



**PA-511 Bristol/Bensalem, Bucks County  
Fiscal Year 2023 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition  
Requests for New Applications**

PA-511 Bucks County CoC (The Bucks County Housing Link) is soliciting Requests for Applications from eligible organizations that wish to be considered as a new project in the FY23 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The CoC Executive Committee is requesting applications for the following four project types in the FY23 CoC Competition:

1. New Projects: The CoC is eligible for an estimated \$177,227 in the HUD FY23 CoC Competition
2. New Projects that Serve Survivors of Domestic Violence or Sexual Assault: The CoC is eligible for an estimated \$253,181 in the HUD FY23 Competition
3. Expansion of Existing CoC-Funded Projects: HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project to expand existing projects (renewal projects) that will 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.
4. Consolidation of Existing CoC-Funded Projects: Renewal applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more eligible renewal projects.

Organizations new to the CoC program are welcome to apply. To be eligible for consideration, the organization must:

1. Submit an intent to apply email (with the subject line, "Notice of Intent to Apply – Organization Name") by July 25, 2023 to [hcd@buckscounty.org](mailto:hcd@buckscounty.org). (Applicant will receive email confirmation notice from HCD within 5 business days; and
2. Submit completed project application in e-snaps by August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Detailed scoring criteria for new and renewal applications will be sent out via email and posted to the CoC Housing Link website by July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**HUD and Local Priorities**

The CoC determined that applications for the PH project component (including both Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)) are a priority in this year's competition for new project funding due to increased numbers of households in need of

permanent housing assistance. In addition, all new applications will be scored and ranked based on how well they advance at least one of these priorities:

- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies including PHAs and Workforce Development Agencies
- Improving System Performance
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Using a Housing First approach
- Advancing Racial Equity
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Incorporating Persons with Lived Experience in Planning and Decision Making
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply; and/or
- Addressing an identified gap in services for clients who are pregnant or post-partum; households with pets; households with seniors age 55+; clients with substance use; transportation; or clients with medical frailty.