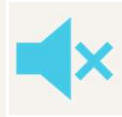


FY2025 COC COMPETITION OVERVIEW

For the Eastern and Western PA CoCs
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WEBINAR LOGISTICS



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Western PA CoC:

<https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/western-pa-coc-fy25-coc-nofo-competition>

WEBINAR AGENDA

- High-Level CoC NOFO Overview
- Key Changes in the FY24 CoC NOFO
- HUD Policy Priorities
- Funding and Tiering Information
- Scoring of the CoC-Level Application
- New Projects
- Renewal Projects
- Resources
- Q&A

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. This includes “transition” projects.
- Reallocation – process by which CoC funds are moved, in whole or in part, from existing projects to new projects
- Annual Renewal Demand or ARD – the amount of funds for a CoC to renew all existing projects

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 in two ways – local and national.
 - Each CoC is eligible to apply for a maximum amount of money, but only a portion of these funds is “guaranteed”/ “safe”.
- As part of the CoC 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.
 - Soliciting and selecting new projects. When HUD releases the NOFO, they 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 compete nationally 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.
 - Example: If the CoC is submitting 50 projects to HUD, projects are ranked 1 to 50.
 - 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.

PARTS OF THE COC CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

CoC-level Application

- Completed by the Collaborative Applicant.
- Questions relate to how the CoC 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

- 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 be accepted by the CoC. If accepted, they then apply through e-snaps (HUD's application system).

Priority Listing

- Completed by the Collaborative Applicant.
- This list includes all project applications.
- 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 (move funds from an existing grant and put toward new projects).

HIGHLIGHTS & KEY CHANGES IN THE FY25 COC NOFO

- **FY25 Application: Due January 14th, 2025.**
 - The NOFO also includes other deadlines that CoCs must meet.
 - **The CoCs will inform all applicants of local competition deadlines to align with NOFO.**
 - CoCs must post CoC Application (w/Attachments) and Priority List on a website prior to the deadline and notify community members and key stakeholders.
- **Anticipated award date is May 1, 2026**
 - This means that FY25 projects with start dates before 5/1/26 will not know whether they are funded until after their grant start date.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES/DATES

SUMMARY OF KEY CHANGES

- **Changes to Tier 1 & Tier 2:**
 - Tier 1 is set at 30% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (90% in FY24)
 - Formula to determine Tier 2 funding prioritizes Service Participation requirements (prior years Housing First prioritized)
- **Permanent Housing Cap:** No more than 30% of a CoC's ARD can be used for Permanent Housing projects, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing and RRH projects (TH-RRH).
- **New Projects:**
 - HUD is allowing and encouraging CoCs to create new Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Service Only - Standalone (SSO), and Street Outreach (SSO-SO) projects
 - TH-RRH renewals allowed but no new TH-RRH projects allowed
 - Significant changes to project quality threshold criteria for new projects
- **YHDP Projects - Competitive Renewal**
- **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

FUNDING FORMULAS

Funding Formulas for FY25:

- Tier 1 = 30% of ARD (Annual Renewal Demand)
 - Includes YHDP and DV Bonus projects
 - For reference, Tier 1 in FY24 was 90% ARD, YHDP was non-competitive
- No more than 30% of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) can be used for Permanent Housing projects, including PSH, RRH and Joint TH/RRH projects.
- CoC Bonus = Up to 20% of FPRN (Final Pro-Rata Need), which is the higher of PPRN (Preliminary Pro-Rata Need) or ARD
- DV Bonus = 10% of PPRN w/certain minimums and maximums in place, depending on the PPRN
- Tier 2 = Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.
- Planning project = 5% of FPRN (minimum of \$50,000, maximum of \$1.5m)

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.
 - 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 2025 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term.
- **YHDP grants** can be reallocated to create new YHDP grants but do must use the YHDP Reallocation process (not the transition process). YHDP projects may also use the YHDP Replacement process.
- **DV Reallocation** may be used for previously funded DV Bonus projects to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects that are DV-dedicated. Projects previously funded under the DV Bonus cannot use the transition process.

HUD GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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FY2024 COC NOFO

- 1) Ending homelessness for all persons
- 2) Using a Housing First Approach
- 3) Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- 4) Improving System Performance
- 5) Partnering with Housing, Health and Service Agencies
- 6) Racial Equity
- 7) Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
- 8) Persons with Lived Experience/Expertise
- 9) Building an Effective Workforce Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

FY2025 COC NOFO

- 1) Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets
- 2) Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
- 3) Advancing Public Safety
- 4) Promoting Self-Sufficiency
- 5) Improving Outcomes
- 6) Minimizing Trauma

1. ENDING THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS ON OUR STREETS (HUD)

- The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is at an all-time high.
- Individuals living on the streets and in encampments have high rates of:
 - Substance use disorder
 - Mental illness
- CoCs are encouraged to:
 - Direct resources toward outreach, intervention, and assistance to help people regain self-sufficiency.
 - Collaborate with law enforcement, first responders, and state/local governments.
 - Reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use.
 - Address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.
- These actions align with Executive Order 14321: “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets.”

- CoCs should prioritize projects that offer:
 - On-site behavioral health treatment
 - Robust wraparound supportive services
 - Participation requirements to promote engagement and recovery
- HUD encourages CoCs to:
 - Leverage mainstream programs
 - Utilize local and private resources
 - Provide housing and healthcare essential for maintaining safe and stable housing

2. PRIORITIZING TREATMENT AND RECOVERY (HUD)

3. ADVANCING PUBLIC SAFETY (HUD)

- Safety and security for all—especially unsheltered individuals—is essential to ending homelessness.
- CoCs should collaborate with law enforcement to promote public safety.
- No one should be forced to sleep on the streets or in unsafe encampments.
- Public spaces should be safe and accessible for everyone.
- HUD urges CoCs to help prevent and reduce trauma linked to street and encampment living, particularly for women and youth who are victims of sexual assault and trafficking.
- Unchecked public camping and illicit drug use hinder efforts by nonprofits and local governments to address homelessness effectively.
- First responders play a vital role in connecting individuals to treatment and protecting public order.
- In *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

- A core goal of the CoC Program is to promote self-sufficiency among individuals and families.
- CoCs are encouraged to partner with:
 - Workforce development centers
 - Employers
 - Childcare providers
 - Other supportive service organizations
- These partnerships aim to:
 - Increase employment and income for program participants
 - Support long-term economic independence
- CoCs should prioritize projects that:
 - Help people exit homelessness permanently
 - Prevent future returns to homelessness

4. PROMOTING SELF- SUFFICIENCY (HUD)

5. IMPROVING OUTCOMES (HUD)

- Priority should be given to projects that:
 - Promote self-sufficiency
 - Increase employment income over reliance on government assistance
 - Support treatment and recovery efforts
- This NOFO offers tools to enhance CoC effectiveness, including:
 - Reallocation grants
 - Expansion grants
 - Transition grants
- CoCs are encouraged to:
 - Use these options to broaden the provider network, including faith-based organizations
 - Strengthen overall CoC performance and outcomes

- A key purpose of the CoC Program is to reduce trauma associated with homelessness.
- CoCs should encourage providers to:
 - Deliver trauma-informed care
 - Ensure participant safety across all programs
- Special attention should be given to:
 - Youth
 - Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to:
 - Safe, single-sex spaces
 - Additional privacy accommodations, as outlined in 24 CFR 578.93(b)

6. MINIMIZING TRAUMA (HUD)

FUNDING & TIERING INFORMATION

- **Tier 1** = 30 percent Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - ARD = Total of all renewal projects
 - YHDP and DV Bonus projects are competitive
- **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 \$52M in bonus projects specifically for survivors of domestic violence.
 - **DV Bonus** = 10% of PPRN

FUNDING & TIERING OF PROJECTS

SCORING OF TIER 2 RANKED PROJECTS

- Tier 2 projects will be competitively funded based on a maximum score of 100 points:
 - CoC Score = Up to 50 points
 - Project Ranking = up to 40 points based on how high the project is ranked in Tier 2 and how much in funding is ranked above it
 - Project commits to including Service Participation Requirements = Up to 10 points
- Tier 2 projects may be:
 - Renewals, including YHDP Renewals and DV Renewals; or
 - New projects created through reallocation, including YHDP Replacement/Reallocation and DV Reallocation; or
 - New CoC Bonus projects; or
 - New DV Bonus projects
- NOFO specifies that the 2-tiered funding approach is to prioritize based on local needs and gaps.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? EASTERN PA COC

The CoC may apply for up to \$37,321,730.
This includes the ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus + CoC Planning grant.

\$8,434,112 is considered safe in Tier 1.
The CoC Planning grant is non-competitive.

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
Eastern PA CoC	\$21,795,973	\$28,113,707	\$8,434,112	\$5,622,741	\$2,179,597	\$1,405,685

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? WESTERN PA COC

The CoC may apply for up to \$33,320,247.

This includes the ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus + CoC Planning grant.

\$7,540,129 is considered safe in Tier 1.

The CoC Planning grant is non-competitive.

CoC Number and Name	PPRN	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus	CoC Planning
Western PA CoC	\$19,030,420	\$25,133,764	\$7,540,129	\$5,026,753	\$1,903,042	\$1,256,688

PERMANENT HOUSING CAP

- No more than 30% of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) can be used for Permanent Housing projects, including PSH, RRH and Joint TH/RRH projects.
- Most projects in most CoCs are PSH, RRH, or TH/RRH projects
- HUD will eliminate from funding consideration any PH projects over the 30% PH funding cap.
- CoCs will need to reallocate 70% of their existing PH projects.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? EASTERN PA COC

	# PROJECTS	AMOUNT	% FUNDS
PH	38	\$26,405,765	
PSH	20	\$7,214,607	26%
RRH	17	\$18,457,095	66%
TH/RRH	1	\$734,063	3%
SSO-CE	4	\$1,237,158	4%
HMIS	1	\$394,946	1%
SSO	1	\$75,838	<1%
TOTAL	44	\$28,113,707	

- **94% of the CoC's ARD is in PH projects, including 26% for PSH, 66% for RRH, and 3% for TH/RRH projects.**
- **30% Permanent Housing cap is \$8,434,112.**
- **This means the CoC will need to reduce the amount of funds directed to PH by \$17,971,653.**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU? WESTERN PA COC

	# PROJECTS	AMOUNT	% FUNDS
PH	50	\$22,262,806	
PSH	35	\$8,712,900	35%
RRH	12	\$12,107,007	48%
TH/RRH	3	\$1,442,899	6%
TH	1	\$127,346	<1%
SSO-CE	2	\$1,180,859	5%
HMIS	1	\$245,278	1%
SSO	7	\$1,317,475	5%
TOTAL	61	\$25,133,764	

- 89% of the CoC's ARD is in PH projects, including 35% for PSH, 48% for RRH, and 6% for TH/RRH projects.
- 30% Permanent Housing cap is \$7,540,129.
- This means the CoC will need to reduce the amount of funds directed to PH by \$14,722,677.

FUNDING CHANGES MEAN HARD CHOICES

CoCs will need to make two difficult sets of decisions due to the changes HUD has implemented:

1. Determine which PH projects will be included in the 30% of ARD that can be submitted for PH.
2. Determine which projects will be included in Tier 1, thereby prioritizing them for funding.

SCORING OF THE COC-LEVEL APPLICATION

COC APPLICATION SCORING

Points/CoC application scoring:

130 points available (+bonus points)

- Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking – 9 points
- System Performance – 40 points
- CoC Coordination and Engagement – 81 points
- CoC Merger Bonus Points – 15 bonus points
- Policy Priority Points – up to 4 total points
 - Opportunity Zone Bonus Points – 4 points
 - Verification of Immigration Status Bonus Points – 4 points

SCORING OF COC-LEVEL APPLICATION

Comparison of Scoring Categories, 2024-2025	FY2024	FY2025	Change 2024 to 2025
Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity	28	9	-19
System Performance	60	40	-20
CoC Coordination and Engagement	84	81	-3
Homeless Management Information System	9	0*	-9
Point-in-Time Count	5	0*	-5
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	0*	-14
TOTAL	200	130	-70

*While Homeless Management Information System, Point-in-Time Count, and Coordination with Housing and Healthcare are not a stand-alone Rating Factor Categories this year, questions related to each of these remain and are incorporated into other categories. Notably, HUD will award up to 4 points for Housing/Healthcare Leveraging, as in past years (this is part of the CoC Coordination and Engagement points above).

PROJECT REVIEW, RANKING AND CAPACITY

Up to **9 points** to be awarded to CoCs that demonstrate the existence of a **coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process** for the solicitation, objective review, ranking, and selection of project applications.

Rating Factor	Max Points
Objective Criteria and System Performance	6
Objective criteria = 50% points	1
25% of the total available points in CoC's local competition evaluation of applications are related to the following criteria: - Returns to homelessness performance measure – up to 1 point - Employment income performance measure - up to 1 point - Supportive service participation requirements – up to 3 points	5
Reallocating Projects	1
Ranking and Selection Process	2

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

Up to **40 points** will be awarded to CoCs that have a CoC system-wide performance measurement process related to reducing homelessness.

Rating Factor	Maximum Points
Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families	17
Reduction in the Number of First-time Homeless	1
Length of Time Homeless	1
Successful Permanent Housing Placement	5
Returns to Homelessness	7
Jobs and Income Growth	7
Timely Submission of Data	1
HMIS and Comparable Database Participation	1

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE - CHANGES

Emphasis on PIT decreases in unsheltered homelessness:

- Up to 5 points for decrease of at least 20% in number of unsheltered homeless individuals and families in 2025 PIT compared to prior year's data. (Prior NOFO 7 points for 5% decrease.)
- Up to 4 points for decreases in number of unsheltered homeless individuals and families between 2023 and 2024 PIT AND 2024 and 2025 PIT.
- Up to 3 points for decrease in number of unsheltered homeless individuals and families between 2023 and 2025 PIT.
- Up to 3 points for 5% decrease in number of homeless individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness between 2024 and 2025 PIT.
- Up to 2 points for decrease of at least 20% in number of sheltered + unsheltered homeless individuals and families in 2025 PIT compared to prior year's data. (Prior NOFO 3 points for 5% decrease.)

SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CHANGES

System Performance Measures related rating factors:

- Heavy emphasis on SPM data outcomes:
 - Jobs and Income Growth (6 of 7 points for data outcomes)
 - Focuses on increases in income from employment solely
 - Returns to Homelessness (6 of 7 points for data outcomes)
 - Focuses on returns 12 months and 24 months after exit
 - Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention (4 of 5 points for data outcomes)
 - Focuses on successful exits from ES, TH and RRH and the percent of exits from TH/RRH/PSH to unsubsidized housing
- De-emphasis on:
 - CoC's strategies (worth 1 point or less for each SPM)
 - Length of Time Homeless (reduced from 13 points to 1 point)
 - First-Time Homeless (reduced from 3 points to 1 point)
 - On time data submissions/PIT/HIC (reduced from 12 points to 1 point)

COC COORDINATION AND ENGAGEMENT

Up to 81 points to be awarded to CoCs that demonstrate coordination with other systems of care that serve homeless individuals and families.

Rating Factor	Max Points
Accountable Structure and Participation	6
Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services	16
Participation Requirements for Supportive Services	10
Reduce encampments	10
Coordination with Federal, State, Local Private, and Other Organizations	2
Discharge Planning	2
CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth	2
Coordinate with Veteran Organizations	6
Addressing the Needs of DV Survivors	2
Street Outreach	6
Partnering with Public Housing Agencies	2
Leveraging Housing and Healthcare Resources	4
Protecting Public Safety	13

COORDINATION & ENGAGEMENT RATING FACTORS REMOVED IN FY25

IN PRIOR NOFO:

- Ensuring Families are Not Separated: 2 points
- Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ+ Individuals: 6 points
- Housing First: 10 points
- Criminalization: 2 points
- Rapid Rehousing: 9 points
- Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance: 2 points
- Partnerships with Public Health Agencies: 5 points
- Coordinated Entry System and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH): 6 points
- Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness: 6 points
- Involving Individuals with Lived Experience: 5 points
- Section 3 Requirements for CoCs: -2 points
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply: 1 point

NOTABLE CHANGES/ ADDITIONS

Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services – 16 points:

- Substance use treatment is available on-site for at least 30% of projects
- CoC will create/has projects whose purpose is providing substance abuse treatment services for people experiencing homelessness that require participation. CoC must provide a list of bed/projects that do this.
- There is 24/7 access to detox or inpatient treatment in CoC geography
- Formal partnership with a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) or Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) or a similar facility if none in CoC
- The availability or proposed creation of sober housing for people in recovery in accordance
- CoC invests adequately in supportive services, shown by either of the following
 - Proposed CoC funding, leveraging, match, and other formal partnerships, provide supportive services value of 50% of the CoC's ARD
 - 30% of their proposed CoC funding is used for supportive services relative to ARD

NOTABLE CHANGES/ ADDITIONS

Protecting Public Safety – 13 points:

- Up to 2 points for citing state or local law(s) that cover the CoC's entire geographic area that: prohibits public illicit drug use; and prohibits public camping or loitering.
- Up to 2 points for indicating that state or local government that covers the CoC's entire geographic area has a protocol that: enforces a prohibition on public illicit drug use; and enforces a prohibition on public camping or loitering.
- Up to 3 points for demonstrating utilization of standards that address individuals experiencing homelessness who are a danger to themselves or others including involuntary commitment.
- Up to 3 points for indicating that the state substantially implements and is compliant with the registration and notification obligations of the Sex Offender Registry and Notification Act (SORNA).
- Up to 3 points for indicating the following:
 - When asked by law enforcement, assists in adequately mapping and checking the location of homeless sex offenders; and
 - Cooperates, assists, and does not interfere or impede with law enforcement or co-response to connect violators of public camping or drug use laws with services

NOTABLE CHANGES/ ADDITIONS

- **Accountable Structure and Participation – 6 points:** Now includes that CoC Governance Board should include:
 - At least 1 person w/lived experience of homelessness
 - At least 3 elected public officials
 - At least 1 representative of the business community
 - At least 2 representatives of law enforcement
- **Participation Requirements for Supportive Services – 10 points:** Demonstrate that projects require program participants to take part in supportive services by attaching supportive service agreements
 - 10 points if 100% of CoC projects have participation requirements
 - 5 points if 50% of CoC projects have participation requirements
- **Reduce encampments - 10 points:** Demonstrate a reduction in the number of encampments or the number of people residing in encampments by at least 20%.

NOTABLE CHANGES/ ADDITIONS

- **Coordinate with Veteran Organizations** - 6 points: Partner with the VA or other Veteran Serving Organizations (VSOs) to Refer veterans identified by the CoC to VA or other VSOs for assistance; Coordinate the provision of emergency shelter, supportive services, and housing; and Identify and fill service gaps for veterans.
- **Street Outreach** – 6 points: Now includes that “CoC must show that Street Outreach projects partner with first responders and law enforcement to increase housing and service engagement.”
- **Leveraging Housing and Healthcare** – 4 points: Applies to new PSH, RRH, and TH projects submitted.

POLICY INITIATIVE PREFERENCE POINTS

NOFO provides a maximum of 4 policy initiative preference points, which are added to the CoC's overall application score, for the following:

- Opportunity Zones:
 - CoCs may receive up to 4 points if proposed activities are within an Opportunity Zone.
 - Must use at least 50% of the award in Opportunity Zones to receive preference points.
- Verification of Immigration Status:
 - CoCs may receive up to 4 points if they can demonstrate that all CoC projects that are non-profit charitable organizations voluntarily, thoroughly, and demonstrably facilitate immigration status verification before distribution of benefits to all recipients using SAVE directly or in coordination with a governmental entity.

GENERAL COC PROJECT INFORMATION

GENERAL PROJECT ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLDS

HUD will use a pass/fail standard for all projects and if a project fails, it will be rejected for funding consideration.

Project Eligibility Thresholds (p. 53 of the NOFO) for all projects include:

- 1) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program per the McKinney-Vento Act and CoC Interim Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
- 2) Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate **financial/management capacity and experience to carry out the project and the capacity to administer federal funds.**
- 3) Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in the NOFO.
- 4) **The population to be served must meet eligibility requirements** as described in the McKinney-Vento Act, CoC Interim Rule, and the NOFO.
- 5) **Project applicants (except for Planning funds) must agree to participate in a local HMIS system.** Victim service provider must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- 6) **Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:**
 - The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
 - The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

COORDINATED ENTRY AND HMIS REQUIREMENTS

- Coordinated Entry Participation – FY25 CoC NOFO states: “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.**”
 - Exception for victim service providers: “Section 578.23(c)(9) of the CoC Program Rule exempts victim service providers from using the CoC’s coordinated entry process if victim service providers use a coordinated entry process that otherwise meets HUD's requirements.”

NEW PROJECTS

FUNDING & MATCH

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

FUNDING & MATCH

- There are various restrictions that apply to the eligible costs/Budget Line Items.
 - 24 CFR 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/>
 - The CoC's New Project RFP/Solicitation will include more information on what is allowed.
- **Match:** All CoC projects have a **25% match requirement** (minus the leasing budget line item), including new projects.
 - 24 CFR 578.73: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578#578.73>
 - CoC Binder: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/coc-match-overview/>

HOUSING RELATED ELIGIBLE COSTS

Allowed Budget Line Items (BLIs) related to housing costs:

- **Operating**
 - Funds to operate a site owned or leased by your agency
 - Only specific costs are eligible
- **Leasing (of a single site or scattered-site housing units)**
 - 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.
 - When calculating 25% match requirement, leasing dollars are excluded from match requirement (i.e, total grant minus leasing * 25% = match requirement).
- **Rental Assistance**
 - Three types of Rental Assistance: Tenant Based (TBRA), Sponsor Based (SBRA), or Project Based (PBRA)
 - 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.
 - Rental Assistance CANNOT be combined with Operating
 - More info: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/coc-eligible-activities-overview/>

HOUSING RELATED ELIGIBLE COSTS

How do you know whether to request Operating, Leasing, or Rental Assistance for a project?

- Does your organization own the building that the project will be operated out of? **OPERATING**
- Does your organization plan to enter into a lease directly with the landlord, then sublease to a participant? **LEASING**
- Does your organization plan to have the participant enter directly into a lease with the landlord? **RENTAL ASSISTANCE**

*Note: Projects with a leasing model may also request funds in the Operating budget line item if needed.

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,
- food,
- housing search and counseling services,
- legal services,
- life skills training,
- mental health services,
- outpatient health services,
- outreach services,
- substance abuse treatment services,
- transportation,
- utility deposits, and
- costs related to direct provision of services

24 CFR 578.53: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/section-578.53>

NEW PROJECTS: PROJECT TYPES

- **The following new project types are eligible within the Eastern and Western PA CoCs:**
 - New Transitional Housing (TH)
 - New Supportive Services Only for Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
 - New Supportive Services - Standalone (SSO)
 - Expansion of existing CoC-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects to add supportive services dollars
 - **Domestic Violence Bonus:** New Transitional Housing (TH) projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

NEW PROJECTS

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

- The TH program component is described by the CoC Program Interim Rule as follows:
“TH facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to PH within 24 months of entering TH.”
- TH projects can be site-based or scattered-site.
- FY25 CoC NOFO: New **TH projects** may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.
- The CoC will need to update the Written Standards to reflect multiple forthcoming changes following the submission of this NOFO.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY FOR TH

Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 (HUD Homeless Definition) include:

- **Category 1:** persons residing in a place not meant for human habitation; residing in an emergency shelter or coming directly from the streets;
- **Category 4:** person who is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized (NOTE: this is definition from the VAWA 2022 reauthorization which governs CoC Program)
- ***Note regarding category 2** (Individuals or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence within 14 days and no subsequent residence has been identified and lacks the support to obtain other permanent housing): **Serving individuals who are homeless under paragraph 2 in TH projects will depend on CoC policy, Written Standards and Coordinated Entry Policies/Procedures, which will need to be updated following the NOFO submission.**

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- “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.
 - Examples of disability-related services include, but are not limited to, mental health services, outpatient health services, and provision of medication, which are provided to a person with a disability to address a condition caused by the disability.
 - Notwithstanding this provision, if the purpose of the project is to provide substance abuse treatment services, recipients and subrecipients may require program participants to take part in such services as a condition of continued participation in the program.”

[https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-F#p-578.75\(h\)](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-F#p-578.75(h))

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- 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
- Per HUD: TH participants may remain in the project past 24 months if appropriate permanent housing has not been identified or if more time is needed for the household to achieve independence. However, HUD may discontinue TH funding if more than half of the households have exceeded 24 months.
 - Specific maximum length of stay will be set by the CoC Written Standards.

TH: PASSING HUD THRESHOLD REVIEW

HUD **project quality threshold** for Transitional Housing projects - must receive at least **7 out of 10 points to pass threshold**.

- 2 points - 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.
- 1 point - **The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months.**
- 1 point - **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 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.**
- 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 - Demonstrate that the proposed project will **require program participants to take part in supportive services** (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
- 2 points - **Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant** (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.
- 1 point - Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY STANDALONE (SSO)

- SSO program component is described by the CoC Program Interim Rule as follows: “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.”
 - Prior HUD documentation indicates “SSO projects may provide supportive services to households living in emergency shelters. This includes emergency shelters operated by an organization that is also a recipient of CoC Program SSO funds.” *Framework has submitted a question to HUD about this.*
- 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.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY STANDALONE (SSO)

- New **SSO projects** may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.
- Must consult the CoC's Written Standards about serving Category 2/those at risk of homelessness.
- Additionally, SSO projects are designated as serving those experiencing unsheltered and sheltered homelessness so it is unclear if Category 2 can be served in SSO.
<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/coc-program-sso-housing-component-decision-tool.pdf>:
"Households at risk of homelessness who do not meet the definition of homelessness may not be served by CoC Program funded SSO projects."

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY STANDALONE (SSO)

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,
- food,
- housing search and counseling services,
- legal services,
- life skills training,
- mental health services,
- outpatient health services,
- outreach services,
- substance abuse treatment services,
- transportation,
- utility deposits, and
- costs related to direct provision of services.

SSO STAND ALONE: PASSING HUD THRESHOLD REVIEW

HUD **project quality threshold** for Supportive Service Only (SSO)
Standalone projects - must receive at least **4 out of 5 points to pass threshold.**

- 1 point - The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness 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 - The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY STREET OUTREACH (SSO-SO)

- 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 STREET OUTREACH: PASSING HUD THRESHOLD REVIEW

HUD **project quality threshold** for Supportive Service Only (SSO) Street Outreach projects - must receive at least **5 out of 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 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, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws.
- 1 point - **The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and 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 - The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

(RENEWAL PROJECT
REALLOCATES TO CREATE
NEW PROJECT WITH ONE
YEAR TO TRANSITION)

TRANSITION GRANTS

- A grant to fund **an eligible renewal project** being eliminated through reallocation **to a new project under a different** component type **over a 1-year period**.
- To create a Transition Grant, the CoC must **wholly eliminate** one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new transition grant.
- To be eligible to receive a transition grant, the renewal project applicant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care and meet the standards.
- *****The CoC will be communicating directly with CoC renewal project applicants regarding the transition grant process.**

TRANSITION GRANTS

- Will have **one year to fully transition** from the original component to the new component and this will take place during the transition grants first operating year.
- Must be the **same recipient** for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated.
- Total **budget amount must remain the same**, but money can be moved among BLIs.
- A Transition Grant cannot also be an Expansion or a Consolidation.
- YHDP and DV Renewal projects are not eligible to use the transition process.

TRANSITION GRANTS

(RENEWAL EXPANDS
UNITS/SERVICES BY
SUBMITTING A NEW
PROJECT APPLICATION)

EXPANSION PROJECTS

- The CoC is only allowing expansion project applications this year for existing PSH projects to add supportive service dollars, if needed to comply with HUD's requirements.
- Under this type of request, for the new expansion project to be selected for conditional award, the renewal project application must also be selected for conditional award.
- Projects approved for an expansion will submit two project applications in e-snaps (HUD's application system): **Renewal project application + New project application with the expanded activities.**

EXPANSION PROJECTS

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DV BONUS

- \$52 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.
 - EAST DV Bonus funds available = \$2,179,597
 - WEST DV Bonus funds available = \$1,903,042
- DV Bonus projects will be selected for funding by HUD using the same Tier 1 and Tier 2 as all other projects
- In the Eastern and Western PA CoCs, the following types of projects are permitted:
 - **Transitional Housing (TH) projects** dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking (***may apply for more than 1 project provided that each application is for at least \$50K***)

DV BONUS: OVERVIEW

- 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.

DV BONUS: ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

ADDITIONAL NEW PROJECT INFORMATION

- The Eastern and Western PA CoCs released their new project RFPs on 11/24/25. They can be found here:
- Eastern PA CoC: <https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/eastern-pa-coc-fy25-coc-nofo-competition>
- Western PA CoC: <https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/western-pa-coc-fy25-coc-nofo-competition>

NEW PROJECTS

- New project preliminary applications due in Alchemer (online survey system) to the CoC by **Tuesday, December 9th at 12pm noon**. Attachments that will be required in Alchemer include:
 - **Budget** – using the CoC template linked in the RFP. ***A video walk-through to help you complete the budget tool has been posted on the CoC Competition pages.***
 - **E-snaps Project Applicant Profile** – this means that all new project applications must set up a profile in e-snaps to be eligible to apply through this RFP. More details in the RFP.
 - **Housing or Healthcare Leveraging Commitments** - If any project has dedicated housing or healthcare leveraging, an initial letter of commitment must be attached to the new project application.
- New projects will be notified of selection by **Monday, December 22nd**.

NEW PROJECTS: TIMELINES

- Selected new projects must submit a PDF copy of their e-snaps new project application by **December 29th**.
 - We recognize that this falls across dates when people may be out of the office.
 - As noted in the RFP, we strongly recommend that ALL new project applicants complete a draft of their new project application in e-snaps prior to being notified of selection on December 22nd.
 - Completing the new project application in e-snaps can be time-consuming, particularly if you have not worked in e-snaps before.
 - **HUD will be publishing e-snaps New Projects Detailed Instructions to guide new project applicants through submitting their application in e-snaps.** As of the 11/24/25 those resources are not yet available, but we anticipate they will be posted soon on the HUD CoC Competition page: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>. On that page, click “FY2025 Continuum of Care Competition” to navigate to the resources – the correct resource to use will be called “New Projects Detailed Instructions.”

NEW PROJECTS: TIMELINES

The CoC will host New Project Applicant Office Hours to answer questions from new project applicants.

These sessions are not required; however, applicants can attend if they have specific questions about the new project application.

Tuesday, December 2nd, 10am-11am, Link to register:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/KVu6vKABRsK_Aw39k-KVJQ

Friday, December 5th, 10am-11am, Link to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/vC-QleaqT3CD_ni7BuH2MA

NEW PROJECTS: TIMELINES

The CoC Funding Committee will make determinations of which new projects will be selected.

In some cases, the Funding Committee may request changes to your project, such as budget changes. If any changes are requested, this will be communicated to you.

NEW PROJECTS: PROJECT SELECTION

RENEWAL PROJECTS

RENEWAL PROJECT INFORMATION

- CoC and YHDP renewal projects expiring in 2026 are eligible for renewal under this NOFO.
- Because of restrictions in this year's NOFO, the CoC is not permitting consolidations for renewal project applicants this year.
- The NOFO states that HUD considers renewal projects as having met the project eligibility threshold requirements stated above through their previously approved grant application, unless they have information to the contrary. They cite the following as specific examples of information that may indicate a renewal does not meet the threshold requirements, but there may be others:
 - monitoring findings,
 - results from investigations by HUD's Office of Inspector General,
 - the recipient routinely does not draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter,
 - consistently late Annual Performance Report (APR) submissions.

RENEWAL PROJECT INFORMATION

- Renewal projects must meet the project renewal thresholds outlined on pages 64-65 of the NOFO. These thresholds include HUD reviewing information available in eLOCCS, APRs submitted, and other information from the local HUD Field Office related to project performance.
- **In addition, HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject projects that have issues related to lack of compliance, inadequate financial management, and other issues, including evidence the project:**
 - previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans.
 - operates drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

- **Renewal Projects:** All renewal applicants must submit a renewal application in e-snaps. You will receive instructions from the CoC within the next week (pending e-snaps opening).
- **Transition Grants:** Renewal applicants who are approved by the CoC for a Transition Grant will receive instructions from the CoC within the next week with next steps and timelines (pending e-snaps opening). You will need to complete a NEW application in e-snaps.
- We expect that renewal applicants will be able to import information from a prior renewal project application. This means there are minimal screens that need to be updated.
 - Importing is not an option for First-Time Renewal project applications, nor will it be an option for Transition Grant applicants.
- Because of restrictions in this year's NOFO, the CoC is not permitting consolidations for renewal project applicants this year.

RENEWAL PROJECTS: TIMELINE

- **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!

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: GUIDES

Western PA CoC Only

YHDP PROJECTS

- YHDP Renewal/Replacement and Reallocation projects, are competitive and must be ranked by the CoC.
- **YHDP Replacement & YHDP Reallocation:** HUD has expanded the definition of YHDP Replacement to include YHDP Reallocation. In addition to being able to fully reallocate and replace a YHDP project with a new YHDP project, YHDP Reallocation allows for the partial reallocation of YHDP funds (previously not allowed) that can be used for one or more new projects.
- HUD requires funding reallocated from projects previously funded with YHDP funding to be used for projects serving the same subpopulation: youth aged 24 or younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth who:
 - (1) qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
 - (2) have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence; or
- CoCs may submit applications for YHDP Replacement projects by:
 - reallocating a YHDP Renewal project to a new YHDP Replacement project under the same recipient
 - reallocating a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more YHDP Reallocation projects with a new recipient
 - reallocating YHDP Renewal project(s) to expand YHDP Renewal projects through the YHDP Replacement process

YHDP RENEWAL/ REPLACEMENT/ REALLOCATION

- YHDP Special Activities: HUD provides a wide range of special activities, exceptions, and innovative activities allowed for YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement/Reallocation projects. The full list can be reviewed on pp. 27-30 of the FY25 CoC NOFO.
- YHDP Renewal applicants may continue to select previously approved Special YHDP Activities in their project application.
- YHDP Renewals may also request to add new Special YHDP Activities through their renewal. HUD will consider this a non-significant change.
- New YHDP Reallocation projects can only be submitted for the following (NOFO p.39), which excludes PSH and RRH:
 - TH
 - SSO, including, but not limited to, housing search and placement services, case management, or street outreach.
 - SSO-CE
 - SSO - Host Home and Kinship Care
 - HMIS

YHDP RENEWAL, YHDP REPLACEMENT, & YHDP REALLOCATION

NEXT STEPS

NEXT STEPS -

- **New projects - Recap:**
 - New project RFP was released on 11/24/25. Please review the RFP carefully. If interested in applying, applications will be due 12/9/25 at 12pm noon.
 - We strongly recommend that all new project applicants complete a draft of their e-snaps new project application prior to being notified of selection on 12/22.
 - Attend office hours if support is needed.

NEXT STEPS

- Renewal projects and renewal projects approved for a Transition Grant:
 - You will receive instructions from the CoC within the next week (pending e-snaps opening).

NEXT STEPS

- Timelines will be tight this year based on HUD's deadlines. Please review all information from the CoC carefully and be prepared to meet all deadlines, as we will not be able to grant extensions. Please ensure that at least 2 people in your organization are prepared to work in e-snaps.

RESOURCES

Renewal & New Project
Applications

RESOURCES

- The CoC will post materials related to the FY25 CoC NOFO/ Application here:
 - Eastern PA CoC: <https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/eastern-pa-coc-fy25-coc-nofo-competition>
 - Western PA CoC: <https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/western-pa-coc-fy25-coc-nofo-competition>
- HUD is posting materials to their website here: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>
 - Note that for the HUD website, the FY2025 CoC NOFO materials are accessed by clicking on the “[FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition](#)” link which will open up the full list of materials related to this funding competition.
- NAEH has summary materials available here: <https://endhomelessness.org/resources/toolkits-and-training-materials/the-system-series>

RESOURCES

- The CoC hosted a 2-part new project training in 2024. While some of the key information has changed (like eligible project types), the training may be helpful for folks new to the CoC Program:
- <https://pennsylvaniacoc.org/resources/coc-new-project-training-sessions-april-2024-easternwestern-pa-cocs>

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
- Main e-snaps CoC application page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

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 **X**s, 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.

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Questions can be submitted via email. We will not be available for live technical assistance.

QUESTIONS?
