



## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **OCALA/MARION COUNTY JOINT OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS and CoC FL-514 ANNOUNCE THE 2024 CONTINUUM OF CARE COMPETITION and NONCOMPETITIVE AWARD OF YOUTH HOMELESS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM RENEWAL and GRANT APPLICATIONS PERIOD: AUGUST 26, 2024, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2024**

The Ocala/Marion County Joint Office on Homelessness is accepting applications, on behalf of The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a Collaborative Application, from eligible applicants for local programs that support the following objectives to end homelessness in Marion County:

#### **COC INTENDED PURPOSE**

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments, to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities; promoting access to an effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

HUD has released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), for the Fiscal Year FY 2024-2025 CoC Program Competition on, Thursday, August 1, 2024, and we invite all State government agencies, Special district governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status, City or Township governments, and County government agencies to apply if interested. Approximately \$520,138.00 is available in for renewal in the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, for the FY-2024-2025. HUD has not released the CoC or DV Bonus funding available to the Continuum of Care. Once we receive this information, the CoC will post and inform through email, webpage, and the CoC General Membership meeting. The Rank and Review Committee, will rank and review all applications received accordance with national and local priorities, as established by HUD and the Florida-514 CoC Board of Governors (BOG) on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024. There will be no reallocation of funding offered during this cycle, HUD indicates programs up for renewal the first year cannot reallocate funding. therefore, funding available for new programs will be based on the Bonus funding. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, FY 2024 CoC Program NOFO, can be found here: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)

New programs applying will need to consider the local priorities:

**1 Length of time homeless** (programs that identify strategies that will reduce the time spent in emergency shelters and transitional housing and the clients actual time homeless) An example strategy would be:

- Projects that describe how staff will search for housing and use strategies that don't indicate it's the participants' full responsibility.

**2 Successful Permanent Housing Placement** (programs that identify strategies that will ensure clients have successful placement) An example strategy would be:

- Project that explains how they will build relationships with landlords or secure housing.

**3 Returns to Homelessness** programs that identify strategies that will keep clients housed after being placed into permanent housing, particularly those who address the first 6 months of permanent placement) An example strategy could include:

- Projects that describe a plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive service needs (specifically for the first 6 months)



Key dates and events are listed below:

***(disclaimer these dates are subject to change)***

MONTH	DATE	DETAILS
<b>August 2024</b>	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Public notice distributed via email and the Marion County Community Services website: ( <a href="https://www.marionfl.org/government/departments-facilities-offices/community-services">https://www.marionfl.org/government/departments-facilities-offices/community-services</a> )  <i>Website will also include all associated documents for applications to include guidance and local instruction materials and interested applicant's reference/use.</i>
	August 22-23	Office hours for informal questions and answers (Q&A) will be open to those interested in applying. Location TBD
<b>September 2024</b>	September 27	End of Public Notice and Application Period. All applications are due to the collaborative applicant at 5 pm by upload into the Esnaps on-line application process. <a href="https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762">https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762</a>  <i>E-snaps guides to access information will be sent all CoC members via email and made available on the Marion County Community Services website. Otherwise, please reach out to our office directly for inclusion once the meeting link has been established.</i>
<b>October 2024</b>	October 1-4	The CoC Rank and Review Committee will receive, review and rank, all applications, and report to the Executive Committee for formal presentation to the CoC BOG as established in the Governance & Covenants Charter of the CoC. Funding prioritization and inclusion within collaborative application will be completed upon conclusion of the final BOG meeting in October. At that time the CoC will provide notice of approval/denial of applications to the applicant no later than October 15 <sup>th</sup> .
	October 15 <sup>th</sup>	Request Marion County Board of County Commissioners to approve and authorize board chair to execute HUD Certification of Consistency at the October 15, 2024, Marion County Board of County Commissioners meeting to ensure alignment with the County's/HUD 5-year Consolidated Plan.
	October 25 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for FY 2024 2025 CoC Application Submission to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
	October 28 <sup>th</sup>	The full CoC Application will be posted on the website sent out via email no later than October 28, 2024

**ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS' MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS**

Applicants from State and local government agencies; non-profit, not-for-profit, including faith-based and community organizations; associations; and hospitals, preferably operating within Marion County.



## **Federal**

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) – Grant applicant agencies must have and provide the verification of their UEI at the time of application. If your entity is registered in SAM.gov, your UEI has already been assigned and is viewable in SAM.gov. The UEI is located on your entity registration record.

Debarment Status – Grant applicant agencies must obtain the debarment of their agency. All entities receiving funding from the federal government must participate in a government-wide system for non-procurement debarment and suspension. Entities that are debarred or suspended shall be excluded from federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits under federal programs and activities.

Financial Information – Grant applicant must provide their most recent IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) or their 501(C)3 status at the time of application.

## **Local**

Membership – Membership in the CoC (FL-514) in good standing.

Threshold – Meet all threshold requirements as established for Tier I, and Tier II funding.

## **DIRECTIONS FOR SUBMISSION**

More information will be provided no later than August 20<sup>th</sup> regarding details for additional documentation and available funding. The full NOFO can be found here: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition)

***NOTE:*** *If translation services are required to allow participation by non-English speaking residents or reasonable accommodations of a disability are needed for you to participate in this process, please contact the ADA Coordinator/HR Director at (352) 438-2345 at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the deadline, so appropriate arrangements can be made.*

This is an exciting time for interested parties to participate in this collaborative application process, and we hope you will consider this opportunity to be a part of this critical community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. For additional information, please contact the CoC via phone, mail, email, or in-person discussion using the following information:

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