



2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds NOFO: Bidder's Conference FAQs

City of Baltimore CoCBuilds RFP Q&A August 27, 2024

- 1. The HUD NOFO requires that narrative responses be in double spaced, Times New Roman 12-point font with at least 1” margins. Is that a requirement of the responses to Baltimore MOHS?**

Answer 1: Yes, please see page 3 of the [application template](#) with this guidance. There will also be a Word version of the application template uploaded by Friday, October 4th for easier access.

- 2. Is the 10% cap on project administrative expenses utilized by the project sponsor or by MOHS/CoC?**

Answer 2: Per the HUD NOFO Section G, Part 1, C:

Project applications “may include administrative costs of no more than 10 percent of the total amount requested for capital costs and, if included, eligible CoC Program costs outlined in Section IV.G.3 of this NOFO. HUD will award no more than 10 percent of final award for administrative costs associated with the PSH project.”

At this time, MOHS and the CoC do not plan to utilize a portion of the requested project budget. The 10% administration cost can be utilized by the project applicant.

- 3. How do we reflect the 20% of funds we are planning to request for rental assistance and case management and the 10% of administrative funds on the required, attached budget form?**

Answer 3: Using the [Application Template](#) provided on the MOHS CoC Builds webpage, please enter the eligible costs in each of the specified tables on pages 11 to 14.

- 4. The NOFO states that funds for rental assistance, case management and administrative expenses are eligible for renewal. Will this be through an expanded amount available through the annual NOFO process?**

Answer 4: Under the [HUD CoC Builds NOFO](#) page 15:

9. Non-capital costs funds awarded under this NOFO may be eligible for renewal in the CoC Program Competition.

For more information, [click here to review HUD's Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Builds NOFO FAQs](#)



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5. How do we determine if the proposed project to develop new PSH is consistent with the HUD approved Consolidated Plan?

Answer 5: The City of Baltimore Consolidated Plan is located here: [2021-2025 Consolidated Plan](#). Some of the areas that PSH can be consistent with the Consolidated Plan include:

Priority Needs:

- Page 131 – 1. Affordable Housing
- Page 134 – 6. Housing and Other Services to Special Needs Pop.

Goals:

- Page 160 – 5. Create/Increase Affordable Rental Housing
- Page 161 – 7. Housing for Special Needs Populations

6. Are funds secured through the Medicaid 1115 Assistance in Community Integration Services considered an acceptable leveraging source?

Answer 6: Yes, but the RFP respondent must be an approved vendor by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) in order to leverage this funding source.

7. Specifically, for the grant agreement that must be executed by September 1, 2025, is it possible for the agreement to be signed before the closing of project financing that have been awarded but not yet closed?

Answer 7: It is up to HUD as to when the agreement will be ready for execution. Once notified of award, the Project Applicant can work with HUD to negotiate the timeline.