

FFY2025 / LFY2027 CoC Competition

FACT SHEET

The Federal Fiscal Year 2025 CoC Competition is a significant departure from prior competition in terms of purpose, priorities, and objectives.

Please review carefully!

COC PROGRAM PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the CoC Program as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness
- Promote effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Provide funding to support the CoC structure and process

NEW Policy Priorities

The FY2025 CoC NOFA outlines the following policy priorities. These are included here to help applicants better understand how the selection criteria support the HUD's new goals of ending homelessness:

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets

The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is at an all-time high. People living on the streets and in encampments have high rates of substance use disorder and mental illness. According to a nationwide study, 75% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report a substance use disorder and 78% report a mental health condition. The study found that substance use disorder contributed to the loss of housing for 50% of the unsheltered population, and mental health conditions contributed to loss of housing for 51% of the population.

CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency. Consistent with Executive Order 14321 "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery.

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 the homeless. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

3. Advancing Public Safety

Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living unsheltered, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. 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.

First responders are critical partners in engaging people into treatment and services and protecting public order and vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. In *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency.

One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program is to optimize self-sufficiency. 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 and prevent future returns to homelessness.

5. Improving Outcomes.

CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under this NOFO to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

This NOFO includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to expand the pool of providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC.

6. Minimizing Trauma.

One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness. 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. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe, single-sex spaces and other considerations for personal privacy (24 CFR 578.93(b)).

AVAILABLE RESOURCES (ESTIMATES)

Total CoC Funds Available: \$3,383,934

Total Tier 1 Funds Available: \$984,877 (non-competitive)

Permanent Housing limit: \$984,877

Total Bonus Project Funds Available: \$656,585

Total Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funds Available: \$312,701

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Up to a total of \$985,877 can be used to fund existing PSH or Rapid Rehousing projects.

ELIGIBLE NEW PROJECTS

New Projects Created Through Reallocation or CoC Bonus projects:

- (a) Transitional Housing Projects
- (b) Supportive Service Only (SSO) including street outreach,
- (c) Permanent Housing (including PSH and RRH components). However, PH is limited to 30% of total funds.
- (d) Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant, and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in esnaps.
- (e) Supportive services only (SSO) may be used to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

New Projects for DV Bonus. New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus may only be used to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects.

(2) For PH-RRH and TH projects, the application must demonstrate:

(a) The project applicant's experience serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.

(b) The project's inclusion of victim-centered practices.

(c) Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise. I. Basic Information II. Eligibility III. Program Description IV. Application Contents and Format V. Application Review Information VI. Submission Requirements and Deadlines VII. Post-Award Requirements and Administration VIII. Contact and Support Appendix IV. Application Contents and Format FR-6900-N-25 Page **37** of **128**

(3) Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) must be designed to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different). SSO-CE project applications created with DV Bonus and DV Reallocation funding must also demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Projects funded through the FY25 Competition must meet the eligibility criteria for program participants under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3 and include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. (e.g. they lack a nighttime residence) Definition can be found [eCFR :: 24 CFR 578.3 -- Definitions](#).

COORDINATED ENTRY

All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process.

NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS

1. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
2. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

To ensure applicants have the greatest amount of time to complete an application, applications will be made available in two formats:

1. Project Application (paper version) –Thursday, November 20, 2025.
Purpose – allows applicants to begin drafting answers and collecting data which will be entered into Neighborly Application
2. Project Application - Neighborly Application - Date TBD

PROJECT APPLICATION:

Information Session:

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

To join the training, please use this link:

<https://aacounty.zoom.us/j/87698096108?pwd=G7xVOPAF5WEVPNbqTZSaEkgrbWmEZ4.1>

Project Application Due Date:

Friday, December 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

FY2025 CoC Program Application Submission Deadline:

Wednesday, Friday, January 14, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.