



## FY21 CoC Competition Deadlines and NOFO Highlights

HUD published the FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding Notice for Homeless Assistance Grants on August 18, 2021. Approximately \$2.65 billion is available. Of this, \$102 million is available for Domestic Violence bonus projects. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition (NOFO) has been posted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and is available on the [Funding Opportunities](#) page on HUD's website. Additional resources are available on the [Continuum of Care Program Competition](#) page of HUD's website. The CoC Consolidated Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications are available in [e-snaps](#). Collaborative Applicants and project applicants are able to access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process. Additional guidance is posted on the [CoC Program Competition](#) page of HUD's website. The HUD deadline date is November 16, 2021.

***\*The Continuum of Care for Kane County has already received and reviewed project applications. Projects will be tiered based on information from the NOFO. No additional applications will be accepted in this year's competition. \****

### Total Available Funding for Kane County

**Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)** –The total amount for all projects eligible for renewal in the 2021 competition based on the HUD approved Grants Inventory Worksheet. The Kane CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount approved was **\$ \$1,931,665**.

**CoC Planning Costs** – Eligible costs are related to the collaborative process for an application to HUD, evaluating the outcomes of projects, and participating in the jurisdiction's consolidated planning process. The total amount available for this year is **\$60,791**.

### Funding for New Projects

New projects may be created through the reallocation process, bonus funds, or a combination of reallocation and bonus funds. There is an amount allocated to each CoC for bonus projects that is equal to 5% of the Final Pro Rata Need. **This amount is \$101,318. Multiple projects are allowed. There may also be reallocation funds available. Reallocation and bonus funds may be combined to fund new projects.** All New project applications are included in the project tiering except Planning.

### **5 types of new projects were allowed:**

- Permanent supportive housing that serve chronically homeless or that meet the Dedicated PLUS definition. See NOFA definition p. 17
- Rapid Rehousing projects that serve individuals, families and unaccompanied youth who meet the NOFA criteria. See NOFA p. 17



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- Joint TH and PH-RRH component project who meet the NOFA criteria– See NOFA p.17
- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead)
- Coordinated Entry (supportive services only) to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

### **Funding for Domestic Violence Bonus Project**

There is an additional amount allocated to each CoC for projects dedicated to victims of domestic violence. This amount is **\$303,954**. Projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year. These projects will be selected by HUD based on CoC Score plus other criterion noted in NOFA p.15 using a 100 point scale. CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$50,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH)
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence.

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(Only one Coordinated Entry application is allowed).

### **Deadlines**

**September 22, 2021 – CoC Board meets to review project application ranking and tiering.**

**Project Tiering** - The CoC will submit a Priority Listing that lists the new and renewal projects that are being applied for. All projects that are approved for inclusion will be prioritized in a two tier approach. The tiers are financial thresholds. Tier 1 is 100% of the Annual Renewal Demand for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation and bonus funds available. (excluding the DV bonus amount). The Planning project is excluded from tiering.

Tier 2 project-level scoring remains the same with 3 criteria – CoC Application score, ranked position of the project application in Tier 2, and the project application’s commitment to Housing First. Up to 50 pts CoC Score + 40 pts Rank number in Tier 2 + 10pts. Housing First.

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**October 7, 2021 – Project submissions in E-Snaps complete**

Esnaps submission of projects may be no later than 30 days before the HUD deadline of 11/16/21. The Kane CoC will notify all project applicants no later than 15 days before the application deadline of November 16, 2021 whether their project application will be accepted and ranked, rejected or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated application and of their number



ranking. All project application deadlines and materials have been posted on [Pages - Continuum of Care \(countyofkane.org\)](#)

Project submission instructions for esnaps will be reviewed at an **APPLICATION WORKSHOP** scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 2:30 pm. – 3:30 pm. This is a Zoom meeting and the link will be sent out ahead of time. If you have not received the link please contact Nisreen Wakileh at [wakilehnisreen@countyofkane.org](mailto:wakilehnisreen@countyofkane.org).

### Changes and Highlights to the FY21 NOFO

- The CoC application score changes from 200 to 163.
- CoCs can obtain Bonus points for submitting new projects that have leveraging agreements with housing providers and health care organizations.
- HUD continues to provide opportunities to expand or consolidate CoC projects. There will not be any combined applications submitted, only stand alone and HUD will combine if awarded.
- Expansions submit a stand-alone renewal application and a stand-alone new project application.
- Consolidations submit 2 individual stand-alone renewal project applications.
- Transition Grants are permitted from one CoC Program Component by using the reallocation process to eliminate the current project and reallocate it to the new project type. Conditions apply.
- Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for projects through existing CoCs this year.
- Using the Housing First model without service participation requirements returns in 2021.
- Promoting racial equity should be part of the CoC ranking and review process for projects.
- Points were added to the CoC application related to how the challenges of Covid 19 were met for homeless persons.
- In 2021, only the sheltered count of homeless persons will be evaluated. HUD will measure both sheltered and unsheltered persons in 2022.
- Bonus funding is contingent on the CoC demonstrating reallocation AND using system performance criteria in their project scoring system.
- CoC Mergers are encouraged and bonus points are available for merging.

Questions regarding the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition process must be submitted to [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov).

Questions related to *e-snaps* functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to [e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov).

Posted Documents:



2021 Request for Project Applications

[2021 NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY.pdf \(countyofkane.org\)](#)

2021 New Project Evaluation Sheet with points:

<https://www.countyofkane.org/Documents/Community%20Investment/Continuum%20of%20Care/02%202021%20CoC%20Program%20NOFA%20Application%20New%20Evaluation%20Sheet.docx>

2021 Renewal Project Evaluation Sheet with Points:

<https://www.countyofkane.org/Documents/Community%20Investment/Continuum%20of%20Care/04%202021%20CoC%20Program%20NOFA%20Application%20Renewal%20Evaluation%20Sheet.docx>