

6. 25-55490 Recommendation to receive and file a discussion on the Continuum of Care Builds (CoC Builds) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) updates by HUD.

Suggested Action: Approve recommendation.



CoCBuils Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Summary

Long Beach Continuum of Care

Tuesday October 8, 2024

NOFO Highlights

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the **Continuum of Care Builds(CoCBUILDS) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on July 22, 2024**, with approximately \$175 million in funding available nationally for an estimated 25 projects.
- Applications are due to HUD by **November 21, 2024**

NOFO Highlights

- First of its kind one-time funding for **new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation** of PSH-specifically for capital costs and activities associated with PSH
- Maximum amount Long Beach CoC can apply for a single project: **\$5,000,000***
- Only **1 application** permitted for each CoC, unless there is a tribe or tribal designated housing entity involved
 - CoCs are required to review proposed CoCBuilds applications locally and if more than one application is received, the CoC must determine which application it will submit to HUD

**The maximum award amount under this CoCBuilds NOFO is based on each CoC's Final Pro Rata Need for the FY 2024 CoC Competition, which is the higher of the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need or Annual Renewal Demand.*

Budget Proposal

Majority of funding requests must be for capital costs

- No more than 20% of the total funds requested can include other eligible CoC Program budget line items
- No more than 10% of the total funds requested can be for administrative costs
- A 25% match is required, this can be Cash or In-Kind
- There is a 15-year use requirement (24 CFR 578.81 (a))

HUD Priorities

Policy Priority	Summary
1. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply	Fund new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition to increase PSH stock in a CoC's geographic area, including economic strategies such as adaptive reuse and conversion of hotel properties. CoC's and applicants should engage local leaders to mitigate zoning and land use issues that may impact adding PSH units to the CoC housing stock.
2. Ensuring Access to Supportive Services and Public Services	Provide voluntary supportive services to ensure households, particularly those that include a family member who has a disability, have the tools and resources to maintain permanent housing.
3. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies	Utilize cost performance and outcome data to enhance resource allocation aimed at ending homelessness. Strategies to maximize effective resource utilization include forming partnerships with public health agencies, state and local housing agencies, workforce development centers, and Tribes and Tribal organizations.

Rating Factors

Rating Factor	Max Points	Description
a. Development of Experience and Leveraging	24	Demonstrate relevant entities have experience with other projects of similar scope and scale; experience leveraging resources similar to funds proposed in current project; and provide information regarding availability of resources dedicated to proposed project.
b. Managing Homeless Projects	12	Demonstrate that your organization and that your proposed subrecipients have experience administering programs for individuals and families experiencing homelessness where one member of the household has a disability.
c. Implementation Schedule	12	Complete an implementation schedule and provide a proposed schedule for key milestones.
d. Property Maintenance	5	Demonstrate how relevant entities will ensure property is maintained annually to prevent unnecessary costly repairs.
e. Unmet Housing Need	7	Describe population served by project and level of unmet need, including a system gaps analysis.
f. Management of Rental Housing	10	Describe rental housing projects managed by relevant entities including number of grants, awarded total, type, and number of assisted and non-assisted units.
g. Coordinated Entry	3	Describe how project will use the CoC's coordinated entry process, or another process that meets HUD's minimum requirements.

Rating Factors

Rating Factor	Max Points	Description
h. Coordination with Housing Providers, Healthcare Organizations, and Social Service Providers	10	Demonstrate projects are leveraging non-CoC funded housing resources through coordination with relevant entities.
i. Experience Promoting Racial Equity	8	Describe process to involve underserved groups in project processes, build community partnerships with relevant entities, and design or operate projects that improve racial equity.
j. Community Integration for Persons with Disabilities	7	Demonstrate how project will enable participants to make meaningful choices about services and supports to allow full participation in the community.
k. Section 3 Requirement	2	Describe actions by relevant entities to provide employment and training opportunities for low-income persons.
l. Policy Initiative Preference Points	2	Up to 2 preference points may be awarded for applications proposing activities that advance Environmental Justice .
TOTAL: Up to 100 Regular Points and up to 2 Preference Points		

Environmental Justice Preference Points

HUD will award up to two (2) points for applications proposing activities that advance Environmental Justice, which include doing the following for people or communities that have been environmentally underserved or overburdened (e.g. low-income and Black and Brown communities):

1. Reducing or mitigating exposure to environmental and health hazards (e.g. industrial facilities, EPA superfund sites, brownfields and legacy pollution, heat islands).
2. Improving protection from and resilience to environmental harms (e.g. fire-resistant materials, floodproofing).
3. Expanding environmental benefits (e.g. clean air and water, public transportation, bike and walking paths, clean energy, green technology, biodiversity).
4. Overcoming prior disinvestment in environmental infrastructure (e.g. drainage systems, green spaces, pollution controls).

Timeliness Standards

- All conditional funds awarded under this NOFO must be obligated by HUD by September 30, 2025 for FY 2023 funds and September 30, 2026, for FY 2024 funds.
- Obligated funds remain available for expenditure until September 30, 2030, for FY 2023 funds and September 30, 2031 for FY 2024 funds.
- Grant terms may be two, three, four, or five years. Projects selected for conditional award must be able to:
 - a. provide proof of site control (24 CFR 578.25) prior to execution of the grant agreement; and
 - b. execute the grant agreement with HUD no later than September 1, 2025.

Long Beach CoC Proposal - RFP Process

- City of Long Beach requests CoC approval to release an RFP to solicit project proposals in response to the CoCBuilds NOFO, and CoC approval for City of Long Beach to submit a proposal to HUD in response to the CoC Builds NOFO
 - Long Beach CoC is restricted to submitting one proposal, seeking a maximum of \$5M in HUD CoC funds
 - As CoCs are limited to one proposal, the City RFP will serve as the local process to review and select the most competitive application
 - City RFP designed to align with HUD NOFO
 - Selected applicant will work closely with City and CoC to complete and submit proposal to HUD by November 21st application deadline

Long Beach CoC Proposal – Eligible Applicants

- To be eligible, proposers must meet the following conditions:
 - Qualification to conduct business in the City.
 - Have an individual on their Board of Directors who is homeless or formerly homeless. Be a non-profit housing developer with experience in at least four other projects of a similar scope and scale as the proposed project
 - Have a Unique Entity ID and active SAM.gov account;
 - Not have unresolved current or past contract non-compliance, non-performance, suspension, termination, or other adverse audit finding with one or more funders in the past five years; and
 - Applicant, its officers, and employees are not currently debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal Government, State of California, or local government.

Long Beach CoC Proposal – Project Overview

- **Eligible project activities:**

- New Construction
- Rehabilitation
- Project Administration (up to 10% of the total award)

- **Funding Available**

- City anticipates a maximum award of \$5M from HUD, however final total funding amounts awarded to subrecipient will be contingent upon approval by HUD, as well as concurrence by City of Long Beach City Council and City Manager
- Applicant will be required to provide a minimum match requirement of 25%

- **Requirements and Special Considerations**

- Population served must be homeless persons, as defined by HUD Categories 1, 2, or 4
 - AND have a documented disability

Long Beach CoC Proposal – City of Long Beach Priorities

• These priorities will be used in conjunction with quality review criteria to evaluate the merit of each proposal:

- Projects primarily, or exclusively, serving single adults in PSH units, given the CoC's disproportionate need for units serving this population
- Higher density projects that will lead to greater increases in the regional PSH inventory
- Projects that meet HUD's Preference Points in the federal NOFO for promoting environmental justice
- Projects creating additional PSH units as a result of CoC Builds funds
- Projects that maximize efficient use of CoC Builds funds
- Projects with greater amounts of endangered leveraging commitments

Long Beach CoC Proposal - RFP Timeline

- City of Long Beach seeks to release CoCBuils RFP upon approval by CoC Board and City Attorney
 - Tentative Release date 10/08
- Deadline for Questions – 10/17
- HSB/CoC Responses to Questions – 10/23
- RFP Closes 10/28
- Panel convenes to select applicant – 10/29
- Applicants given notices of intent to award – 10/30
- City & CoC prepare and submit application to HUD – 11/01–11/21



Thank you

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