



**PA-511 Bristol/Bensalem, Bucks County  
Fiscal Year 2024/2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition  
Highlights, Process and Schedule**

**FY2024/2025 HUD NOFO:** Eligible Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Project Applications include: CoC Planning Costs, Renewal Projects Eligible for 2024 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 12 percent of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), which is estimated to be \$363,204 for PA-511, for new CoC bonus projects. The CoC will be accepting new project applications 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

For this year's competition, the CoC has determined that applications for the PH-PSH component (Permanent Supportive Housing) is a priority for new project funding due to the increased numbers of chronically homeless households in need of permanent housing assistance. A Request for New Applications along with the CoC scoring criteria for new applications will be sent out via email and posted to the [CoC Housing Link](#) website by Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**Domestic Violence Bonus:** The CoC may apply for up to 15% of its PPRN (Preliminary Pro Rata Need), which is estimated to be \$454,005 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.

HUD is clarifying through this NOFO that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply.

**Expansion Projects:** This process can be used by eligible renewal project applicants to add funds to an existing CoC Renewal, or DV Renewal project to expand its current operations either through reallocation, DV Bonus, or a CoC Bonus project application. Project applications may expand their current project by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. More information on expansion applications can be found in section III.B.4.a(6) of the NOFO.

**Grant Consolidation:** This process combines two or more eligible renewal projects into a single renewal project upon award. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation must have the same recipient and be for the same component. See Sections I.B.3.d and III.B.4.a.(7) of the NOFO for additional information.

**2024 Project Applications – Review, Ranking and Priority Listing:** A 2024 Priority Listing will be created for all projects submitted – each project must be 1) reviewed and accepted or rejected by the CoC, and 2) Accepted projects must be ranked as Tier 1 or Tier 2. Note that Tier 1 is equal to 90% 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 Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**HUD's Local Program Competition Deadlines:** Applications must be submitted via e-snaps no later than 30 days before HUD's submission deadline of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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 October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 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):**

**08/05/24** Bucks County's CoC NOFO Local Program Competition Deadlines are distributed via the CoC email distribution list and posted publicly to the CoC Housing Link website.

**08/19/24** Request for New Applications and detailed project scoring criteria for new and renewal project applications distributed via email and posted publicly to the CoC Housing Link website.

**08/26/24** Information Session hosted by CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development (HCD), for interested applicants in new NOFO project funding.

**08/30/24** Project Applicants must email Notice of Intent to Apply (with the subject line, “Notice of Intent to Apply – Organization Name”) to [hcd@buckscounty.org](mailto:hcd@buckscounty.org).

**09/20/24** Project Applicant must submit completed Project Application in e-snaps. *Applications submitted in e-snaps are automatically sent to the CoC Collaborative Applicant.*

**09/23/24-10/04/24** CoC New Project Review Committee reviews projects and scores new project applications and meets to review and finalize scoring.

**10/07/24** Week of 10/7, the CoC Executive Committee completes review of scoring and ranking and votes on inclusion, exclusion, and ranking of Project Applications for Priority Listing.

**10/11/24** CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development, notifies Project Applicants via email on inclusion or rejection in Bucks County CoC’s Consolidated Application Priority Listing.

**10/29/24** 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.