

## 2021 CoC Competition

The Idaho Balance of State Continuum of Care is known as the Idaho Homelessness Coordinating Committee (IHCC). IHCC has designated the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) to serve as the Collaborative Applicant. In this role, IHFA manages the Balance of State CoC application process and submits all required CoC documents to HUD. IHFA is also responsible for coordinating and monitoring CoC grant projects.

HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 CoC Program Competition on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. We encourage you to read the full [Notice](#) for more detailed information. Key dates and events related to the Idaho Balance of State CoC competition are listed at the end of this notice.

This [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) serves as a formal solicitation for new and renewal project applications to be considered for funding. Eligible component types under this notice include Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-housing (RRH).

PSH projects must serve individuals experiencing chronic homelessness exclusively, and persons served must come from the streets (places not meant for human habitation) or from emergency shelters.

RRH must serve persons who come from the streets (places not meant for human habitation), from emergency shelters, or persons fleeing domestic violence situations.

The local CoC competition aims to enforce the adoption of federal and local strategies and goals intended to:

- Reduce lengths of episodes of individuals experiencing homelessness
- Reduce new and return entries into homelessness
- Increase income growth, including debt to income ratio
- Reduce first time homelessness
- Increase permanent housing retention
- Reduce the number of those homeless

## 2021 CoC Funding

For 2021, the Idaho Balance of State CoC's estimated allocation (annual renewal demand) from HUD is \$3,370,859. All project applications will be ranked in two tiers. Tier one will encompass approximately 90% of the projects (highest scoring) while tier two will be comprised of approximately 10% of the projects (lowest scoring).

The HMIS and Coordinated Entry (CE) projects will not receive scores. As critical infrastructure for the CoC, HMIS and CE projects will be placed automatically at the bottom of Tier 1.

### Review and Ranking Process:

#### New Projects

Funding for new projects, including through reallocation, is limited to permanent housing. Permanent housing includes permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects. Transitional housing and other supportive services only projects will not be accepted.

New project proposals will be scored and ranked based on the following criteria:

- Ability to comply with HUD and IHCC requirements
- Ability to accurately and appropriately execute fiscal management, including match funds
- Experience administering and complying with current and prior HUD-funded projects (no adverse findings or performance)
- Proposed activities make measurable contributions towards meeting homelessness/housing needs identified as HUD priorities, including:
  - 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
  - Involvement of Persons with Lived Experience in Planning and Administration
- Ability to meet Conditions for Funding, including but not limited to:
  - Participation in HMIS (or CMIS, if a Victim Services Provider)
  - Participation in Coordinated Entry
  - Adherence to Housing First practices
  - Adherence to Continuum of Care Written Standards
  - Adherence to Federal Regulations governing the CoC program
  - Other conditions as outlined in the application

#### Renewal Projects

Renewal projects will be scored and ranked based on the criteria listed above, as well as outcomes reported from HMIS or CMIS.

#### Scoring Matrix

Application points will be awarded in the following manner (out of 100 total points):

- Financial Management and Project Administration: 35 points
- HUD System Performance Measures Evaluation: 25 points  
Note: Projects submitted by victim service providers will be scored using data from a comparable database.
- Narrative Responses: 40 points

The application narrative review and scoring process is conducted by an Independent Review Panel (IRP). The IRP members will be unbiased and will sign a “no conflict of interest” and confidentiality forms. The IRP reviews and scores proposals. The scores are used in the Rating and Ranking process to make final recommendations of the Priority List of Projects. This ranking will be based on application score, outcomes, regional need and project component type. The ranking will be presented to the IHCC for approval and once approved, will be submitted to HUD.

#### Application Submission

IHFA will accept applications from September 10, 2021 until October 11, 2021 at 3:00 pm MDT. The completed application and required attachments must be submitted through Procorem, a secure portal used to transmit documents.

For agencies planning to submit an application for a NEW project: email [snap@ihfa.org](mailto:snap@ihfa.org) to indicate your intention to apply. You will receive a confirmation email with a link to access Procorem.

For agencies submitting a RENEWAL project: you will automatically receive access to Procorem on September 10, 2021. Additional work center collaborators may be added by request.

### **Contact Information**

All questions related to the CoC competition should be directed to:

Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAP) team  
Idaho Housing and Finance Association  
email: [snap@ihfa.org](mailto:snap@ihfa.org)

Additional information about Idaho's CoC Program can be found online at:

<https://www.idahohousing.com/homelessness-services-programs/continuum-of-care/>

The HUD NOFO can be found online at:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy21\\_CoC](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy21_CoC)

Accessibility options for people with disabilities are available upon request. This includes application documents in alternate formats, such as Microsoft Word, to accommodate screen readers. Please e-mail [snap@ihfa.org](mailto:snap@ihfa.org) with any requests for accessibility options.

Homelessness and housing coalitions exist throughout Idaho. Each region appoints one individual to act as a representative on the IHCC Board. Anyone who would like to share their preferences and priorities with the IHCC may present them to the regional representative.

### **Competition Timeline:**

09/03/2021: Local CoC NOFA posted

09/10/2021: Local CoC Competition Open for New and Renewal Applications

10/11/2021: CoC Applications Due for Local New and Renewal Projects

11/01/2021: Local CoC Ranking Results and Priority Listing Posted Online

11/16/2021: Deadline for HUD FY 2021 CoC Program Application (IHFA submits as the Collaborative Applicant)