CoC NOFO and Local Competition Overview

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2025 HUD CoC Annual NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on November 13, 2025.

The funding available through this NOFO for the City of Atlanta CoC region is as follows:

CoC Number and Name	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	Tier 2	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus
GA-500 Atlanta CoC	$13,856,689	$4,157,007	$13,578,907	$2,771,338	$1,107,887

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: Projects providing services in the City of Atlanta

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 effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

CoC Funding Structure

Through the NOFO competition HUD makes available to the CoC region (City of Atlanta) 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 project application process. Submitted applications then are reviewed, scored/ ranked, and prioritized. The ranking of each approved application gets placed into a tiered priority listing that is submitted to HUD for their review and approval.

Partner for HOME is the lead agency designated by the CoC. They coordinate the required administrative duties of the CoC.

FY 2025 NOFO Funding

$3.918 billion is available.
- $3.52 billion in FY2025 full-year CR
- $100 million repurposed per Congressional authorization (originally designated for development of new PSH)
- $294 million recaptured funding (Section 231)

This increased amount may be enough to cover the national renewal demand which will now be calculated using the FY2026 Fair Market Rent rates.
- No actual "new" funding that does not come out of the renewal demand – this means increased competition nationally.

All YHDP renewal projects that will expire in CY2026 are eligible to apply for renewal.

Projects originally awarded under the Special NOFO to address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness that will expire in CY2026 are eligible to apply for renewal.

At least $52 million must be used for new DV Bonus projects, which now may include transitional housing as an eligible project type.

What is New in 2025

❑ Tier 1 on the priority listing is less than last year's competition (FY25 = 30% ARD vs FY24 = 90% ARD)

❑ CoC Bonus and DV Bonus new project amounts available for the CoC to apply are higher but keep in mind that there is only enough funding available to fund national renewal demand.

❑ Permanent Housing funding (PSH, RRH, Joint TH–RRH) is capped at 30 percent of ARD. CoCs must shift funding from existing permanent housing projects that exceed this cap toward new projects, particularly transitional housing with required service participation requirements.

❑ Joint TH/RRH projects are no longer eligible as a New Project type. Still eligible for renewal projects, but subject to the CoC 30% PH funding cap.

❑ All projects except for CoC Planning must compete, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus. These projects must be scored and ranked in the priority list with no special protections, increasing competition.

❑ New prohibitions can disqualify any project. HUD may reject projects in Tier 1 or 2 for engaging in racial preferences, using a definition of sex "other than binary," or conducting activities viewed as "harm reduction." These provisions create significant new compliance risks.

What's New in 2025 Continued

❑ HUD's new national priorities center on treatment, recovery, and required services. HUD favors projects with onsite substance use treatment, required service participation, sufficient treatment bed capacity, and 24/7 detox or inpatient access. Non-disability related services are mandatory. *If the purpose of the project is to provide substance abuse treatment services, programs may require participants to take part in these services.

❑ HUD elevates "public safety" as a major scoring factor. CoCs must show laws prohibiting camping and illicit drug use, enforcement protocols, and cooperation with law enforcement and first responders.

❑ New project requirements reshape TH, RRH, PSH, and Street Outreach. New transitional housing must provide 40 hours/week of services; new RRH must show strong employment outcomes and require services; new PSH must serve elderly or physically disabled individuals (not including substance use disorder) with required services; and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships.

NOFO Impact on Funding

- The Permanent Housing Funding Cap is set at: $4,157,007 (30% of ARD which also equals the amount that can be placed in Tier 1)

- The remainder of CoC ARD and Bonus Funding must be for TH/ SSO projects: $13,578,907 (includes HMIS, CES, and Street Outreach Only)

- The CoC's current Permanent Housing ARD is $12,983,164
  - 16 PSH Renewal Projects - $9,263,381
  - 7 RRH Renewal Projects - $2,636,747
  - 1 Joint TH/RRH (YHDP) Project - $1,083,039

- This results in a reduction of $8,826,157 in funding for permanent housing programs

CoC Funding Priorities

1. Top Performing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Projects will be prioritized up to the 30% Permeant Housing cap implemented by the NOFO. These projects will be prioritized in Tier 1 on the CoC's Priority List.

2. Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Supportive Service Only (SSO)-Coordinated Entry Grants will be prioritized in Tier 2 on the CoC's Priority List.

3. Transitional Housing (TH) Projects with Healthcare or Housing Leverage

4. Transitional Housing (TH) Projects without Healthcare or Housing Leverage

Renewal Project Types

Eligible Renewal Project Types:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (30% cap)

2. Rapid Rehousing (30% cap)

3. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (30% cap)

4. Standalone Transitional Housing

5. Supportive Service Only

6. Supportive Service Only – Street Outreach

7. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (CE Lead Only)

8. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)

New Projects: CoC Bonus Project Types

Eligible New CoC Bonus Project Types:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (30% cap)

2. Rapid Rehousing (30% cap)

3. Standalone Transitional Housing

4. Supportive Service Only

5. Supportive Service Only – Street Outreach

6. Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (CE Lead Only)

7. Dedicated HMIS (HMIS Lead Only)

New Projects: DV Bonus Project Types

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.

Eligible Project Types:

1. Rapid Rehousing (30% cap)

2. Standalone Transitional Housing

3. Supportive Services Only – Coordained Entry (CES Lead Only)

Application Changes

Opportunity to apply for Street Outreach and Transitional Housing standalone projects

Emphasis on supportive service program design and question about service requirement

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) or similar facility?

Emphasis on performance metrics

HUD Policy Initiatives:
◦ Project providing housing or services in an Opportunity Zone?
◦ Applicant willing to facilitate immigration status verification using SAVE database?

Certifications:
◦ Applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination
◦ Applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites", knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off 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."

Rank and Review Committee

- Independent committee meaning all committee members must maintain independence.
  - Members should not be employed by, serve on the board of, or officially represent any organization applying for funding in this year's local competition

- Approves a tool for scoring renewal and new project applications submitted during the local competition

- Reviews and scores each project application submitted

- Ranks all the project applications in order of priority and submits to the CoC Governing Council as a recommendation

CoC Threshold Criteria

- Coordinated Entry Participation – Project will accept 100% of referred participants from the Atlanta CoC CES.
- Project will use the local Homeless Management Information System established by the CoC. For Victim Service Providers (VSPs) project must use a comparable database.
- Minimum of 25% cash or in-kind match for CoC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item).
- CoC and HUD Compliance – Project will comply with all CoC policies, HUD regulations, HUD notices, and the CoC Program NOFO.
- New Projects Only – Funds being requested is for a new project and is not using funds to replace lost HUD funding.

NEW PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD CRITERIA
Minimum score to be awarded. If awarded, must meet _all_ of the criteria listed.

Project Type	Key Criteria
Transitional Housing (TH) Min: 7/10	• Supportive services will be required for participation • Applicant has experience operating a TH and will leverage other public/private sources • Project **will provide 40 hours of customized services** (with some exceptions)
Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Standalone Min: 4/5	• Project will leverage other public/private sources and provide services necessary to exit homelessness and increase self-sufficiency for program participants including those who do not traditionally engage
Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Street Outreach Min: 5/6	• In addition to criteria for standalone SSO, applicant must have experience providing outreach services and demonstrate a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will not interfere with enforcement of public camping and drug use laws
Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) Min. 3/4	• Available and reachable for all in geographic area and a strategy for reaching households with highest needs • Standardized assessment used to ensure participants directed to housing and services that meet their needs
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Min: 4/6	• Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services • Will require participation in services • Will be designed to serve elderly individuals or people with a physical disability or a developmental disability
Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Min: 6/8	• Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services • Will require participation in services • Applicant has previously operated a project where employment incomes were improved
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Min: 3/5	• Used as a proactive case management tool to promote treatment and recovery • Collects all UDE and has the ability to unduplicate client records • Produces all HUD reports
CoC Planning Min. 3/5	• CoC membership is open and inclusive and there is a written governance charter in place • CoC-wide planning committees • Funds will be compliant with 24 CFR 578.7 and will improve CoCs ability to evaluate CoC and ESG projects

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 for the competition.

Application Types: Transition Grants

A Transition grant can be used to transition a renewal project from one program type to another eligible project type over a one-year period. For a new project to be considered a Transition grant, the applicant for the new project must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant being transitioned through reallocation.

The new transition project must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

A. The renewal project being transitioned was not originally awarded with DV Bonus funding (DV Renewal)

B. The current renewal project recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and

C. The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD

Transition grants HUD conditionally awards in the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition will have one year to fully transition from the original project type to the new project type during the normal operating year once HUD executes the grant agreement.

Local Competition Applications

- HMIS and CES grant applicants – Confirm that you intend to renew your grant at FY 2024 funding levels by emailing kyle.Jenkins@civitassc.com by December 15, 2025. If planning to request an expansion you must submit a Local New Project Application for the expansion.

- **2025 Local Renewal Project Application:**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CoCNOFOrenewal

- **2025 Local New Project Application:**
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CoCNOFOnew

- **2025 Local New Project DV Bonus Application:**

   https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2025CoCNOFOdvBonus

Local Competition Application Scenarios

Renewal Projects:

- **Project Renewal Only** – Submit Local Renewal Project Application

- **Transition Grant Only –** Submit Local New Project Application and select the "Yes" to the question: *"Is this New Project Application part of a "Transition Grant"*

- **Project Renewal First Consideration – then Transition Grant** – Submit a Local Renewal Project Application and select "Yes" for Transition Grant **AND** submit a Local New Project Application and select the "Yes" to the question: *"Is this New Project Application part of a "Transition Grant"*

New Projects:

- **New Project (not 100% dedicated to DV)**– Submit a Local New Project Application. Select "No" for transition grant question.

- **New Project (100% dedicated to DV) –** Submit a Local New Project DV Bonus Application

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 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

Competition Selection Process

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in two tiers reflecting HUDS funding priorities, local need, and a data-driven evaluation process evaluating individual project performance. Prior to the ranking process, the CoC will conduct a performance evaluation of all projects.

Threshold Review:

HUD will conduct a project eligibility, project quality, and for renewals a project renewal threshold review on each grant submitted by the CoC.

If a project does not meet HUD's threshold review, it will not be funded, and HUD will remove it from the project listing.

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

Tier 1 Projects:

Tier 1 is set at 90% of the ARD. HUD typically has enough funding to award all Tier 1 projects in communities across the Country. Tier 1 projects are considered "safe" from funding cuts.

Tier 2 Projects:

Projects in Tier 2 are considered at higher risk of not being funded.

Tier 2 projects are scored by HUD according to the federal funding levels and NOFO requirements

HUD Project Review

When making funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Eligibility requirements, including threshold review results.
- CoC Application Merit Review results.
- Project Risk and Quality threshold review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

- Fund project applications in whole or in part.
- Fund project applications at a lower amount than requested.
- Choose to fund no project applications under this NOFO.
- Adjust funding for a project application, to ensure funding or geographic dispersion, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund a project application or fund additional project applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if funding is available.

Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

2025 Local Competition Timeline

Date	Activity Details
December 1, 2025	New and Renewal local project applications released
December 15, 2025	New and renewal applications due to CoC – Closing the local application competition
December 16 – December 22, 2025	Rank and Review Committee reviews, meets, and ranks applications
December 22 or 23, 2025	Rank and Review Priority List Meeting
December 23, 2025	Preliminary application scores and notification to applicants
December 29, 2025	Deadline for Project Scoring appeals
December 30, 2025	Recommended project ranking presented to Governing Council. Applicant notification of project acceptance, denial, or reduction/ reallocation
January 6, 2026	Project e-snaps applications due to the CoC
January 9, 2026	Review of e-snaps applications and feedback to applicants
January 12, 2026	Final submission of e-snaps applications incorporating CoC feedback
January 13, 2026	CoC Application and Priority Listing will be posted on PFH website with email announcement to listserv.
January 14, 2026	CoC Consolidated Application and Priority Listing submitted by 8:00PM

Local Project Application Submission Requirements

- **Applicants must submit Local Project Applications and all attachments in Survey Monkey by December 15, 2025.**

- **Applicants of locally selected projects will be required to submit the selected project application(s) in e- snaps by January 9, 2026.**

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HUD e-snaps Applications

- e-snaps Portal: https://esnaps.hud.gov/

- Remember to create or update the Applicant Profile
  - For more information on how to use e-snaps: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

- After the local competition, all applicants that receive notification that their project(s) are included on the Priority Listing will be required to submit their final applications to HUD in e-snaps.

- Attachments for final submission in e-snaps:
  - Code of Conduct – agency's code of conduct must be listed on HUD's Code of Conduct E-library.
    - o   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 about the Code of Conduct requirements.
  - Match verification/ letters

Important Resources

- NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov

- e-snaps Questions: e-snaps@hud.gov

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Website

- 24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM

- HUD Exchange: CoC Program

- e-snaps Portal

- FY 2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO

- 2025 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)

- 2025 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)

- 2025 New Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)

- 2025 Project Applicant Profile e-Snaps Navigational Guide

- FY 2025 Project Application HUD FAQs (Coming Soon)

Questions?

Questions about the application process can be sent to Kyle Jenkins at
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