On July 25th, 2023 HUD announced the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Estimates for all Continuum of Care regions. Duluth/St. Louis County CoC’s ARD is $3,514,879 with 93 percent or $3,268,837 available to go into Tier 1 in the scoring process.

Additionally, HUD announced the funding limits for available bonus funds, including Domestic Violence Bonus Funds and CoC Bonus Funds. These available funds for both bonus funding opportunities represent the maximum bonus funds in addition to our CoC ARD that we eligible to apply for and not the amount of funding we are guaranteed as a CoC in this competition. Final awards will be dependent on the score and relevancy of the project applications submitted and the overall CoC Score of the Collaborative Application submitted by St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services as the Collaborative Applicant on behalf of the CoC.

* Domestic Violence Bonus Funds Available: $443,730
* CoC Bonus Funds Available: $310,611

Given this delay in Bonus Fund announcements from HUD and the delay in eSnaps opening the following changes are being made to the local competition timeline for SLC CoC. See below and [the CoC website here](https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/public-health-human-services/housing-and-homelessness-programs/continuum-of-care-coc) for full competition timeline. .

1. NEW LOI DEADLINE FOR NEW PROJECTS: This deadline is being extended from July 28th to August 3rd,  2023. Please find the New Project LOI Template [here](https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/public-health-human-services/housing-and-homelessness-programs/continuum-of-care-coc) and submit these to [cochomelessprograms@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:cochomelessprograms@stlouiscountymn.gov) by August 3rd. A reminder that this is not your full local application and just needs to be a quick overview of your project.
2. New projects do not need to present on August 2nd to the Racial Equity & Accountability Project (REAP) Team as the turnaround for new projects to present is too quick at this stage. renewal project applicants are still required to present to REAP. If new projects are funded, they will be a part of REAP review in future NOFO processes.
3. Local/Supplemental Application deadline is still August 8th, 2023, with local Ranking & Review of applications occurring on August 16th. You do not have to complete your HUD application prior to submitting your local application. Local applications must be emailed to cochomelessprograms@stlouiscountymn.gov with all relevant attachments by the end of the day on August 8th. [The local application can be found here.](https://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/departments-a-z/public-health-human-services/housing-and-homelessness-programs/continuum-of-care-coc)
4. HUD eSnaps Applications are now due August 22nd. This will give projects longer to complete HUD applications as eSnaps has not opened yet. Please note that this step is still required and you cannot be approved for new or renewal funding without submitting your eSnaps application both to HUD & the CoC.

If you have any questions about these changes to FY2023 CoC NOFO local competitions deadlines in Duluth/St. louis County CoC, please email [cochomelessprograms@stlouiscountymn.gov](mailto:cochomelessprograms@stlouiscountymn.gov).