

Continuum of Care Board Meeting August 15, 2024

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Credit to: Dr. Aileen Duldulao and Heather Heater, Multnomah County

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River. This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Let us please take a moment of silence to acknowledge the history of how we are here in this place and to honor the People.

Community Agreements

- 1. Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work.
- 2. Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not trump impact.
- 3. Be accountable. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.
- 4. Be mindful of privilege, historical structures of oppression, and the shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
- 5. Expect and accept non-closure.
- 6. Honor the diversity in the room and stay open to different perspectives. There may be several different roads that lead to a great outcome.
- 7. Language matters. Use intentional, direct, non-violent language. Speak your truth responsibly.
- 8. Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
- 9. Maintain confidentiality. share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
- 10. Meet folks where they are at. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, and transparent in our dialogue.
- 11. Refrain from stigmatizing language and use people-first language.

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Questions from GARE and BHD to guide us when a quick decision is needed:

- What are the racial equity impacts of this particular decision?
- What intersectional identities will be impacted by the proposal?
- Who will benefit and who will be burdened by the decision?
- Are there strategies to mitigate these consequences? What targeted strategies do we add to meet the needs of people of color in order to reduce disparities?



Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
5 min	Community Agreements, Land and Labor Acknowledgement, RELT Questions	Chair
30 min	Introductions	Chair
1 hour	Strategy 1.2 (Continued)	Cammisha Manley
20 min	2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity	Alyssa Plesser





New Term for CoC Board Members

THANK YOU TO OUR LEAVING BOARD MEMBERS!



Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Organization or Representation Areas
- NEW members: why did you apply to be on the CoC Board?
- RETURNING members: what keeps you on the CoC Board?



Lived & Learned Experience on the CoC Board

The current CoC Board is comprised of 20 fabulous individuals, representing many communities, experiences, and areas of expertise, including:

- Lived experience of homelessness
- American Indian, Alaska Native, Indigenous
- Black/African American
- Latine
- LGBTQIA2S+
- Disabling Condition
- Survivor of Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Human Trafficking
- Experience using public benefits
- Mental health diagnosis
- Veterans
- All geographic areas in Multnomah
- Culturally specific providers

- Research/higher education
- Youth Service Provider/Advocate
- Family Service Provider/Advocate
- Adult Service Provider/Advocate
- DV Service Provider/Advocate
- Shelter/outreach services
- Recovery/SUD/ Behavioral Health
- Healthcare system / Public Health
- Public Housing Agency
- Public Policy
- Business community
- Legal community/Advocacy
- Criminal Justice
- Employment/Workforce Development



CoC Action Plan: Strategy 1.2

Strategy 1.2: Factors & Impediments

In May, we discussed factors contributing to homelessness in the community & impediments to achieving solutions for individuals & families experiencing homelessness.



Strategy 1.2: Factors & Impediments



Individual level factors can increase an individual's vulnerability and likeliness of experiencing homelessness, yet these factors are not the cause of the homelessness crisis. The traumatic conditions of unsheltered homelessness exacerbate the social determinants of homelessness.

Strategy 1.2: Factors & Impediments



Strategy 1.2

Impediments

- Housing supply
- Portland needs 5,200 per year
 Criminalization of addiction
- Criminalization of homelessness
- Stigma and discrimination
- Inadequate data systems/outdated HMIS
- Capacity constraints among housing service providers
 - Demand > Supply
 - Workforce burnout
 - Limitations to service coordination
- Lack of metrics to demonstrate successful outcomes
- Political tension and leadership
- NIMBYism (Not In My Backyard Mentality)

Strategy 1.2 - Going Further

After meeting the goal of Strategy 1.2, the workgroup wanted to take the strategy a bit further to discuss possible solutions to these issues based on the Board's experience and the current state of strategic planning at the county level.

Workgroup decided to focus on the Homelessness Response Action Plan. The plan is ambitious, aiming to better target and improve homeless services across Multnomah County. Given the size of the new plan (with its nine goals and many action items), the Board began with discrete goals that best aligned with the CoC's ongoing efforts. Discussion quickly centered on Goal 4, focusing on how to align efforts and recommend areas for the County to complement its actions.

Strategy 1.2 - Going Further

Goal 4 of the Homeless Response Action Plan aims to establish interventions to prevent homelessness among youth aging out of foster care, individuals exiting the criminal justice system, and people discharged from healthcare or behavioral health settings. The goal includes providing housing vouchers, navigation services, and immediate care coordination for those at risk. It also emphasizes creating data exchange agreements and developing best practices to identify housing, medical, and educational needs, ensuring continuity of care and secure housing, healthcare, and employment pathways for these vulnerable populations to significantly reduce their risk of homelessness and recidivism.

This goal naturally aligns with our roles and responsibilities as a CoC by emphasizing coordinated efforts, resource allocation, and strategic partnerships to provide comprehensive support and secure permanent housing solutions, particularly for vulnerable populations transitioning into permanent housing various institutional settings.

Strategy 1.2 - Recommendations

In March, the discussion was broken up into those three topic areas, with a discussion of "current state" and concrete recommendations to be made to the Homelessness Response System:

- Addressing Housing Stability and Employment for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
- 2. Reentry Support and Housing Navigation for Individuals Exiting the Criminal Justice System
- 3. Immediate Care Coordinator Processing Initiatives for People Discharged from Healthcare or Behavioral Health Settings

After reviewing the recommendation document, created based on the Board discussion, Board will vote on whether to forward these recommendations to the HRS.



2024 & 2025 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity

2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity

The 2024 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity was released on July 30th. Collaborative applications are due on **October 30**, **2024**.

Available Funding:

- Tier 1 (90% of Annual Renewal Demand): \$30,354,640
- Tier 2 (remainder of Annual Renewal Demand + CoC Bonus): \$7,420,023
- CoC Bonus: \$4,047,285
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: \$1,364,160
- CoC Planning: \$1,500,000 (non-competitive)

Note: we also have one project that is voluntarily reallocating funds in the amount of \$156,587



2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Two-Year Cycle for NOFO Applications.

- The application and selection and application process for FY 2024 funds will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions.
- CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to both FY 2024 and FY 2025 funds.
- If new competitive funding becomes available for FY 2025, this NOFO may be amended, and the FY 2024-2025 CoC Application and score may be used for the application selection process.
- If FY 2025 appropriations are not able to fully fund all FY 2025 renewal grants, grant amounts may be reduced proportionately.



2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity

Cost of Living Adjustments for Conditionally Selected Grants:

HUD is authorized to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts, which can help organizations afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects based on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEQ) for the category Social Assistance.



2024 NOFO: Local Competition

The New and Expansion Project local solicitation opened on August 6, 2024. All applications are due **September 3**, **2024 at 11:59 PM**.

We will host a TA workshop on August 13th, 10:30am-12:00pm with our Technical Assistance provider (Homebase) to discuss this year's NOFO and the requirements for new and expansion projects. This info session will review:

- Funding available
- Types of projects that are eligible to apply
- Application process
- Scoring and selection process
- Important deadlines

Joint Office of Homeless Services

2024 NOFO: Local Competition

Important Dates for New/Expansion Projects:

- August 6th: Local Solicitation Open
- September 3rd: All Bonus Project Applications due to Collaborative Applicant
- September 5th-19th: Collaborative Application Committee scores new project applications
- September 26th: Rating and Ranking
- September 27th: Prioritized listing posted & sent to all applicants
- October 4th: Draft ESNAPS applications due
- October 21st: Final ESNAPS application due for all projects





Media & Graphic - Example 1

MultCo LIP Goals

Increase Shelter Capacity & Street Outreach

Supporting Culturally-Specific Providers and System Capacity

Regional Coordination, Community Engagement and Data

Reduce Racial Disparities within Service Outcomes







Media & Graphic - Example 2

Housing & Program Quantitative Goals

Total number of housing placements: 1,345 people.



Rapid Rehousing & Short-Term Rent Assistance





Table - Example 1

	SHS Unanticipated Revenue	Multco Direct American Rescue Plan (ARP)	Total
Available Resources	\$50,530,962	\$12,417,438	\$62,948,400
Proposed Investments to Reduce Homelessness			
Expanding Shelter Access	\$21,851,333		\$21,851,333
Behavioral Health, Crisis Stabilization & Housing Services	12,964,000		
Shelter to Housing Flow through	8,182,895	1,150,438	9,333,333
Increasing Daytime Support Services	3,333,333		3,333,333
Preventing Households from Homelessness		10,140,000	
Improving Systems + Access to Services	2,279,520		2,279,520
Total Homeless Related Investments	\$48,611,081	\$11,290,438	\$59,901,519
Plus: Addt'l Countywide ARP Investments*		1,127,000	1,127,000
Available Balance	\$1,919,881	\$0	\$1,919,881

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Employment Programs	\$0.4M	\$1.5M	\$1.9M
Housing Placement & Retention	\$20.9M	\$1.4M	\$22.3M
Safety Off & On the Streets	\$3.6M	\$4.7M	\$8.3M
Supportive Housing	\$0.6M	-	\$0.6M
System Support, Access, & Coordination	\$15.0M	\$10.0M	\$25.0M
Total	\$40.5M	\$17.6M	\$58.1M









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