Atlanta Continuum of Care
FY 2026 NOFO
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1. We are a new nonprofit, without a physical location. When we attempted to register with Sam.gov, we were denied because we currently utilize a virtual office. Is there a work around to this requirement?
    a. You must have a physical location to register an entity in SAM.gov. P.O. Boxes and standard virtual/forwarding mailboxes are not accepted. See the SAM.gov Entity Registration Checklist for more information. With that being said what address is being used for the non-profits bank account, legal documents, and state and IRS designation? The address used for these may be used as the non-profit's physical location in the sam.gov registration.

2. The existing project combines Housing Choice Vouchers from Atlanta Housing. There is currently a shortage of vouchers preventing new clients from coming into the program. Are we able to utilize rental assistance or leasing dollars in a project that also has clients paired with Housing Choice Vouchers? The rental assistance or leasing dollars would not be used for the clients that have already been paired with a Housing Choice Vouchers, but for new clients coming into the program that are not receiving a housing subsidy through the Housing Authority.
    a. Projects that are utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers may not use rental assistance or leasing dollars for the units being supported by the voucher. Units that are not supported by a voucher may use either leasing or rental assistance to support those units. For this project specifically, there is currently no leasing or rental assistance budget but there is an operating budget. Rental assistance cannot be combined with an operating budget per CoC regulations. To add a leasing budget to the project the applicant will need to submit a new project expansion application. Please note the Atlanta CoC's Project Priorities located in the GA-500 HUD Continuum of Care FY 2026 NOFO Competition Policy does not prioritize new project expansions for Permanent Housing projects.

3. Are HUD CoC funded projects able to use both rental assistance and leasing dollars in the same project, but for different units/clients?
    a. Permanent housing project must use either a leasing budget or a rental assistance budget. Only Joint TH/RRH projects are able to combine the two

budgets (Leasing or rental assistance for TH and rental assistance for RRH). The FY 2026 NOFO does not list Joint TH/ RRH projects as an eligible new project type.

4. Could HUD CoC Leasing dollars be used to pay for units where the grantee has partial ownership in the property, but not the units themselves?
    a. See CoC Program Eligibility Requirements on the HUD Exchange, specifically the section on Leasing Costs. Leasing funds may not be used for units or structures owned by the recipient, subrecipient, their parent organization(s), any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership where the partnership owns the structure.

5. Could HUD CoC Rental Assistance dollars be used for units that are master leased, but the lessor is a partial owner in the property, but not the units that will be used for the project ? If yes, would the lease agreement need to be with property management or with the master lessor/partial owner?
    a. Rental assistance dollars may be used, with certain safe guards, for units or structures that are owned or partially owned by the recipient, subrecipient, their parent organization(s), any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership where the partnership owns the structure. 24 CFR 578.95(c) states that an employee of the recipient or subrecipient cannot participate in making rent reasonableness determinations or conduct housing inspections when the property is owned by the recipient, subrecipient, or a related entity.

6. Is it more advantageous for the continuum and/or another applicant to apply for transition-new to move to transitional housing or simply do a new project.
    a. The FY 2026 NOFO does not indicate that HUD will have a preference in its project selection process on whether a project submits a transition grant or a new project entirely in the competition. Transition grants are submitted as new projects in both the local CoC competition and HUD's e-snaps platform. HUD's project selection process outlined in the NOFO simply states that the priority in Tier 2 based on the $1.3 billion set-aside is for new projects, specifically TH and SSO projects.

7. If we do a new project, does it make sense to do 1 application or 2?
    a. This depends on what the project types are. If the new projects are for different project types then you must submit two separate applications. If the projects are for the same project types, you can submit multiple new project applications. Since this question is strategy-based, we cannot provide official guidance.