CoCs may not reallocate administrative costs to create new projects.

Verbal presentations on ALL NEW projects and any renewal projects with proposed changes or projects with questions from the preliminary project evaluation will be held at the Gaps and Needs Committee meeting March 4, 2021. A list of all other renewals that met the PPE thresholds with no questions will be distributed for approval to move forward. ALL PROJECT APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND. The meeting will be held virtually using Zoom. Any ineligible new projects will be identified at this meeting. Unless a project clearly does not meet eligibility requirements, all new projects go to the next level and complete a Business Plan with Cost Forms.

All eligible projects must complete a full Business Plan and Cost Forms in the ZoomGrants internet based application system. These will be available in Zoom grants on February 25, 2021. Please be aware that it is a competitive process.

The Business Plan and Cost Forms are due for submission in Zoomgrants by April 2, 2021.

Note: The Planning grant is not required to complete this application process because it is an administrative grant that can be applied for if it is available. Also, the HMIS grant renewal will not complete this application process but will be evaluated on the data standards and its Annual Progress Report by the Leadership Committee.

Resources:

Continuum of Care Homelessness Assistance Program Highlights and Systems Information may be located at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

ZoomGrants Link

[https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/DuPage County/2021 Continuum of Care Application](https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/DuPage_County/2021_Continuum_of_Care_Application)