



### **HUD CoC Program Special Notice of Funding Opportunity**

On June 22, 2022 the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (NOFO) to address unsheltered and rural homelessness. HUD states that the purpose of the NOFO "...is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness..."

HUD notes that awards will support coordinated approaches to address unsheltered homelessness that are grounded in "Housing First and public health principles" and that "improve service engagement, health outcomes and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families."

HUD is making available \$267,500,000 for non-rural communities in this NOFO. Appendix A of the NOFO states that the maximum unsheltered homeless set aside amount the IL-510 Chicago CoC is eligible to apply for is \$60,000,000. The NOFO deadline is October 20, 2022.

The NOFO requires CoC's to develop a comprehensive plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs that should describe the items below. To shape the CoC's Comprehensive Plan, the CoC solicited broad-based input on the way the CoC could leverage this NOFO funding to make progress toward ending unsheltered homelessness. This feedback formed the [Strategic Components of the Comprehensive Plan](#) which were passed by the CoC Board at the August 17, 2022 meeting. The CoC's New Projects Selection Committee reviewed all new projects submitted as part of the CoC's new project process, and the Ranking Policies Committee recommended a framework for which projects should be put forth for the NOFO and Special NOFO. The CoC Board approved the Ranking Policies for Special NOFO projects – see below.

### **Special NOFO Ranking Considerations**

The Ranking Policies Committee considered the following items to propose the set of ranking policies below:

- The Special NOFO target population which requires projects to serve people fleeing domestic violence and those who have experienced unsheltered homelessness.
- The Special NOFO's housing and healthcare leverage incentives. HUD awards CoC's points in the national competition for having healthcare and housing leverage amounts equal to 50% of the funding requested for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects.
- The project's alignment with program model focus areas in the Strategic Comprehensive Plan.
- The Special NOFO allows, for the first time, the CoC to expand Planning Grant dollars in this application.



- HUD’s desire to fund all projects requested by a CoC, but it is likely that one CoC will only be partially awarded due to HUD expiring all of its funding allocation in the middle of one CoC’s funding request.

**Ranking Policies Overview**

The CoC Board approved the following rank order for FY 2022 CoC Special NOFO. All projects are new projects. The proposed rank order follows two primary policies.

1. First, housing projects (PSH and RRH) that are contributing housing and/or healthcare leverage and all non-housing projects will be ranked using a project-type rotation – details are outlined below.
2. Second, housing projects (PSH and RRH) that are not contributing housing and/or healthcare leverage, will be ranked below all projects in number 1. Projects ranked the lowest may not be submitted as part of the CoC’s application due to lack of funding availability.

*Project Type Rotation Rank for Housing Projects with Leverage, and Non-Housing Projects*

The CoC will rank projects for the Special NOFO following a rotation by program model in order of 1-6 in the table below. For example, the CoC will rank the top scoring PSH project in slot 1, followed by the top scoring RRH project in slot 2, then a System Infrastructure Project in slot 3, a Joint RRH-TH Project in slot 4, and so on. After ranking a project in each program model, the rotation will repeat.

Rotation Order	Program Model Type
1	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Projects contributing housing and healthcare leverage.
2	Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects contributing housing and healthcare leverage.
3	System Infrastructure Projects
4	Joint RRH – TH Projects (Triage Housing Model)
5	Supportive Service Only – Housing Supports (SSO – Housing) Projects
6	Supportive Service Only – Outreach Projects (SSO – Outreach) Projects

The CoC will award the highest rank to each program model by following the criteria as outlined below.



- Projects in the PSH and RRH categories will be ranked by the average of housing and healthcare leverage the project is contributing to the project. Highest rank in this category goes to the highest leverage average.
- Projects in the System Infrastructure category will be ranked as follows:
  - Planning Grant in first rotation
  - HMIS in second rotation
  - CES in third rotation
- Projects in the Joint TH-RRH, SSO – Housing Supports, SSO – Outreach Projects will be ranked by the New Project Selection Committee score, using grant sizes as a tie breaker if needed (with larger grant sizes ranked higher).

*Rank for Housing Projects Without Leverage*

After all housing projects with leverage, and non-housing projects are ranked, housing projects that have not sufficiently responded to the Collaborative Applicant's request for information regarding housing and healthcare leverage, and those that are not contributing any housing and healthcare leverage will be ranked by New Project Selection Committee score. If two projects have the same score, the CoC will use the cost per person from the proposed budget to rank (with higher costs per person ranked lower).

Rank	Applicant Name	Project Name	HUD Project Type	PH Project Type	Total Project HUD Request	Running Total
1	AIDS Foundation of Chicago	AFC Unsheltered Project	PH	PSH	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
2	The Inner Voice, Inc.	Moving On RRH	PH	RRH	\$799,326	\$2,299,326
3	All Chicago Making Homelessness History	Planning Grant	N/A	N/A	\$600,000	\$2,899,326
4	Renaissance Social Services, Inc.	Renaissance Outreach and Triage Housing	Joint TH & PH-RRH	N/A	\$1,461,516	\$4,360,842
5	All Chicago Making Homelessness History	Employment and Income Supports	SSO	N/A	\$606,494	\$4,967,336
6	Featherfist	Targeted Crisis Outreach	SSO	N/A	\$432,053	\$5,399,389
7	The Inner Voice, Inc.	HousedNow/HN	PH	PSH	\$702,336	\$6,101,725
8	All Chicago Making Homelessness History	Unsheltered Grant	HMIS	N/A	\$280,465	\$6,382,190
9	The Inner Voice, Inc.	Systematizing Options and Services/SOS	Joint TH & PH-RRH	N/A	\$1,035,722	\$7,417,912
10	Heartland Alliance Health	New Hope Housing Supports SSO Project	SSO	N/A	\$314,371	\$7,732,283
11	Puerto Rican Cultural Center	PRCC Supportive Services Outreach and Engagement program	SSO	N/A	\$397,360	\$8,129,643
12	Chicago House and Social Service Agency	CHASSA Supportive Housing Program V	PH	PSH	\$954,837	\$9,084,480
13	All Chicago Making Homelessness History	CE Unsheltered Grant	CE-SSO	N/A	\$119,535	\$9,204,015
14	Matthew House Inc.	Diaconia Supportive Service	SSO	N/A	\$504,086	\$9,708,101
15	Heartland Alliance Health	New Hope Outreach and Engagement SSO project	SSO	N/A	\$314,371	\$10,022,472
16	All Chicago Making Homelessness History	Housing Stability Voucher PSH Project	PH	PSH	\$2,250,000	\$12,272,472
17	ReVive Center for Housing and Healing	Street Outreach and Engagement Services	SSO	N/A	\$206,906	\$12,479,378
18	Center for Housing and Health	Flexible Housing Pool	PH	PSH	\$2,337,500	\$14,816,878
19	Thresholds	Westside Unsheltered Homeless Project	SSO	N/A	\$541,167	\$15,358,045
20	Renaissance Social Services, Inc.	Scattered Site	PH	PSH	\$868,758	\$16,226,803
21	The Night Ministry	Street Medicine Program	SSO	N/A	\$362,355	\$16,589,158

