

Western PA CoC FY26 RFP for PSH Services Expansion Only

**Preliminary Application due by
5pm EST on Friday, July 31, 2026**

Background Information

The Western PA CoC has set aside a small amount of funding to award through the FY26 CoC NOFO process to expand supportive services in existing Permanent Supportive Housing projects. The Western PA CoC is soliciting applications from existing CoC grantees that lack adequate supportive services funding in their PSH projects to support the expectations and requirements of the FY2026 CoC NOFO.

*****This RFP is for existing CoC grantees operating Permanent Supportive Housing projects only.**

The CoC anticipates having **approximately \$200,000 available** to award under this RFP. If reallocation funding becomes available, it may be used to increase the anticipate award amount. While several projects may benefit from an increase in supportive services funding, new funding will be prioritized for applicants with the lowest existing amount of supportive services funding per unit. [Cost per unit defined as Housing Budget (Operations + Leasing + Rental Assistance) ÷ Supportive Services Budget = Services per unit]

Application Process and Requirements for Submission

To indicate your interest in expanding your existing CoC project, please submit a brief application by 5pm EST on Friday, July 31, 2026 via Alchemer.

- **The Preliminary Application will be submitted via Alchemer (online survey system) at the following link:** <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8923190/Western-PA-CoC-FY26-New-Project-App-PSH-Services-Expansion-Only>
- **Required Attachments (which will be submitted via Alchemer)**
 - **Budget:** You will also be asked to attach a budget using an Excel template which can be found [here on the CoC's NOFO webpage](#)
- **A copy of the Preliminary Application** can be downloaded [here on the CoC's NOFO webpage](#) so the questions can be reviewed outside of Alchemer.

Eligible Project Types

Eligible Applicants may apply for new funds to implement the following project types: Current CoC-funded PSH providers may submit a new project application for an expansion of their existing grant to add supportive services dollars.

Eligible Project Costs

CoC grantees may request to add dollars under the following Budget Line Items:

- **Supportive Services Costs**
- **Administrative Costs**
 - Applicants can apply for additional administrative costs in the amount of up to 10% of the requested supportive services costs.

Further detail from HUD about eligible activities can be found in the CoC Virtual Binders¹ and in the CoC Interim Rule Subpart D – Program Components and Eligible Costs². It is the responsibility of the project applicant that they are submitting applicants with only eligible budget line items.

Match Requirements

The grantee must provide a 25% match – either cash or in-kind. In-kind match, for example, can be any CoC eligible services. Match commitments require an MOU and documentation at the time of contracting, if the project is awarded.

Applicant Selection Process

All Preliminary Applications will be reviewed by the Western PA CoC Funding Committee based on the following criteria.

The [CoC Funding Policies](#) outline the new project selection process that is followed by the Western PA CoC Funding Committee.

- **Selection Criteria/Scoring Factors:** Expansion projects will be scored based on several factors, including the below listed criteria:
 - Clear and compelling need for expansion
 - Current supportive services dollars per unit
 - Spend down of prior year's CoC funding
 - Considerations will include passing HUD's threshold requirements included in the FY2026 CoC NOFO, meeting HUD/DCED's grant management requirements,

¹ <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/coc-eligible-activities-overview/>

² <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-D>

implementation of CoC standards, as well as performance outcomes of current/previous grants.

If the CoC does not receive sufficient quality applications through this RFP to fully utilize set aside funding, the CoC reserves the right to select additional new projects to submit to HUD for funding based on the CoC's priorities.

Next Steps if Selected

- We anticipate that new project applicants will be notified if they are selected and of their final budget amount by **August 7**. This timeline is subject to change if HUD revises the CoC NOFO or its timelines.
- **Selected Projects:**
 - Upon selection, you will be required to submit a PDF copy of your e-snaps new project expansion application to the CoC for review. Deadline to be given with new project selection notification.
 - Due to the tight turnaround, we recommend that all expansion project applicants begin to draft of their new project expansion application in e-snaps prior to being notified of new project selection.
 - You will receive feedback on any edits needed to your e-snaps application to adhere to HUD and CoC requirements and ensure your project will pass HUD's Threshold review. You will be required to make any necessary corrections and submit your fully corrected application in e-snaps.

Questions and Resources

If you have questions about this RFP, please send an e-mail to westerncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org with the subject line "Question about PSH Expansion RFP". We will attempt to respond to written questions as quickly as possible.

In addition, the CoC will be providing optional Office Hours. If you have questions, you are encouraged to attend.

July 21, 12pm	Office Hours (Optional): Question and Answer session https://zoom.us/j/96264340184?pwd=nnSNwp19d7Q8KWSghbv8rZM3QX0AkB.1
July 22, 2pm	Office Hours (Optional): Question and Answer session https://zoom.us/j/94999274729?pwd=DTL8vC3LZua7e43WgbIMPjaOPoTSq0.1
July 23, 9am	Office Hours (Optional): Question and Answer session https://zoom.us/j/99784051159?pwd=FI7woFNw2dUwFob3OveaHwvcFUKhpo.1