



FAYETTEVILLE / CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE ON HOMELESSNESS
REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)
Permanent Supportive Housing Projects ONLY

Funding Available for Promise reassignment: \$239,047
Funding Available for Leath Commons reassignment: \$147,049
Funding Available for Safe Homes reassignment: \$63,332

Applications Due: Friday, May 10, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.

CoC Lead Agency:
Cumberland County Community Development
910-323-6112

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INTRODUCTION

HUD's Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) 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 (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs), 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.

ABOUT THE REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

Three Permanent Support Housing Projects that were awarded funding during the 2022 CoC Program NOFO grant cycle are no longer being administered by the awarded organizations. The purpose of this RFA is to solicit agencies to apply for each project grant, which will then be reassigned to appropriate applicants, as determined by the Performance Evaluation and Grant Review Committee through an objective scoring process.

If you are interested in applying for one or more of these projects, please email cccdapplications@cumberlandcountync.gov to obtain an application. Project applications must be submitted **by mail or in person** no later than **Friday, May 10, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. EST** to Cumberland County Community Development at 707 Executive Place, Fayetteville, NC 28305. **Please submit one hard copy and one digital copy of your application and corresponding documents.**

Community Development will conduct a virtual information session on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 2:00

p.m. The link will be sent out through the FCCCoC.

WHAT IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING?

Permanent supportive housing for persons with disabilities (PSH). PSH can only provide assistance to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability. Supportive services designed to meet the needs of the program participants must be made available to the program participants. Permanent housing is community-based housing, the purpose of which is to provide housing without a designated length of stay. Grant funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and supportive services.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

The following guidance indicates the costs that may be included in program budgets, to be paid for by the CoC grant or by matching funds.

- Rental Assistance;
- Leasing;
- Supportive Services;
- Operating Costs; and
- Project Administration.

Ineligible costs: Program funds may not be used for rental assistance and operating costs in the same project. Program funds may not be used for the maintenance and repair of housing where the costs of maintaining and repairing the housing are included in the lease.

Please see [eCFR :: 24 CFR Part 578 Subpart D -- Program Components and Eligible Costs](#) for more information regarding program components and eligible costs.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Project must be Housing First (see Definitions).
2. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in the CoC Program as described in 24 CFR part 578.
3. Funds may be used only to assist persons meeting the HUD definition of homeless found at 24 CFR 578.3.
4. For projects requesting funds for leasing, leasing funds cannot be used to lease units or structures owned by the recipient, subrecipient, or their parent, subsidiary or affiliated organization.
5. Selected project applicant(s) must be a member of the Fayetteville / Cumberland County Continuum of Care on Homelessness.
6. Selected project applicant(s) will be required to participate and maintain records in FCCCoC's local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
7. Selected project applicant(s) will be required to participate in the community-wide, coordinated intake/assessment process in accordance with FCCCoC's written policy and procedures.
8. Domestic violence agencies are exempt from the HMIS participation but must meet separate reporting requirements that make their data available to the state for all State and Federal reporting and evaluations.

9. Final approval will be made by HUD and funding will be provided directly from HUD to the selected applicant.
10. Selected project applicants must meet statutory deadlines regarding the obligation of grant funds.

HUD REQUIREMENTS

This document summarizes key components of the CoC Program. More information is available from at HUD's website outlining the Continuum of Care Program regulations, available at <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/#regulations>.

If there are any conflicts between guidance in this document and HUD guidance, the HUD guidance takes priority and is what should be relied upon.

HUD DEFINITIONS

Chronically Homeless

A "chronically homeless" individual is defined to mean a homeless individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility. In order to meet the "chronically homeless" definition, the individual also must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven.

Chronically homeless families are families with adult heads of household who meet the definition of a chronically homeless individual. If there is no adult in the family, the family would still be considered chronically homeless if a minor head of household meets all the criteria of a chronically homeless individual. A chronically homeless family includes those whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

CoC Deed-Restricted

Means a site-based program in a building purchased, constructed or rehabilitated with Continuum of Care funds, where the building is subject to a deed restriction related to its CoC funding requiring that it be used for transitional housing or permanent supportive housing for a period of 10 years after the date of initial occupancy, and the building is within the 10-year restricted period.

DedicatedPLUS Project

A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve a broadened criterion of individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth.

Housing First

A model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals. The only real expectations of Housing First, which the individual agrees to prior to starting with the program, is to agree to have support workers visit at home, to pay their rent on time and in full (or agree to third party payment of rent), and to avoid disrupting the reasonable enjoyment of other tenants in the same building that would cause their eviction.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently. Permanent housing is community-based housing without a designated length of stay. To be permanent housing, the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year, which is renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long, and is terminable only for cause.

Scattered Site

Housing model in which the housing units are not located in a single building.

AMENDMENTS

In the event FCCCoC or the Lead Agency determines, in its sole discretion, that it is necessary to revise any Part of this RFA, an addendum, supplement, or amendment to this RFA will be posted on FCCCoC's website. It is the responsibility of the applicant to check the website for any such addendums, supplements, or amendments made to the RFA.