



# Continuum of Care Program

HUD Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS)



# CoC Program Laws/Regulations

- McKinney Vento Homelessness Assistance Act as amended by the Hearth Act
- CoC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR 578)
- Defining “Homeless” Final Rule
- Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

# What is a CoC?

- **There are approximately 390 CoCs in the US**
- **Each CoC has a Collaborative Applicant, CoC Board, and Membership**
- **CoC Geographic areas and size variations are approved by HUD**
  - **City/County**
  - **Rural**
  - **Regional (Mix of City/County/Rural)**
  - **Balance of State (Cities/Counties in a state not part of another CoC)**
  - **Statewide (One CoC for the entire State)**

# What is a CoC?

**A collection of organizations, entities, agencies, stakeholders and individuals in a designated geography area that plans, coordinates, and makes decisions to distribute homeless funding from as many sources as available. Especially funding available from the CoC Program, ESG Program, and other Federal homeless programs.**

- **Homelessness Assistance Providers (non-profits)**
- **Local governments**
- **Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Eligible beginning in the FY2021 CoC Competition)**
- **Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)**
- **Other community organizations**
- **Other non-profits and housing developers**
- **Individuals / Businesses**

# Eligible CoC Grant Recipients?

**CoC Program Grant Recipients are organizations directly receiving CoC funding from HUD and include:**

- Non-profit (501(c)3)**
- Unit of State or Local Government**
- Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs)**

# Program Components and Eligible Costs

## **Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)**

- No time limit to assistance
- Member of household has a disability
- Supportive services must be available
- Leasing or Rental Assistance

## **Permanent Housing: Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)**

- Short (less than 3 months) or medium term (4-24 months)
- Tenant-based Rental Assistance

## **JOINT Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-Rapid Rehousing (JOINT TH & PH-RRH)**

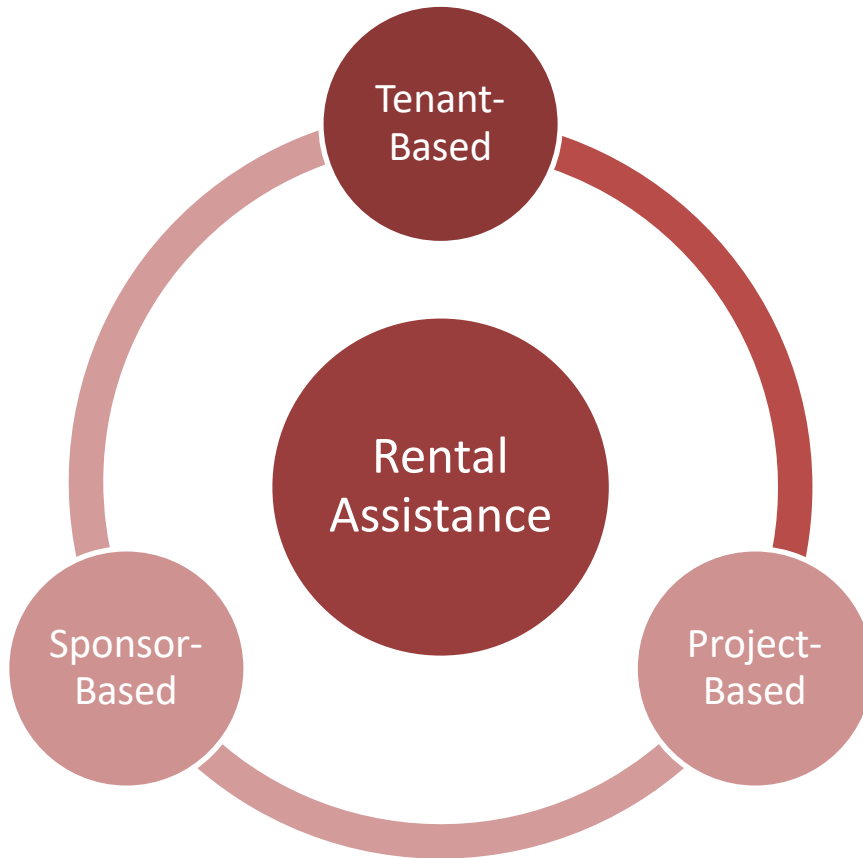
- Combination of the TH component and the PH-RRH component

# Program Components and Eligible Costs

Transitional Housing Component	Operational Costs	Supportive Services Costs	Capital Costs	Administrative Costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maximum 24 months</li><li>• Leasing or Rental Assistance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Maintenance and repair of housing</li><li>• Property Taxes</li><li>• Building security</li><li>• Furniture</li><li>• Equipment</li><li>• Other Costs...</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case Management</li><li>• Child care</li><li>• Education services</li><li>• Employment assistance</li><li>• Food</li><li>• Housing Search</li><li>• Transportation</li><li>• Mental Health</li><li>• Outreach</li><li>• Life skills</li><li>• Other Services...</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acquisition</li><li>• Rehabilitation</li><li>• New Construction</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General grant administrative costs</li><li>• Financial processing</li><li>• Audits</li><li>• Grant monitoring</li><li>• Annual Performance Reports (APR)</li><li>• Other...</li></ul>

- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Component
- Coordinated Entry (CE) Component
- CoC Planning Grant Component

# Types of Housing Funds



Rental Assistance; Client holds the lease.

- No match requirement.



Leasing; The recipient or subrecipient agency holds the lease and sublets to clients.

- 25% match requirement



# CoC Program Participant Eligibility

- **CoC Program Participants**

- **Persons Experiencing Homelessness**

- **Category 1 – Literally Homeless**
- **Category 2 – Imminent Risk of Homelessness (prevention)**
- **Category 3 – Homeless Under Other Federal Statues**
- **Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence and includes survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence**

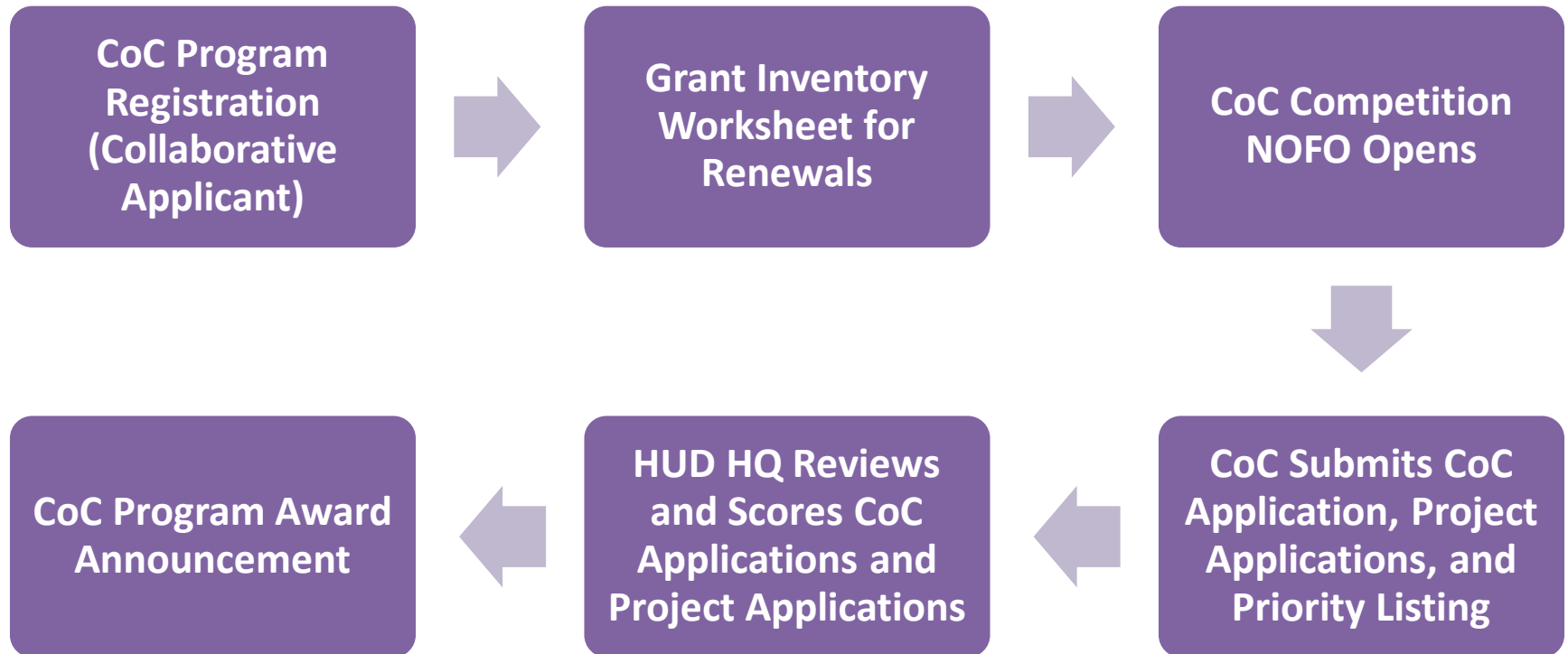
- **Additional limitations on participant eligibility as included in the annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

- **Chronically Homeless. Some PH-PSH projects limit eligibility to chronically homeless individuals and families**

# Chronically Homeless Definition

- **Chronically homeless (CH) means:**
  - **A homeless individual with a disability, and**
  - **Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and**
  - **Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months\* or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.**
- **An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria of this CH definition before entering that facility, or**
- **A family with an adult head of household (or, if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria of this definition.**

# Continuum of Care Competition



# Resources

- For more information about the CoC program:  
[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)
- To find a CoC near you:  
[www.hudexchange.info/coc](http://www.hudexchange.info/coc)
- For more information on forming a CoC:  
[snapsinfo@hud.gov](mailto:snapsinfo@hud.gov) or [cocnofo@hud.gov](mailto:cocnofo@hud.gov)

# Questions & Answers



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