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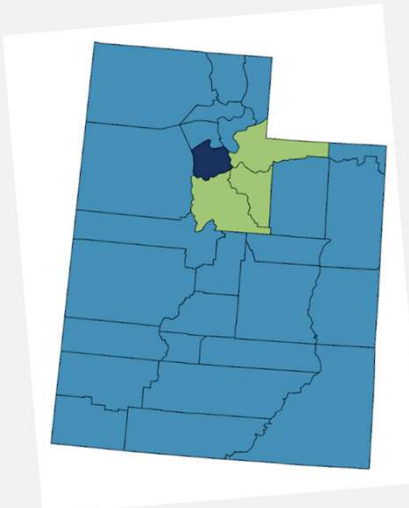
Information Session

Salt Lake County CoC

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WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)?

- A regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals.

- Utah has 3 CoCs, Salt Lake County, Mountainlands (Utah, Wasatch & Summit Counties) & Balance of State (11 Local Homeless Coordinating Committees)

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WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC)?

- As an entity, a CoC serves two main purposes:
  - To develop a long-term strategic plan and manage a year-round planning effort that addresses the identified needs of homeless individuals and households; the availability and accessibility of existing housing and services; and the opportunities for linkages with mainstream housing and services resources.
  - To prepare an application for Continuum of Care program competitive grants.

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COC PURPOSE 1

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- WHO?
  - Domestic violence shelters
  - Emergency shelters and homeless housing providers
  - Housing authorities
  - Hospitals
  - Local Behavioral Health Authorities
  - Universities
  - CAP agencies
  - CDBG administrator
  - DWS
  - Local political leaders
  - Private sector
  - Persons with Lived Experience and Expertise of Homelessness

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COC PURPOSE 1

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- **How** CoC support local communities to achieve this goal:
  - Support in data collection
    - Point-in-time count
    - HMIS ongoing data
  - Support in strategic planning
    - Matching available resource to community need
    - Facilitate coordination between community organizations and State and Local government agencies
    - Support in establishing coordinated assessment and other requirements to improve community efficiency and maintain eligibility for HUD funding (ESG and CoC) funding.
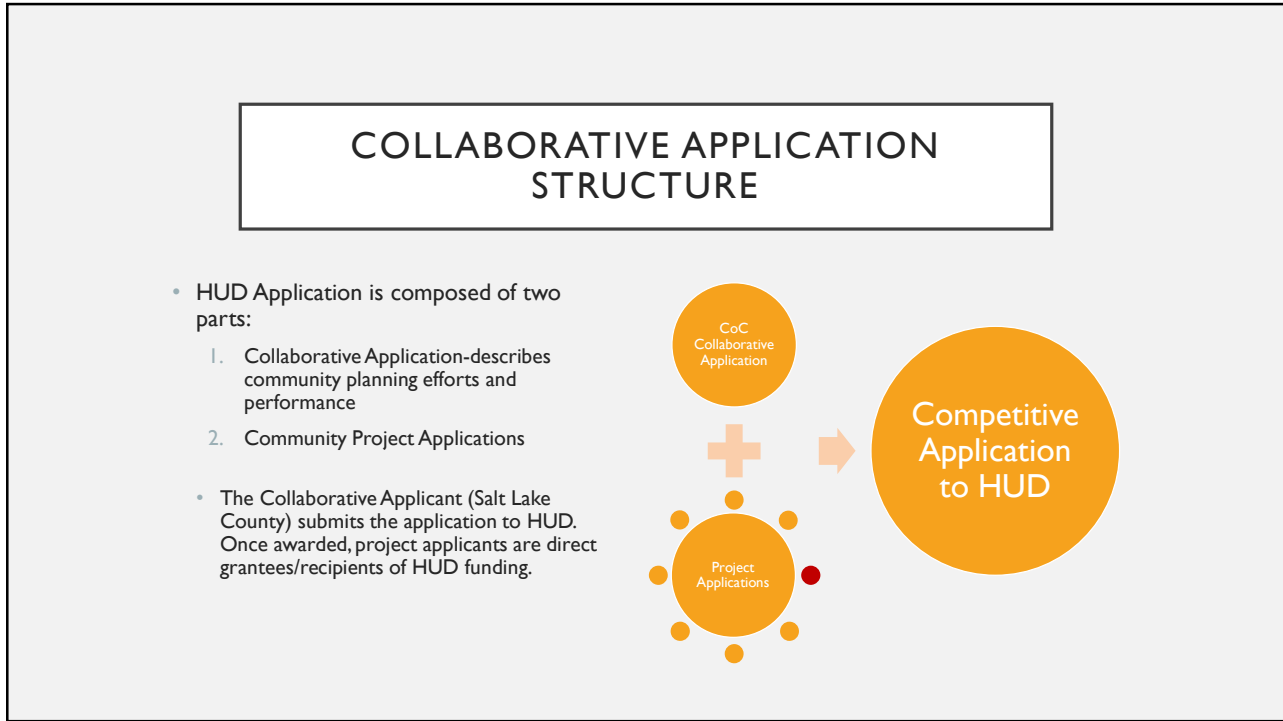 - Writing for CoC funding grants to support local community efforts (see purpose 2).

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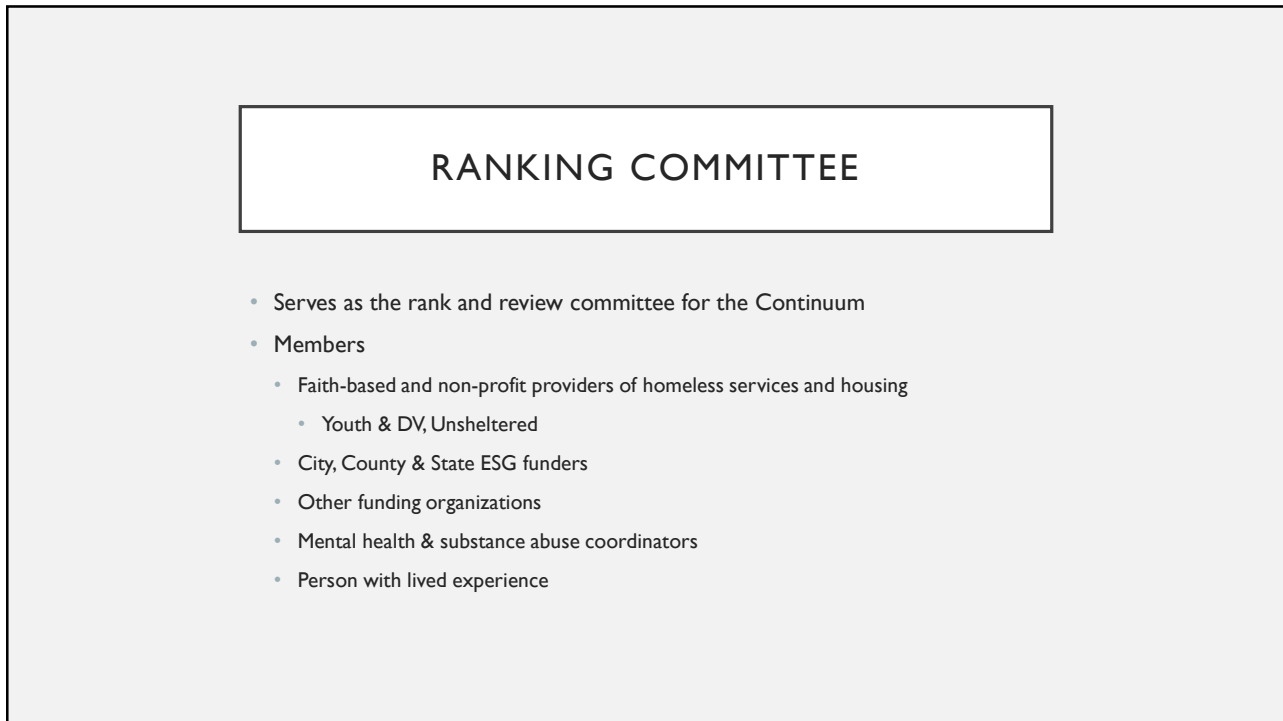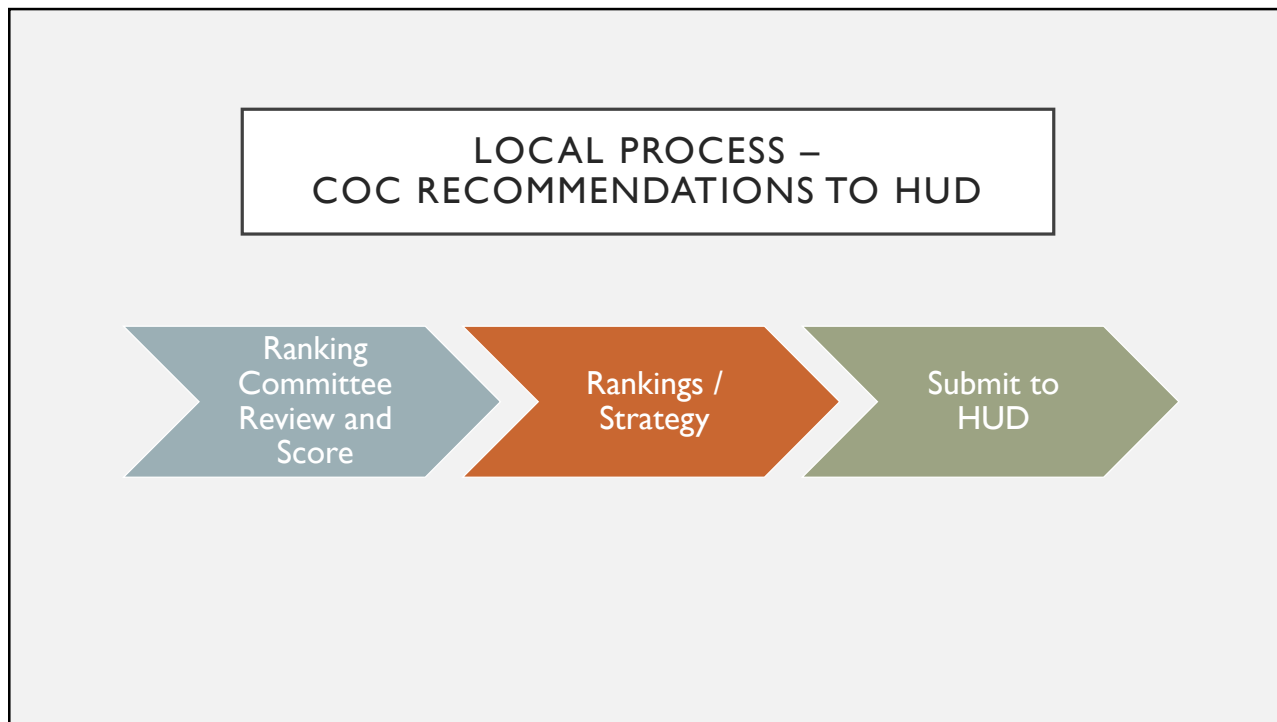## SALT LAKE VALLEY COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

System Structure

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COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION STRUCTURE

- HUD Application is composed of two parts:
    1. Collaborative Application-describes community planning efforts and performance
    2. Community Project Applications

- The Collaborative Applicant (Salt Lake County) submits the application to HUD. Once awarded, project applicants are direct grantees/recipients of HUD funding.

CoC Collaborative Application

Project Applications

Competitive Application to HUD

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RANKING COMMITTEE

- Serves as the rank and review committee for the Continuum
- Members
    - Faith-based and non-profit providers of homeless services and housing
        - Youth & DV, Unsheltered
    - City, County & State ESG funders
    - Other funding organizations
    - Mental health & substance abuse coordinators
    - Person with lived experience

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LOCAL PROCESS –
COC RECOMMENDATIONS TO HUD

Ranking Committee Review and Score → Rankings / Strategy → Submit to HUD

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FUNDING FOR OUR COC

- Salt Lake County CoC Eligible to apply for up to $6,497,190 over 3 years ($2,165,730 per year)
  - Grant terms will be for 3 years and after the initial term will be eligible for renewal as part of the annual Continuum of Care Competition. Budgets will be based on a one-year project, and then multiplied by the 3-year term to determine total award.
  - HUD CoC funding is a reimbursement grant with draws made quarterly.
- Much more competitive than previous NOFOs and annual CoC Competition

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SUBMISSION TIMELINE

- Letter of Interest
  - Complete form from now until August 12
    - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWDY0OoHdFdWtbFgyNg2VN4DmIbAsGQW5Y5FJtSecq12H50w/viewform?usp=sf_link
  - Project Application and Review Period – Application release until October 5
  - *e-snaps* application available now, local Salt Lake application available before August 19
  - Project Application Deadline – no later than September 20 (HUD deadline)
  - Project Applicants Notification Deadline – no later than October 5 (HUD deadline)

- Collaborative Application Development and Review Period – Now-mid-October
  - October 16 – Steering Committee Votes to Approve
    - Post all parts online for public review
  - October 18 – Submit to HUD
  - October 20 – Deadline to Submit to HUD (but we'll have already submitted)

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ANNUAL COC NOFO

- Still waiting for HUD to release the annual CoC NOFO

- Once it is released it will likely be due in late September (before the Supplemental NOFO)

- We anticipate being able to run the process in tandem
  - Projects submitted for the Supplemental NOFO could be considered as part of the Annual NOFO
  - May be different project types eligible, different populations

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SUPPLEMENTAL TO ADDRESS UNSHELTERED AND RURAL HOMELESSNESS NOFO OVERVIEW

POLICY PRIORITIES

1. Unsheltered Homelessness
2. *Unsheltered Homelessness and Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs in Rural Areas*
3. *Providing Assistance on Tribal Lands*
4. Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
5. Advancing Equity
6. Use a Housing First approach

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ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PRIORITIES

POLICY PRIORITIES

- Unsheltered Homelessness
  - Support CoCs with efforts to identify people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connects them with health and housing resources.
  - Improve Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to collect more comprehensive data on people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

- Involving a Broad Array of Stakeholders in the CoC's Efforts to Reduce Homelessness
  - Invite stakeholders to develop and implement a CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs
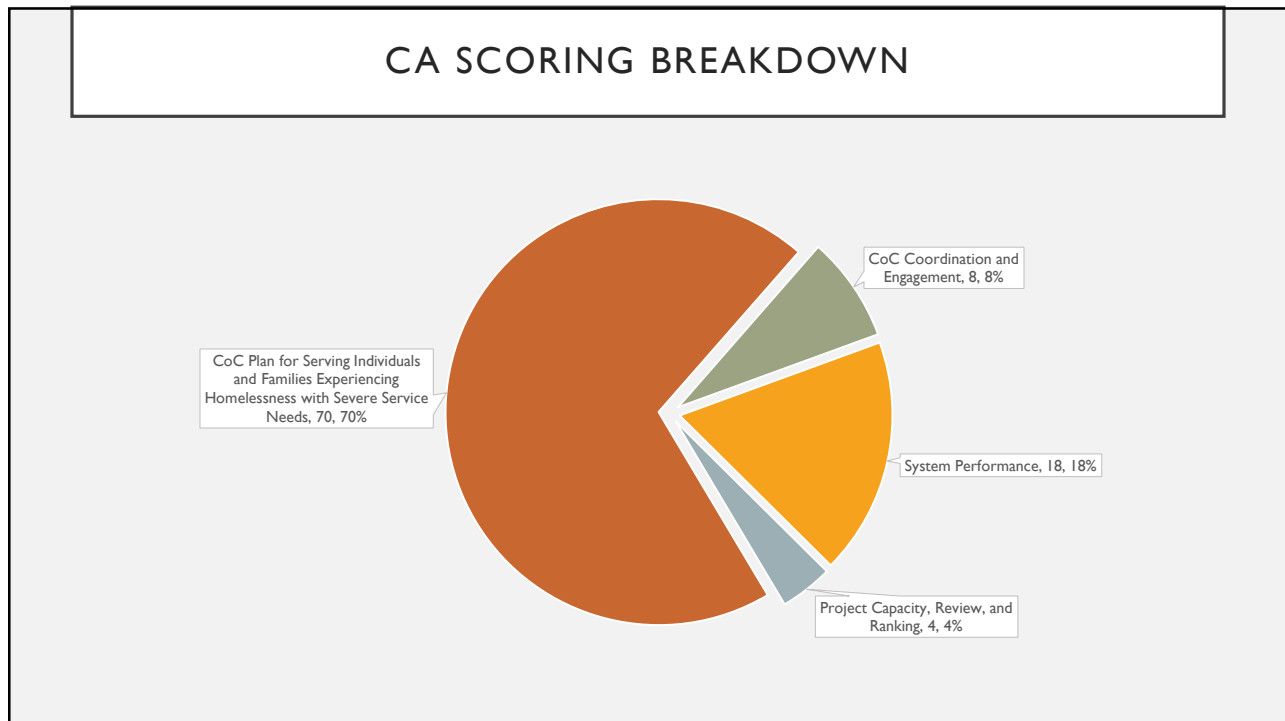
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POLICY PRIORITIES (cont.)

- Advancing Equity

  - Identify and address the needs of subpopulations who are disproportionately more likely to experience homelessness.

  - Review strategies that led to any disparities in communities being served and take steps to eliminate these barriers.

- Use a Housing First approach

  - Prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have serve participation requirements or preconditions.

  - Engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt service delivery methods that respond to the preferences and needs of the individuals of family presenting for assistance.

ADDITIONAL DETAIL ON PRIORITIES

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CA SCORING BREAKDOWN

- CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs, 70, 70%
- CoC Coordination and Engagement, 8, 8%
- System Performance, 18, 18%
- Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking, 4, 4%

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IMPORTANCE OF COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION

- Must score at least 50 points on the Collaborative Application to have projects funded

- The highest scoring CoC will have its rated and ranked projects that pass thresholds conditionally selected for funding. HUD will select projects in this manner until no more funds are available.

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ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- Nonprofit organizations
- States
- Local governments
- Instrumentalities of State and local governments
- Indian Tribes and TDHE
- Public housing agencies
- For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.
- Projects are limited to serving persons in Salt Lake County
- New projects must meet threshold requirements laid out in the NOFO. All funded projects will be required to participate in Coordinated Entry and utilize a Housing First approach.

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ELIGIBLE COSTS & PARTICIPANTS

- In general, all the activities eligible in the CoC Program will be eligible for projects awarded under this competition to carry out. Except:
  - Hard costs (acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation)
- Projects funded under this set aside must have the following eligibility for program participants:
  - Meet the criteria of paragraph (1) of the definition of homeless, except that persons coming from TH 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
  - Meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless

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OTHER PROJECT REQUIREMENTS

- All projects funded under this Special NOFO must adopt and follow a Housing First approach
- All projects must pass eligibility and quality thresholds outlined in the NOFO to be considered for funding
- All applicants must demonstrate, in their project application, how they are consistent with the CoC's Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

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ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

- Permanent Housing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
  - Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH)
- Joint TH and PH-RRH
- Supportive Service Only
  - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
  - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
  - Standalone SSO
- HMIS
- CoC Planning (up to $194,915 for 3 years ($64,971 per year))

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PH-PSH

- Housing for homeless individuals and families in which the one adult or child has a disability
- PSH may provide housing assistance through tenant, sponsor or project based rental assistance, through leasing, or by providing operating support to a PSH facility
- Eligible costs include leasing, rental assistance, supportive services, operating costs, HMIS, and admin.

- No hard costs eligible under the Supplemental NOFO.

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PH-RRH

- Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
- Funding request can be for rental assistance, supportive services, HMIS, and admin
- Supportive services will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
- Plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meet the needs of program participants
- Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs

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TH – RRH JOINT COMPONENT

- Combined transitional housing and rapid rehousing in a single project designed to:
  - provide a safe, crisis housing
  - with financial assistance and wrap-around services determined by program participants
  - to help them move to permanent housing as quickly as possible
    - prioritize those with the highest needs using an evidence-based approach designed to provide stable housing and services that, to the greatest extent possible, move the participant towards self-sufficiency and independence
- Allow for the client to choose when they use the RRH resources to move into PH, not the program
- Funding request can be for rental assistance, leasing, operations, supportive services, HMIS costs, and admin

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY FOR COORDINATED ENTRY (SSO-CE)

- The centralized or coordinated assessment system should be:
  - available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homeless assistance
  - accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area
  - advertised designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area
  - has a standardized assessment process
  - ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs
- Funding request can be for supportive services, HMIS costs, and admin

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SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO)

- Provides supportive services to those with the highest service needs, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services

- Program participants are assisted to obtain and maintain permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs

- The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meet the needs of the program participants

- Funding request can be for supportive services, HMIS costs, and admin

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DEDICATED HMIS PROJECT

- Add or expand HMIS capacity
- Only the HMIS Lead is eligible to apply

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RESOURCES

- HUD Supplemental NOFO Information
  - https://www.hudexchange.info/news/coc-program-supplemental-nofo-address-unsheltered-and-rural- homelessness/
  - https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/specialCoCNOFO
  - Questions: SpecialCoCNOFO@hud.gov
- Potential applicants for funding are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the extensive resources for the application process found on this HUD website. Instructions, guidebooks, and other resources for the application process are found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/
- Information related to our local process will be posted regularly here:
  - https://endutahhomelessness.org/salt-lake-valley/salt-lake-continuum-of-care-competition/

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E-mail contact is preferred so that issues may be documented and common issues can be used to create an FAQ document if necessary.

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QUESTIONS?

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