

The Maine Continuum of Care
is pleased to announce this
Request for Proposals
in response to HUD's
Supplemental NOFO Competition
to address
Rural Homelessness!

Please note that this is NOT the regular annual Continuum of Care funding Notice

(Though we expect that to be out soon, too!)

This is a unique opportunity from HUD with specific scoring criteria and priorities. Having carefully reviewed all of the information available, the Maine Continuum of Care has decided to focus our efforts on applying for the funds available to us for addressing Rural Homelessness. The maximum amount available to Maine for this purpose is \$3,917,136. This amount would be spread over 3 to 5 years, depending on project types. This funding can only be used in areas that HUD has defined as "Rural" for this Supplemental NOFO. Those areas include 11 of Maine's 16 Counties: Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, and Washington Counties. Agencies outside of these areas may apply, but the funds can only be used in these areas. MCoC is encouraging a broad, collaborative, and strategic approach to this opportunity, and integration with other available resources, including Service Hubs.

The Maine Continuum of Care (MCoC) invites interested eligible agencies, including agencies that have not previously received MCoC grants, to apply for funding to address homelessness among individuals and families with severe service needs in eligible rural counties in Maine.

Indian Tribes & 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 Supplemental NOFO released on June 22, 2022 but it is not intended to be exhaustive or complete. All applicants must read the full Supplemental NOFO announcement and all related HUD and e-snaps guidance for additional details. *(See links to the Supplemental NOFO announcement and other resources, below)*

Program Office: Community Planning and Development

Funding Opportunity Title: Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

Assistance Listing Number: 14.267

FAIN (FR) Number: FR-6500-N-25S

OMB Approval Numbers: 2506-0218; 2506-0112

Estimated Opening Date: 06/22/2022

Estimated Deadline Date: 10/20/2022 (this is for the Continuum Level Application – the local Project Level Application deadline will be no later than **5:00 PM on September 14, 2022** to allow time for local reviewing, scoring, ranking and notification of results prior to the final Continuum of Care Level Application submission to HUD.)

All Project Applications for this Supplemental NOFO must be submitted to the Maine Continuum of Care (CoC # ME-500) in e-snaps: <https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>
Information on e-snaps, including detailed instructions and guidance can be found at [e-snaps page](#).

The Supplemental NOFO announcement and additional information is available at:

- [Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-25S.pdf \(hud.gov\)](#) and
- [HUD's Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) and
- [Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

Training and Resources: The CoC Program interim rule, training materials, detailed instructions, and program resources can be found at the HUD Exchange: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>
Please note that some of the general information at this site may not apply to the special NOFO.

Questions: Project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this Supplemental NOFO and application in e-snaps may submit inquiries to SpecialCoCNOFO@hud.gov

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 HUD Mailing Lists by visiting: <https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/subscribe/>

For Further Information regarding Maine CoC specific requirements: Questions should be directed to MaineHousing at cochelpdesk@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.

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

Eligible Costs: 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program. **Please note, exceptions to this general information are described in the Supplemental NOFO. 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 Application deadline. The CoC must notify all Project Applicants no later than 15 days before the final CoC Application deadline if their Project Applications will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated Application submission.

For Maine: All Project Applications for this Supplemental NOFO must be submitted in e-snaps no later than **5:00 PM on September 14, 2022.** Applicants will be notified of the MCoC Scoring and Ranking results no later than 15 days prior to the final CoC Submission Deadline.

MCOC will host a ‘Bidder’s Conference’ to provide interested agencies with additional details regarding this opportunity. Information as to the date, time, and format of that meeting will be posted on the www.mainehomelessplanning.org website as soon as possible.

Please note: MCoC is requiring each Applicant to submit letters documenting Match Funding and Leverage 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 cochelpdesk@mainehousing.org by 5:00PM on September 14, 2022.

CoC Program Implementation: All applicants should carefully review 24 CFR part 578, the CoC Supplemental NOFO, and other HUD instructions and guidance for comprehensive information.

HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities for the Supplemental NOFO:

- Unsheltered Homelessness
- Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas
- Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands
- Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
- Advancing Equity
- Use a Housing First approach

More details on these Policy Priorities can be found in Section II of the Supplemental NOFO.

Maine Continuum of Care Priorities For the Supplemental NOFO:

- While the regular CoC NOFO tends to downplay Services and Services Only Projects, this Supplemental NOFO encourages them, and we feel we should take advantage of this opportunity to address known gaps in our rural service areas.
- Given the limited amount of funding available (\$3.9M over a 3 year term) MCoC is encouraging one large application – either from one agency, or from a collaboration among agencies.
- Higher priority for proposals that can clearly leverage Housing and/or Healthcare Resources.
- Higher priority for proposals for services that are flexible and all-encompassing; able to work with people from homelessness, to attaining, and remaining in housing.
- “Bricks and Mortar” Projects that involve the development or rehab of housing units are allowable under the Rural portion of the Supplemental NOFO, however, MaineHousing will not be able to provide the 50% Development Match that is required for such projects. Agencies would need to secure other sources of Match for Development. (MaineHousing may be able to provide Rental Assistance to units created/supported with this funding.)

Project Application Scoring/Ranking criteria: Please refer to the “MCoC Supplemental NOFO 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 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.