

# ***FY 2026 COC & YHDP NOFO***

YHDP INFORMATIONAL SESSION

June 12, 2026

11:00 am



# Agenda Overview

1. CoC funding process
2. Threshold Criteria
3. Local CoC Competition Timeline
4. Changes to FY 2026 NOFO Competition
5. FY 2026 YHDP Grants
  - a. Renewal YHDP Projects
  - b. YHDP Replacement and Reallocation Process
  - c. Project Requirements
2. FAQs + open time for Q&A



# ***CoC 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

**YHDP Project Application is due to CAFTH in e-snaps by July 31st at 2:59:59 pm.**

**CAFTH Subrecipients for RRH & TH will need to submit a condensed application back to CAFTH by July 27 at 2:59:59 pm.**

On August **6th, and 7th**, a rank and review committee formed by the MSCHC Governing Council and community members will be reviewing all project applications submitted to CAFTH as part of this year's NOFO.

Your project will be ranked on several factors including:

- APRs
- Responses to Consumer Surveys completed by program participants
- Program's ability to meet all threshold requirements
- Performance outcomes, i.e. permanent housing outcomes, increase in income, etc.
- Grant Management - monitoring results, CES participation, HMIS data quality, involvement of people with lived experience



# CoC Funding Process

- **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.*

# ***Threshold Criteria***



# 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](http://www.sam.gov)

*Review page 58 of the NOFO for all threshold requirements.*

***Local CoC  
Competition  
Timeline***



# Local CoC Competition Timeline

## June

**12th** | New Project Information Session (Virtual), 9 - 10 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

**15th** | Consumer Surveys Due

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

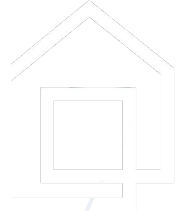
**20th** | In-Person E-Snaps and Narrative Writing TA, 1 - 4 pm

**27th** | Deadline for CAFTH subrecipient submission in google doc by 2:59:59 PM!

**29th** | Scorecards to agencies for review

**31st** | Deadline for non CAFTH project submissions in E-Snaps by 2:59:59 PM!

# Local CoC Competition Timeline



## 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*

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

**21st** | Public Posting of draft, Prioritization List,

**26th** | Deadline for public comments & Submission to HUD

***Changes from  
Last Year's 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

- **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).

***YHDP Renewal  
and Replacement***



# YHDP Renewal and Replacement Process



For the FY 2026 CoC & YHDP Applications, YHDP projects can apply as either a:

1. Renewal Project

**OR** through YHDP Replacement Process as a,

2. Expansion Project
3. Replacement Project

# YHDP Renewal Projects



- YHDP Projects are eligible for renewal with FY2026 CoC Program funds if they are currently operating and have an expiration date in CY 2027 (Jan. 1, 2027 - Dec. 31, 2027)
- YHDP Renewal project applicants can submit renewal applications for minor changes to a current YHDP project.
  - Minor changes include:
    - Adding or modifying select Special YHDP activities
    - Shift up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another
- Renewal Applications ***MUST:***
  - Be submitted by same recipient that signed executed grant agreement for grant being renewed
  - Be for the same amount of funding and limited to a project's ARA (annual renewal amount)
  - Continue to serve youth ages 18 - 24

# YHDP Replacement Process

YHDP Replacement projects can either **Expand** or **Replace** an existing YHDP project that is eligible for renewal to create one or more new YHDP projects

1. **Expand:** Reallocate funds from one YHDP project to another existing YHDP project that is eligible for renewal funding to expand that project's services.

- Can apply for new expansion projects to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, and services provided to existing program participants
  - Must be for the same program component as the project being expanded
  - The new funding being added to the existing renewal must be submitted as a **new project application** in E-snaps



# YHDP Replacement Process

YHDP Replacement projects can:

2. **Reallocation:** Reallocate funds from one YHDP project to create one or more new YHDP replacement projects

- HUD will **only** fund the below new YHDP reallocation projects through the YHDP replacement process:
  - TH
  - Crisis Residential Housing (form of TH that is short-term, low-barrier, using a congregate living setting and that provides access to following supportive services: family engagement & unification, case management, emergency triage services)
  - SSO including but not limited to housing search and placement services, case management, or street outreach
  - SSO - Host Home and Kinship Care



# 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](#).



# Eligible Budget Line Items

- **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/>



# Additional Resources

- 2026 CoC NOFO Local Competition Documents:  
<https://www.cafth.org/what-we-do/2026-nofa/>  
*(recording/slides will be posted here)*
- HUD Exchange CoC Resources:  
[www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/](http://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/)
- e-snaps toolkits: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>



# Renewal Application Process



## **Additional recommendations:**

- Please try to backup your written responses in Microsoft Word to prevent the loss of information. The e-snaps website can crash unexpectedly.
- Upon completion of your application, export a PDF copy of the application and save it for your records.

# Thank you for attending!

Please email us if you have any questions:

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