(vi) Paying charges for electricity, gas, water, phone service, and high-speed data transmission necessary to operate or contribute data to the HMIS;
(vii) Paying salaries for operating HMIS, including:
(A) Completing data entry;
(B) Monitoring and reviewing data quality;
(C) Completing data analysis;
(D) Reporting to the HMIS Lead;
(E) Training staff on using the HMIS; and
(F) Implementing and complying with HMIS requirements;
(viii) Paying costs of staff to travel to and attend HUD-sponsored and HUD-approved training on HMIS and programs authorized by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
(ix) Paying staff travel costs to conduct intake; and
(x) Paying participation fees charged by the HMIS Lead, as authorized by HUD, if the recipient or subrecipient is not the HMIS Lead.
(2) If the recipient or subrecipient is the HMIS Lead, it may also use Continuum of Care funds to pay the costs of:
(i) Hosting and maintaining HMIS software or data;
(ii) Backing up, recovering, or repairing HMIS software or data;
(iii) Upgrading, customizing, and enhancing the HMIS;
(iv) Integrating and warehousing data, including development of a data warehouse for use in aggregating data from subrecipients using multiple software systems;
(v) Administering the system;
(vi) Reporting to providers, the Continuum of Care, and HUD; and
(vii) Conducting training on using the system, including traveling to the training.
(3) If the recipient or subrecipient is a victim services provider, or a legal services provider, it may use Continuum of Care funds to establish and operate a comparable database that complies with HUD’s HMIS requirements.

(b) General restrictions. Activities funded under this section must comply with the HMIS requirements.

§ 578.59 Project administrative costs.

(a) Eligible costs. The recipient or subrecipient may use up to 10 percent of any grant awarded under this part, excluding the amount for Continuum of Care Planning Activities and UFA costs, for the payment of project administrative costs related to the planning and execution of Continuum of Care activities. This does not include staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under §578.43 through §578.57, because those costs are eligible as part of those activities. Eligible administrative costs include:

(1) General management, oversight, and coordination. Costs of overall program management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. These costs include, but are not limited to, necessary expenditures for the following:
(i) Salaries, wages, and related costs of the recipient’s staff, the staff of subrecipients, or other staff engaged in program administration. In charging costs to this category, the recipient may include the entire salary, wages, and related costs of each person whose job includes any program administration assignments. The recipient may use only one of these methods for each fiscal year grant. Program administration assignments include the following:
(A) Preparing program budgets and schedules, and amendments to those budgets and schedules;
(B) Developing systems for assuring compliance with program requirements;
(C) Developing agreements with subrecipients and contractors to carry out program activities;
(D) Monitoring program activities for progress and compliance with program requirements;
(E) Preparing reports and other documents directly related to the program for submission to HUD;
(F) Coordinating the resolution of audit and monitoring findings;
(G) Evaluating program results against stated objectives; and
§ 578.61 Relocation costs.

(a) In general. Relocation costs under the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 are eligible.

(b) Eligible relocation costs. Eligible costs are costs to provide relocation payments and other assistance to persons displaced by a project assisted with grant funds in accordance with § 578.83.

§ 578.63 Indirect costs.

(a) In general. Continuum of Care funds may be used to pay indirect costs in accordance with OMB Circulars A-87 or A-122, as applicable.

(b) Allocation. Indirect costs may be allocated to each eligible activity as provided in subpart D, so long as that allocation is consistent with an indirect cost rate proposal developed in accordance with OMB Circulars A-87 or A-122, as applicable.

(c) Expenditure limits. The indirect costs charged to an activity subject to an expenditure limit under §§ 578.39, 578.41, and 578.59 must be added to the direct costs charged for that activity when determining the total costs subject to the expenditure limits.

Subpart E—High-Performing Communities

§ 578.65 Standards.

(a) In general. The collaborative applicant for a Continuum may apply to HUD to have the Continuum be designated a high-performing community (HPC). The designation shall be for grants awarded in the same competition in which the designation is applied for and made.

(b) Applying for HPC designation. The application must be submitted at such time and in such manner as HUD may require, must use HMIS data where required to show the standards for qualifying are met, and must contain such information as HUD requires, including at a minimum:

(1) A report showing how the Continuum of Care program funds received in the preceding year were expended;

(2) A specific plan for how grant funds will be expended; and

(3) Information establishing that the Continuum of Care meets the standards for HPCs.

(c) Standards for qualifying as an HPC. To qualify as an HPC, a Continuum must demonstrate through:

(1) Reliable data generated by the Continuum of Care’s HMIS that it meets all of the following standards:

(i) Mean length of homelessness. Either the mean length of episode of homelessness within the Continuum’s geographic area is fewer than 20 days, or the mean length of episodes of homelessness for individuals or families in similar circumstances was reduced by at least 10 percent from the preceding federal fiscal year.