



Upstate CoC 2023 Spring Training

10am - 12:15pm

CoC 101

A comprehensive overview
of CoC operations.

12:15pm - 1pm

Lunch!

1pm - 1:30pm

Strategic Plan

Summary of USICH's 2022
Strategic Plan.

1:30pm - 3pm

Guided Brainstorming

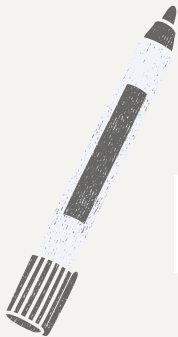
Chapter-level discussion on
achieving strategic plan goals.

Welcome to CoC 101



1. *CoC Fundamentals and Funding*
2. *Upstate Continuum of Care*
3. *Response Systems*
4. *Agency Collaboration*
5. *Website Walkthrough*

CoC Fundamentals and Funding



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Continuum of Care

Simply stated, a Continuum of Care is established by representatives of relevant organizations within a geographic area to carry out the responsibilities set forth in the CoC Program Interim Rule.



Establishing a Continuum of Care

- CoC Program Interim Rule requires communities to establish a CoC in order to receive CoC Program Funding.
- The CoC must meet minimum requirements for CoC Structure, governance and responsibilities.
- The rule requires collaboration between CoC and ESG recipients on certain responsibilities.





What governs the CoC Program?

- 24 CFR Part 578 - CoC Final Interim Rule
July 31, 2012 - Updated June 2016 to include Mobility for TBRA.
- 24 CFR Parts 91 - Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH): Defining "Homeless" - December 5, 2011
- OMB Circulars, notices, etc. (Part 200 - Effective 2015)

CoC Membership



Membership should ensure:

- Community-wide commitment to ending and preventing homelessness
- Representation of the relevant organizations within the entire CoC

Examples of CoC Membership

Nonprofit Homeless Service Providers

Victim Service Providers

Faith-Based Organizations

Governments

Businesses

Advocates

Public Housing Agencies

School Districts

Social Service Providers

Mental Health Agencies

Hospitals

Universities

Affordable Housing

Developers

Law Enforcement

Veteran Service Providers

Formerly Homeless Persons



What is a NOFO?

Notice of Funding Opportunity

HUD publishes a General Section and a Program Section each Fiscal Year (FY) that contains requirements for the CoC Competition. To be considered for funding, applications must meet all applicable requirements of the General Section and the requirements in the Program NOFA.

CoC Program- Applicant Eligibility.



Private nonprofit organizations.



States, local governments, Public Housing Authorities, Tribes, and instrumentalities of state and local governments are eligible to apply if they have been selected by the Continuum of Care for the geographic area in which they operate.

CoC Program - Program Participant Eligibility.

NOFO establishes the Homeless Definitions

There are 4 Categories / Definitions established by HUD:

1. Literally Homeless
2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness
(Note: aging out of foster care does not meet the Imminent Risk of Homelessness Definition).
3. Homeless as defined by another federal entity
4. Fleeing Domestic Violence, stalking, dating violence.

Homeless Definition

What is the Importance of the NOFO?

The NOFA establishes the road map for the annual competition, including eligibility, renewal and new projects, the scoring factors, and the expected performance measures.



Not reading, studying, or complying with the published NOFA, **WILL** have negative consequences for both new and renewal projects.





CoC and ESG Coordination

Key elements:

- Centralized/coordinated assessment
New Notice released January 23, 2017
CPD-17-01
- Consolidated Plan homelessness strategy and goals
- Allocation of ESG funding
- ESG Performance standards
- ESG recipient participation in HMIS
- ESG and CoC written standards

Centralized or Coordinated Assessment

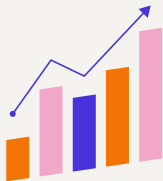


The Continuum of Care program requires that all communities develop and implement a centralized or coordinated assessment system. According to this interim rule, ESG recipients (including states) are required to participate in the system to initially assess the eligibility and needs of each household seeking homeless assistance.

CPD Notice 17-01 January 23, 2018

CoC Programs - Applications

- Submitted in esnaps - HUD system
- Rated and Ranked by a separate committee
- Two Tiers - Tier 1 and Tier 2
- Project Compliance, Performance, Capacity, Eligible Activities, monitoring, etc...



Program Components for the CoC Program

Permanent Housing (PH)

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to include
Dedicated Plus or 100% Dedicated
- Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

Transitional Housing (TH)****

Beginning in 2017, Joint TH and RRH project

Supportive Services Only (SSO)

HMIS

Homelessness Prevention

- High Performing Communities only

Eligible Activities

Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction

Leasing (Lease in the name of the CoC recipient with an occupancy agreement executed between the CoC Recipient and program participant)

Rental Assistance (Lease in between the landlord and program participant).

Supportive Services


Operating Costs

HMIS

Project Administration
(capped at 10%)

Eligible Costs - Program Components

List of Eligible Activities

 Eligible vs. Approved Costs	
Eligible	Approved
All costs included in the CoC Program interim rule	• Each project has approved budget line items
	• Recipients may only spend CoC Program funds on approved costs
	• HUD approval is required to amend the budget to spend money on CoC Program eligible costs other than those that were included in the project budget approved through the application process



Eligible Activities - Leasing

- Paying monthly rental amounts (If leasing - Rent cannot exceed FMR established by HUD)
- Rent is paid by CoC recipient directly to landlord.
- Security deposits and first and last month's rent. Recipients and subrecipients may use grant funds to pay security deposits, in an amount not to exceed 2 months of actual rent.



Eligible Activities - Rental Assistance

- Payment of monthly rental amount (Short, medium or long term)
- Security Deposits
- Must meet Rent Reasonableness

Rent Reasonableness and Fair Market Rent

Eligible Activities - Supportive Services

Rapid rehousing projects must require the program participant to meet with a case manager not less than once per month

Cannot Require participation in Supportive Services

Below are just a few of eligible SS activities:

- moving costs
- case management
- child care
- educational services
- legal services
- life skills





Eligible Activities - Operating

- Maintenance and Repair
- Property Taxes and Insurance
- Security - for a structure where more than 50 percent of the units or area is paid for with grant funds
- Utilities
- Furniture
- Equipment
- Reserve - Not usually eligible



Eligible Activities - HMIS

The use of HMIS is a requirement for both CoC and ESG recipients.

Can be a budget line item within a CoC grant.

Eligible activities are found at 578.57.

Eligible Activities - Administration



- 10% administrative cap
- Administrative costs are for senior staff, Executive Director, Finance Director, etc.
- Office supplies, audits, etc.
- Environmental Reviews



Match Requirements

- Match requirement - 25% of grant awarded minus leasing, can be cash and/or in-kind
- Must be able to document/track all match expenditures/costs
- Matching funds can only be used on eligible CoC Program costs

Program Income

If the CoC program generates program income, program income must be tracked by individual grant, disbursed prior to drawing funds against the CoC grant, and all program income must be disbursed on eligible CoC activities.



In most cases, program income is only generated under the PSH leasing component.




Annual Performance Report (APR) Requirements

The Annual Performance Report is due to HUD within 90 days of grant expiration date.

It is submitted via a HUD software system.

- Effective April 1, 2017 - New System called SAGE
- The information will be imported and uploaded from HMIS
- The import includes client, performance, and financial data.



Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) 24 CFR Part 5.76

Entitlement Program - awards are made directly to entitlement communities

ESG grantees in the State of South Carolina:

- Charleston County
- Greenville County
- Horry County
- Lexington County
- State of South Carolina
- Richland County - awarded ESG beginning 2023

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Eligible Components of ESG:

- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter
- Homeless Prevention
- Rapid Rehousing
- HMIS
- Administration

- 60% Cap on Street Outreach
- Shelter- Not an eligible CoC activity
- Homeless Prevention- Not an eligible CoC Activity

7.5 Cap on Administration

Match Requirement - 100% match, dollar for dollar match requirement, exception is the State; however, they do not share funds. (Only fund non-profits, not units of local governments).



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Contacts for ESG:

- Charleston County - LoElla Smalls (843) 202-6986
- Greenville County - Imma Nwobodu (864) 242-9801
- Horry County - Michael Dobson (843) 915-7033
- Lexington County - Sandy Fox (803) 359-8000
- State of South Carolina - Gregg McConkey (803) 734-2454
- Richland County - Callison Richardson (803) 576-2230

Other Information and Tips

- CoC Written Policies and Procedures are a requirement and must be updated and maintained
- Use the CPD Monitoring Handbook - Chapter 29 when developing CoC policies and procedures
- Secure System and eLOCCS - this is how CoC funds are drawn



Resources

HUD Exchange

Four Categories of the Homeless Definition

Determining a Program Participant's Rent Contribution in the CoC Program

CoC Rent Calculation Additional Resources

CoC and ESG Environmental Review

SNAPS Competition Mailing List

SNAPS Program Information Mailing List

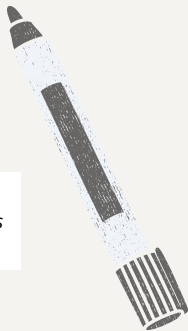
Any Questions?



Upstate Continuum of Care

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Point in Time Count

- On the last Wednesday in January, there's an annual, nationwide count of persons experiencing homelessness.
- Homeless service providers, law enforcement, and volunteers coordinate areas where homeless persons reside (soup kitchens, shelters, encampments, etc.)
- A survey is completed, asking participants where they slept on that Wednesday night - the Night of Reference.
- Surveys are complete from Wednesday until the following Monday, but always ask about the Night of Reference.



Point in Time Count

The 2023 Point in Time (PIT) Count was completed on January 25th. You can find an interactive dashboard on the CoC website.

[2023 PIT Count Dashboard](#)

In 2022, the Upstate CoC counted the highest number of persons experiencing homelessness in the state. Our count of 1,263 made up 35% of the statewide total.

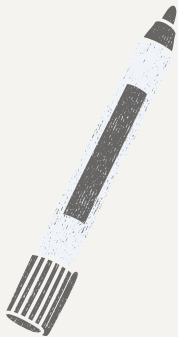
In 2020, South Carolina State of Homelessness reports noted that the top 10 counties of the largest number of persons experiencing homelessness included Greenville (#3), Anderson (#5), Spartanburg (#6) and Greenwood (#9).

Any Questions?



Response

Systems



Natalie Rivera

Director of CoC Operations



HMIS

Homeless Management Information System

Shared database to store client information across the CoC

CES

Coordinated Entry System

System to ensure all clients in the Upstate have equal access to housing opportunities



HMIS

Homeless Management Information System



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Data Collected

HUD's Universal Data Elements

- Date of Birth
- Social Security
- Gender
- Race and Ethnicity
- Veteran Status
- Disabling Conditions
- Household Type

Additional Information Collected

- Entry and Exit for Program
- Services Provided
- Housing Move-In Date
- Updates and Annual Assessments

Projects in HMIS

CoC-Funded Projects

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Safe Haven (SH)

ESG-Funded Projects

- Street Outreach (SO)
- Emergency Shelter (ES)
- Homelessness Prevention (HP)

SAMHSA, FYSB, VA, etc.



Training and Support

[HMIS Policies and Procedures](#)

[Reporting Guides and Workflows](#)

[HMIS Ticket Submission](#)

HMIS

Homeless Management Information System



HMIS Data Quality Committee

Conducts monthly data quality checks to help agencies maintain 96% completion standard.

Reports from HMIS

- Annual Performance Reports (APR)
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER)
 - Point-in-Time Count (PIT)
 - Housing Inventory Count (HIC)
- System Performance Measures (SPM)
- Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)

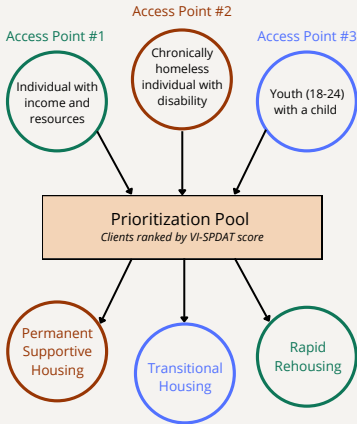
CES

Coordinated Entry System

ACCESS
Client calls or visits
an access point.
Client is screened for
CES eligibility and/or
diversion.

ASSESS
If eligible, client
receives standard
assessment,
vulnerability ranked
by VI-SPDAT.

ASSIGN
Housing
Determination
Committee reviews
vacancies and clients
in prioritization pool.
Referrals made based
on VI-SPDAT and
case notes.



CES

Coordinated Entry System



Maintenance

- Agencies checking in on clients they entered
- 3-Month Check Ins
- 6-Month VI-SPDAT Renewals

Monitoring

- Programs Committee responsible for improving CES process
- Updating Policies and Procedures



Any Questions?

