

FY2026

COC FUNDING COMPETITION



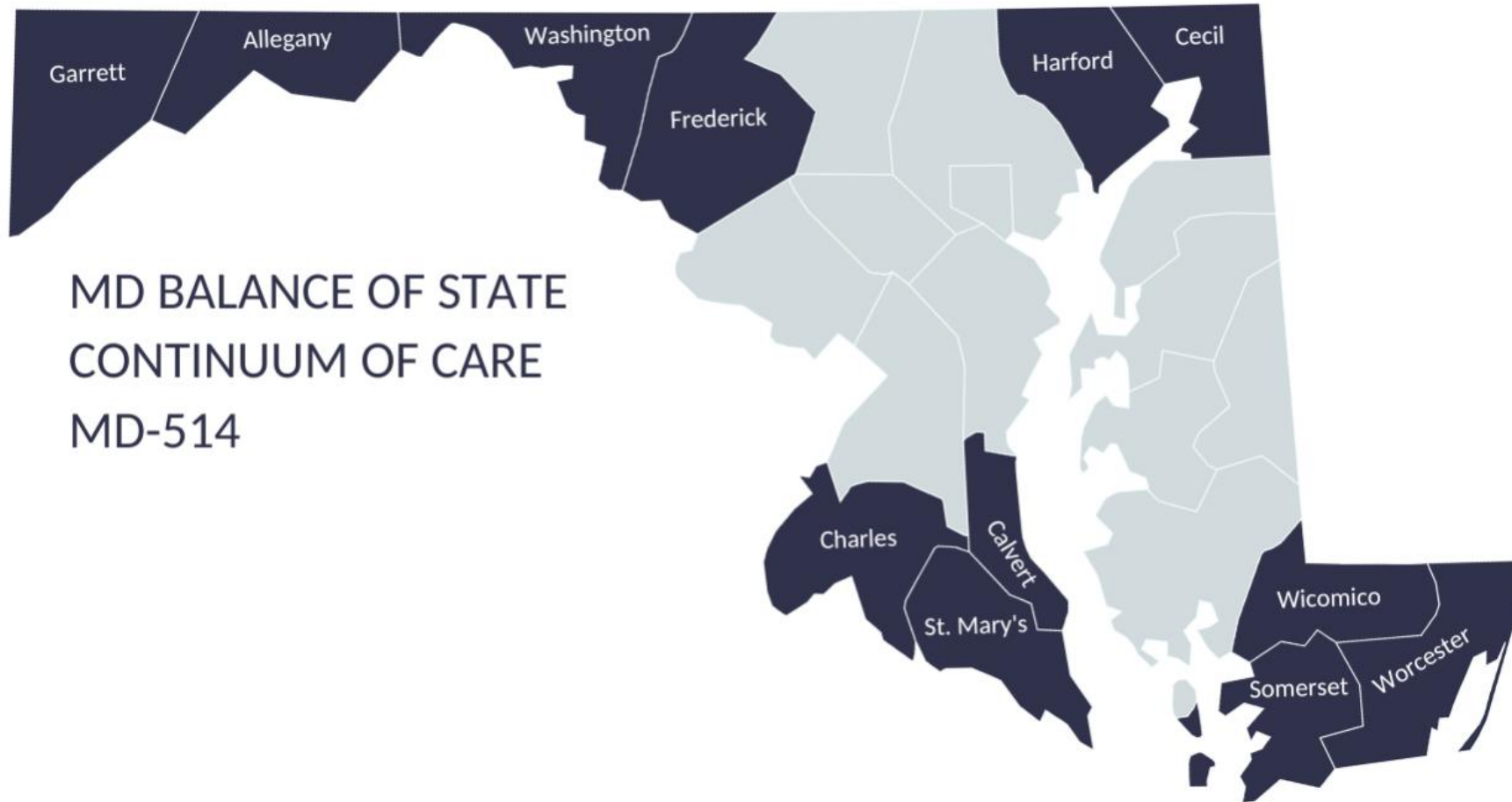
MARYLAND

BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Agenda

1. CoC & Funding Competition Overview
2. Performance Committee Responsibilities
3. Competition Process
4. Committee Assignments
5. Next Steps

MD Balance of State CoC



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MD-514 Maryland Balance of State CoC

- Allegany County
- Cecil County
- Frederick County
- Garrett County
- Harford County
- Lower Shore: Wicomico, Somerset & Worcester
- Southern MD: Calvert, Charles & St Mary's Counties
- Washington County

Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development serves as the:

- **CoC Lead Agency** – meaning DHCD is responsible for conducting planning activities for the CoC
- **Collaborative Applicant** – meaning DHCD submits the CoC grant to HUD on behalf of the CoC

ICA administers the **HMIS** – meaning they are in charge of administering the HMIS database per HUD regulation



CoC Funding Competition

Each year, HUD publishes the Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity for CoC's to apply for renewal and new project funding to support projects designed to end homelessness for individuals and families

The NOFO:

- Specifies the amount of funds CoCs are eligible to apply for
- Prescriptive process: must have clear policies, meet set deadlines, adhere to public notification requirements
- Provides Policy Priorities to guide communities in appropriate project design and selection



CoC Funding Competition Requirements

- CoCs are required to facilitate a local competition to identify projects to be included in the Coc application to HUD and to determine the order of priority of the projects
- The competition must identify how it will review, score and rank project applications from across the CoC that will be recommended for funding to HUD
- The Balance of State has established a process to accept new & renewal project applications, how the applications will be scored, determine if they will be accepted or rejected and what priority order the projects will be ranked



Performance Review Committee

- Official Committee of the BoS CoC Board of Directors
- BoS response to the HUD requirement to

“use objective, performance-based scoring criteria and selection priorities that are approved by the CoC to determine the extent to which each project addresses HUD’s policy priorities”

- Will facilitate the project scoring, selection, rating and ranking process for FY2026 CoC Funding Competition

Performance Review Committee

Committee Membership Includes:

- At least one representative from each of the Local Homelessness Coalitions
- Representatives from the State Agencies participating on the CoC Board of Directors
- Individuals with Lived Experience with homelessness
- Who do not present a conflict of interest in the determination of funding decisions

Performance Review Committee Duties

- Read new project application submissions and score based on the provided criteria
- Review renewal project pre-populated scorecards and take note of any additional comments provided by the applicant related to specific performance targets
- Rank projects in priority order based on the CoC Policy and make funding adjustments as needed
- Submit final project priority listing to the CoC Board of Directors for final review

Overall Competition

FY2026 CoC
Application

DHCD submits to HUD
on behalf of MD-514

Collaborative
Application

Project
Priority
Listing



Priority Listing
Includes

1. Renewal
Projects

2. New
Projects

3. CoC
Planning

Ranking Determination
Tools

Renewal
Project Score
Card

+

Local RFP
Narrative
Response

+

HUD eSNAPS
Application



CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity

- **Deadline August 26, 2026**
- The BoS CoC is eligible to apply for up to **\$11,910,459**
 - Renewal Projects: **\$9,659,780** Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - Tier 1: \$5,795,850 (60% ARD)
 - Tier 2: ARD Remainder + Bonus: \$6,164,602
 - CoC Bonus Funding: \$1,448,962
 - Domestic Violence Bonus Funding: \$801,716
 - CoC Planning: \$482,988

CoC Program Projects

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) – permanent, open ended housing assistance and services to people experiencing homelessness and have a disability; typically targets Chronically Homeless
- Transitional Housing (TH) – temporary housing with supportive services, up to 24 months
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) – Standalone and Street Outreach
 - * Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
 - * CoC Planning

2026 HUD Goals & Objectives

1

Improving outcomes

2

Creating competition to improve innovation and accountability

3

Restoring balance to the Continuum of Care

4

Prioritizing treatment and recovery as a means to self-sufficiency

5

Promoting economic self-sufficiency

6

Advancing public safety for all

7

Minimizing trauma for vulnerable populations

8

Expanding access based on merit, not ideology



Ranking & Tiering

- CoCs are required to rank all new and renewal project applications in priority order based on CoC policy which may include local priorities, needs and gaps
- HUD also encourages project funding reallocation from lower performing projects to new higher performing projects
- Ranked projects will fall into two tiers
 - Projects in Tier 1 likely to receive funding assuming threshold approval
 - Projects in Tier 2 are subject to additional scoring and compete nationally based on CoC Performance and rank order

MD BoS CoC FY2026 Competition Policies

- *Reallocation Policy page 13*
- *Ranking Policy page 15*

FY26 Rating and Ranking Objectives

- To preserve Permanent Supportive Housing units to the maximum extent possible, ensuring units remain across the CoC geographic area
- To prioritize those activities that are most successful in ending homelessness
- To maximize funding available to end homelessness in the CoC
- To maximize the CoC overall application score and ensure the highest possibility of project funding
- To provide an incentive to all funded providers to monitor and improve their performance, including efficiency with funds, to ensure continued funding with CoC resources
- Effectively meet HUD policies and priorities

BoS CoC Competition Goals

1

Preserve

Preserve PSH projects to the maximum allowable extent

2

Maximize

Maximize the CoC overall application score and ensure the highest possibility of project funding

3

Align

Effectively meet HUD policies and priorities

Ranking Policy

Project Rank Order

Projects will be ranked based on component type, in order of highest to lowest score.

1. Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing projects, ranked in order of highest to lowest percentage score
2. New Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, ranked in order of highest to lowest score
3. All remaining, non-PSH renewal projects, ranked in order of highest to lowest score

The CoC Planning Grant is noncompetitive and is not a ranked project in this competition.

Committee has the authority to make needed adjustments to the rank order due to geography, special populations, voluntary reallocation or other CoC identified priority areas.

Ranking Policy Adjustments

Renewal Project Score Threshold

All scored renewing projects are subject to an eligibility threshold. Projects that score in the lowest 20% of all renewal projects may be moved to a lower ranking status and may be subject to reallocation. For example, the Performance Review Committee may rank a new project above a renewing project that scores in the bottom 10%.

Geography

HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the CoC competition. Likewise, MD-514 recognizes that geography is an appropriate consideration for the competition. Projects may be ranked higher to ensure CoC funded programs are accessible to people experiencing homelessness throughout the entire MD-514 geography.

Vulnerable and High-Needs Populations

MD-514 recognizes that high quality projects serving vulnerable and high-needs populations, such as chronic homelessness, domestic violence and substance abuse; are a critical component to ending homelessness. The Performance Review Committee may rank the projects higher to ensure the programs are prioritized to receive CoC funding. These programs must meet a need in the community, show positive housing related outcomes and provide choice to participants seeking the services offered.

Voluntary Reallocation

Projects that choose to voluntarily reallocate at least 50% of their current grant amount in order to apply for a new reallocation-based project may be granted additional consideration in the ranking order. Projects that elect to fully reallocate their grant in order to change project component types, a Transition Grant, will be included in this scenario.

Funding Leverage

In alignment with the HUD CoC NOFO priorities, PSH and RRH project applications that demonstrate a commitment to leverage housing and/or health care system resources may be considered for a higher placement in the ranking order.

Reallocation Policy

Policy allows for two types of reallocation:

1. ***Voluntary Reallocation*** – Individual projects may request to reallocate all or part of their current funding for various reasons, including difficulty spending the full grant, project performance or to create a transition grant. These projects may receive additional consideration in the ranking order.
1. ***Involuntary Reallocation*** – Renewal projects may have funds reallocated by the Performance Review Committee due to poor project performance, spending history with consistent high rates of recapture, or failure to meet HMIS participation requirements.

Ranking & Tiering

1	Renewal PSH
2	Renewal PSH
3	Renewal PSH
4	Renewal PSH
5	Renewal PSH
6	Renewal PSH
7	New TH
8	New TH
9	New SSO
10	SSO

Tier 1: 60% of Annual
Renewal Demand (ARD)

Tier 2: 40% of ARD +
Bonus Funds



How HUD selects projects for funding

1 Planning and admin costs *automatic*

2 Everything in Tier 1 *protected*

3 Domestic violence floor *\$104 million*

4 Housing for families floor *\$430 million*

5 New TH and SSO projects *toward \$1.3 billion*

6 Other new projects *until \$1.3B reached*

7 Renewal projects in Tier 2 *remaining funds*

OVERVIEW

Following the money

HUD awards funding in a strict sequence — picture the money flowing downhill through seven steps. Each step takes its share before any money reaches the next one.

 Automatic  Minimums  Competition  Leftover

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STEP 1 OF 7

Planning and admin costs come off the top

First, HUD funds every application for CoC Planning and UFA costs that meets basic requirements. There is no competition here — pass the checklist, get funded.

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STEP 2 OF 7

Everything in Tier 1 is funded

Each community ranks its projects into two groups. Tier 1 is the protected zone — every project placed there is funded, as long as it passes HUD's threshold review. Tier 2 is where the real competition happens.

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STEP 3 OF 7

A guaranteed minimum for new DV Bonus projects

HUD pauses and checks: did projects serving domestic violence survivors receive at least \$104 million in Tier 1? If not, HUD selects the highest-scoring DV Bonus projects from Tier 2 until that floor is met.

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STEP 4 OF 7

A guaranteed minimum for families

Same check, different population: did permanent housing projects for families with children receive at least \$430 million? If not, HUD selects the highest-scoring Tier 2 projects serving families until that floor is met.

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6 Other new projects *until \$1.3B reached*

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STEP 5 OF 7

New TH and SSO projects compete

The open competition begins. HUD funds new transitional housing and supportive services projects from Tier 2, highest score first, toward a \$1.3 billion budget for new projects. DV Bonus projects not picked in Step 3 get a second chance here.

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STEP 6 OF 7

Other new projects fill the \$1.3 billion

If money remains in the new-project budget, HUD funds other types of new projects from Tier 2 by score until the full \$1.3 billion is spent. Once it is, any unselected new projects are removed from consideration.

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7 **Renewal projects in Tier 2** *remaining funds*

STEP 7 OF 7

Renewals get whatever remains

Finally, existing programs up for renewal that landed in Tier 2 are funded by score until the money runs out. This is why Tier 2 renewals carry real risk — they are last in line.

 Automatic  Minimums  Competition  Leftover

Estimated Available Funding

2026 CoC NOFO*

Total Available Project Funding: \$11,910,459

Annual Renewal
Demand

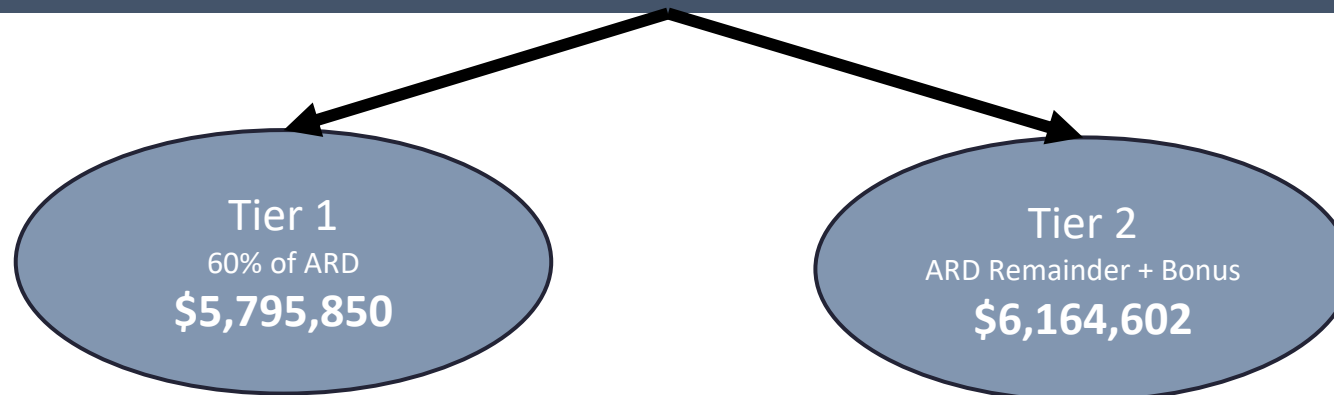
\$9,659,780

CoC Bonus Funding
15% FPRN

\$1,448,963

DV Bonus Funding
20% PPRN

\$801,716



CoC Planning
5% FPRN
\$482,988



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Estimated Available Funding

Likely CoC Project Limitations

Current Budget for
Renewals

\$9,659,780

Tier 1
60% CoC ARD

\$5,795,850.00

Difference in
Renewals to
Reallocate

\$3,863,930



Applications Received

Project Type	Number of Applications	Total Request	Total Allowed	Difference
Permanent Supportive Housing (Tier 1)	25	\$5,807,184	\$5,795,850	-\$11,335
CoC Bonus + Reallocation	33	\$7,479,070	\$5,312,893	-\$2,166,177
DV Bonus	4	\$537,304	\$801,716	+\$264,412

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Balance of State Assignments

- DHCD will score all renewing projects & provided to applicants for review
 - *Data driven*
 - *Focus on system performance*
- DHCD will complete Threshold Review & Basic Application scoring for all applicants
- DHCD will ensure that all committee decisions are in compliance with CoC Competition Policies
- DHCD will provide all scoring related tools and materials to committee members and any ongoing technical assistance

Committee Assignments

- Read and score assigned applications
 - Only need to score 1 narrative per application
 - Take note of any feedback you feel would be helpful to provide to applicants
 - Return scores and any comments to DHCD before the next meeting
 - *Review renewal project scorecards and any comments added by the agency for further consideration – in case of project ranking adjustments or reallocation needs*

Committee Assignments: Next Steps

- All projects will be preliminarily ranked based on scores and CoC Ranking Policy
- Committee will meet in to review initial rank order and make funding adjustments
- Identify if any submissions will be rejected for funding consideration
- Finalize the Project Priority Listing for CoC Board Approval
- *DHCD will provide funding decision notification to applicants and the CoC Board*
- *Follow-up deliberation meeting will occur on Friday, August 7, 2026 from 12pm to 2pm*

Project Review Materials

Scoring Tool Walkthrough (TH)

Instructions Form

Performance Review Committee Webpage

FY26 Sample Renewal Project Scorecard

FY26 Sample Transition Review Project Scorecard

Next Steps

- DHCD will send application materials to committee members
- Committee members will begin scoring assigned project applications
- Committee members will begin reviewing all provided project materials
- Committee members' scores and comments will be submitted via an online portal, due before the next meeting
- Questions can be directed to kristen.halsey@maryland.gov & ariel.brown2@maryland.gov
- BoS will create preliminary priority ranking based on scores and policy
- Committee will review and finalize at next meeting
- Complete Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest Form (DocuSign form delivered via email)



Questions and Wrap Up



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