

Upstate Continuum of Care

2023 Fall Training

10:00-11:00

NOFO Debrief

Discussing the strengths and weaknesses of our 2023 CoC Program grant application.

12:00-1:00

Lunch!

11:15-12:00

Point in Time Count

Learn about the 2024 PIT Count and how you can get involved.

1:00-2:30

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Informative session with Dr. Jessica Sharp, founder of Sharp Brain Consulting

Housekeeping

Charlie Petit

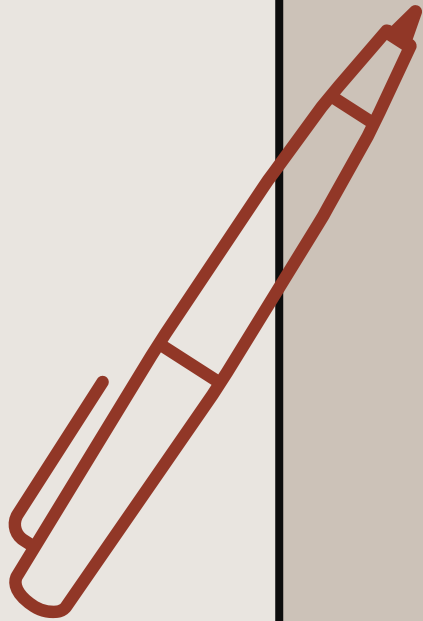
GAMES Chapter At-Large Member

NOFO Debrief

Natalie Rivera
Director of CoC Operations

What is the NOFO?

- Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Document released by HUD to announce the beginning of the CoC Program Competition
- Details eligible applications, competition timeline, and scoring criteria



CoC Program Competition: Funding the CoC

The CoC's Lead Agency has to the opportunity to renew our CoC Planning grant and our Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) grant.

CoC Planning Grant

- Biannual CoC-wide Training Events
- Creating and Publishing CoC Reports
- CoC Website
- CoC Staff at United Housing Connections

HMIS Grant

- Contract with HMIS Software Vendor (WellSky)
- End User License
- System Admin Training Materials
- Contract with Institute for Community Alliance

CoC Program Competition: Funding Housing Programs

CoC Member Organizations have the opportunity to apply for grants to renew or create permanent housing programs.

Who can apply?

- Nonprofit organizations
- State and local governments
- Faith-based organizations
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)
- Public Housing Agencies

*All applicants must be designated by the Continuum of Care.

**More information on eligibility requirements can be found in the 2023 NOFO (III.A and B) and in 24 CFR 578.15

What can I apply for?

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)

Local Competition

Each Continuum must conduct their own local competition, designed by the CoC and led by the CoC's Lead Agency.

Threshold Requirements

- SAM Registration
- Project is cost effective
- CoC Participation
- Good financial standing/Match
- Housing First Principles
- HMIS Participation

Housing First Questionnaire

Testify that you understand and will implement Housing First Principles

Letter of Intent

Narrative on your new program, including location and population

Project Application

If the Grants Committee approves you to apply, you will complete an individual project application in e-snaps. The application requires organization information, project details, and budgeting.

Review and Submission

The Grants Committee will review your project application and make any final suggestions before you submit your application to HUD.

Two Halves of the Consolidated Application

Priority Listing

	Rank	Project	Type	Score	Funds
Tier 1 93% of Annual Renewal Demand	1	One House	RRH	93	\$85,000
	2	Two House	RRH	88	\$200,000
	3	Red House	PSH	86	\$150,000
	4	Blue House	PSH	79	\$125,000
	5	Hope Home	TH	77	\$90,000
	6	My Address	RRH	73	\$110,000
Tier 2	7	Front Door	PSH	68	\$150,000
	8	Welcome In	TH	65	\$220,000

The Priority Listing is initiated with the objective scoring from our Rating Tools, but then is finalized with subjective input from our Rating and Ranking Committee.

The Rating and Ranking Committee is made up of one, non-CoC funded representative from each Chapter.

The score we receive as a CoC on our Collaborative Application determines whether our Tier 2 projects will be funded.

Collaborative Application

Narrative on operations and achievements as a Continuum of Care.

- Inclusivity and collaboration with other statewide and local agencies.
- Adherence and implementation of HUD requirements.
- HMIS and Coordinated Entry System
- Strategizing based on service gaps and System Performance Measures
- NOFO Local Competition

2023 Priority Listing

Rank	Organization Name	Project Name	Project Type	Score from Rating Tool	Requested Funding Amount	NEW PROJECTS: Reallocated or CoC Bonus Funds?	
1	United Housing Connections	Upstate HMIS	HMIS	N/A	\$163,215		Tier 1 Total: \$3,217,115
2	Meg's House	Meg's Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH	95	\$210,270		
3	United Housing Connections	RAVE	PSH	93.8	\$223,221		
4	United Housing Connections	Reedy Place	SH	91.9	\$128,754		
5	United Housing Connections	Piedmont Keys FI	PSH	91.1	\$154,605		
6	Pendleton Place	Pendleton Place Youth RRH	RRH	88.4	\$157,640		
7	SC Department of Mental Health	Greenville-Spartanburg Consolidated Shelter Plus Care	PSH	84.8	\$358,569		
8	Pendleton Place	Transitions - Youth	TH	78.5	\$136,272		
9	Meg's House	Lakelands Rural Transitional Housing Program	TH	77.6	\$214,814		
10	Meg's House	Operation Impact	PSH	75	\$208,332		
11	SHARE	Welcome Home	RRH	75	\$214,548		
12	Project Care	PRIDE	PSH	73.2	\$494,040		
13	United Housing Connections	HOME	PSH	73.2	\$234,235		
14	United Housing Connections	HAL	PSH	71	\$212,351		
15	Safe Harbor	PH-RRH for Domestic Violence Victims	RRH	68.6	\$183,920		STRADDLE*
16	Our Daily Rest	SC-501 CoC Registration FY 2022	RRH	65.2	\$70,873		Tier 2 Total: \$419,347
17	City of Spartanburg	Opening Doors	RRH	87.8	\$82,156	Reallocated	
18	First Impression of SC	Self Sufficiency	RRH	75.4	\$188,647	CoC Bonus	

*Straddle: \$106,249 to Tier 1/ \$77,671 to Tier 2

** CoC Planning Grant is not Ranked

Total Requested Funding 2022: \$3,628,133

Total Requested Funding 2023: \$3,805,332

Reallocated from 2022: \$93,604
 Renewals: \$3,534,529
 New: \$270,803
 DV: \$609,004

2023 CoC Bonus: \$453,491
 Utilized: \$188,647

2023 DV Bonus: \$647,844
 Utilized: \$0

Reviewing Our 2023 Consolidated Application

Strengths of our 2023 Collaborative Application

Publicizing an open invitation to join the CoC, recruiting new member organizations, and spreading awareness about the CoC in the community.

Our Coordinated Entry System has great geographic coverage and a great prioritization process. We work well with DV providers utilizing the comparable database.

Helping our clients increase their cash and non-cash income through employment and benefits.

Helping our clients maintain their permanent housing or exit to another permanent housing destination.

Reviewing Our 2023 Consolidated Application

Areas for Improvement

HUD lists agencies they would like for us to collaborate with, and there's a few places where we fall short: Tribal Organizations, local jails, agencies that serve victims of human trafficking, and providers of early childhood services.
(CES, Formal Agreements, etc.)

Soliciting and responding to opinions from the public and persons with lived experiencing of homelessness on our CoC operations.
(CES, rating and ranking, etc.)

Certain training requirements: preventing the separation of families, implementation of the Equal Access Final Rule, implementation of the Gender Identity Final Rule.

Conducting a Racial Equity Analysis and establishing a correction plan with measurable outcomes.

Invite to Apply

Bruce Forbes

SHARE Special Projects Coordinator,
Greenville/Laurens Chapter President

Note: CoC and DV Bonus funds can also be used to expand renewal projects.

CoC Bonus

The CoC Bonus allows Continuums of Care to request up to 7 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new projects. New projects must meet project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.

Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus)

The DV Bonus allows Continuums of Care to request up to 10 percent of their FPRN to create one or more new projects that serve survivors of domestic violence.

Total Amount Requested and Awarded

FY2019
 CoC Bonus Applied For: \$0
 DV Bonus Applied For: \$164,408

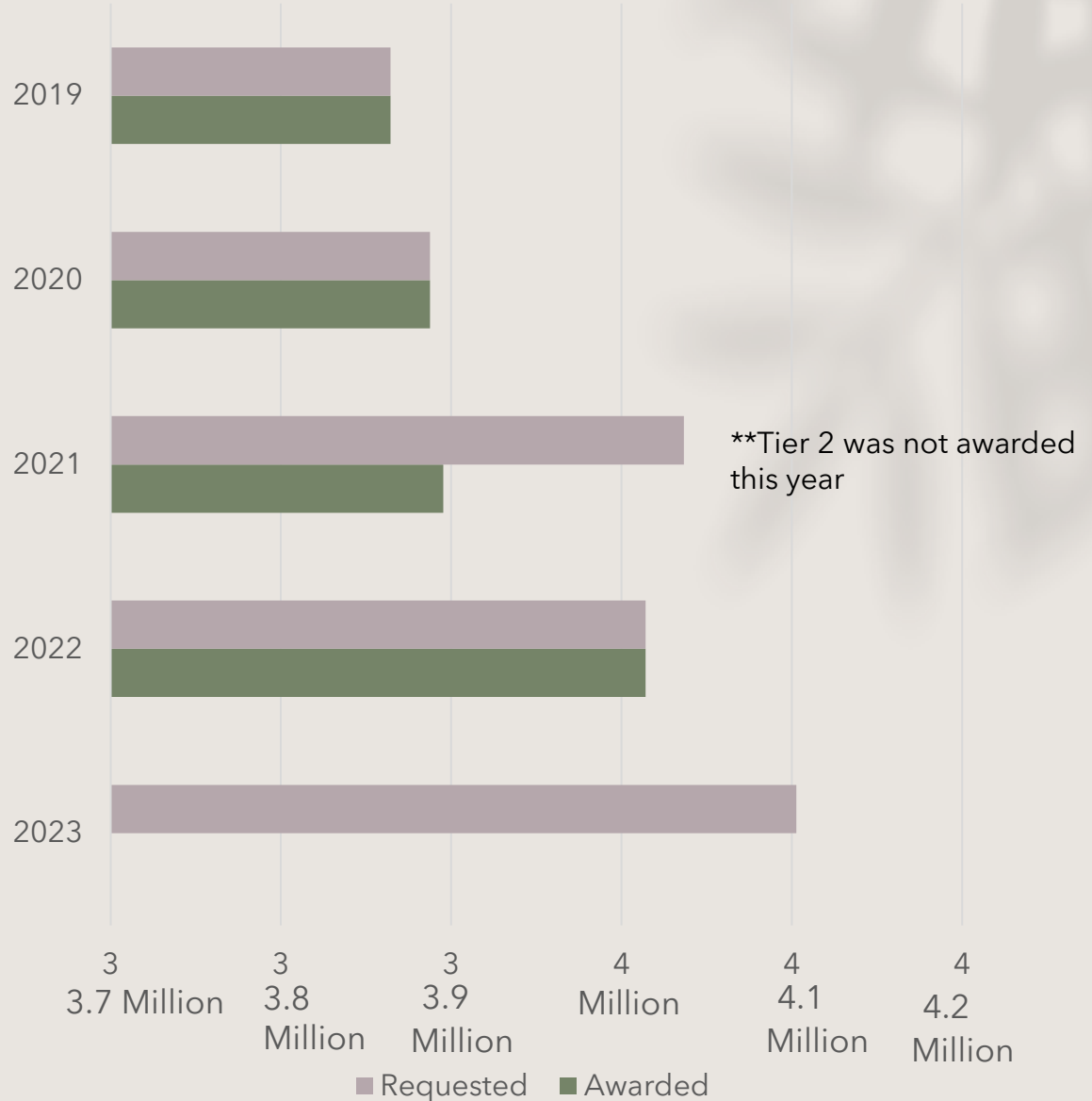
FY2020
 Competition was not held due to COVID-19 Pandemic. PSH and RRH projects received an award increase.

FY2021
 CoC Bonus Applied For: \$281,451
 DV Bonus Applied For: \$0

FY2022
 CoC Bonus Applied For: \$157,640
 DV Bonus Applied For: \$0

FY2023
 CoC Bonus Applied For: \$188,647
 DV Bonus Applied For: \$0

Available CoC Bonus: \$453,491
 Available DV Bonus: \$647,844



Resources

- Upstate CoC Local Competition
- <https://www.upstatecoc.org/2023-nofo>

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

- 2023 NOFO (Written Notice)
- <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349091>

- CoC Program Interim Rule
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>

- CoC Program Project Types
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/coc-program-components-overview/>

Homeless Point in Time Count

Everyone counts, no matter where they live.



SC STATE OF HOMELESSNESS REPORT 2020

Point in Time Count


- The Upstate Continuum of Care continues to hold the highest number of the homeless population in the state, 1,263, which is 35% of the total South Carolina homeless population, which is 3,608 of people experiencing homelessness.
- The SC 2020 State of Homelessness Report states that of the top 10 counties with the highest homeless population, 4 of the counties are in the Upstate Continuum of Care.
- Greenville - #3, Anderson - #5, Spartanburg - #6 and Greenwood - #9.

Point in Time Count


- On the last Wednesday in January, nationwide, there is the Homeless Point In Time (PIT) Count.
- Homeless service providers, law enforcement and volunteers, coordinate areas where the homeless reside – parks, encampments, soup kitchen, libraries, etc.
- As survey is done questioning the homeless individual/family, where they will be sleeping on that Wednesday night.
- The 2024 Point In Time count has a tentative date of January 24, 2024.

PIT Count Coordinators

Surveys are provided by HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) and distributed to the lead of the Continuum of Care (United Housing Connections) who then allocates to each PIT County/Chapter Coordinator.



Each county or Chapter has one coordinator who provides the recruitment and training of volunteers, agencies, shelters and law enforcement.



The coordinator is responsible for the training of the volunteers which includes review of the surveys, explanation of the PIT count as well as the locations, times and dates of the survey solicitation.

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Articles about the PIT Count

- https://www.indexjournal.com/news/homelessness-count-helps-determine-aid-dollars/article_8711996d-832c-5ebb-9cfd-bd8f5e547471.html
- <https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2022/01/19/greenville-count-homeless-population-local-organizations-federal-funding/9078060002/>
- <https://www.goupstate.com/story/news/2019/01/23/volunteers-go-in-search-of-spartanburgs-hidden-homeless/6179298007/>



Volunteers Needed

Please contact your local coordinator to help with counting or obtaining donations and recruiting more volunteers.



For Further Information

- Homeless Point In Time Count - HUD Exchange

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/pit-hic/>

- Upstate CoC 2023 PIT Count Dashboard

<https://www.upstatecoc.org/2023pit-dashboard>

- SC State of Homelessness Report 2020

https://www.schomeless.org/media/1180/final-edits-actual-final-scich-state-of-homelessness_final.pdf

- SC State of Homelessness Report 2022

<https://www.schomeless.org/resources/reports/2022-scich-state-of-homelessness-report/>

Lunch

Reconvene at 1pm

Please look for the designated lunch boxes if you indicated any dairy, meat or gluten dietary restrictions upon registration.

Please Take a Moment to Respond to Our Survey

We appreciate your feedback!

