

HUD – Funding Categories Summary – CoC FL-507

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide 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.

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/homeless/programs/shp

Definitions:

1. Permanent Housing (PH) - community-based housing without a designated length of stay, and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing

2. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - means permanent housing in which supportive services are provided to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently.

Subpart D of the Interim Rule identifies eligible Costs. Eligible costs can include, 578.49 Leasing.

- Under the interim rule, grant funds may be used to pay the costs of leasing a structure or structures, or portions of structures, to provide housing or supportive services.
- Leasing means that the lease is between the recipient of funds and the landlord, and units are not owned by recipient. Occupancy agreement and subleases are required for participants.
- Terms of lease must be for at least 1 month and be automatically renewable upon expiration, for a maximum of 24 months.
- Eligible cost include:
 - 1) Leasing structures
 - 2) Leasing individual units
 - 3) Utilities
 - 4) Security deposits and first and last month's rent

578.51 Rental assistance.

- Under this interim rule, rental assistance is an eligible cost for permanent and transitional housing, the interim rule clarifies that the rental assistance may be short-term, up to 3 months of rent; medium-term, for 3 to 24 months of rent; and long-term, for longer than 24 months of rent.
- Leases for project-based, sponsor-based, or tenant-based rental assistance, program participants must enter into a lease agreement for a term of at least one year, which is terminable for cause. The leases must be automatically renewable upon expiration for terms that are a minimum of one month long, except on prior notice by either party.
- Leases for transitional housing. Program participants in transitional housing must enter into a lease agreement for a term of at least one month. The lease must be automatically renewable upon expiration, except on prior notice by either party, up to a maximum term of 24 months.
- There are three types of rental assistance, Tenant Based, Project Based and Sponsor Based.

- a) Tenant Based Rental Assistance- is rental assistance in which program participants choose housing of an appropriate size in which to reside. Program participants who are receiving rental assistance in transitional housing may be required to live in a specific structure for their entire period of participation in transitional housing.
- b) Sponsor-based rental assistance is provided through contracts between the recipient and sponsor organization. Program participants must reside in housing owned or leased by the sponsor.
- c) Project-based rental assistance is provided through a contract with the owner of an existing structure, where the owner agrees to lease the subsidized units to program participants. Program participants will not retain rental assistance if they move.

578.53 Supportive services.

- Grant funds may be used to pay the eligible costs of supportive services that address the special needs of the program participants.
- If the supportive services are provided in a supportive service facility not contained in a housing structure, the costs of day-to-day operation of the supportive service facility, including maintenance, repair, building security, furniture, utilities, and equipment are eligible as a supportive service
- Duration. For TH and PSH , supportive services must be made available to residents throughout the duration of their residence stay.
 - a) Services may also be provided to former residents of transitional housing and current residents of permanent housing who were homeless in the prior 6 months, for no more than 6 months after leaving transitional housing or homelessness, respectively, to assist their adjustment to independent living.
- Rapid rehousing projects must require the program participant to meet with a case manager not less than once per month, to assist the program participant in maintaining long-term housing stability.
- Staff training and the costs of obtaining professional licenses or certifications needed to provide supportive services are not eligible costs.
- Eligible costs include:
 - 1) Annual Assessment of Service Needs
 - 2) Assistance with Moving Costs
 - 3) Case Management
 - 4) Counseling
 - 5) Child Care
 - 6) Education Services
 - 7) Employment Assistance and Job Training
 - 8) Food
 - 9) Housing Search and Counseling
 - 10) Life Skills Training
 - 11) Mental Health Services
 - 12) Outpatient Health Services
 - 13) Outreach Services
 - 14) Substance Abuse Treatment
 - 15) Transportation

- 16) Utility Deposits
- 17) Direct Provision of Services

578.55 Operating costs.

- Grant funds may be used to pay the costs of the day-to-day operation of transitional and permanent housing in a single structure or individual housing units.
- Program funds may not be used for rental assistance and operating costs in the same project. Program funds may not be used for the operating costs of emergency shelter- and supportive service-only facilities. Program funds may not be used for the maintenance and repair of housing where are included in the lease.
- Eligible costs include:
 - 1) Maintenance and repair of housing
 - 2) Property taxes and insurance
 - 3) Scheduled payments to a reserve for replacement of a major system of housing
 - 4) Building security
 - 5) Electricity, gas, and water
 - 6) Furniture
 - 7) Equipment

578.59 Project administrative costs.

- The recipient or subrecipient may use up to 10 percent of any grant awarded for administrative costs.
- Eligible costs include:
 - 1) General Management, oversight, and coordination, does not include direct service staff in sections 578.43 – 578.57.
 - 2) Training on CoC requirements
 - 3) Environmental Review