



MARYLAND BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

FY2026

CoC Funding Competition

RFP Application Training

Agenda

- Changes in the Competition
- HUD Selection Process
- Available Funds
- CoC Funding Priorities
- Eligible Project Application Types
- Project Application Walkthrough

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FY2026 COC FUNDING COMPETITION

Changes from Prior Competitions

2026 HUD Goals & Objectives

1

Improving outcomes

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Creating competition to improve innovation and accountability

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Restoring balance to the Continuum of Care

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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



Changes from Prior Competitions

Investment in New Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only Projects.

Unlike in prior years, CoCs may apply for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects including street outreach.

In order to increase competition, broaden the applicant pool, and restore balance to the Continuum of Care Program, this NOFO provides a **set-aside of \$1,300,000,000 for new projects with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects.**

CoCs may use the Transition Grant process to create new projects.



Changes from Prior Competitions

DV Bonus Projects: Transitional Housing.

Transitional Housing is an eligible DV Bonus project in this NOFO.

HUD determined that Transitional Housing is an eligible activity that is critical in order to assist individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.



Changes from Prior Competitions

Increase in Competition.

The Continuum of Care program is a national competition between geographic areas (42 U.S.C. 11386a).

Consistent with the FY26 HUD appropriation, **Tier 1 is set at 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).**

HUD reminds CoCs and applicants of the Solo Applicant appeal process for project applicants that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner.

Changes from Prior Competitions

Housing with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.

Under the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.75, housing leased with Continuum of Care program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with Continuum of Care program funds, **must meet the applicable standards at 24 CFR 982.401 (HQS), and starting on October 1, 2026, 24 CFR 5.703 (NSPIRE).**

Both HQS and NSPIRE require a bathroom and a kitchen in the unit. **HUD will consider requests to waive this regulatory requirement for good cause to facilitate projects proposing a housing model that does not meet this standard, such as Single Rooms Occupancy units (SROs).**



Changes from Prior Competitions

Service Participation Requirements.

Expectation that **all project types require program participants to take part in supportive services** (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) by providing direct language from supportive service agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent)

New Transitional Housing Project must provide 20 hours per week of customized services for each participant (ex: case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc)

Except that consistent with 24 CFR 5.2005(b)(1) assistance may not be denied on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the participant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy



Changes from Prior Competitions

Project Eligibility Threshold Review.

HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following project eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines the applicable standards are not met for a project, HUD will reject the project.

Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:

- The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination.
- The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B above and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).

As written, these restrictions are not limited to the use of CoC funds in the proposed project but would also restrict an organization's ability to engage in harm reduction efforts with non-federal sources.

HUD reserves the right to verify past performance and evaluate the eligibility of a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition to ensure that it can adequately manage federal awards and comply with all applicable federal laws. **HUD will not penalize applicants for complying with the terms and conditions of prior HUD grants.**

Changes from Prior Competitions

Risk Review.

Past Performance:

- Public sources like news reports, Inspector General findings, Government Accountability Office reports, and complaints with a reasonable basis

Organizational Health:

- Ability to follow all required laws and rules

Results:

- Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Number of people served or targeted for assistance
- History of illegal discrimination, including illegal racial discrimination
- History of subsidizing or facilitating illicit drug use or other illicit activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO

HUD in its discretion may **use the results of the risk review as a sufficient and independent basis to make adverse funding decisions, including rejecting an award**, applying special conditions on the award, or reducing the amount of an award.

Changes from Prior Competitions

Post Award.

- Will not be used to engage in illegal racial discrimination, including racial preferences.
- Will not be distributed in a way that interferes with constitutional protections for free speech, religious beliefs, and the free exercise of religion.
- Will not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize or facilitate the use of illicit drugs.
- Will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”



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FY2026 COC FUNDING COMPETITION

HUD Tiering & Selection Process

Ranking & Tiering Funding Structure

- 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
- 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

Tier 1

60%

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

- Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC.
- Projects must pass both eligibility and threshold review.
- Tier 1 projects are likely to receive funding assuming threshold approval.



Tier 2

40%

ARD + Bonus Funds

- Tier 2 projects undergo eligibility and threshold review AND additional scoring by HUD.
- Scored projects compete nationally with all Tier 2 projects — funding is determined by HUD based on score and available funds.
- If a project straddles both tiers, the Tier 1 portion is funded on Tier 1 criteria; the Tier 2 portion is scored and competes.
- *Tier 2 projects will compete, but not in the same way as prior years.*



How HUD selects projects for funding

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2 Everything in Tier 1 *protected*

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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 stops. Each stop 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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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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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

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FY2026 COC FUNDING COMPETITION

Available Funds

Estimated Available Funding

2026 CoC NOFO*

Total Available Project Funding: \$11,960,452

Annual Renewal
Demand

\$9,659,780

CoC Bonus Funding
15% FPRN

\$1,448,962

DV Bonus Funding
20% PPRN

\$851,740

Tier 1

60% of ARD

\$5,795,850

Tier 2

ARD Remainder + Bonus

\$6,164,602

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



Estimated Available Funding

FFY2026 CoC NOFO Available Funding		
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	The base amount the CoC is eligible to apply for, includes all renewal projects	\$9,659,780
CoC Bonus Funding	Maximum amount of bonus funding available to create new projects, 12% of the FPRN	\$1,448,962
DV Bonus Funding	Maximum amount of designated bonus funding to create new DV dedicated projects, 15% of the PPRN	\$851,740
CoC Planning Grant Funding	Funding to provide staffing support for the Collaborative Applicant to administer HUD-required CoC activities, 5% of the FPRN	\$482,988
Total Amount of Available Funding		\$11,960,452

**Final Amounts Subject to Change*

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FY2026 COC FUNDING COMPETITION

CoC Funding Priorities & Local Competition

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

BoS Project Ranking Goals

- Project Ranking Goal: To preserve critical Permanent Supportive Housing projects across the full geography of the Balance of State CoC, while encouraging new project applications for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects necessary to provide necessary supports to help households exit homelessness and increase self-sufficiency.
- To that end, the following priorities, in no particular order, may help guide development of a final ranking approach:
 - The CoC may seek to preserve low-ranking projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funding in their communities.
 - The CoC may consider reducing funding requests for the lowest ranked projects as a means to preserve funding for higher ranked projects, if needed, and keeping in line with other priorities.
 - The CoC may consider ranking new projects higher than some renewal projects, where the CoC believes doing so will better help the CoC meet the ranking goal outlined above.



BoS Local Competition

- All new and renewal project applications (including transition grants) must participate in the local competition process
- The CoC Performance Review Committee finalizes the rank order and funding recommendations based on the CoC Competition Policies
 - Submit Final Project Ranking Recommendations to CoC Leadership for review
- All competition related documentation, tools, training information and resources is posted on the [BoS CoC Funding Information Page](#)
- Local Competition Closes July 24, 2026
- Applicants will be notified of status no later than August 11, 2026
- HUD anticipates funding announcement no later than December 1, 2026

Eligible Applications

Renewal Projects

PSH Renewals	Current Permanent Supportive Housing Projects
HMIS Renewals	Current HMIS Projects
SSO Renewals	Current SSO-CE Projects

Transition to New Projects

Transition Projects: New TH	Current PSH, RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects that will transition (reallocate) to a new Transitional Housing Project
Transition Projects: New SSO	Current PSH, RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects that will transition (reallocate) to a new Supportive Services Only Project

New Projects

Brand New TH	New Transitional Housing Project
Brand New SSO	New Supportive Services Only Project

Renewal Projects	Eligible to Renew	Project Scorecard	RFP Response	e-SNAPs Application
PSH Renewals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RRH Renewals	No	Yes	No	Yes
Joint TH-RRH Renewals	No	Yes	No	Yes
HMIS Renewals	Yes	No	No	Yes
SSO Renewals	Yes	No	No	Yes
New Projects	Eligible to Renew	Project Scorecard	RFP Response	e-SNAPs Application
Transition Projects: New TH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transition Projects: New SSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brand New TH	NA	No	Yes	Yes
Brand New SSO	NA	No	Yes	Yes

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Eligible Project Applications

Eligible Entities

- State government
- County Government
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Public Housing Authorities / Indian Housing Authorities
- Native American tribal organizations
- Nonprofits with a 501(c)(3) status
- Faith-based organizations

Eligible Entities: Additional Information

- Individuals are not eligible to apply
- For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or be a subrecipient of grant funding
- Applications submitted by ineligible organizations will not be reviewed, scored, or selected for funding

Applicant Requirements

Additional Requirements

- Applicant has **active SAM registration** with current information and maintains an active SAM registration annually.
- Applicant has a **valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier)** Number.
- **Financial and Management Capacity:** Project applicants and subrecipients demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.
- **Population Served** - The population to be served meets program eligibility requirements as described in the HUD NOFO.
- Applicant is in **Good Standing** with the State of Maryland
- Applicants must **have two years of most recent Single Audit** or independent financial audits that meet the Reports and findings from audits performed under Subpart F—Audit Requirements of 2 CFR part 200 or the reports and findings of any other available audits.
- Applicants must agree to **participate in the local HMIS** system or a Comparable Database for Victim Service Providers..



Applicants must document at least a **25% cash or in-kind match** for the amount of funding requested.

Renewal Projects

Eligible Renewal Project Types

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- HMIS
- SSO-CE Projects

A project that will be under grant agreement by December 31, 2026 and will have an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027 (between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027).

Renewal projects cannot request a higher amount than what is listed in the GIW

Renewal projects can move up to 10% of funds between the Budget Line Items

New Project Application Opportunities

CoCs may submit new project application created through

- ❖ **CoC Bonus**
- ❖ **DV Bonus**
- ❖ **Reallocation (Transition)**
- ❖ **Combination of the three sources**

HUD will review project subrecipient eligibility as part of the project quality threshold review process. Project applicants are required to submit documentation of the subrecipient eligibility with the project application.

New Projects: CoC Bonus

CoC Bonus: Up to 20% of the Final Pro Rata Need, approximately **\$1,448,962**

Must be one of the following project types:

- **Transitional Housing**
- **Supportive Services Only**
 - SSO – Standalone
 - SSO – Street Outreach

New Projects: DV Bonus

Domestic Violence Bonus: Up to 20 % of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need, approximately **\$851,740**

- New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus:
 - Must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless
 - **Transitional Housing**

New Project: Transition Grant

A Transition grant is an application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition eligible CoC renewal project(s) from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period.

Transition grant applications awarded FY 2026 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.

- Renewal Grants expiring in CY2027 may submit a FY2026 transition grant application to request a component type change. The transition grant's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term.
- Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds.
- 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.



New Transitional Housing Project

What is Transitional Housing?

Transitional Housing (TH) provides **temporary housing with supportive services** to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. **TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.**

Participants in a TH project **must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement** with the following requirements:

- An initial term of at least one month
- Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
- A maximum term of 24 months

Project may be:

- Tenant-Based
- Site-Based
- Project-Based

What supportive services are provided in Transitional Housing (TH) programs?

To facilitate the movement of program participants into permanent housing, transitional housing projects should **provide a wide range of supportive services** to participants while they reside in the program that meets their needs. Recipients **can require program participants to take part in supportive services** that are not disability-related services as a condition of participation in the program. For example, if the purpose of the project is to assist participants with substance abuse issues, projects may require participants to take part in substance abuse treatment services.

Projects can **provide services to former residents of TH projects for up to six months after exiting TH** to assist in the household's transition to independent living.



New Transitional Housing Project

Participation Requirement

Provide **individualized services for program participants with at least 20 hours per week of engagement** in services, activities or employment.

Exemption for participants over age 62 or those with handicaps or a developmental disability.

Examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.

Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement.

New Transitional Housing Project

HUD Threshold Requirements

- Demonstrate that the project will provide / partner with organizations to **provide eligible supportive services** necessary to assist program participants obtain & maintain housing.
- **Supplement with resources from other sources**, ex: mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- Have a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will **exit homelessness within 24 months**.
- Have a plan in place to ensure that at least **50% exit to a positive destination within 24 months & at least 50% exit with employment income**.

Nonprofit organizations are not authorized to administer rental assistance in CoC-funded transitional housing but are allowed to administer leasing dollars.

The recipient of a TH project that uses rental assistance to pay for rental costs **must be a unit of state or 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.



New DV Bonus Transitional Housing

- The entire project must be 100 % dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- Minimum grant request of \$50,000.
- Demonstrate applicant experience serving individuals & families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
- Consistent with 24 CFR 5.2005(b)(1) **assistance may not be denied on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the participant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy.**



Leasing

Which program components allow Leasing costs? (§ 578.49(a))

Leasing costs are eligible under the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Transitional Housing (TH), and Supportive Services Only (SSO) components.

Recipients and subrecipients may choose to use CoC Program funds to lease a structure or a portion of a structure that will be used for PSH, TH, or SSO projects. Leasing funds may also be used to lease individual housing units for TH or PSH.

Leasing funds can pay for the following activities:

- Rent for the unit or structure (§ 578.49(b)(1))
- Security deposits for up to 2 months (§ 578.49(b)(4))
- First and last month's rent (up to one month each, allowed as an advanced payment) (§ 578.49(b)(4))
- Staff or related costs to carry out leasing activities including conducting Housing Quality Standards (HQS), paying landlords, etc.
- Payments on unoccupied units while identifying a new program participant

What entity/party enters into the lease?

The lease for the unit or structure is between the recipient or subrecipient and the property owner. The recipient or subrecipient enters into a sublease or occupancy agreement with the program participant.

Rental Assistance

What program components allow rental assistance costs? (§ 578.51)

CoC rental assistance funds can be used in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-housing (RRH), or Transitional Housing (TH) to pay a portion of the rent. The length of time rental assistance can be provided varies depending on program component:

- Short-term (up to 3 mos.) or medium-term (4-24 mos.) – RRH, TH

Rental Assistance Budgets

How is the rental assistance budget line item determined? (§ 578.51(f))

The rental assistance budget line item is based on:

Number of units x Fair Market Rent (FMR) x Number of months in the grant term

For example, a program that rents ten one-bedroom units for a year would develop a rental assistance budget based on the monthly one-bedroom Fair Market Rent for 12 months multiplied by the total number of units.

Leasing

The recipient or subrecipient must be the tenant of the landowner or sublessor

The program participant must either be the sublessee of the recipient or subrecipient OR have an occupancy agreement with the recipient or subrecipient

The recipient or subrecipient must pay rent directly to the landowner or sublessor based on actual costs

Occupancy charges imposed on the program participant are capped at the income calculation set forth in §578.77

The recipient or subrecipient is responsible for 100% of the rent or sublease rent to the landowner or sublessor, even if the program participant does not pay the occupancy charge in a given month

The recipient or subrecipient can pay rent on a vacant unit

Leasing dollars do not have a matching requirement

Rental Assistance

Program participant must be the sole party on the lease with the landowner or sublessor

The recipient, subrecipient or rental assistance administrator must have a written agreement with the landowner or sublessor governing the payment of rental assistance.

The lease requires the program participant to pay rent directly to the landowner or sublessor based on the income calculation

The administrator of the rental assistance must be a State or local government, or a PHA

The recipient, subrecipient, or rental assistance administrator must make rental assistance payments to the landowner or sublessor based on the difference between the total rent and the amount paid by the program participant

The recipient, subrecipient, or rental assistance administrator is not responsible for the portion of the rent paid by the program participant if the program participant misses a rent payment in any given month

The recipient or subrecipient or rental assistance administrator cannot make rental assistance payments on a vacant unit

The recipient or subrecipient must provide match for rental assistance funds

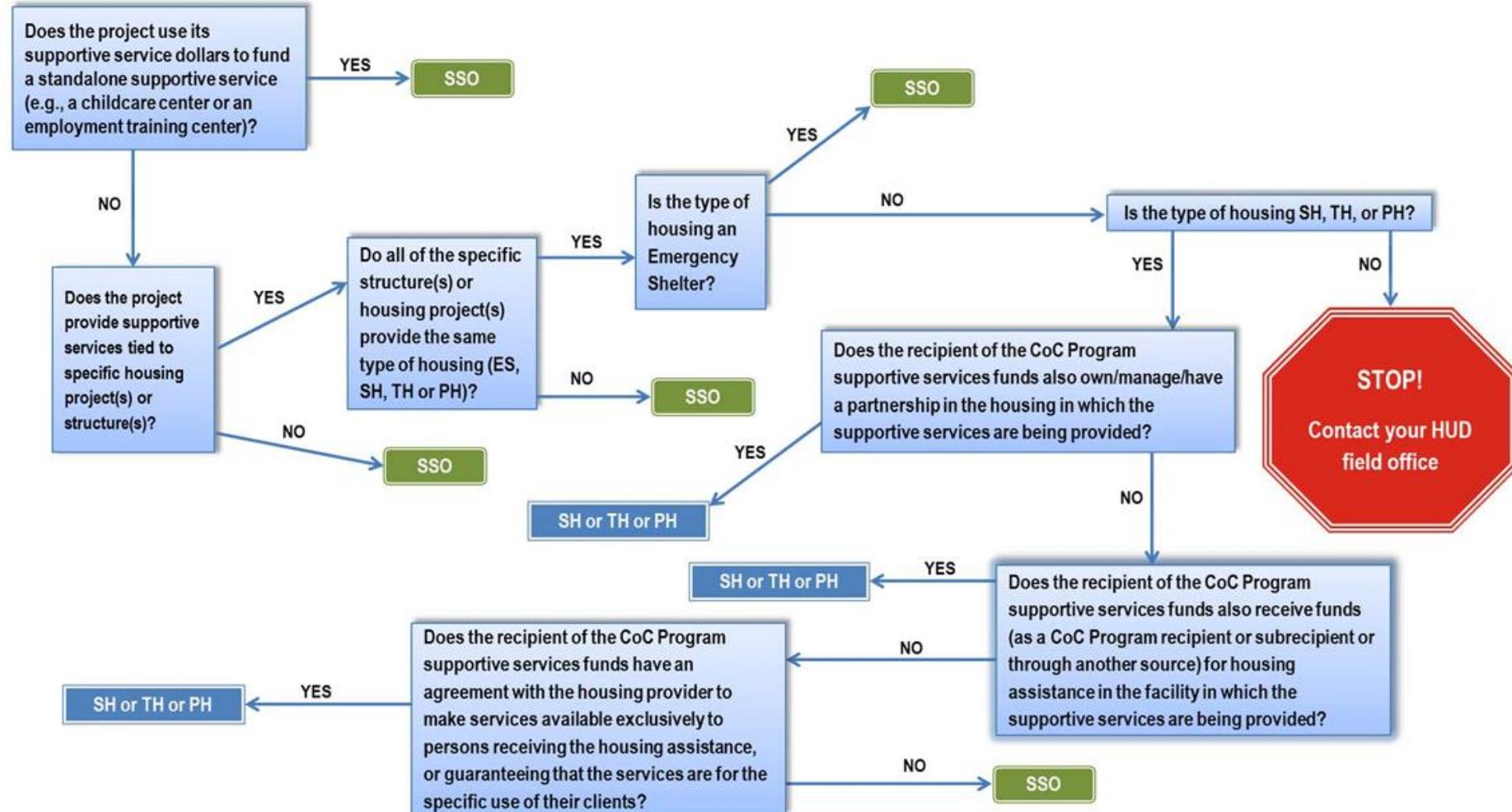
New Supportive Services Only Project

What is Supportive Services Only?

Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects allow recipients to provide supportive services—**such as conducting outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services**—to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. The recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance.

Whether or not a program is functioning as an SSO project or a housing project can cause some confusion. Please see the [CoC Program SSO/Housing Component Decision Tool](#) for more information.

Decision Tree: Is My CoC Program-Funded Project a Supportive Services Only (SSO) or a Housing Project?



New SSO: Street Outreach Project

HUD Threshold Requirements

- The proposed project has a **strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.**
- The project will be **supplemented with resources from other public or private sources**, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of, or a **plan for, partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.** The applicant **must cooperate and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws** such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.
- The applicant has **experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services**, consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has a plan for or has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.



New SSO: Standalone Project

HUD Threshold Requirements

- The Supportive Services project is necessary to **assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency** and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants.
- The proposed project has a **strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.**
- The project will be **supplemented with resources from other public or private sources**, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.



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FY2026 COC FUNDING COMPETITION

CoC Project Application Walkthrough

Renwal Project Scorecards

Feedback due July 24, 2026

Scorecard Overview

- The renewal projects scorecard is a tool the CoC uses to **evaluate project performance, data quality, grant management efforts, CoC compliance and participation**. The scorecard is used to establish which programs have been most successful in achieving HUD and locally determined performance standards; and to identify how programs are contributing to the overall System Performance of the CoC.
- Scorecard performance data is gathered via **Annual Performance Reports (APR)** generated in HMIS or a Comparable Database, and other sources including but not limited to **Sage**, HMIS custom reporting, national data and best practices, HUD and eSNAPS **project applications**.
- All project scorecards will be sent to applicants by Monday, July 6, 2026.



Recipients should review the data and information presented and provide any feedback to the BoS no later than July 24, 2026.

eSNAPS Application

Due: PENDING HUD

eSNAPS

eSNAPS Login Page

101 Tool Kit

201 Tool Kit

- All applicants should **ensure that they have access to eSNAPS now**. BoS staff are not able to provide assistance with passwords, etc.
 - Applicants must **contact e-snaps@hud.gov for support**.
- As of July 6, 2026 - HUD has NOT YET opened project applications in eSNAPS. The BoS will notify applicants once applications are available, set the submission due date and provide TA on request
- The BoS is requesting that ALL project applicants, NEW & RENEWAL, review and likely edit their project name in eSNAPS for clarity and consistency. More guidance will be provided.



Balance of State RFP

Due July 24, 2026

BoS Request for Proposals

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is CoC level tool to solicit project applications from across the MD Balance of State CoC for new and renewing projects in the FY2026 CoC Funding Competition.

Online Link

Renewal Projects	Eligible to Renew	Project Scorecard	RFP Response	e-SNAPs Application
PSH Renewals	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RRH Renewals*	No	Yes	No	Yes
Joint TH-RRH Renewals*	No	Yes	No	Yes
HMIS Renewals	Yes	No	No	Yes
SSO-CE Renewals*	Yes	No	No	Yes
New Projects	Eligible to Renew	Project Scorecard	RFP Response	e-SNAPs Application
Transition Projects: New TH	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transition Projects: New SSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brand New TH	NA	No	Yes	Yes
Brand New SSO	NA	No	Yes	Yes

**assuming the project will transition to a new component*

Competition Resources

Balance of State

- [Funding Information Page](#)
- [BoS CoC Competition Guide](#)
- [BoS CoC HelpDesk](#)

National Alliance to End Homelessness

- [CoC Competition Information](#)
- [NAEH NOFO Impact Analysis](#)

HUD

- [HUD CoC Page](#)
- [CoC NOFO](#)
- [Program Participants' Eligibility to Move from PH To TH](#)
- [Is My Project a Supportive Services Only \(SSO\) or a Housing Project?](#)

