

## Overview

BACKGROUND: Each year, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) solicits applications from non-profits and local units of government for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. HUD issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY 2024-25 on July 31, 2024 noting, “The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.”<sup>1</sup>

Orange County, through the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH), is eligible to apply for up to \$1,043,899 in total CoC funds. Please note these amounts may be subject to change as HUD will release the finalized 2024 Annual Renewal Demand in the next few weeks.

## Funding Amounts

Description	Amount	Eligible Applicants
<b>Annual Renewal Demand (ARD):</b> Funding for reallocated, new, renewal, expansion and consolidated projects	\$847,934	Nonprofits, Governments, Public Housing Authorities
<b>Domestic Violence Bonus (DV):</b> New or expansion project funding dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking	\$44,213	Nonprofits, Governments, Public Housing Authorities
<b>Bonus:</b> Funding for reallocated, new, renewal, expansion and consolidated projects	\$101,752	Nonprofits, Governments, Public Housing Authorities
<b>CoC Planning:</b> Funding for coordination (not direct service) projects	\$50,000	Collaborative Applicant (Orange County)

## Project Review Committee

Community members with a knowledge of homeless programs and community priorities serve on the Project Review Committee (PRC). PRC members work with funding recommendations for Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) competitions, and monitor program performance throughout the year. Project Review Committee members revise the project rating and ranking tool used to score CoC & ESG project applications and draft a list of recommended and prioritized projects for OCPEH Leadership Team review.

***Project Review Committee members complete Conflict of Interest Disclosure forms and abstain from discussing or voting on any agencies they have ties to during CoC and ESG funding competitions and serve July 2024 – June 2025.***

<sup>1</sup> [Continuum of Care Program | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/continuum-of-care-program)



## Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2024-25 Competition Local information & deadlines

Last update: August 6, 2024

Please email Alex Rubenstein, [arubenstein@orangecountync.gov](mailto:arubenstein@orangecountync.gov) are interested in learning more about the Project Review Committee.

### Project Applications

Orange County is soliciting agencies to submit new, renewal, expansion, bonus, DV bonus, and consolidated project applications. All project applications and supplementary materials are due **by Monday, September 30th at 12 noon**. Application and materials to be emailed to [arubenstein@orangecountync.gov](mailto:arubenstein@orangecountync.gov)

Project application documents will be available on the HUD e-snaps system at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

Additional guidance including Detailed Instructions AND Navigational Guides will be posted on the [CoC Program Competition](#) page of HUD's website soon. Please continue to check here for the most up to date guidance.

Information about the local process and deadlines can be found on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) website – documents and links will be continually posted throughout the competition: <https://www.ocpehnc.com/current-coc-application>

OCPEH staff will conduct a local applicant briefing to review the CoC application process, including the CoC rating and ranking tool, process, and deadlines on Wednesday 8/21 from 3 – 4:30pm via Zoom – Registration available soon.

The recording of the local applicant briefing will be available on the OCPEH website on Thursday 8/22: [Current CoC competition | ocpeh \(ocpehnc.com\)](#)

Project applicants will be scored solely on materials submitted by the deadline, Monday September 30th at 12PM. Applicants and OCPEH staff will continue to work on project applications after CoC submission per HUD guidelines. These application changes and additions will not be scored in the local competition. HUD will evaluate all locally approved projects using quality threshold reviews.

## Timeline

Tuesday 8/6	Local competition information sent to service providers and community members
Wednesday 8/21	Orange County CoC Local Applicant Briefing 3 – 4:30pm Registration available at: Coming Soon!
Monday 9/30	Project applications due by 12PM
10/1-10/8	Project Review Committee scores project applications
Friday 10/11	Project Review Committee meeting to formulate recommendations and ranking for CoC FY 2024-25 funding for Leadership Team review
Monday, 10/14	OCPEH Leadership Team meeting to determine CoC FY 2024-25 funding recommendation
Tuesday, 10/15	OCPEH staff notify project applicants in writing whether projects included in Orange CoC application
Tuesday 10/22	Project applications revisions complete
Friday 10/25	OCPEH staff posts CoC application on OCPEH website (CoC community application, project priority listing and project applications)
Monday 10/28	OCPEH sends completed CoC application (CoC community application, project priority listing and project applications) to HUD in advance of competition deadline