

Nashua, NH Continuum of Care

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The amount of funding available for FY2014 renewal projects is \$1,847,267. Additionally, new “Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus” funds are available for GNCOC in the amount of up to 15% of the FY 2014 renewal projects amount, as well as potential allocation funds.

The Bonus funds shall only be for permanent supportive housing projects for vulnerable chronically homeless individuals and families, and only one Bonus application may be submitted to HUD. At least 70 percent of the Bonus funds (minus administration) must be allocated to leasing, rental assistance, or operating costs, and no more than 30 percent of those funds may be allocated to supportive services activities. Additionally, the eligible supportive services activities are limited for the Bonus projects per the Notice of Funding Availability. Funds may be used to assist persons meeting the HUD definition of homeless and chronically homeless. Eligible CoC program components include permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, and Homeless Management Information System (“HMIS”). Eligible activities under each of the components vary, but overall include: acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, supportive services, and HMIS. The CoC regulations may be obtained at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule.pdf>.

To report incidents of homelessness, please e-mail homeless@nashua-coc.org or you may contact the Homeless Hotline at 2-1-1. If you or someone you know is in need of information regarding homelessness, essential services, or other crisis issues, you can find help by dialing 2-1-1. This free call connects with a trained information and referral specialist that can direct

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Mission	Founded in 1995, the Mission of the Nashua Continuum of Care is threefold: (1) To foster and promote comprehensive, cohesive, and coordinated approaches to housing and community resources for homeless persons and families; (2) To identify and address service gaps and risk factors in the community; and (3) To prioritize unmet service needs to develop and oversee a system of prevention, intervention, outreach assessment, direct care and aftercare for homeless individuals and families.
Geographic Coverage	Nashua, Brookline, Amherst, Hollis, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, Hudson, Litchfield and Mason
Purpose	Networking and collaborating to formalize coordinated strategies towards the development of an unduplicated, seamless service provision for the community's homeless population. The ultimate vision for success held by the Greater Nashua COC is one of an idealistic community where homelessness no longer exists. In this vision, there are adequate resources for each individual to access the goods and services he or she requires. An ample supply of safe, affordable, permanent

housing and support services would assure that no one will have to sleep on the streets, in automobiles, park benches or places unfit for human habitation. Additionally, The COC is responsible for collaboratively submitting an application for funding each year to HUD (called the SuperNOFA) which grants approximately \$1.6 million annually for housing and supportive services in our community.

The Greater Nashua COC is also responsible for the development and implementation of the **Greater Nashua Ten Year Plan for Ending Homelessness**, a copy of which is available [here](#).

Meetings

Monthly meetings, attended by representatives of the Federal, State and City governments, housing program directors, hospitals, veterans, social service agencies, homeless and formerly homeless individuals, financial community and private sector representatives, and religious institutions of several denominations, take place the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am in the Nashua City Hall 3rd Floor auditorium.