

HUD COC SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO OVERVIEW:

In July 2022, HUD published the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Years (FYs) 2022-25 Continuum of Care (CoC) Supplemental Program Competition with two categories, Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside and Rural Set Aside. With ROCC considered a rural/frontier region, emphasis is given to the Rural Set Aside funds.

To learn more about the HUD CoC guidelines on allowable projects, go to: [Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\) | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#). For information about ROCC expectations for completing a project proposal, timelines, and to access to the application, please follow this link to the following documents on the [ROCC website](#).

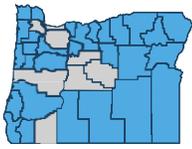
- 2022-25 OR-505 BOS CoC Supplemental Proposal - HOW-TO-APPLY
- 2022-25 OR-505 Project Announcements
- 2022-25 OR-505 BOC CoC Competition Timeline
- 2022-25 OR-505 BOC Rural Set Aside Application

NEW PROJECT APPLICATION OVERVIEW:

For the Continuum of Care Supplemental Program Competition, ROCC uses a standardized application process and that includes (1) an application checklist and (2) a new scoring procedure. The purpose of this document is to give agencies guidance in applying for a new project and to explain the scoring criteria that is listed at the end of this document.

Instructions: Using the application template provided. (Can be found the [ROCC website](#).)

1. Application Information.
2. Contact information. If the agency does not have a contact, please note that in the associated box.
3. Project Name.
4. Application Type. ROCC will apply for the Rural Set Aside funds.
5. Project Type.
 - a. Permanent Housing: RRH or PSH
 - b. Joint TH and PH-RRH
 - c. Supportive Service Only
6. Total Amount Requested.



SECTION 1: THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

Threshold requirements must be met to apply. Respond to each question as yes/no in the application template. If all requirements are met, continue with the application.

1. **Eligible Applicant.** Non-profit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments.
2. **Eligible New Project Types.** Types are listed in the application template.
3. **ROCC HMIS Implementation Agreement.** Applicants must provide client information into a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS Agency Agreement needs to be reviewed and approved by the agency executive director. The agreement is available at: [ROCC website](#)
4. **ROCC Coordinated Entry Agreement.** HUD requires that all CoC-funded projects take part in the ROCC Coordinated Entry (CE) Process. The coordinated entry process is systematically contributing to a process of listing and prioritizing those experiencing homelessness in the community. The Coordinated Entry Agreement is available at: [ROCC website](#) and must be reviewed and approved by the agency executive director.

SECTION 2: PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION

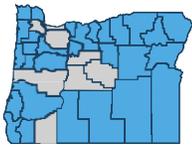
This section verifies that the applicant provides the required documents when submitting a proposal. This includes the application narrative, a draft budget and other supporting documents that may be provided as a supplement to the application narrative.

The Agency Director, the Project Manager and the staff or application writer need to sign off on the application.

SECTION 3: GENERAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Section 3 are the questions that need a response in the application narrative. Questions are broken into categories with points scored in each of those categories. The template is a tool to ensure that the answers are completed and marked as Yes/No.

The purpose of this Special Continuum of Care Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO) is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, particularly in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities to implement coordinated approaches -- grounded in Housing First and public health principles -- to reduce the prevalence of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability



among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. For the ROCC, applicants must choose to submit under the Rural Set Aside category.

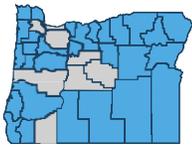
Due to the uniqueness of this HUD Special NOFO and submission timing, the ROCC requires all applicants to participate in writing and reviewing the collaborative application in addition to applying for individual agency projects. The ROCC needs your voice to ensure we represent our rural communities well. The ROCC may contact you to help respond to additional questions during the application process.

Please answer the questions thoroughly but concisely using the Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 as a guide. For ease, list the question number in the application and your response. Use the Yes/No dropdown to track your progress.

COC RESPONSES FOR RURAL SET ASIDE APPLICATION (40 POINTS).

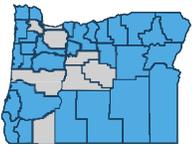
Answer the questions on the application. The following coincide with the questions giving you detail requirements for response.

1. Explain how the agency has an inclusive membership of a variety of stakeholders within the geographic area and considers the needs of all relevant subpopulations. Include your process for new members to participate, and how you solicit and consider opinions from knowledgeable individuals and organizations.
2. Describe your current strategy used to provide low-barrier emergency shelter (especially non-congregate shelter), transitional housing, or other temporary accommodations to individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness who want to reside in shelter or temporary housing before identifying a permanent (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 50.*)
3. To what extent does your agency have a street outreach strategy that regularly engages individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the locations where they reside, including a specific strategy for engaging those with the highest vulnerabilities? (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 49*)
4. Describe the agency will reduce homelessness:
 - The agency's strategy for ensuring that resources provided under this NOFO will reduce unsheltered homelessness;
 - How the agency will adopt program eligibility and coordinated entry processes that reduce unsheltered homelessness;
 - How will the agency use street outreach to connect unsheltered people with housing resources; and
5. Additional steps the agency is taking to ensure that people who are unsheltered or have histories of unsheltered homelessness can access housing and other resources in the community, including



steps to increase access to identification, providing housing navigation services, and providing access to health care and other supportive services. (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 50.*)

6. Demonstrate how individuals and families experiencing homelessness, particularly those who have experienced unsheltered homelessness, are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the CoC decision-making structure. Additionally, demonstrate how the agency encourages projects to involve individuals and families with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness in the delivery of services (e.g., by hiring people with lived experience of unsheltered homelessness).
 - (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 52 for more information that includes a letter signed by a working group comprised of persons with lived experience of homelessness sharing how they participated.*)
7. Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development? This includes:
 - the current strategy to identify populations in the agency's geography that have not been served by the homeless system at the same rate they are experiencing homelessness.
 - how underserved communities in their geographic area interact with the homeless system, including a description of those populations.
 - and the current strategy to provide outreach, engagement, and housing interventions to serve populations experiencing homelessness that have not previously been served by the homeless system at the same rate they are experiencing homelessness.
 - (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 53 for more information.*)
8. Leveraging Healthcare Resources: How will the agency utilize health care resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 48 for a list of requirements including a written form of commitment with guidelines on the details of that commitment.*)
9. Provide information on how the current strategies to provide shelter and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness and to conduct street outreach will be updated and enhanced using data and performance.:
 - Street outreach within the agency's geographic area. How is the agency's street outreach connected to coordinated entry or HMIS and how it will incorporate new partners (e.g., business owners, law enforcement, healthcare providers) into its street outreach strategies;
 - Providing access to low-barrier shelter and temporary accommodations, including any new practices and activities that would be funded through an award under this NOFO;
 - and rapidly housing individuals and families who have histories of unsheltered homelessness in permanent housing.
 - (*Continuum of Care Supplemental FR-6500-N-255 Page 51 for more information.*)



HMIS PARTICIPATION (10 POINTS).

All CoC-funded projects need to use a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). This section is broken into three distinct possible agency situations in using an HMIS where the applicant will choose only one. Select the section that is currently true for your agency and answer the questions specific to the situation. The three are:

1. The agency **does not** use a HMIS. The questions provide the information necessary to ensure the agency plans to use HMIS the steps to do so.
2. The agency **uses an HMIS system**, but it is not ServicePoint, which is the HMIS used by the ROCC. The questions provide information on how the current system is utilized and how it will integrate into ServicePoint
3. The agency **uses ServicePoint** as the HMIS. The questions provide how it is currently being used.

PAST PERFORMANCE (15 POINTS)

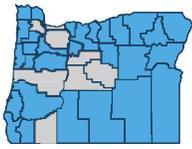
Three questions. Responses require information on projects similar the one proposed and past performance. Information should include the funds awarded and expensed over the course of the project. The applicant may provide additional documentation that reflects performance for those projects.

AGENCY EXPERIENCE / RISK (10 POINTS)

Five questions. Responses provide information that identify agency strengths and any risks for implementing the CoC-funded project. Topics include experience with other federally funded projects, fiscal procedures, and audit information.

SECTION 4: PROJECT SPECIFIC REQUIRED QUESTIONS (25 Points)

Only respond to the section of questions related to the project type in this application. The questions are specific to the project that you propose.



SCORING

For the 2022 Continuum of Care Program Competition, the ROCC standardized the application process including a new scoring procedure that provides clear guidance on how to evaluate individual responses to each question.

The readers of the proposal will evaluate each question using a four-point grading scale on how well the applicant answered the question. Points for each section are calculated automatically by percentage based on the reader's response. The four-point scale:

- **1 = 100%** - Clearly responds to every detail of the question. Communicates each explanation clearly. Explanations are supported with details.
- **2 = 75%** - Clearly responds to most of the details of the question. Provides explanations but not clearly and specifically. Explanations are supported with few details.
- **3 = 50%** - Responds to only a few of the details of the question. Provides minimal explanations with unsupported or minimal details.
- **4 = 0%** - Provides only irrelevant information to the question. Indicates a misunderstanding of the question. Applicant does not answer the question.

To receive assistance on the application process, please send an email to ROCC@caporegon.org or attend a NOFO office hours listed at [ROCC website](#).