

# FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO Overview

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LUBBOCK CONTINUUM OF CARE  
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# Disclaimer

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- This webinar is not intended to cover all aspects and changes in the FY 2026 CoC NOFO.
- All applicants should read the NOFO in its entirety before submitting a project application to the CoC.

# What is the CoC Program

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The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed by HUD to:

- Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Coordinate and make recommendations for HUDs allocation of funding for nonprofit providers, and State and local governments that are quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness;
- Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

# CoC Program Funding Structure

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Through the NOFO competition HUD makes available to the CoC region an annual allocation that the CoC applies for through a consolidated application process. HUD requires the CoC to conduct a local project competition as part of the NOFO process.

Local applicants apply to the CoC through the local competition. Submitted applications are reviewed, scored/ ranked, and prioritized. The ranking of each approved project gets placed into a tiered priority listing that is submitted to HUD for funding consideration.

# Eligible Applicants & Service Area

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- Eligible Entity Types:
  - 501(c)3 nonprofits
  - State Governments
  - County Governments
  - City Governments
  - Public Housing Authorities
  - Native American Tribal Governments or Organizations
- Service Area: Projects providing services in Lubbock County, Texas

# FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO

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The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition & Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO on June 1, 2026.

- \$4.040 billion is available nationally
  - \$104 million in DV Bonus funds (\$52 million from FY25 and FY26 each)

**Funding estimations based on the 2026 GIW & FY 2025 PPRN:**

| CoC Number and Name              | Estimated ARD | Tier 1      | Tier 2      | CoC Bonus | DV Bonus  |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| TX-625 Lubbock City & County CoC | \$2,981,448   | \$1,788,868 | \$2,367,027 | \$503,334 | \$671,113 |

\*CoC ARD and Bonus amounts may be higher due to FY25 renewal increases.

# What is New in FY 2026

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- ❑ Tier 1 amount is less than the FY 2024 competition (FY26 = 60% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs FY24 = 90% ARD)
- ❑ **Priority for New TH and SSO Projects.** Set-aside of \$1.3 billion for new projects in Tier 2. There are no limits or caps on any eligible project component types (new or renewal). However, HUD will prioritize applications for new projects, specifically new TH and SSO projects. As a result, renewal projects in Tier 2, regardless of rank or component type, are at high risk of not being selected for award.
- ❑ **Set-Aside for Families with Children.** HUD will award at least \$430 million in permanent housing for families with children starting with projects ranked in Tier 1.
- ❑ Joint TH/RRH projects are no longer eligible as a New Project, only renewal
- ❑ All projects except for CoC Planning must be included on the CoC priority list, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus. These projects must be scored and ranked in the priority list with no special protections, increasing competition.
- ❑ In this NOFO HUD is defining self-sufficiency to mean “the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.” The previous definition included exiting to permanent housing with or without subsidy.

# What's New in FY 2026 Continued

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- ❑ Expanded Risk Review Factors
  - ❑ HUD has expanded what can be considered in its risk review of applicants to include information from public sources like news reports and applicant websites. The results of the risk review alone is now a determination for adverse funding decisions. Previously the results of the risk review alone would not trigger an adverse funding decision. Applicant ability and anticipated results is part of the risk review including: ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence, meeting projections of # of people served, history of illegal discrimination, and history of subsidizing or facilitating illicit drug use or other illegal activities that conflict with the NOFO.
- ❑ Removal of points associated with housing and healthcare leveraging for new projects.
- ❑ New National priorities include substance abuse and mental health treatment, service participation requirements, civil commitment, and public safety. These are reflected in the new project quality thresholds and overall CoC Application scoring.
- ❑ New project quality thresholds reshape project requirements. (e.g., New transitional housing must provide 20 hours/week of services and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships).



# Eligible New Projects: CoC Bonus

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- 1. Permanent Supportive Housing:** Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households in achieving housing stability. The head of household has to have a qualifying disability. Generally dedicated to individuals and households that meet HUD's chronic homeless definition.
- 2. Rapid Rehousing:** Permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.
- 3. Standalone Transitional Housing:** Provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement.
- 4. Supportive Service Only (SSO):** Allows recipients to provide supportive services – such as conducting case management, substance abuse and mental health services, providing referrals to housing, or other necessary services to people experiencing homelessness.
- 5. Supportive Service Only – Street Outreach:** SSO project that focuses on street outreach to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- 6. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (CES Lead Only)**
- 7. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)**

# Eligible New Projects: DV Bonus

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DV Bonus funding may be used for new projects and/or to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

1. Rapid Rehousing
2. Standalone Transitional Housing
3. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

# Threshold Reviews and Priority List

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## **Threshold Reviews:**

- HUD will conduct a project eligibility and a renewal project or new project, including project quality, threshold review on each project application submitted.
- If a project does not meet HUD's threshold reviews, it will not be funded, and HUD will remove it from the project listing.

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in priority order using a tiered approach. Prior to ranking projects, the CoC will score all projects based on performance (renewals), organizational capacity, project design, NOFO priorities, and local CoC priorities:

- **Tier 1:**
  - Set at 60% of the ARD. HUD typically has enough funding to award all Tier 1 projects nationally and are generally considered “safe” from funding cuts.
- **Tier 2:**
  - Projects in Tier 2 are considered at higher risk of not being funded.
  - Tier 2 projects will be selected based on HUD's selection process detailed in the NOFO and HUD's Tier 2 score

# HUD's Tier 2 Score

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- HUD will use a 100-point scale for project in Tier 2:
  - Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application (e.g., CoC received 170 out of 200 points, the project would receive 42.5 out of 50 points)
  - Up to 40 points in direct proportion to the CoC's ranking of the project on the priority list. See page 90 of the FY 2026 NOFO for more details.
  - Up to 10 points for projects that indicate that they have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements based on individual need. SSO and HMIS will automatically receive 10 points.

# New Project Quality Thresholds

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- Threshold review based on project type for all new projects. See Section V.A.4.c.(4) in the FY 2026 NOFO for more details.
- All project types: criteria associated with the reasonableness of average costs per household served and the leveraging of public and private resources like Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- New Transitional Housing projects must provide individualized services that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except those who are over age 62, meet the definition of handicapped in 24 CFR 8.3 (note: this definition does not include those with HIV/ AIDS and many people whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder), and/or have a developmental disability.
- New SSO-Street Outreach projects must demonstrate a history of, or plan for, partnering and cooperating with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access homeless services and housing.

# HUD Selection Process

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Although CoCs review and rank projects locally based on need and priority, HUD establishes a selection process for how projects will be picked for award until all available funds have been expended.

1. CoC Planning
2. Tier 1 projects
3. If \$104 million in DV Bonus projects are not awarded in Tier 1, then Tier 2 DV Bonus projects will be selected up to the set-aside amount.
4. If \$430 million in PSH and RRH projects for families with children have not been awarded, then Tier 2 PSH and RRH projects for families with children will be selected up to the set-aside amount.
5. New TH and SSO projects ranked in Tier 2 up to the \$1.3 billion set-aside amount.
6. If the \$1.3 billion set-aside has not been awarded, then other types of new projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until the set-aside has been reached.
7. If any funds are remaining, renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until all remaining available funds have been awarded. Renewal projects in Tier 2, regardless of rank or project type are at the highest risk of not being funded.

# HUD e-snaps Applications

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- e-snaps Portal: <https://esnaps.hud.gov/>
- New Applicants: Must register for e-snaps and create an Applicant Profile.
- Renewal Applicants: Remember to update your Applicant Profile.
- After the local competition, applicants that receive notification that their project(s) are included on the CoC Priority Listing will be required to submit their final applications to HUD in e-snaps.
- **Attachments for initial e-snaps project submission:**
- Code of Conduct – agency's code of conduct must be listed on HUD's [Code of Conduct E-library](#).
  - If there are updates to the agency's Code of Conduct or the Code of Conduct is not listed in the E-library the applicant must attach the agency's approved Code of Conduct to the e-snaps application. See [Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs | HUD.gov](#) for more information.
- Attach match verification, commitment letters, and MOUs/MOAs.
- For more information on how to use e-snaps: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

# Important Resources

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- NOFO Questions: [CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov)
- e-snaps Questions:  
[e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUD Exchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2026 CoC NOFO](#)

