



Summary of HUD's Notice of Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Submission for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs

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SUMMARY

On April 30, 2008, HUD released the [Notice of Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2008 Opportunity to Register and Other Important Information for Electronic Submission for Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Programs](#), which is available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa08/cocgrp.cfm>. This Notice provides important information for the FY 2008 Continuum of Care (CoC) competition and the required electronic registration process through *e-snaps*, and also highlights the major changes that will be seen in the FY 2008 CoC NOFA. The FY 2008 CoC NOFA will be released no earlier than July 1, 2008 and the total amount of funding will be \$1.423 billion.

The Notice has three primary sections:

- I. **Overview Information** (including definitions pertaining to the CoC process);
- II. **Completing the Registration Process for CoCs** (providing information on how CoC applicants should complete the registration process in the *e-snaps* system);
- III. **Changes for FY 2008 CoC NOFA** (highlighting the changes that HUD will make in the FY 2008 CoC competition)

I. OVERVIEW INFORMATION (AND DEFINITIONS)

This section of the Notice (p. 23483) notes that approximately \$1.423 billion will be available for funding through the FY 2008 CoC Homeless Assistance Competition. The purpose of the CoC Homeless Assistance Program is to reduce the incidence of homelessness in CoC communities by assisting homeless individuals and families to move to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. The following terms are defined in the Notice and all potential applicants should review the definitions provided in the Notice carefully:

- Annual Renewal Amount;
- Continuum of Care,
- Continuum of Care Lead Agency, and Continuum of Care Lead Agency Contact;
- Continuum of Care Need Amounts including: Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Hold Harmless Need (HHN), and, Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN);
- Continuum of Care Primary Decision Making Group; and,
- Continuum of Care Registration.

This section of the Notice also provides an overview of the CoC Planning Process (p. 23484), noting that the evaluation criteria and required planning processes are not significantly changed for the FY 2008 CoC Homeless Assistance competition.

II. COMPLETING THE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR CoCs

This section of the Notice (p. 23485) highlights the following information regarding the registration process:

- Each CoC must register in the *e-snaps* electronic database prior to the beginning of the FY 2008 CoC competition, and can do so at <http://www.hud.gov/esnaps>.
- The registration process will open May 1, 2008 and will close at 4:00 pm EST on June 15, 2008.
- Each CoC must select up to 2 individuals within their organization to be authorized to submit the CoC application. During the *e-snaps* registration, CoCs will be asked to identify: the CoC Name and Number; the CoC Lead Agency; Contact information for Lead Agency staff; and the CoC's geographic areas.

Note: Existing and proposed CoCs must register their HUD-defined CoC and claimed geography with HUD through *e-snaps*. If a CoC does not have a HUD-defined name it should contact the HUD Field Office serving its area. Further, HUD held a broadcast regarding the CoC registration process on April 22, 2008. This broadcast may be viewed at <http://www.hud.gov/webcasts/archives/>. On-line training for CoC Registration may be accessed at <http://www.hudhre.info>. To assist CoCs with the registration process, HUD has set up a Help Desk, which can be accessed toll free via phone at 1-877-6eSNAPS (1-877-637-6277) or via e-mail at esnaps@hudhre.info.

III. CHANGES FOR FY 2008 CoC NOFA

This section of the Notice (p. 23485 - 23486) highlights the major changes to the FY 2008 NOFA, including:

- 1) CoCs will be required to apply electronically through <http://www.hud.gov/esnaps>.
- 2) CoCs will be required to register prior to the beginning of the competition.
- 3) A CoC may create multiple Samaritan Housing Initiative projects, but the total amount requested for initiative projects cannot exceed 15 percent of the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need.
- 4) HUD will continue to score applications on a 100-point scale; however the 40 Need points previously allocated to projects will be redistributed into the existing point structure. The exact nature of the redistribution will be detailed in the FY 2008 NOFA.
- 5) In the Appropriations Act in 2008, Congress directed HUD to implement a Rapid Re-Housing for Families Demonstration Program in the FY 2008 NOFA. This demonstration program will serve homeless households with dependent children.
- 6) Safe Havens will no longer be given specific classifications as "Transitional" or "Permanent Housing" and grantees will have an opportunity through the FY 2008 CoC NOFA to change the classification of their project without a grant amendment. **Please note:** Under the newly defined Safe Haven SHP program type, any chronically homeless person entering a Safe Haven will maintain his/her status as chronically homeless and will therefore be eligible to enter a funded Samaritan Housing Initiative project.
- 7) Grantees and applicants will be reminded that Shelter Plus Care and new SRO grants may not exceed 100 percent of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) and unit size.
- 8) CoCs that are in "Hold Harmless Need Status" may now use the reallocation process to create a new dedicated HMIS projects.
- 9) HUD will allow only one applicant for HMIS dedicated grants within a CoC, and 10) the Notice provides details regarding the use of HMIS funds.

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