



FY2026 CoC Program Competition Overview

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What is a CoC

- A CoC, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR Part 578.3, is the group organized to carry out the responsibilities required under the CoC Program for a defined geographic area
- A community-based planning network for homelessness assistance
- The geographic area covered by the community-based planning network
- A program operated by the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)



THN and the TX BoS CoC

- THN is the Collaborative Applicant for the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC)
- THN is also the HMIS Lead Agency for the TX BoS CoC
- TX BoS CoC covers 214 of Texas' 254 counties (85% of Texas' landmass)
- Facilitates the application process for CoC Program Funding in that geographic area



High-Level CoC NOFO Overview



Terms

- Continuum of Care or CoC
 - This can refer to the Continuum of Care Program, administered by HUD
 - This can also refer to the local Continuum of Care
- Notice of Funding Opportunity - NOFO
- Renewal Projects
 - Projects that currently receive CoC Program funds that can be renewed
- New Projects
 - Projects that are not currently receiving CoC Program funds and would be “new” to the community
- Reallocation
 - Process by which funds are moved from existing projects to new projects
- Annual Renewal Demand
 - The amount of funds for a CoC to renew all existing projects



Who Can Apply

State governments

County governments

City or township
governments

Special district
governments

Native American
tribal governments
(federally
recognized)

Public housing
authorities/Indian
housing authorities

Nonprofits having a
501(c)(3) status with
the IRS, other than
institutions of higher
education

Faith-based
organizations may
apply on the same
basis as any other
organization



CoC Program and the NOFO

CoC Program Goals

- Optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families
- Promote community commitment to ending homelessness
- Improve access to mainstream programs
- Support self-sufficiency
- Provide funding to quickly rehouse and reduce trauma

CoC Program NOFO

- HUD's primary competitive grant program to fund local homeless response systems
- Goal is to maintain strong-performing existing programs; may include bonus funding for new projects (i.e., CoC Bonus & DV Bonus)
- Collaborative Applicant (THN) submits a single Consolidated Application on behalf of TX-607 (TX BoS CoC)
- Only way to apply for HUD CoC Program funding



High-Level Overview

- Local CoCs apply to HUD for CoC Program funding through the CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Competition
- CoC Program funds are competitive. Each CoC is eligible to apply for a maximum amount of money, but only a portion of these funds is “safe”
- As part of the CoC Program NOFO Competition, CoCs submit renewal project applications (existing grantees that wish to renew their funding) and new project applications



High-Level Overview

- Prior to submitting the community's application to HUD for funding through the CoC Program NOFO, the CoC facilitates a local funding competition. This local competition includes:
 - Evaluating the performance of renewal projects (existing CoC grantees) to determine which renewal projects will be submitted to HUD for funding, and how they will be ranked
 - Soliciting and selecting new projects. When HUD releases the NOFO, they typically indicate how much new funding each CoC is eligible to apply for



High-Level Overview

- HUD uses a 2-Tier system when awarding funding
 - Tier 1 = “Safe” funds
 - Tier 2 = Competitive funds
 - All CoCs nationally compete for their projects in Tier 2
- Once the local CoC evaluates and selects the renewal project applications and new project applications to be submitted to HUD, CoCs are required to rank all projects and determine a Priority Listing
 - Projects are ranked/prioritized by the CoC based on locally established funding priorities and policies
 - Once the CoC completes its ranking, some projects will fall into Tier 2
 - In the TX BoS CoC, the CoC Board is responsible for selecting, approving and adopting the Priority Listing



PARTS OF THE CoC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- CoC-Level Application
 - Completed by the Collaborative Applicant (THN)
 - Questions relate to how the operates, governance structure, overall performance, policies, and strategies
 - This part of the application is scored and will determine the amount of funding each CoC receives
- Project Applications (e-snaps)
 - Completed by renewal project applicants and new project applicants
 - These are the applications that describe what each project is requesting funding to do
 - Renewal project applicants and new project applicants must apply through their local CoC Competition and pass threshold verification. If accepted, they then apply through e-snaps (HUD's application system)
- Priority Listing
 - Completed by the Collaborative Applicant (THN)
 - This list includes all project applications accepted by the Collaborative Applicant
 - The CoC must rank all projects except the Planning project. This is also where the CoC tells HUD if it is planning to reallocate funds (take funds from an existing grant and put toward new projects)



Highlights & Key Changes in the FY26 CoC NOFO

Important Dates/Deadlines

- June 12, 2026 @ 9:00 AM CST: Local Competition Opens
- June 19, 2026 @ 7:59 PM CST: Threshold Verification Submissions Due
 - Applicants must pass Threshold Review to move forward to the Local Application (SMA) stage
- July 7, 2026 @ 4:59 PM CST: Local Application Submissions Due in SurveyMonkey Apply
 - Submissions include all required uploads as well (e-snaps Applicant Profile & Project Application, HUD-2991, etc.)
- August 11, 2026: THN notifies Applicants whether their application will be submitted for FY26
- August 13, 2026 @ 12:00 PM CST: Applicant deadline for Grievances
- August 24, 2026: THN submits the FY26 CoC Program Consolidated Application to HUD
- August 26, 2026 @ 7:00 PM CST: HUD's National Deadline for FY26 Consolidated Applications



Summary of Key Changes

- Changes to Tier 1 & Tier 2
 - Tier 1 is set at 60% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (90% in FY24 and 30% in the FY25 NOFO)
 - The formula to determine Tier 2 funding prioritizes Service Participation requirements and TH and SSO projects
- There is no permanent housing cap but
 - \$1.3 billion is set aside for New Transitional Housing or Supportive Service Only
 - Deprioritize PH renewals
- New Projects
 - HUD is allowing and encouraging CoCs to create new TH and Supportive Services Only (SSO) - including street outreach – projects
 - DV Bonus can be used to create new TH projects
 - TH-RRH renewals allowed, but no new TH-RRH projects allowed
- Renewal applications will have to go through HUD's Threshold Review the same way that new applications do
- Major changes to the majority of the CoC Application rating factors
 - Emphasis on treatment/recovery, service participation requirements, engagement with law enforcement, participant self-sufficiency



Key Changes Cont.

- Preferences for Older Adults
 - Recipients may establish preference for elderly individuals and families
- Must Meet NSPIRE
 - All housing with leasing or rental assistance line items must meet the National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estates (NSIPRE) on Oct 1st, 2026
- Reinterpretation of self-sufficiency
 - HUD is now interpreting this to mean "the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance."



Reallocation and Transition Grants

- CoCs can reallocate funding from any eligible grant, including grants that have not been previously renewed under the CoC Program, as long as the grant is expiring in CY2026
- To create a Transition Grant through the reallocation process, the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new Transition Grant
 - Renewal Grants expiring in CY 2026 may submit a FY 2026 Transition Grant application to request a component type change. The transition grant's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component
 - Transition grant applications awarded FY 2026 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term
 - Written authorization from the CoC is required before starting a Transition Grant application. If interested, renewal recipients must initiate an inquiry to THN no later than June 17th
- Projects originally funded under DV Bonus are now eligible to apply for transition funding



HUD Goals and Objective

FY2025 CoC NOFO

- Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets
- Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
- Advancing Public Safety
- Promoting Self-Sufficiency
- Improving Outcomes
- Minimizing Trauma

FY2026 CoC NOFO

- Improving Outcomes
- Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
- Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
- Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency
- Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Advancing Public Safety for All
- Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
- Expanding Access Based on Merit



Funding and Tiering Information

Funding and Tiering Of Projects

- Tier 1 = 60 percent Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - ARD = Total of all renewal projects
- Tier 2 = The difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.
- CoC Bonus = 20% of Final Pro Rate Need (FPRN), which is the higher of ARD and Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)
- In addition, HUD is awarding an additional \$104M in bonus projects specifically for survivors of domestic violence



What Project Types Can Be Applied for in the FY26 Local Competition

- CoC Bonus
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) standalone
 - Supportive Services Only-Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
- DV Bonus
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
- Transition Grants
 - Allowed for Current Renewal Recipients only
 - If authorized, must transition to another housing project (for example, RRH to TH)



Scoring of the CoC-Level Application

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Comparison of Scoring Categories, 2022-2026	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity	30	27	28	9	14
System Performance	59	60	60	40	64
CoC Coordination and Engagement	83	85	84	81	122
Homeless Management Information System	9	9	9	0	0
Point-in-Time Count	5	5	5	0	0
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	14	14	0	0
TOTAL	200	200	200	130	200

- While Homeless Management Information System, Point-in-Time Count, and Coordination with Housing and Healthcare are not stand-alone Rating Factor Categories this year, questions related to each of these remain and are incorporated into other categories.



Policy Initiative Preference Points

- Opportunity Zones
 - CoCs can receive up to four points if proposed activities are within an Opportunity Zone
- Advancing Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement
 - CoCs can receive up to 10 points if there is a policy or statement the CoC has in place to ensure that all housing projects will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct, permit, encourage, or allow any of these activities



General CoC Project Information

General Project Eligibility Thresholds

1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation)
2. Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources.
3. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and section III.G.11 of this NOFO.
4. Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC Planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.



Coordinated Entry and HMIS Requirements

- Coordinated Entry Participation – 24 CFR 578.23(c)(9) and(11) requires all CoC program recipients and subrecipients to use the centralized or coordinated assessment system established by CoCs.
- HMIS Participation – Participation in HMIS, or a comparable database if a victim service provider, is a project eligibility threshold requirement



New Projects

New Projects

- Eligible under CoC Bonus
 - Permanent Supportive Housing *
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Transitional Housing*
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone*
 - SSO Street Outreach*
- Eligible under DV Bonus
 - Rapid Re-housing
 - Transitional Housing*
- * = available to apply through the Tx BoS CoC Local Competition



Funding

- New project applicants can apply for funds for the following categories of eligible costs, also known as Budget Line Items (BLIs):
 - Rental Assistance
 - Leasing
 - Operating
 - Supportive Services
 - HMIS
 - VAWA Costs
 - Rural Costs (if applicable)
 - Administrative Costs
- While Acquisition, New Construction, and Rehabilitation are allowable, the TX BoS CoC will not be accepting projects that request these.



Funding

- There are various restrictions that apply to the eligible costs/BLIs
 - 24 CFR Part 578 Subpart D;
 - [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-D](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-D)
 - CoC Binder: [https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/](https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness_assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/)
 - The CoC's New Project RFP will include more information on what is allowed



Match

- All CoC projects have a 25% match requirement including new projects
- Match can either be cash or in-kind
- Leasing costs do not require a match
- When submitting a new project application to HUD, you must identify your sources of match (organization providing match), type of match (cash or in-kind), and amount. It is best to have a commitment letter for the application
- If selected by HUD for a new project, match documentation will be due to HUD before you can enter into your grant agreement. This is when you will develop a more formal MOU or MOA



Match

- Cash Match
 - when the CoC recipient or subrecipient spends actual funds on eligible CoC Program costs
 - Examples include
 - Grants from private, local, state, and federal resources
 - Cash Resources
 - Recipient or subrecipient staff working on grant eligible activities who aren't paid from the CoC Program grant but are paid from other agency resources
- In-Kind Match
 - The value of any real property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to a CoC Program grant that would have been an eligible CoC Program activity if the recipient or subrecipient paid for them directly with CoC Program funds
 - Example: A commitment from a local partner organization to provide supportive services to participants in your program. If the supportive service being provided would have been eligible as a CoC supportive service
 - If an activity is not an eligible cost of CoC Program funds, then it is also not an eligible expense of match funds



Housing Related Eligible BLIs

- Operating
 - Funds to operate a site owned or leased by your agency
 - Only specific costs are eligible
- Leasing
 - Under a Leasing model, the provider enters into the lease with the landlord and has a sublease or rental agreement with the program participant
 - The provider pays 100% of the rent (up to Fair Market Rent) and the program participant pays 30% of household income to the provider
- Rental Assistance
 - Three types of Rental Assistance: Tenant Based (TBRA), Sponsor Based (SBRA), or Project Based (PBRA)
 - Rental Assistance CANNOT be combined with Operating
 - Under Rental Assistance model, the program participant enters into the lease with the landlord (TBRA, PBRA) or sublets from a sponsor agency (SBRA) and pays 30% of their income to the landlord/sponsor with the provider paying the balance of rent owed



Supportive Services in the CoC Interim Rule

- The CoC Interim Rule lists Supportive Services eligible activities/costs as follows:
 - annual assessment of service needs
 - assistance with moving costs
 - case management
 - Childcare
 - Education services
 - Employment assistance and job training
 - Housing search and counseling services
 - Legal services
 - Life skills
 - Mental health services
 - Outreach services
 - Substance abuse treatment services
 - Transportation
 - Utility deposits
 - Costs related to direct provision of services



VAWA Costs and Rural Costs

- VAWA BLI eligible activities
 - costs related to facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with the CoC's emergency transfer plan, such as assistance with moving costs, travel costs, security deposits, utilities, housing fees, case management, housing navigation, and technology to make an available unit safe
 - Costs for ensuring compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Rural BLI eligible activities
 - Short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers
 - Repairs to units in which homeless individuals and families will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation
 - Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities
 - Applicants must serve rural geographies. The list of rural areas can be found here:
https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY25-CoC-Rural-Area-Geocode_Report.pdf



New Projects

Eligible Project Types

Transitional Housing (TH)

- The TH program component is described by the CoC Program Interim Rule as follows: “Transitional Housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to Permanent Housing within 24 months of entering TH. Grant funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and supportive services.”
 - Note: TX BoS CoC do not allow for applicants to submit for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation funds given limited funding available
- TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months
- Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:
 - An initial term of at least one month
 - Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
 - A maximum term of 24 months
- Recipients and subrecipients may require the program participants to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services provided through the project as a condition of continued participation in the program



TH HUD Threshold Review

HUD project quality threshold for TH – must receive at least 7 out of 10 points to pass threshold

- Demonstrate that the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.)
- The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months.
- The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- Describe how the proposed project will:
 - assess the service needs of program participants,
 - and provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or a with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3 (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.) Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement. The project description provided here does not constitute a reporting or documentation requirement.
 - Indicate that the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include:
 - the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided;
 - program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency.



Important Note on TH Rental Assistance

- Transitional Housing projects proposing CoC Rental Assistance must comply with 24 CFR 578.51(b). Rental Assistance must be administered by an eligible entity (State or local government, instrumentality of State or local government, or Public Housing Agency (PHA)). If the Applicant is not an eligible entity, the administering entity must be identified and included as a Subrecipient in the SMA Threshold Verification submission. TH applications proposing nonprofit administration of Rental Assistance without an eligible entity identified and included as a Subrecipient will not be considered.



Supportive Services Only – Standalone (SSO)

- SSO program component is described by the CoC Program Interim Rule as follows: “Supportive Service Only (SSO). Funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation costs, or leasing of a facility from which supportive services will be provided, and to provide supportive services to unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons for whom the recipient or subrecipient is not providing housing or housing assistance. SSO includes street outreach.”
- Supportive services may be offered in a structure or structures at one central site, or in multiple buildings at scattered sites where services are delivered. Projects may be operated independent of a building (e.g., street outreach) and in a variety of community-based settings, including in homeless programs operated by other agencies
- Example of some of the eligible activities/costs are
 - Childcare
 - Mental health services
 - Substance abuse treatment services
 - Housing search and counseling services
 - Life skills
 - Case management



SSO – Standalone HUD Threshold Review

New SSO – Standalone project applications must receive at least 4 out of the 5 points to pass threshold

- 1 point - The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants.
- 2 points - The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
- 1 point - The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- 1 point - Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. 2 CFR 200.404.



Supportive Services Only-Street Outreach (SSO-SSO)

- For SSO Street Outreach projects, the NOFO references the outreach services activities stated in the CoC Interim Rule as the allowed activities:
 - “(13) Outreach services. The costs of activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants, are eligible.
 - (i) Eligible costs include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach.
 - (ii) Component activities and services consist of: initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries; actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the geographic area covered by the Continuum of Care.”



SSO-SO HUD Threshold Review

New SSO project applications that focus on street outreach and indicate so in their project application must receive at least 5 out of the 6 points to pass threshold

- 1 point - The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- 2 points - The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
- 1 point - Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of, or a plan for, partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living. The applicant must cooperate and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.
- 1 point - The applicant has experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has a plan for or has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.
- 1 point - Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. 2 CFR 200.404.



Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- PSH is permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services
- The head of household must be chronically homeless
- New projects must serve persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enroll in the project
- Participants pay approximately 30% of their adjusted income towards rent or occupancy charges
- Project Budgets can be set up in a number of ways regarding housing costs
 - Operating, leasing, or rental assistance
- Participants pay approximately 30% of their adjusted income towards rent or occupancy charges



PSH Threshold Review

New Permanent Housing projects must receive at least 4 out of the 6 points to pass HUD threshold

- 1 point - The provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self sufficiency within 24 months
- 2 points - The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness
- 1 point - The applicant has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness project where, or has a plan in place to have, at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant, or has a plan in place to ensure this
- 1 point - Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. 2 CFR 200.404
- 1 point - The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP



Transition Grants

Transition Grants

- A grant to fund a new project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another
- Recipients will have one year to fully transition from the original component to the new component and this will take place during the transition grants normal operating year
- CoC Renewals can reallocate the existing eligible renewal component to one of the eligible new project components: TH, SSO, or SSO for Street Outreach
- Must be the same recipient for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated. Total budget amount remains the same
- DV Renewal projects **are** eligible to use the transition process in this NOFO
- Transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new program component
- Prior authorization from the CoC is required before starting Transition Grant application
- If interested, renewal recipients must initiate inquiry with THN by June 16th, 12:00 PM CST



A Note on Transition Grants

- Current Permanent Housing (PH) Projects can only transition to Transitional Housing
- HUD has not placed a PH cap
 - However, renewal projects in Tier 2 will likely not be awarded FY26 funding due to HUD de-prioritizing them, based on NAEH's analysis of this NOFO
- Our goal is to minimize harm to our unhoused folks and preserve current funding for households living in CoC Program-assisted units
- TX BoS CoC could potentially lose:
 - As much as \$7.5 million
 - 339 beds
- Without these potential losses, the TX Bos CoC already does not have enough beds to serve all in need
- If we do not have any more current PH projects (i.e. RRH, PSH, TH/RRH) willing to transition voluntarily, the CoC Board may still decide to impose PH renewal recipients to transition to Transitional Housing



CONDITIONAL SELECTION PROJECT

1.

All CoC Planning and UFA Costs applications that meet project threshold requirements.

2.

All projects ranked in Tier 1 that meet project threshold requirements. Can include any type of project, new or renewal, including DV Bonus.

3.

If DV Bonus ranked in Tier 1 = \$104 million, no further action needed; If total does not = \$104 million, select DV bonus by project score in Tier 2 up to \$104 million
DV Bonus ranked in Tier 2 > \$104 million *may* still be selected based on project score using steps below

4.

If PH projects for families with children ranked in Tier 1 = \$430 million, no further action needed; if total does not = \$430 million, select PH projects for families with children by project score in Tier 2 up to \$430 million
PH projects for families with children ranked in Tier 2 > \$430 million *may* still be selected based on project score using steps below

5.

New TH and SSO projects **ranked in Tier 2** by project score (could include DV Bonus for TH and SSO not already selected) until \$1.3 billion of new projects selected

6.

(If funds available) Other types of **new** projects **ranked in Tier 2** by project score until the \$1.3 billion amount has been reached. Once \$1.3 billion in new projects has been reached, HUD will remove any remaining unselected new projects

7.

(If funds available) HUD will select renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project threshold requirements by Tier 2 score until all remaining available funds have been expended.

DV Bonus

DV Bonus: Overview

- \$104 million available. CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), or a minimum of \$50,000 to create DV Bonus projects
- DV Bonus projects will be selected using the same Tier1 and Tier 2 as all other projects
- An Applicant may apply for the following type of projects:
 - Transitional Housing (TH) projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking as outlined in HUD's definition of Category 4 Homelessness



DV Bonus Additional Information

- New standalone project
- DV Bonus funding may not be combined with other new project funding, including DV Reallocation, reallocation, or CoC Bonus in the new project
- Renewal projects originally awarded under a previous year's DV Bonus must continue to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Projects must enter data into their HMIS-comparable database. The project budget may include HMIS funding to cover the cost of the HMIS-comparable database



Additional New Project Information

New Projects - Timelines

#	Activity		FY26 Date	Time	Days b/t Activity	Day of We
0	CoC NOFO Release Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/1/2026		0	Monday
1	Issuance of New Applicant RFP and Renewal Instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/12/2026	9:00:00 AM CT	11	Friday
2	Threshold Verification Review and Full Application Stages Open in SMA	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/12/2026	9:00:00 AM CT	0	Friday
3	Threshold Verification Review Stage Closes in SMA. Threshold Verification Submissions Due.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/19/2026	7:59:59 PM CT	7	Friday
4	Threshold Verification Review Complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/23/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Tuesday
5	Full Application Stage Closes in SMA. Full Applications Due.	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/7/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	14	Tuesday
6	Independent Review Team (IRT) Begins New Project Reviews	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/7/2026	5:00:00 PM CT	0	Tuesday
7	CA Begins Quality and Completeness Review: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/7/2026	5:00:00 PM CT	0	Tuesday
8	CA Completes Quality and Completeness Review: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/17/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	10	Friday
9	CA Informs Applicants of Quality Review Corrections Needed: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/20/2026	5:00:00 PM CT	3	Monday
10	IRT Returns Reviewed Applications to CA	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/24/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	0	Friday
11	Application Quality Corrections Due: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/24/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	0	Friday
12	CA Begins Review of Quality Review Corrections: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27/2026	9:00:00 AM CT	3	Monday
13	CA Reconciles Application Scoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/28/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Tuesday
14	New Project Application Scores Are Available	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/29/2026	12:00:00 PM CT	1	Wednesday
15	Deadline for New Project Applicants to Challenge Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/31/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	2	Friday
16	Deadline for CA to Reconcile Challenged Scores	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/4/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Tuesday
17	CA Completes Ranking Scenarios (Priority Listing) for Board Review and Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/5/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Wednesday
18	CA Informs Applicants of Quality Review Corrections Needed: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/6/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Thursday
19	Application Quality Corrections Due: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Monday
20	TX BoS CoC Board Selects a Ranking Scenario to Become the Priority Listing	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10/2026	2:00:00 PM CT	0	Monday
21	Applicants Notified Whether an Application Will Be Submitted with the FY26 Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/11/2026	12:00:00 PM CT	1	Tuesday
22	Applicant Deadline for Grievances	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/13/2026	12:00:00 PM CT	2	Thursday
23	Board Makes Written Response to Grievances	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/17/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Monday
24	TX BoS CoC Board Approves the FY26 Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/19/2026	2:00:00 PM CT	2	Wednesday
25	FY26 Consolidated Application Posted on THN's Website & Notice Sent Via the BoS News Listserv	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/20/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Thursday
26	CA Submits FY26 Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/24/2026	1:00:00 PM CT	4	Monday
27	FY26 Consolidated Application Due to HUD (National Deadline)	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/26/2026	8:00:00 PM EDT	2	Wednesday



New Projects – Application Overview

- Threshold Verification (SurveyMonkey Apply):
 - Basic questions about the applicant and proposed project to determine initial eligibility and minimum threshold requirements as outlined in RFP
 - Requires manual review by THN within 24 hours of submissions
 - If approved, Applicants proceed to Full Application
- Local Application (if applicant passes Threshold Verification)
 - Short and opened-ended questions in SMA: Project Details, Agency Capacity, Budget, Component-Specific Questions, Match & Monitoring, Leverage
 - Required uploads: esnaps Applicant Profile & Project Application, HUD Form 2991, Supportive Service Participation Agreements (TH only), Leveraged Commitments (as applicable)



New Projects: Guides

- If you are selected for a new project by your CoC, use HUD's Navigational Guides and Detailed Instructions when completing your e-snaps application
 - HUD has yet to post the updated Navigational Guides. They will be posted to the same webpage when available
 - https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
- Applicants should carefully review the instructional guides in order to answer questions appropriately



Leveraged Partnerships

- FY26 CoC NOFO has removed the increased preference to leverage healthcare and housing resources but...
 - The TX BoS CoC Local Priorities include leveraging partnerships for housing, healthcare, and other services
 - Leveraged partnerships are in addition to the 25% Match requirement
- Examples of Healthcare/Supportive services
 - Physical health care, mental health, dental, substance use services, housing navigation, and daycare
- Examples of Housing Resources
 - An allocation of Section 8/Housing Choice Vouchers from your local PHA in place of or to supplement the use of CoC Rental Assistance funds
 - An allocation of units at a Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) building that provides subsidized housing



Renewal Projects

Renewal Projects - Timelines

#	Activity		FY26 Date	Time	Days b/t Activities	Day of We
0	CoC NOFO Release Date	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/1/2026		0	Monday
1	SMA Renewal Application Opens	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/12/2026	9:00:00 AM CT	11	Friday
2	Threshold Verification Submission Due.	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/19/2026	7:59:59 PM CT	7	Friday
3	Threshold Verification Review Complete	<input type="checkbox"/>	6/23/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Tuesday
4	SMA Renewal Application Due (Brief narratives, e-snaps Applicant Profile & e-snaps Project Application)	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/7/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	14	Tuesday
5	THN Begins Quality and Completeness Review: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/7/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	0	Tuesday
6	Scorecard Posted in SMA	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/15/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	8	Wednesday
7	Deadline to Challenge Score	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/16/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Monday
8	THN Informs Renewal Applicants of Quality Review Corrections: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/20/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Monday
9	THN Reconciles Scores	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/24/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	4	Friday
10	Application Quality Corrections Due: Round One	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/24/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	0	Friday
11	THN Begins Review of Quality Review Corrections: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	7/27/2026	9:00:00 AM CT	3	Monday
12	CA Completes Ranking Scenarios (Priority Listing) for Board Review and Approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/5/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	9	Wednesday
13	THN Informs Renewal Applicants of Quality Review Corrections Needed: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/7/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	2	Friday
14	Application Quality Corrections Due: Round Two	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	3	Monday
15	TX BoS CoC Board Selects a Ranking Scenario to Become the Priority Listing	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/10/2026	2:00:00 PM CT	0	Monday
16	Final e-snaps Submission for Renewals	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/17/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	7	Monday
17	TX BoS CoC Board Approves the FY26 Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/19/2026	2:00:00 PM CT	2	Wednesday
18	FY26 Consolidated Application Posted on THN's Website & Notice Sent Via the BoS News Listserv	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/20/2026	4:59:59 PM CT	1	Thursday
19	CA Submitted FY26 Consolidated Application	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/24/2026	1:00:00 PM CT	4	Monday
20	FY26 Consolidated Application Due to HUD (National Deadline)	<input type="checkbox"/>	8/26/2026	8:00:00 PM EDT	2	Wednesday



Renewal Projects – Application Overview

- Threshold Verification (SurveyMonkey Apply):
 - Basic questions about the applicant and renewal project details to verify eligibility of applicant and renewal project
 - Requires manual review by THN up to 72 hours of submissions
- Local Application
 - Respond to limited narratives in SMA, and
 - Upload the completed esnaps Applicant Profile and Project Application, HUD Form 2991



Renewal Applications: Guides

- USE THE GUIDES AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS. These documents will provide you with the information you need
- You should be able to access them here when they are posted:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
 - Tip: Just focus on the few pages assigned to your project type
- Other renewals will be able to import information from last year's application



Next Steps

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- Materials will be released as quickly as possible. Carefully read emails from the CoC. Emails will come from txboscoc@thn.org
 - If you are not currently receiving emails directly from the CoC but would like to, please join here: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/continuum-careprogram/#comp-update>
- Review the RFP released by THN and HUD's NOFO
- Review supplemental resources on THN's [CoC Competition Page](#) (linked)
- Start your Threshold Verification in SurveyMonkey Apply
- Ensure you have a log in for HUD's application system, "esnaps" and update the esnaps Applicant Profile
- Collect your HUD 2991, Certification of Consistency from your Consolidated Planning Jurisdiction
- Review New Applicant Training for in-depth training on submitting a new project application



Resources

- The CoC will post materials related to the FY26 CoC NOFO/ Application here: <https://www.thn.org/texas-balance-state-continuum-care/continuum-care-program/>
- HUD is posting materials to their website here: <https://www.hud.gov/hudpartners/community-coc>
 - Monitor for new items relevant to FY26 under the "I Want to Review" section
- THN's New Applicant training
 - Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfV6wXIM2UA>
 - Part 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enELGt6C9Qk>
- FY26 Local Competition FAQ
 - <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FY26-TX-BoS-CoC-Local-Competition-FAQ-Official.xlsx>
- THN's Budget Validator Tool
 - <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/FY26-TX-BoS-CoC-Program-Budget-Validator-Download.xlsx>
- CoC Application Pre-Flight Checklist Packet
 - <https://www.thn.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/CoC-New-Application-Pre-Flight-Packet.pdf>
- FY26 Local Application Process Cheat Sheet
 - Will be available with the RFP tomorrow



Resources for E-snaps

- Visit HUD's e-snaps 101 Toolkit page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6170/esnaps-101-toolkit/>
 - Glossary & icons explanations
 - Checklist for getting started
 - Creating an e-snaps user profile
 - Requesting access to e-snaps
 - Giving access to e-snaps to staff
- Visit HUD's e-snaps 201 Toolkit page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6171/esnaps-201-toolkit/>
 - Updating the Applicant Profile
 - Accessing project applications
 - Video
 - Written Guide
 - Common e-snaps issues
- HUD will provide “Detailed Instructions” and “Navigational Guides” – be sure to review those documents:
 - Renewal and New Project Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guides are/will be posted here: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition



E-snaps Submission Tips

- All applicants must complete the Applicant Profile. This is a crucial step that cannot be skipped. If you are interested in applying for funds and do not have an Applicant Profile set up or updated in e-snaps, work on this now
- When done, check the Submissions Summary page – if there are any red Xs, go back and fix those
- Visit this page for the Project Applicant Profile Navigational Guide and instructions for filling out HUD Form 2880: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Updating-the-Applicant-Profile.pdf>
- Code of Conduct: All applicants must have an updated Code of Conduct. Check your profile to see if it is attached. Can also check the HUD list of approved Codes of Conduct.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants



E-snaps Submission Tips

- If there are multiple parts in one question, number/letter each response section. Adequately answer all parts and stick just to what the question asks for
 - Renewal projects: check your narrative descriptions to make sure they are accurate and up to date, particularly if you have recently expanded or consolidated the renewal project
- Each application section is standalone, so if you are building on something already mentioned, be sure to reference that specific question number
- If a narrative question requests “actions” or “strategies”, you must identify specific examples
- If you don’t know what a question means, check the Detailed Instructions. HUD often provides more specifics in the Detailed Instructions



Questions?





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Thank you!

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