



**PA-511 Bristol/Bensalem, Bucks County
Fiscal Year 2023 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition
Highlights, Process and Schedule**

FY2023 HUD NOFO: Eligible Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Project Applications include: CoC Planning Costs, UFA (Unified Funding Agency) Costs, YHDP renewal or YHDP replacement projects, Renewal Projects Eligible for 2023 Funds, and New Projects created via reallocation, CoC bonus, DV Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and bonus.

PA-511's New Projects Created Through Reallocation or Bonus Funding: The CoC is eligible to apply for up to 7 percent of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), which is estimated to be \$177,227 for PA-511, for new CoC bonus projects. New project applications may be created through reallocation process or as bonus projects for the following components:

- a) Permanent housing - permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
- b) Permanent housing - rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
- c) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects
- d) Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.379(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
- e) Supportive services only - coordinated entry project (SSO-CE) to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system

Domestic Violence Bonus: The CoC may apply for up to 10% of its PPRN (Preliminary Pro Rata Need), which is estimated to be \$253,181 for PA-511, to create DV Bonus projects. Project applications must be for a minimum of \$50,000. Projects that want to be considered for the DV bonus may be:

- a) Permanent housing - rapid re-housing projects (PH-RRH) dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.
- b) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.
- c) Supportive service only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

Expansion Projects: HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project (see Section I.B.2.b.(10) of this NOFO) through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services

provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects. If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project, HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests.

Consolidation Project: Applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more (but no more than ten) eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects) during the application process. See Section III.B.4.b.(8) of the NOFO for further information.

2023 Project Applications – Review, Ranking and Priority Listing: A 2023 Priority Listing will be created for all projects submitted – each project must be 1) reviewed and accepted or rejected by the CoC, and 2) must be ranked as Tier 1 or Tier 2. Note that Tier 1 is equal to 93% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Detailed scoring criteria for new and renewal applications will be sent out via email and posted to the [CoC Housing Link](#) website by July 14th, 2023.

HUD’s Local Program Competition Deadlines: Applications must be submitted via e-snaps no later than 30 days before HUD’s submission deadline of September 28, 2023. Applications submitted less than 30 days before the submission deadline will not be considered. Applicants will be notified of inclusion, rejection, or reduction no later than 15 days before HUD’s submission deadline of September 28, 2023. If rejected, the project applicant must be notified in writing with a reason for the decision.

Considering these requirements, the following schedule shall apply to Bucks County CoC and be overseen by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development (HCD):

07/11/23 Bucks County’s CoC, “Request for New Applications,” and NOFO Local Program Competition Deadlines are distributed via the CoC email distribution list and posted publicly to the CoC Housing Link website.

7/20/23 Information Session hosted by CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development (HCD), for interested applicants in new NOFO project funding.

07/25/23 Project Applicants must email Notice of Intent to Apply (with the subject line, “Notice of Intent to Apply – Organization Name”) to hcd@buckscounty.org.

08/11/23 Project Applicant must submit completed Project Application in e-snaps. *Applications submitted in e-snaps are automatically sent to the CoC Collaborative Applicant.*

08/14/23-08/25/23 CoC New Project Review Committee reviews projects and scores new project applications in first week and meets to review and finalize scoring in second week.

08/28/23 Week of 08/28, the CoC Executive Committee completes review of scoring and ranking and votes on inclusion, exclusion, and ranking of Project Applications for

Priority Listing.

09/01/23 CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development, notifies Project Applicants via email on inclusion or rejection in Bucks County CoC's Consolidated Application Priority Listing.

09/26/23 Bucks County CoC Consolidated Application, inclusive of all Project Applications and Priority Listing, submitted to HUD via e-snaps

Transparency: The CoC Consolidated Application, including all CoC Project Applications and CoC Priority Listing will be made available on the Housing Link website at least 2 days before the application deadline and will notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.

Certificate of Consistency with Con Plan: The Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2991), which certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan will be submitted on behalf of all included project applications through one correctly signed and dated HUD-2991 and will include an attachment listing of all submitted project applications.