FY25 NOFO + COC TERMS DICTIONARY

A — FY25 NOFO–SPECIFIC TERMS

30% Permanent Housing Cap

HUD's rule limiting the percentage of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) that can be used for **Permanent Housing (PH)** projects:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing–Rapid Re-Housing (Joint TH–RRH)

HUD will **remove projects** if a CoC exceeds the 30% cap.

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)-The total amount of money needed to renew all the CoC's existing HUD-funded projects for one year.

Applicant Profile-A required section within **e-snaps**, HUD's online grant system.
Every agency must update its profile annually.

CoC NOFO (Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity)

HUD's annual competition that determines:

- Which projects get funded
- Local competition rules
- Federal review priorities
- Ranking requirements

FY25 NOFO = **FR-6900-N-25**.

Component Type The HUD-defined project category a program falls under (SSO, TH, HMIS, etc.). For FY25, new project types are limited to:

- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
- Supportive Services Only – Standalone Services (SSO-SS)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects

Domestic Violence Bonus (DV Bonus)

A HUD funding category specifically for survivors of:

- Domestic violence

- Dating violence
- Sexual assault
- Stalking

Must comply with **VAWA** (Violence Against Women Act) confidentiality.

e-snaps-HUD's official electronic application system used for CoC NOFO submissions.
All project applications must be entered and submitted here.

Merit Review-HUD's scoring process for the CoC Application.
FY25 Merit Review = **130 points** across:

- Capacity
- System performance
- Coordination
- Engagement
- Bonus points

Merit Review affects **Tier 2** project funding.

Permanent Housing (PH)

A category that includes:

- **PSH** — Permanent Supportive Housing
- **RRH** — Rapid Re-Housing
- **Joint TH–RRH** — Transitional Housing + RRH blend

Subject to the FY25 **30% cap**.

Services (HUD FY25)

HUD mandates certain services by component type:

- **Transitional Housing:** structured, intensive services
- **Street Outreach:** law enforcement + crisis system coordination
- **Supportive Services Only (SSO):** employment, mental health, SUD treatment navigation
- **PSH/RRH (renewals):** participation in supportive services required

VAWA — Violence Against Women Act-Federal law requiring strict confidentiality protections for DV survivors.
Applies to DV Bonus projects and comparable databases.

B — LOCAL TX-700 TERMS (THE WAY HOME)

The Way Home Partnership Agreement

Required local participation document that replaces all prior:

- CFTH MOUs
- Coordinated Entry MOUs
- "Lead Agency Agreements"

Local Late Submission Penalty-A TX-700 policy deducting **25 points** from a new project's score if any required documents are submitted late.

New Project Scoring Tool (100 Points)

The TX-700 local scoring rubric including:

- Organizational capacity
- Project design
- Performance plan
- Leverage & match
- Component-specific scoring

Reallocation The process of reducing or removing funding from one project to create funding for new, allowable projects. In FY25, reallocation is driven by:

- PH cap
- Low spending
- Performance
- Steering Committee decisions

System Projects (Protected)-Local projects essential to system functioning, including:

- Coordinated Entry (CE)
- HMIS
- Street Outreach (SO)
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program CE/Outreach (YHDP CE/SO)

Threshold Review-Local review verifying that required documents are submitted and the agency is eligible. If failed, the project is **not ranked or scored**.

C — HMIS, CE, & SYSTEM TERMS

BNL — By-Name List-A real-time list of all people known to be experiencing homelessness within the CoC, updated in HMIS.

Coordinated Entry (CE)

The system used to:

- Assess people experiencing homelessness
- Prioritize them for housing

- Refer them to programs based on need

DV providers use a **Comparable Database**, not HMIS.

Comparable Database-Separate database used by DV providers that meets all HUD requirements **without compromising survivor confidentiality** (required under VAWA).

HMIS — Homeless Management Information System

The official database used to collect client-level data.
Used for:

- System Performance Measures
- Funding justification
- Tracking services
- Evaluations

HMIS Lead Agency-The organization responsible for operating HMIS for the CoC.
For TX-700, this is the **Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County**.

System Performance Measures (SPMs)

Federal metrics used to evaluate the effectiveness of the entire CoC, including:

- Length of time homeless
- Returns to homelessness
- Income growth
- Exits to permanent housing

Street Outreach (SO)-Programs that deliver services to people sleeping outside, in tents, camps, abandoned buildings, or vehicles.

Transitional Housing (TH)-Short-term residential program with intensive services focused on safety, recovery, accountability, and connection to permanent housing.

YHDP — Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program-HUD initiative providing flexible funding for youth-serving projects.
In FY25, YHDP projects must be **ranked**.

D — PARTICIPANT & SERVICE TERMS

Accountability (Program)

Clear expectations for participants regarding:

- engagement
- safety

- recovery
- treatment
- appointments
- employment or income plans

Documented and monitored regularly.

Case Management-Ongoing support to help participants access services, maintain stability, and move toward housing or recovery goals.

Housing Navigation-Assistance with locating and securing housing (documents, landlord communication, applications).

Mental Health (MH) Services-Counseling, psychiatric support, and referrals.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services-Recovery-focused treatment including detox, residential programs, counseling, and peer recovery.

Recovery Support-Services designed to support sobriety, stability, and overall recovery (coaching, groups, peer mentors).

Safety Planning-Structured planning used especially in DV, street outreach, and TH programs to prevent harm and respond to crises.

E — FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE TERMS

Cash Match-Dollar contributions from the agency or partner that support the project.

In-Kind Match

Non-cash contributions such as:

- Donated services
- Staff time
- Professional services
- Materials or space

Must include:

- In-Kind Match Letter
- In-Kind MOU
- Documentation of value

Additional housing or healthcare resources committed to support the project but **not included in the budget**. Required for FY25.

Match Requirement (25%)-All CoC-funded projects (except leasing) must provide at least 25% match.

SF-424-he federal "Application for Federal Assistance" form required for all HUD applications.

Subrecipient-A partner agency receiving HUD CoC funds through a primary grantee.

F — APPLICATION & PROCESS TERMS

HUD Submission-After TX-700 ranks projects, the Lead Agency submits the entire consolidated application to HUD.

Local Submission-All required documents emailed as **separate PDFs** to the NOFO inbox before the deadline.

Project Application (e-snaps)

Detailed description of the project including:

- Budget
- Match
- Services
- Population
- Performance
- Staffing

Ranking-The CoC's ordered list of projects submitted to HUD.

Tiering

HUD's 2-tier funding structure:

- **Tier 1** — 30% (highly protected)
- **Tier 2** — 70% (competitive)

Grievance Process-The window of time when agencies may challenge their ranking or scoring.