



Western Virginia

Continuum of Care

General Meeting

August 8th 2024: 10am-12pm

Winchester, VA

AGENDA

- 10:00 - 10:10 – Welcome and Introductions
- 10:10-10:30 – Agency Updates
- 10:30 - 10:50 – CoC Committee Updates
- 10:50 - 11:00 – Break
- 11:00 - 11:55 – HUD’s FY 2024 CoC NOFO Info Session
- 11:55 - 12:00 – Announcements and closing

WHAT IS A CoC?

A “Continuum of Care” (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing services and provides funding.

The Western Virginia Continuum of Care (VA-513) is a network of agencies and individuals working together to build a system of care for families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the Shenandoah Valley.

Goal: Homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Vision: Everyone has a safe and stable home.

Western Virginia CoC (VA-513)

OVERVIEW

Winchester City
Frederick County
Clarke County
Shenandoah County
Page County
Warren County
Rockingham County
Harrisonburg City



SERVICES



Centralized
Intake



Street Outreach



Prevention



Permanent
Supportive Housing



Rapid
Rehousing



Housing Opportunities
for People with AIDS



Emergency
Shelter



Built for Zero

HOW THE CoC OPERATES

- Facilitates a **collaborative process** of planning, implementing, and overseeing housing services that are inclusive, measurable, and effective
- Ensures that **resources** are allocated, targeted, and utilized efficiently and effectively
- Operates through established **committees**, of which the Executive Committee is the official governing and decision-making body
 - HRHA is the CoC's lead agency and fiscal agent
 - Employs 2 staff: the CoC Coordinator and the HMIS Administrator
- Advocates a **housing first** approach to services

AGENCY UPDATES

- Share program and personnel changes
- Announce upcoming events and opportunities
- Raise concerns about current context/barriers

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Standing Committees and Chairs

- Best Practices (Matt Tibbles, Our Community Place)
- Media & Advocacy (Megan Bly, Shenandoah Alliance)
- Executive Committee (Michael Wong, HRHA)
- Data & Performance (Rachel Rivera, Winchester Rescue Mission)
- Compliance & Evaluation (Katie Vance, AIDS Response)

Work Groups & Advisory Committees

- Built for Zero (Jacob Russell, Mercy House)
- Centralized Housing Intake (Shannon Porter, Mercy House)
- People with Lived Experience (Mandie Bishop, Strength in Peers)

BREAK



Western Virginia CoC

FY 2024-2026 CoC Funding

FY 2024 HUD CoC NOFO Competition Info Session

FY 2024 NOFO

- What is New in the NOFO
- Eligible project applications
- HUD Policy Priorities
- Western CoC Funding Priorities
- Application Process & Timeline
- Ranking & Review – Application Scoring
- HUD Resources & Q & A

WHAT'S NEW

Building a Effective Workforce

- Pay and support for those working in the homelessness sector

Two year Cycle for NOFO Applications

- For FY 2024 and 2025

Changes to Tiering(funding)

- Tier 1 is set at 90% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for this NOFO.

Cost of living adjustments for Conditionally Selected Grants

- HMIS and Supportive Services

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Replacement YHD Project
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Supportive Services Only
- Joint Transitional Housing (TH)-PH-RRH
- HMIS projects carried out by the HMIS Lead
- New projects for Domestic Violence Bonus

CoC FY 2023 Award

2023	CoC	Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	VA-513 - CoC Planning Project Application FY 2023	\$50,019.00
2023	CoC	Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	VA-513 - HMIS Renewal FY23	\$84,072.00
2023	CoC	Northwestern Community Services Board	VA-513 - NWCSB Permanent Supportive Housing Program	\$282,924.00
2023 ARD \$361,236	2024 ARD not announced			

HUD HOMELESS POLICY 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. Promoting Racial Equity
7. Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
8. Incorporating Persons with Lived Experience
9. Building an Effective Workforce
10. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

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CoC FUNDING PRIORITIES

The following new and renewal projects will be prioritized based of on HUD's priorities, funding availability and CoC's unmet needs:

Renewal:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- HMIS: Renewal project

New Projects:

APPLICATION PROCESS

FY 2024 CoC NOFO Competition Process

1. Application Preparation-July 31, 2024
2. Solicitation of new project/ Public Notice-August 8, 2024
3. Intent to Submit project applications-August 26,2024*
4. Submission of Applicant grant application-September 29, 2024*
5. Scoring of the CoC Application- 10/1-14/2024*
6. Notice of Project Acceptance/Rejection:10/15/2024
7. Application Submission: 10/30/2024

*Tentative Dates to be finalized by the C/E committee

FY 2024 CoC NOFO Competition Resources

- **HUD's e-snaps**

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

- **System Award Management (SAM)**

- <https://sam.gov/content/home>

Required for organizations to receive a **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**.

- Process can take 2-3 business days

- **Other Resources**

- National Alliance to End Homelessness (Resources Page)
- Western CoC website: Federal Grant (NOFO resources)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Upcoming trainings in Woodstock (see email):**
 - August 15th: Trauma-informed interviewing and conflict resolution
 - September 5th: Peer Perspectives Panel
- **Next General Meeting: October 10th**
 - The Perch at Magpie, Wing Gallery
(85 W Gay St, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802)



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