



The Way Home
CoC NOFO

FY 2025 NOFO Webinar

TX-700 – The Way Home

Overview of HUD FY25 CoC NOFO, local competition process, timelines, and expectations

Webinar Housekeeping

🕒 **Please raise your hand or use the Q&A feature to submit questions.**

◆ **Refrain from project-specific or agency-specific questions.**

If you need guidance on your individual project, please sign up for a TA session or email **NOFO@ Email**

🕒 **We may not be able to answer every question today.**

We will respond to as many as possible and follow up by email on unanswered items.

🕒 **Please remember we are in an active CoC Competition period.**

We cannot comment on ranking decisions, scoring outcomes, or any competitive advantages related to specific agencies or projects during this session.

🕒 **Chat will be monitored for process-related questions only.**

Staff may consolidate or group similar questions to streamline the discussion.



Who we are

- The Way Home is the **homeless response system** for Houston and Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties in Texas. It's a public-private partnership — **a network of over 100** homeless service providers and other government, philanthropic, and business partners.
- It's a **collective force working together** toward a shared vision of making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring. How? Through **housing paired with stability services**.
- **CFTH**, a nonprofit, **is the designated coordinator** of The Way Home. We act as a catalyst, uniting partners and maximizing resources to move people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing with supportive services.



Who we are

- ◉ **We're rooted in data.** We focus on the system-level view, tracking trends and identifying needs in Houston and surrounding areas.
- ◉ **We're pragmatic problem solvers.** We champion housing with stability services as the solution to homelessness — because it works.
- ◉ **We're strategic.** We focus on building relationships, leveraging available resources, and optimizing funding for maximum impact.
- ◉ **We're collaborative.** We coordinate one of the nation's most effective homeless response systems, The Way Home, with over 100 partners.



CoC Program & the NOFO

CoC Program Goals:

- Move people from homelessness to housing with supportive services.
- Promote community commitment to ending homelessness.
- Improve access to mainstream programs.
- Support self-sufficiency.
- Provide funding to quickly rehouse and reduce trauma.

NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity):

- HUD's primary competitive grant program to fund local homeless response systems.
- Goal is to maintain strong existing programs; may include bonus funding for new projects.
- Collaborative Applicant (CFTH) submits a single consolidated application on behalf of TX-700 (The Way Home).
- Only way to apply for HUD CoC funding.
- Approx. \$70M available for the entire CoC this year.

Why FY 25 is Different



HUD's FY 2025 CoC NOFO (FR-6900-N-25) fundamentally changes how funding is awarded.



Only 30% of our estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is protected in Tier 1; 70% is fully competitive in Tier 2.



HUD has added a 30% cap on Permanent Housing (PH) projects (PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH), requiring system rebalancing.



Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) renewals are now fully competitive and ranked.



HUD is emphasizing services, accountability, and leveraging housing and healthcare resources, not just units.

FY 2025 Funding Overview

Estimated ARD:

- \$70,138,267

Tier 1:

- \$21,041,480 (30% of ARD – protected if threshold met)

Tier 2:

- \$49,096,787 (70% – competitive, tied to Merit Review score)

CoC Bonus:

- Up to \$14,027,653 for HUD-priority new projects

DV Bonus:

- Up to \$5,000,000 for DV, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking projects

CoC Planning:

- Up to \$1,500,000 (not ranked, not subject to PH cap)

Tier 1 and Tier 2- What Changed?

Tier 1

- Now 30% of ARD (was 90%).
- Projects only need to meet HUD quality & threshold standards.
- Not impacted by CoC Merit Review score.

Tier 2

- Represents 70% of ARD.
- Competitive: based on CoC Merit Review score & HUD priorities.
- Projects crossing Tier 1 & 2 may be partially funded (Tier 1 portion only if Tier 2 not awarded).

Bonus Projects

- DV Bonus & CoC Bonus ranked on New Project Listing.
- Still interact with Tier 1 & Tier 2 once awarded.

FY 24 Tier Visual



Rank	Accepted or Rejected	Agency Name	Project Name	HUD Request/Reallocated	Grant Number	Component	Weighted Score	Amount Requested	Running Total The Way Home	ARD	Tier 1 Amount
Tier 1											
1	Accepted	Harris County Domestic Violence Co. Council	HCDVCC FY2024 RRH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0429	RRH	100.50%	\$ 6,126,804.00	\$ 6,126,804.00		
2	Accepted	Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.	FY 24 Shelter Plus Care	HUD Request Renewal	TX0353	PSH	100.00%	\$ 614,431.00	\$ 6,741,235.00		
3	Accepted	Houston Area Community Services, Inc. DBA Ave. 360	Avenue 360 START	HUD Request Renewal	TX0522	PSH	98.00%	\$ 795,542.00	\$ 7,536,777.00		
4	Accepted	Star of Hope Mission	SOH New Haven	HUD Request Renewal	TX0299	PSH	98.00%	\$ 1,214,891.00	\$ 8,751,668.00		
5	Accepted	Houston Area Community Services, Inc. DBA Ave. 360	Avenue 360 YES!US	HUD Request Renewal	TX0553	PSH	95.50%	\$ 3,107,764.00	\$ 11,859,432.00		
6	Accepted	Houston Area Community Services, Inc. DBA Ave. 360	Avenue 360 ACE	HUD Request Renewal	TX0350	PSH	94.25%	\$ 1,991,817.00	\$ 13,251,249.00		
7	Accepted	Harmony House	Harmony House New Beginnings	HUD Request Renewal	TX0160	PSH	94.25%	\$ 3,503,197.00	\$ 16,754,446.00		
8	Accepted	Allies In Hope DBA AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.	AIH First Responders	HUD Request Renewal	TX0170	PSH	93.00%	\$ 895,862.00	\$ 17,650,308.00		
9	Accepted	Houston Help, Inc.	Corder Place Apartments	HUD Request Renewal	TX0195	PSH	93.00%	\$ 580,384.00	\$ 18,230,692.00		
10	Accepted	SEARCH Homeless Services	SEARCH Housing Plus at Linda Vista	HUD Request Renewal (RA)	TX0348	PSH	93.00%	\$ 1,757,705.00	\$ 19,988,397.00		
11	Accepted	Temenos Community Development Corporation	Knowles Temenos Place Apartments	HUD Request Renewal	TX0275	PSH	90.50%	\$ 835,039.00	\$ 20,823,436.00		
12	Accepted	Crisis Assistance Center, Inc	CAC Permanent Housing Program	HUD Request Renewal	TX0214	PSH	90.26%	\$ 153,875.00	\$ 20,977,311.00		
13	Accepted	The Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	TSA Social Services CoC Sup Hsg Prog	HUD Request Renewal	TX0335	PSH	89.14%	\$ 673,017.00	\$ 21,650,328.00		
14	Accepted	The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, Inc.	The Bridge Permanent Housing Project	HUD Request Renewal	TX0200	PSH	88.82%	\$ 1,767,815.00	\$ 23,418,143.00		
15	Accepted	SEARCH Homeless Services	SEARCH SS at Temenos II	HUD Request Renewal	TX0480	PSH	88.00%	\$ 591,341.00	\$ 24,009,484.00		
16	Accepted	Volunteers of America Texas, Inc.	VDA Conroe PSH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0412	PSH	88.00%	\$ 838,495.00	\$ 24,847,979.00		
17	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris	HMIS Renewal FY24	HUD Request Renewal	TX0177	HMIS	Unranked	\$ 1,474,390.00	\$ 26,322,369.00		
18	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris	Coordinated Access Renewal FY24	HUD Request Renewal-Consolidation	TX0414	SSO-Consolidation	Unranked	\$ 1,233,200.00	\$ 27,555,569.00		
19	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris	Coordinated Access 2 Renewal FY24	HUD Request Renewal	TX0478	SSO	Unranked	\$ 615,174.00	\$ 28,170,743.00		
20	Accepted	Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.	CFW RRH FY 24	HUD Request Renewal	TX0746	RRH	Unranked	\$ 4,310,482.00	\$ 32,481,225.00		
21	Accepted	Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.	FY 24 Shelter Plus Care Expansion	HUD Request Renewal	TX0744	PSH	Unranked	\$ 221,624.00	\$ 32,702,849.00		
22	Accepted	Fort Bend County Women's Center, Inc.	FY 24 Joint TH to RRH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0745	Joint TH to RRH	Unranked	\$ 771,654.00	\$ 33,474,503.00		
23	Accepted	Harris County Domestic Violence Co. Council	HCDVCC FY2024 DVCA	HUD Request Renewal	TX0539	SSO-CA	Unranked	\$ 394,070.00	\$ 33,868,573.00		
24	Accepted	Harris County Housing	Northline	HUD Request Renewal	TX0313	PSH	Unranked	\$ 651,958.00	\$ 34,520,531.00		
25	Accepted	Houston Area Women's Center	HAWC FY24 TH to RRH Renewal	HUD Request Renewal	TX0741	Joint TH to RRH	Unranked	\$ 2,478,082.00	\$ 36,998,613.00		
26	Accepted	Humble Area Assistance Ministries	HAAM PSH Renewal	HUD Request Renewal	TX0743	PSH	Unranked	\$ 108,000.00	\$ 37,106,613.00		
27	Accepted	SEARCH Homeless Services	Mobile Outreach to Chronic SH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0181	SSO	Unranked	\$ 96,520.00	\$ 37,203,133.00		
28	Accepted	Spring Branch Community Health Center	Housing Health Plus	HUD Request Renewal	TX0742	PSH	Unranked	\$ 1,172,986.00	\$ 38,376,119.00		
29	Accepted	TLC Health and Wellness	TLC Health & Wellness PSH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0696	PSH	Unranked	\$ 1,001,915.00	\$ 39,378,034.00		
30	Accepted	TLC Health and Wellness	TLC Health & Wellness RRH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0740	RRH	Unranked	\$ 1,642,635.00	\$ 41,020,669.00		
31	Accepted	Houston Area Women's Center	HAWC Renewal FY24 - RRH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0379	RRH	85.88%	\$ 1,023,958.00	\$ 42,044,627.00		
32	Accepted	Civic Heart Community Services	CHCS Rescue in Motion PH 2.0	HUD Request Renewal	TX0392	PSH	85.50%	\$ 1,167,259.00	\$ 43,211,886.00		
33	Accepted	Northwest Assistance Ministries	NAM Permanent Housing	HUD Request Renewal	TX0273	PSH	85.50%	\$ 904,557.00	\$ 44,116,443.00		
34	Accepted	Fort Bend Women's Center, Inc.	FY24 Aftercare Expansion Project	HUD Request Renewal	TX0166	RRH	84.41%	\$ 2,521,464.00	\$ 46,637,907.00		
35	Accepted	Allies In Hope DBA AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.	AIH A Friendly Haven SHP	HUD Request Renewal	TX0266	PSH	84.25%	\$ 741,857.00	\$ 47,379,764.00		
36	Accepted	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese Galveston-Houston	CC PSH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0302	PSH	84.25%	\$ 598,134.00	\$ 47,977,898.00		
Tier 2											
36	Accepted	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese Galveston-Houston	CC PSH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0302	PSH	84.25%	\$ 752,224.00	\$ 48,730,122.00		
37	Accepted	SEARCH Homeless Services	SEARCH SS at Harrisburg	HUD Request Renewal	TX0479	PSH	83.00%	\$ 861,743.00	\$ 49,591,865.00		
38	Accepted	SEARCH Homeless Services	SEARCH Case Mgmt. for PSH	HUD Request Renewal (RA)	TX0424	PSH	81.73%	\$ 794,860.00	\$ 50,386,725.00		
39	Accepted	The Montrose Center	The Montrose Center LGBT SS	HUD Request Renewal	TX0171	RRH	81.11%	\$ 189,466.00	\$ 50,576,191.00		
40	Accepted	Young Women's Christian Association of Houston	YWCA Choices PSH	HUD Request Renewal	TX0427	PSH	80.50%	\$ 780,172.00	\$ 51,356,363.00		
41	Accepted	Temenos Community Development Corporation	Temenos III SS	HUD Request Renewal (RA)	TX0425	PSH	76.75%	\$ 492,881.00	\$ 51,849,244.00		
42	Accepted	Allies In Hope DBA AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc.	AIH Project T.E.X.T.M.S.G.	HUD Request Renewal	TX0161	PSH	75.50%	\$ 689,970.00	\$ 52,539,214.00		
43	Accepted	United States Veterans Initiative	US VETS PHCH & CHR Dale Carnegie CoC	HUD Request Renewal	TX0423	PSH	75.50%	\$ 551,809.00	\$ 53,091,023.00		
44	Accepted	Temenos, CDC	Knowles Rowland House	HUD Request CoC Bonus + Reallocation		Rank 2 CoC Bonus	98.00	\$ 387,015.00	\$ 387,015.00		
45	Accepted	Career and Recovery 1	CRR RRH	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 2 CoC Bonus	98.2	\$ 1,219,852.00	\$ 1,606,867.00		
46	Accepted	Wesley House	RRH App. 2024	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 3 CoC Bonus	98.1	\$ 1,082,402.00	\$ 2,689,269.00		
47	Accepted	Magnificat House	Rosemary's Place PSH	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 4 CoC Bonus	97.98	\$ 647,600.00	\$ 3,336,869.00		
48	Accepted	TLC	Generations Plus	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 4 CoC Bonus	97.88	\$ 985,074.00	\$ 4,321,943.00		
49	Accepted	NAM	NAM SHP Expansion	HUD Request CoC Bonus-Expansion		Rank 6 CoC Bonus	96.85	\$ 425,199.00	\$ 4,747,142.00		
50	Accepted	The Harris Center	Harris Center SHP	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 7 CoC Bonus	96.61	\$ 750,140.00	\$ 5,497,282.00		
51	Accepted	Civic Heart	Rescue In Motion 3.0	HUD Request CoC Bonus-Expansion		Rank 8 CoC Bonus	95.23	\$ 400,047.00	\$ 5,897,329.00		
52	Accepted	El Centro Corazon	El Centro Oro	HUD Request CoC Bonus		Rank 9 CoC Bonus	94.92	\$ 1,407,547.00	\$ 7,304,876.00		
53	Accepted-DV Bonus	HCDVCC	HCDVCC FY 24 DVCA	HUD Request DV Bonus-Expansion		Rank 1 DV Bonus	98	\$ 1,753,596.00	\$ 1,753,596.00		
54	Accepted-DV Bonus	Sarah's House	Sarah's House RRH	HUD Request DV Bonus		Rank 2 DV Bonus	97	\$ 942,496.00	\$ 2,696,092.00		
55	Accepted-DV Bonus	Bay Area Turning Point	Victim Services RRH Program	HUD Request DV Bonus		Rank 3 DV Bonus	93	\$ 958,116.00	\$ 3,654,208.00		
Non Competitive											
YHDP	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	YHDP HMIS FY 2024	HUD Request Renewal	TX0653	HMIS	Not Scored	\$ 106,812.00	\$ 106,812.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	YHDP Coordinated Access FY2024	HUD Request Renewal	TX0652	SSO	Not Scored	\$ 679,878.00	\$ 786,690.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	YHDP Outreach FY 2024	HUD Request Renewal	TX0654	SSO	Not Scored	\$ 176,129.00	\$ 962,819.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Covenant House Texas	TH/RRH Apartment Living	HUD Request Renewal	TX0649	Joint TH to RRH	Not Scored	\$ 949,736.00	\$ 1,912,555.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Houston reVision	Houston reVision Diversion PLUS Program	HUD Request Renewal	TX0656	PSH	Not Scored	\$ 411,748.00	\$ 2,324,303.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Montrose Grace Place	Grace Place Diversion+	HUD Request Renewal	TX0647	Replacement-PH	Not Scored	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 2,449,303.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Spring Branch Community Health Center	Youth PLUS	HUD Request Renewal	TX0651	Joint TH to RRH	Not Scored	\$ 1,217,076.00	\$ 3,666,379.00		
YHDP	Accepted	Temenos Community Development Corporation	Young Adult Housing	HUD Request Renewal	TX0650	PH	Not Scored	\$ 230,822.00	\$ 3,897,201.00		
YHDP	Accepted	TLC Health & Wellness	S.A.F.E.T.Y. Zone Transitional Housing & Rapid Re-Housing	HUD Request Renewal	TX0648	Joint TH to RRH	Not Scored	\$ 654,763.00	\$ 4,551,964.00		
YHDP	Accepted	The Montrose Center	YHDP Diversion Services	HUD Request Renewal	TX0655	PSH	Not Scored	\$ 239,425.00	\$ 4,791,389.00		
Planning	Accepted	Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County	CoC Planning	HUD Request Renewal		N/A	Not Scored	\$ 1,500,000.00			
								Total YHDP Renewals	\$ 4,791,389.00		
								Total DV Bonus	\$ 3,654,208.00	\$5,000,000 Max.	
								Total CoC Bonus	\$ 7,087,123.00		
								Total Reallocation	\$ 217,751.00	awarded to Temenos-Knowles Rowland	
								Total CoC Planning	\$ 1,500,000.00		
								ARD	\$ 58,100,165.00		

1. All projects listed in this CoC Ranking announcement will be recommended to HUD for Funding in The Way Home CoC's (TX-700) submittal to HUD.

2. The CoC Planning Project awarded to the Lead Agency is not ranked, and YHDP renewal projects are non-competitive this year.

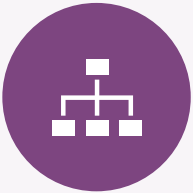
3. If a project is consolidating two renewals, their consolidation project will be ranked with their highest ranked project.

4. Tier 1 is equal to 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in section I.B.2.b.(1) of this NOFO minus the sum of all ARDs of non-competitive YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects

5. While the new project and renewal scorecards share similarities, they also have distinct differences. As part of the CoC competition process, it is a priority to protect renewal projects while still encouraging the development of new projects

Projects Rejected by Review Committee											
N/A	Rejected	Career and Recovery 2	Project Housing First	New Project	PH	Rejected	\$ 1,052,997.00				
N/A	Rejected	ACAP-RRH	A Caring Safe Place	New Project	Joint TH to RRH	Rejected	\$ 1,655,071.00				
N/A	Rejected	Catholic Charities	RRH Houston FY 2024	New Project	PH	Rejected	\$ 1,339,043.00				
N/A	Rejected	The Bridge Over	The Bridge PSH	New Project	PH	Rejected	\$ 368,300.00				
N/A	Rejected	Fundación Latino American De Accion	Project Casa	New Project	Joint TH to RRH	Rejected	\$ 1,463,724.00				

HUD's 30% Cap on Permanent Housing



Tier 1 now represents 30% of the CoC's ARD instead of 90% in prior years.



No more than 30% of the CoC's ARD can be used to fund Permanent Housing (PH) projects.



PH includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Joint TH-RRH components.



HUD will remove or reduce PH projects during the review process if the CoC exceeds the 30% cap.



To comply, TX-700 must reallocate a portion of existing PH renewal grants into other eligible project types (e.g., TH, SSO-SO, SSO-SS).



Some renewals will need to reapply as NEW/Transition projects with a different intervention type to remain in the portfolio.

Eligible New Project Types in FY 2025



Transitional Housing (TH), including DV TH where applicable.



SSO – Street Outreach (SSO-SO).



SSO – Standalone Supportive Services (SSO-SS) such as employment, mental health, substance use, and income supports.



SSO – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE).



HMIS projects, including YHDP HMIS where applicable.



DV Bonus: new TH and SSO-CE/SSO-SO projects that meet DV Bonus criteria.



Some PH renewals may convert/transition to one of these eligible new project types and must apply as new projects.

Merit Review & Funding Impact



HUD conducts a Merit Review of the CoC Application using a 100-point framework.



Key areas include: system performance, rebalancing away from PH-heavy portfolios, outreach and crisis response, and accountability.



CoC must show compliance with HUD service expectations & system changes.



Scores affect Tier 2 funding and ranked project awards.



Local ranking + Merit Review score = funding outcome
(Small score differences → major funding changes)

HUD Project Requirements & Review

Eligibility & Threshold:

- All new projects (and renewals converting to new types) must meet HUD criteria.

HUD Evaluation Focus:

- Project quality & alignment with FY 2025 priorities
- Realistic services & budgets
- Clear details: target population, service model, staffing, housing exits
- New Standards may disqualify projects for engaging in racial preferences, using a definition of sex “other than binary” or conducting activities viewed as “harm reduction”

Minimum Standards:

- Projects must meet HUD’s minimum requirements for services, match, and leveraging housing and healthcare resources.

Funding Risk:

- If projects do not meet threshold or quality standards, they may be reduced or not awarded even if ranked by the CoC.

HUD Service Requirements

- Services must be required, structured, and tied to housing stability & recovery (not optional drop-ins).
- Each project must:
 - Describe individualized services in occupancy agreements or equivalent documents.
 - Address safety, behavioral health, income, and tenancy supports for the population served.
 - Prioritize Treatment/Recovery
 - Promote Self Sufficiency
- Services available throughout enrollment, including aftercare/step-down when appropriate.
- HUD emphasizes: Housing + Services + Accountability → Strong retention & fewer returns to homelessness

Key Project Types

Transitional Housing (TH):	Time-limited, structured housing with intensive services for stabilization and exit to permanent housing.
SSO – Street Outreach (SO):	Engagement, safety planning, crisis response, and connection to shelter, TH, and permanent housing.
SSO – Supportive Services (SS):	Targeted supports: mental health, substance use recovery, healthcare navigation, employment.
SSO – Coordinated Entry (CE):	Access, assessment, prioritization, and referral to system resources.
HMIS:	Data quality, analytics, reporting, and support for Coordinated Entry and performance management.

HUD Leverage Requirements

- Up to 4 Merit Review points for leveraging housing & healthcare in new PSH, RRH, or TH projects.
- Minimum leverage:
 - PSH/TH: $\geq 25\%$ of units covered by leveraged housing subsidies.
 - RRH: $\geq 25\%$ of participants served with leveraged subsidies.
- Sources: Leverage may include commitments from Private orgs, PHAs, state/local gov, healthcare systems, faith-based groups.
- Documentation required: Formal written commitments (letters, MOUs, contracts) must specify quantity, type, and duration.



Leverage Requirements for New Projects

- Each new project must identify at least one (1) housing or healthcare resource outside CoC/ESG funding.
 - *Examples: hospital care managers, FQHC clinic time, mental health staff, faith-based rental assistance.*
 - Leverage letters must:
 - Specify commitment details (e.g., “10 units/year,” “care for 30 participants,” “\$50K rental assistance”).
 - Be signed by an authorized official.
 - Reference FY 2025 CoC NOFO (FR-6900-N-25) and the specific project.
 - Stronger + concrete leverage = higher competitiveness in HUD Merit Review.
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New Project Application & Scoring

Required:

- All new projects & renewals converting to TH, SSO-SO, SSO-SS, CE, or HMIS must complete full new project application.

Scoring:

- TX-700 New Project Scoring Tool (100 points + up to 25-point late penalty).
- Factors: organizational capacity, performance history, project design, HUD alignment, services, match, leverage.

Additional Steps:

- Competitive interviews/presentations may be required.
- Projects failing local threshold or scoring expectations may not be ranked, even if eligible.

Project Review



New projects will be rated using project quality criteria that will assess factors such as the reasonableness of costs and the leveraging of mainstream programs like Medicaid and SSI as well as the following:



New transitional housing projects will be required to provide 40 hours of customized services per program participant (except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment).



New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for street outreach will be required to demonstrate that the project applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will cooperate with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug

New/Updated forms for Applicants



Updated HUD Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B) that includes a certification that the applicant will not use federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws.



New Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards in which the Collaborative Applicant must certify a demonstrated need for all PH projects included in the Renewal Project Listing and that they all comply with program requirements, including HQS or Habitability Standards (whichever is applicable).



New Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points if the CoC is requesting up to 4 Opportunity Zone preference points.

Tier 1 Safeguards & Ranking Process

- Tier 1 Priority: TX-700 protects core system components essential for system stability:
 - CFTH CE 1 & 2
 - CFTH HMIS
 - HCDVCC CE
 - SEARCH Mobile Outreach
 - CFTH YHDP CE & Outreach
 - FY 2024 awards not yet operational
- Why: Maintains Coordinated Entry, data systems, DV crisis access, and outreach coverage during national changes.
- Other Projects: Ranked by score & system alignment; ties broken alphabetically by agency name.

NOFO Application & Review Process

Resources:

- CFTH posts NOFO materials, scoring tools, and templates on the NOFO Competition Page.

Deadlines:

- Renewal & new project applications follow the FY 2025 NOFO Timeline.
- Narratives must be in e-snaps by local deadline (Word allowed if e-snaps not open).

Review Steps:

- Panels conduct threshold checks, scoring, and interviews.
- CoC Steering Committee approves final rankings & reallocations.

Submission:

- CFTH submits the Consolidated Application to HUD after approvals.



Key Steps for Successful NOFO Application

Read carefully: FY 2025 CoC NOFO (FR-6900-N-25) + TX-700 local guidance.

Match project type: Ensure design aligns with allowable new project categories.

Detail services: Include staffing, frequency, and links to housing stability/recovery.

Secure commitments early: Strong match & leverage using TX-700 templates.

Submit on time: Avoid 25-point late penalty; incomplete applications not accepted.

Submit a complete application: Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Use the Project Checklist!

Application Focus Areas

Renewals:

- Renewals remaining the same component type still complete the renewal application and will be scored on performance and compliance.

Conversions:

- Renewals changing to TH, SSO-SO, SSO-SS, CE, or HMIS must apply as NEW projects under FY 2025 rules.

Risk Factors:

- Low spending, underperformance, or misalignment with new PH cap may lead to reduction or reallocation.

Communication:

- CFTH & Steering Committee will engage early with agencies on conversion/reallocation options.

Goal:

- Preserve strong performance & capacity while rebalancing portfolio to meet HUD's new structure.



Applicant Rights & Grievance Process

Transparency:

- Applicants have access to local scoring tools, ranking policies, and timelines.

Communication:

- Scores and ranks shared in writing before HUD submission.

Grievance Option: If process seems unfair/inconsistent:

- Contact VP of HRS first.
- Escalate unresolved issues to Steering Committee Chair.

Resources:

- Full Applicant Rights & Grievance process posted on NOFO Competition Page.
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NOFO Resources & Support

Where to go:

- Visit cfthhouston.org → Funding → HUD CoC NOFO.

Resources available:

- Local policies, scoring tools, checklists, templates, timelines, sample match & leverage letters.
- Note- There is no active applications up in eSnaps yet!

Questions:

- Email NOFO@cfthhouston.org during the competition period.

Additional support:

- CFTH may host office hours or Q&A sessions based on demand.

Stay updated:

- Monitor email & NOFO webpage for HUD FAQs and technical corrections.

Closing and Next Steps



Major structural changes bring opportunities to strengthen The Way Home system.



TX-700 Goal: Stay nationally competitive while preserving & enhancing services for people experiencing homelessness.



Collaboration: Work with providers on reallocation, conversion, and new project opportunities.



Action Steps:

Start early

Ask questions

Use provided tools & templates



Thank you for your partnership and commitment to ending homelessness in our region.



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