

Funding Committee Update on This Year's Local NOFO Process

The Funding Committee thanks everyone who shared feedback on last year's Local NOFO process. Your input helped improve clarity, fairness, HUD alignment, and our community response to homelessness.

This year, we redesigned the Local Application process to be clearer, and easier to navigate for organizations of all sizes. Our goal is for every applicant to understand expectations and have a fair opportunity to submit a strong application.

What to Expect

The process includes two main steps:

- **Step 1: Local Application Process**

The Funding Committee with support from the Collaborative Applicant developed a new Local NOFO and application which the CoC Board will review for approval. The application will be released on **July 1**, with materials due by **5:00 PM on July 22**.

- **Step 2: Review, Scoring, and HUD Submission**

Applications will be reviewed, scored, and ranked through the local process. Selected applicants will need to submit their application into the eSNAPS portal as the next step in the application process for HUD's final review. HUD may request additional information during that final review.

What's Different This Year

We are introducing a **digital application platform** to support a fair, consistent submission process by:

- Allowing applicants to submit at any time during the application period
- Applying the same **5:00 PM deadline on July 22** for all applicants
- Creating a more organized and efficient review process

The application will include **character limits** to help applicants provide focused responses highlighting strengths and alignment with HUD standards.

Our Commitment

In keeping with our Governance Charter, the Funding Committee created clear materials with references to HUD guidance so applicants understand expectations.

This updated process supports participation, transparency, and strong applicant submissions. A proposed timeline is below, with a finalized version to be shared with all materials on **July 1** if any revisions are made.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to receiving your applications this year.

Cordially,
CoC Funding Committee