

# Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care New Projects Application Questions (FY24 & FY25 NOFO)

These questions are designed for applicants to provide detailed information about their proposed project for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding. Applicants should answer each question thoroughly, providing supporting documentation where appropriate, to ensure that their project can be effectively scored based on the FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) criteria.

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## Section 1: Project Type & Eligibility

1. **Eligible Applicant**
    - Provide a brief description of your organization, including its legal status (nonprofit, state/local government, etc.), and documentation that demonstrates your eligibility to apply for CoC funding.
  2. **Project Type**
    - Which type of project are you proposing (e.g., Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Joint TH-RRH, Supportive Services Only)? Please describe the project's purpose and how it aligns with HUD's priorities.
    - What specific population(s) will this project serve (e.g., chronically homeless individuals, families, youth, survivors of domestic violence)?
  3. **Coordinated Entry Participation**
    - Describe your organization's current or planned participation in the CoC's Coordinated Entry system. How will your project ensure that it meets the CoC's requirement for equitable and prioritized access to services?
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## Section 2: Project Design & Readiness

1. **Project Description and Implementation Plan**
  - Provide a comprehensive project description that includes key components such as housing type, service delivery, and program design. What specific services will be offered, and how will they be delivered?
  - Include an implementation timeline outlining major activities, milestones, and responsible parties.
2. **Target Population and Need**
  - Define the target population your project will serve. Why is this population a priority for the project, and what data supports the need for this project in your community?
  - How will your project address gaps in services or meet needs that are currently unmet for this population?
3. **Housing First/Low Barrier Approach**
  - Does your project implement a Housing First model? Please explain how the program removes barriers to housing, such as sobriety requirements, income prerequisites, or criminal background checks.
  - Provide any relevant policies or practices that demonstrate your project's commitment to a low-barrier approach.

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### Section 3: Performance and Outcomes

#### 1. Performance Measures

- List the key performance measures for your project, such as housing retention rates, income growth for participants, or reductions in returns to homelessness.
- How do these performance measures align with HUD's system performance goals? What tools or processes will you use to track and report on these outcomes?

#### 2. Outcomes and Impact

- What are the expected outcomes of your project? Please provide specific, measurable outcomes and explain how they will improve the lives of the participants and contribute to the overall success of the CoC's goals.
- How will you monitor and evaluate the success of the project, both in terms of participant outcomes and system-wide impact?

#### 3. Budget and Financial Feasibility

- Provide a detailed project budget, including all sources of funding and a breakdown of how CoC funds will be used. Ensure that the budget reflects all key project components and justifies your funding request.
- Is the budget feasible and cost-effective? Please provide supporting documentation of the financial management systems that will be used to administer the funds.

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### Section 4: Organizational Capacity & Experience

#### 1. Experience with Homeless Populations

- Describe your organization's experience in serving homeless individuals and families. What expertise or specializations does your organization have that make it well-suited to implement this project?
- Provide examples of similar projects you have successfully implemented and the outcomes achieved.

#### 2. Organizational Capacity

- Does your organization have the necessary staffing and infrastructure to carry out this project? Provide an organizational chart, key staff qualifications, and a description of any partnerships or collaborations that will support project implementation.
- How will you ensure the project is effectively managed and that services are delivered as planned?

#### 3. Past Performance on Grants

- Describe your organization's experience managing federal, state, or private grants, particularly CoC grants. Have there been any compliance or performance issues in the past? If so, how were they resolved?
- What systems do you have in place to ensure timely reporting, financial accountability, and adherence to grant requirements?

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### Section 5: Leverage and Community Impact

1. **Leveraged Resources**
    - Describe the resources your project will leverage (in-kind, cash, or services) to enhance its implementation. What specific contributions from other sources will complement CoC funding?
    - Provide letters of commitment or other documentation of these leveraged resources.
  2. **Community Collaboration**
    - Describe any partnerships or collaborations with community stakeholders, such as healthcare providers, law enforcement, or education institutions. How will these partnerships enhance the success of the project and the services provided?
    - How will the project fit within the broader community's strategy for addressing homelessness?
  3. **Addressing Racial Equity and Vulnerable Populations**
    - What specific strategies will your project use to promote racial equity and address the needs of historically underserved or vulnerable populations, such as people of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, or people with disabilities?
    - How will you ensure that services are accessible and equitable for all participants?
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## Section 6: Bonus Points

1. **Innovation**
    - Describe any innovative approaches your project will take to solve housing and service delivery challenges. How will these innovations improve outcomes for participants or reduce homelessness in your community?
    - Provide evidence or research supporting the effectiveness of these innovations.
  2. **Geographic Coverage**
    - Is your project located in an underserved or high-need area within the CoC's jurisdiction? Describe the specific geographic area your project will serve and why this location is a priority for your CoC.
    - How will your project address service gaps in this geographic area?
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## Final Considerations

- **Why should your project be funded?**
    - Summarize the key strengths of your project and explain why it is a strong candidate for CoC funding.
  - **Is there any additional information you would like to provide to strengthen your application?**
    - Include any additional context, data, or documentation that you believe would be helpful in evaluating your project.
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These questions are designed to ensure applicants provide thorough and clear responses, allowing for an effective and transparent review process. Be sure to attach any supporting documentation that strengthens your application.