

Kentucky Balance of State Continuum of Care

CoC Special Notice of Funding Opportunity
(Special NOFO)
to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

Application Guidelines and Local Selection Process

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I. Purpose

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the [Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness \(Special NOFO\)](#) in June 2022. The Special NOFO is entirely separate from HUD's annual CoC Program Competition.

The purpose of the Special NOFO is to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness, especially in areas with high levels of unsheltered homelessness and in rural areas. Through this Special NOFO, HUD will award funding to communities that implement coordinated approaches to reducing unsheltered homelessness and serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs. These approaches must be grounded in Housing First and public health principles and must improve service engagement, health outcomes, and housing stability. As stated throughout the Special NOFO and these application guidelines, HUD expects communities to partner with health care and housing providers to leverage mainstream housing and health care resources.

As part of the Special NOFO, CoCs are required to develop and submit for competitive scoring purposes, a *CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*. All projects submitted through this competition must be aligned with and support this Plan. HUD defines "severe service needs" in the Special NOFO as follows:

any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work

Through the Special NOFO, HUD has established two funding set-asides through which applicants can apply: the **Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside** and the **Rural Set-Aside**. The two set-asides have distinct eligibility criteria and other requirements. Interested applicants are expected to carefully review the Special NOFO and these application guidelines to understand the two funding options and to ensure proposed projects are aligned with HUD and Kentucky Balance of State Continuum of Care (KY BoS CoC) policies and priorities.

The purpose of this document is to explain the KY BoS CoC application process for interested applicants, including locally established policies and procedures and the process that will be used to select projects for inclusion in the KY BoS CoC's Special NOFO Consolidated Application to HUD.

While these guidelines include information directly from the Special NOFO, interested applicants must read the Special NOFO in full to ensure understanding of any requirements for project applicants and project applications not explicitly stated in this document.

The KY BoS CoC is seeking applicants committed to the goals of HUD's Special NOFO and local policy priorities, including, but not limited to:

- Current CoC-funded organizations
- Organizations not currently receiving CoC funding, including first-time applicants
- Organizations serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Youth providers
- Organizations serving structurally disadvantaged areas such as rural areas with high poverty rates currently with little or no CoC resources
- Organizations serving traditionally underserved communities such as Black, Latino, and other people of color; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ+) individuals; people with disabilities; people in rural areas; and people otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality.

Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) is the designated Collaborative Applicant for the KY BoS CoC. In this role, KHC is charged with overseeing the local competition for this Special NOFO and submitting a Consolidated Application to HUD on behalf of the KY BoS CoC. The Consolidated Application contains three parts: the CoC Application that will be completed by KHC on behalf of the CoC, individual project applications, and a Priority Listing of projects in rank order for HUD's consideration of funding.

As part of the local competition process, the KY BoS CoC Advisory Board charged the Scoring and Ranking Committee with establishing policies and scoring criteria for the selection of projects. The local competition policies included in this document have been approved by the Scoring and Ranking Committee.

II. KY BoS CoC Policy Priorities

The KY BoS CoC policy priorities reflect a commitment to the priorities set by HUD in the Special NOFO and are rooted in a commitment to develop a homeless response system that ensures homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring. The priorities apply to both the Unsheltered Set-Aside and the Rural Set-Aside. The criteria that the KY BoS CoC will use to select projects in the local competition are aligned with these priorities as will be the *CoC's Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*.

Unsheltered Homelessness

The number of people experiencing unsheltered homeless has risen significantly nationally and continues to be a reality for many in the KY BoS CoC. Research has shown that people living unsheltered report significantly greater health challenges and experiences of trauma and violence than their sheltered peers. This Special NOFO supports CoCs in their efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations and to connect them to appropriate housing, health care and other mainstream resources. HUD will evaluate CoCs on the extent to which the projects proposed through this Special NOFO will contribute to reducing unsheltered homelessness. The KY BoS CoC will select projects based on the extent to which projects will support this priority.

Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas

Rural areas often lack the resources and infrastructure to adequately provide services and permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, especially those who are living in unsheltered situations and those with the most severe service needs. Furthermore, rural areas often face challenges and needs that are specific to the geography that require unique strategies. This Special NOFO provides funds to support rural communities expand resources in their areas to combat homelessness, especially in areas that are considered structurally disadvantaged. Projects serving structurally disadvantaged areas will receive priority in the local selection process. HUD defines structurally disadvantaged areas as geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty, and are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable.

Using a Housing First Approach

Housing First is a housing-focused service delivery model that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or program eligibility preconditions. All projects proposed through this Special NOFO must use a Housing First approach and will be evaluated by the KY BoS CoC once the project is implemented to ensure compliance with and fidelity to the model. As part of using a Housing First approach, funded projects should engage landlords and property owners to identify inventory available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. Projects proposed through the KY BoS CoC local competition that do not adhere to a Housing First approach will not be accepted for inclusion in the KY BoS CoC Consolidated Application to HUD. Projects will be evaluated in the local competition based on the extent to which they will help people, including those who are unsheltered and those with severe service needs, obtain and maintain permanent housing.

Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness including People With Lived Experience

Effectively combatting homelessness to ensure it is rare, brief, and one-time when it does occur requires coordination with a variety of community partners and stakeholders far beyond homeless service providers. An effective strategy requires meaningful coordination with a variety of stakeholders including, but not limited to, affordable housing developers, Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), mainstream service providers, victim service providers, local political and business leaders, organizations serving underserved and marginalized communities, healthcare providers. Furthermore, involving people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who have previously experienced homelessness in the planning and implementation of efforts to address homelessness is very important. The Special NOFO strongly encourages and incentivizes CoCs to include a broad array of stakeholders in the development and implementation of the *CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*. When developing project applications, applicants should follow this same approach.

Advancing Equity

In most communities, Black and other people of color as well as people who identify as LGBTQ+ and those with disabilities are overrepresented in the homeless population. In many cases, these same people can face significant barriers in accessing services and do not have equitable outcomes compared to others in the homeless population. HUD continues to strongly encourage and incentivize CoCs to address equity through system and program changes that identifies and addresses the needs of subpopulations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness. This includes, but is not limited to, identifying barriers that led to any disparities that exist and taking steps to remove these barriers. This can be accomplished, in part, by evaluating local policies and processes to identify where barriers that lead to disparities might exist and how changes can be made to ensure equitable access and outcomes for underserved communities.

Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies

CoCs should maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources to serve people experiencing homelessness; work closely with public and private healthcare organizations to help people receive primary care, receive housing-related services, and obtain health insurance to address healthcare needs. This includes developing close partnerships with health care agencies to analyze data and design approaches that reduce homelessness, improve the health of people experiencing homelessness, and prevent and address disease outbreaks, including HIV/AIDS. Furthermore, CoCs should partner with Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) and other state and local housing organizations to utilize coordinated entry, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies; and partner with workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities. Through the Special NOFO, HUD is strongly incentivizing formal partnerships with housing providers and health care providers to leverage housing and health care resources not funded by CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. Projects proposed through the local competition will be evaluated on the extent to which they meet some or all of the criteria established by HUD for leveraging resources as stated in Section VII.B.4.a(1) and VII.B.4.b of the Special NOFO.

Geographic Coverage

The KY BoS CoC is comprised of 118 of Kentucky's 120 counties. As the KY BoS CoC continues to build a stronger homelessness response system, increasing the geographic availability of CoC resources is imperative. Through this Special NOFO, the KY BoS CoC has the opportunity to significantly increase resources in areas that currently have little or no CoC resources. To ensure as much geographic availability of resources as possible for people experiencing homelessness, the KY BoS CoC has established policies through this local competition that requires multi-county availability of resources and incentivizes projects in structurally disadvantaged areas.

III. Eligible Project Types and Costs

As part of the Special NOFO, HUD has established two funding opportunities under which CoCs can apply: **1) Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside** and **2) Rural Set Aside**. The KY BoS CoC intends to submit applications under both set-asides.

The KY BoS CoC is eligible to apply for up to **\$11,427,473** in funding for projects eligible under the Unsheltered Set-Aside and up to **\$9,693,323** for projects eligible under the Rural Set-Aside. **Project grant terms will be 3 years.**

Below the eligible project types and allowable costs (also referred to as activities) are separated by set-aside type as there are some distinctions between the two.

A. Unsheltered Set-Aside

Projects included in this funding opportunity may serve areas in any of the KY BoS CoC's 118-county geographic coverage area. This includes all KY counties except Fayette (Lexington) and Jefferson (Louisville). These two areas have their own CoCs and operate their own local competitions separate from the KY BoS CoC.

Project Types

Under the Special NOFO, HUD will fund projects with the following CoC project types through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/RRH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO), including:
 - SSO-Stand Alone
 - SSO-Street Outreach
 - SSO-Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (*note only KHC as the HMIS-lead entity for the KY BoS CoC may apply for this component type*)
- Planning (*note only KHC as the CoC Collaborative Applicant for the KY BoS CoC may apply for this component type*)

Eligible Costs (Activities)

In general, all costs listed in **24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63** are eligible costs under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside, **except** that projects applying under the Unsheltered Homeless Set Aside may **not** request funds for acquisition (24 CFR 578.43), rehabilitation (24 CFR 578.45), or new construction (24 CFR 578.47). Projects submitted to KHC through the Unsheltered Set Aside that include costs for acquisition, rehabilitation, and/or new construction will not be accepted.

B. Rural Set-Aside

Projects included in the Rural Set-Aside funding opportunity are limited to geographies designated as “Rural Areas” by HUD in the Special NOFO. For the KY BoS CoC, 99 counties are considered Rural for purposes of this competition. A list of these 99 Rural Set-Aside eligible counties can be found in Appendix B of the Special NOFO and incorporated as Appendix B in these application guidelines. Appendix A of this document shows the 19 KY Bos CoC counties not eligible to be included in projects proposed through the Rural Set-Aside.

Project Types

Under the Special NOFO, HUD will fund projects with the following CoC project types through the Rural Set-Aside:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/RRH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO), including:
 - SSO-Stand Alone
 - SSO-Street Outreach
 - SSO-Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (*note only KHC as the HMIS-lead entity for the KY BoS CoC may apply for this component type*)

Eligible Costs (Activities)

In general, all costs listed in **24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63** are eligible costs under the Rural Set-Aside. Unlike the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside, the Special NOFO established additional eligible activities for projects proposed under the Rural Set-Aside so long as the activities are part of an SSO, PSH, RRH, or Joint TH/RRH project. These additional allowable activities are listed in **Section V.B.3.e.(2)(b)** of the Special NOFO.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to consider requesting funds for these additional activities allowed under the Rural Set-Aside as they are intended to help rural communities overcome barriers to assisting people experiencing homelessness often present in areas with little services, access to emergency shelter, and/or insufficient safe and affordable housing. In addition, applicants can apply for funds to support capacity building, which is intended to maintain or improve the skills of program staff involved in the implementation of these projects.

IV. Eligible Program Participants

Please note the eligible program participants (e.g., clients) that can be served under each set-aside (Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and Rural Set-Aside) are not entirely the same. Below the eligible participants under each set-aside type are listed separately.

References to “paragraphs” of the definition of homelessness refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of “homeless” in 24 CFR 578.3. For future information purposes, applicants should also understand that the paragraphs of the homeless definition are sometimes referred to as “categories” (e.g. paragraph 1 of the HUD definition of homeless is also referred to as “Category 1 homeless”). People only meeting the definition of “At risk of homelessness” (which is not one of the 4 paragraphs under the homeless definition) are not eligible to be served by CoC-funded projects.

A. Unsheltered Set-Aside

Projects funded under the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants:

1. meet the criteria of **paragraph (1)** of the definition of homeless at 578.3, **except** that persons coming from transitional housing must have originally come from places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, or institutions where they resided for 90 days or less and originally came from places not meant for human habitation, safe havens, or emergency shelters; or
2. meet the criteria of **paragraph (4)** of the definition of homeless at 578.3.

B. Rural Set-Aside

Projects funded under the Rural Set-Aside may serve any program participant meeting the criteria of the definition of “homeless” in 24 CFR 578.3, except in order to serve individuals and families meeting the criteria of paragraph (3) of the homelessness definition, CoCs must receive approval to do so from HUD following the procedures established in the Special NOFO.

The KY BoS CoC does not intend to seek approval from HUD to serve participants who would be eligible under paragraph (3), therefore, eligible participants for Rural Set-Aside projects submitted through the KY BoS CoC must meet the criteria of paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the homeless definition.

It is very important, however, that applicants understand that they must take referrals for their PSH, RRH, and Joint TH/RRH projects exclusively through the KY BoS CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES). The KY BoS CoC CES prioritizes people experiencing paragraph (1) homelessness and paragraph (4) homelessness using an order of priority to serve people with the highest level of need and longest amount of time homeless among other considerations. Furthermore, applicants should carefully review the participant eligibility criteria for each program component type as additional eligibility requirements may exist.

V. KY BoS CoC Local Policies for Project Applications

In addition to requirements established by HUD in the Special NOFO for project applications, the KY BoS CoC has adopted the following requirements:

- Each project must be able to serve households with children and households without children (including more than one adult). In other words, projects cannot be limited to just singles or just families with children.
- Each project must be able to serve all genders and not be limited to just one gender (e.g., cannot serve “females only”).
- Each project (excluding SSO-CE) must commit to providing the following three services in order to connect people to mainstream benefits:
 - transportation either directly or through a partner
 - conducting at least annual follow-ups to ensure mainstream benefits are received and renewed
 - provide SSI/SSDI technical assistance/help with applications either directly or through a partner
- Each project (excluding SSO-CE) must commit to having at least one staff member be SOAR-trained at least once every 24-months who will provide SSI/SSDI technical assistance or to enter into a MOU with an entity that can regularly provide technical assistance to program participants with SOAR-trained staff.
- Each project must be consistent with the *KY BoS CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*
- Each project must serve a minimum of four counties, with additional points awarded for serving a full Local Prioritization Community (LPC). Site-based PSH projects located in a single county must accept participants living in a full LPC. The CoC reserves the right to amend this requirement if not all funds have been requested. The CoC may also take into consideration projects proposed for the Unsheltered Set-Aside that overlap with projects of the same component type proposed for the Rural Set-Aside and could allow adjustments to the counties included if the two projects proposed collectively cover at least 4 contiguous counties.

VI. Application Process and Important Dates

Applications will first be submitted to KHC to be scored in the local competition to determine if a project will be accepted and ranked for submission to HUD. Applicants must carefully follow the instructions provided in this document as well as any other information provided by KHC to prospective applicants intending to submit applications.

Information from applicants will be submitted to KHC for review in two ways. First, is via e-snaps, HUD’s online application platform. The second is by emailing information directly to KHC staff as requested by KHC. Applicants should visit the [Special NOFO Funding Opportunity page](#) of KHC’s website and sign up

for and carefully review KHC eGrams for any instructions beyond what is included in this document. A checklist of required items that need to be returned to KHC outside of e-snaps will be made available to prospective applicants on the [Special NOFO Funding Opportunity page](#). When signing up for KHC eGrams relating to the Special NOFO, applicants should select the Homeless and Support Services listserv.

Applications must be submitted via e-snaps

Applicants must submit completed applications via HUD's online application platform called [e-snaps](#). When applicants submit through e-snaps, the application does not go directly to HUD. Rather, the application will go to KHC, the KY BoS CoC Collaborative Applicant responsible for packaging and submitting all individual project applications to HUD. If a project is selected to be included in the KY BoS CoC's Consolidated Application that KHC will submit to HUD for funding consideration, KHC will submit the final version of the application to HUD via e-snaps on the applicant's behalf.

Information on how to use e-snaps, including how to set up an account, create an application, and navigate through the application, can be found of [HUD's Special NOFO Competition page](#) of their website. Look under the sections titled "Navigational Guides" and "Detailed Instructions" for information related to "Project Applications". In addition to resources found at the link above, that must be used when completing applications, HUD has also published an [e-snaps 101 Toolkit](#) applicants new to the system or those who need a refresher may find helpful.

HUD's Project Application Detailed Instructions

It is imperative that applicants carefully review and follow the instructions in [HUD's Project Detailed Instructions document](#) when completing their applications in e-snaps. The Detailed Instructions contain vital information on what KHC and HUD expect to see in applicant's responses. The Detailed Instructions provide much more information on what is expected of applicants than applicants will find by simply looking at the questions in the project application itself. Applications will be evaluated by KHC and HUD based on the extent to which they are responsive to HUD's specific instructions.

Submission Deadline

Applicants must submit completed applications (including all relevant attachments) via e-snaps by **5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, September 19, 2022. Revised Deadline: 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.**

Applicants will also be required to submit supplemental information to KHC via email by **5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, September 19, 2022 Revised Deadline: 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, September 20, 2022** that will be used for scoring purposes. A checklist of required items will be posted on the [Special NOFO Funding Opportunity page](#) of KHC's website.

Additional Dates

October 5: Applicants will be notified in writing on or before this date whether their project application will be accepted, and if so, where it will be ranked on the KY BoS CoC's Priority Listing of projects that

will be submitted to HUD as part of the KY BoS CoC's Consolidated Application. A special meeting of the KY BoS CoC Advisory Board will be scheduled on or before October 5 for the Board to approve the rankings of projects. The date and time of this meeting will be made publicly available via KHC eGrams.

October 18 (or earlier): All parts of the Consolidated Application (including Priority Listing of projects) will be posted on KHC's website.

October 20 (or earlier): Consolidated Application (including individual project applications) submitted to HUD by KHC.

VII. HUD Funding Process

HUD outlines the process it will use to select projects submitted by CoC's in Section II.B.2 of the Special NOFO. HUD will use two separate processes – one for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and one for the Rural Set-Aside.

A. Unsheltered Set-Aside

HUD will select projects based on the score ("CoC Score") the CoC receives on the CoC Application that Collaborative Applicants submit on behalf of their respective CoCs. HUD's CoC Scoring Criteria and associated point values can be found in Section VII. of the Special NOFO.

HUD will select projects from CoCs starting with the highest scoring CoC and continuing in this manner based on CoC Score until no funds remain. In all cases, projects must also meet HUD's threshold requirements as described in Section V.C.3 and VIII.A.1 of the Special NOFO. In other words, a CoC scoring the highest with all projects meeting HUD threshold requirements will have all of its projects selected for funding. This will continue from highest scoring CoC to lowest scoring CoC until funds are exhausted.

B. Rural Set-Aside

Projects included on the CoC's Rural Set Aside project listing will be selected by HUD in order, up to the CoCs maximum funding amount, based on project application scores HUD will award as follows:

HUD will award a point value to each project application that is on the Rural Set Aside project listing using a 100-point scale:

(1) CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the questions from the CoC Application required to be answered for the Rural Set Aside (e.g., if a CoC received 60 out of 89 points on the Rural Set Aside CoC Application questions, the project application would receive 34 out of 50 points for this criterion).

(2) CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoCs ranking of projects, point values will be assigned directly related to the CoC's ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity $(1-x)$ where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC on the

Rural Set Aside project listing plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available for the rural set aside. For example, if a CoC is eligible to apply for projects totaling \$500,000 in the rural set aside and applies for 5 projects of \$100,000 each: the highest-ranked project would receive 36 points, and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 28, 20, 12, and 4 points

(3) Serving Structurally Disadvantaged Areas. 10 points if the project applicant makes a commitment to serve individuals and families in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty, and are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable, such as, for example, trust lands and reservations

VIII. Local Scoring and Ranking Overview

For both the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and the Rural Set-Aside, CoCs are required by HUD to rank projects based on objective criteria and other local considerations. A scoresheet will be used to score each project, regardless of which set-aside is requested. The approved scoresheet that will be used for all projects will be available for public review on the [Special NOFO Funding Opportunity page](#) of KHC's website. The CoC will establish a ranking for projects submitted through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside and a separate ranking of projects submitted through the Rural Set-Aside.

Applications will be scored on factors that include, but are not limited to, project component type; serving structurally disadvantaged or underserved areas; leveraging housing and/or health care resources; quality of plans to help program participants obtain and maintain permanent housing, access mainstream benefits and health care, and increase income; strategies to reach people with severe services needs and marginalized communities least likely to access shelter and services; organization experience and capacity; and client-level outcomes for HUD's System Performance Measures for applicants currently utilizing HMIS (of for Victim Service Providers, an HMIS-comparable database). Applicants should carefully review the sample scoresheet that is available on the Special NOFO Funding Opportunity page of KHC's website for complete information on scoring criteria and expectations.

APR Review

Applicants with projects currently in HMIS or an HMIS-comparable database for VSPs will be evaluated using client-level data from Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for the reporting period **August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022.**

Applicants applying for a project component that they already have (e.g., an applicant currently administers one or more PSH projects and submits an application for a new PSH project through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside) will be evaluated based on the APR for that project type. If an applicant has more than one project of the same component type, the client-level outcomes from both projects will be combined for evaluation. In the event an applicant is applying for a project component they do not currently administer (e.g., an SSO-Street Outreach applicant currently administers RRH, but not Street Outreach), the applicant will be evaluated for the project type that they have that is the

highest level of intervention (PSH will be used first. If an applicant doesn't have PSH, RRH will be used instead, for example).

A. Unsheltered Set-Aside

- Projects will initially be ranked in order of score from scoresheet.
- Rankings may be adjusted to move PSH and SSO-Street Outreach projects serving structurally disadvantaged areas above other projects.
- SSO-CE projects will be ranked at the bottom in the order they score (if more than one is proposed).
- CoC Infrastructure Grants: Planning Grant (if proposed), HMIS (if proposed) and SSO project to support Housing Connectors (if proposed) will be ranked at the top.
- Projects that do not meet some or all of either the Leveraging Health Care Resources or Leveraging Housing Resources criteria established in the Special NOFO may be reduced in size or may not be accepted if their inclusion could negatively impact the competitiveness of all projects based on CoC score in the national competition. Projects can receive partial points in the local competition for meeting less than HUD's target amount stated in the Special NOFO. Projects serving structurally disadvantaged areas that do not meet the leveraging criteria for either Housing or Health Care will be given priority over projects not serving structurally disadvantaged areas who do not meet the leveraging criteria.

B. Rural Set-Aside

- Projects will initially be ranked in order of score from scoresheet.
- If there is a tie, projects will be ranked based on the following criteria:
 - a project that will serve an area with no CoC resources will be prioritized first;
 - If neither project meets this criterion, a project that is a component type that is not in the proposed service area will be prioritized;
 - Next criterion, if needed, will be K-Count data and/or data from the KY BoS CoC Coordinated Entry System (CES) Prioritization/Actionable List and Engagement List;
 - The last criterion considered, if needed, will be Housing and Health Care Leveraging partnerships.
- Because up to 40 pts of the 100 pts possible for each project on the national scoring is based on a project's positioning (rank) relative to other projects (where the amount of funds ranked above it is part of the equation), rankings may be adjusted to ensure the most competitive positioning that maximizes points in the national competition for as many projects as possible. PSH, SSO-SO, and projects serving structurally disadvantaged areas will be given priority if rankings are adjusted.

- SSO-CE projects will be ranked at the bottom in the order they score (if more than one project is proposed).
- CoC Infrastructure Grants: HMIS (if proposed) and SSO project to support Housing Connectors will be ranked at the top.
- Projects not included in the Rural Set-Aside may be given the option to apply through the Unsheltered Set-Aside if project meets threshold requirements.
- Projects that do not meet some or all of either the Leveraging Health Care Resources or Leveraging Housing Resources criteria established in the Special NOFO may be reduced in size or may not be accepted if their inclusion could negatively impact the competitiveness of all projects based on CoC score in the national competition. Projects can receive partial points in the local competition for meeting less than HUD's target amount stated in the Special NOFO. Projects serving structurally disadvantaged areas that do not meet the leveraging criteria for either Housing or Health Care will be given priority over projects not serving structurally disadvantaged areas who do not meet the leveraging criteria.

IX. Additional Considerations

- The CoC reserves the right to amend any of the local policies established in this document or to consider other factors that are not explicitly stated in this document when making final ranking decisions. Amendments or additional considerations must be approved by the Scoring and Ranking Committee prior to final rankings being presented to the CoC Advisory Board for approval.

X. Projects Not Selected for Inclusion

Project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC's planning process that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner may apply directly to HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35.

Appendix A

KY BoS CoC counties not defined as “Rural” for purposes of the Special NOFO are listed below. Projects that include any of these counties are not eligible to apply for projects through the Rural Set-Aside portion of the Special NOFO. Projects serving any of the 118 KY BoS CoC counties, including those listed below, are eligible to apply through the Unsheltered Homelessness Set-Aside.

- Boone
- Bourbon
- Boyd
- Bullitt
- Campbell
- Christian
- Clark
- Daviess
- Grant
- Greenup
- Hardin
- Henderson
- Jessamine
- Kenton
- Oldham
- Scott
- Shelby
- Warren
- Woodford

Appendix B

The 99 counties listed below meet the definition of “Rural Area” for purposes of the Special NOFO and are eligible to be included in projects proposed through the Rural Set-Aside. The 19 counties not eligible for the Rural Set-Aside can be found in Appendix A of this document.

<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Adair▪ Allen▪ Anderson▪ Ballard▪ Barren▪ Bath▪ Bell▪ Boyle▪ Bracken▪ Breathitt▪ Breckinridge▪ Butler▪ Caldwell▪ Calloway▪ Carlisle▪ Carroll▪ Carter▪ Casey▪ Clay▪ Clinton▪ Crittenden▪ Cumberland▪ Edmonson▪ Elliott▪ Estill▪ Fleming▪ Floyd▪ Franklin▪ Fulton▪ Gallatin▪ Garrard▪ Graves▪ Grayson▪ Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hancock▪ Harlan▪ Harrison▪ Hart▪ Henry▪ Hickman▪ Hopkins▪ Jackson▪ Johnson▪ Knott▪ Knox▪ Larue▪ Laurel▪ Lawrence▪ Lee▪ Leslie▪ Letcher▪ Lewis▪ Lincoln▪ Livingston▪ Logan▪ Lyon▪ McCracken▪ McCreary▪ McLean▪ Madison▪ Magoffin▪ Marion▪ Marshall▪ Martin▪ Mason▪ Meade▪ Menifee▪ Mercer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Metcalfe▪ Monroe▪ Montgomery▪ Morgan▪ Muhlenberg▪ Nelson▪ Nicholas▪ Ohio▪ Owen▪ Owsley▪ Pendleton▪ Perry▪ Pike▪ Powell▪ Pulaski▪ Robertson▪ Rockcastle▪ Rowan▪ Russell▪ Simpson▪ Spencer▪ Taylor▪ Todd▪ Trigg▪ Trimble▪ Union▪ Washington▪ Wayne▪ Webster▪ Whitley▪ Wolfe
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