CoC NOFO and Local Competition Overview

PARTNERS FOR HOME

CITY OF ATLANTA CONTINUUM OF CARE

2026 APPLICANT MEETING

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Disclaimer

- This webinar is not intended to cover all aspects and changes in the FY 2026 CoC NOFO
- All applicants should read the NOFO in its entirety before submitting a project application to the CoC

2026 HUD CoC Annual NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO on June 1, 2026.

The funding available through this NOFO for the City of Atlanta CoC region has not been published by HUD.

For estimation purposes the table below provides the funding estimations from the rescinded FY 2025 NOFO:

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 effective 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 competition. Submitted applications are reviewed, scored/ ranked, and prioritized. The ranking of each approved project gets placed into a tiered priority listing that is submitted to HUD for their review and approval.

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

FY 2026 NOFO Funding

- $4.040 billion is available nationally
  - $104 million in DV Bonus funds ($52 million from FY25 and FY26 each)
- All YHDP renewal projects that will expire in CY2027 are eligible to apply for renewal.

What is New in 2026

- Tier 1 amount is less than the FY 2024 competition (FY26 = 60% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs FY24 = 90% ARD)
- **Priority for New TH and SSO Projects.** Set-aside of $1.3 billion for new projects in Tier 2. There are no limits or caps on any eligible project component types (new or renewal). However, HUD will prioritize applications for new projects, specifically new TH and SSO projects. As a result, renewal projects in Tier 2, regardless of rank or component type, are at high risk of not being selected for award.
- **Set-Aside for Families with Children.** HUD will award at least $430 million in permanent housing for families with children starting with projects ranked in Tier 1.
- Joint TH/RRH projects are no longer eligible as a New Project, only renewal
- All projects except for CoC Planning must be included on the CoC priority list, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus. These projects must be scored and ranked in the priority list with no special protections, increasing competition.
- In this NOFO HUD is defining self-sufficiency to mean “the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.” The previous definition included exiting to permanent housing with or without subsidy.

What's New in 2026 Continued

- Expanded Risk Review Factors
  - HUD has expanded what can be considered in its risk review of applicants to include information from public sources like news reports and applicant websites. The results of the risk review alone is now a determination for adverse funding decisions. Previously the results of the risk review alone would not trigger an adverse funding decision.
- Removal of points associated with housing and healthcare leveraging for new projects.
- New National priorities include substance abuse and mental health treatment, service participation requirements, civil commitment, and public safety. These are reflected in the new project quality thresholds and overall CoC Application scoring.
- New project quality thresholds reshape project requirements. (e.g., New transitional housing must provide 20 hours/week of services and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships).

NOFO Impact on Funding

Although CoCs review and rank projects locally based on need and priority, HUD establishes a selection process for how projects will be picked for award until all available funds have been expended.

1. CoC Planning
2. Tier 1 projects
3. If $104 million in DV Bonus projects are not awarded in Tier 1, then Tier 2 DV Bonus projects will be selected up to the set-aside amount
4. If $430 million in PSH and RRH projects for families have not been awarded, then Tier 2 PSH and RRH projects for families will be selected up to the set-aside amount
5. New TH and SSO projects ranked in Tier 2 up to the $1.3 billion set-aside amount
6. If the $1.3 billion set-aside has not been awarded, then other types of new projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until the set-aside has been reached
7. If any funds are remaining, renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until all remaining available funds have been awarded

CoC Funding Priorities

The CoC Leadership Council has not yet approved the local CoC funding and prioritization policies. These will be published in the coming week. **All renewal applicants should wait to submit their local project applications so that they can review and consider the implications of the local CoC funding and prioritization policies for their projects.**

Renewal Project Types

Eligible Renewal Project Types:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rapid Rehousing
3. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
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)
9. YHDP Renewals

New Projects: CoC Bonus Project Types

Eligible New CoC Bonus Project Types:

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rapid Rehousing
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)
8. YHDP Replacement Projects

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
2. Standalone Transitional Housing
3. Supportive Services Only – Coordained Entry (CES Lead Only)

Local Application Changes

- Opportunity to apply for Street Outreach and Transitional Housing standalone projects
- Opportunity for renewals project to transition to another project type
- Emphasis on supportive service program design and question about service requirements
- 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), PATH providers, GHBI providers, or similar facilities/ providers
- Project performance for renewal projects will be based on the most recently completed Annual Performance Report submitted in SAGE
- HUD Policy Initiatives:
  - Project providing housing or services in an Opportunity Zone?

Applicant Certifications:

- Applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination.
- Applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption site”, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia.

Rank and Review Committee

- Independent committee meaning all committee members must maintain independence.
  - Members cannot be employed by, serve on the board of, or officially represent any organization applying for funding in this year's local competition
- Recommends the project scoring tool to the Governing Council
- 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 Thresholds

- All new project component types include criteria associated with the reasonableness of costs and the leveraging of mainstream programs like Medicaid and SSI.
- New Transitional Housing projects must provide individualized services that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except those who are over age 62, meet the definition of handicapped in 24 CFR 8.3 (note: this definition does not include those with HIV/ AIDS and many people whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder), and/or have a developmental disability.
- New SSO-Street Outreach projects must demonstrate a history of, or plan for, partnering and cooperating with first responders and law enforcement.
- See Section V.A.4.c.(4) in the FY 2026 NOFO for more details

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 in e-snaps.

Application Types: Transition Grants

- Application mechanism that transitions a renewal project from one project type to another eligible project type over a one-year period.
- Considered a new project application
- Applicant must be the same on both the renewal and new project application
- Must meet the following requirements:
    A. Renewal grant expires in calendar year 2027
    B. Applicant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care (included on the CoC priority list counts); and
    C. The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by the NOFO
- Transition grants awarded in FY 2026 will have one year to fully transition from the original project type to the new project type

Transitioning from PH to TH

When considering transitioning from a permanent housing project (PSH or RRH) to a transitional housing project please note the following:

- **Eligibility of current PH residents for new TH.** Program participants residing in CoC funded RRH and PSH are housed and are not homeless. Current participants in RRH or PSH could be eligible for TH if the program participant if the following is true:
  - participant is referred by Coordinated Entry; AND
  - does not have another residence, resources, or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing; AND
  - participant is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence; OR
  - participant's lease expires within 14 days; OR
  - an eviction process has been initiated for the program participant in their current housing, and they must vacate the unit within 14 days.
- **Administration of rental assistance in TH.** Nonprofit organizations are not authorized to administer rental assistance in CoC-funded transitional housing. The recipient of a TH project that uses rental assistance must be a unit of state/ 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.

Local Competition Applications

- HMIS and CES grant applicants – Confirm that you intend to renew your grant at FY 2025 funding levels by emailing kyle.Jenkins@civitassc.com by July 13, 2026. If planning to request an expansion you must submit a Local New Project Application for the expansion.
- 2026 Renewal Project Local Application
- 2026 New Project Local Application – CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Renewal Transition & Expansion
- 2026 New Project Local Application – DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, DV Renewal Transition & Expansion

Local Competition Application Scenarios

Renewal Projects:

- **Project Renewal Only** – Submit 2026 Renewal Project Local Application
- **Project Renewal Expansion –** Submit 2026 Renewal Project Local Application & 2026 New Project Local Application (CoC Bonus or DV Bonus) and select "Yes" for "is this a "Project Expansion" of an eligible renewal project?"
- **Transition Grant Only –** Submit 2026 New Project Local Application – CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Renewal Transition & Expansion and select "Yes" for *"Is this New Project Application part of a "Transition Grant?"*

New Projects:

- **New Project (not 100% dedicated to DV)**– Submit 2026 New Project Local Application – CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Renewal Transition & Expansion. Select "No" for transition grant question.
- **New Project (100% dedicated to DV) –** Submit 2026 New Project - DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, DV Renewal Transition & Expansion 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 2026 HUD 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. Prior to the ranking process, the CoC will score all projects based on performance (renewals), organizational capacity, project design, NOFO priorities, and local CoC priorities:

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.
- The CoC will conduct its own threshold review to ensure projects meet all HUD and local CoC requirements.
- If a project does not meet HUD's threshold review, it will not be funded, and HUD will remove it from the project listing.

Tier 1 Projects:

Tier 1 is set at 60% 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 will be selected based on HUD's selection process detailed in the NOFO and HUD's Tier 2 score

HUD's Tier 2 Score

- HUD will use a 100-point scale for project in Tier 2:
  - Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application (e.g., CoC received 170 out of 200 points, the project would receive 42.5 out of 50 points)
  - Up to 40 points in direct proportion to the CoC's ranking of the project on the priority list. See page 90 of the FY 2026 NOFO for more details.
  - Up to 10 points for projects that indicate that they have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements based on individual need. SSO and HMIS will automatically receive 10 points.

2026 Local Competition Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 1, 2026	NOFO Published by HUD
June 15, 2026	Local Competition Opened – New and Renewal project applications for FY 2026 CoC Local Competition released
June 16, 2026 1:00PM – 2:30PM	NOFO Overview and Local Application Webinar
July 13, 2026	DUE DATE - New and renewal project applications due to the CoC (Closing the local application competition)
July 14, 2026 - July 24, 2026	Rank and Review Committee project application review and scoring
July 21, 2026	Rank and Review meeting to approve recommended priority list
July 30, 2026 – August 5, 2026	CoC Governing Council vote to approve the recommended project priority list
No later than August 11, 2026	Applicants notified of project inclusion or rejection
August 17, 2026	DUE DATE - Deadline for project scoring appeals
August 18, 2026	DUE DATE – Project applications included on the priority list are due in e-snaps
August 20, 2026	DUE DATE - Revisions to e-snaps project applications due (Final submission)
No later than August 25, 2026	Public posting of the CoC Application and Priority List
August 26, 2026 by 8:00pm EST	Submission of CoC Application and Priority List to HUD

Local Project Application Submission Requirements

- **Applicants must submit Local Project Applications and all attachments in Survey Monkey by July 13, 2026.**
- **Applicants of locally selected projects will be required to submit the selected project application(s) in e- snaps by August 18, 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.
    - 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
- PFH Continuum of Care (CoC) Website
- 24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM
- HUD Exchange: CoC Program
- e-snaps Portal
- FY 2026 CoC NOFO

- HUD CoC Program Competition Page
  - 2026 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
  - 2026 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
  - 2026 New Project e-snaps Navigations Guide (Coming Soon)
  - 2026 New Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
- For Reference: 2025 Project Applicant Profile e-Snaps Navigational Guide





Questions?

Questions about the application process can be sent to Kyle Jenkins at kyle.jenkins@civitassc.com