

Fredericksburg Regional CoC FY2022 VHSP Local Notice of Funding Availability

The Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is soliciting renewal and expansion project applications for inclusion in its collaborative renewal application for FY22 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP) funding. As this funding is a renewal of a two-year VHSP funding cycle, the CoC is **NOT** accepting any new project applications for this funding application.

VHSP is a state- and federally-funded program funded by the State General Fund and the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to support the development and implementation of localized emergency crisis response systems with housing-focused, coordinated community-based activities. These activities are designed to reduce the overall length of homelessness in the community, the number of households becoming homeless and the overall rate of formerly homeless households returning to homelessness.

Please visit the [VHSP](#) page of the Virginia Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) website for more information about this program.

Applicant Eligibility & Requirements

Per the [Fredericksburg Regional CoC Funding Policies & Procedures](#), applicants requesting funds through any CoC funding process must meet the following conditions:

1. Be a member of the Fredericksburg Regional CoC as defined in the Bylaws.
2. Agree to adhere to the *FRCoC Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures*, including the following requirements of that document:
 - a. Follow the Housing First model
 - b. Participate in the CoC's coordinated entry process
 - c. Adhere to established project standards
 - d. Collect data through HMIS or a comparable database
3. Meet the eligibility requirements of the funding agency.

VHSP applicants must be non-profits that are current on 990 filings, housing authorities, planning district commissions, or units of local government. Planning district commissions and housing authorities are not eligible to receive funding for shelter operations or rapid re-housing activities.

VHSP applicants must also meet all requirements contained in the [Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Funding Guidelines 2020-2022](#).

Project Requirements

There are eight categories of eligible VHSP activities:

- Outreach
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment/Entry System
- Targeted Prevention (including Housing Location)

- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing (including Housing Location)
- CoC Planning
- HMIS
- Administrative Costs

Projects must meet all requirements contained in the *Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Funding Guidelines 2020-2022*.

Estimated Funding Available

The Fredericksburg Regional CoC is eligible for 1,004,090 in renewal VHSP funding. The Fredericksburg Regional CoC currently receives the following amount of VHSP funding:

Category	Current Funding
Outreach	\$26,224
Centralized or Coordinated Assessment/Entry System	\$92,788
Targeted Prevention	\$160,040
Emergency Shelter Operations	\$127,104
Rapid Re-Housing	\$483,094
CoC Planning	\$58,252
HMIS	\$35,835
Administrative Costs	\$20,753
Total	\$1,004,090

Applicants are eligible to apply for renewal funding in each category up to the amount allocated to their organization in that category in the VHSP Year One Request approved by the CoC Board on May 28, 2020 (see attached). Amounts needed for programming above and beyond renewal amounts should be applied for as an expansion. The Funding & Performance Committee will recommend project funding determinations, the total of which will not exceed the community's total eligible renewal amount, to the CoC Board for final approval.

Funding Process & Timeline

The *Fredericksburg Regional CoC Funding Policies & Procedures* governs the process for CoC funding decisions, including the solicitation, review, selection, and ranking of projects for collaborative applications, to ensure an objective and transparent funding process. The collaborative application process for FY22 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program funding will adhere to this policy. The timeline for this funding process is included below:

Deadline	Action
4/9/2021	Local NOFA, draft application forms, attachment templates, and draft scoring sheets sent to CoC members and posted to FRCoC website
4/13/2021	Informational Session at 3:30 PM
4/15/2019	Application forms and scoring sheets approved by CoC Board

4/15/2019	Final application forms, attachment templates, and scoring sheets sent to CoC members and posted to FRCoC website; CoC members alerted of any changes made to the application forms and scoring sheets, if applicable
4/19/2021	Project applications due to GWRC by noon
4/23/2021	Project applications reviewed and scored by Funding & Performance Committee
4/23/2021	Project applicants notified of application scores, funding recommendation, and appeals process
4/26/2021	Appeals due to GWRC by noon
4/27/2021	Appeals reviewed and determined by Appeals Committee
4/27/2021	Appealing agencies notified of Appeals Committee determinations
4/27/2021	VHSP Year Two Request and collaborative application approved by CoC Board
4/28/2021	Project applicants notified of CoC Board determination
4/28/2021	Collaborative application sent to CoC members and posted to CoC website
4/30/2021	Collaborative application due to DHCD

Application Submission

Cover Letter & Project Application Form

Each project's cover letter and completed application form **must** be submitted as a single PDF. Application forms and the cover letter template are available on the [Funding](#) page of the CoC website. A separate application must be submitted for each project, each with its own cover letter.

Project application types include:

- Coordinated Assessment/Entry
- Outreach
- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing
- Targeted Prevention
- Housing Location
- CoC Planning (*Only the CoC Lead Agency is eligible to apply for CoC Planning VHSP funding.*)

Attachments

Each applicant must submit the following, as a PDF (once per applicant, even if applicant submits multiple project applications):

- Organizational Certification and Assurances (template provided)

Domestic Violence (DV) renewal projects are required to submit the following, as a PDF, for each project application:

- FRCoC Data Form (template provided)

CoC Planning projects are required to submit the following, as a PDF:

- CoC Certification and Assurances (template provided)

Attachment templates are available on the Funding page of the CoC website. Each attachment **must** be submitted as a PDF.

Scoring Sheets

Scoring sheets for each project type are available on the Funding page of the CoC website.

Please note that information on drawdowns, resolution of monitoring findings, and performance of current VHSP projects will be provided by staff to the Funding & Performance Committee. Grantees will be given the opportunity to address any concerns raised by these items.

Important Application Dates

An informational session to review this funding process with potential applicants will be held on **April 13, 2021 at 3:30 PM** via GoToMeeting. All applicants for this funding are encouraged to attend:

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/696216157>

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (571) 317-3129

Access Code: 696-216-157

Project applications, cover sheets, and required attachments must be submitted via email to Kate Gibson at gibson@gwregion.org by **April 19, 2021 at noon**.

Appeals Process

Appeals will adhere to the appeals process outlined in the *Fredericksburg Regional CoC Funding Policies & Procedures*. A summary of the appeals process for this solicitation is also available on the Funding page of the CoC website.

Appeals must be submitted via email to Kate Gibson at gibson@gwregion.org by **April 26, 2021 at noon**.

CoC/LPG Name:

Fredericksburg Regional CoC

VIRGINIA HOMELESS SOLUTIONS PROGRAM (fiscal year 2020-2021) - Year one request

Organization	ENTER REQUEST FOR YEAR ONE ONLY. Request must be in whole dollars with no \$ sign. Totals will autocalculate.											
	Outreach	Centralized or Coordinated Assessment / Entry	Targeted Prevention	Emergency Shelter Operations	Rapid Re-housing	BASE REQUEST	CoC/LPG Planning (up to 7%)	HMIS (up to 5%)	Administration (up to 3%)	TOTAL REQUEST (excluding HOPWA)	HOPWA (enter the total HOPWA request; detail must be provided below)	GRAND TOTAL
Empowerhouse	0	0	0	54,076	105414	159,490	0	0	4,727	164,217	0	164,217
FAHASS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140,000	140,000
George Washington Regional Commission	0	0	0	0	0	0	58,252	10,000	1,748	70,000	0	70,000
Loisann's Hope House	0	92,788	160040	45,913	104,846	403,587	0	18,954	11,778	434,319	0	434,319
Micah Ecumenical Ministries	26224	0	0	27,115	272,834	326,173	0	6,881	2,500	335,554	0	335,554
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Total	26,224	92,788	160,040	127,104	483,094	889,250	58,252	35,835	20,753	1,004,090	140,000	1,144,090

HOPWA request only (total must match HOPWA request above in column K)

Organization	Enter request in whole dollars with no \$ sign. Totals will autocalculate.						HOPWA Total
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FAHASS	52,000	26,500	42,000	10,000	0	9,500	140,000
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Total	52,000	26,500	42,000	10,000	0	9,500	140,000