

HUD special NOFO for unsheltered homelessness

HUD's policy priorities

\$322 million in Continuum of Care Program grants. Hennepin County can apply for up to ~\$13.5m in projects over a three-year period, for eligible services, projects and a community plan that:

- Reduces unsheltered homelessness
- Involves a broad array of stakeholders, including people with lived experience, and leverages healthcare and housing resources
- Advances equity
- Uses a housing-first approach

After the initial three years, funds become renewable annually through the regular CoC process.

Alignment with 2020-2025 strategy

Hennepin's 2020-2025 strategy focuses on making homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring with a priority to reduce unsheltered homelessness, as encapsulated in the following fundamental principles:

- Unsheltered homelessness represents a serious health and safety risk and is not a dignified way to live
- The priority when working with people experiencing homelessness—in sheltered or unsheltered settings—should be helping those individuals and households access housing as an urgent matter
- Housing ends homelessness. Everyone is housable.

Eligible components of community-based projects

- Permanent housing
- Rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing
- Transitional housing and rapid rehousing hybrid
- Supportive services only

Stay tuned for ongoing communication and community planning activities.

Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)
[HUD.gov](https://www.hud.gov)

View opportunity

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov)

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National Alliance to End Homelessness toolkit

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