

FY 2026 CoC NOFO Overview and Local Competition Overview



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Disclaimer

- 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 Local Project Application.

What is the CoC Program

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

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.

Fulton County is the lead agency designated by the CoC. They coordinate the required administrative duties of the CoC.

Eligible Applicants & Service Area

- Eligible Entity Types:
 - 501(c)3 nonprofits
 - State Governments
 - County Governments
 - City Governments
 - Public Housing Authorities
 - Native American Tribal Governments or Organizations
- Service Area: Fulton County, minus the City of Atlanta

FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO

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 FY 2025 Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report:

CoC Number and Name	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	Tier 2	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus
GA-502 Fulton County CoC	\$2,910,550	\$1,746,330	\$2,323,102	\$500,000	\$658,882

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

What is New in FY 2026

- ❑ 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

- ❑ 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.
- ❑ 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 Renewal Projects

- 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. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing:** Combines both TH and RRH components into a single project.
- 5. Supportive Service Only (SSO):** projects allow recipients to provide supportive services – such as conducting outreach to sheltered and unsheltered people and providing referrals to housing or other necessary services to people experiencing homelessness.
- 6. Supportive Service Only – Street Outreach:** SSO project that focuses on street outreach to those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- 7. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry**
- 8. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)**

Application Types: Expansion Projects

The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants. The expansion project (i.e., the existing renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project) must meet the conditions below:

- A. The renewal project and the new expanded portion of the project must both have the same component type.
- B. Eligible project components in this year's competition: PSH, RRH, SSO-CE, or HMIS · The new expanded portion of the project may be funded through reallocation, DV Bonus, and/or the CoC Bonus.
- C. If using DV Bonus funds, the new expanded portion of the project is solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking
- D. If using DV reallocation funds, to expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to 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 to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants of this population, the entire project, including the renewal project being expanded, must serve 100 percent 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.

Once an expansion and its accompanying renewal application are submitted and ranked, applicants will submit a combined application in e-snaps.

Application Types: Transition Grants

- Application mechanism that transitions a renewal project from one project type to another eligible project type over a one-year period.
- Considered a new project application
- Applicant must be the same on both the renewal and new project application
- Must meet the following requirements:
 - A. Renewal grant expires in calendar year 2027
 - B. Applicant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care (included on the CoC priority list counts); and
 - C. The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by the NOFO
- Transition grants awarded in FY 2026 will have one year to fully transition from the original project type to the new project type

Transitioning from PH to TH

When considering transitioning from a permanent housing project (PSH or RRH) to a transitional housing project please note the following:

- **Eligibility of current PH residents for new TH.** Program participants residing in CoC funded RRH and PSH are housed and are not homeless. Current participants in RRH or PSH could be eligible for TH if the program participant if the following is true:
 - participant is referred by Coordinated Entry; AND
 - does not have another residence, resources, or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; AND
 - participant is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence; OR
 - participant's lease expires within 14 days; OR
 - an eviction process has been initiated for the program participant in their current housing, and they must vacate the unit within 14 days.
- **Administration of rental assistance in TH.** Nonprofit organizations are not authorized to administer rental assistance in CoC-funded transitional housing. The recipient of a TH project that uses rental assistance must be a unit of state/ local government or a Public Housing Authority. Nonprofit organizations may either use leasing dollars in a TH project or enter into a contract or subrecipient agreement with an eligible entity that can administer the rental assistance.

Eligible New Projects: CoC Bonus

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rapid Rehousing
3. Standalone Transitional Housing
4. Supportive Service Only
5. Supportive Service Only – Street Outreach
6. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
7. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)

Eligible New Projects: DV Bonus

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

Threshold Reviews:

- The CoC will conduct its own threshold review to ensure projects meet all HUD and local CoC threshold requirements.
- 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

- HUD will use a 100-point scale for projects 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

- 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

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 have not been awarded, then Tier 2 PSH and RRH projects for families 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.

CoC Threshold Criteria

- Project Requires Participants to Participate in Supportive Services
- Applicant has no unresolved CoC monitoring findings from CY 2025 or prior
- Project can meet the 25% matching requirement
- Applicant is active CoC participant (participation 4 CoC membership meetings from July 2025 – June 2026)
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review
- Project will use the local Homeless Management Information System. Victim Service Providers will use a comparable database
- Coordinated Entry Participation - 85% or more of the openings during the performance year were filled with households referred from the CoC's Coordinated Entry

Rank and Review Committee

- Independent committee meaning members cannot be employed by, serve on the board of, or officially represent any organization applying for funding in this year's local competition.
- Reviews and scores each project application submitted.
- Ranks all the project applications and makes Priority List recommendation to the CoC Board for approval.

Local Application Changes

- Opportunity to apply for Street Outreach and Transitional Housing standalone projects
- Opportunity for renewals project to transition to another project type
- Emphasis on supportive service program design and question about service requirements
- Applicability of substance abuse treatment services and availability on-site
- Written formal partnership with Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC), Community Mental Health Center (CMHC), PATH providers, GHBI providers, or similar facilities/ providers
- HUD Policy Initiatives:
 - Project providing housing or services in an Opportunity Zone?

Applicant Certifications:

- Applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination.
- Applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption site”, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia.

Local Project Applications

- LOI applicants were invited to submit a Local Project Application
- Required for each new and renewal project requesting CoC funding.
- Submit Local Project Applications to homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov
- **Due Date: 5:00 PM on July 14, 2026**

Budgets: New Project Applications

- ❑ Develop your proposed budget according to the number of households you are proposing to serve along with the staff and program resources needed to run the program successfully.
- ❑ Be detailed in your description of each line item.
- ❑ If requesting rental assistance, complete the chart in the application with the number of requested units to calculate the total rental assistance costs (Applicants cannot ask for more than 2026 HUD Fair Market Rents).
- ❑ New Projects selected for inclusion in the CoC priority list may need to adjust their budgets or household served estimations according to the total funding allocated by the CoC.

Local Competition Application Scenarios

Renewal Projects:

- **Project Renewal Only** – Submit 2026 Renewal Project Local Application.
- **Project Renewal Expansion** – Submit 2026 New - Renewal Expansion & 2026 Renewal Project Local Application for the project requesting to be expanded.
- **Transition Grant Only** – Submit 2026 New Project Local Application – CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Renewal Transition & Expansion and select “Yes” for *“Is this New Project Application part of a “Transition Grant?”*

New Projects:

- **New Project (not 100% dedicated to DV)**– Submit 2026 New Project Local Application – CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Renewal Transition & Expansion. Select “No” for transition grant question.
- **New Project (100% dedicated to DV)** – Submit 2026 New Project - DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, DV Renewal Transition & Expansion Application. Select “No” for transition grant question.

FY 2026 Project Ranking Policy & Scoring Tool

- The CoC has not yet published the local project ranking policy which details how the CoC will prioritize new and renewal projects, project types, and population types.
- **All applicants should review this policy document when published, consider the implications for their renewal and proposed new projects.**
- The CoC will also publish the Project Scoring Tool that will be used to evaluate submitted projects in the local competition.
- Keep an eye out for these competition documents! They will be emailed to LOI applicants, published on the Fulton County CoC webpage, and emailed to the CoC general membership.

HUD e-snaps Applications

- 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.
- **Initial e-snaps applications due date: August 17, 2026 (email a PDF copy of the application to homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov)**
- 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.
- **Revisions/ Amendments to e-snaps applications and final submission due date: August 23, 2026**
- For more information on how to use e-snaps: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

2026 Local Competition Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 1, 2026	HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published by HUD
June 15, 2026	Local Competition Policies and Procedures & New and Renewal project applications released to Letter of Intent Applicants
July 14, 2026	DUE DATE - New and renewal project applications due to the CoC (Closing the local application competition)
July 15 – July 29, 2026	Rank and Review Committee project application review and scoring
July 30, 2026	Rank and Review Priority List Meeting
July 31 – August 7, 2026	CoC Board vote to approve the recommended project priority list
No later than August 10, 2026	Applicant notification of project acceptance, denial, or reduction/ reallocation
August 16, 2026	DUE DATE - Deadline for Project Scoring appeals
August 17, 2026	DUE DATE - e-snaps applications due to CoC
August 20, 2026	Review of e-snaps and feedback to applicants
August 23, 2026	DUE DATE - Final submission of e-snaps application
No later than August 25, 2026	Public posting of the CoC Application and Priority List on Fulton County website
August 26, 2026 by 8:00 PM	Submission of CoC Application and Priority List to HUD in e-snaps

Important Resources

- [NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov)
- [e-snaps Questions: e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov)
- [Fulton County Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Webpage](#)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUD Exchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2026 CoC NOFO](#)
- [HUD CoC Program Competition Page](#)
 - 2026 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 New Project e-snaps Navigations Guide (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 New Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
- For Reference to get started: [2025 Project Applicant Profile e-Snaps Navigational Guide](#)





Questions?

Additional questions after the meeting can be sent by email to:

homelessinfo@fultoncountyga.gov.

Fulton County CoC will receive questions about the NOFO and local application process until July 1, 2026 at 11:59PM.

Questions submitted will be published on the CoC website and sent by email through the listserv by Monday of the following week.