

Balance of State Continuum of Care 2025 NOFO Competition NEW Project Applicant Meeting

Webinar #1 – Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 2:00 pm

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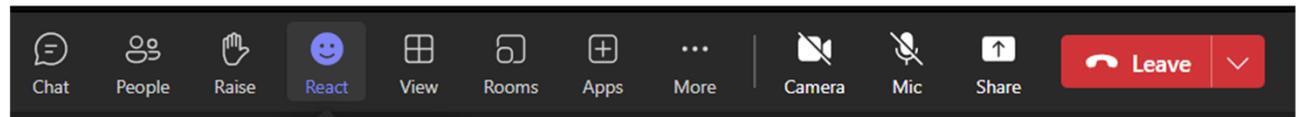
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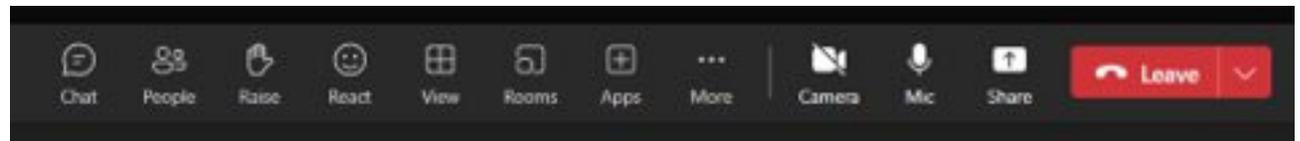
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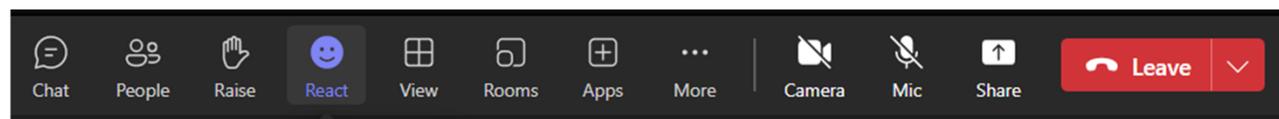


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Disclaimer

- This is a GENERAL overview of the CoC Program and Application (for eligible new projects to be scored and ranked under Georgia's BoS CoC competition).
- Applicants are responsible for reading the NOFO, regulations, and other related information as it is released on HUD's CoC web pages to see complete HUD program and eligibility requirements.
 - **NOFO at Grants.gov:** <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861>
 - **2025 CoC Competition at HUD.gov:** <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>
 - **HUD Exchange e-snaps resources:** <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

Continuum of Care Competition Overview

2025 Balance of State CoC Competition

- Process by which providers within the Balance of State compete nationally for funding
- DCA, as the Collaborative Applicant, manages this annual process.
- Local providers apply to operate programs and eligible applications are scored and ranked.
- High scoring applications are included in the final ranking submitted by the CoC to HUD for final award determination.

2025 Balance of State CoC Competition

- New this year, YHDP projects will be renewed competitively be considered for funding and YHDP replacement projects will be accepted and reviewed.
- Awards expected to be announced in May 2026, and recipients should expect to execute grant agreements in the second half of calendar year 2026.

2025 Balance of State CoC Process

- HUD released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on November 13, 2025
- The Standards, Rating & Project Review Committee (on 11/21/25) established and the Balance of State CoC Board (on 11/24/25) approved:
 - The 2025 Georgia BoS CoC NOFO Competition Policy, Process, Application Documents, Certification Policy Addendum, Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum, and Other Materials for the NOFO including:
 - Program priorities according to type
 - Reallocation process
 - **High Performing pre-review**
 - Scoring Criteria for the project application reviews
- Competition opened and all materials released on 11/24/25

Policy Priorities of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets (**New**)
2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery (**New**)
3. Advancing Public Safety (**New**)
4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency (**New**)
5. Improving Outcomes (**New**)
6. Minimizing Trauma (**New**)

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets (**New**)
 - Transition grants available to create Street Outreach projects, Street Outreach projects allowable from CoC Bonus reallocated funding, and Opportunity for new Coordinated Entry grants
2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery (**New**)
 - Transition grants available to create Transitional Housing and Points available for recovery models with treatment beds

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

3. Advancing Public Safety (New)

- Transition grants available to create Street Outreach projects
- Street Outreach projects allowable from CoC Bonus and Reallocated funding
- Opportunity for new Standalone Supportive services for Housing Navigation, Job Training, Legal Services etc.

4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency (New)

- Opportunity for new Standalone Supportive services for Housing Navigation, Job Training, Legal Services etc.
- All new projects will require service participation

Policy Priorities from the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

5. Improving Outcomes (New)

- Incentive points for new SSO projects in communities with integrated supportive housing
- Performance based prescoring to determine projects eligible to be renewed this year

6. Minimizing Trauma (New)

- Creation of Street Outreach programs through Transition Grants, CoC Bonus or Reallocation

More Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

- Allowed Project Types this year:
 - Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) is the priority this year
 - New SSO projects allowed include SSO Outreach, SSO Standalone, and SSO Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
 - 30% Cap on Permanent Housing, which includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Joint TH-RRH Component projects
 - While New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) are allowed, any PH projects over the 30% cap will be rejected
 - New Joint TH and PH-RRH Component projects are NOT allowed
 - HUD is allowing Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus TH and SSO-CE (RRH, not allowed)
 - Project Expansion Not allowed under New
 - Grant Consolidations Not allowed for Renewals
 - YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects are competitive (**New**)

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

- No Expansions
- No Grant Consolidations

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO (cont'd)

- 2 Tiered Approach - All projects that pass threshold review (PSH, RRH, Joint TH & PH-RRH Component, SSO, and TH):
 - Tier 1 = top 30% of funding available to CoC (Annual Renewal Demand)
 - Tier 2 = difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus that a CoC can apply for
- Estimated Funding Available:
 - Estimated ARD = \$38,379,345
 - Tier 1 = \$11,513,804
 - Tier 2 =
 - 70% of ARD = \$26,865,541
 - CoC Bonus (20% PPRN) = \$7,675,869
 - DV Bonus (10% PPRN) = \$3,392,131
 - Estimated Total Available = \$49,447,345
- BoS CoC will apply for bonus project funding, provided appropriate high-scoring new project applications are submitted
- Application of bonus project funding dependent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications being submitted

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO (cont'd)

HUD will score new and renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale

- CoC Score – up to 50 points will be in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application;
- CoC Project Ranking – up to 40 points will be based on the CoC's ranking of the project application(s);
- Service Participation– up to 10 points for projects that have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements in their program design, based on individual need and evidenced in an occupancy agreement or equivalent document. (**New**)

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- In response
 - BoS CoC may reduce or reallocate projects currently providing PSH, RRH, or Joint TH-RRH for underperformance, underutilization or significant capacity issues
 - Grant utilization
 - Operating Under Capacity
 - Performance
 - Operating significantly out of Compliance
 - System Performance
 - Performance Based Criteria
 - Special populations
 - Project effectiveness
 - Alignment with priorities
 - Consideration of Returns to Homelessness (prioritize housing for people with disabilities)
- CoCs cannot receive bonus projects unless they competitively rank projects based on how they improve system performance.
- HUD prioritizes funding for CoCs that demonstrate ability to reallocate lower performing projects to higher performing projects.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses

- Estimated Reallocated amount
- \$23,104,034
 - \$2,182,756 in YHDP
 - \$1,540,425 in DV

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- YHDP renewal Projects are competitive and must be ranked by CoCs. YHDP PH projects are not exempt from the 30% PH Cap.
 - Reallocation of renewal YHDP projects must happen through replacement YHDP projects that are still dedicated to serving youth

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- Under the HUD NOFO **Permanent Housing (PH) funding is capped at 30% of the Annual renewal demand and is estimated to be \$11,513,804.** PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH are considered PH projects.
- Based on a system performance review of renewal PH projects the CoC will invite the top scoring renewal PH projects that are interested in continuing to operate PH to submit renewal applications until the 30% cap of \$11,513,804 is reached. The list of projects that fall within the 30% cap will be published with the competition documents.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- All PH projects that fall outside of the 30% CAP that are determined to not be significantly underperforming and/or operating significantly under capacity, and/or out of compliance will have the opportunity to submit a new application as a transition grant to transition their PH project to an eligible project under this NOFO.
- High performing renewing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Joint TH-RRH projects will be eligible for ranking and renewal.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- Renewal PH Projects that fall outside of the 30% cap based on the system performance review may be subject to full or partial reallocation.
- Since the FY 2025 HUD NOFO is allowing Transition Grants, PH projects that are currently housing people who are homeless, without significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues but fall outside of the 30% PH funding cap have consent to apply for a transition grant.
- Projects awarded for the first time under 2023 competition and later, as first-time grants will receive median performance scores in their Transition Grant application(s) for like applications. Those points will then be averaged with that project's original application score to account for project design and other factors related to implementation of that project.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

- **Transition grants** are a **type of new** application that is only available to currently funded projects with an expiration date between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026 that **would like to change project types**.
 - A Transition Grant is an application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project (including a Special NOFO project) from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period.)
 - The primary advantage is that the operating start date for the new project type would be aligned with the end date of the prior grant.
- Projects previously awarded as YHDP Projects or DV Bonus Projects are not eligible to submit Transition Grant Applications as a part of this NOFO.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Replacement Applications (YHDP projects may only reallocate to other youth projects)

- YHDP projects can be replaced to fund new YHDP projects, but only for the following project types:
- TH or Crisis Residential Transitional Housing, or housing that using that is short-term, low-barrier, using a congregate living setting, and provides access to the following supportive services in particular: family engagement and unification, case management, emergency triage services and other supportive services whose purpose is to move youth rapidly into stable housing
- SSO, including, but not limited to, housing search and placement services, case management, or street outreach
- SSO-CE
- SSO - Host Home and Kinship Care. A model in which a family agrees to permit a youth to reside with them. Recognizing that the addition of another person in the home may increase costs to the family, HUD will entertain applications that propose to house youth with families and to subsidize the additional costs attributable to housing the youth. The residence is in a community-based setting. The family could be related to the youth and the length of stay may be time-limited or without time limits. YHDP funds may be used to subsidize the increased costs to the family that are attributable to housing the youth. An example of eligible costs would be additional food or transportation costs, which are eligible supportive services under 24 CFR 578.53(e)(7) or 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15). Recipients must keep records related to this determination by the recipient for HUD review upon request.
- HMIS.

Other Important Highlights of the HUD NOFO and CoC Responses (cont'd)

To align with the scoring priorities spelled out in the NOFO and submit the strongest application possible, the BoS CoC Ranking 2025 Priorities are as follows:

- Group 1: The top scoring Renewal PH projects that are currently housing people who are homeless, w/out significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues, that have been operational over a year (until the CoC reaches the 30% PH funding cap) Renewal CoC Wide HMIS and GHFA Coordinated Assessment projects
- Group 2: Transition Grants for new TH and SSO projects (based on score), New YHDP Replacement projects created by reallocated funds (based on score) and Renewal SSO projects not in Group 1 that are currently operating w/out significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues (based on score)
- Group 3: New TH and SSO projects that are designated to utilize any reallocated funds, if available (based on score), and NEW DV Bonus SSO-CE project (1 based on score)
- Group 4: New CoC Bonus TH and SSO projects (based on score)
- Group 5: New DV Bonus TH projects (based on score)
- Group 6: To the extent that applications received that are included in the groups above do not exhaust the funds available, the Collaborative Applicant reserves the right to submit or solicit additional TH and SSO project applications until the funding line is reached. These projects will be placed at the bottom of the priority ranking of projects

Still More Policy Highlights

Additional CoC Policy Highlights

- All applications must pass a threshold review to move forward to the scoring portion. Threshold factors include:
 - Organizational and financial capacity
 - Ineligible populations, activities, location, etc.
 - Past performance or compliance issues (if applicable)
 - Lack of match
 - Use of HMIS (or HMIS compatible system, if a DV provider)
 - Incomplete or late (for new projects) applications
 - Application outside of Balance of State's 152 counties
 - New Projects must provide a plan to coordinate mainstream resources
 - Project does not demonstrate how applicant will carry out proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and demonstrate Equal Access to Housing.
- Applicants must demonstrate project will meet key federal requirements, fair housing, equal access, etc.
- Applicants must comply with following Written Standards, a VAWA Policy, and utilizing Coordinated Entry System (New projects must commit to following policies)

Additional CoC Policy Highlights (cont'd)

- Project evaluation of Renewal and Transition Grant project applications submitted by victim service providers will be completed utilizing data from a comparable database where the CoC can review performance on housing stability and other factors to determine the level projects improve safety for the population they serve. Where complete performance data is not provided, the CoC will assign median points of like projects for that criteria.

Project Types Solicited and Accepted by BoS CoC and Related Information

Project Types Solicited and Accepted by BoS CoC

- Through this competition the following types of new project applications will be accepted:
 - TH Projects for homeless individuals and families with service participation requirements;
 - SSO-Street Outreach Projects
 - SSO-Standalone Projects (ex: Housing Navigation, Job Training, Legal Services, etc.)
 - SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects and
 - One SSO-Coordinated Entry project under the DV Bonus.
- The estimated amount to be reallocated at this time is \$23,104,034

Info about New Projects

- New projects (1-yr term unless additional funding available unless DV Bonus or reallocated funds):
 - TH
 - SSO Outreach
 - SSO Standalone
 - SSO-CE (CE Lead Agency)
 - SSO-CE under DV Bonus
 - Applicant must focus on DV and cover the full 152 county geography
 - No capital costs in the competition
- Reallocated funds used first (before bonus)

Info about New Projects (cont'd)

- **No late new applications will be accepted**
- Review Applications will be sent for review by a review team subcommittee
- Renewal, Transition Grant, & YHDP Replacement projects heavily scored on project performance
- All renewal and new applications will also need to submit the HUD *e-snaps* application
- If you are also submitting a new application, please note the new applications are asked to submit a proposal outline (“notice of intent”), and there are separate webinars for new and renewal applicants

Info about New Projects (cont'd)

New HUD Threshold Information:

- Applicant understands that if funded project applicants and potential subrecipients must certify affirmatively to the following:
 - The project applicant/subrecipient will **not** engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination:
 - The project applicant/subrecipient 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.”
- Applicant of new TH projects understand that if funded, **the project must require participation in 40 hours/week of supportive services:** (next slide please!)

Info about New Projects (cont'd)

New Threshold Information

Participation Requirements for Supportive Services.

- The CoC is being scored on the percentage of projects that require program participants to take part in supportive services. Please report whether this project requires participants to participate in supportive services or will require participants to participate in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). To receive full points, applicants are required to attach supportive service agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).

Info about New Projects (cont'd)

New Threshold Information

Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services

- The CoC is being scored on the percentage of projects that have substance abuse treatment services available on-site with the purpose of providing substance abuse treatment services for people experiencing homelessness where participation is required. Please report whether this project will have on-site substance abuse treatment services for the purpose of providing substance abuse treatment services for people experiencing homelessness in which program participants are required, or will be required, to take part in such services as a condition of continued participation in the project.

HUD Scoring Priorities

Overall CoC Application Scoring Highlights

- Increased Emphasis on Mandated Services and away from Housing First
- Promoting and Partnering with Public Safety Entities
- Continuums Reporting System Performance (increase in point value OR higher percentage to achieve points compared to last year):
 - Reduction in Number of Homeless Individuals and Families (PIT)
 - And Progress Ending Veteran, Family, Youth, Chronic Homelessness
 - Reduction in Number of First Time Homeless
 - Reduction in First Time Homelessness
 - Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention
 - Thoroughness of Outreach
 - Returns to Homelessness
 - Mandated Service Participation
 - Availability of Treatment Services
 - Encampment Reduction

Overall HUD Scoring

HUD Selection Criteria (for each Continuum of Care)

- CoC Coordination and Engagement - 81 points (from 84)
- Project Ranking, Review and Capacity - 9 points (from 28)
- Homeless Management Information Systems - 0 points (from 9)
- Point-in-Time Count - 0 points (from 5)
- System Performance - 40 points (from 60)
- Coordination with Housing and Healthcare – 0 points (from 14)

Total Available = 130 (from 200)

Bonus Points

- CoC Merger Bonus 15 points
- Policy Initiative Preference Points 4 points

Questions So Far?

Program and Project Applications

Eligible Project Applicants

- Eligible Project Applicants include (NOFO page 9):
 - Nonprofit Organizations (with 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education)
 - State, County, City, Township Governments
 - Special District Governments
 - Native American Tribal Governments (Federally Recognized)
 - Public Housing Authorities/Indian Housing Authorities
 - Native American Tribal Organizations (other than Federally recognized Tribal Governments)
 - Other – Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization

Eligible New Project Types

- Funds for new projects will be available through bonus funds available to CoCs that receive a high enough score.
- Possible new projects available as a result of the reallocation of funding from existing projects (The estimated amount to be reallocated at this time is \$23,104,034).
- Renewal applicants that transition to a new project type are also considered "New applicants" for this application and review process.
- There are four types of new project applications that will be accepted:
 - Transitional Housing
 - Support Services Only – Standalone
 - Support Services Only – Street Outreach
 - Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry Lead Agency
 - Support Services Only – Coordinated Entry DV Bonus (152 County – CoC-wide effort, under DV Bonus)

New Project Threshold Criteria

- All applications must pass a threshold review to move forward to the scoring portion. Threshold factors include:
 - Organizational and financial capacity
 - Past performance or compliance issues (if applicable)
 - Lack of match dollars
 - Use of HMIS (or HMIS compatible system, if a DV provider)
 - Incomplete or late applications
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- Applicants must comply with following Written Standards, VAWA Policy, and utilizing Coordinated Entry System (New projects must commit to following policies)

TH Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for TH projects include (pages 55-57):**
 - 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. 2 pts
 - The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months. 1 pt
 - 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. 1 pt
 - 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. 1 pt

TH Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring (cont'd)

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for TH projects include (pages 55-57):**
 - 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). 2 pts
 - 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. 2 pts
 - Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. 1 pt

SSO Standalone Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for SSO Standalone projects include (pages 57-58):**
 - 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. 1pt
 - 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. 2pts
 - 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. 1pt
 - The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. 1pt

SSO Street Outreach Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for SSO Street Outreach projects include (pages 58-59):**
 - 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. 1 pt
 - 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. 2 pts
 - 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. 1pt

SSO Street Outreach Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring (cont'd)

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for SSO Street Outreach projects include (page 59):**
 - 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. 1 pt
 - The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. 1 pt

SSO Coordinated Entry Lead Project Application - HUD Threshold and CoC Scoring

- **HUD Project Quality Threshold factors for SSO Coordinated Entry projects include (pages 59-60):**
 - 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.

SSO Coordinated Entry – DV Bonus Project Application - HUD AND CoC Threshold and Scoring

- **In addition to the other CE Project Quality threshold factors (DV SSO-CE):**
 - The Coordinated Entry system will implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different) in the **CoC's entire 152-county coverage area.**
 - The project will ensure DV survivors experiencing homelessness will quickly be moved into safe affordable housing; prioritize survivors for housing, using Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan; determine survivors' supportive services needs; connect survivors to supportive services; and move survivors from assisted housing to housing they can sustain.

SSO Coordinated Entry – DV Bonus Project Application (cont'd)

- The CoC may include the highest ranked submission that passes HUD and organizational threshold and demonstrates ability to (some duplicative of threshold factors, but worth repeating):
 - Implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
 - Include planning where the centralized or coordinated assessment system will easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area;
 - Be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area;
 - Include an advertising strategy designed specifically to reach homeless persons with highest barriers;
 - Utilizes a standardized assessment process;
 - Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs; and
 - Cover the entire 152-county Balance of State CoC jurisdiction.

Eligible Expenses Summary

Eligible Expenses for New TH Projects

- Rental Assistance (see § 578.51 for full guidance) (Cannot be combined with Operating & Leasing)
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Fair Market Rent (FMR) to rent individual units to provide housing (based on FMR for location)
 - Utility allowance included in FMR
 - Leasing Units/Structure (see § 578.49 for full guidance) No Match Requirement (Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance)
 - Can lease individual units to provide housing
 - Based on Fair Market Rent for location
 - No utilities unless they are included in the actual rent amount
 - Operating Costs (see § 578.55 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Utilities to support Leasing (IF utilities not covered in rent)
 - Furniture
 - Equipment
 - Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
 - Eligible Service Costs Limited
 - 25% Match
 - Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Up to 10% of Grant Amount (10% of subtotal)
 - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
 - Administrative costs cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
 - HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
 - Data entry staff
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Other
- Please see full CoC Interim Regulations at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/#regulations>

Program Design - TH

- Transitional Housing
 - Housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended.
 - <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578>

Eligible Expenses - TH

- Eligible Expenses
 - Leasing
 - Leased Units
 - Leased Structures
 - Rental Assistance
 - Supportive Services
 - Operating Costs
 - HMIS
 - VAWA
 - Rural
 - Admin (up to 10% of total)

Leasing - TH

- Leasing funds can be used to lease a structure or part of a structure or individual housing unit. Funds can be used to 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
- Important - 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.
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/leasing/>

Rental Assistance - TH

- 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.)
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/coc-rental-assistance/>

Supportive Services - TH

- The CoC Interim Rule specifies which eligible supportive services can be paid for with CoC Supportive Service funds ([§ 578.53\(a\)\(1\)](#)). All supportive services provided must help program participants obtain and maintain housing. Services not specified in the CoC Interim Rule are not eligible ([§ 578.53\(d\)](#)).
- Eligible supportive services are:
 - Annual Assessment of Services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(1\)](#))
 - Moving costs ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(2\)](#))
 - Case management ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(3\)](#))
 - Childcare ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(4\)](#))
 - Education services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(5\)](#))
 - Employment assistance and job training ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(6\)](#))
 - Food ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(7\)](#))
 - Housing search and counseling services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(8\)](#))
 - Legal services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(9\)](#))
 - Life skills training ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(10\)](#))
 - Mental health services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(11\)](#))
 - Outpatient health services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(12\)](#))
 - Outreach services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#))
 - Substance abuse treatment services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(14\)](#))
 - Transportation ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(15\)](#))
 - Utility deposits ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(16\)](#))
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/supportive-services/>

Operating Costs - TH

- In general, operating costs cover:
 - The costs of maintenance and repair of housing **not included in the lease** (§ 578.55(b)(1))
 - Property taxes and insurance (§ 578.55(b)(2))
 - Scheduled payments to a reserve fund for the future replacement of **major buildings systems**. Major building systems include structural support, roofing, cladding, weatherproofing, plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (§ 578.55(b)(3))
 - Security for a housing program if more than 50 percent of the units or building area are CoC-funded (§ 578.55(b)(4))
 - Utilities including electricity, gas, heating oil or other heating/cooling costs, water, sewer, and trash removal (§ 578.55(b)(5))
 - Furniture (office/apartment) that remains with the project. **Mattresses are also eligible costs, even if they remain with the program participant** (§ 578.55(b)(6))
 - Equipment, including office equipment, appliances such as microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, etc. **that remain with the project** (§ 578.55(b)(7))
 - Staff time spent carrying out the above eligible operating activities that are part of the approved grant.
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/operating-costs/>

Operating Costs – TH (cont'd)

- CoC operating costs may not be used in a building or unit receiving CoC rental assistance.
- If the lease for the building or unit states that certain costs are covered in that lease, then CoC operating costs cannot cover those items.
- Examples of ineligible operating costs include (not inclusive):
 - Mortgage payments
 - Rent
 - Landscaping for beautification
 - Legal fees to keep attorney on retainer
 - General cleaning supplies
 - Office supplies (pens, paper, files, folders, postage)

HMIS - TH

- Line item can be used to fund staff and overhead directly related to contributing and maintaining data in HMIS (ClientTrack for the BoS CoC) of a comparable database.
- Eligible HMIS costs include:
 - Purchasing or leasing computer hardware, software, licenses, or equipment (§ 578.57(a)(i)-(iii))
 - Obtaining technical support (§ 578.57(a)(iv))
 - Leasing office space in which HMIS activities are conducted (§ 578.57(a)(v))
 - Paying utilities necessary to operate or contribute data (§ 578.57(a)(vi))
 - Paying salaries for operating HMIS (§ 578.57(a)(vii))
 - Paying for travel to, and attending, approved trainings (§ 578.57(a)(viii))
 - Paying staff travel costs to conduct intake (§ 578.57(a)(ix))
 - Paying HMIS participation fees charged by the HMIS Lead (§ 578.57(a)(x))
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/hmis/>

Eligible Expenses for New SSO Projects (ALL)

- Operating Costs (see § 578.55 for full guidance) – Cannot be combined with Rental Assistance
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Utilities to support Leasing (IF utilities not covered in rent)
 - Furniture
 - Equipment
 - Supportive Services (see § 578.53 for full guidance)
 - Eligible Service Costs Limited
 - 25% Match
 - Administrative Costs (§ 578.59)
 - Up to 10% of Grant Amount (10% of subtotal)
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Costs associated with general management, oversight, and coordination; training on Continuum of Care requirements; and environmental review
 - Administrative costs cannot be used for staff and overhead costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.43 through § 578.57
 - HMIS (see § 578.57 for full guidance)
 - Data entry staff
 - 25% Match Requirement
 - Other
- Please see full CoC Interim Regulations at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/#regulations>

Supportive Services - SSO

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 - Childcare ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(4\)](#))
 - Education services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(5\)](#))
 - Employment assistance and job training ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(6\)](#))
 - Food ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(7\)](#))
 - Housing search and counseling services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(8\)](#))
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 - Outreach services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#))
 - Substance abuse treatment services ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(14\)](#))
 - Transportation ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(15\)](#))
 - Utility deposits ([§ 578.53\(e\)\(16\)](#))
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/supportive-services/>

VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (pages 31-32)

(a) CoC grant funds may be used for Emergency Transfer Facilitation –

(Examples of eligible costs include the costs of assessing, coordinating, approving, denying and implementing a survivor's emergency transfer which includes the items listed below.) Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Assistance with moving costs.
- Assistance with travel costs.
- Utilities.
- Housing Fees.
- Case management.
- Housing navigation. Applicant is not requesting to move CoC funds for these activities.

VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (page 32) (cont'd)

(b) CoC grant funds may be used for Monitoring Compliance with the VAWA Confidentiality Requirements

(Examples of eligible costs include the costs of ensuring compliance with the VAWA confidentiality requirements which includes items listed below.) Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Monitoring and evaluating compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- Developing and implementing strategies for corrective actions and remedies.
- Program evaluation of confidentiality policies, practices and procedures.
- Training on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- Reporting to Collaborative Applicant, HUD and other interested parties on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor information.
- Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to confidentiality requirements.
- Applicant is not requesting to move CoC funds for these activities.

Eligible Costs Associated with Rural Areas (page 32)

Eligible Costs Associated with Rural Areas: Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 2395) amends section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to allow projects in rural areas [as defined in section 2.b.(9) of the Appendix of this NOFO] to use CoC Program funds to pay for the following eligible activities (listed below). Please check the costs that this project will be requesting within the budgets (check all that apply). Not a scored question

- Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers.
- Repairs to units in which homeless individuals and families will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation.
- Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.
- Applicant is not requesting CoC funds for these activities.

HUD has determined that this new eligible Rural cost category may be included in new project applications (**expansions not allowed**). HUD will publish a list of CoCs located in rural areas as defined at <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>.

Match and Leverage Overview

Match Documentation

- ❑ All New project applications are required to submit documentation dated May 1, 2025 or later, in order for the commitment to count for match.
- ❑ While match can be either cash or in-kind, please note that submitting only in-kind sources may call into question the strength and fiscal capacity to administer the project.
- ❑ Designated match cannot be duplicated across applications.
- ❑ Review NOFO and HUD's New Project Detailed Instructions (once released) to determine what the match documentation requirements are for e-snaps applications.
- ❑ **Note:** If third-party match is listed in e-snaps application, a separate attachment screen will appear that should be used to attach MOU(s) documentation that confirms the in-kind match commitment.
- ❑ Leveraging, which is only for new TH as it relates to housing and healthcare partnerships, should only be reported in the review application, and is not required in e-snaps.

Match Requirements

- The recipient or subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources for eligible costs.
- Match must be for activities that would be eligible under the CoC Program (if it's eligible as a CoC cost, it's eligible as match)
- Examples of Eligible Sources of Cash Match include:
 - Applicant/Project Sponsor's own cash
 - Federal government grants/contracts (excluding McKinney-Vento funds)
 - State and local government grants/contracts
 - Private grants or contributions
 - Program Income (see NOFO)
- Examples of Eligible Sources of Non-cash Match include:
 - In-kind donations
 - Volunteer time
 - Donated services
 - Donated Property
- For the project application in *E-Snaps*, there are questions concerning program income. Agencies should list type of match and source. FORMAL documentation required at technical submission and MAY be a required attachment.

Leveraging Housing & Healthcare – TH Only

Bonus Points for New TH projects:

- That will utilize at least 25% non-CoC or non-ESG sources for Housing Subsidies or Subsidized Housing Units*
- That will utilize Healthcare Resources to help participants*
 - Value of healthcare services or behavioral health provided must be at least 25% of funding requested.
 - For organizations that provide SA or recovery services, the leverages resource must be accessible to all participants who qualify.

*Documentation required

Participant Eligibility

Populations Served Through the CoC

Homeless Individuals & Families

- Originally from the streets or emergency shelters (or as expanded by NOFO).
- Homeless Verification - A household is homeless if you can prove with adequate documentation.
- All families served by new projects MUST meet HUD definition of homelessness (or as expanded by NOFO) and agencies MUST complete/provide homeless verification on ALL people served.
- Example of Documentation format on DCA ESG web page at: <https://www.dca.ga.gov/node/1922/documents/10>

Participant Eligibility (NOFO page 20)

Projects funded through the 2025 NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for project participants:

- All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process.
- As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO.
- Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under) who are living in unsafe situations.
 - HUD interprets “youth-serving provider” as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under.
 - HUD interprets “living in unsafe situations” as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements

Homelessness – Category 1

Category 1 – Literally Homeless

Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation;
- Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs); or
- Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-1/>

Homelessness – Category 2

Category 2 – Imminent Risk of Homelessness

Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
- No subsequent residence has been identified; and
- The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-2/>

Homelessness – Category 4*

Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV

Any individual or family who:

- Is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
- Has no other safe residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support to obtain other safe permanent housing*.

*Category 4 updated as allowed under the 2022 Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act, and BoS CoC Written Standards (HUD Rulemaking pending)

<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-4/>

New TH Projects – Eligible Participants

- TH projects funded through the 2025 NOFO may serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
 - may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

**Homeless Verification also required.

Examples of Persons NOT Eligible for TH

- Persons housed or with resources for housing
- In housing paying excessive rent, in substandard or overcrowded housing
- Living long-term with immediate family, relatives or friends
- Living in a congregate living facility (other than temporary ES or TH for homeless)
- Living in a hotel/motel (unless paid for by charitable organization or government program)
- Living in a hospital or institution (for > 90 days) where the institution has a policy that requires housing placement at discharge
- Youth or adults in state custody

All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process

New SSO Projects – Eligible Participants

- SSO projects funded through the 2025 NOFO may serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth, who meet the following criteria:
 - may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3.

**Homeless Verification also required.

Transition Grant Highlights

Transition Grants

- A project applicant decides, with the approval of the CoC, to reallocate one or more projects in their entirety to create a new project. The same applicant submits a New Project Application for the project and indicates that the application is requesting funds as a "Transition Project."
- The transition project provides the applicant with an opportunity to create a new project with a new project component and to use a portion of the project's funds to wind down the reallocated projects and ramp up the new project.

Transition Grants

- If awarded, the recipient may use **up to 50 percent** of the budget for eligible costs for the project(s) that was eliminated. The remainder of the project budget must be used for the new project.
- Unlike regular new projects, the operating start date of the transition project's grant will continue from the end of the reallocated project's grant.
 - In other words, it will start the day after the end of the grant term for the expiring grant.
 - There will be no lag time during which funding would not be available for the reallocated project, which eases winding down the project.

Transition Grant Requirements

- The primary requirements are as follows:
 - Projects must be reallocated in their entirety; there are no partial reallocations allowed when applying for a transition project.
 - The project application budget must reflect only the new project. If awarded, the HUD Field Office will work with the recipient to determine how the funds will be used to wind down the reallocated project(s).
 - No more than 50 percent of the new project's budget may be used for activities eligible for the reallocated project.
 - The reallocated project(s) must be fully transitioned within the one grant year.

Transition Grant Attempts Gone Wrong

- There are two situations when a transition project does not work the way it was intended.
- If HUD awards a partial award, the recipient would not be permitted to expend any funds on activities for the reallocated project.
- If HUD determines a new project submitted as a transition grant does not qualify but meets all other new project requirements, HUD may award the project as a new non-transition grant project. If this occurs:
 - The recipient will not be permitted to expend any funds on the reallocated project.
 - The recipient will not be permitted to spend funds on the new project until the new project's grant agreement is executed by the local HUD field office.
 - Unlike a transition grant, the operating start date for the new project would not continue from the expiring grant's end date. For new projects, the operating start date is the first day in the month in which the recipient or subrecipient begins incurring eligible costs. The date is set by the recipient at the time of the first draw down.

Transition Grant Indication in E-Snaps and More Transition Grant Info

- In previous years, when this option was available,
 - In the New Project Application on screen 3A. Project Details, project applicants will answer a question about transition grants.
 - Question 7 asks if the application is requesting to transition from one or more eligible renewal projects that had been previously awarded to the project applicant and are now being fully eliminated through reallocation.

- For more info, including more details on the info presented on the previous slides
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5850/transition-project-requirements-for-the-coc-program-competition/>

Grant Requirements

System for Award Management (SAM) Registration

SAM Registration (Required)

- Project Applicants are required to be registered with <https://www.sam.gov/SAM> before submitting application
- Annual renewal required
- More information on the SAM registration and required UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number requirement go to: <https://sam.gov/content/duns-uei>
- HUD will not enter into a grant agreement with an entity that does not have a UEI Number or an active SAM registration.
- The process may be slow, so **please start now.**
- **Proof of Sam Registration (submit with New Review Application package)**

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan

- Each project must have a Certification of Consistency from jurisdiction(s) where projects are located
- CoCs must submit Certificate for all grantees in a jurisdiction combined in **one** form (and submit certifications in CoC Application)
- Renewal projects providing housing in a different county than last year need to let DCA know
- **DCA staff will email local Consolidated Plan representatives and cc New Project Applicants**
- In order to go forward in the application process and be included in the CoC application to HUD, local jurisdictions need to review/approve all projects
- **Applicants MUST follow-up with respective jurisdictions!**

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (cont'd)

- Local Consolidated Planning Jurisdiction will need to review project application to determine if proposed project is consistent with their Consolidated Plan. Con Plan jurisdictions within the BoS CoC are:

- Albany
- Brunswick
- Dalton
- Gainesville
- Hinesville
- Macon-Bibb County
- Rome
- Valdosta
- Warner Robins
- Cherokee County
- Clayton County
- Gwinnett County
- Henry County

All other cities and counties fall under the State's Consolidated Planning jurisdiction.

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (cont'd.)

- Applicants that propose to claim a reservation or trust land geographic area and to locate a project on a reservation or trust land must include a tribal resolution from the tribe authorizing the applicant to do so (**N/A for Georgia**)

Additional Grant Requirements

Applicants are expected to read and understand HUD's CoC Interim Regulations and the 2025 CoC NOFO policy to ensure ability to comply with ALL requirements which include, but are not limited to:

- Match
- Program Eligibility
- Homeless Verification
- Disability Verification (if applicable)
- HMIS Participation
- Collaboration with McKinney Education Liaison (if applicable)
- Site Control
- Environmental Review
- Technical Submission
- Annual Performance Report
- Support Service Provision
- Certifications listed in NOFO
- Leveraging (TH – Housing and Healthcare)
- Etc...

Executive Order 12372 (NOFO page 104) (Screen 1E. SF-424 in e-snaps)

- Page 104 of the NOFO indicates that this NOFO is not subject to Executive Order 12372, and no action is needed.

HMIS Participation

- Mandated by HUD through Continuum of Care Process
- All non-DV agencies participating in the Balance of State CoC must actively participate in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) through use of CoC Designated HMIS
 - DV agencies required to use the BoS CoC designated comparable system
(***ClientTrack required**)
- HMIS Data is reported to HUD on an annual basis through the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA)
 - LSA data is used by HUD to prepare the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR), which Congress uses to determine future funding levels
- Data used by Continuum and Statewide for planning
- System Performance Data HUD's HDX system (Submitted April 11)

Georgia BoS CoC HMIS Policy

- Enter all clients into HMIS
 - Unless otherwise stated, persons applying for/receiving services from an HMIS participating agency agrees to allow users of HMIS to collect and share information.
- ENROLL and DISCHARGE clients in a timely manner
- Complete Annual Assessments in a timely manner
- Comply with current privacy and security standards
- DCA staff monitor compliance with policy through:
 - Site Visits
 - Data Quality and System Utilization Reports
- Family Violence Providers are to use and submit HUD APRs from the BoS CoC designated comparable system* (***ClientTrack required**)
- The most recent HMIS Policy, Forms, Training resources and other information/resources are on DCA Website:
 - <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/homeless-management-information-system-hmis>

Compliance with Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Rule

- All CoC-funded projects must follow the *Georgia Balance of State CoC Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policies and Procedures* and be fully compliant. First-time renewal projects should be fully compliant by the time the local CPD Field Office issues the first grant agreement for a project in the CoC's geographic area. The full details of the policy can be found in the *GA BoS CoC VAWA Policies and Procedures* located at: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/policies/coc>.
- The *Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Overview of Applicability to HUD Programs* notice can be found at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-01-04/pdf/2022-28073.pdf>.

Annual Performance Report

- Must report to HUD annually on the performance of the project
- Particularly interested in:
 - Increasing Housing Stability
 - Increased Income and Mainstream Benefits*
- Report is based on data from HMIS and is reported through the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository

*New projects must provide a plan to coordinate with mainstream resources

New Review Application and Other Documents

- For full functionality, please open review application in Word desktop app (**should see formatting & checkboxes**)
 - Make sure checkboxes and related responses can be seen in documents submitted.
 - Transition grants need to submit APRs from SAGE for the period 9/01/24 - 8/31/25

Questions So Far?

Application Threshold and Scoring

New Application Scoring Overview

- There is one scoring criteria document for New Projects. The scores from this document will make up the total score for each New project review Application.
 - *2025 Georgia BoS CoC NEW Project Scoring Form*

All New Project Threshold - Review

- Agency meets HUD's eligibility criteria
- Agency demonstrates adequate capacity to carry out grant (with proper documentation).
- Project meets eligible costs or activities requirements.
- Project sufficiently demonstrates eligible populations will be served.
- Project shows required match & sufficient commitments to implement project.
- Agency does not have serious compliance or performance issues on current projects.
- Project demonstrates adequate impact or cost effectiveness.
- Project meets HUD TH Component Minimum Standards or SSO-CE DV Bonus Minimum Standards
- Complete application, which includes all required documents, certifications, etc.

All New Project Threshold (cont'd.)

- Proposed project has a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social, and employment programs to ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from the mainstream programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
- Utilization, or commitment to utilize, ClientTrack HMIS (or a comparable family violence HMIS alternative) to capture client-level data on all clients in the project.
- Agency is following or committed to following the Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry System policy and process.
- Other, as identified by reviewers

New Project Scoring (148 Possible Points)

- Agency Capacity – 10 points
- TH and SSO Experience – 20 points
- Leasing, Rental Assistance, Services & HMIS Experience – 5 points
- Monitoring Findings or Concerns – 4 points
- Utilization of current CoC Funding – 5 points
- Program Description – 8 points
- Leveraging Housing and Healthcare (TH Only) - 5 points
- Transition Grant Projects – 5 points
- Estimated Schedule (project implementation timeliness) – 3 points
- Determinations by Project Type – 6 points
- Coordinated Entry Participation – 9 points
- Educational Liaison – 5 points
- Permanent Housing Stability – 10 points
- Increase in Income – 10 points
- Supportive Services – 5 points
- Service Participation Requirements - 10 points
- On-Site Treatment – 5 points
- Housing Stability – 4 points
- Income Performance – 4 points
- Budget – 10 points
- Project Match – 5 points

New Project BONUS (30 Possible Points)

- Veteran Prioritization (100% dedicated beds) – 5 points
- Youth Prioritization (100% dedicated beds to youth-headed households aged 18-24 yrs old) – 5 points
- SSO Project Serving Integrated Housing Community – 5 points
- Faith-Based Organization – 5 points
- 2024 Point in Time Count Coordinator - 5 points
- Coordinated Entry Implementation (only agencies that are currently managing the assessment, prioritization, & referral process) – 5 points

New Project Scoring – 178 TOTAL Points

- Total possible points
 - 148 possible points – Project Application Score
 - 30 possible points – Bonus Score
- Please note – all new projects will be ranked against each other, including transition projects (renewals that are transitioning to a new project type)
- The highest scoring DV focused SSO-CE project that meets eligibility will be submitted under DV Bonus.
- Highest ranked DV focused housing projects may be ranked under the DV Bonus as funding allows, or they will be ranked with other new projects for CoC Bonus or reallocated funds if available.

Application Packet – What to Include

New Project Application Packet

- Application Packages Due to be in DCA's office for scoring on **December 5, 2025 (by 3:00 pm) to include:**
 - The Review Application (New Project Application)
 - Match documentation / Leveraging documentation (if TH)
 - Certification Policy Addendum
 - Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum
 - Proof of Active Sams Registration
 - Agency 501(c)(3), if applicable (and for any sub-recipients)
 - A current list of Board Members
 - Most recent Financial Audit
 - A current IRS Form 990
- Packages must contain complete responses and all required documents
- Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted, without exception
- MUST be received by December 5, 2025 (by 3:00 pm) (BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov)
- HUD Application due in e-snaps by December 15, 2025, 5:00 pm

Nonprofit Documentation

- Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. Project applicants must attach appropriate documentation for each private nonprofit recipient and subrecipient organization identified as a nonprofit.
- Private nonprofit status is documented by submitting either:
 - IRS 501(c)(3) form or equivalent nonprofit documentation
 - Certification from licensed CPA that the organization meets each component of the definition of a private nonprofit organization as defined by 24 CFR 578.3

Certification Policy Addendum

- Project Threshold around Discrimination and Harm Reduction Activities
- Project Quality Threshold for Supportive Service Participation for NEW TH & New SSO projects
- BoS Written Standards Policy
- BoS Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policy
- Application Submission Assurances
 - Any certifications fully complete and submitted in the Application or Applicant Profile in e-snaps as required
 - Code of Conduct submitted in Applicant Profile as required in e-snaps (IF not on HUD's list)
 - Certification of Consistency (follow up with providing project information to local government following DCA's email)

Coordinated Entry Policy Addendum

- Application Submission Assurances
 - Coordinated Entry System Participation Defined
 - Participation requirements in implementation communities
 - Participation requirements outside of implementation communities
 - Certifications and Assurances

Complete Application Packet – DECEMBER 5, 2025, 3:00 pm – NO EXCEPTIONS

- Email materials to:

Georgia Department of Community Affairs
Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing

BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov

Attn: Tina Moore/CoC Application

MUST be received by DCA on or before
deadline (December 5, 2025, 3:00 PM) .

2025 HUD CoC Application Process e- ***snaps*** *(Electronic Formal Application to HUD)*

E-SNAPS Submission

- In addition to the review application (and supporting materials) that need to be completed for each project, agencies **MUST** complete and submit CoC Project Application(s) electronically in E-SNAPS
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- This must be submitted by **December 15, 2025 (5:00 PM)**
- There will be a general review of the submissions for completeness and accuracy and agencies will be expected to make any required corrections no later than **January 6, 2025 (2:00 PM)**
- Failure to complete the *e-snaps* portion of the application process and/or failure to respond and make the necessary corrections may result in a project not being included in the BoS CoC application to HUD
- ****Applicant Profiles** should have current Code of Conduct, if not on HUD listing)

E-SNAPS Submission

- Instruction Guides are available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
 - HUD Exchange e-snaps Resources

Resources and assistance to support HUD's community partners

 **HUD EXCHANGE** Programs ▾

Homeless Assistance Strategic Priorities ▾ Programs ▾ Systems ▾ Data ▾



e-snaps
e-snaps is the electronic Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process for the CoC Program.

[Get Help with e-snaps](#) [Log in to e-snaps](#)

[Home](#) > [Programs](#) > [e-snaps](#)



Get Started in e-snaps

e-snaps 101 Toolkit
Find resources to access e-snaps and connect to the correct organizational and CoC e-snaps accounts.
[Create an e-snaps User Profile](#)
[Access Your Organization's e-snaps Account](#)
[Determine What Type of Applicant You Are](#)
[View the e-snaps 101 Toolkit](#)



Navigate e-snaps

e-snaps 201 Toolkit
Find resources to navigate e-snaps from login to application submission.
[Update the Applicant Profile](#)
[Access the Project Application in e-snaps](#)
[View the e-snaps 201 Toolkit](#)



Apply for Project Funds

Application Resources
Find resources that help applicants submit funding applications.
[Apply for Project Funds](#)



Complete CoC Requirements

Collaborative Applicant Resources
Find resources that help Collaborative Applicants meet registration and application requirements and submit the CoC Consolidated Application.
[View Resources for the CoC Collaborative Applicant](#)

***E-SNAPS* Submission (continued)**

- Project Application Detailed Instructions, Navigational Guides (e-snaps instructions), and FAQs
 - <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>
- Technical issues with e-snaps should be emailed to HUD at CoCNOFO@hud.gov (they don't seem to be using e-snaps@hud.gov this year)
- Project Applicants that require information and technical support concerning the HUD NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit a question to HUD at CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- Please remember that online systems can freeze up and slow down with excessive traffic
 - Do not wait until the last minute

CoC Project Review in E-snaps

- CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD
- CoCs are expected to closely review information provided in each project application in order to ensure:
 - Eligibility of participants
 - Eligibility of activities
 - Data consistent in application
 - Narratives are fully responsive to question and that it meets all criteria for that question as required by NOFO and included in detailed instructions
 - Renewal Project Detailed Instructions:
 - How to access project application in e-snaps -
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY25-CoC-How-To-Access-Project-Applications.pdf>
 - Project Application Profile in e-snaps Navigational Guide –
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY25-CoC-How-To-Access-Project-Applications.pdf>
 - **Detailed Instructions and FAQ to be posted** at: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>

E-SNAPS Attachments

- The following HUD required forms are built into e-snaps and must be fully completed and electronically signed before project applicants have access to the project application:
 - Project application charts, narratives, and attachments
 - SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance 1A-1F
 - Assurances HUD 424-B
 - Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (for each project)
 - HUD-50070 – Certification of a Drug-free Workplace
 - Certification Regarding Lobbying,
 - Applicant Certifications
 - SF-LLL – Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
 - Documentation of Applicant AND Subrecipient Eligibility
- Within Applicant Profile
 - Applicant Code of Conduct

Administrative, National, & Departmental Policy Requirements, and General Terms and Conditions (see full detail on pages 107-108 in NOFO)

1. The Fair Housing Act
2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements
3. Economic Opportunities for Low and Very Low-income persons
4. Compliance with Immigration Requirements
5. Accessible Technology requirements
6. Ensuring, when possible, small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms receive consideration
7. Equal participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities
8. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act
9. Participation in HUD-sponsored Program Evaluation
10. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards
11. Drug-Free Workplace requirements
12. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files
13. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006
14. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements
15. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements
16. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct
17. Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act
18. Environmental Requirements that apply
19. Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), your application and post-award content may be released to the public...
20. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections...
21. Implementing Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs, unless otherwise restricted by law: Executive Order (EO) [14219](#) (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative); [14218](#) (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders); guidance resulting from the White House Task Force established by [14202](#) (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias) and the Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office assigned by [14205](#) (Establishment of the White House Faith Office); [14182](#) (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment); [14173](#) (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity); [14168](#) (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government); [14151](#) (Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing); and [14148](#) ([Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions](#))

In addition:

1. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex as other than binary in humans [14332](#) (Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking).
2. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize or facilitate the use of illicit drugs.
3. Awards made under this NOFO 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." [14321](#) (Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets).
4. All agreements or contracts made with subrecipients under this NOFO must contain the identical terms and conditions as those in the grant agreement issued by HUD. Any additional or conflicting terms and conditions must be approved by HUD.

Application Process – What now?

2025 Balance of State CoC Process – Going Forward (Renewal Projects)

- **November 24, 2025** – CoC Board meeting to approve process recommended by the Standards, Ratings, and Review Committee held.
- **November 24, 2025** – Competition Policy, Process, Timeline, Review Applications, Scoring Criteria, and other competition materials released.
- **November 24th, 25th, & 26th, 2025** – Informational Webinars for BoS CoC Competition Policy, Renewal PH applicants held by DCA (and materials from the webinar sent out/posted).
- **November 25** – Informational Webinar for YHDP Renewal applicants (and materials from the webinar sent out/posted)
- **November 25th & 26th, 2025** – Informational Webinars for New applicants (and materials from the webinar posted).
- **December 1, 2025** – Proposal Outlines for New projects due.
- **December 5, 2025** – Review Applications & supplemental documents for High Performing Renewing PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH projects due by 3:00 pm.
- **December 5, 2025** – Review Applications & supplemental documents for Transition Grants & YHDP Replacement projects due by 3:00 pm.
- **December 5, 2025** – Review Applications & supplemental documents for NEW TH and SSO projects due by 3:00 pm.
- **December 15, 2025** – ALL project applications and updated certifications must be entered into *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm.
- **December 22, 2025** – Standards, Rating, and Review Committee meeting to approve and recommend ranking of projects held.
- **TBD: December 29, 2025** – CoC Board meeting to approve ranking recommended by the Standards, Ratings, and Review Committee held.
- **December 30, 2025** – Notification given to applicants of placement in scoring and ranking for all projects (due 12/30/25).
- **January 12, 2026** - Public Posting (due 1/12/26)
- **January 14, 2026** - CoC application submission to HUD (due 1/14/26)

Resources

Resources

- Balance of State CoC

<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care>

- Balance of State CoC 2025 Competition page

<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual>

HUD Notices

- **HUD Mailing List Notifications**

- SNAPS Competitions

- (<https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L>)

- The SNAPS Competitions listserv provides notification from HUD about important information related to the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) competitive funding process.

- SNAPS Program Information

- (<https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Program%20Information&list=SNAPS-PROGRAM-INFORMATION-L>)

- The SNAPS Program information listserv provides information from HUD about program content authored by SNAPS.

- **All Questions sent to HUD related to the CoC Competition (Annual Competition) MUST be sent to:**

- CoCNOFO@hud.gov - questions regarding the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition process; or
 - CoCNOFO@hud.gov (or e-snaps@hud.gov if functional) – (questions related to *e-snaps* functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile)).

Additional Resources

HUD 2025 Continuum of Care NOFO, Competition, & Program pages:

- NOFO at Grants.gov: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/355762>
- 2025 CoC Competition at HUD.gov: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>
- HUD Exchange e-snaps resources: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- HUD Exchange CoC Program: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

CoC Regulations

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/introduction-to-the-coc-program/#coc-program-laws-regulations-and-notices>

Questions?

General CoC / Application submission questions:

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Adjournment

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