

# Washtenaw County Continuum of Care (CoC) CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness FY2022 Funding Competition

## 2022 Ranking Policy

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The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the [Special Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness](#). Washtenaw County is eligible to apply for up to \$2,064,692 through the 2022 funding process.

“Unsheltered homelessness is continuing to rise in many areas of the country and recent analysis of homelessness data shows that people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report significantly greater health challenges and experiences of trauma and violence than their sheltered peers. These challenges often begin before they lose their housing. This NOFO supports this highly vulnerable population by supporting CoCs in their efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connects them with health and housing resources. It also supports CoCs in their efforts to enhance their Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect more comprehensive data on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in their geographic area.” FR-6500-N-25S

**Note:** This Special NOFO is administered under [24 CFR Part 578](#). This Competition is separate from the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.

This policy is pending approval by the CoC Board on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### Eligibility Criteria: Projects must meet the below criteria to be eligible and considered for ranking

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- Serve Category 1 Households (literally homeless) who are not chronic and have histories of unsheltered homelessness
- Participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Align with [Housing First](#)
- Include a robust plan for involving people with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision making
- For New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects, commitments for 50% of units is required to be funded outside of CoC/ESG funding (e.g., Housing Choice Vouchers, HOME-ARP, HOPWA)

\*Existing projects/programs that are not currently funded by CoC/ESG funding are considered new for the purposes of this Special NOFO and eligible if the above criterion is met.

### Ranking Order: Projects will be ranked in the following order

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1. Supportive Services Only (SSO) Projects: Street outreach, Care coordination for high system utilizers (Community Mental Health, Health Care, Treatment Centers, Jails/Prisons, etc.), Discharge planning (Households exiting institutions), Collaborative case management, etc.
2. Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO CE) Projects
3. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Projects: License Fees and Staff to support increased training and technical support
4. New Rapid Re-Housing: New construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation is not eligible
5. CoC Planning Projects: Developing and supporting the CoC system, evaluating and monitoring recipients and subrecipients, preparing and participating in the consolidated plan, etc. as outlined in [24 CFR 578.39](#)

**Note:** Only a maximum of 3% of the total award can be allocated towards CoC Planning per the Special NOFO.

\*Except for CoC Planning Projects, there are no designated caps or maximum allotments for each respective Project. The community is interested in funding each project category.

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