

# The Augusta, GA CoC (GA-504) d.b.a. the Homeless Task Force (HTF) is pleased to announce a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Fiscal Year 2023 CoC NOFO Competition!

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The Augusta Homeless Task Force, through Augusta Housing and Community Development (HCD) as the Lead Agency of the Augusta, GA Continuum of Care (CoC: GA-504) invites interested eligible agencies, including agencies that have not previously received CoC grants, to apply for funding to create housing and related support services for those experiencing homelessness in Augusta, Georgia. Applicants responding to this NOFO, in addition to meeting other eligibility criteria as described in the NOFO, must have documented experience managing Federal Grants within the last 2 years.

This summary provides highlights of some of the important information in the FY 2023 CoC NOFO, but it is not intended to be exhaustive or complete. All potential applicants must read the full NOFO and all HUD and esnaps guidance for additional details.

**Program Office:** Community Planning and Development

**Funding Opportunity Title:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants

**Funding Opportunity Number:** FR-6700-N-25

**Assistance Listing Number:** 14.267

**Application Due Date:** (for the CoC Level Application submission to HUD) Sept. 28, 2023.

**All Augusta, GA CoC (GA-504) New and Renewal Project Applications must be submitted in esnaps no later than 5:00 PM August 18, 2023 to allow time for review, scoring & ranking.**

The full NOFO announcement is available at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349091>

Additional resources will be available on the HUD.gov [CoC Program Competition page](#) and the HUD Exchange [e-snaps Resources page](#). Please be sure you are following FY2023 guidance – some of which has not yet been posted by HUD. Applicants are required to complete and submit their applications via esnaps. More information about esnaps, including detailed instructions and guidance is posted on the [e-snaps page](#).

**Available Funds:** HUD is again using the Tier 1, Tier 2 funding methodology as described in the NOFO. For 2023 Tier 1 is equal to 95% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). For Augusta, our 2023 total ARD is **\$626,132** making our total Tier 1 amount **\$582,303**. Our Tier 2 amount is the difference between the Tier 1 amount and the CoC's total ARD: **\$43,829** plus a Permanent Housing Bonus for one or more eligible New Projects that meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in the NOFO, as well as a DV Bonus for qualifying projects.

**2023 HTF CoC Bonus funding for New Projects: up to \$126,532**  
**2023 HTF DV Bonus Funding for New DV Projects: up to \$180,760**

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1 Funding	CoC Planning	Permanent Housing Bonus (New Projects in PSH, RRH or RRH/TH Joint Project)	Domestic Violence Provider Bonus (New Projects in RRH, TH/RRH Joint or SSO for Coordinated Entry Support)
GA-504 - Augusta-Richmond County CoC	\$1,410,724	\$626,132	\$582,302.76	\$90,380	\$126,532	\$180,760
<i>* Amounts listed are Estimated amounts available for new projects that Augusta can apply for. Community Application scores and funding availability factor in HUD's final funding determinations and subject to final award determination from HUD. Please review the FY2023 CoC Program Competition NOFA for full details</i>						

**Eligible Project Applicants:** Eligibility information is described in Section V. of the NOFO.

**Eligible Costs:** 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 and section 423(a)(13) of the rules of 42 USC 11383(a)(13) identify the eligible costs for which funding may be requested under the CoC Program. Costs for renewing eligible YHDP renewal projects are eligible costs and may be requested under this NOFO. For YHDP replacement projects eligible costs under the CoC program, including section 423(a) (13) of the Act (42 USC 11383(a)(13), and costs for eligible YHDP replacement activities described in V.B.4.a.(5) may be requested under this NOFO. HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs, except as otherwise provided in this NOFO.

**Local Competition Deadlines:** HUD REQUIRES that all Project Applications be submitted to the local CoC no later than 30 days before the CoC Application deadline of September 28, 2023. The CoC must notify all Project Applicants no later than 15 days before the final FY 2023 CoC Application deadline whether their Project Applications will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated Application submission.

**For Augusta: All project applications (both new and renewal) must be submitted in esnaps no later than 5:00 PM August 18, 2023. Applicants will be notified of the HTF Scoring and Ranking results no later than August 29, 2023.**

Please note that HTF is requiring each Applicant, both New and Renewal, to also submit Match Funding letters documenting commitments of funds from Applicant accounts or from other sources substantiating the minimum 25% Match Requirement established by HUD in the NOFO. These additional documents are not part of the eSnaps application and must be emailed separately to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov)

**HTF Request for Renewal Project Applications:** Renewal Projects will be reviewed based on annual performance results and any new information found in their 2023 Renewal Application.

**While the Application is not required to be submitted in esnaps until August 18, 2023, HCD requests that each Renewal Applicant provide the following information to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) for each eligible Renewal Project listed under their agency on the 2023 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) as found on HUD Exchange **no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, August 7, 2023**:**

1. Does your agency intend to Renew the Grant(s)?
  - a. If NO, will the funds be available for Reallocation?
2. Does your agency intend to Expand the Grant(s)?
  - a. If yes, please see the New Project section, below.
3. Does your agency intend to Transition the Grant(s)?
  - a. If yes, please see New Project section, below.
4. Does your agency intend to Consolidate 2 or more existing Grants?
  - a. If yes, please indicate which Grants.

**For YHDP Renewal and /or Replacement Applications – HUD has decided that YHDP Renewals will be funded without/regardless of scoring and ranking results – but agencies MUST STILL SUBMIT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS for these projects and follow all other rules and deadlines. Read the NOFO for details! NOTE: This information is for full disclosure of NOFO requirements – Augusta does not currently have any YHDP Renewal or Replacement eligible projects for the FY2023 CoC NOFO Competition.**

**HTF Request for New Project Applications, Expansion Applications, and Transition Applications:** New, Expansion, and Transition Project proposals will be reviewed based on their 2023 Project Applications as submitted in eSnaps.

**In order to better plan and coordinate resources, HCD requests that all agencies intending to submit a New, Expansion, or Transition Project Application provide the following information to [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov) for each Project, **no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, August 7, 2023**. **A template for this information will be distributed to the HTF Mailing List:****

- a. Description of the proposed new/expansion/transition activities, services, staffing and organizational capacity. Please include specific data and figures on current and proposed eligible activities.
- b. Description of the community's need for the proposed activities.
- c. Description of the target population to be served.
- d. Please explain your agency's experience managing federal grants and in implementing services similar to the proposed project. If the proposed project

includes a sub recipient(s), please also describe the sub recipient(s) capacity and experience in managing federal grants and in implementing similar projects.

- e. If your agency has never been awarded CoC funding previously, a description of your agency's understanding of or experience with the population you are proposing to serve.
- f. If the proposal includes development of new housing, describe the type, size, number, and location(s) of the housing units.
- g. If submitting an application for housing and/or supportive services, please describe your organization's ability to implement this project in alignment with the Housing First model
- h. Please describe your organization's ability to meet the minimum 25% match requirement outlined in section 578.73 of the CoC Program Interim Rule and described in the FY2023 NOFO.

#### **HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities**

- *Ending homelessness for all persons.*
- *Use a Housing First approach.*
- *Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness.*
- *Improving System Performance.*
- *Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.*
- *Racial Equity.*
- *Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.*
- *Persons with Lived Experience.*
- *Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.*

Please see Section II. A. of the NOFO for detailed descriptions of each of these Policy Priorities, and Section II. B. for important information that all applicants should consider regarding CoC Program Implementation.

**Training and Resources:** The CoC Program rule can be found here: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/regulations](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/regulations)  
Training materials, detailed instructions, and program resources will available here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/> and [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc)

Again – Please be sure you are following 2023 NOFO guidance.

**Additional information** related to HTF in general and this NOFO competition in particular will be posted on the Augusta, Georgia website at:

<https://www.augustaga.gov/2316/Homeless-Task-Force-GA-504-CoC>

**The HUD Exchange Ask A Question (AAQ).** HUD Exchange AAQ is accessible 24 hours each day at <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> for questions regarding regulatory or programmatic requirements, or access to/functionality of esnaps. Always check the FAQ list first to see if your question has already been addressed.

**HUD Homeless Assistance Mailing List:** If you have not already done so, we encourage you to subscribe to relevant HUD Mailing Lists by visiting: <https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/>

**For Further Information:** Questions regarding Augusta CoC specific requirements should be directed to Augusta Housing and Community Development at [devans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:devans2@augustaga.gov). This notice and other HTF related information will be posted on the [www.augustaga.gov](http://www.augustaga.gov) website. HTF encourages all interested parties to subscribe to the [www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/](https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/) to receive notices of any new posts.

# About Augusta's Homeless Task Force

**HTF meets regularly on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00PM** at the Salvation Army's Kroc Center on Broad Street. Meetings are open to the public and we welcome participation by anyone with an interest in helping us work toward ending and preventing homelessness in Augusta, Georgia. For more information on HTF meetings, please contact Jean Callaway at [jcallaway@augustaga.gov](mailto:jcallaway@augustaga.gov) or Candice Evans at [cevans2@augustaga.gov](mailto:cevans2@augustaga.gov) or by phone at 706-821-1797.

Augusta's Homeless Task Force also includes a number of committees that focus on particular aspects of the work the HTF does. These Committees include the Executive Committee, Mental Health and Institutional Discharge Committee, Outreach Committee, Housing Committee, the Services Committee, HUD-funded Agency Committee and many others. If you have an interest in a specific topic or population, please consider joining a committee, even if you are not able to attend the full HTF meetings.

**Announced at the July HTF Meeting (July 27, 2023 2PM Kroc Center)**

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