

The Maine Continuum of Care is pleased to announce this Request for Proposals for the 2021 CoC NOFO Competition!

The Maine Continuum of Care (MCoC) invites interested eligible agencies, including agencies that have not previously received MCoC grants, to apply for funding to create housing and related services for those experiencing homelessness in Maine.

New this year, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities are eligible to apply for Continuum of Care funding. HUD is also strongly encouraging collaborations between homeless service providers and Healthcare organizations, and between homeless service providers and Public Housing Agencies.

This summary highlights some of the important information in the FY 2021 CoC NOFO released on August 18, 2021, but it is not intended to be exhaustive or complete. All applicants must read the full NOFO Notice and all related HUD and e-snaps guidance for additional details. (See links to the Comprehensive NOFO announcement and other resources, below)

Funding Opportunity Title: Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care Program Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6500-N-25

Assistance Listing Number: 14.267 (formerly CFDA number)

Due Date for Consolidated Applications: Full CoC Consolidated Application Due 11/16/2021

All Maine Continuum of Care New and Renewal Project Applications are due in e-snaps no later than **5:00 PM on Friday October 8, 2021** to allow time for review, scoring, ranking and notification of results prior to the final Consolidated Application submission.

Comprehensive NOFO announcement and additional information is available at:

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/news/fy-2021-coc-program-competition/> and
- https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition and
- <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335322>

Applicants are required to complete and submit their applications via e-snaps. More information about e-snaps, including detailed instructions and guidance can be found on the [e-snaps page](#).

Training and Resources: The CoC Program interim rule, training materials, detailed instructions, and program resources are available via the HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

Questions: Project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to CoCNOFO@hud.gov. Two days prior to the application deadline, this email address will respond only to emergency technical support questions.

SNAPS is now using two different listservs to communicate competition and program updates.

All Applicants are encouraged to subscribe to these listservs to receive important updates:

[Sign up for SNAPS Competition Information](#)

[Sign up for SNAPS Program Information](#)

HUD Homeless Assistance Mailing List: If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe to relevant HUD Mailing Lists by visiting:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/subscribe/>

For Further Information regarding Maine CoC specific requirements: Questions should be directed to MaineHousing at cohelpdesk@mainehousing.org. This notice and other MCoC related information will be posted on the www.MaineHomelessPlanning.org website. MCoC encourages all interested parties to subscribe to this website to receive notices of any new posts.

Available Funds: HUD is again using the Tier 1 / Tier 2 funding methodology. Tier 1 is now equal to 100% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). The ARD is the amount needed to fully fund all eligible Renewal Projects. For Maine, our **2021 total ARD is \$14,222,725.**

In addition, if we qualify by the criteria established in the NOFO, there is a **CoC Bonus of \$711,136 for one or more eligible New Projects that meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in the 2021 NOFO.**

There is also a Domestic Violence (DV) Project Bonus of \$1,025,254.

Planning Grant funding for 2021 is **\$426,682** (only the Collaborative Applicant may apply for Planning Grant funds).

Eligible Applicants: Eligible Project Applicants are identified in Section V. subsection A. of the NOFO.

Eligible Costs: 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program. HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs.

Local Competition Deadlines: HUD *requires* that all Project Applications be submitted to their CoC no later than 30 days before the CoC Consolidated Application deadline of November 16, 2021. The CoC must notify all Project Applicants no later than 15 days before the final FY 2021 CoC Application deadline whether their Project Applications will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated Application submission.

For Maine: All Project Applications (both New and Renewal) must be submitted in e-snaps no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, October 8, 2021. Applicants will be notified of the MCoC Scoring and Ranking results no later than October 22, 2021.

Please note: MCoC is requiring each Applicant, both New and Renewal, to also submit letters documenting Match Funding commitments and a Self-Certification statement regarding the financial feasibility of their Project(s). These additional documents are not part of the e-snaps application and must be emailed separately to cohelpdesk@mainehousing.org by Oct. 8, 2021.

MCoC Request for Renewal Project Applications: Renewal Projects will be reviewed based on annual Monitoring results and any new information found in their 2021 Renewal Application.

All Renewal Applicants must review each eligible Renewal Project listed under their agency on the 2021 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) found at:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/2021/GIW/FY%202021%20ME-500%20GIW.xlsx>

If your Agency does NOT intend to Renew any eligible grant, or intends to reduce the amount requested, you must notify MCoC by sending the Applicant Name, Project Name, Grant Number, and Total ARA as listed on the 2021 Grant Inventory Worksheet (link above) to cohelpdesk@mainehousing.org by **September 8, 2021**. If you are requesting a reduction to the ARA, please also specify the new amount. Any and all Reduced or Reallocated funds will be made available to eligible New Projects as outlined in the 2021 NOFO.

MCoC Request for New Project Applications, Expansion Applications, and Transition

Applications: New, Expansion, and Transition Project proposals will be reviewed based primarily on their 2021 Project Applications submitted via e-snaps no later than **Friday, October 8, 2021**.

However, MCoC requests that all agencies intending to submit a New, Expansion, or Transition Project Application provide a brief summary (no more than one page) of the following information to cochelpdesk@mainehousing.org for each Project proposal, no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday Sept. 15, 2021:

1. Description of the proposed new/expansion/transition activities, services, staffing or capacity, including specific figures of current and proposed eligible activities.
2. Description of the community's need for the proposed activities.
3. Description of the target population to be served and agency's understanding of or experience working with the population.
4. Description of how the project activities will assist clients to access mainstream resources, increase incomes, rapidly access safe, affordable housing that meets their needs, and maximize their ability to live independently.
5. If the proposal includes development of new housing, describe the type, size, number, and location(s) of the housing units.

CoC Program Implementation: The following list highlights important information and concepts. This is not an exhaustive list of considerations or requirements. All applicants and CoC stakeholders should carefully review 24 CFR part 578, the FY 2021 CoC NOFO, and other HUD instructions and guidance for comprehensive information.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities for 2021:

- Ending Homelessness for All Persons.
- Using a Housing First Approach
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Improving System Performance
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
- Racial Equity
- Persons with Lived Experience

Project Application Scoring/Ranking criteria: Please refer to the "MCoC FY21 Scoring Criteria and Ranking Procedures" documents which will be posted on the www.mainehomelessplanning.org website as soon as they are finalized and approved.

Additional information related to MCoC in general and this NOFO competition in particular will be posted on the www.mainehomelessplanning.org website. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe to this site in order to receive automatic notifications whenever new information is posted there.

MCoC meets regularly on the third Thursday of each month from 1:00PM to 3:00PM via Ring Central teleconferencing. Please see the Agendas posted on www.mainehomelessplanning.org prior to each meeting for more details. Meetings are open and we welcome participation by anyone with an interest in helping us work toward ending and preventing homelessness in the state of Maine.

MCoC also includes a number of committees that focus on particular aspects of the work we do. These include the Project Committee, HMIS & Data Committee, Resource Committee, Youth Action Board, Homeless Veteran's Action Committee, and many others. If you have an interest in a specific topic or population, please consider joining a committee, even if you are not able to attend the full MCoC meetings.