



2023 Central MS CoC Program Competition Application Guidelines for New and Renewal CoC Projects

Description: The CoC Program (24 CFR Part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, family, youth and persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to an effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Authority: The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of the title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act).

Summary: Central Mississippi Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition and 2023 Applications for New and Renewal Projects

Each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), signifying the beginning of a funding competition among approximately 450 Continuums of Care (CoC), the community stakeholder groups that guide local responses to homelessness. The 2023 CoC NOFO was released on July 5, 2023, opening the competition making available approximately \$3.1 billion nationally to serve people experiencing homelessness. **Information and additional details about the HUD CoC NOFO is available at:**

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/fundingopps/fy23_coc

Before the application is submitted to HUD, the Central MS CoC is required to hold a local competition to determine which projects will be included in the consolidated application, along with their relative priority. **All applicants interested in applying for CoC Funding must participate in the local competition described herein.**

CoC Application Posting Date: 07/28/23

CoC Project Application Due Dates:	Letters of Intent	-	08/07/23	4:00 p.m.
	Project Applications	-	08/25/23	4:00 p.m.

Letters of Intent Submission Requirements:

A Letter of Intent (LOI) describing the funding amount requested, type of program, and number/type of clients to be served may be emailed to Melvin Stamps at mstamps@centralmscoc.org on or before 08/07/23 by 4:00pm.

Application Submission Requirements:

One (1) original and three (4) hard copies of the application must be received in full no later than 4:00 p.m. central time on 08/25/23. Complete applications will include the eSnaps project applications and have additional required documents attached. See “Documents Needed for 2023 CoC Applications” below for additional document requirements. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Collaborative Applicant at the following address:

Melvin C. Stamps
Mississippi Housing Partnership
1217 N West Street
Jackson, MS 39202

Eligible Applicants: Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities or Non-Profit organizations having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS for a minimum of two (2) years. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grant funds.



DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR 2023 CoC APPLICATIONS

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Documents to be submitted include:

- ☐ SAMS Evidence of current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) including identification of the Authorized Entity Representative <http://www.sam.gov>.
- ☐ e-SNAPS Project Application – A copy of the e-Snaps application exported into a PDF file (Do NOT hit submit in e-SNAPS).
- ☐ AUDIT – A copy of the most recently completed agency Independent Financial Audit.
- ☐ HMIS Commitment – Signed commitment for each project's participation in the Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS) in accordance with HUD guidelines.
- ☐ CES – Signed commitment for each project's participation in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in accordance with local guidelines.
- ☐ HOUSING FIRST – Copies of your program admissions and rules forms that reflect a Housing First Approach. These should be the documents your project provides to clients that explain expectations and rights.
- ☐ MATCH – Documentation of a minimum of 25% Match (cash or in-kind).
- ☐ HUD Form 2880 – Public and other resources form, found in E-Snaps Applicant Profile.
- ☐ HUD Form LLL – Lobbying Status Declaration, found in the E-Snaps Applicant Profile.
- ☐ Evidence of a project Environmental Review conducted within the past five (5) years.
- ☐ Copies of written agreements (a MOU, letter of commitment, or contract) with publically-funded employment or training organization if applicable.
- ☐ e-LOCCS – Copies of the last 3 drawdowns from e-LOCCS for each project that was in serve during the period from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022.
- ☐ MONITORING – A copy of monitoring results from HUD and other funding sources for the project seeking funds or statement that monitoring has not occurred.

NEW PROJECTS

Documents to be submitted include:

- ☐ SAMS Evidence of current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) including identification of the Authorized Entity Representative <http://www.sam.gov>
The SAMs registration should be valid through January 2024.
- ☐ e-SNAPS Project Application – A copy of the e-Snaps application exported into a PDF file (Do NOT hit submit in e-SNAPS).
- ☐ AUDIT – A copy of the most recently completed agency Independent Financial Audit.
- ☐ HMIS Commitment – Signed commitment for each project's participation in the Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS) in accordance with HUD guidelines.
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- ☐ MONITORING – A copy of monitoring results from HUD and other funding sources for the project seeking funds or statement that monitoring has not occurred.
- ☐ ELIGIBILITY – Evidence of agency eligibility 501(c)(3) determination, or evidence as a unit of government.