

**Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)
as United Funding Agency
for the
Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care
(AZBOSCO)**

**HUD NOFO
Bonus Project Overview
2023**

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Please put any questions into the chat and we will answer them after the application review. We will also post a FAQ in follow up to the webinar.



What is the Continuum of Care(CoC)?

- ▶ Per 24 CFR §578.5, the Continuum of Care is formed to align with U.S Department of Housing and Urban Developments requirements related to funds for housing for persons experiencing homelessness. There are approximately 400+ continuum throughout the United States
 - ▶ Responsible for planning and implementing strategies to end homeless in their geographic area.
 - ▶ Decisions made through Governance Advisory Board which establishes policy and provides guidance for how the CoC operates.
 - ▶ Composed of members that include agencies with HUD-CoC funded projects, ESG funded projects, emergency shelters and shelters serving survivors of domestic violence, businesses, veteran groups, faith-based organizations, physical and behavioral health organizations, law enforcement, first responders, those with lived experience, and other stakeholders.

What Does the CoC Do (24 CFR §578.7)?

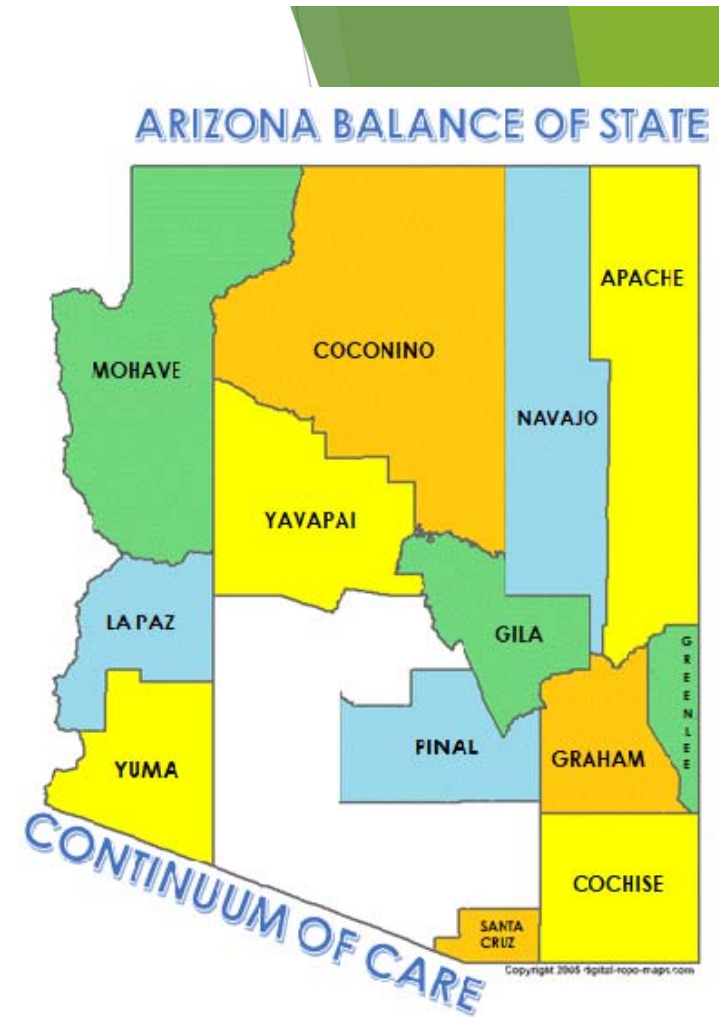
- ▶ Implement strategies to end homelessness in geographic areas of the CoC.
- ▶ Develop policies that align with HUD requirements and ensure implementation.
- ▶ Implement Coordinated Entry and Case Conferencing—the processes used to engage individuals in the CoC, identify the resources they need and complete housing placement with ongoing case management as needed.
- ▶ Conduct an annual Point in Time Count that include persons unsheltered and sheltered.
- ▶ Apply for funding through HUD's annual CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- ▶ Ensure that all data that is needed and required is collected through a data management system (HMIS).

Arizona CoCs

The **Arizona Balance of State Continuum of Care (AZBOSCOC)** is one of three Arizona continuums — **Maricopa County** and **Pima County** being the other two.

AZBOSCOC is comprised of the 13 counties outside of Pima and Maricopa. (Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Greenlee, Graham, La Paz, Mohave, Navajo, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma.)

- Six AZBOSCOC Counties are designated as rural by HUD (Apache, Navajo, Gila, Greenlee, Graham and La Paz).
- Covers 84% of Arizona geography and 24% of state population.



Organization of the AZBOSCO

- ▶ The Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH) is the United Funding Agency/Collaborative Applicant for the HUD annual NOFO application.
- ▶ The Arizona Department of Housing is also the recipient for all the funds received for housing projects located in the AZBOSCO. In 2023—there were 21 projects approved for a total of \$5.3 million. Units from these projects provide housing opportunities in all 13 counties in the AZBOSCO, administration, and data management. (In addition to housing projects, funding was also awarded for UFA, planning, and HMIS.)
- ▶ Also in 2023, The Arizona Department of Housing was awarded \$710,000 (three year grants) for two projects awarded under the Special NOFO to address rural homelessness. The AZBOSCO was one of 38 CoCs nationwide that received funding under the rural portion of the Special NOFO.
- ▶ The AZBOSCO conducts its policy and operations activities through the Governance Advisory Board, and Committees including—HMIS, Veterans, Coordinated Entry, Point in Time (ad hoc), Justice/Equity/Diversity/Inclusion, and others that will facilitate policy and operations along with the Local Continuums/Coalitions to End Homelessness.
- ▶ The AZBOSCO has also established Local Coalitions to End Homelessness in each of the 13 BOSCO counties. LCEHs coordinate local services and implement AZBOSCO strategies including service delivery, coordinated entry, local planning, and gaps analysis. Potential new applications are encouraged to contact LCEH(s) in potential service area to identify needs and coordination opportunities.

AZBOSCOC –What is funded from CoC HUD funds

- ▶ Permanent Supportive Housing –rental assistance/leasing of units designated for persons experiencing homelessness with a disability. They do not have an occupancy time limit.
- ▶ Rapid Rehousing –units designed to move individuals and families out of homelessness quickly by providing a rental subsidy and case management. Rental units in the community are used so the household can take over rent responsibilities once they have regained self-sufficiency. There is also one project that includes rapid rehousing and transitional housing. Special funding is available for RRH programs serving persons fleeing domestic violence.
- ▶ Supportive Services in alignment with PSH and RRH
- ▶ HMIS
- ▶ Planning

Notice of Funding Opportunity 2023

- ▶ HUD published the 2023 NOFO, making \$3.1 billion in FY 2023 Continuum of Care Program (CoC) competitive funding available.
- ▶ AZBOSCOC will conditionally allocate up to approximately **\$5.7 million** through the Continuum of Care NOFO process.
- ▶ This amount includes an estimated **\$5 million** in existing renewal grants, approximately \$353,964 for new/bonus project(s), and approximately \$432,607 for new bonus projects that are dedicated to serve survivors of domestic violence. **It is a competitive process for all three amounts.**
- ▶ New Bonus projects may only apply for Permanent Housing which includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Rapid Rehousing (RRH).
- ▶ New Dedicated DV projects may only apply for Rapid Rehousing (RRH).

Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Eligible renewal applicants are those agencies with current AZBOSCOG funded projects with grant expiration dates in calendar year 2024.
- ▶ Eligible applicants for new/bonus project funding including the DV bonus funding include non-profits, recognized Tribal Nations, and instrumentalities of state or local government regardless of prior CoC funding.

System Mandates

- ▶ Use of HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable database for providers that meet the definition of Victim Service Provider
- ▶ Participation in LCEH Coordinated Entry/Case Conferencing
- ▶ Implementation of Housing First tenets including low barrier approach.
- ▶ Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion exemplified in operations and policy
- ▶ Written Standards and regulatory assurances.
- ▶ Compliance with VAWA regardless of status as a Victim Service Provider.*

*Recipients of DV Bonus Projects can either be non-profit agencies or specific DV agencies as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 which are victim service provider that are a private non-profit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. The term includes rape crisis centers, battered women's shelters, domestic violence transitional housing program and other programs.

Survivors of Domestic Violence

- ▶ The AZBOSCOC 2023 NOFO Bonus application can be used to apply for regular bonus projects and for projects that have a focus population of survivors of domestic violence.
- ▶ Survivors of Domestic Violence include:
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- ▶ Regardless of whether an agency applies for regular bonus funds or DV bonus funds, if the project is ultimately approved for CoC funding by HUD, it will be required to comply with new VAWA standards that were passed into legislation in 2022.
- ▶ Regardless of whether an agency applies for regular bonus funds or DV bonus funds, the project may include activities referred to as VAWA activities. (See application template.)

Application Review

- ▶ CoC and DV Bonus project applications are due August 24th by 5:00 and must be submitted through ADOH Special Needs Portal.
- ▶ **<https://housing.az.gov/documents-links/forms/special-needs-continuum>**

Questions

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