The South Central Illinois Continuum of Care (SCICoC) announces the availability of grants to prevent and end homelessness through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development’s “Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care Competition.” The CoC is open to, and it will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program Grants. Organizations that have not received CoC funding in the past are encouraged to apply.

NEW PROJECTS

- Only these basic types of new projects are eligible: Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless and other specific high-risk populations, Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS. The NOFO provides details on each of these.
- HUD also will consider applications that serve only victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. These projects must be Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing, or Coordinated Entry.

Applicants for all new projects must submit a Letter of Intent with the project type and estimated amount of request to SCICoC’s Lead. The Letter of Intent must be sent by email to Lyn Carlen at lync@erbainc.org, copying Jessica Pauley at jessicadpauley@outlook.com by Wednesday, August 2. All interested organizations are urged to contact the CoC and read the NOFO in its entirety before submitting a letter of intent. Select this link to download the FY 2023 NOFO. Select this link to access critical instructions and guidance from the HUD website.

Organizations applying for CoC funding for the first time must submit: IRS 501(c)3 documentation or other proof of HUD eligibility; description of programs and how you measure success; written references from funders or partner organizations; letter authorizing submission of application; and most recent financial audit.

New projects that have been accepted must complete applications in HUD’s e-snaps electronic grants systems by Wednesday, August 30.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Applicants for renewal project must indicate their intent to renew and their plans for voluntary reallocation by Friday, July 14. The Letter of Intent (and status of voluntary reallocation) must be sent by email to Lyn Carlen at lync@erbainc.org, copying Jessica Pauley at jessicadpauley@outlook.com. Renewal projects must complete their e-snaps applications by Wednesday, August 9.

ALL PROJECTS

The Monitoring, Ranking & Review Committee (MRR) will notify all applicants of acceptance, rejection, or modification of their projects no later than Wednesday, August 16. MRR will notify all applicants of the final rankings of all projects no later than Wednesday, September 13.

Please understand that SCICoC has specific requirements for applicants, including:

- The Monitoring, Ranking & Review Committee will carefully review the qualifications of the applicant and the proposed project to assure that they meet threshold requirements.
- Projects that (1) are eligible; and (2) that meet threshold requirements; and (3) that demonstrate need; and (4) that demonstrate organizational capacity, will be accepted and ranked in priority order using an objective process. The ranking process is posted at this link.
- Individuals, for-profit organizations, and unincorporated entities are not eligible to apply.
- Applicant organizations must use the e-snaps system to submit their proposals. If interested, you are strongly urged to create an “Applicant Profile” in e-snaps immediately. Select this link to access instructions and the log-in page for e-snaps. If you do not have an e-snaps user account, select “Create a Profile” from the e-snaps log-in page. The South Central Illinois CoC will provide assistance with this step upon request.

Contact Lyn Carlen at lync@erbainc.org for more information.