



2026 BBCoC Local Competition
FY2026 HUD CoC Competition (NOFO)

BBCoC Local Competition opened July 1, 2026 and
applications are due on July 31, 2026 by noon.

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2026 HUD NOFA LOCAL INFORMATION Big Bend CoC Request for Applications (RFA) 2026 HUD CoC Competition NOFO

Released July 1, 2026

Overview

Big Bend Continuum of Care (BBCoC), the lead agency and HUD's designated Collaborative Applicant for the FL-506 Continuum of Care, is soliciting project applications through this Request for Applications (RFA) for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition. This RFA is issued in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO published under funding opportunity [CPD-2600-DC-0025](#).

2026 HUD CoC NOFO BRIEF

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is a national competition between geographic areas designed to:

- promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)], and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and homeless youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and
- optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

Self-sufficiency, consistent with the purposes of the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11381(4), means the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance. This is consistent with dictionary definitions of the term. The Oxford English Dictionary defines *self-sufficiency* as the "state or condition of not needing or relying on external assistance, support, or aid." Similarly, Merriam-Webster defines *self-sufficient* as "able to maintain oneself or itself without outside aid: capable of providing for one's own needs."

Funding of approximately \$4,040,000,000 is available through this NOFO.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

On February 3, 2026, the President signed H.R. 7148 authorizing the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-75) which makes approximately \$4,010,000,000 in CoC Program funding available.

Of the \$4,010,000,000, HUD is making available at least \$52,000,000 for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects. Additionally, HUD is making available approximately \$52,000,000 in funding from the Full- Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4) for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects, described in section II.B.3.e of this NOFO. HUD reserves the right to use the earliest available fiscal year funds for projects that are able to meet the FY 2025 CoC DV Bonus obligation deadline (September 30, 2027), so long as the total amount awarded for each DV Bonus project is consistent with the funding process outlined in V.D3.d.

HUD may add to the total amount with available funds that have been carried over or recaptured from previous fiscal years. All requirements in the FY 2026 application process, including requirements for the entire CoC Consolidated Application and the total amount of funds available, are included in this NOFO.

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HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all new reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC renewal, and YHDP Renewal projects in two tiers. CoC Planning projects must not be ranked. HUD will establish Tier 1 and Tier 2 amounts for each CoC, based on each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand. HUD will post a report that lists the available amounts for each CoC's PPRN, estimated ARD, Tier 1, CoC Planning, estimated CoC Bonus amounts, and estimated DV Bonus amounts on HUD's website.

- Tier 1 is set at 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). A larger share of the community's funding, including renewal projects, will compete nationally in Tier 2, 40% of ARD, based on the CoC application score, project ranking, and service participation criteria. Renewal funding is not guaranteed, and strong project performance and compliance with HUD's federal regulations directly affect whether FL- 506 projects are funded.

The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition opened June 1, 2026 and consolidated community CoC applications are due August 26, 2026 at 8:00 PM EST.

BBCoC Local Competition opened July 1, 2026 and applications are due on July 31, 2026 by noon.

The CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available in E-SNAPS, once opened. BBCoC and project applicants will be able to access the applications to review, update, and enter information that is required for the application process. To access more information please refer to HUD's website at: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>.

Eligibility

- Eligible project applicants permitted to participate in the local BBCoC HUD CoC Request for Applications (RFA) include nonprofit organizations, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local government. Individuals and for-profit entities are ineligible, and applications submitted from these entities will not be reviewed.
- To be eligible for funding under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381– 11389) (the Act) and the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). Project applicants can obtain a copy of the Act and the Rule on HUD's website or by contacting the NOFO Information Center at 1-800-483-8929. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities may visit <https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs> for more information on how to make an accessible telephone call to HUD.
- A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections for religion in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12113(d)). HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations.
- An organization may seek religious accommodation from any requirements of this program or other HUD requirement that substantially burden its religious exercise under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act or other applicable law, consistent with 24 CFR 5.109(c). If such accommodation is requested, HUD will not deny the organization unless it determines that doing so is necessary to further a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of achieving that interest, consistent with applicable law.
- Faith-based organizations may also hire, fire, and make other employment decisions based on their sincerely held religious beliefs, including requiring employees to adhere to religious tenets, practices, and standards of conduct, without jeopardizing their eligibility to receive HUD funds, consistent with applicable law.
- A faith-based organization may not use direct financial assistance from HUD to support or engage in any explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Free Exercise Clause and Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and any other legal protections for religious exercise. Such an organization also may not, in providing services funded by HUD, or in their outreach activities related to such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious belief, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.

Restrictions

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

You must meet the current [General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements](#). If you do not meet these requirements, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding.

b. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

If you have any outstanding or unresolved judgments for violating civil rights laws, you must settle them before you apply. If you don't, settle the civil rights law violations before you apply, your application won't be scored, and you won't receive funding from HUD. This is a threshold requirement for all HUD funding. Applicants with outstanding, unresolved judgments against them for violations of civil rights laws must resolve those judgments before the application submission deadline or the applicant will be deemed ineligible.

- 1) An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has received notice of a judgment imposed against them for violations of:
 - a) the Fair Housing Act or a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law for discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status; or
 - b) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Violence Against Women Act or substantially equivalent state or local laws.
- 2) HUD will determine if actions to resolve the judgment taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:
 1. Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties;
 2. Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
 3. Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
 4. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree; or
 5. Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision.

Planning and HMIS Applications Only

- CoC planning applications will only be reviewed if submitted by the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Big Bend Continuum of Care.
- Dedicated HMIS projects, renewal and new, can only be submitted by the CoC's designated HMIS Lead as identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Big Bend Continuum of Care.

What's New for the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition

The FY 2026 NOFO reflects significant changes from prior competitions. Applicants should review the NOFO in its entirety; key changes include:

- *Increased competition.* Tier 1 is set at 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). A larger share of the community's funding, including renewal projects, will compete nationally in Tier 2 based on the CoC application score, project ranking, and service participation criteria. Renewal funding is not guaranteed, and strong project performance and compliance with HUD's federal regulations directly affect whether FL 506 projects are funded.
- *New goals and objectives.* HUD has established eight goals and objectives for FY 2026, including prioritizing treatment and recovery as a means to self-sufficiency, promoting economic self-sufficiency, advancing public safety, and expanding access based on merit. Projects will be evaluated on how their design advances these goals.
- *Priority for new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects.* HUD is making up to \$1.3 billion available nationally for new projects, with selection priority for Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.
- *Equitable CoC Bonus funding.* CoCs may apply for new bonus projects in an amount up to 15 percent of the CoC's Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN), structured so that all CoCs have a more equitable opportunity to compete for bonus funds.
- *Transitional Housing added to the DV Bonus.* For the first time, Transitional Housing is an eligible DV Bonus project type, alongside Rapid Re-Housing, for projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- *Emphasis on reallocation and performance.* HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that demonstrate the capacity to reallocate funding from lower performing to higher performing projects, and new projects must be evaluated and ranked based on how they improve the CoC's system performance.

HUD's Goals and Homeless Policy Priorities for 2026 NOFO

1. Improving Outcomes.

This NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness. HUD is committed to supporting meaningful, sustained reductions in homelessness and increases in self-sufficiency rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled.

2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability.

The Continuum of Care Program was intended to be a "national competition between geographic areas" (42 U.S.C § 11386a), which is also consistent with Office of Management and Budget requirements that federal grants be awarded on a competitive, objective basis, even for renewals. 2 CFR 200.204 and 200.205. In 2024, 90% of every CoC's Annual Renewal Demand was conditionally awarded without any connection to CoC score or project merit.⁸ This means that only about 10% of FY24 CoC awards were competed on the basis of merit between geographic areas. In fact, since 2013, the most competitive CoC competition required only 15% competition on the basis of merit, and the least competitive required merely 5% competition.

Competition drives outcomes, effectiveness, innovation, and accountability. Consistent with the FY26 appropriation bill, HUD is setting Tier 1 at 60% and competing 40% of CoC ARD on the basis of merit between geographic areas. Increased competition brings the CoC Program back to its original intent as a competitive program, not an entitlement program or block grant. Competition ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.

3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care.

The CoC program has four project components for all CoCs: Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Supportive Service Only, and HMIS. This NOFO provides opportunities to restore a healthy balance of CoC-funded projects to further community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness.

To the extent permitted by law, HUD is shifting its focus from awarding nearly 90% of CoC funding to Permanent Housing to expand opportunities for other components of the CoC Program.

4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency.

This NOFO provides communities opportunities to invest in treatment services and recovery housing and ensures that recipients do not distribute drug paraphernalia or knowingly permit the use and distribution of fatal, illicit drugs on their properties. This is not a requirement that projects condition assistance on sobriety or treatment, although both are allowable under 24 CFR 578. CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. This NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for homeless individuals and families. The NOFO encourages investment in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness

treatment providers. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private

5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency.

One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program, as outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 11381, is to optimize self-sufficiency. In fact, self-sufficiency is one of only four purposes Congress provided for the CoC Program. CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.

6. Advancing Public Safety for All.

Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living on the streets and in encampments, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and minimizing trauma to individuals, families, and communities. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely. HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking. Unchecked public camping and public illicit drug use inhibit nonprofit providers and local government from effectively addressing homelessness.

7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations.

One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness 42 U.S.C. § 11381(2). CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology.

HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination. Part of this commitment is recognizing that faith-based providers deserve a level playing field to compete for CoC funding and participate in the community-wide efforts of their local CoCs. Faith-based organizations first served the nation's homelessness population long before the Federal government was ever involved.²⁸

To the fullest extent permitted by law, HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs, recognizing all relevant protections provided by subsection c of HUD's Equal Participation Rule, 24 CFR § 5.109, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the First Amendment. Promoting equal access for faith-based organizations directly advances the goals of the CoC program by increasing the number and diversity of program providers and increasing overall competition for CoC funds.

Likewise, HUD is committed to promoting equal access to CoC programs for homeless individuals and program participants regardless of their race or other protected status. The prior administration wrongly and illegally pressured or required providers to discriminate against participants based on their race, sex,

or other protected status.²⁹ The purpose of the Fourteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution is to "do away with all governmentally imposed discrimination based on race Eliminating racial discrimination means eliminating all of it." *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard Coll.*, 600 U.S. 181, 206 (2023). To that end, this NOFO prohibits the use of federal funds being used for any type of racial preferences, even under the guise of "diversity, equity, and inclusion." HUD wants to increase access to homelessness relief for *all* individuals and families.

Please refer to <http://bigbendcoc.org> for additional information on Big Bend CoC Local Funding Competition timelines, updates, and further instructions. Also visit HUD's website <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition> for additional information.

2026 Big Bend CoC

Request for Local Applications (RFA) For 2026 HUD CoC Competition NOFO

Funding Amounts:

Annual Renewal Demand Report from HUD: \$2,045,436.00 (estimated)

Tier 1 Funding (60% ARD): \$1,227,261.60 (estimated)

Tier 2 Funding: \$818,174.40 (estimated)

CoC Bonus: \$521,855.70 (estimated)

DV Bonus: \$695,807.60 (estimated)

Total Funding Available: \$3,263,099.30

Actual FY2026 Tier amounts will be released to the community once HUD releases them.

Projects Eligible for Renewal Reviews Based on Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

- Family Promise A Place Called Home for Individuals Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Family Promise Home Plate Permanent Supportive Housing Program
- Family Promise Youth Rapid Rehousing Program
- Big Bend CoC HMIS

New Funding and Prioritized Project Types Under CoC Bonus

- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects
- Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects
- Supportive services only (SSO) projects
- Transitional Housing (TH)

New Domestic Violence Bonus Funding

- DV Specific Rapid Rehousing
- DV Specific Transitional Housing
- DV Supportive Services Only – for implementation of Coordinated Entry

CoC Planning: \$181,844.00

Funding awarded to CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant identified in the CoC Applicant Profile in E-SNAPS which is Big Bend Continuum of Care. Funding dedicated to the planning duties for our CoC service area.

Project Types Defined

This section provides a high-level summary of eligible project types. Applicants are responsible for reviewing the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published under funding opportunity [CPD-2600-DC-0025](#), for all applicable project type requirements and detailed guidance.

Permanent Housing Projects (PSH and RRH)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): Projects providing long-term housing without a designated length of stay for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who have a qualifying disability as defined in Section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Eligible participants include persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, where the head of household also has a qualifying disability. For renewal projects, eligible participants include the same population of individuals and families indicated in the expiring grant agreement. Beds dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR §578.3, must continue to serve that population. Projects must provide or connect participants to supportive services, including treatment, recovery, and employment supports, designed to advance housing stability and self-sufficiency. PSH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. All projects are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO. The FY2026 HUD NOFO awards a bonus point to PSH projects that prioritize elderly individuals or persons with a physical or developmental disability. BBCoC will award up to 5 bonus points for this RFA. Projects targeting these populations should clearly document the population served and the supportive services provided. HUD has reserved at least \$430 million for permanent housing serving families with children, applied during HUD's selection process beginning with Tier 1 projects. PSH projects serving families with children should ensure their application clearly identifies and documents this population

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): Projects providing short- and medium-term tenant-based rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, consistent with 24 CFR §578.37. RRH projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. RRH projects may also serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR §578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3). RRH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. All projects are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO.

Transitional Housing Projects (TH)

Transitional Housing (TH): Projects providing time-limited housing of up to 24 months, paired with supportive services, for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, consistent with 24 CFR §578.37. Projects are expected to provide or connect participants to behavioral health treatment, recovery supports, employment and workforce development services, and wraparound supportive services. TH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. Eligible project types include standard TH and TH funded through DV Bonus or CoC Reallocation. All projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 and are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO.

Supportive Services Only Projects (SSO)

Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach): This project type primarily dedicated to field-based outreach for individuals and families living unsheltered. These individuals are residing primarily in places not meant for human habitation, such as streets, encampments, vehicles, or abandoned buildings. Rather than serving participants at a fixed program site, street outreach workers go directly to where unsheltered individuals are located to engage people for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention. All projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 and are subject to HUD funding.

Supportive Services Only (Standalone): This project type provides services without providing housing to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness obtain and maintain housing and increase self-sufficiency. Services may be delivered at a program site, in the community, or both, and may include case management, education services, employment assistance and job training, legal services, outpatient health services, and utility deposits. All projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 and are subject to HUD funding.

Eligible Project Types

All project applications submitted under this RFA must be designed to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness within the FL-506 Continuum of Care (CoC) coverage area. Applications proposing to operate primarily outside the CoC's geographic boundaries will not be accepted. In addition, funding requests that supplant or replace a project's current funding source(s) will not be accepted.

Renewal Project: An application to continue an existing CoC-funded project that is currently operating and whose grant expires in Calendar Year 2027. Renewals must be submitted by the same organization that holds the current grant, for the same project type, serving the same population and for the same amount of funding (unless funds are being reduced through reallocation).

Expansion Project: An application to add new funding to an existing renewal project so it can do more of what it already does such as more units, more beds, more people served, or more services for current participants. The expansion must be the same project type as the project being renewed, and the applicant submits two applications: a renewal application to continue the existing project and a new project application for the added piece. Funding requests that supplant or replace a project's current funding source(s) will not be accepted.

Transition Grant Project: A new application to convert an existing renewal project from one project type to another. For example, changing a Rapid Re-Housing project into a Transitional Housing project or changing a Permanent Support Housing project into a Transitional Housing project. The organization keeps its funding but uses a one-year transition period to wind down the old project type and stand up the new one. By the end of that year, the project must be operating fully under the new project type, and all future renewals will be for that new type.

Consolidation Project: An application to combine two or more (up to ten) existing renewal grants into a single grant with one grant agreement. Services, budgets, and population served all remain the same. The only difference is administrative, with one grant agreement and one set of reporting requirements instead of several.

The projects must all belong to the same organization, be the same project type, serve the same population, expire in Calendar Year 2027, and be in good standing with HUD.

CoC Bonus Project: An application to create a brand-new project using "bonus" funding that HUD makes available above and beyond what the community already receives for renewals. Both current and new organizations are eligible to apply for CoC Bonus Projects. Applicants are not required to have an existing CoC grant to apply. Under this RFA, CoC Bonus funds may be used to create new Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, Permanent Supportive Housing, or Rapid Re-Housing projects.

DV Bonus Project: An application to create a brand-new project using separate bonus funding that HUD sets aside specifically for serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Every participant served must be fleeing or attempting to flee one of these situations. Under this RFA, DV Bonus funds may be used to establish new DV Transitional Housing or DV Rapid Re-Housing projects. Applicants must demonstrate experience serving survivors of domestic violence and implementing practices that promote their safety and well-being.

If you are interested in more information on this funding competition, please visit our website at www.bigbendcoc.org and sign up to receive all CoC emails. Also visit the HUD Competition website and download the 2025 HUD NOFO Application for all definitions and additional details at <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>.



**2026 HUD NOFA LOCAL INFORMATION Big Bend CoC
Request for Applications (RFA)
For 2026 HUD CoC Competition NOFO**

PROCEDURE:

1. The process shall begin with the Project Application and Performance Review Committee completing annual performance reviews of renewal projects and making recommendations to the Executive Committee on reallocations. The HUD Project Reallocation or Renewal decisions are made by the CoC Executive Committee, and they may reallocate funds from lower-performing renewal projects or, when necessary to align with updated HUD priorities. Agencies electing voluntary reallocation may apply to create a new, eligible project by submitting a new project application to the BBCoC during the Request for Application (RFA) process, consistent with HUD Opportunity NOFO requirements and CoC priorities.
2. CoC staff will hold a HUD CoC NOFO Community Information Session where details of the local timeline, priorities and eligible project types will be explained, and the community will have the opportunity to ask questions for clarification.
3. Community partners interested in submitting a project proposal/application will then send a Letter of Intent (LOI) to Apply to the CoC by a date certain, indicated in the local competition timeline.
4. All organizations submitting a LOI by the established deadline will be provided with additional technical assistance group sessions over the coming weeks including.
 - a. Overview of CoC vision and prioritized areas of the HAP and CoC Strategic Plan to be considered during this funding competition.
 - b. Overview of Threshold requirements, Scoring, Ranking and Tiering criteria, policies and procedures.
 - c. Detailed Training on the use of ESNAPS and creating new project proposals and how to request TA from the CoC and HUD.
5. Once applications are received, CoC Staff will review to ensure that threshold requirements are met prior to applications being reviewed by the CoC Project Review Committee.
6. Applications/Proposals will then be provided to the CoC Review Committee for evaluation, scoring and recommendations.

Guidelines and Compliance Requirements

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

1. **THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS:** *BBCoC will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If BBCoC determines the applicable standards are not met for a project, they will reject the project.*
 - a. Must meet requirements set forth in the published NOFO, including:
 - b. Organization is an eligible entity under this RFA and NOFO
 - c. Active SAM registration
 - d. Valid UEI number
 - e. No outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts
 - f. No debarments and/or suspensions.
 - g. Timely disclosure of violations of federal criminal law
 - h. Conducting business in accordance with ethical standards/Code of Conduct
 - i. Has executed required certifications as specified in NOFO; and
 - j. Project meets the definition of an eligible project by NOFO
2. Applicants must also ensure that:
 - a. The population served meets program eligibility requirements
 - b. Agree to participate in HMIS and have a current MOU with the HMIS Lead Agency, unless exempted by HUD
 - c. The project has Consistency with jurisdictional Consolidated Plan
 - d. Agree to participate in the CoC Coordinated Entry process
 - e. Be a CoC Non-Profit Partner Member (or higher-level member) in good standing
 - f. The applicant demonstrates its eligibility as the project applicant and has provided direct services continuously for at least 12 months prior to the release of this RFA
 - g. The most recent audit management letter is included and contains a statement as to whether the audit disclosed any audit findings for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory
 - h. Must submit all required documents as requested within this application at the time of submission
3. Renewal Thresholds. Additionally, renewal applications must demonstrate:
 - a. An average utilization of at least 80% based on the last two submitted APRs.
 - b. Reasonably timely APR submission and funding drawdowns as demonstrated by HUD approval of APRs and payment of draws.

Please note the following:

- Late applications are not evaluated and not eligible for funding. Applicants should review and follow the steps outlined below to ensure applications are complete and submitted by the deadlines established in this RFA.
- If your application is timely, BBCoC will confirm completeness. Your application is considered for funding if it is complete and responsive to the requirements in this RFA and NOFO. Incomplete and nonresponsive applications are not considered for funding.

BBCoC Local Competition LOI is due 7/13/26 by 5 pm and applications are due on 7/31/26 by noon.

Grant Management and Compliance

1. **Cost Reimbursement:** All contracts will be on a cost reimbursement basis. This means the applicant must be able to pay project costs prior to requesting payment. Agency will be required to submit proper back-up documentation for project-eligible expenses as determined by the funding source regulations and requirements.
2. **Indirect Costs:** Applicants that intend to charge indirect costs to this award must clearly state in their project application the indirect cost rate and distribution base they intend to use. If any portion of the work will be carried out by sub-subrecipients, the application must also identify the rate and distribution base applicable to those entities. Applicants eligible to use the de minimis rate under 2 CFR 200.414(f) must clearly state that intent in their project application. Per 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs and may not be double-charged or inconsistently charged as both. Once an organization elects to use the de minimis rate, it must apply that methodology consistently across all federal awards until it chooses to negotiate a rate. Documentation supporting the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file and available for audit.
3. **Match:** This program requires match. Applicants must match grant funds, except leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent from other sources, either as cash or in-kind contributions toward otherwise eligible project costs. Match is defined as the provision of direct eligible costs to the project from a source other than CoC Program grant funds. Qualifying match may be contributed through the organization's other funded programs that also serve the funded project's clients, or through community partners providing additional eligible services to those clients. All match contributions must be documented in writing.
4. **Oversight and Program Monitoring:** Applicants awarded funds through this RFA will be required to provide access to their financial records to a representative of BBCoC to evaluate their financial management systems. These financial records include but are not limited to a listing of all grant awards, Single Audit Records, independent financial reviews, and profit and loss statements. BBCoC staff will monitor each program annually to ensure compliance with the terms of the funding. This will include monitoring records kept by the applicant to demonstrate the eligibility of clients, the services provided, duplication of benefits verifications (for both the agency and the clients), and other required information.
5. **Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities:** All projects awarded funds must be accessible to persons with disabilities. Programs, information, participation, communications and services must be provided in a manner accessible to persons with disabilities. Funded agencies must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
6. **Anti-Discrimination/Equal Employment Opportunity:** The applicant will comply with all applicable Federal, State and local anti-discrimination laws pertaining to nondiscrimination including but not limited to:
 - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794)
 - Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 610 et. seq.)

FY2026 HUD CoC NOFO Application Timeline

BBCoC Local Competition LOI is due 7/13/26 by 5 pm and applications are due on 7/31/26 by noon.

TASK	DATE/TIME	RESPONSIBILITY/NOTES
HUD publishing of CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)	June 1, 2026	HUD
BBCoC distribute HUD CoC NOFO to Constant Contact distribution list including, UPHS, CHSP, COC Membership, CoC Board/Committees/Workgroups	June 3, 2026	BBCoC Staff
Distribute local competition criteria, timeline, requirements, FAQs and call for Letters of Intent to Apply	July 1, 2026	BBCoC Staff
COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION reviewing local process and funding priorities including potential applicants and Application and Performance Review Committee Members	July 8, 2026 1 pm ET Via TEAMS Join the meeting now	BBCoC Staff
Project Applicant LETTER OF INTENT TO APPLY Submission to Collaborative Applicant DUE <i>(Separate LOI's must be submitted for each project type agency intends to apply for)</i>	July 13, 2026 by 5 pm ET	Each entity desiring to submit a proposal is required to submit a letter of intent to apply to via BBCoC Grant Portal later than 5 pm on July 13, 2026
FL-506 Office Hours for Local Project Applicant Technical Assistance to include Technical Assistance Session (All Applicants must attend 1st session, others are optional)	Friday 7/17 and 7/24 9-10 am ET Via Teams (link will be sent only to agencies who submit an LOI)	BBCoC Staff and Applicant
Project Performance and Review Committee Trainings	Tuesday, July 28, 2026 10 am- noon ET <i>A makeup session will be scheduled if needed</i>	BBCoC Staff and Committee Chair
All Project Applications DUE: New and Renewals in ESNAPS and submitted as PDF to Collaborative Applicant	Friday, July 31, 2026 by noon	Application submissions to be submitted to CoC by deadline
Conduct Threshold Eligibility Review of submitted projects	July 31, 2026	BBCoC Staff
Notify Local Project Applicants on status of Threshold Requirements Review	July 31, 2026 by 5 pm	BBCoC Staff
Project Review Committee to review and score projects independently	July 31- August 5, 2026	PRC Committee
Convene Review Committee for In Person presentations by Project Applicants	August 6, 2026	Applicant, BBCoC Staff and PRC Committee
Review Committee to complete Scoring, Ranking and Tiering recommendations	August 6, 2026	BBCoC Staff and PRC Committee

Executive Committee Convene to approve Ranking and Tiering	August 7, 2026	BBCoC Executive Committee
Notify local applicants of acceptance, ranking, tiering and rejection status of applications	August 10, 2026	BBCoC Staff
Submission of Appeals DUE to Collaborative Applicant	August 11, 2026 by 10 am	roject Applicants
Appeals Review with Executive Committee if needed	August 11, 2026	BBCoC Executive Committee
Notify Public of Ranked Projects	August 11, 2026	BBCoC Staff
Post Consolidated Collaborative Application to BBCoC webpage for community review and feedback.	August 19, 2026	BBCoC Staff
Submit Final HUD CoC NOFO to HUD through ESNAPS	To Be Submitted by HUD Deadline August 26, 2026 at 8:00 pm ET	BBCoC Staff

Questions?

Contact Johnna Coleman at jcoleman@bigbendcoc.org or 850-792-5015 ext 1001 or

Big Bend CoC at info@bigbendcoc.org

Letter of Intent Format

1. Applicant Information

Legal Name of Organization:	Authorized Organization Representative Name:
Address:	Title:
City, State & Zip:	Telephone:
Contact Person Name:	Organization Website:
Contact Person Title:	Unique Entity ID (SAM.gov#):
Contact Person Email:	Federal Employer ID #:

2. Eligibility Questions

	Yes	No
a. Is your organization registered with www.sam.gov ?	☐	☐
b. Is your organization currently listed on the SAM.gov excluded parties list? (If Yes, you are INELIGIBLE)	☐	☐
c. Is your organization a legally formed entity authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida?	☐	☐
d. Is your organization a non-profit with a 501(c)(3) status?	☐	☐
e. Has your organization provided continuous direct services for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline?	☐	☐
f. Will your organization be able to provide an Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement of the most recent or prior fiscal year, including the management letter and written response at the time of full application?	☐	☐
g. Does your organization agree to accept all program referrals through the BBCoC's Coordinated Entry system and comply with BBCoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures?	☐	☐

3. Target Population

- ☐ Individuals
- ☐ Families with Children
- ☐ 62 Years of Age or Older
- ☐ Chronically Homeless
- ☐ Unsheltered/Living in Encampments
- ☐ Substance Use
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Physical or Developmental Disabilities
- ☐ Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking
- ☐ Fleeing or Attempting to Flee Human Trafficking
- ☐ Individuals Re-entering from the Justice System
- ☐ High Utilizers of Healthcare Systems
- ☐ Veterans

4. Target Service Area

- ☐ Entire BBCoC Coverage area (Leon, Gadsden, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Franklin, Wakulla, & Jefferson)

5. Project Type:

- ☐ **Renewal:** *This section is for continuing an existing CoC-funded project with a grant term expiring in FY 2027. The project component (PSH, TH, RRH, SSO) must remain the same. Renewal applications must be submitted by the same recipient listed on the current grant agreement, serve the same population and must request the same amount of funding. If you wish to change components, complete Transition Project section instead.*
 - Current Project Name and Type:
- ☐ **Expansion:** *For adding units, beds, services, and/or funding to your own existing renewal project. The renewal project being expanded must have a grant term expiring in CY2027, and the expansion must be the same component (PSH, TH, RRH, SSO).*
 - Current Project Name and Type:

Reason for requested increase (Check all that apply):

- Increase the number of homeless persons served
 - Increase the number of units
 - Increase the number of beds
 - Increase or expand supportive services provided
 - Increase the frequency or intensity of supportive services
- ☐ **Transition:** *This section is for changing your project's component type (e.g., PSH - TH) through reallocation of your expiring renewal grant(s). The renewal grant(s) being eliminated must have grant terms expiring in FY 2027, and the application must be submitted by the recipient listed on the current grant agreement(s). Transition grants must fully transition to the new*

component by the end of the one-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the new component.

Current Component: _____

New Component: _____

- ☐ **Consolidation:** For combining two or more (but no more than 10) eligible renewal grants. Projects being consolidated must serve the same population and be for the same component type, and all must have grant terms expiring in FY 2027. A DV Renewal project may not be consolidated with a non-DV renewal project.

Name of Grants being consolidated:

- ☐ **CoC Bonus:** Open to all eligible agencies, whether or not currently CoC-funded. This section is for applicants seeking to create a new project.
- ☐ Select Project Type
 - ☐ Transitional Housing (TH)
 - ☐ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - ☐ Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)
 - ☐ HMIS
 - ☐ Supportive Services Only (SSO) - Standalone
 - ☐ Supportive Services Only (SSO) - Street Outreach
- ☐ **DV Bonus:** Open to all eligible agencies, whether or not currently CoC-funded. New project under the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, dedicated to serving individuals and families experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- ☐ Transitional Housing (TH)
 - ☐ Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)
 - ☐ Supportive Services Only (SSO) – Coordinated Entry

Must be signed and submitted by agency Executive Director, CEO, or Board Chair through BBCoC Grant Portal.

Application Format

Application Checklist

<u>Application Checklist- Attachments</u>	<u>Yes/No</u>
1. Evidence of legally formed entity qualified to do business in the State of Florida as of the application deadline.	
2. Proof of 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.	
3. Proof of active SAM's registration.	
4. Evidence the organization has provided continuous direct services for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline.	
5. Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement of the most recent or immediate prior fiscal year, including the management letter and written response and/ 990.	
6. Copy of the applicant's Operating Budget, including other services or programs and funding sources, and overhead/indirect rates charged to grant sources.	
7. Match Commitment Letters	
8. Organizational Chart	
9. Memorandums of Understanding(s) including CE/HMIS and other community partnerships	
10. Indirect Cost Rate Certification Form (HUD-426)	
11. Negotiated indirect cost rate agreement signed by the cognizant agency, if applicable	
12. Supportive Service Agreement Template	
13. Provide a lease or rental agreement template if you are doing a Transitional Housing project, Rapid Re-housing of Permanent Supportive Housing project	

Project Summary

Please complete the project summary section. Only one project type is allowed per application. Answer all questions in that section fully and accurately. If a section does not apply to your project type, leave it blank. Each response is limited to 3,500 characters, including spaces.

- 1. Summary of Project** - Provide a summary of the proposed project. Include the project component (TH, SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Standalone, PSH, or RRH), the population of focus to be served, the estimated number of participants, the services to be delivered, the total cost of the proposed activities, and anticipated service partners. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
- 2. Statement of Need** - Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. **Maximum Point Value= 5**
- 3. Alignment HUD's Goals and Objectives** - Describe how the proposed project advances the eight HUD goals and objectives listed below. Provide specific examples of activities, partnerships, service approaches, and expected outcomes. **Maximum Point Value= 16**

HUD Goals and Objectives	Maximum Point Value
Improving Outcomes	2
Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability	2
Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care	2
Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency	2
Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency	2
Advancing Public Safety for All	2
Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations	2
Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology	2

Review the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO published under funding opportunity #CPD-2600-DC-0025 for further details on the priorities above in Section III. B. - Goals and Objectives.

CoC System Performance

4. Returns to Homelessness - Describe how your project will reduce or has reduced returns to homelessness after participants exit the program. Explain the strategies, follow-up support, and coordination practices you will use to help participants remain stably housed. Include how you will measure and track this outcome. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of the provided services. **Maximum Point Value= 12**
5. **Employment Income** - Describe how your project will help or has helped participants increase earned income. Identify the workforce or employer partnerships, employment readiness supports, and service approaches you use. Include projected outcomes and how you will measure increased employment income. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of provided services. **Maximum Point Value = 12**
6. **HMIS Data Quality and Reporting** - Describe how your organization will ensure or has ensured timely and accurate HMIS data entry by outlining the procedures you will put in place, even if your organization is new to the system. Include how you will train staff, establish internal data quality checks, and monitor entries to correct errors. Explain how you plan to use HMIS data to guide treatment, recovery support, service coordination, and case management once the project is operating. **Maximum Point Value = 8**

The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is the data system required by HUD for all CoC-funded programs. HMIS is used to collect client-level information, track services, measure outcomes, and support systemwide reporting. BBCoC operates the HMIS.

DV Bonus Projects do not need to answer this question.

Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness

7. **Management Capacity** - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. **Maximum Point Value = 5**

- 8. Financial Capacity** - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
- 9. Cost Effectiveness** - Describe how the proposed budget is reasonable in relation to the population served, the services provided, and the outcomes expected. The response must include the total annual budget requested divided by the number of persons or households to be served annually, shown as a cost per person or household. Include at least one benchmark or comparison supporting that this cost is reasonable, such as Fair Market Rent, prior grant costs, or comparable local cost data. Briefly explain how staffing and partnerships are used efficiently to achieve the expected outcomes. All costs must be consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. **Maximum Point Value = 12**

Project Type Specific Questions

Please complete only the section that matches the project type your organization is applying for, whether TH, SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Standalone, PSH or RRH. Each project type has its own set of required questions. Answer all questions in that section fully and accurately. If a section does not apply to your project type, leave it blank. Each response is limited to 3,500 characters, including spaces.

Note for Domestic Violence (DV) Projects: Do not complete any project type-specific questions below. Please skip directly to Section F: DV Bonus below.

Transitional Housing (TH)

Answer this question only if you are applying for Transitional Housing (TH).

- a. Explain how 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.). Please include all MOUs, written agreements, or letters of commitment in section 12. Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value= 4**
- b. Explain your organization's 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. **Maximum Point Value = 3**

- c. Explain previous experience operating or currently operating 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.

Maximum Point Value = 5

- d. Explain how 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. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in the Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 2**

- e. 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. Attach a supportive service agreement (contract, program agreement, lease, or equivalent) as uploads in the Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value= 3**

- f. Explain how 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. Also, explain 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. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in the Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 3**

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

Answer this question only if you are applying for SSO-Standalone.

- a. Explain why the proposed 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. Also describe how the project

will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants.

Maximum Point Value = 6

- b. Explain how 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. **Maximum Point Value = 9**
- c. Explain how 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. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in the Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 5**

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

Answer this question only if you are applying for SSO-Street Outreach.

- a. Explain how 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. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 3**
- b. Explain how 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. **Maximum Point Value = 6**
- c. Explain your organization's 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 project must cooperate with and not interfere with or impede the enforcement of local laws, including public camping and public drug use ordinances, and must demonstrate willingness to assist first responders in their efforts to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitments as uploads in the Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 5**
- d. Explain your organization's experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13). Demonstrated effectiveness for how your organization has helped, or plans to help, people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs. **Maximum Point Value = 6**

Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)

Answer this question only if you are applying for Permanent Supportive Housing PH-PSH

- a. Explain the type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants. **Maximum Point Value = 3**
- b. Explain the type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants that will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain and retain permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., transportation, safety planning, enhanced case management). Also, state whether the project will incorporate supportive service participation requirements into its program design based on individual participant need, in accordance with 24 CFR 578.75(h), and if so, describe how those requirements will be established and adjusted for each participant. If your organization is proposing to expand an existing PH project, it must demonstrate how they are expanding supportive services to program participants, including, where appropriate, on-site supportive services. *Attach a supportive service agreement (contract, program agreement, lease, or equivalent) as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 9**
- c. Explain how the project will serve homeless individuals or families with a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i). **Maximum Point Value= 4**
- d. Explain how 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. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value= 4**
- e. **Bonus Points:** Up to 5 bonus points will be awarded for PSH projects that prioritize elderly individuals or persons with a physical or developmental disability. Projects targeting these populations should clearly document the population served and the supportive services provided. **Maximum Point Value = 5**

Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

Answer this question only if you are applying for the Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH).

- f. Explain how the provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
- g. Explain 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) that will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness. Attach a supportive service agreement (contract, program agreement, lease, or equivalent) as uploads in Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 8**

h. Explain how your organization has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness projects 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.

Maximum Point Value= 4

i. Explain how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 3**

DV Bonus Projects

Instructions: *DV Bonus project applications submitted through this RFA must propose either a Transitional Housing (TH) or Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH) project. Applicants proposing a TH project must complete Section a. only. Applicants proposing a PH-RRH project must complete Section b. only. Answer this question only if you are applying for the DV Bonus Project.*

Describe how your project will provide safe and confidential housing and services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Explain how the program design minimizes trauma, protects survivor safety, and ensures access to survivor-centered supports. Include your approach to trauma-informed practices, safety planning, confidentiality protections, and coordination with victim service providers and law enforcement when appropriate. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value= 8**

Transitional Housing (TH)

Answer this question only if you are applying for DV- Transitional Housing (TH).

1. Explain how 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.). *Please include all MOUs, written agreements, or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value= 4**
2. Explain your organization's 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. **Maximum Point Value = 3**

3. Explain previous experience operating or currently operating 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. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
4. Explain how 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. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 2**
5. 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. *Attach a supportive service agreement (contract, program agreement, lease, or equivalent) as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value= 3**
6. Explain how 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. Also, explain 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. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 3**

Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

Answer this question only if you are applying for the DV Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH).

7. Explain how the provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
8. Explain 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) that will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness. Attach a supportive service agreement (contract, program agreement, lease, or equivalent) as uploads in Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 8**

9. Explain how your organization has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness projects 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. **Maximum Point Value= 4**
10. Explain how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments. **Maximum Point Value = 3**

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Coordinated Entry

Answer this question only if you are applying for SSO-Coordinated Entry.

- a. Explain how the proposed SSO-Coordinated Entry project will expand or strengthen the current Coordinated Entry system so survivors who are experiencing homelessness, fleeing unsafe housing, or attempting to flee can access help safely, quickly, and confidentially throughout the CoC's geographic area. Describe how access points, referral pathways, mobile/remote options, language access, reasonable accommodations, and disability accessibility will be designed to reduce barriers for survivors, including those who cannot safely use standard public access points. Also describe how the project will conduct at least an annual assessment of participants' housing, safety, and service needs and use survivor feedback to improve access and coordination. **Maximum Point Value = 5**
- b. Explain how the project's outreach and advertising strategy is specifically designed to reach eligible survivor households experiencing homelessness or housing instability because of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, including survivors with the highest safety and housing needs. Address how the strategy will reach survivors, including those who are unsheltered, reluctant to contact traditional homeless services, or unable to safely receive public communications. Describe partnerships with victim service providers, culturally specific organizations, healthcare providers, schools, law

enforcement or courts when appropriate, crisis lines, and other trusted access points, while protecting survivor confidentiality and choice. *Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment as uploads in Required Attachments.* **Maximum Point Value = 5**

- c. Describe the standardized, survivor-centered assessment process the project will use for DV Coordinated Entry. Include how assessments will be trauma-informed, culturally responsive, voluntary, confidential, and conducted in a safe setting by trained staff. Explain how the process will evaluate housing needs, safety risks, lethality concerns, disability-related needs, household composition, participant choice, and service preferences without requiring survivors to disclose unnecessary details or retell traumatic experiences or create barriers to housing. **Maximum Point Value = 5**

- d. Explain how the project will ensure survivor participants are connected to housing and services that are safe, appropriate, and responsive to their individual needs, risks, and choices. Describe how referrals will account for immediate safety planning, confidentiality, emergency transfer needs, location safety, accessibility, household composition, cultural and language needs, disability accommodations, child and family needs, and survivor preference. Explain how the project will coordinate with DV-specific housing, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, emergency shelter, legal advocacy, behavioral health, healthcare, income supports, and other community resources while maintaining participant consent and confidentiality. **Maximum Point Value = 5**

Budget Forms

Complete the applicable project Budget Forms as needed.

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Rental Assistance- Permanent Housing Projects (RRH and PSH)

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: PSH and RRH projects requesting rental assistance. RRH projects may request tenant-based rental assistance (TRA) only. PSH projects may request PRA, SRA, or TRA.

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF: Your project is TH or SSO, or your PSH project will use leasing and operating costs instead of rental assistance for these units.

Select type of rental assistance:

- ☐ PRA - Project-based rental assistance where program participants must reside in housing provided through a contract with the owner of an existing structure, whereby the owner agrees to lease subsidized units to program participants. Program participants may not retain their rental assistance if they relocate to a unit outside the project,
- ☐ SRA - Sponsor-based rental assistance where program participants must reside in housing owned or leased by a sponsor organization and arranged through a contract between the recipient and the sponsor organization, or
- ☐ TRA - Tenant-based rental assistance where program participants select any appropriately sized unit within the CoC's geographic area, although recipients or subrecipients may restrict the location under certain circumstances to ensure the availability of the appropriate supportive services.

NOTE: If you have more than one rental assistance type for the project, you must create a separate detail budget section for each rental assistance type, even if they are in the same FMR area. For example, if the project consists of 10 PRA units and 10 TRA units in County A, you must submit two 'Rental Assistance Budget Detail' sections for County A-one for the 10 PRA units and one for the 10 TRA units.

FMR Rules (New vs. Renewal Projects):

- New project applications must request the full published FMR amount per unit, in accordance with 24 CFR 578.51(f). Do not budget actual rents below FMR; HUD will correct new project budgets to the published FMR.
- Renewal project applicants may request a per-unit amount less than the FMR if the actual rent per unit under lease is lower, but must ensure the amount requested is sufficient to cover all eligible costs, as HUD cannot provide funds beyond the amount awarded.
- No application, new or renewal, may request more than 100 percent of the published FMR.

Calculate Fair Market Rent (FMR) at the following link:

<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html>

Complete this table:

Is this a new or renewal project? (New/ Renewal):

Unit Size	# of Units (a)	Fair Market Rent (b)	12 Months (c)	Total Request (a)x(b)x(c)
Single Room Occupancy		\$	12	\$
0 Bedrooms		\$	12	\$
1 Bedrooms		\$	12	\$
2 Bedrooms		\$	12	\$
3 Bedrooms		\$	12	\$
4 Bedrooms		\$	12	\$
Total Request for Grant Term				\$

*Column (b): New projects enter the published FY 2026 FMR. Renewal projects may enter actual rent per unit if lower than FMR. Amounts may not exceed 100% of the published FMR.

Note: Units leased or assisted with CoC Program funds must meet NSPIRE standards beginning October 1, 2026.

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/11/2023-09693/economic-growth-regulatory-relief-and-consumer-protection-act-implementation-of-national-standards>
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/22/2023-13293/national-standards-for-the-physical-inspection-of-real-estate-inspection-standards>

Leased - Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing Projects (TH and PSH)

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: TH and PSH projects that will lease an entire structure or individual units directly from a property owner. The master lease is held by the subrecipient. The subrecipient then holds a program or occupancy agreement with each participant. TH participants do not hold their own lease directly with the property owner.

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF: Your project is RRH or SSO, or the units are already budgeted on the Rental Assistance form, do not budget the same units in both places.

For each leased structure, enter the property name and full address (street address, city, state, and ZIP code) in the first column. In column (a), enter the monthly leasing cost. The "12 Months" column (b) is pre-filled with 12 and should not be changed. Multiply the monthly leasing cost by 12 and enter the result in the "Total Request" column. Complete one row for each structure. After all rows are completed, add the amounts in the "Total Request" column and enter the sum in the "Total Request for Grant Term" field at the bottom of the table.

Property Name + Full Address	Monthly Leasing Cost (a)	12 Months (b)	Total Request (a)x(b)
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
	\$	12	\$
Total Request for Grant Term			\$

Note: Units leased or assisted with CoC Program funds must meet NSPIRE standards beginning October 1, 2026.

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/05/11/2023-09693/economic-growth-regulatory-relief-and-consumer-protection-act-implementation-of-national-standards>
- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/06/22/2023-13293/national-standards-for-the-physical-inspection-of-real-estate-inspection-standards>

Operating Budget- Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing Projects

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: TH and PSH projects with day-to-day operating costs for housing units or facilities the project owns or leases.

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF: Your project is RRH or SSO. Operating costs under 24 CFR 578.55 apply to housing units and facilities, not service-only projects.

The operating costs listed below are based on the eligible operating costs described in 24 CFR 578.55 and are associated with the day-to-day operations of housing units and facilities. PSH projects may only include operating costs in this section if they do not request rental assistance for the same units. Per 24 CFR 578.55(c), CoC Program funds may not be used for maintenance and repair of housing where those costs are included in the lease.

Eligible Operating Cost	Quantity AND Description (max 400 characters)	Amount Requested
Maintenance and Repair		\$
Property Taxes and Insurance		\$
Building Security ¹		\$
Electricity, Gas, and Water		\$
Furniture		\$
Equipment		\$
Total Request for Grant Term		\$

¹ Building security is eligible only for a structure where more than 50 percent of the units or area is paid for with CoC Program funds (24 CFR 578.55(b)(4)).

Quantity and Description: Enter the quantity (i.e., numbers) and descriptive information for each line item for which you are requesting funds (e.g., "Electricity, Gas, and Water - 8-unit TH facility, 12 months @ \$750/month = \$9,000" or "Maintenance and Repair - quarterly HVAC servicing, 4 visits @ \$300, plus general repairs estimated at \$2,000 annually").

Total Request for Grant Term: Enter the total amount requested for eligible CoC Program operating costs for a 12-month period.

Supportive Services - All Projects

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: All project types (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO/SSO-SO renewals).

Eligible Costs	Quantity AND Description <i>(max 400 characters)</i>	Amount Requested
Assistance with Moving Costs (PH or TH Only)		\$
Substance Use Treatment		\$
Mental Health Treatment		\$
Medication Management		\$
Peer Support		\$
Case Management		\$
Street Outreach (SSO-SO Only)		\$
Employment Assistance		\$
Job Training		\$
Life Skills Training		\$
Education Service		\$
Housing Service Assistance		\$
Utility Deposits		\$
Transportation		\$
Child Care		\$
Credit Repair		\$
Total Request for Grant Term		\$

Quantity AND Description: This field must provide a complete picture of how CoC Program funds will be used in the project to assist program participants. Enter the quantity (i.e., numbers) and descriptive information for each activity for which you are requesting funds (e.g., if requesting staffing enter position title-1 FTE@ \$45,000 including fringe benefits of \$X or 50 hours @ \$25 per hour including fringe benefits of **\$X**). Additionally, include any direct provision costs (24 CFR 578.53(e)(17)) for each line item (e.g., monthly use of cell phone to contact program participants @ \$X per month).

Annual Amount Requested: Enter the annual amount requested for eligible CoC Program supportive services for a 12-month period.

Total Request for Grant Term: Enter the total amount requested for all line items.

VAWA Cost Budget-All Projects

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: Optional for any project type, regardless of population served.

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protects survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who live in federally funded housing. Every project funded through the CoC Program must follow two VAWA requirements, no matter who the project serves:

1. **Emergency transfers.** If a program participant becomes a survivor and no longer feels safe in their unit, the project must help them move quickly to a safe unit.
2. **Confidentiality.** The project must keep information about all survivors, including where they live, private and protected.

In 2022, Congress updated VAWA so that CoC Program funds can now be used to pay for the work these requirements involve. This created a new budget category called VAWA costs. VAWA costs are not just for DV Bonus projects or projects that focus on survivors. Any project may request them, because every CoC-funded project must meet the emergency transfer and confidentiality requirements.

Note: New projects may include VAWA costs in their application. Renewal projects may add VAWA costs by expanding their project or by shifting up to 10 percent of funds from another eligible activity into the VAWA cost line item.

Eligible VAWA Cost	Quantity AND Description (max 400 characters)	Amount Requested
Moving Costs		\$
Travel Costs		\$
Security Deposits		\$
Utilities		\$
Housing Fees		\$
Case Management		\$
Housing Navigation		\$
Safety Technology		\$
Confidentiality Requirements		\$
Total Request for Grant Term		\$

Administration/ Indirect Cost Budget- All Projects

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: All project types.

Administrative costs are costs of overall program management, coordination, reporting and evaluation of the project, not costs of delivering housing or services to participants, which must be budgeted on the applicable program budget forms. Administrative costs are limited to 10% of the total funding amount requested. Applicants may request eligible project administrative costs in accordance with 24 CFR 578.59.

Applicants may also request indirect costs in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and must provide documentation of a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) or indicate use of the 15 percent de minimis rate, as applicable. Costs charged as indirect costs may not also be charged as direct project administrative costs.

Eligible Administrative Cost	Quantity AND Description (max 400 characters)	Amount Requested
Training		\$
Travel		\$
Supplies		\$
Other Admin Costs (Program management, coordination, reporting and evaluation of the project)		\$
Indirect Costs		\$
Total Request for Grant Term		\$

Quantity and Description: Enter the quantity (i.e., numbers) and descriptive information for each line item for which you are requesting funds.

Total Request for Grant Term: Enter the total amount requested for eligible administrative and/or indirect costs for a 12-month period.

Required Documentation: If applying a federally negotiated indirect cost rate, provide a copy of the negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) signed by the cognizant agency in Section 13: Required Attachments.

Match Budget- All Projects

WHO COMPLETES THIS FORM: All project types. Every grant must have match.

Under 24 CFR 578.73, all grant funds, except leasing, must be matched with at least a 25 percent cash or in-kind contribution from sources other than the CoC Program grant. Describe how your project will meet this requirement. If your project will use program income as part of the match, state the estimated amount and how it will be generated. In-kind services provided by a third party require a memorandum of understanding executed before the grant agreement.

Match Source	Cash or In-Kind	Description	Amount/Value
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$
Total Match			\$

Match Letter Requirements

A match letter for each source must be included as a separate attachment. Letters must meet the following criteria:

- Be on letterhead from the organization providing the contribution, contributions can be from an internal or external organization.
- Be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the contributing organization.
- Contain the cash amount or dollar value of the in-kind contribution.
- Contain the specific date the contribution will be made available and the period during which the contribution will be available.
- Contain the name of the applicant agency to which the contribution is being given.
- Contain the specific grant name and the fiscal year.
- Contain a description of the goods/services that will be provided (for in-kind contributions) or a description of what the funds will be spent on (for cash contributions).

Required Attachments

Applicants must upload all required attachments at the end of the application. Files must be clearly labeled and submitted in PDF format unless otherwise specified. Incomplete or missing attachments may result in the application being deemed ineligible for review.

1. Evidence of legally formed entity qualified to do business in the State of Florida as of the application deadline.
2. Proof of 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.
3. Evidence the organization has provided continuous direct services for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline.
4. Proof of SAM's registration
5. Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement of the most recent or immediate prior fiscal year, including the management letter and written response. (Exceptions may be considered on an individual basis) and/or 990.
6. Copy of the applicant's Operating Budget, including other services or programs and funding sources, and overhead/indirect rates charged to grant sources.
7. Match Commitment Letters
8. Organizational Chart
9. Memorandums of Understanding(s)
10. Indirect Cost Rate Certification Form (HUD-426)
11. Negotiated indirect cost rate agreement signed by the cognizant agency, if applicable
12. Supportive Service Agreement Template
13. Provide a lease or rental agreement template if you are doing a Transitional Housing project, Rapid Re-housing of Permanent Supportive Housing Project