

2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO Meeting for: Agencies Seeking New Funding

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CONTINUUM OF CARE

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Continuum of Care (CoC)

- Per HUD, a **Continuum of Care (CoC)** is a planning body that establishes a community's strategic vision to respond to homelessness locally.
- CoC may also refer to the network of homeless services providers in a community.
- The **HUD CoC Program** is the HUD funding stream associated with this competition.
 - The HUD CoC Program is the primary source of federal funding supporting the community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.
 - Distinct from HUD-ESG, -HOPWA, -HOME, -VASH, etc.
 - Historically, HUD CoC Program funding has been used to:
 - Promote a communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
 - Provide funding to support efforts by nonprofit providers and state and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; and
 - Promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Community Partnership (TCP):

- The Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead, TCP is responsible for:
 - Assembling and submitting the Consolidated Application for CoC Program funding to HUD;
 - Conducting community info sessions about the NOFO;
 - Soliciting Project Applications for “Bonus” funding opportunities;
 - Providing technical assistance to applicants; and
 - Providing the Ranking Committee with HMIS and other data to inform the Project Ranking.

DC Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) Committee Structure

- The “Continuum of Care” (under the first definition noted on the previous slide); ICH is responsible for:
 - Setting the community’s strategic vision for use of the HUD CoC funding; and
 - Assembling the Ranking Committee.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Ranking Committee

- The Ranking Committee is tasked with articulating the community's funding priorities to HUD by:
 - Reviewing quantitative and qualitative information about each project requesting HUD CoC funding to determine 1) whether it should be included in our Consolidated Application and 2) where it is ranked/prioritized in our request for funding.
 - Those determinations are based on 1) performance data, 2) the proposals' alignment HUD priorities, and 3) other criteria set by the local CoC.

No member of the ranking committee may represent an agency applying for HUD CoC Funding.

Project Applicants

- The providers submitting Project Applications to renew, reallocate, transition or establish new funding through the NOFO.

HUD

- Issues the NOFO and makes the ultimate decision about whether a Project Application is funded.

Applications

Project Applications – provider/fundee response to the NOFO; the Project Application historically includes information on the projects' proposed:

- Program type
- Population to be served and capacity of the program
- Description of physical housing space
- Type of services that will be offered by project/billed to HUD grant
- Budget requests and match sources
- Commitment HUD policy priorities

Submitted with TCP as the Applicant and the provider as Subrecipient unless the provider has a direct grantee relationship with HUD.

Consolidated Application – the CoC's/Collaborative Applicant's response to the NOFO; the Consolidated application historically includes information on:

- Local response to homelessness
- The structure of its Board (ICH)
- HMIS implementation
- System performance measures and strategies for improvement
- Commitment to policy priorities and work with partners to implement the vision of the HUD CoC Program
- The ranked order of the Project Applications and how the CoC arrived at that order

Timeline (tentative)

- June 10-11: Preliminary information sessions held with Providers and the ICH Ranking Committee
- June 15-18: Ranking Committee to finalize proposed criteria; TCP “office hours” for one-on-one Q&As
- June 22: Providers email TCP with intentions to apply for Bonus dollars or to renew, reallocate or transition existing grants;
- June 22-26, 29-30: Application materials trainings and office hours
- July 17: Project Application materials (Bonus, renewal, reallocation, and transition) due to TCP/Ranking Committee
- August 3: Ranking Committee finalizes decisions
- August 4: TCP informs applicants about their inclusion in the Consolidated Application and the ranking of their proposal(s)
- August 24: Consolidated Application due to HUD. (Due date listed in the NOFO is 8/26 but it also says that completed package must be posted online 2 days ahead of that.)
- December 2026: HUD expects to make award announcements (some grant terms would begin Jan. 2027).

FY26 HUD CoC Funding

- The funding under this NOFO was made available by Congress in FY26.
- Any reference here to “FY26 funding” is a reference the year in which Congress appropriated the funding, not the term of the grant funded by the FY26 dollars.
- We are waiting to hear from HUD regarding our:
 - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) which is the total amount of funding we are able to renew (the sum of all grants eligible to renew); this is usually communicated through the Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW) which CoCs have not received;
 - Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) which is a HUD-determined dollar amt. figure that estimates local need;
 - Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) which is whatever is higher between the ARD and PPRN.
- We estimate that our total ask will be around \$40 million for between 35-40 grants.
- This year, in our CoC, the eligible application amounts are estimated as follows:
 - Tier 1 (part of total request HUD to prioritize) (60% of ARD): [\$\$\$]
 - Tier 2 (remainder of ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus): [\$\$\$]
 - CoC Bonus: [\$\$\$, 15% of the Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), with a minimum of \$500,000 and a maximum of \$5,000,000]
 - Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: [\$\$\$, 20% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), with a minimum of \$50,000 and a maximum of \$5,000,000]
 - CoC Planning: [\$\$\$, 5% of FPRN, up to maximum of \$1,500,000, or \$50,000 whichever is greater]

FY26 NOFO: No Formal Cap on PH

- The FY26 NOFO removes the 30 percent “cap” on requests for Permanent Housing (PH) programs. All program types that are currently eligible to receive HUD CoC funding (PSH, RRH, Joint TH/RRH, TH) that currently receive funding under the HUD CoC program are eligible to renew as is.
 - However, there is still an emphasis on CoCs “balancing” their funding requests so establishing new Transitional (TH) or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects either through the use of Bonus funds or through reallocation/transition (e.g. converting Rapid Rehousing to TH) is encouraged.
 - There is a national “set aside” of \$1.3 billion (32% of what is available nationally) for new projects with a priority for Transitional Housing (TH) projects and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects and a national “floor” of \$430,000,000 for Permanent Housing for families with children, which may impact funding of Permanent Housing projects listed in Tier 2.
 - Changes eligible program types that may receive new project funding. *Cannot newly create Joint TH/RRH projects in 2026.*

FY26 NOFO: Service Requirements

- Unlike the original FY25 NOFO, service requirement thresholds have been revised. While not required by HUD, providers establishing requirements is incentivized in various ways throughout the NOFO.
- Transitional housing projects are encouraged to provide individualized services that result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment for all program participants.
- Participants who are over age 62, meet the definition of the criteria for living with a disability defined in 24 CFR 8.3, and/or are living with a developmental disability are exempt.
 - *Note:* This definition is more narrow than what the McKinney-Vento Act permits for a "homeless individual with a disability" and would exclude people living with HIV/AIDS and many people whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder.
- Without application materials it is unclear how this will be evaluated in the application itself.
- Grant agreements from HUD will likely be prescriptive about how providers will need to demonstrate or document participants' service activities or exemption.

FY26 HUD NOFO: Goals & Objectives

- HUD has set the following goals and objectives to provide context for applicants to understand the merit criteria outlined in Section V.B on the NOFO, which supports HUD's goals of ending homelessness. HUD states these goals are consistent with national policy objectives. CoCs will be evaluated based on the extent to which they further HUD's policy priorities:
 - **Improving Outcomes** — This NOFO incentivizes sustained reductions in homelessness and increased self-sufficiency over outputs such as the number of beds created or filled. This NOFO puts an emphasis on reducing unsheltered homelessness and encampments and encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
 - **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability** — HUD set Tier 1 at 60% of ARD consistent with the FY26 appropriation and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) competition requirements (2 CFR 200.204–205).
 - **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care** — This NOFO encourages creating TH and SSO projects and PSH for those over 62 and/or with physical or developmental disabilities.
 - **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency** — This NOFO encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that provide on-site behavioral health treatment, supportive services, and participation requirements. It also encourages investment in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers.

FY26 HUD NOFO: Goals & Objectives

- **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency** — This NOFO encourages partnership with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. This NOFO also encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness. This NOFO also encourages supportive service participation requirements.
- **Advancing Public Safety for All** — This NOFO encourages cooperation with law enforcement to advance public safety, including working with law enforcement, first responders, and state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use.
- **Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations** — This NOFO encourages providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- **Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology** — HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination. HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs and is committed to prohibiting the use of federal funds for racial preferences.

Ranking

- HUD requires that CoCs rank new and renewing project applications to articulate a priority funding order which informs their funding decisions when they are unable to fund our entire request (or all requests nationally).
- Local CoC governing boards establish a committee to determine the CoC's internal evaluation process and must be comprised of non-conflicted members of the CoC (locally, this is ICH).
- The Ranking must include a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors and should include objective, performance criteria and whether projects meet basic threshold requirements.
- The first discussion about what the Ranking Committee might use was held during the ICH Executive Committee meeting on June 9 and they will continue to meet with a goal of finalizing their criteria and asks from the applicants, and will then focus on finalizing the ranking by August 3.

Ranking

- HUD will divide the ranked projects into two financial-threshold Tiers.
 - **Tier 1** (part of total request HUD to prioritize) (60% of ARD): [\$\$\$]
 - **Tier 2** (remainder of ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus): [\$\$\$]
- Even with known dollars amounts we cannot estimate how many programs will be in each tier since all grants vary in size (total funding and number of households served).
- Tier 2 projects face a lower chance of being funded by HUD. HUD's determination of whether a Tier 2 program is funded is based:
 - on its position within Tier 2 (40pts);
 - the CoC's overall score on its Consolidated Application (50pts); and
 - attestation that program will have service participation requirements (10pts)

Ranking

- HUD requires that CoCs include in their evaluation criteria whether or not service requirements will be in place and, for proposed programs, the project's plan for helping participants increase income from employment and find self-sufficiency.
- Our CoC's Ranking Committee has also historically looked at plans for:
 - Housing stability rates
 - Utilization rates
 - Information on key subpopulations to be served by programs, how feedback from persons with lived experience will be incorporated into program design/operations, and alignment with new HUD goals and objectives

HUD Funding Decisions

- HUD will select projects from CoCs Project Listings in this order:
 1. **CoC Planning funding** (application for this funding is unranked and separate from funding available to support programs, but HUD is awarding it first).
 2. **Tier 1 projects** (that pass eligibility thresholds).
 3. **DV Bonus projects.** *If less than \$104 million in DV Bonus project funding has been selected via steps 1–2, HUD will fund additional DV Bonus projects that amount is reached. This does not include DV Reallocation or the renewal of projects originally funded under the DV Bonus.*
 4. **Permanent Housing for families with children.** *If less than \$430 million has been selected via steps 1–3, HUD will fund additional family PSH until that amount is reached.*
 5. **New TH and SSO projects in Tier 2.** *HUD will select projects in this category unit by score until the total new TH/SSO projects funding equals \$1.3 billion; Bonuses and reallocations/transitions.*
 6. **All other new projects in Tier 2.** *HUD will continue selecting by project score until all new projects combined reach the \$1.3 billion threshold mentioned above.*
 7. **All other projects in Tier 2.**

HUD Funding Decisions

- Projects in Tier 2 are less likely to be funded; HUD decision on whether to fund a Tier 2 project is based on:
 - The CoC's Consolidation Application Score,
 - The Project's Ranking within Tier 2, and
 - Whether the Project will have service participation requirements in place.
- HUD's evaluation of the CoC's Consolidated Application includes (but is not limited to):
 - Demonstration that the Project Listing includes Projects with service requirements in place, substance abuse treatment on site and that 30% of the overall ask is for supportive services dollars.
 - Demonstration that the Project Listing includes programs located in Opportunity Zones, that offer Sober Housing, and that advance recovery
 - Demonstration that the Project Listing include programs that serve families, high users of health care systems, seniors, and persons experiencing chronic homelessness.

Bonus Opportunities

- CoCs may apply to create new programs through the CoC Bonus or DV Bonus.
- HUD has not provided exact amounts that CoCs are eligible for, but in the original FY25 NOFO our CoC was eligible for \$6.4M under the CoC Bonus and \$2.3M under the DV Bonus (but HUD has set an FY26 limit of \$5M for both).
- Applicants do not need to apply for the full amount; we can submit multiple applications in response to both opportunities but the total requested among all applications cannot exceed the amounts HUD will give us.
- Funds from the Bonus opportunities cannot be combined with each other or with funds being reallocated from an existing HUD CoC grant. However, Bonus funds may be used to expand existing HUD CoC grants.
- Bonus funding is intended to establish brand new capacity for the CoC and cannot be used to support or expand existing non HUD CoC programs already operating.

Bonus Opportunities

- The grant the initial grant term for Bonus opportunity proposals may be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 15 years.
- HUD will divide the amount requested by the years in the initial grant term to determine the amount that will be eligible for renewal (i.e. a \$1 million dollar request over 5 years will renew beginning in year 6 as a \$200K grant).
- Projects requesting a 1 year initial grant term may request an initial term of up to 18 months to allow for additional start up time for the new project.
- The CoC's Ranking Committee will decide which responses to the Bonus opportunities will be included in the CoC's Consolidated Application and Project Listing.
- TCP will inform the applicants whether their proposed Bonus project will be included in the application between August 4th and 11th. Proposals not selected have the opportunity to submit a Solo Application (see NOFO for more details).
- HUD will review the proposals forwarded by the CoC for an internal review and will make the final funding decision.

CoC Bonus

- CoCs may submit CoC Bonus project applications for: PSH, RRH, TH, SSO, Coordinated Entry grants, or HMIS grants (though only TCP can submit applications for the latter two).
 - New Joint TH-RRH is not allowed this year.
- Programs must serve individuals or families: are without a fixed or regular nighttime residence, who are at imminent risk of losing their nighttime residence, or who are fleeing domestic violence situations (definitions 1, 2 and 4 of “homeless” under 24 CFR.3).
- RRH and TH programs may also serve unaccompanied youth under 25 or families with children who do not meet the above criteria but who defined as experiencing homelessness under other federal statutes, have not had permanent housing in the previous 60 days, have experienced housing instability, and expect to continue in such a status due to disability, health issues, DV situations, and other factors (definition 3 under 24 CFR.3).
- Project Applicants must be able to demonstrate their agency’s experience serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness and helping them meet self sufficiency related outcomes.
- CoCs must demonstrate how the project will improve the portfolio of services available already.

DV Bonus

- CoCs may submit DV Bonus project applications for: RRH, TH, or Coordinated Entry grants (though only TCP can submit applications for the latter two).
 - New Joint TH-RRH is not allowed this year.
- Programs must serve individuals or families: are without a fixed or regular nighttime residence or who are fleeing domestic violence situations (definitions 1 and 4 of “homeless” under 24 CFR.3).
- RRH and TH programs may also serve unaccompanied youth under 25 or families with children who do not meet the above criteria but who defined as experiencing homelessness under other federal statutes, have not had permanent housing in the previous 60 days, have experienced housing instability, and expect to continue in such a status due to disability, health issues, DV situations, and other factors (definition 3 under 24 CFR.3).
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate how their agency’s experience serving individuals and families experiencing trauma related to fleeing (or attempting to flee) domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability house survivors while meeting safety outcomes.
- CoCs must demonstrate how the project will improve the portfolio of services available already.

*HUD CoC
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Requirements*

Funding Requests

- Along with the other content in the Project Application, HUD usually requires a detailed budget of how the HUD dollars will be spent.
- Allowable funding areas include Leasing/Rental Assistance, Supportive Services, Operating, and Admin
 - Admin portion will be split with TCP as the primary recipient and is used to pay for implementation of HUD CoC Program requirements.
- When application materials are available, TCP will provide training on completing the application including the filling out the budget request.
- Funding areas available vary by program type (PSH, RRH, TH, etc.) so in the meantime please review the HUD virtual binder for specifics on the type of program you are proposing: [CoC and ESG Virtual Binders - HUD Exchange](#)

Match

Match Requirement: HUD CoC Program funding is limited and can provide only a portion of the resources needed to successfully address the needs of homeless families, individuals, and youth. Meaning, HUD does not intend to be the sole support of any project that it funds. Therefore, HUD requires Project Applicants to have other sources of funding.

HUD CoC Program grants must be matched in an amount equal to 25% of grant funds. Match resources may come from public or private sources. All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds for that activity.

Site Control

Site Control Verification: For new projects where funds are awarded for leasing, rental assistance, operating, and/or supportive services grantees must demonstrate site control within 12 months of the announcement of the award.

Acceptable evidence of site control is a deed, lease, or purchase agreement.

If a grantee fails to gain site control by the deadline, HUD has the right to withdraw funding for the project.

Environmental Review

Environmental Review is the process of reviewing a project and its potential environmental impacts to determine whether it meets federal, state, and local environmental standards.

Data Collection & Reporting

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): Programs funded by the HUD CoC Program are required to use the homeless services system's HMIS to comply with all HUD reporting requirements. As HMIS lead for the CoC, TCP provides access to the HMIS and training on a monthly basis so that providers understand the requirement and data entry standards.

HMIS Comparable Database: The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) contain strong, legally codified confidentiality provisions that limit victim service providers from sharing, disclosing or revealing victims' personally identifying information, including entering information into the HMIS. These provisions underpin confidentiality practices that protect the safety and privacy of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking who are seeking services.

HUD Requirements: CAHP Participation

CAHP/Coordinated Entry Participation: HUD requires that referrals for programs receiving CoC funding come through the community's coordinated entry process, referred to locally as Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHP).

- Program participants are matched to and prioritized for housing resources based on a uniform assessment which pairs information about a person or family's service needs with available programs.
- TCP's CAHP team will make referrals into the program as vacancies arise.

Questions?

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