



Chattanooga Regional
Homeless Coalition

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TN-500 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Special Notice Of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) FR-65400-N-25S
Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural
Homelessness**

***The full NOFO is available on the HUD Exchange:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO. Applicants are **strongly** encouraged to read the Special NOFO in its entirety before applying.

The Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition (CRHC) will be applying for funds under the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Supplemental Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (FR-6500-N-25S). The Continuum of Care (CoC) application includes a community strategy to address unsheltered and rural homelessness in our region along with data and outcomes related to local initiatives. All project applicants (Unsheltered and Rural) must submit applications in eSnaps (the HUD online portal for CoC applications <https://esnaps.hud.gov>) by **Close of Business (5:00 PM EST) Tuesday September 13, 2022**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted. CRHC will be posting video tutorials on the CRHC website, <https://www.homelesscoalition.org/resources/>, of how to access the application in eSnaps as well as other useful resources for applicants to successfully complete the application.

Area nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, or units of local government may apply.

The CoC Supplemental NOFO process is a competitive grant process and, as such, completion of an application is not a guarantee that a project will receive funding. Successful applications will be funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a 3 year period. Projects prioritized by the Continuum of Care are not guaranteed funding through this process due to the national competitive nature of the Special NOFO.

Projects applying for funding under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside may not apply for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction. Applicants are encouraged to read the full funding announcement from HUD for additional details.



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TN-500 is eligible for up to **\$2,724,695** over the three year grant term of the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside. This award amount is contingent on the scoring of the entire CoC application that includes each project application submitted along with the CoC application.

The Rural Set Aside may only be used to deliver services in Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea, Meigs, McMinn and Polk counties throughout Southeast TN (HAMILTON, BRADLEY, and SEQUATCHIE Counties are ineligible for the Rural Set Aside).

TN-500 is eligible for up to **\$926,072** over the three year grant term of the Rural Set Aside. This award amount is contingent on the scoring of the entire CoC application as well as each project application submitted along with the CoC application.

A 25% match requirement applies to all CoC funded programs.

To ensure maximum competitiveness of the TN-500 CoC application and individual project applications, priority will be given to applicants that submit complete project applications which clearly demonstrate:

- Letters of Commitment, Contracts, or Other Formal Written Agreements Demonstrating the Development of New Units and New Housing Opportunities for People Experiencing Homelessness. These written commitments must demonstrate the number of new units being developed or set aside for individuals experiencing homelessness and the date by which they will be available.
- Written Commitments from Hospitals, Healthcare Clinics, Insurance Agencies, Medicaid State Agencies, Public Health Departments, Mental Health Clinics, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), or Drug Treatment Facilities. These written commitments must demonstrate the types of services being made available on a voluntary basis, the value of the commitment, and the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

If a project is chosen for inclusion in the CoC Supplemental application, the nonprofit organization, public housing authority, or unit of local government applicant must complete a SAM registration, an electronic applicant profile, an electronic application, and additional information, as required by HUD. Inclusion in the CoC Supplemental application is not a guarantee of award. HUD makes the final decision on all awards.

The CoC Rank and Review Committee will rank all applications based on uniform criteria. Programs will be ranked in order of ability to meet the needs of Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness based on information in the electronic application and applicant interviews. Formal Rank and Review Committee interviews with applicants will occur within 7 calendar days of the submission deadline of 9/13/22. Applicants should be aware that these interviews may be virtual and after normal working hours. Applicants that do not participate in interviews to



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discuss their applications may not be considered as competitive as other applicants that do participate in interviews so all applicants are **strongly** encouraged to participate in the interview process.

If selected for inclusion in the CoC Supplemental Application to HUD, budgets may be reduced by the Rank and Review Committee or by HUD.

Proposal Requirements:

Proposals must create a new project in accordance with the guidelines established by HUD in the CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness NOFO. A match of 25% is required (cash or in-kind). Applicants who have not previously received Continuum of Care funds are encouraged to apply under this notice as long as the applicant has a current government issued Unique Entity ID, is registered in the SAM registry, has no unresolved findings related to a Federal Government grant, and has the financial capacity to administer the program.

Applications should indicate the applicant's capacity to manage federal funds as well as the applicant's current experience with individuals, families, or youth experiencing homelessness, current services provided, how the proposed housing will coordinate with existing programs and services, how the project will leverage healthcare services, and how the project will leverage new housing resources.

In addition to completing the electronic application in e-snaps, each applicant will be required to submit the following to the CRHC on or before **Close of Business (5:00 PM EST) Tuesday September 13, 2022**:

Most recent independent audit or financial review and match certification, copy of your 501(c) 3 document and Secretary of State registration certificate: must be current, and copy of your SAM registration: must be current.

If you have questions regarding the proposal, please contact Mike Smith, Executive Director, msmith@homelesscoalition.org, or Kacy West, Director of System Performance, kwest@homelesscoalition.org. Office hours will be held weekly starting 8/8/22. Check the Chattanooga Regional Homeless Coalition website Resource Tab regularly for additional information and details in regards to this process.

We look forward to working with you to bring an effective end to homelessness in Southeast TN!