

FFY2025 COC FUNDING COMPETITION



MARYLAND
BALANCE OF STATE
CONTINUUM OF CARE

Agenda

- NOFO Review & Changes
- Funding Availability
- Eligible Applicants
- Renewal & New Project Requirements
- RFP & Resources Walk Through
- Q&A

CoC NOFO

HUD Dates

1. Released November 13th
2. *Due January 14th – PENDING HUD REISSUE OF THE NOFO*

Local Deadlines

1. Local Competition Applications Due December 15th
2. *Applicant Notification Appx December 31st – PENDING HUD REISSUE OF THE NOFO*

Changes from Prior Competitions

Tiering Cap.

HUD has significantly changed the percentage of CoC funding for each Tier.

	FY2025	FY2024
Tier 1	30%	90%
Tier 2	70% + Bonus	10% + Bonus

Ranking & Tiering

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

Tier 1: 30% of Annual
Renewal Demand (ARD)

Tier 2: 70% of ARD + Bonus
Funds

Changes from Prior Competitions

Permanent Housing Cap.

HUD has determined that only 30% of the CoC Funds can be used for permanent housing projects.

This includes ALL:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH-RRH

The remaining 70% of the CoC Funds can be used for:

- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only
- HMIS

Estimated Available Funding

2025 CoC NOFO
Total Available Project Funding: \$10,395,672

Annual Renewal
Demand

\$8,311,095

CoC Bonus Funding
20% FPRN

\$1,662,219

DV Bonus Funding
10% PPRN

\$422,358

Tier 1
(30% of ARD)
\$2,493,329

Tier 2
(ARD Remainder + Bonus)
\$7,902,343

CoC Planning
\$415,555

Estimated Available Funding

Permanent Housing Cap

Includes ALL: Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH-RRH Projects

PH Cap
30% CoC ARD

\$2,493,329

Current PH Budget
for Renewals

\$7,911,344

Difference to
Reallocate

\$5,418,015

ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICATIONS

Eligible Entity Types

- 00 (State governments)
- 01 (County governments)
- 02 (City or township governments)
- 04 (Special district governments)
- 07 (Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized))
- 08 (Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities)
- 11 (Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments))
- 12 (Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education)
- 25 (Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification))
- Individuals are ineligible applicants

To be eligible for funding under the FY 2025 Continuum of Care and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act) and the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). For more information on Applicant eligibility see Section V.A.1 of this NOFO.

Additional Applicant 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.** This is the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities.
- **Applicant is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization or another city government agency.** For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.
- **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 Act, the Rule, and the HUD NOFO.
- **Applicant is in Good Standing with the State of Maryland** (certification of Good Standing can be obtained through the Department of Taxation website.)
- **Applicant must have two years of most recent Single Audit or independent financial**
- Applicant must agree to **participate in a local HMIS system.** However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- Applicant **must document at least a 25% cash or in-kind match** for the amount of funding requested.

Additional Applicant Requirements

Match

Match refers to actual cash or in-kind resources contributed to the grant. All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds for that activity. All grant funds must be matched with an amount **no less than 25% of the awarded grant amount** (excluding the amount awarded to the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Match resources may be from public (not statutorily prohibited by the funding agency from being used as a match) or private resources.

Threshold Requirements

Applicant must demonstrate:

- The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
- The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

Threshold Requirements

HUD reserves the right to verify past performance and evaluate the eligibility of a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition for the following reasons:

- evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans.
- evidence that the project 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.”

Renewal Projects

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- SSO-CE Projects
- HMIS

A project that will be under grant agreement by December 31, 2025 and will have an expiration date in Calendar Year 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026).

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

Transition Grant

Renewal Rapid Rehousing & Joint TH-RRH projects should consider a transition grant

- Opportunity to transition an eligible renewal grant to a new program component type via a voluntary reallocation process
 - *Example:* Transition a Rapid Rehousing Housing Project to a Transitional Housing Project
- Transition grants will have one year to fully transition to new component type during the normal operating year
- MUST wholly eliminate one or more existing projects and use to create single, new transition grant

New Projects

- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only
 - SSO – Standalone
 - SSO – Street Outreach
 - SSO – Coordinated Entry
- Planning (not included in priority ranking)

New Projects: Transitional Housing

- Demonstrate that the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing.
- The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months.
- The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure, that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- 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 proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
- **Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.**
- Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

New Projects: SSO Standalone

- The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness 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.
- The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

New Projects: SSO Street Outreach

- 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.
- 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.
- Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of 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, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws.
- **The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and 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.**
- The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

New Projects: SSO Coordinated Entry

- The Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
- There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs.
- There is a standardized assessment process.
- The project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

Website & RFP Walk Through

- <https://www.mdboscoc.org/>

Next Steps

- Complete the Balance of State RFP: [Online Form](#)
 - **DUE DECEMBER 15th @ 8:00 PM**
- The BoS will inform all applicants as soon as eSNAPS is open & will provide instructions, and technical assistance as needed
 - **DUE DATE PENDING HUD**
- The BoS staff will be sending renewal project scorecard data to projects very soon for applicant review
- Submit all questions here: [Help Desk](#)

Resources

NAEH

- [CoC Competition Information](#)
- [Side by Side Comparison of 2024 & 2025 NOFO](#)
- [Side by Side Comparison of 2024 & 2025 CoC Scoring](#)
- [NAEH Resources](#)

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- [Funding Information Page](#)

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- [HUD CoC Page](#)
- [CoC NOFO](#)
- [HUD 1 Pager](#)