

FY 2026 CoC New Project Funding (HUD NOFO)

Information Session

June 12, 2026

9:00 am



Presentation Overview

1. Continuum of Care (CoC) Structure
2. CoC Funding Process
3. CoC Grants:
 - a. Eligible projects
 - b. Participant Eligibility
 - c. HUD Priorities and Requirements
 - d. DV Bonus
4. Local Competition Timeline
5. FAQs + open time for Q&A



Continuum of Care Structure Overview



What is the Continuum of Care(CoC)?

- Developed by Department of Housing & Urban Development in 1994
- **Goal:** promote coordination of federal homeless assistance programs within communities
- Approximately 400 CoCs in the USA
- CoC can refer to the
 - **planning process**
 - **collection of stakeholders**
 - **geographic area**
 - **funding itself**



What is the Continuum of Care(CoC)?

- Each CoC has a **Lead Agency** that oversees the following responsibilities:
 - Operating the CoC
 - Coordinated Entry Process and assessment tool
 - Written standards for providing assistance
 - Designing/operating Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - Preparing the collaborative application for CoC Program Funds

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County Continuum of Care

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Memphis / Shelby County
Homeless Consortium

Governing Council



MSCHC Committees

CoC Planning Committee
Healthcare Committee
HMIS Committee
Lived Experience Committee
Youth Action Board
Youth Committee

*Logistical
Support &
Coordination*



*Gov. Council
votes annually*



Community Alliance
FOR THE HOMELESS

Lead Agency

- *Continuum of Care Lead Agency*
- *HMIS Lead Agency*
- *Coordinated Entry System manager*
- *Collabrative Applicant on HUD NOFOs*

Continuum of Care Funding Process



CoC Funding Process



HUD releases CoC Program NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) for fiscal year and local CoC publishes local timeline and deadlines

Applicants submit new or renewal project applications in e-snaps (HUD's grant application platform)

Community's Rank & Review Committee prioritizes projects based on performance evaluation, strategic resource allocation, and community impact

Prioritization list of new and renewal projects is submitted to HUD alongside community's Consolidated Application

HUD makes all final funding determinations based on project review, community's application score, and project prioritization list

- Largest annual federal funding source for homeless services and programs
- **FY26 NOFO Timeline:**
 - **Anticipated award date:** 12/1/2026
 - **Estimated Performance Period Start Date:** 1/1/2027
 - **Estimated Performance period end date:** 12/31/2027

CoC Funding Process

- Eligible project applicants for the CoC program competition include **nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes** and **TDHE. Public housing agencies** are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.
- All eligible projects are then ranked by a committee formed from the Governing Council of the Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium and community members.



CoC Funding Process

- The rank and review committee ranks projects into two tiers and HUD selects projects based on how HUD ranks individual projects and whether they are in Tier 1 or Tier 2.
- **Projects ranked in Tier 1** are awarded first based on passing eligibility, quality, and threshold review.
- **Projects ranked in Tier 2** are awarded based on project score that takes into account the CoC score, ranking, and commitment to service participation requirements.

Tier 1 = 60% of funds dependent on CoC overall score. *(90% in 2024)*

Tier 2 = 40% of funds dependent on CoC overall score. *(10% in 2024)*

Tier 2 scoring now favors projects with required services. See page 90 of the NOFO for more information.

CoC Funding Process



- Once local Rank and Review is complete, CAFTH submits all projects to HUD with a Collaborative Application. HUD makes the final determination of funding, and there is no guarantee all or any will be funded.
- Funding available **nationally: \$4,040,000,000 (2026)**
- Funding Available **locally:**
 - **TN-501 ARD:** Waiting on this amount to be released by HUD
 - **CoC Bonus-** Waiting on this amount to be released by HUD
 - **DV- Bonus-** Waiting on this amount to be released by HUD

CoC Funding Process



- **At least \$104 million** must be used for new DV Bonus projects, which now can include transitional housing as an eligible project type.
- **At least \$430 million** must be used for Permanent Housing projects including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) for families with children.
- **Up to \$1.3 billion** is set aside for **NEW** projects ranked in Tier 2, with selection priority for **new Transitional Housing (TH)** and **Supportive Services Only (SSO)** projects. New projects can also be ranked in Tier 1 but will not be applied to the set-aside amount.
- Opportunities for new funding this round include:
 - Reallocation of existing project(s)
 - Bonus awards:
 - CoC Bonus
 - Domestic Violence Bonus

Continuum of Care Grants



Eligible Project Types

CoCs may apply for any of the following project types through the CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation Process:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**
 - Long term, not time-limited
- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**
 - Short term, up to 24 months
- **Transitional Housing (TH)**
 - Short term, 3-24 months
- **Supportive Services Only (SSO)***
 - Street outreach
- **DV Projects (TH or PH-RRH)**

Participant Eligibility

Participants eligible to be served by new projects, are as follows:

1. **PH-PSH** projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following:
 - a. persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act where the head of household also has a qualifying disability as defined section 401(9) of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act



Participant Eligibility

Participants eligible to be served by new projects, are as follows:

1. **TH, PH-RRH, SSO** projects awarded CoC funds must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



Participant Eligibility

Participants eligible to be served by new projects, are as follows:

1. **DV Bonus, DV Renewal and DV Reallocation** projects must serve individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



Match Documentation

- **25% match** of “total” grant amount is required
 - Cash match
 - In-kind match
- Leasing line items do not require match
- Match must be documented with project application
- More info about Matching Requirements in the HUD Virtual Binders:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/match-requirements/>



Project Requirements per HUD

All program participants are referred through the CoC's Coordinated Entry System.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a collaborative community response to anyone experiencing homelessness. It provides streamlined and equitable access to housing interventions for people experiencing homelessness in Memphis/Shelby County.

The Coordinated Entry System contains access points for populations, who are assessed and prioritized based on vulnerability and eligibility, then referred to CoC-funded housing programs.

You can find more [information about the CES on CAFTH's website](#).



Project Application Requirements



All New Project Requirements:

1. Full Submitted Application in e-snaps
2. Completed other HUD forms in e-snaps
3. Potential Interview with the Rank & Review Committee

Dv Bonus New Project Additional Requirements:

4. DV Bonus Supplemental Application
5. Completed Comparable Database Agreement

HUD Priorities and Requirements



Threshold Eligibility Criteria



The Applicant must:

- Have an accounting financial management system that satisfies HUD requirements (Ex: Accountant).
- Have **no** outstanding delinquent federal debts.
- Have **no** debarments/suspensions from doing business with federal government.
- Disclose any violations of Federal criminal law potentially affecting Federal award.
- Agree to participate in Coordinated Entry and HMIS, if funded
- Document the required 25% match
- Become a Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium Member: Be a current Memphis/Shelby County Homeless Consortium
- Have a current [LiveGive Midsouth profile](#)
- 501(c)3 designation (or be unit of government)
- Complete SAM and UEI Registration: www.sam.gov

Review page 58 of the NOFO for all threshold requirements.

New Project Requirements

- Project applicants must also certify affirmatively to the following:
 - The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
- - The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B of the NOFO and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a). **This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.**

New Project Requirements for Previous Grantees

- If you have had CoC funded projects before, you must have had satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s) funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; **however, this does not apply to project applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project;**
- Project applicants must also demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. HUD reserves the right to deny a funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, unresolved audit, or monitoring findings related to one or more existing grants; or does not routinely draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter. HUD also reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant

If awarded, a recipient must meet all the criteria listed in the criteria column for each new project type on pages 63 of the NOFO.

HUD Priorities

Your project should be grounded in the following HUD priorities:

- 1) Improving Outcomes
- 2) Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
- 3) Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
- 4) Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency.
- 5) Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
- 6) Advancing Public Safety For All
- 7) Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
- 8) Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology

You can read more about HUD's priorities on page 29 of the NOFO



Changes from Previous NOFO

- **Changes to Tiering.** Tier 1 is set at 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- **YHDP Projects will be renewing competitively**
- **Focus on TH and SSO.** Permitted and encouraged to apply for TH and SSO services as new projects
- **Expanded Eligibility for PSH.** PSH projects that are not dedicated to chronically homeless households or designated as DedicatedPLUS may serve people with disabilities who meet Category 2 of the homeless definition in addition to Categories 1 and 4.



Changes from Previous NOFO

- **Reinterpretation of “self-sufficiency”.** Optimizing self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families is one of the stated purposes of the CoC Program. This has long been understood and operationalized as the ability to live independently and maintain housing with or without assistance. HUD is now interpreting this to mean “the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.”
- **Factors Impacting the Likelihood of Project Rejection.**
 - HUD has expanded what can be considered in its risk review of applicants to include information from public sources like news reports and new subjective criteria such as the ability to promote self-sufficiency. It has also, for the first time, made the results of the risk review alone a valid reason for adverse funding decisions.
 - In addition to the results of the threshold criteria, merit review, and the risk review, HUD may also consider additional factors that provide HUD broad authority to reject otherwise qualified projects for subjective reasons such as the “likelihood that the proposed project will result in the benefits expected.”

Changes from Previous NOFO

- **New National Priorities for HUD.** HUD's new national priorities center on treatment, service participation requirements, civil commitment, and public safety. Merit criteria provide significant points for CoCs that prioritize both voluntary and involuntary treatment and what HUD deems as "promoting public safety." Service requirements feature prominently in the merit criteria and selection criteria.
- **NSPIRE.** Effective October 1, 2026, housing leased with CoC funding, or for which rental assistance payments are made, will be required to meet the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate (NSPIRE).
- **Transitional Housing** is an eligible project type for the DV Bonus. HUD will allow for the renewal of Joint TH/RRH component projects but will not accept new applications for this component type.

Changes from Previous NOFO

- New Transitional Housing projects must provide individualized services that will result in **at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants**, except those who are over age 62, meet the definition of handicapped in 24 CFR 8.3, and/or have a developmental disability.
 - **Note:** this definition of handicap is narrower than what is permissible in the McKinney-Vento Act for “homeless individual with a disability” and would exclude people with HIV/AIDS and many people whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder.
- New **SSO-Street Outreach** projects must demonstrate a history of, or plan for, partnering and cooperating with first responders and law enforcement.

Note: *New Permanent Supportive Housing and new Rapid Rehousing projects do **NOT** have to include service participation requirements.*

DV Bonus



DV Bonus Updates

- **Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking New Projects (DV Bonus and DV Reallocation Projects)** is defined as a new DV project created through
 - the DV Bonus or
 - through reallocation of renewal DV projects.
- HUD is making available at least \$52,000,000 for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.
- Minimum amount for DV Bonus grant: \$50,000
- DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects.
 - The project applicant's experience serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.

***Local
Competition
Timeline***



Local CoC Competition Timeline

June

12th | New Project Information Session (Virtual), 9 - 11 am

12th | Renewal Project Information Session (Virtual), 10 - 11 am

12th | YHDP Project Information Session (Virtual), 11 - 12 pm

18th | E-Snaps Information Session (Virtual), 11 am - 1 pm

July

1st | APRs pulled by HMIS (**current projects only*)

15th | Consumer Surveys Due (**current projects only*)

17th | In Person E-Snaps and Narrative Writing TA, 9 - 12 pm

20th | In-Person E-Snaps and Narrative Writing TA, 1 - 4 pm

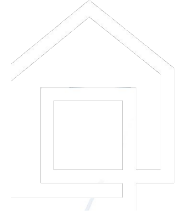
29th | Scorecards to agencies for review (**current projects only*)

31st | Deadline for project submission to CAFTH at 2:59:59 PM! All of the following are also due via email to haley@cafth.org.

- CDB agreement (DV Bonus Projects Only)
- DV Bonus Supplemental Application (DV Bonus Projects Only)

*links to all informational and TA sessions can be found on [CAFTH's website](#) and Coalition Manager

Local CoC Competition Timeline (cont'd)



August

6th | Rank & Review

7th | Rank & Review

10th | Notify Projects of Rank & Review Score via email

17th | Deadline for appeal (closes at 9:59:59 am) *Deadline for appeal of rejection.*

All projects making an appeal of rejection must submit their appeal via email to

myletta@cafth.org by Monday, August 17th, 2026 at 9:59:59 am

21st | Public Posting of collaborative application and prioritization list

26th | Deadline for public comments & submission to HUD

Frequently Asked Questions



1) How are new project applications submitted?

– All project applications are submitted in a platform called E-snaps. HUD's e-snaps website: esnaps.hud.gov

– e-snaps toolkits:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

Reminder:

6/18: *Virtual E-Snaps Information Session, 11 am - 1 pm*

7/17: In Person E-Snaps and Narrative Writing TA, 9 - 12 pm

7/20: | In-Person E-Snaps and Narrative Writing TA, 1 - 4 pm

Frequently Asked Questions



2) Why are applications not submitted directly to HUD?

- HUD requires communities to come together to submit CoC applications to stimulate community-wide planning and coordination of programs
- Process also allows for local prioritization and determinations

3) Where can I go for more information as HUD releases it?

- CAFTH Website: [2026 CoC NOFO local competition Details:](#)
- HUD Exchange CoC Resources: www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

Frequently Asked Questions



4) Can I submit a question to HUD about the NOFO?

Yes!

CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to

CoCNOFO@hud.gov

Frequently Asked Questions

5) What are my next steps, now that I've attended the New Project Information Session?

We recommend that you...

- 1) [Read the notice, more than once!](#)
- 2) Go to the esnaps resources listed in the item #1 of the FAQ slides. Learn how to create a login and profile for your organization.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- 3) Visit the [CAFTH website](#) frequently for updated information.
- 4) Go to our homepage and subscribe to our newsletter for notifications directly to you inbox! You will also see the link to join the Consortium.
- 5) Reach out with any questions, any time!



Thank you for attending!

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