

Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care

Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Governance Board

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Annual Competition

FY 2025 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition

The Georgia Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) is issuing the following guidance for the FY 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition. This guidance applies to all renewing Continuum of Care grants for permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and Coordinated Assessment projects as well as for new applications submitted either for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, Joint TH and PH-RRH component, or Domestic Violence bonus projects. This announcement is being provided in accordance with the HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Program Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO (Docket No. FR-6900-N-25) at: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc> and <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861>. Information can also be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>.

The HUD NOFO allows for competitive renewal and replacement of expiring Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) grants.

This policy document only pertains to CoC and YHDP Renewal grants that meet the renewal eligibility requirements for FY 2025 funding and applicants seeking new projects under the FY 2025 competition.

Funding for new projects is only available through the process of reallocation, the CoC bonus, or the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. The Balance of State CoC may only create new project(s) through the CoC Bonus Project up to 20% of the Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) amount, which is estimated to be around \$7,675,869, based on the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) amount. The Balance of State CoC may only create new project(s) under the DV bonus up to 10% of the PPRN amount, which is estimated to be around \$3,392,131, to create DV Bonus projects. Applications for new projects made available through reallocation will only be considered if an active renewal project does not submit an application for renewal funding or if the application review sub-committees determine the need to reallocate from eligible renewal projects due to those projects not meeting threshold, poor performance, and underspending due to significantly operating under capacity. The estimated amount to be reallocated at this time is \$23,104,034.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA), designated as the Collaborative Applicant for the Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), is responsible for overseeing and managing the application process for the FY 2025 HUD Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funding process. HUD requires that the CoC develop a process for submitting one consolidated application for the FY 2025 CoC program. The Collaborative Applicant works with the Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee to develop and recommend the process for CoC Board approval. The BoS CoC Board approved this policy on November 24, 2025.

The following document outlines the policy and process for the FY 2025 funding cycle.

Timeline

Action	Date
CoC Registration submitted	March 10, 2025
GIW Change Forms due to HUD	July 29, 2025
CoC NOFO released by HUD	November 13, 2025
Standards, Rating, and Project Selection Committee meeting to approve policy, materials, and recommend process for scoring and ranking	November 21, 2025
CoC Board meeting to approve policy, materials, and process recommended by Committee	November 24, 2025
2025 Balance of State CoC NOFO Competition Policy, process, timeline, review applications, scoring criteria, addendums, and other competition materials released	November 24, 2025
Informational Webinar for Renewal PH applicants (and webinar materials distributed to each renewal applicant)	November 24 th , 25 th , and 26 th
Informational Webinar for YHDP Renewal applicants (and webinar materials distributed to each YHDP renewal applicant)	TBD
Informational Webinar for NEW applicants (and webinar materials posted) – See pages 13-14 (Registration is NOT required).	November 25 th and 26 th
Proposal Outlines (Notice of Intent) for new projects due	December 1, 2025
Review Applications for Renewing PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH Component projects (those determined to be high performing as noted on page 3 of this document) and Renewing SSO projects and supplemental documents (listed on pages 11-12 of this document) due by 3:00 PM.	December 5, 2025
Review Applications for Transition Grants and YHDP Replacement projects and supplemental documents (listed on pages 12-13 of this document) due by 3:00 PM.	December 5, 2025
Review Applications (including both Addendums) for NEW TH and SSO projects, as well as all required copies and supplemental documents (listed on page 14 of this document), due by 3:00 pm	December 5, 2025
Review Application Proposals for NEW SSO-CE DV Bonus project, due 3:00 pm	December 5, 2025
Internal review	December 5-14, 2025
ALL project applications and updated certifications must be entered into <i>e-snaps</i> by 5:00 pm	December 15, 2025
Review Team Sub-Committee application review of renewal and new projects	December 16-17, 2025
Standards, Rating, and Review Committee meeting to approve and recommend ranking of projects	December 22, 2025
CoC Board meeting to approve final ranking as recommended by Committee	December 29, 2025
Applicants notified of placement in scoring and ranking for CoC application OR rejection from CoC application (MUST be at least 15 days before HUD NOFO deadline)	December 30, 2025
ALL project application corrections due in <i>e-snaps</i> by 2:00 pm	January 7, 2026

Estimated public posting of CoC Application (MUST be at least 2 days before HUD NOFO deadline)	January 12, 2025
Estimated CoC application submission to HUD (due 11/14/26)	January 14, 2026

Summary of Changes and Policy Priorities for the FY 2025 Georgia Balance of State Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Funding Cycle

Please note that there have been significant changes in the process and method by which local CoCs are being scored under Federal priorities in recent years. All applicants and interested parties are strongly encouraged to read this document, as well as the HUD FY 2025 Continuum of Care NOFO and any supplemental materials (<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual>, <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861>, and <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>) in their entirety to ensure there is complete understanding of the information provided. Some of the major changes and policy priorities include:

- 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** (pages 15 and 91 of the HUD NOFO). PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH are considered PH projects (page 15).
- 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.
- 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.
- Projects previously awarded as YHDP Projects or DV Bonus Projects are not eligible to submit Transition Grant Applications as a part of this NOFO.
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- High performing renewing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Joint TH-RRH projects will be eligible for ranking and renewal.
- PSH projects that HUD awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.
- In order to be eligible for renewal in FY 2025, projects must be currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement dated no later than December 31, 2025 and have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2026 (January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026). Grant agreements for FY 2024 funds must be executed by December 31, 2025. If a project application is not executed by December 31, 2025, HUD may withdraw any funds conditionally awarded for FY 2025.
- Renewal PH Projects that fall outside of the 30% cap based on the system performance review may be subject to full or partial reallocation.
- **New Threshold Information**

- Applicant understands that if funded project applicants and potential subrecipient(s) must certify affirmatively to the following (page 53-54 of the NOFO):
 - o The project applicant/subrecipient will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination:
 - o 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 renewal Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects understand that if funded, the project must require participation in supportive services:
- **Transition Grants (considered New Applications)**
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. Review p. 44-45 of FY 25 HUD NOFO for more information.

Transition grants require applications using the “New Applicant” form, being sure to fill out the “Transition Grant” section.

The following is required of transition grants:

- The transition grant’s operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term.
- For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application.
- Transition grants will be evaluated by HUD using the threshold quality criteria of new grants.
- DV Bonus and YHDP Renewal project applicants are not permitted to utilize the transition grant application process. YHDP applicants must submit a YHDP Replacement application to change program components.
- If a provider wants to be considered for a transition grant, a “New Application” Review Application will be required. This is because HUD considers transition grants to be new projects, and they will need to meet the HUD New Project Threshold Requirements.

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.
- Projects implemented prior to the 2024 competition or transferred prior to 2025 that underspend and/or are significantly operating under capacity may be subject to full or partial reallocation. Reallocation of underperforming projects is contingent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications. If there are not adequate new project applications to include in the final ranking, the CoC reserves the right to include the lower scoring renewal project.
 - As in previous years, HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding process. Tier 1 is equal to 30 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section III.F.2 of the NOFO. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for. Tier 1 is estimated to be \$11,513,804, and Tier 2 renewal is estimated to be \$26,865,541. The CoC bonus amount is estimated to be \$7,675,869. The DV Bonus is estimated to be \$3,392,131. The total estimated funds available is \$49,447,345.
 - Projects that were awarded for the first time under the 2023 CoC Competition, and later, as first-time grants, that have not yet been up and running for a full year, will automatically receive median performance scores in their Transition Grant application(s) for like applications for performance in the scoring and ranking process. Those points will then be averaged with that project's original application score in order to take into account project design and other important factors related to the implementation of that project.
 - Project evaluation of renewal project applications submitted by victim service providers will be completed utilizing data generated 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 related to the scoring criteria is not provided, the CoC will assign median points for that criteria.
 - Through this competition the following types of new project applications will be accepted: (a) TH Projects for homeless individuals and families with service participation requirements; (b) SSO-Street Outreach Projects (c) SSO-Standalone Projects (Housing Navigation, Job Training, Legal Services, et.) (d) SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects and (e) one SSO-Coordinated Entry project under the DV Bonus.

- New project applications requesting funding for new construction or rehabilitation activities will not be accepted.
- Points in the scoring criteria will be available for Transition Grant applications that request to transition existing Non-DV and Non-YHDP permanent housing projects (PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH) to TH or SSO projects.
- Points in the scoring criteria will be available to all project applications that will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. Case Management, Employment Training, Substance Use Treatment, etc.), and to TH projects with on-site treatment and recovery beds.
- BoS CoC points will be available for new projects that exclusively dedicate units/beds in order to prioritize Veterans or youth households where the head of household is aged 18-24. Bonus points will be available for new projects proposed by applicant actively serving as a lead agency in a Coordinated Entry implementation and for renewal projects critical to current Implementation communities for Coordinated Entry. Actively serving as a lead agency is defined as managing the local assessment, prioritization, and referral process for Coordinated Entry. Bonus points will be available for projects dedicated to providing housing to people who are homeless with a disability or elderly..
- Bonus points will be available for applicants who served as a homeless count coordinator for the 2024 Homeless Count conducted in January of 2024, in an effort to assist the CoC to identify people experiencing homelessness in their area.
- Points will be available for applicants that identify as Faith Based Organizations. Points will be available for new SSO projects created to align with integrated supportive housing and serve any of the following counties: Butts, Berrien, Dooly, Gilmer, Grady, Hall, Hart, Liberty, Thomas, Tift, Troup, or Upson.
- Renewal projects originally awarded under a previous year's DV Bonus must continue to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, even when reallocated. CoCs may reallocate eligible Renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding to create DV Reallocation projects that are dedicated to serving the same population. New DV Reallocation projects must be 100 percent 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 who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act [see section III.G.10.c of this NOFO for more information].
- YHDP Renewal projects are competitive YHDP projects and must be ranked by CoCs. YHDP PH renewal projects that fall outside the 30% PH funding cap will be reallocated. These reallocated funds must be used to create new replacement YHDP projects dedicated to serve unaccompanied youth and youth headed households; as explained in section III.G.10.d. of this NOFO.
- In order maintain alignment to HUD priorities for this funding and to keep homeless people with disabilities who are residing in PSH projects from becoming homeless, with the exception of the HMIS

grants, and the Coordinated Assessment renewal grants, which are critical to the operations of the CoC, and will therefore be placed mid-Tier 1, the BoS CoC will rank projects within the following groupings:

- Group 1: The top scoring Renewal PH projects that are currently housing people who are homeless, without significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues that have been in operation over a year (until the CoC reaches the 30% PH funding cap), GHFA Renewal CoC 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 without significant capacity, compliance, or performance issues (based on score)
 - Group 3: New TH and SSO projects that are designated by the CoC 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 project (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 final funding line is reached. These projects will be placed at the bottom of the priority ranking of projects.
- In the event of a tie, decisions to be based upon funds requested/number served at capacity/serving a CoC priority population (chronic, unsheltered, veterans, youth)
 - Projects implemented prior to the 2024 competition that underspend and/or are significantly operating under capacity may be subject to full or partial reallocation. Reallocations, if necessary, will be made based on the guidance in the 2025 NOFO.
 - Renewal projects determined to be significantly underperforming, operating under capacity, or found to be operating significantly out of compliance may be subject to replacement by new TH or SSO projects, provided the applications pass the threshold review and score highly enough. Project level performance will be further assessed to determine impact on CoC System Performance Measures as part of decisions to reallocate. Reallocation of underperforming projects is contingent on appropriate high-scoring new project applications. If there are not adequate new project applications to include in the final ranking, the CoC reserves the right to include the lower scoring renewal project(s) at the bottom of the ranking below Group 6.
 - HUD will score new and renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale (please see full details on page 92 of the NOFO):
 - 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 .

- As noted above, HUD is also allowing for CoCs to apply for CoC Bonus funding to create one or more new project applications. HUD guidance shows that for CoCs to receive grants for new projects, other than through reallocation, CoCs must competitively rank projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in Section V.B.1.a. (1) of the NOFO.

HUD is allowing CoCs to apply for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding this year. The CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for the SSO-CE project type, but this year the CoC will be able to submit multiple applications for the Transitional Housing (TH) project type. For the SSO-CE project type, the CoC will submit the highest ranked project that passes eligibility and quality threshold review. For the highest ranked housing projects that pass eligibility and quality threshold review, the CoC will submit as funding availability allows. Any additional DV focused housing projects submitted under the DV Bonus would then be ranked with any regular CoC bonus projects. Given the 30% cap on PH projects, the Balance of State will not be accepting Rapid Re-Housing projects under the DV Bonus.

- Compliance with Violence Against Women Act Rule. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a federal law that, in part, provides housing protections for people applying for or living in units subsidized by the federal government who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, to keep them safe and reduce their likelihood of experiencing homelessness. 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>. All CoC-funded projects must follow the *Georgia Balance of State CoC Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Policies and Procedures* established on 6/20/17 (located at: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/policies/coc>) and be fully compliant. New and first-time renewal projects should be fully compliant by the time the local CPD Field Office issues the FY 2025 grant agreement for a project in the CoC's geographic area.
- The Collaborative Applicant will submit an application for planning funds as allowed by HUD. CoC Planning applications are not required to be ranked, and the funds are not part of the pro rata amounts available for projects.
- The CoC will reallocate funding to Transition Grants. While the FY 2025 HUD NOFO is allowing Transition Grants as described in Section II.B.2.b.(30) of the NOFO, 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.
- Applicants that will not be submitting an application for the renewal of a project currently funded through the CoC is requested to submit a letter with a completed *GA BoS CoC Notice of Intent – Non-Renewal of Project* form to Tina Moore at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov as soon as possible.

General Information

In addition to the information presented in this document, it is expected that all applicants read the HUD FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grant NOFO, related scoring criteria, and any supplemental materials (<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual>), (<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>), and

(<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>), in their entirety to ensure there is complete understanding of the information provided.

All agencies submitting an application, whether for a new project or a renewal project, must submit a complete application packet for each project, as described below, in order to be considered for scoring.

It is the responsibility of the agencies to ensure that all the application materials are received by DCA, by the established deadlines. Applications are required to be scored and ranked by the CoC in order to be included in the CoC's project listing submitted to HUD, and an applicant's failure to meet deadlines may result in the denial of an applicant's request for funds.

In FY 2025, eligible renewal project applications will not have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects.

Applicants requesting renewal of grants for rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR) if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR. If a per-unit amount reduction is requested, applicants must provide copies of the leases to establish the actual rents.

As noted in the Detailed Instructions for New and Renewal Projects that will be available on HUD's FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition page (<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>), FY 2025 FMR amounts are used at the time of application, and FMR amounts in effect at the time of HUD's application submission deadline will be used for projects that HUD selects for funding. Renewal projects designated to use Actual Rent amount for Rental Assistance will need to adjust accordingly.

All renewal project applications must pass a threshold review and will then be scored according to specific criteria. The criteria will consist of current data in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) including system performance measures, participation in the CoC's Coordinated Entry System, project performance, cost effectiveness, service participation requirements, the most recent HUD or DCA monitoring visit, and the scoring of the review application. All applications will be scored by an independent review panel. The independent review panel will submit their results to the Collaborative Applicant who will consolidate all scores, rank projects, and publish the results with the BoS CoC Board's approval.

All new project applications must pass an organizational threshold review and will then be scored according to specific criteria.

New project applications that score high enough will be eligible to be included in the prioritization tiering presented to HUD. Please note, however, eligibility does not guarantee funding. The BoS CoC Board will make the final determination of which projects will be ranked and presented to HUD for funding consideration within the limited funding available.

In addition to the application packet required to score and rank projects, all renewing and new projects must also complete the HUD application in *e-snaps*. Completing the application in *e-snaps* does not guarantee that the project will be put forth in the HUD application, nor does it guarantee that the project will be funded. Please note that within *e-snaps* previously submitted renewal applications may be able to import data into the FY 2025 renewal project application.

The BoS CoC is required by CoC regulations to operate a HMIS, establish a “centralized or coordinated assessment system,” and carry out planning activities in accordance with the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule. Therefore, all GHFA renewal applications for CoC HMIS and coordinated assessment will be prioritized for placement in Tier 1.

DCA, as the Collaborative Applicant, will post any additional details of the competition and HUD resources as they become available on the Continuum of Care webpage. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure that they check the both the BoS CoC (<https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual>) and the related HUD CoC pages (<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc> AND <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>) websites regularly for the latest updates. Please note that all of HUD’s competition and e-snaps materials, notices, and training guides can be accessed on the HUD pages.

Project applicants must agree to enter client data into Georgia’s BoS Homeless Management Information System (ClientTrack), participate in the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System, and participate in the homeless counts in Georgia’s BoS jurisdiction. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about a client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, as the Collaborative Applicant, believes in a commitment to end homelessness throughout the State of Georgia. To this end, DCA encourages all grantees to ensure that no household is turned away because they have previously resided in a differing Continuum. However, as these projects are funded to address homelessness in the Balance of State Continuum of Care, each project should demonstrate how they are targeting, providing outreach, and participating in local coordinated entry implementation areas (as applicable), or working with providers in the county(ies) of the project’s location, in order to reduce homelessness in the Balance of State CoC.

Project applicants are required to have an active and up-to-date account within the System Award Management (SAM at <https://sam.gov/>), at the time of application and throughout the life of the grant/ (page 3 of the FY 2025 NOFO). For more information on the SAM registration and required UEI 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.

All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, and is included on HUD’s website at: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants. If the organization’s Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD’s website, the project must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*.

All project applicants must have a Certification of Consistency from the jurisdiction in which each of the proposed project(s) will be located. This assures the application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction’s HUD-approved consolidated plan as described in the NOFO. DCA staff will work with applicants and the appropriate Consolidated Planning jurisdiction for the required form *HUD-2991 - Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan*, but it is the applicant’s responsibility to follow up with respective jurisdictions to ensure those jurisdictions have the project information they need to provide the certification(s) in a timely manner.

Project applicants must ensure that applications (Review Application and HUD application in the E-Snaps system) are complete and the information within the application is consistent throughout the application. Narratives must be fully responsive to the question being asked, and responses should meet all criteria for that question as required by the NOFO and detailed instructions provided in E-Snaps. Applicants must also ensure that proposed program participants are eligible for the program component type selected, and proposed activities are eligible under 24 CFR part 578. Applicants should also ensure that all required attachments correspond to the attachments as required in E-Snaps contain accurate and complete information.

In accordance with CoC review criteria, the CoC strongly encourages HUD-funded projects to have written agreements in place with educational supports and services for children ages 0-5, such as Public Pre-K, Head Start, Child Care (Child Care and Development Fund), and home visiting (including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV). To the extent that renewal projects serve households with children and have written agreements as noted, the CoC requests any written agreements to be submitted within the renewal submission packages (electronically).

HUD is allowing new eligible Continuum of Care activities for VAWA costs and Rural costs again this year. Applicants that are interested should review the NOFO for more information (pages 30-32).

Appeals

In accordance with *24 CFR part 578.35* and Section VIII of the NOFO, applicants have the right to appeal if they believe that they were improperly denied the right to participate in the CoC planning process in a reasonable manner; were improperly denied or decreased funding; or were improperly denied a Certification of Consistency from the local government with the Consolidated Plan. The appeal MUST be carried out in the timeframe and process announced by HUD within the NOFO.

Renewal Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Rapid Rehousing, Supportive Service Only and Permanent Supportive Housing (Including Legacy Shelter Plus Care)

All applicants that are invited to renew PH and SSO projects must submit the following no later than December 5, 2025, **at 3:00 pm**. The following materials must be received for each project in order for an application to be considered complete:

- The 2025 BoS CoC Renewal Project Review Application;
- The Competition Certification and Policy Addendum document for all projects;
- The Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum for all projects;
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- Written agreements with educational supports and Services for children ages 0-5 (as applicable);
- Written narrative document describing how this project works with local employment agencies and employers to prioritize training and employment opportunities for participants (or how project will do so);
- HUD APR from Sage (applicants will need to pull the data from HMIS and then upload the CSV-APR into Sage using the Test run function in order to create the required report (for 9/1/2024-8/31/2025);
- HUD Data Quality Report (9/1/2024-8/31/2025);
- Most recent monitoring (HUD monitoring for Non-S+C projects and DCA monitoring for S+C projects), including corrective action plans and documentation regarding resolution of findings, when applicable; and
- Supportive documents showing timely draw downs (eLOCCS reports for a 12-month period).

For renewal projects that were consolidated under a previous CoC Competition, the consolidated project replaces the individual projects. As such, the review application and all materials submitted for each consolidated project should represent the combined projects. Applicants should be able to run an APR covering the required period of 9/1/2024-8/31/2025 in HMIS for the combined projects, so that when the CSV-APR is uploaded into Sage, it will produce an APR with the combined data. Applicants who need technical assistance with this should contact HMIS staff at BoSHMIS@dca.ga.gov or BoS CoC staff at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

Renewal application materials can be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

In addition to the BoS CoC application materials required to score and rank projects, all renewal projects must complete and submit the HUD application in *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm on December 15, 2025.

Late submissions of the supplemental materials to an application package for a renewal project will result in a deduction of points.

Transition Grant applications

All current grantees wishing to submit a transition grant application to transition their renewal project to a new TH or SSO project must submit the following no later than December 5, 2025, **at 3:00 pm**. The following materials must be received for each project in order for an application to be considered complete:

- The 2025 BoS CoC NEW Project Review Application;
- The Competition Certification and Policy Addendum document for all projects;
- The Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum for all projects;
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- Written agreements with educational supports and Services for children ages 0-5 (as applicable);
- Written narrative document describing how this project works with local employment agencies and employers to prioritize training and employment opportunities for participants (or how project will do so);
- HUD APR from Sage (applicants will need to pull the data from HMIS and then upload the CSV-APR into Sage using the Test run function in order to create the required report (for 9/1/2024-8/31/2025);
- HUD Data Quality Report (9/1/2024-8/31/2025);
- Most recent monitoring (HUD monitoring for Non-S+C projects and DCA monitoring for S+C projects), including corrective action plans and documentation regarding resolution of findings, when applicable; and
- Supportive documents showing timely draw downs (eLOCCS reports for a 12-month period).

If the renewal project applying to transition was consolidated under a previous CoC Competition, the consolidated project replaces the individual projects. As such, the review application and all materials submitted for each consolidated project should represent the combined projects. Applicants should be able to run an APR covering the required period of 9/1/2024-8/31/2025 in HMIS for the combined projects, so that when the CSV-APR is uploaded into Sage, it will produce an APR with the combined data. Applicants who need technical assistance with this should contact HMIS staff at BoSHMIS@dca.ga.gov or BoS CoC staff at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

Transition grant application materials can be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

In addition to the BoS CoC application materials required to score and rank projects, all Transition Grant projects must complete and submit the HUD application in *e-snaps* by 5:00 pm on December 15, 2025.

Late submissions of the supplemental materials to an application package for a renewal project will result in a deduction of points.

New Project Application Information

In line with information presented in the 2025 NOFO (pages 20--21), the BoS CoC will seek applications for new transitional housing (TH) and Supportive Service Only (SSO) projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for the homeless.

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), as defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103), Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), and Faith-based organizations that wish to make application for new grants. Full information on Eligible Applicants can be found in Section II.A. of the NOFO.

All agencies interested in applying for a new TH, SSO, or DV SSO-CE project should complete and submit a Proposal Outline (Intent to Apply) to alert the Collaborative Applicant of their intent no later than December 1, 2025. The Proposal Outline form is attached to the notice, and it will also be available at: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness-assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual>. Submitting a Proposal Outline will signal DCA staff to forward information to organizations (intending to submit a new project application) regarding the New Applicant webinar, HUD training events, webinars, etc., as well as any updated CoC policies, updated scoring criteria, notice of CoC changes, etc. This information will be sent to renewal applicants automatically.

HUD will allow new reallocated projects, DV Bonus projects, and new transition grants of existing CoC Program-funded projects to request funding limited to 1 year. For projects requesting regular CoC Bonus funds, the grant term for new project applications requested should be limited to 1-year. However, as additional funding is available, the review team may allow higher scoring new project(s) to request a term allowed as defined on page 48 of the HUD NOFO, as match requirements can be met. However, the CoC may elect to decrease the term for any new project that is approved for the final priority ranking list to allow additional projects to be included in the request for funding. Additionally, as indicated on page 48 of the NOFO, HUD will allow new projects to request a 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant term of 12 months to 18 months) not to exceed 18 months to that will allow for the additional start-up process (within electronic E-Snaps application).

There will be **two webinars for NEW Applicants on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 2:00 pm AND on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM** to discuss the Review Application document, competition policy, scoring criteria, etc. **Registration is NOT required for either webinar.** Interested parties will only need to join at the designated time. Below are the login details to be able to join the Webinar on the listed dates, and please note that the second webinar is a repeat of the first:

- To join the 2025 Balance of State Continuum of Care **New Applicant Informational Webinar #1 on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 2:00 pm** EDT go to (**Registration is NOT required**):
Georgia BoS CoC NEW Applicant Informational Webinar #1
Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)
[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 218 054 736 677 14
Passcode: vL2Rm744
Dial in by phone - [+1 470-582-0138,,43484948#](#) United States, Atlanta
Phone conference ID: 434 849 48#
- To join the 2025 Balance of State Continuum of Care **New Applicant Informational Webinar #2 on Wednesday, November 26, 2025, at 10:00 AM** EDT go to (**Registration is NOT required**):
Georgia BoS CoC NEW Applicant Informational Webinar #2
Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)
[Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 262 834 117 971 12
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Phone conference ID: 220 073 227#

All agencies submitting an application for a new TH, new SSO-Standalone, or new SSO-CE project must submit a complete application package to the Department of Community Affairs. A complete application package includes:

- The 2025 BoS CoC NEW Project Review Application or SSO-CE proposal (as applicable) for new projects (including match/leveraging documentation and both required Addendum documents (*CoC Competition Certification-Policy Addendum* and *BoS Competition Coordinated Entry System Policy Addendum*);
- Proof of active Sams Registration;
- The agency 501(c)(3), if applicable (the 501(c)(3) for any sub-recipients must also be attached);
- A current list of Board of Directors;
- The most recent independent financial audit, or equivalent financial statement; and
- A current 990 IRS Form: Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, if applicable.

All complete new project packages must be received by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, the Department of Community Affairs, by **December 5, 2025 at 3:00 PM**. Submissions must be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Program Coordinator at BoSMonitoring@dca.ga.gov.

It is the responsibility of the agencies to assure that a complete copy of all application materials for each proposed new project is received by Tina Moore, by the above deadline. No late submissions for new projects will be accepted.

In addition to the application packet described above, applicants for new TH, SSO, and SSO-CE projects must also complete, and submit, the HUD application (including all required certifications and documentation) in *e-snaps*.

The complete scoring criteria for new TH, SSO, and CE projects will be posted on the Balance of State Continuum of Care webpage at: <https://dca.georgia.gov/affordable-housing/homelessness->

[assistance/georgia-balance-state-continuum-care/2025-coc-annual](#). Applicants are strongly advised to review the criteria before submitting an application.

Applicants must clearly demonstrate that they have experience and sufficient capacity to serve people living unsheltered, and service resistant clients, and that sufficient services will be provided to clients proposed to be served.

Bonus points will be awarded to new TH projects that will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through CoC or Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). For TH, at least 25% of units in project are subsidized by Non-CoC, Non-ESG source.

Bonus points will be awarded to new TH projects that utilize healthcare resources to help participants. In the case of an organization that provides substance use disorder treatment or recovery services. The leveraged resource provides access to all participants who qualify. Value of healthcare or behavioral health services provided must be at least 25% of funding requested.

Threshold Criteria for All New TH and SSO project applications.

The CoC reserves the right not to review incomplete applications or projects that don't meet eligibility requirements. Applications may receive a threshold denial for any of the following reasons:

- Agency does not meet HUD's eligibility criteria.
- Agency does not demonstrate adequate capacity to carry out grant.
- Application proposes ineligible costs or activities.
- Application proposes to serve ineligible populations.
- Application does not show required match or insufficient commitments for leveraging.
- Proposed project does not have 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).
- Compliance or performance issues on current projects.
- Project does not demonstrate adequate impact or cost effectiveness.
- Project does not meet key federal requirements.
- New proposals must be located within Georgia's 152 county Balance of State Continuum of Care jurisdiction. Applications proposing projects in the following jurisdictions are not eligible to be submitted under the BoS CoC application: Atlanta, Fulton County, DeKalb County, Cobb County, Columbus-Muscogee County, Augusta-Richmond County, Athens-Clarke County, Savannah, and Chatham County. To submit an application in one of the listed jurisdictions, you should contact the appropriate CoC jurisdiction for information.
- Agency submits an incomplete application, which includes not submitting the necessary documents listed above, or certifications/documentation as required in the HUD application.
- Agency does not utilize, or commit to utilize, ClientTrack HMIS (or a comparable family violence HMIS alternative) to capture client-level data on all clients in the project.
- Agency does not follow, or commit to follow, the Balance of State CoC's Coordinated Entry System policy and process.
- Project does not demonstrate how the applicant will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151 or demonstrate Equal Access to Housing.

Project Quality Threshold Requirement for Supportive Service participation for NEW Transitional Housing (TH) & Supportive Services Only (SSO) Projects (pages 55-60 of the NOFO). Under the FY 2025 CoC Competition, new TH and SSO projects must require that the proposed project will require program participants to take participate in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h).

Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Projects

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 provides additional funding for DV Bonus projects for rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities determined critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. In the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition, the CoC is able to apply for a DV Bonus for TH projects and SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). The CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for SSO-CE under the DV Bonus, but there is no limit to the number of Transitional Housing project applications that can be submitted this, which are limited to a 1-year funding request and must demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.

Allowed DV Bonus project types under the FY 2025 HUD NOFO are:

1. Transitional Housing (TH) projects.
2. SSO Project for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) (see below for requirements).

The Balance of State CoC is only allowed to submit one project application for SSO-CE under the DV Bonus. The CoC is able to submit any number of TH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000. For DV Bonus projects submitted, the Balance of State CoC will rank projects that pass eligibility and quality threshold review according to their application score, as funding allows. DV focused housing projects may be submitted under the DV Bonus, CoC bonus, or utilizing reallocated funds and would then be ranked with any other new projects in the funding area designated.

As noted, only one DV SSO-CE project will be included in the final CoC project ranking submitted to HUD. The CoC will consider proposals submitted by interested agencies who meet organizational threshold and demonstrate ability to:

- Implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of 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);
- Include planning where the centralized or coordinated assessment system will be easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area;
- Include a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area;
- 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.

SSO-CE Applicants interested should submit a proposal to request these funds detailing how listed criteria will be addressed, which includes a budget request itemizing requested funds. The grant term is limited to 1-year.

Match

Applications must meet HUD’s match requirements and have at least 25% of the amount of the HUD funding request in total match (outside of the amount for leasing).

Review Application guidelines for New projects state that projects should only report match where there are commitment letters on file that are dated May 1, 2025 or later, and documentation should be submitted to HUD as required. New project application packages are required to include match documentation for the scoring and ranking process.

E-Snaps Information for All Renewal and New Applications

Applicants should review and follow the steps as outlined herein and in the NOFO to ensure that applications are complete and submitted in a timely manner.

For reference, the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule was published in the Federal Register on July 31, 2012, and was effective on August 31, 2012. This information can be accessed at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>.

For information on accessing HUD’s *E-Snaps* system to complete and submit a full BoS CoC Project Application, please go to: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>. Note that once the competition begins, there will be a significant time delay if applicants need to register new users on the *E-Snaps* system. All applicants should ensure that they have access to the system immediately.

Major Disaster Area Notification

If a major disaster impacts a CoC’s geographic area, as declared by the President under the Stafford Act, during the CoC Program application process that will impact local competition deadlines as outlined in section IV.A.2. of the HUD NOFO, the CoC’s Collaborative Applicant must send written notification to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Program at CoCDisaster@hud.gov. News releases related to Georgia can be found at: <https://www.fema.gov/disasters>. CoCs in impacted areas are required to notify HUD of this prior to the close of this competition.

Other Information

DCA is committed to providing equal access to all of its programs, services and activities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age. Any individual who needs an accommodation because of a disability or documents in accessible electronic formats (e.g. PDF) should contact Tina Moore at 404-327-6870 or email fairhousing@dca.ga.gov. Individuals who are hearing- or speech-impaired should use the Georgia Relay services at 1-800-255-0056 or by dialing 7-1-1 (no charge to use Georgia Relay within the local calling area). More information on Georgia Relay can be found at <https://georgiarelay.org/>.

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Attached is one (1) document:

- 1) 2025 Balance of State CoC Proposal Outline