

Joplin/Jasper/Newton Continuum of Care

FY 2021 Rank and Review

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

Designed to assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness move into permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability.

Program goals:

- Promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to prevent and end homelessness.
- Improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness.
- Improve data collection and performance measurement.
- Allow each community to tailor its program to the particular strengths and challenges within that community.

CoC Program Laws, Regulations, and Resources

- The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 ([HEARTH Act](#))
- More information & resources: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

Purpose of the CoC

- Coordinate policies, strategies, and activities to end homelessness.
- Gather and analyze data.
- Implement strategic responses.
- Provide guidance on the operation of homeless services.
- Measure CoC project and system performance.
- Oversee the annual CoC Program Competition application process.

Collaborative Applicant (ESC)

- The organization designated by the CoC to conduct a collaborative process for developing and submitting a CoC Consolidated Application to HUD
- The only organization eligible to apply for CoC Planning Project funds.

Consolidated Application

- The application compiled by the Collaborative Applicant and submitted to HUD that at a minimum includes:
 - Responses to all questions required by HUD;
 - All project applications submitted for funding;
 - The CoC Priority Listing of project applications accepted and ranked or rejected;
 - System Performance Measures; and
 - All attachments required by HUD.
- Used by HUD to make project funding decisions.

CoC Board = The Homeless Coalition

- Governs the activities of the Joplin/Jasper/Newton CoC
- An active member is outlined in the Bylaws. It includes being a paid member and meeting attendance requirements.

Definition of Homelessness



Homeless Definition

CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	<p>(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); <u>or</u> (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	<p>(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	<p>(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; <u>and</u> (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	<p>(4) Any individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; <u>and</u> (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Definition of Chronic Homelessness

1. An individual who:

- Is homeless or lives in a places not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter
- Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years
- Can be diagnosed with on or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the developmental disabilities assistance bill of rights act of 2000), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability

2. An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all other criteria above; or

3. A family with an adult head of household who meets all of the criteria whose family composition may have fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless

CoC Program Project Type Overview

CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) Eligible Project Types:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (TH:RRH)
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Dedicated HMIS (only available for the HMIS Lead Agency)
- CoC Planning (only available to the Collaborative Applicant)

Project Types : Permanent Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with services to help homeless people with disabilities achieve housing stability.

Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

- A model that emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless people as rapidly as possible into permanent housing

Project Types: Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (TH:RRH)

The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components—transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing—in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HUD requires the recipient to adopt a Housing First approach across the entire project and program participants may only receive up to 24-months of total assistance.

NOTE: This is not traditional Transitional Housing. It provides crisis beds if needed, and rapid rehousing if needed. It does not have to be one then the other and must emphasize client choice.

CoC Components: Supportive Services Only: Coordinated Entry (SSO:CE)

SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE) develop and/or operate the CoC's coordinated entry system.

Under DV Bonus funding, SSO:CE project implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.

CoC Eligible New Project Types

Reallocation or CoC Bonus:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- Dedicated HMIS

DV Bonus

- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services Only: Coordinated Entry

Grant Terms

Renewal Projects

- All renewal project applications are limited to a 1-year grant term and one year of funding.

New Projects

- HUD will allow new projects to request 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months to help with the project startup process (e.g., hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if leasing or renting).

Consolidation Grants (Renewal Only)

Eligible renewal project applicants have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects.

Expansion Grants

The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. Applicants will be required to submit three project applications:

- the renewal project application that will be expanded; and
- a new project application with just the expansion information; and
- a renewal project application that incorporates the renewal and new expansion activities and the combined budget line items for the renewal and the new expansion.

Expansion projects may be funded through CoC Bonus, reallocation, or DV Bonus. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

Housing First (Required)

1. Individuals are rapidly placed and stabilized in permanent housing without any preconditions regarding income, work effort, sobriety or any other factor.
2. Once in housing, individuals never face requirements to participate in services as a condition of retaining their housing.

Coordinated Entry (Required)

A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. A coordinated entry system covers the entire geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing services, is well advertised, and includes comprehensive and standardized assessment tool(s).

Housing Connect (coordinated entry system), in conjunction with the Housing First approach, helps ensure that funds are allocated to providers that serve the most vulnerable homeless individuals.

All CoC projects are required to participate in the coordinated entry system.

Priorities and Scoring

US Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2021 NOFO Priorities

1. Ending homelessness for all persons
2. Use a Housing First approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving system Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Persons with lived experience

Funding Available

CoC Number and Name - MO-602 – Joplin/Jasper/Newton

Renewal - \$616,456 (Used for Renewal and Reallocation)

CoC Planning - \$18,494 (not included in ranking process)

CoC Bonus - \$30,823 (Used for New Projects and Expansion)

DV Bonus - \$73,023 (Used for New Projects and Expansion)

Applicant Eligibility

Project applicants must be eligible and must meet threshold requirements.

- Eligible applicants are defined in 24 CFR Part 578.15 and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Tribes, tribal housing authorities, and for-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

HUD Tiered Ranking Process

Tier 1 : Equal to 100% of CoC's Annual Renewal Demand

Tier 2:

HUD Tier 1 Scoring

Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both eligibility and quality threshold review. Any type of new or renewal project application can be placed in Tier 1, except for CoC Planning and UFA Costs (if applicable), which are not ranked. However, in the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2.

HUD Tier 2 Scoring

For Tier 2 projects HUD uses a 100 point scale.

- **CoC Score**
- **Ranking**
- **Commitment to Housing First**

Rank and Review Process

- Agencies submit their program applications via ESNAPS by October 18th.
- Agencies submit their Rank and Review application. **Date to be determined by you.**
- Committee reviews and determines eligibility. **Date to be determined by you.**
 - If eligible, projects are ranked according to published processes.
 - Projects are rejected if they are ineligible or if insufficient funding is available for all eligible projects.
- Projects are placed in the Priority Listing.
- Projects are notified of ranking or rejection by November 1st
- The Collaborative Applicant submits the CoC Consolidated Application to HUD, including Priority Listing by November 16th.
- HUD makes funding decisions.

Reallocation Policy

Policy 6.0: Reallocating Projects Within the CoC Competition

Date Approved: October 12, 2015

Revised Date:

The Homeless Coalition of Joplin/Jasper-Newton Counties has a responsibility to submit to HUD an application for annual funding that is consistent with HUD guidelines and the HEARTH Act.

Continuum of Care-Funded Agencies within the Joplin CoC who are identified as underperforming in regards to federal benchmarks, APR (annual performance report) outcomes, through HUD monitoring findings, or identified to have inadequate financial standards will receive additional assistance through the CoC.

The Continuum will continue to assess the project, and assist the project with setting up goals and objectives to obtain and maintain compliance. If the agency is unable or unwilling to meet these standards or satisfy the HUD findings, and continues to underperform, the Continuum will recommend the project funding for reallocation during the next HUD NOFA process.

Voluntary Reallocation: Currently funded HUD NOFA project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating should notify the CoC Chairperson in writing of their intent by the due date of HUD's grant inventory worksheet (GIW) which is prepared by Economic Security Corporation.

FY 2021 Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funds

Overview

- \$73,023 available in our CoC for new projects that are dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

Category 4

Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

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Eligible DV Bonus Project Types

- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH:RRH
- SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO:CE)
 - The Mo BoS CoC is not accepting applications for new DV Bonus SSO:CE projects. The Mo BoS CoC funded an SSO:CE project dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition.

Other Important Information

Grievance & Appeals

Currently the CoC does not have an appeals process. **This is a decision that you will need to make.**