### Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care



# **Supplemental NOFO Office Hours**

Frequently Ask Questions

### Supplemental NOFO FAQs

- When is the Supplemental NOFO Application due to the CoC?
  CoC Supplemental NOFO Applications are due September 20th, 2022
- When is the Supplemental NOFO Submission due on esnaps?
  - Project submissions in e-snaps are due October 10th, 2022
    - Full Supplemental NOFO Timeline <u>HERE!</u>
- Where do I submit the Application to the Lead Agency?
  Via the <u>Application Form</u> on our <u>website</u>
- Where do I submit the Application in esnaps? • <u>Here!</u>
- Why do two applications have to be made, one to the Lead Agency and one in esnaps?
  - The CoC has to facilitate a local review process to determine our Priority Listing. Projects should submit a CoC application (via form above) before the end of September 20th.
  - Once CoC applications are in, Projects must submit their project to e-snaps where it will be added to the Consolidated Application that is turned into HUD.
- When submitting an application to esnaps, it asks for a Congressional District, so opportunities available will populate; what do I put in?
  - $\circ~$  The Congressional District in which your agency's county or counties are located.
- Is it possible to Fail a P/F item and still have the app go forward?
  - There are cases where a project can pass with findings, however if required documentation is not provided, the project may not be considered ineligible to participate.
- Do character limits on the application to the CoC include spaces?
  - Yes, spaces are included in the character limit. The consideration was based on an estimated 500 word count limit.
- My Housing First tool has a red ribbon at the top that says I didn't finish, but I think I did. Is it an error or am I wrong?
  - It's an error from HUD! Please ensure you have answered all items that appear for your project type.
- If our agency has a profile in esnaps and the last information is from 2015, should we try to recreate a new profile?
  - If your agency has a profile you must gain access to that profile. Email <u>e-snaps@hud.gov</u> immediately with your ESnaps username, email address, Organization name, and FEIN. Request to be added as a registrant for that organization.
- How does the Rank and Review process work after projects submit their applications?
  - An independent Panel of non-conflicted individuals is approved by the board of directors to score each subjective application item. The same



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Panel looks over all the objective criteria as well. Those values are compiled to create a project score that determines the rank value attributed to your project. That Rank will be published in a Priority Listing on the MO BoS CoC website. All publications will have corresponding notifications through our newsletter mailing list.

#### **County Coverage and Eligibility**

- If our Agency is located in xyz county, but clients come from all over the state, which county would I list?
  - The county or counties in which you are providing services. Geographic and client mobility exist, but your project should have specific areas that you are working to provide services to. Those are your coverage area.
- I don't see my county on the list... Can I still apply for funds?
  - There are multiple lists and they all mean different things!
    - <u>Rural List</u> this list is all the counties that can be served under the Rural Set Aside. Projects that serve counties not on this list (non-rural counties) cannot apply for Rural Set-Aside funds.
    - <u>Unique Coverage List</u> this list is the list of counties that will receive some preferential bonus for being covered under the Rural Set Aside
    - <u>CoC List</u> The Missouri Balance of State CoC includes 101 counties. Projects funded through our CoC cannot include counties outside of our CoC. Those should be covered through funding applications to those CoC's that cover those counties.
    - <u>Percentile Rank Lists</u> This should include all CoC counties and simply shows how each county ranked in terms of Comparative Values for our community indicators of client vulnerability.
- How do we know what services are offered in other rural counties that we also serve?
  - Use the Unique Coverage list to see what counties do not have CoC projects operating in them! Remember this applies to Rural Set Aside only
- Can you clarify if nonrural areas are able to apply for the Supplemental NOFO if a Domestic Violence Shelter?
  - Projects serving Domestic Violence clients are eligible for the Supplemental NOFO competition in the same way other projects would be. If you are in a Non-Rural area you would need to apply to the Unsheltered Set Aside. There is no DV bonus for projects in the Supplemental NOFO.







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- When listing counties served, should we leave out a county that's not on the rural list? Should we add a county? What counties should we cover?
  - First and foremost we want agencies to evaluate where they see a need in the community and where they can act to provide that need. There are some items to consider when selecting counties though...
    - If you are applying for the Unsheltered Set Aside you can maximize your scoring by focusing on the counties that have the highest Percentile Rank Scores for each client vulnerability indicator. Unsheltered projects are not confined by rural/non-rural status.
    - If you are applying for the Rural Set Aside you must exclude any non-rural counties. You may optimize your score by considering the Percentile ranks and the geographic uniqueness of your coverage. Including an additional county with a thorough justification of the need and your capacity to meet that need can ensure you score those points. Please note that coverage of a county that is not unique can still be justified in the narrative section of that scoring item.
- How do I figure out my Projects combined Poverty and PIT Scores for Client Vulnerability?
  - There are four distinct indicators we are using to identify possible client vulnerabilities. They are the number of persons in poverty, the percentage of persons in poverty, the number of persons unsheltered in the 2022 PIT count, and the overall number of persons homeless in the 2022 PIT count. Each criteria was measured against other Counties in the CoC and assigned a Percentile Rank Score.
    - For each of the four items the percentile ranks of all counties should be averaged together. Any average percentile score above 65 will earn points for that indicator
    - EXAMPLE: Project serves 3 counties: A, B, and C. For one measure, county A has a percentile rank of 75, county B has a percentile rank of 35, county C has a percentile rank of 88. (75+35+88)/3 = 66. Project score for that measure is 66 and that project will score points, as 66 is greater than 65.
    - Use this sheet as a Reference for counties with High Percentile ranks: <u>Percentile Rank Columns</u> - Please note it may not be possible to score all items. Few counties in missouri are high on all four items



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#### **Project Types**

- Is it better to be seeking Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid-Rehousing or Transitional Housing; alternatively, can we apply for both PSH and RRH?
  - Your project applications should be representative of community needs. You will be responsible for understanding how those needs are present in your service area and how you will be able to provide resources. You can apply for different types of housing, but each type will be a separate project. The CoC has not established any distinct priorities for Project types. You may evaluate unique coverage using the list mentioned above to optimize scoring and match CoC priorities.

#### • How many projects can we apply for?

- Individual projects are limited to a single project type, i.e. RRH or PSH; however you can submit multiple project types as a whole.
  - Many agencies operate multiple projects based on coverage, project type, and community needs. Be aware of your organization's capacity to operate these projects and consistently perform well.

### • When budgeting for SS...how many years?

 The FY2022 Supplemental NOFO is for 3 years, so you will take your budget amount and times it by 3 for supportive services. Be sure to pay attention in all fields to ensure your total request matches your needs for 36 months of operations!

### • We can apply for both buckets of funding correct?

- Yes! This may be an important strategy if you are covering rural and non-rural counties. The Rural Set Aside projects cannot provide coverage to Non-rural counties. We do expect the Rural Set Aside to be more likely to be funded by HUD for our CoC.
- All projects should be unique parallel projects that can be operationalized independently. They are each unique and may be funded in any arrangement.
- Just to reiterate: a new Rapid-Rehousing Project would be one Supplemental NOFO application, a new Permanent Supportive Housing project would be a separate application, etc.
  - Yes! Each project type must be its own application. Some project types do provide coverage for Supportive Services to be included, however if you are seeking Supportive Services Only that is its own project type.



