**2023 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION**

Every year, the [**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**](https://www.hud.gov/) makes available federal resources for homeless programming to communities around the US through its [**Continuum of Care (CoC) Program**](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/) and its annual CoC Competition. Continuums access these funds by completing consolidated applications on behalf of the federally funded homeless programs in their CoC.

The CoC Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Each year for the last two decades, HUD has annually allowed the Muskegon County Homeless Continuum of Care Network (MCHCCN) to apply for funds to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness in our region.  The amount awarded is not guaranteed.  Last year the MCHCCN received funding in the amount of $651,107.  These funds are restricted for permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects and cannot be used for emergency shelters or similar projects.  All existing projects funded directly through the MCHCCN must apply for renewal each year.  United Way of the Lakeshore, in its role as the designated Collaborative Applicant of the MCHCCN, is responsible for responding to the annual CoC Program Competition NOFA, including collecting and submitting the required CoC Application information for all projects the CoC has selected for funding and applying for CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC.

In FY 2023, per the requirements set by HUD and [**24 CFR part 578**](https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/), MCHCCN Steering Committee and the United Way of the Lakeshore in its role as the Collaborative Applicant, will be engaged in a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking, and selection of FY2023 CoC project applications.

The MCHCCN will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC funding. The MCHCCN will be re-allocating funds during this funding cycle. New applicants must therefore, submit applications for re-allocated funds, CoC bonus or domestic violence bonus dollars.

**July 5, 2023** – HUD released the CoC Program Competition NOFO

**July 10, 2023** – Local timeline posted to Muskegon CoC website

**August 25, 2023 by 3:00 pm** – Deadline for new and renewal project application submissions. Submissions must be sent via email to the CoC Coordinator at: miranda@unitedwaylakeshore.org

**August 29, 2023 at 9:00 am** – Review and Allocation Committee Meeting – projects will be ranked.

**August 30, 2023 at 10:00 am** – Steering Committee Meeting – to confirm decision of Review and Allocation Committee and approve the submission of the Consolidated Application.

**August 30, 2023** – Applicants Notified of the Approval Status. If a project is rejected, there is an appeal process and a solo application can be submitted.

Due the compressed time frame, any appeal of the decisions of the Review or Steering Committees must be filed by **Friday, September 1, 5:00 pm** with Miranda Paggeot at: miranda@unitedwaylakeshore.org

If required, the Appeals meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 7, 11:00 am**.

**If the project is accepted by the CoC for submission to HUD, the project application must be uploaded by 5 pm on September 21, 2023 in esnaps.** This will allow sufficient time for the Collaborative Application to complete the application to meet the deadline.

FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Applications – have not been released for project applications or the collaborative application and will be posted to the MCHCCN website as soon as they become available. Instructions on what information that is to be submitted for local review is found in the MCHCCN Program Competition NOFO and Application.

MCHCCN CoC Program Competition NOFO and Application – attached

Grant Inventory Worksheet - attached