

Fredericksburg Regional CoC FY2024 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 FY24 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](#).

Projects must meet all requirements contained in the *Virginia Homeless and Special Needs Housing Funding Guidelines 2022-2024*.

Estimated Funding Available

The Fredericksburg Regional CoC is accepting applications for \$898,743 in renewal VHSP funding. Applicants are eligible to apply for funding for any of the eligible program activities, regardless of whether the applicant currently receives funding for that activity. Eligible activities include:

- Outreach
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment/Entry System
- Targeted Prevention
- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing
- HMIS
- Administrative Costs

Applicants are eligible to apply for renewal funding in each category up to the total amount allocated to their organization in that category in the VHSP Year One Request (FY23) approved by the CoC Board (see attached). Amounts needed for programming above and beyond renewal amounts for currently funded activities, or for activities not funded in the FY23 allocation, should be applied for as expansions. 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.

***Please note:** The total available agency funding is reduced from the FY23 allocation.

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 FY24 Virginia Homeless Solutions Program funding will adhere to this policy. The timeline for this funding process is included below:

Deadline	Action
4/21/2023	Local NOFA, draft application forms, attachment templates, and draft scoring sheets sent to CoC members and posted to FRCoC website
4/24/2023	Informational Session
4/27/2023	Application forms and scoring sheets approved by CoC Board
4/27/2023	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
5/1/2023	Project applications due to GWRC by noon
5/3/2023	Project applications reviewed and scored by Funding & Performance Committee
5/4/2023	Project applicants notified of application scores, funding recommendation, and appeals process
5/8/2023	Appeals due to GWRC by noon
5/9/2023	Appeals reviewed and determined by Appeals Committee
5/9/2023	Appealing agencies notified of Appeals Committee determinations
5/10/2023	VHSP Year Two Request and collaborative application approved by CoC Board
5/10/2023	Project applicants notified of CoC Board determination
5/10/2023	Collaborative application sent to CoC members and posted to CoC website
5/12/2023	Collaborative application due to DHCD by 11:59PM.

How -To-Apply Session

A local how-to-apply session will be provided to interested applicants will be held on April 24, 2023 at noon.

Please join the session from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <https://meet.goto.com/696216157>

You can also dial in using your phone. [+1 \(571\) 317-3116](tel:+15713173116); Access Code: 696-216-157

Application Submission Details

Project applications must be submitted electronically here: <https://gwregion.grantplatform.com/>
All applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2023 by noon**. Late applications will not be accepted. New applicants will need to register an account to access the applications.

A separate application must be submitted for each project type.

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

- Board of Director Listing
- Organizational Chart
- 990 (if applicable)
- Profit and Loss Statement (prior year and most recent YTD)

NOTE: Applicants who took part in the CoC's organizational review process are not required to submit these agency level documents as they have already been submitted. If you would like to confirm your exclusion from this requirement, please send an email to funding@fredericksburgcoc.org.

Any attachment templates provided are available on the [funding page](#) of the CoC website.

Scoring sheets for each project type are available on the [funding page](#) of the CoC website.

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 funding@fredericksburgcoc.org by **May 8, 2023 at noon**.