Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Overview

These policies and procedures take effect upon Executive Committee approval and apply to the FY26 CoC Local Competition for Our Path Home, Boise City/Ada County Continuum of Care ID-500, only.

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CoC Program Competition Background

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The CoC Competition is a funding opportunity announced via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The CoC Competition NOFO funds the renewal of existing CoC grants, including Domestic Violence (DV) Renewal projects, and provides funding for new projects created with DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and reallocation of existing CoC/DV renewal projects. Once a CoC Competition NOFO is released, CoCs generally have a limited timeframe to announce and complete CoC Local Competition that culminates in a Collaborative Application, which is submitted by a Collaborative Applicant (CA) on behalf of the CoC's region.

Our Path Home (ID-500), the CoC that oversees the homelessness system partnership working in Ada County, designated the City of Boise as their CA. In this role, the city manages the CoC Competition and submits all CoC Application materials to HUD including the CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, and all ranked Project Applications as well as a non-ranked CoC Planning Grant.

HUD FY26 CoC Competition Overview

On June 1, 2026, HUD released the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY27) CoC Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants NOFO (CPD-2600-DC-0025), which will be referred to in this document as the FY26 NOFO.

Competition Timelines

The FY26 NOFO provided the below timelines:

- **Local Competition Notification Deadline**: CoC's must notify all project applications of acceptance, rejection, and/or reallocation at least 15 days before HUD's CoC Consolidated Application submission deadline.
- **HUD Deadline:** The FY26 CoC Consolidated Application – consisting of the CoC Application, CoC Priority Listing, CoC Planning Application, and all ranked Project Applications - must be submitted on or before August 26, 2026 by 8:00 pm ET.

- **Anticipated Award Date:** December 1, 2026.
- **Estimated Performance Period Start Date:** January 1, 2027.
- **Estimated Performance Period End Date:** December 31, 2027.

Goals and Objectives

HUD outlined the following goals and objectives in the FY26 CoC NOFO:

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

Available Funding

Funding of approximately $4,040,000,000 is available through the FY26 NOFO. The maximum amount a CoC may apply for is the sum of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demant (ARD), eligible CoC Bonus amounts, eligible DV Bonus amounts, and eligible CoC Planning amounts.

HUD will publish an Estimated ARD Report that outlines each CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) amount, Estimated ARD, Tier 1 amount based on 60 percent of each CoC's estimated ARD, CoC Bonus amount, DV Bonus amount, and CoC Planning amount.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible Applicant information including organization types, General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements, and Resolution of Civil Rights Matters is outlined in Section II of the FY26 NOFO.

In addition, all applicants must:

- Have an active and up-to-date account with SAM.gov, with a valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.
- Have an active esnaps.hud.gov account to submit the application.

Eligible Applications

Applications from Eligible Applications must:

- Meet basic threshold requirements outlined in V.A.
- Pass merit review outlined in V.B.
- Support the goals for the FY26 NOFO.
- Match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25% of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources.
- Be complete and responsive to NOFO requirements, including all standard forms/assurances/certifications, budget, narratives, and other attachments as needed – incomplete and/or non-responsive applications with non-curable deficiencies are not eligible for funding.
- Be submitted in timely fashion – late applications are not eligible for funding.

Eligible Program Components and Requirements

Eligible project application types in the FY26 NOFO are:

- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Support Services Only - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
- Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Permanent Housing - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)
- Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS)

All projects must participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) and HMIS (except for victim service providers who can enter data into a comparable database), and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's CE processes.

Program History and FY26 Competition

In the FY26 NOFO, HUD will:

- Allow for TH and SSO projects, with $1.3 billion priority set-aside for said projects
- Use a two Tier Funding Structure (outlined below). For a project straddling tiers, HUD will conditionally selected the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using selection criteria outlined in V.D.3.b, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project.
    - Set Tier 1 at 60% of CoC's ARD
    - Tier 2 at 40% of CoC's ARD
- Allow TH as eligible DV Bonus project
- Consider requests to waive HQS and NSPIRE regulatory requirement for a bathroom and kitchen for units, to allow housing model without, such as Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units
- Allow preferences for elderly individuals and families (elderly is 55 and older) and disabled individuals and families (defined by section 401(1) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act)
- Prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the capacity to reallocate funding from lower to higher performing projects

Project Selection Process

HUD will review all applications:

1. To ensure they meet the threshold requirements outlined in V.A. If applications meeting the threshold requirements, they will move on to merit review.
2. A panel will review and score merit as outlined in V.B. The panel's evaluation is shared with senior HUD officials who will make final decisions about funding.
3. Before making any awards, HUD will evaluate each application in a risk review outlined in V.C.
4. HUD may also incorporate other considerations, outlined in V.D, that provide discretion for awards.

HUD will select projects in the following order:

- HUD will select all CoC Planning and UFA Costs applications that meet project quality threshold requirements.
- HUD will then select all projects in Tier 1 that pass project eligibility thresholds as outlined in V.A.4.

- HUD will then review DV Bonus projects already selected for funding through the above process and determine whether $104,000,000 has been awarded to DV Bonus projects:
    - If at least $104,000,000 has been selected for conditional award no further action is needed.
    - If $104,000,000 has not been selected for conditional award, HUD will continue down the list and fund additional DV Bonus projects by project-level score until at least $104,000,000 has been selected
- HUD will then review PH projects for families with children already selected for funding through the above process and determine whether $430,00,000 has been awarded to PH projects that served families with children:
    - If at least $430,000,000 has been selected for conditional award no further action is needed.
    - If $430,000,000 has not been selected for conditional award, HUD will continue down the list and fund additional PH projects for families with children by project-level score until at least $430,000,000 has been selected
- HUD will then select new TH or SSO projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project eligibility thresholds in the order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b until $1.3 billion of new projects have been selected
- HUD will continue selected new projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project eligibility thresholds in order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b until $1.3 billion have been selected
- If at any point, HUD selects new projects in an amount more than $1.3 billion, HUD will review all remaining unselected new projects, recalculate Tier 2 scores, and continue selecting projects.
- then select Tier 2 projects, which includes all remaining ranked renewal projects and new projects (CoC Bonus, Reallocation, DV Bonus). HUD will score each Tier 2 project on a point scale, considering:
    - CoC Application score
    - Local ranking order
    - HUD FY25 priorities
    - Project quality, design, and accountability measures

Project Scoring:
Projects in Tier 2 will be evaluated using a 100-point scale, where CoC score will make up to 50 points (in direct proportion to score received on CoC Application), up to 40 points of the CoC's ranking of the project application, and up to 10 points for projects that indicate they have or will incorporate support service participation requirements in their program design (SSO and HMIS will automatically receive points for this).

CoC Program and NOFO Materials

Below are links to HUD's CoC Program and FY26 CoC Competition resources. Subscribe to HUD exchange for additional updates from HUD.

The HUD FY26 CoC NOFO:
https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY2026-CoC-Program-NOFO.pdf

CoC Program Overview:
https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

SAM.gov:

https://sam.gov/

e-snaps Toolkits:
https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6170/esnaps-101-toolkit/
https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6171/esnaps-201-toolkit/

FY26 CoC Local Competition Overview

Our Path Home (OPH) is announcing the FY26 CoC Local Competition.

Local Competition Timeline

Our Path Home (OPH) has set the following deadlines for the FY26 CoC Local Competition:

- **June 1, 2026:** HUD opened the FY26 NOFO which all applicants are encouraged to read in its entirety.
- **July 10, 2026:** OPH announced the FY26 CoC Local Competition via email and publicly posted to OPH's FY26 CoC NOFO webpage including the CoC Competition timeline and eligible projects.
- **July 8 - August 5, 2026:** Optional Technical Assistance (TA) will be provided by OPH. New and renewal project applications should contact info@ourpathhome.org to request CoC Program grant TA if needed.
- **August 5, 2026:** Project applications must submit FY26 CoC Local Competition materials to info@ourpathhome.org by 11:59 pm MT.
    - *If project applications are made available by HUD in e-snaps prior to the FY26 CoC Local Competition deadline, project applications must be completed in e-snaps, exported as a PDF, and sent to info@ourpathhome.org along with all required FY26 CoC Local Competition Materials.*
- **August 10, 2026:** OPH will notify project applicants that submitted projects by the CoC-established deadline in writing outside of e-snaps and via public posting of FY26 CoC Local Competition results whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced on the CoC Priority Listing [more than 15 days before FY26 application submission deadline, meeting 15 day pre-application closure requirement by HUD]. Notification will include listing of all projects considered during the FY26 CoC Local Competition and their final rating, ranking, status (accepted/rejected), funding amounts (including reallocations/reductions), and Tier placement.
- **August 12, 2026:** Deadline to submit grievances in accordance with the Grievance and Appeal Policy to info@ourpathhome.org.
- **August 21, 2026: D**eadline for approved applicants to submit final applications to HUD in e-snaps.
- **August 24, 2026:** Consolidated Application and Priority Listing will be posted online and notification of posting email sent to all members.
- **August 26, 2026:** FY25 Consolidated Application is due to HUD in e-snaps by the application submission deadline at 8:00 PM EST.

Goals and Objectives

OPH adopts HUD's FY26 goals and objectives.

Local Available Funding

OPH's ARD is $2,509,589. Of the total ARD, $767,875 is DV ARD. DV Renewal funds cannot be reallocated to create new, non-DV CoC projects.

In addition to the ARD, OPH is eligible to apply for a CoC Bonus Project up to 15 percent of our Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) in an amount no less than $500,000, a DV Bonus Project up to 20 percent of our Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), and a CoC Planning grant up to 5 percent of our FPRN.

Eligible Program Components and Requirements

OPH is requesting the following application types for the FY26 CoC Local Competition.

Renewal Projects

Renewal project applications include those projects that received FY25 CoC Program award notices that have an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027 (CY27). All renewal project applicants and subrecipients meet the renewal project threshold requirements detailed in the NOFO, including Renewal Project Thresholds outlined in V.4.b(1-2). Limited to 1-year grant term.

Renewal Requirements

Renewal projects are subject to the NOFO requirements:

- Renewal project applications must be submitted by the same recipient that signed the executed grant agreement for the grant being renewed.
- The application must be for the same program component.
- The total request for each renewing project is limited to a project's annual renewal amount; therefore, the application must be for the same amount of funding before any adjustments described in this NOFO (e.g. FMR adjustments) ***or*** the amount reduced due to reallocation.
- CoC renewal project applications may include non-significant changes including shifting up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another.

Eligible Renewal Projects

Eligible renewal project application types are:

- Permanent Housing - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
    - Renewal PSH projects must serve the same population indicated in expiring grant agreement
    - Renewal DedicatedPLUS projects must continue to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project

Transition Grants

CoC renewal project applicants may apply to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible component, which must be complete over a 1-year period, through reallocation. Limited to 1-year grant term.

Transition Grant Requirements

In addition to meeting new project requirements, renewal projects requesting a transition grant must follow the NOFO requirements:

- Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of OPH, and the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD V.A.4.c.
- Transition grant applications awarded FY26 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.
- The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation.

- For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application.

Eligible Transition Grants

Eligible transition grant application types are:

- Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)

New Projects

New project applications must meet the applicant eligibility in addition to project eligibility and New Project Thresholds outlined in V.4.c.

If a new project application passes the project eligibility threshold review and receives enough points to pass the project quality threshold review but does not receive all the points available for its project type, HUD may place conditions on the grant award that must be satisfied before HUD will execute a grant agreement with the applicant for the project. If an applicant is unable to satisfy the condition(s) within the timeframe specified by HUD, HUD reserves the right to withdraw the conditionally awarded funds.

New projects can request the following grant terms:

- Request 1-year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months, to allow up to 6 months to begin operating.
- Any new project that request leasing costs may request up to a 3-year grant term.
- Any new project that requests operating costs, support services only, HMIS, and project administration may request between a 1 and 5-year grant term with funding for the same number of years.

New DV Project Requirements

New DV projects can be created through DV reallocation or DV Bonus funding. All new DV projects must serve individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

Eligible New DV Projects

Eligible New DV Project application types are:

- Transitional Housing (TH) - applicant must demonstrate experience with serving survivors and ability to house and meet safety outcomes
- Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) - applicant must demonstrate project is designed to better meeting the needs of survivors experiencing homelessness, CoC may only submit one new SSO-CE Bonus Project

New non-DV Project Requirements

New non-DV project applications can be created through CoC reallocation or CoC Bonus project funding.

Eligible New Non-DV Projects

Eligible New Non-DV Project application types are:

- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)

- Support Services Only - Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
- Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)