

# FY2026 Continuum of Care NOFO Informational Session

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# Agenda

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# HUD's Goals and Objectives

*"HUD is restoring the CoC program to its original goals of reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency by focusing on meaningful outcomes, expanding competition, prioritizing treatment, economic independence, and emphasizing law and order."*

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- 1. Improving Outcomes**
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- 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, Not Ideology**

# HUD's Goals and Objectives



**Improving Outcomes** HUD is committed to supporting meaningful sustained reductions in homelessness and increases in self-sufficiency rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled. Desired outcomes include optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing trauma caused to communities.



**Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability** Tier 1 has been reduced from 90% to 60%, increasing the amount of competitive funding awarded based on merit between geographic areas. Competition ensures that CoCs evaluate the effectiveness of their programs and invest in new projects that deliver the best results.



**Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care** HUD is shifting its focus away from awarding CoC funding to Permanent Housing to expand opportunities for other components of the CoC Program. By investing in Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only Projects, HUD intends to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency.



**Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency** CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency, including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.

# HUD's Goals and Objectives



**Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency** CoCs should prioritize projects that lead to long-term economic independence and help individuals exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing. Well-designed supportive service requirements provide structure and accountability for program participants to meet their unique goals and needs.



**Advancing Public Safety for All** Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living on the streets and in encampments, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and minimizing trauma. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community.



**Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations** CoCs should encourage 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 Not Ideology** HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination, recognizing that faith-based providers deserve a level playing field to compete for funding. This NOFO prohibits the use of federal funds for any type of racial preferences.

# What's New in FY2026?

Investment in  
Transitional Housing  
and Supportive  
Services Only  
Projects

Increase in  
Competition

Increase in Equitable  
Bonus Funding

Expanding Eligible  
DV Bonus Projects to  
Include Transitional  
Housing

Eligible Program  
Components

Shared Housing

Preferences for  
Elderly and Disabled  
Individuals and  
Families

Award  
Announcement  
Timeline

# Important Dates

Date	Event
July 13, 2026	Letters of Intent (LOI) Due from Interested Applicants
July 22, 2026	Project Applications Due
August 4, 2026	Project Ranking Approved by the Circle of Caring Homelessness Board (CoCHB)
August 10, 2026	Written Notice Sent to Successful and Unsuccessful Applicants
August 13, 2026	Board of County Commissioner Approval
August 21, 2026	Final Application Sent to the CoCHB and Publicly Posted
August 26, 2026	CoC Application Due to HUD



# Funding Available\*

**Total Funding Available for FY2026:           \$1,196,481**

• **Tier 1** (60% of ARD):                               **\$356,561**

• **Tier 2** (40% of ARD + Bonus Funds):       **\$839,920**

• CoC Bonus: \$500,000

• DV Bonus: \$102,212

\* The CoC is still waiting for confirmation of its (Annual Renewal Demand) ARD from HUD. The amounts on this slide may change as we receive more information.

# Types of Project Applications Accepted

## Permanent Supportive Housing:

- Renewal Applications accepted only
- New Applications will NOT be considered for CoC Bonus funds
- Providers should consider applying for a Transition Grant or Reallocation Project for any funding that they anticipate falling in Tier 2.

## Supportive Services Only (Standalone and Street Outreach) & Transitional Housing:

- Open to New Applications and prioritized for funding by HUD. Providers are strongly encouraged to submit New Applications for these project types.

## Rapid-Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid-Rehousing, HMIS, SSO-Coordinated Entry:

- New applications are not prioritized for funding by HUD and will NOT be considered for CoC Bonus Funds.
- Renewal Application will be accepted for SSO-Coordinated Entry

# Anticipated Project Types

## Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Long-term housing assistance and supportive services are provided to assist households where at least one member has a disability in achieving housing stability.

Eligible for Renewal Projects only. HUD will not prioritize new PSH projects for funding. Any PSH project that falls in Tier 2 will be strongly considered for Reallocation.

## Transitional Housing (TH)

Provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to move to and maintain permanent housing.

TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months. HUD preference for new TH projects.

## Supportive Services Only (SSO)

SSO-Street Outreach projects are dedicated to outreach service activity to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation.

SSO-Standalone projects may provide eligible supportive services listed in the CoC Interim Rule such as case management, education, employment assistance, legal, and outpatient health services.

## SSO - Coordinated Entry (CE)

SSO-CE projects develop or operate a CE system, implementing policies, procedures, and practices that equip CoC's CE to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Eligible as a renewal project only. Additional SSO-CE projects are not determined to be a local need by the CoC Executive Board.

# Match and Budget Requirements

## WHAT IS MATCH?

- Cash or in-kind resources (property, equipment, goods, or services) contributed to the project activities. In-kind match provided by a third party requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- Must be used for eligible activities under the CoC Program Component.
- Match amount must be for 25% or more of the award amount (excluding leasing).
- Can be from private or public sources, but generally not from federal funds.

## BUDGET CATEGORIES

- **Leasing:** facility or units, lease is between the service provider and owner (PSH, TH)
- **Rental Assistance:** apartments, houses, or facilities, lease is between the client and owner (PSH, TH)
- **Supportive Services:** includes a wide range of services such as case management (PSH, TH, SSO)
- **Operations:** costs for housing units such as maintenance and repairs - can only be used in combination with leasing funds (PSH, TH)
- **HMIS:** staffing and equipment costs to participate in HMIS (PSH, TH, SSO)
- **Admin:** up to 10% of the award amount (PSH, TH, SSO)

# Application Process

Submit Letter of Intent

- Review the [FY2026 CoC NOFO](#) and [Rating and Ranking Criteria](#) and plan your project.
- Write a Letter of Intent and submit it to Carly and/or Debby. Upon receipt, you will receive the Application Checklist, listing all required supporting documents.

Submit PDF of Project Application










- Register or login to [Esnaps](#) and create/update your applicant profile.
- Access and complete the project application for the type of project you're applying for.
- Download a PDF of your project application and submit it along with your project budget, Application Checklist, and Supporting Documents to Carly and/or Debby for Rating and Ranking.

Submit Project Application in Esnaps

- Receive written notification stating whether your project was selected to be included in the CoC's application.
- If your project was selected for inclusion, you will submit your project application in Esnaps.

## e-snaps Icons

This document provides a list of the icons in *e-snaps* and what they allow *e-snaps* users to do.

Icon	Definition/What it allows users to do
	The <b>Registrant</b> icon resembles a person. It appears on the “Applicants” screen and takes users to the “Registrants” screen that lists the <i>e-snaps</i> users who have access to that organization's <i>e-snaps</i> account, with its Applicant Profile and applications. A registrant is a person with an <i>e-snaps</i> user profile who has access to the CoC Collaborative Applicant and/or project applicant <i>e-snaps</i> accounts.
	The <b>Add Registrant</b> icon resembles a paper clip. It appears on the “Applicants” screen once a user selects the “Registrant” icon. It enables someone with access to an organization's <i>e-snaps</i> account to add other <i>e-snaps</i> users as a registrant. For more information, see the <a href="#">Give Staff Access to the Organization's e-snaps Account</a> resource.
	The <b>Open Folder</b> icon resembles an orange folder. It serves to open a set of forms, such as those for the CoC Applicant Profile, CoC Registration, CoC Review, CoC Application, and CoC Priority Listings, as well as the project applicant's Applicant Profile and project applications.
	The <b>Register</b> icon resembles a piece of paper with a “check mark.” It appears on the “Funding Opportunity Registrations” screen and allows the user to register for a funding opportunity.
	The <b>View</b> icon resembles a magnifying glass. It is generally used to open or expand a topic. It allows users to review an item in more detail.
	The <b>Add</b> icon resembles a piece of paper with a “plus” sign. It allows users to create a new entry or add an item on a screen.
	The <b>Delete</b> icon is a red circle with an “x” inside. It allows users to delete an entry or item on a screen.
	The <b>Calendar</b> icon resembles a flip calendar and has the number 23 on it. It allows users to select a date to be populated into a field.
	The <b>Amend</b> icon resembles a piece of paper with a pencil on it. It only appears on the CoC Priority Listing screens. The Amend icon enables the CoC to amend project applications back to a project applicant for revision, prior to submitting the CoC application to HUD.

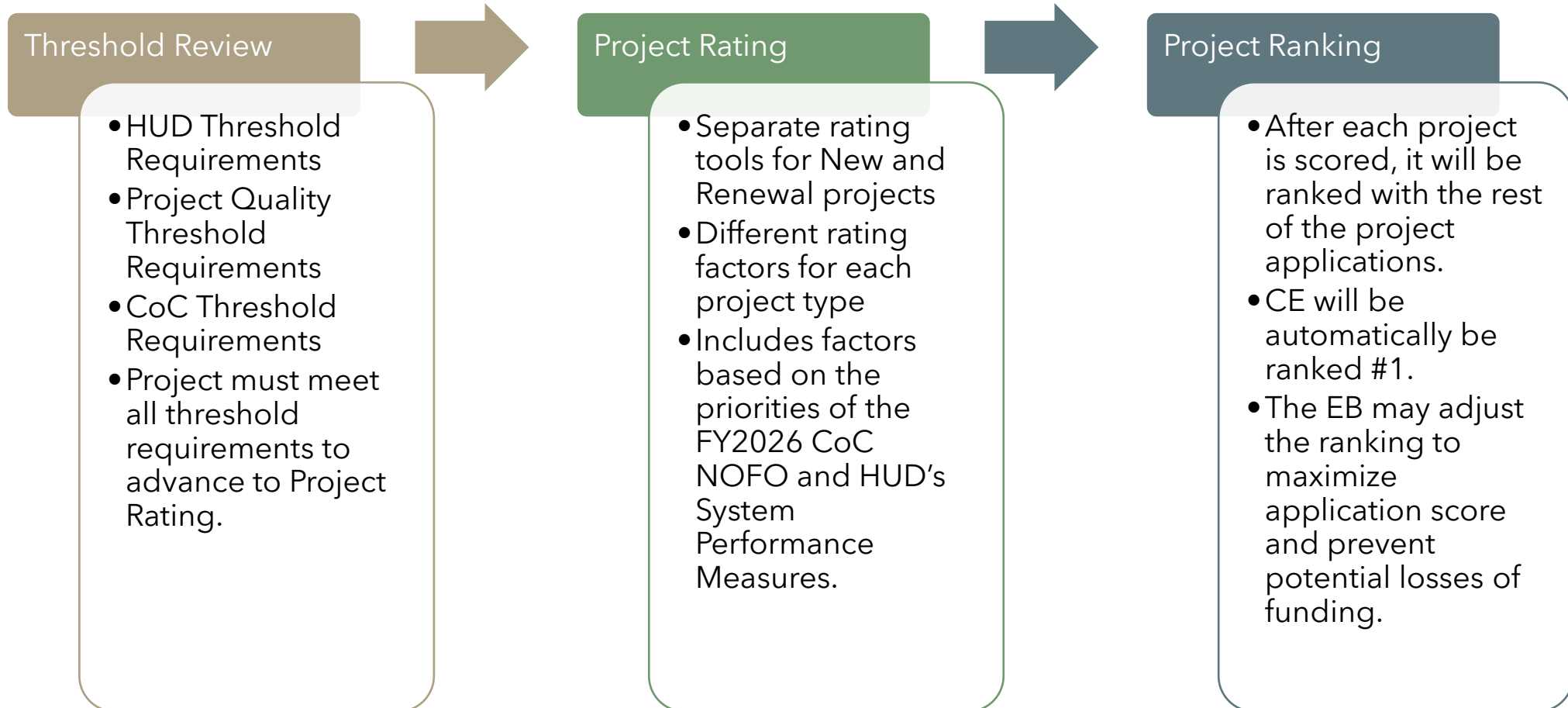
# Tips for Using Esnaps

[E-snaps](#) is the electronic system HUD uses to manage the CoC funding application process. The application process requires 4 basic steps:

1. Complete the Applicant Profile
2. Register for the Funding Opportunity
3. Create the Project Application
4. Access the Application

Use the [e-snaps 101 Toolkit](#) for first-time user guides and the [e-snaps 201 Toolkit](#) for step-by-step instructions on accessing applications.

# Scoring and Ranking Process



# Threshold Requirements

## HUD Threshold Requirements:

- SAM Registration
- Unique Entity Identifier
- Program Eligibility
- Financial Management Capacity/System
- Resolution of Civil Rights Matters
- Required Certifications
- Eligible Populations Served
- HMIS Participation
- No Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
- Mandatory Disclosure Requirement
- Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities
- Code of Conduct

## Project Threshold Requirements:

- Compliance with the Rule
- Documentation of Match and Eligibility of Costs
- Historical Performance
- Non-Supplanting
- Data Quality
- Reasonable Costs
- Financial Feasibility
- Project Organizational Chart
- Proof of Ownership/Lease Agreement (Site-based Housing)
- Project Termination, Non-Discrimination, and Grievance Policies
- Project Policies/Rules and Participant Rights and Responsibilities



# Threshold Requirements Continued

## CoC Threshold Requirements:

- Coordinated Entry Participation
- Circle of Caring Participation
- Complete Application
- Utilization
- Organizational Audit/Financial Review
- Articles of Incorporation/Bylaws
- Certificate of Good Standing
- List of Board of Directors

# Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects

- Length of Stay
- Exits to Permanent Housing
- Returns to Homelessness
- New or Increased Income
- Supportive Service Requirements
- Substance Use Treatment Availability
- Leveraging Healthcare and Housing Resources
- Priority Populations Served (Elderly, Disabled, Chronic)
- Workforce Development Services
- Project Efficiency
- Reasonable Costs
- Coordinated Entry Referrals
- Project Monitoring
- PIT/HIC Participation
- HUD Policy Priorities

# Rating Criteria for New Projects

- Experience with Target Population and Project Type
- Project Type Preference
- Appropriate Accreditation and Licensures
- Experience with Federal Funds
- Project Meets the Needs of Clients to be Served
- Project Supports HUD Goals and Objectives
- Plan for Workforce Development Services
- Plan for Implementation
- Reasonable Cost per Household
- Organizational Audit
- Additional Criteria by Project Type

# Rating Criteria by Project Type for New Projects

## Transitional Housing

- Experience with Target Population and Project Type
- Performance of Similar Projects
- Access to Mainstream Resources
- Supportive Services Provided (Minimum of 20 hours/week)
- Supportive Services Plan
- Treatment Requirement and Availability

## Supportive Services Only

- Annual Assessment of Service Needs of Program Participants
- Performance Measures
- Supportive Services Provided
- Project Supplemented with Mainstream Resources/Match Requirement

## SSO Street Outreach

- Project Supplemented with Mainstream Resources/Match Requirement
- Performance Measures
- Supportive Services Provided
- Partnership with Law Enforcement
- Experience with Project Type

## Permanent Supportive Housing

- Housing Meets the Needs of Program Participants
- Type of Supportive Services Provided
- Amount of Supportive Services Provided
- Performance Measures
- Target Populations Served
- Project Supplemented with Mainstream Resources/Match Requirement
- Treatment Requirement and Availability

## Rapid Rehousing

- Assistance Helps Participants Achieve Self-Sufficiency
- Type of Supportive Services Provided
- Amount of Supportive Services Provided
- Performance Measures
- Project Supplemented with Other Resources
- Treatment Requirement and Availability



*Questions?*

# Thank you

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