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**Cc:** Christina M. Topolosky; Elizabeth Paskewich

**Subject:** FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO – New Project(s) Call for Letter of Intent

Good morning.

We are pleased to announce that HUD has released its FY2023 SuperNOFO [Notice of Funding Opportunities for Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program application]. This is part of a competitive application process that is due to Washington, DC on **Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

The County is seeking a new project(s) that meets the application criteria. Please note that any agency seeking to apply for these funds must serve ***new* program participants**. Through the FY2023 Competition, the Union County CoC is eligible to apply for a total of \$1,095,407 for new projects that work towards the goal of ending homelessness. This total budget includes:

1. New CoC Bonus Projects in the amount of \$451,050
2. Domestic Violence Bonus Projects in the amount of \$644,357

*+All funds requested would be required to meet the 25% match, with the exception of leasing budget category, per the CoC Interim Rule.*

Information regarding specific program type and subpopulation eligibility, as well as additional information regarding the CoC application process is available through the FY2023 Funding Specification Notice listed below and on HUD's website. Please review this information carefully as there have been some changes from prior funding years. Applicants should also review the FY2023 NOFO:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition>

and the CoC Interim Rule:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version>.

New projects may be created using available funds through **the CoC Housing Bonus and Domestic Violence Housing Bonus**, such as Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing (TH/PH-RRH), highlighting the following priorities:

- **End homelessness** for all persons

- **Use a Housing First approach**
- **Reduce** unsheltered homelessness
- **Improve system performance** with housing, health and social service agencies
- **Partnering** with housing, health, and service agencies
- **Racial Equity** to address inequities that ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches
- **Improving** assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals
- **Persons with Lived Experience** are engaged
- **Increasing Affordable Housing Supply** through local engagement

In order to have a **new project** considered in the consolidated application for funding, we are inviting the **Executive Directors** of homeless assistance provider agencies and faith-based organizations to submit a Letter of Intent to apply **no later than Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 12:00pm** to the attention of:

Christina M. Topolosky: [ctopolosky@ucnj.org](mailto:ctopolosky@ucnj.org)

**The letter should include the telephone number and e-mail address of the person with whom the County will interact to complete the application for funding.** *Your letter of intent should include an abstract of the proposed project identifying the project type [PH-RRH or TH/PH-RRH], project activity (if cash indicate: leasing or rental assistance), including the eligible costs, target population: chronically homeless/ homeless youth/ homeless families, number of **new** housing units (scattered site/sponsor based), number of **new** beds per unit, location of housing structure (scattered site/sponsor based), and estimated project budget amount.*

In order to expedite this technical application process, upon review of your Letter of Intent the County will email interested providers further instructions. *All interested new project sponsors will be asked to attend a Technical Assistance Meeting (date/location/time to be determined).*

The County is asking that **Project Sponsors for new projects be vigilant in submitting all requested information accurately and timely as requested by the County.** With HUD's tight time frame there will be no room for extensions. *Please be advised it is the responsibility of the proposing organization to ensure all information listed in the prepared application is accurate and complete as the County will be submitting the proposal on behalf of your organization.*

**Again this year all projects will be ranked (new and renewal) and renewals may be at risk of reduction or loss of funding. To be clear, any new project submitted in the FY2023 CoC SuperNOFO application will be ranked last in order to preserve renewal demand to the fullest extent.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our office:

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The Union County CoC looks forward to working with you and thank you for your efforts in providing quality homeless assistance services.