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Housing & Homeless Coalition of Central New York

CoC Builds Request for Proposals

Due Friday, October 4, at 5pm.

Background

The Housing & Homeless Coalition of Central New York (HHC) is releasing the following Request for Proposals in response to HUD's CoC Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds (CoCBuilds) NOFO targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCBuilds awards under the CoC Program. Through the CoCBuilds NOFO, HUD is encouraging CoCs to leverage funds provided for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new PSH units with other funding sources to maximize the amount of housing that can be directed to meeting the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. PSH is permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist individuals with a disability and families where at least one household member has a disability and is experiencing homelessness to live independently. Additionally, no more than 20 percent of each award may be used for other eligible CoC Program activities associated with the PSH project (e.g., supportive services, operating costs), and no more than 10 percent of an award may be used for project administration.

Applicants should review the Notice in its entirety which can be found on HUD's website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/cocbuilds

Funding Ceiling & Application Information

Total funding opportunity available to our region's CoC is $7,500,000.

The CoC region is made up of Cayuga, Onondaga, and Oswego counties. Grant terms may be two, three, four, or five years.

Projects will be asked to submit a concept paper to the CoC, instructions on page 3.

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The HHC's CoC Builds Review Committee will then select the project to complete the full HUD required application and budget. Only **one** project will be submitted to HUD for funding.

The project will then be submitted on behalf of the applicant by the HHC, through grants.gov.

Eligible Costs

a. Acquisition
b. Rehabilitation
c. New Construction
d. Project-based rental assistance
e. Supportive Services
f. Operating Costs
g. Project administrative costs

Review Committee Details

The CoCBuilds Review Committee will be made up of non-funded HHC Board members who will review all submitted concept papers. Papers will be scored on a scale from 1-50, based on the criteria required below.

The highest scoring Concept Paper that best supports unmet community need will be selected to submit its project proposal to HUD.

Timeline

Concept Papers are due **October 4th, 2024, at 5pm.**

Applicant will be selected and notified by October 11, 2024.

Full Application will be due to the HHC by November 15, 2024.

Submission to HUD is due November 21, 2024.

Concept Paper Instructions

In no more than three 8.5 X 11-inch pages, 12-point font, with one-inch margins, please provide a project concept paper to apply for CoCBuilds. Each bullet below will be scored on a scale from 1-5.

Your response must address the following:

- Organizational background and experience in development

- Project target population and why this population has unmet needs locally

- Is the project new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation; the location of the project, and whether the project has site control

- Implementation Schedule/Proposed Timeline

- Experience in the development of permanent supportive housing and/or working with the homeless population

- Additional funding streams associated with project and feasibility of the project

- How the property will be maintained and experience with property maintenance

- Identify sub-contractors/service providers and their experience providing supportive services, if applicable. If developer is providing supportive services in house, please describe experience providing supportive services

- Experience with Coordinated Entry, the HHC, and HMIS. If the organization does not have experience with HHC systems, please describe how applicant will participate in the HHC

- Experience promoting racial equity and how the project affirmatively furthers fair housing

All responses should be submitted electronically to hhc@unitedway-cny.org.