

HUD CoC FY26 Competition

GRCoC Overview & How to Apply
Homeward, 2026



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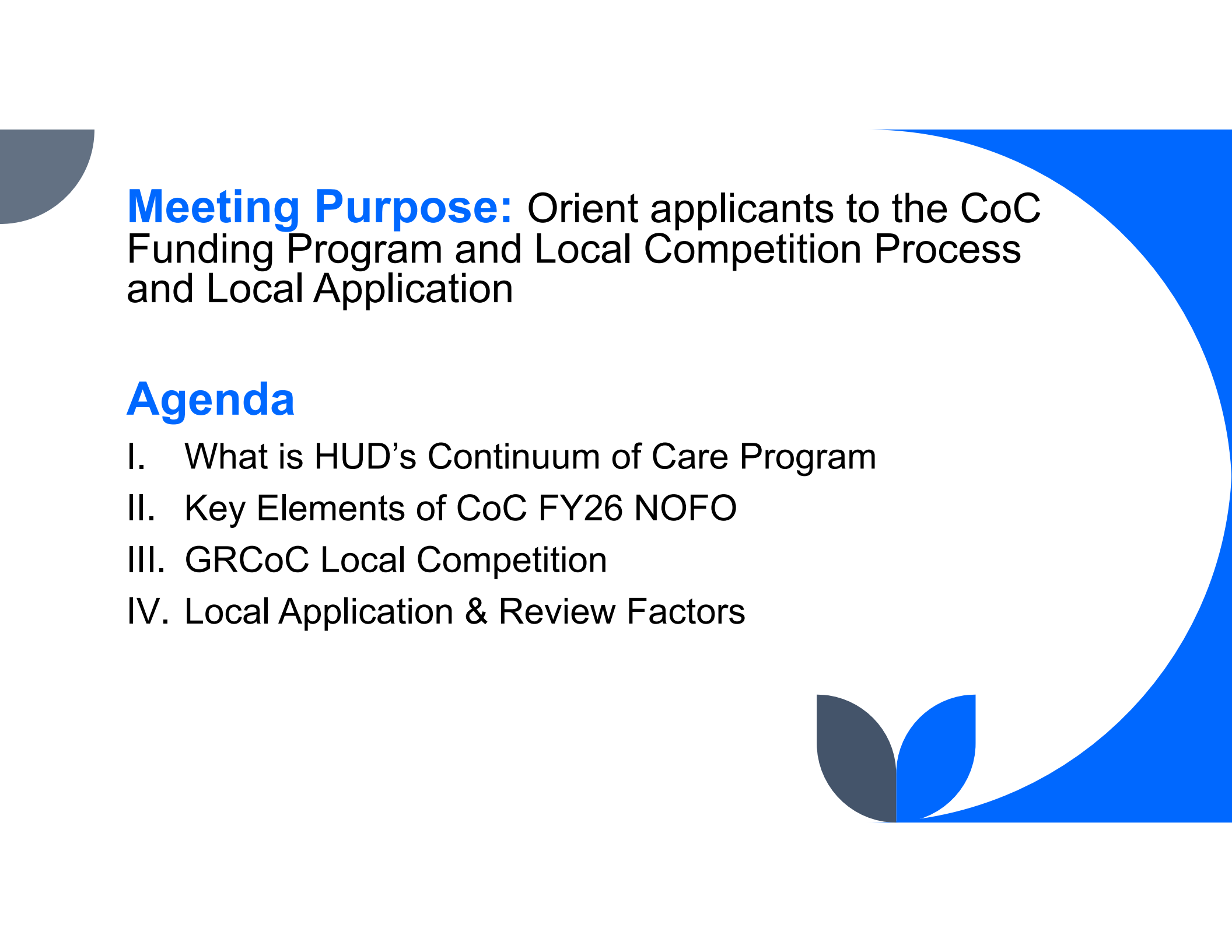
Application materials found on the CoC Website <https://www.endhomelessnessrva.org>



Only general questions will be answered in the informational portion of this webinar



3 hours of unrecorded office hours available 6/30, 7/7, 7/14 1-3pm



Meeting Purpose: Orient applicants to the CoC Funding Program and Local Competition Process and Local Application

Agenda

- I. What is HUD's Continuum of Care Program
- II. Key Elements of CoC FY26 NOFO
- III. GRCoC Local Competition
- IV. Local Application & Review Factors

FY26 NOFO Released June 1, 2026

- Community application due to HUD August 26th, 2026
- GRCoC can apply for an estimated \$13+ million
- This year's national application process will be significantly different to prior funding cycles
- Our local process has changed to adapt to these national competition changes
- Changes to the national tiering and scoring process mean that the GRCoC has changed our local scoring, tiering, and ranking policies



What is the HUD CoC Program?



Defined by CFR 24-578, also known the [Interim Rule](#)



1. The local system of housing + services deployed to prevent and reduce homelessness in a defined geography—often a single county but can be a city or multiple counties combined.



2. A federal funding source that funds some, but not all, of the housing and services operating within a system (#1).



3. A governance structure required by HUD that local communities must install to receive federal homeless assistance dollars.

CoC=3 Interrelated constructs

CoC Funding Process

HUD releases an Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Each CoC develops and manages a local application process to invite, rate and rank projects to submit for funding

CoC submits a Consolidated Application to HUD, including all the local applications organized into a Project Priority List.

HUD awards grants directly to individual applicants (the CoC is not a pass-through)

Collaborative Applicant

CoC must designate Collaborative Applicant who:

- Manages the local competition
- Writes the Continuum of Care Application
- Prepares the Priority List
- Assembles and submits the complete Consolidated Application

Homeward is the Collaborative Applicant
for Greater Richmond Continuum of Care

GRCoC Governance & Oversight

Document	Approval Responsibility
Review and approve Local New and Renewal Applications; Detailed Scoring Factors	Ranking Committee
Review and approve Funding Priorities; Local Competition Process & Timeline; Competition Policies & Procedures	GRCoC Board
Review and approve Project Applications; recommend re-allocation; develop priority listing	Ranking Committee
Review and approve Final CoC Consolidated Application	GRCoC Board
Staff Ranking Committee, Facilitate Local Competition, Develop Consolidated Application	Collaborative Applicant

The Consolidated Application has 3 Parts

1. **CoC portion** describes CoC's response to homelessness. This is what HUD scores. Some of the data needed:
 - System Capacity
 - Performance
 - Coordination and Governance
2. **Priority List** ranks projects from local competition.
 - **Tier 1** = assured funding
 - **Tier 2** = competes nationally for funding, includes available bonus funding
3. **Project Applications** are submitted for each project selected for the Priority List.

FY26 HUD CoC Program Priorities

Ending
Unsheltered
Homelessness

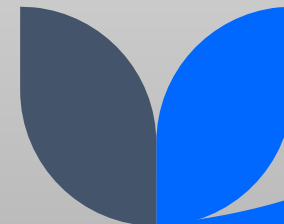
Prioritizing
Treatment and
Recovery

Promoting
Economic Self-
Sufficiency

Improving
Outcomes

Minimizing
Trauma

Increasing
Competition



2026 Funding Amounts (Estimated)

Tier 1 Renewals (60% of ARD)	\$ 5,927,696
Tier 2 Renewals (40% of ARD)	\$ 3,958,464
CoC Bonus	\$ 1,402,045
DV Bonus	\$ 1,869,394
CoC Planning (not ranked)	\$ 499,547
Total Possible to Apply For	\$ 13,667,146

*HUD has not released final funding amounts, so Bonus funding shown is estimated and subject to change.

Available Funding

- The GRCoC is eligible to apply for an estimated \$13,667,145 in funding, only a portion of this funding is guaranteed:
 - **Tier 1** – projects automatically funded (this year 60% of total needed to fund all renewals)
 - **Tier 2** – projects must compete nationally (this year 40%). CoC and DV Bonus funds are included in the total amount of Tier 2 funding.
- HUD has changed the consolidated application scoring process and added in a \$1.3B carve-out in funding for **new TH and SSO projects in Tier 2**. (Page 88-89, FY26 NOFO)

Types of Applications

New Projects

- Not currently funded by HUD
- They can be
 - Brand new programs
 - Consolidations of current programs
 - Transitions to different project components
 - Replacements of existing YHDP Projects
- Funded with
 - Bonus Funds
 - Funds Reallocated from Renewals
- The GRCoC is requesting eligible applicants consider submitting new TH, SSO, SSO-SO, and DV SSO-CE applications

Renewal Projects

- Funded in prior NOFO competitions
- Projects can give back (reallocate) funds but can't expand budgets
- The GRCoC is requesting PSH, SSO-CE, and HMIS projects to consider submitting renewal applications

New Project “Bonus” Categories

CoC Bonus – provides funding for housing projects serving people experiencing homelessness (as per HUD definitions of homelessness)

DV Bonus – provides funding for housing projects serving people fleeing domestic violence (as per HUD definition)



Bonus Funding

Domestic Violence Bonus Funding

Project can apply for new:

- Transitional Housing Projects
- SSO-CE

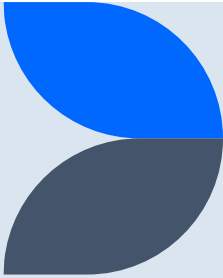
Project that is dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

CoC Bonus Funding

Project can apply for new:

- Transitional Housing Projects
- SSO Projects (standalone and sso-so)





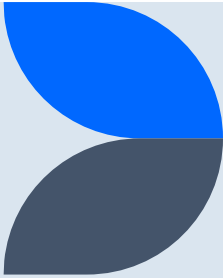
GRCoC is inviting renewal applications to submit for:

Permanent Housing (Renewal only)

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.

System Functions

1. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (Renewal Only):** Funds under this component may be used only by Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agencies. The HMIS Lead Agency is the entity designated by the CoC to operate the CoC's HMIS on the CoC's behalf.
2. **Supportive Services Only (Coordinated Entry) (Renewal and New DV Only):** An SSO project to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system, including to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness; including those experiencing domestic violence.
3. **Continuum of Care Planning (Collaborative Applicant Only):** CoC Planning funds may be used only by the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant, and they are awarded through a specific CoC Planning grant.



GRCoC is inviting new applications to submit for:

Transitional Housing (TH) (New only)

- **Transitional Housing (TH):** provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.

Supportive Services Only

1. **Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach) (New Only):** Primarily dedicated to outreach service activity to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation.
2. **Supportive Services Only (Coordinated Entry) (Renewal and New DV Only):** An SSO project to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system, including to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness; including those experiencing domestic violence.
3. **Supportive Services Only (Standalone) (New Only):** This project type covers all other SSO projects. Eligible supportive services are listed in the CoC Interim Rule and are listed on the HUD website. Examples include case management, education services, employment assistance, legal services, outpatient health services, and utility deposits

Projects Not Eligible for New CoC Funding

Emergency
Shelter

Joint Transitional
Housing-Rapid
Re-Housing

Homelessness
Prevention

Eligible Budget Line Items/Costs

Housing costs like leasing and rental assistance

Supportive services like case management

Other costs like HMIS and administration

Refer to FY26 NOFO for more details about eligible program costs

Eligible Populations

HUD defines Homelessness at 24 CFR 578.3. Definitions 1, 2, and 4 are eligible populations to be served through CoC Program funds.

1: An individual or family living outdoors or a place not meant for human habitation.

2: An individual or family who will lose their primary nighttime residence within 3 days with no other place to go.

4: An individual or family who is fleeing forms of violence that prevent them from returning safely to their primary nighttime residence.

Financial and Administrative Capacity

Applicants should have:

- Robust accounting system that meets GAAP
- Annual audits from the last fiscal year
- Experience with interpreting and implementing federal regulations
- Experience in HMIS data quality and other requirements or ability to quickly come up to speed

Match Requirements

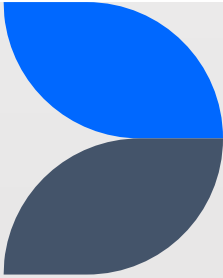
- A 25% match is required for all CoC funds (except leasing)
- The basic match ratio is 4:1 – for every \$4 you get from HUD (except leasing), you need to find and spend \$1 from some other source.
- Match funds must be spent on HUD eligible costs (in other words, if HUD won't pay for something in your budget, you cannot pay with another source and count it as match).
- Match must be spent on eligible participants (i.e. participants in the CoC-funded program)
- Match can be cash or in-kind

Key Elements of the FY 2026 NOFO



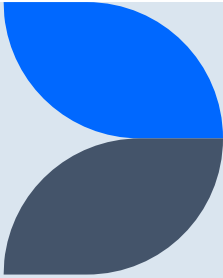
FY 2026 HUD CoC [NOFO](#)

What to know about the FY26 NOFO



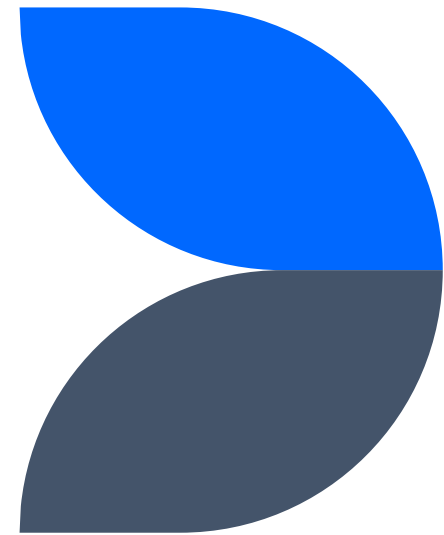
- Significant changes to HUD priorities, national application rules, significantly increased national competition
- All projects except for CoC Planning/UFA must compete, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus. These projects must be ranked and scored with no special protections, increasing competition across the entire portfolio.
- Renewals are deprioritized: HUD has established a \$1.3 billion set-aside for *new* projects in Tier 2.
- Tier 2 scoring now favors new TH and SSO projects, with housing projects requiring participation in supportive services.
- Significant changes in policy preferences, HUD no longer prioritizes a housing first or harm reduction approach.

New criteria for HUD Project Review

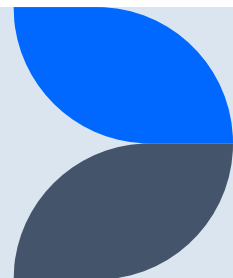


- Changes and additions to the YHDP special activities, including allowing YHDP TH projects to administer rental assistance (P. 47, FY26 NOFO)
- Updated HUD Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B); affirmative certifications regarding DEI mandates, “safe consumption sites” included in New Applicant review criteria (P. 60, FY26 NOFO).
- New Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality; New Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points (P. 44, FY26 NOFO; e-snaps application).
- New and expanded Post-Award Requirements and administrative expectations, (P. 106-108, FY26 NOFO).

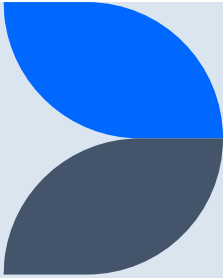
Local Applications



GRCoC - FY26 HUD Continuum of Care Funding Process and Timeline		
Date 2026	Milestone	Responsibility/Action Required
6/1/2026	NOFO Released	HUD
6/8/2026	GRCoC Board reviews FY26 HUD CoC Process and Timeline and FY26 HUD Local Competition Policies & Procedures; approves process and timeline and provides approval permission to the Ranking Committee for Competition Policies and Procedures	GRCoC Board
6/18/2026	Ranking Committee approves FY26 HUD CoC application forms, scoring forms, Competition Policies and Procedures, Tier Ranking policy	Ranking Committee
6/22/2026	Applications open. Process and Timeline, application forms and scoring forms posted on website and GRCoC list serv notified.	Homeward notifies community
6/23/2026	Homeward hosts CoC application webinar and open office hours	Homeward notifies community
7/6/2026	Letters of Intent due for applicants	Project applicants
Ongoing	Review and revise project and CoC applications	Homeward, Applicants
7/23/2026	New and Renewal project applications due through WizeHive and electronic project applications submitted in eSNAPS	Applicants
7/24/2026	Ranking Committee receives access to review portal and review packet, scores projects independently	Homeward
8/3/2026	Ranking Committee meeting to review and rank applications	Ranking Committee
8/4/2026	Applicants provided ranking summary and appeals process	Homeward
8/6/2026	Appeals deadline- 48 hours after notification	Appellants
8/7/2026	Appeals Committee meeting as needed	Appeals committee vote
8/8/2026	Appellants notified in writing of appeal results	Homeward
8/14/2026	CoC Consolidated application posted on website and notice sent to listserv.	Homeward
8/17-19/2026	CoC Consolidated Application overview presented to CoC Board	Homeward/GRCoC Board
TBD (3-4 days before due date)	GRCoC Board approval of CoC Priority Listing and CoC Application	GRCoC Board
8/24/2026	Submit CoC Consolidated Application to HUD	Homeward
8/26/2026	HUD deadline	HUD
Approved by GRCoC Board, 6/8/2026		



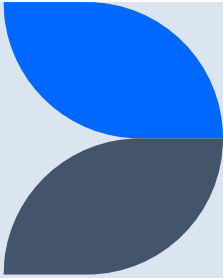
Important Dates in the local competition



Local Competition Documents

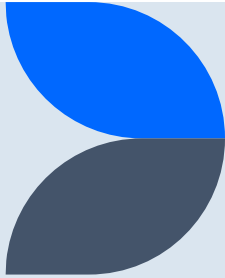
- <https://www.endhomelessnessrva.org/funding-opportunities>
- FY26 GRCoC Competition Policies & Procedures
 - Local adjustments to changes to the national competition
 - 3 documents in the Appendices that may be relevant for application submission
- Application Outlines
- Application Scorecards
 - Detailed scoring factors, scorecards
- FY26 Competition Timeline
- Application Platform: WizeHive
 - https://webportalapp.com/sp/grcoc_hudcompetition

Key 2026 Policies: Scoring and Ranking Policy



- **Late or incomplete** (missing mandatory attachments) projects—can be rejected or will receive reduced scores
- **Project Scores** will be based on the posted scoring rubric and include objective factors from APRs or Comparable data bases and narrative responses
- **Project Ranking**—The Project Priority List will
 - Rank all new and renewing projects by their application scores; and
 - The Ranking Committee has the authority to re-order the list regardless of score under the following circumstances, only
 - To preserve capacity for special populations or other programs meets a unique need in the GRCoC system of care that is currently not served by another project.
 - If no qualified Renewal Projects are available, the Ranking Committee may also elect to rank the highest scoring New or Transition Project into Tier 1.
 - Projects within Tier 2 may be re-ordered to maximize overall funding for the CoC, taking into consideration the placement in Tier 2 and the amount of funding requested.

Key 2026 Policies: Performance Scoring



Project performance scores will be generated from objective factors captured in the Annual Performance Reports or a comparable database, if applicable, and narrative responses. Project application scores will be the basis for rankings on the Priority Listing, consistent with GRCoC Project ranking policy.

Projects that will be evaluated with existing HMIS APR data

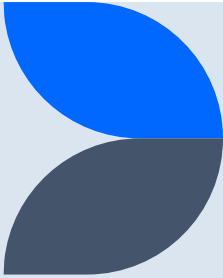
- **The Collaborative applicant will pull project APR reports from HMIS for the calendar year 2025 14 days after the competition begins (July 6th, 2026) and complete project performance and data quality scoring.**
- **Renewal Project Performance Scoring:** Renewal project component type will be used for scoring.
Ex: PSH renewal application-> PSH scoring criteria
- **New Transition Grant Scoring:** Scoring criteria from the project component the grant is transitioning from will be used for scoring.
Applies to YHDP replacement projects
Ex: RRH -> TH Transition grant; RRH Scoring criteria
- **Consolidation Grant Scoring:** Scoring criteria for the project(s) matching the 2025 recipient and the FY26 applicant will be used for scoring.
Applies to YHDP replacement projects
Ex: Multiple SSO projects consolidating into one SSO-SO; data from 2025 grant(s) matching the FY26 applicant will be scored using SSO criteria

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Projects that will be evaluated with submitted data comparable to HMIS APR data

- **Applicants should submit HMIS APR comparable reports to the Collaborative applicant for the calendar year 2025 within 14 days after the competition begins (July 6th, 2026). The CA will complete project performance and data quality scoring.**
- **DV Projects (New and Renewal) with existing CoC or ESG funding:** New and Renewing DV projects with comparable data from calendar year 2025 should submit the project APR comparable report to the Collaborative Applicant. Submitted reports will be scored by the collaborative applicant for Ranking Committee review.
- **New Applicants who do not currently receive CoC funding:** Submitted data should reflect the data elements scored under this competition (data quality, exit destination, income from employment, total number of persons served, etc. New applicants without comparable data should also submit a narrative description of current data collection & management procedures. Submitted reports will be scored by the collaborative applicant for Ranking committee review. Contact competition facilitator with questions.



New for FY26 Competition

Supportive Services Agreement- Appendix B

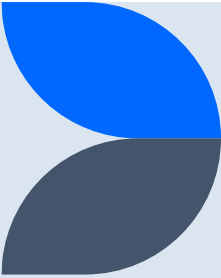
- Sample Supportive Services Agreement, may be customized by applicants
- Relevant for PSH, TH

Certifications & Assurances- Appendix C

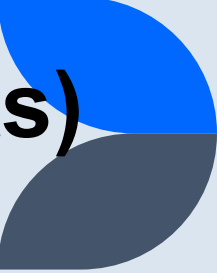
- Assuring that the applicant understands HUD post-award expectations
- Relevant for all project components

CoC Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement in Housing Programs Certification- Appendix D

- Assuring that all housing programs will not knowingly permit the use of, or provide illicit drugs. NOT a requirement for sobriety, participation in SUD treatment, or 'single-strike' policies.
- Relevant for PSH, TH

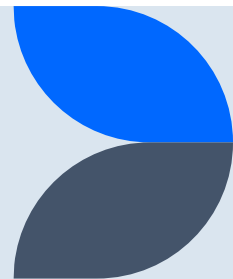


Threshold Requirements (all applicants)



- Be a current active member in the GRCoC or commit to being one
- Funded projects must operate within the GRCoC Service Area
- Be an incorporated 501 ©(3) not-for-profit organization, faith-based provider, a unit of local government, or instrumentality of local government
- Demonstrated compliance with GRCoC HMIS policies and procedures (renewing applicants) or commitment to compliance with these requirements (new applicants)
- Demonstrated compliance with GRCoC CES policies and procedures (renewing applicants) or commitment to compliance with these requirements (new applicants)
- Providing Match funding (as required by funder)

YHDP Replacement/Renewal Applications



All YHDP renewals and replacements must now participate in the competitive NOFO process.

YHDP renewal projects must:

- Maintain fidelity to youth-centered program models.
- Demonstrate continued coordination with the Youth Action Board (YAB).

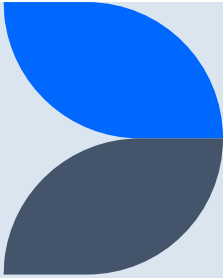
YHDP replacement projects must:

- Be approved by the Youth Action Board before submission.
- Meet FY26 HUD component requirements and eligible activity restrictions.
- TH-RRH projects will need to apply for TH or SSO Replacement Projects
- SSO projects may consolidate

All YHDP projects must:

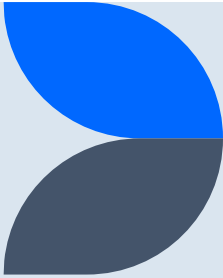
- Demonstrate youth-specific service delivery, engagement strategies, and housing practices.
- Ensure budgets adhere to FY26 HUD cost-eligibility rules and meet the 25% match requirement (unless match exemption is approved)

Transition Grants



Transition grants are a type of new application that is only available to currently funded that would like to **change project types** (such as RRH to TH)

- The transition grant's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component.
- Multiple grants can be consolidated into one transition grant
- For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant
- Transition grants will be evaluated by HUD using the threshold quality criteria of new grants.
- Submit using "New Application" and fill out the transition grant section



Review Scoring Criteria

The GRCoC publishes detailed scoring factors, contingent on CoC Board approval, for new and renewing applications, by project type.

- <https://www.endhomelessnessrva.org/funding-opportunities>

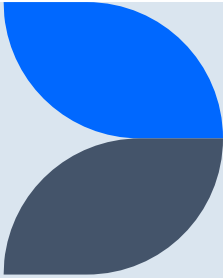
Renewal Scoring

- Most scoring data is collected from HMIS, Compliance, and fiscal data.
- Some new criteria is based on HUD requirements or priorities that has been added to the application

New Project Scoring

- Primarily narrative based, and includes HUD threshold Criteria which HUD will also require of any awarded applicants

Applications Overview



- WizeHive Platform
 - Organizational Profile Information
 - Narrative information about the Organization and Project
- All projects should submit a letter of intent by Monday, July 6th
- DV and new projects without HMIS data should submit data by Monday, July 6th
- Due by: Thursday, July 23rd 5pm
- Office Hours will be hosted June 30th, July 7th, and July 14th. [Register for Office Hours here.](#)
- If selected, all applicants are still responsible for submitting their applications for funding to HUD in e-snaps by August 14th (Pending HUD posting of e-snaps applications & detailed instructions)

WizeHive Portal- Organizational Profile

https://webportalapp.com/sp/grcoc_hudcompetition

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Welcome to the portal!

First time here?
Click "Sign Up" to create a new login.

Returning User?
Sign in to pick up where you left off.

Forgot your password?
Click "Forgot your Password?" A recovery email will be sent to create a new password.

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Profile ▾

Organization Information

Organization Name

Organization Tax ID Number

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Title



Order by: Newest to Oldest ▾

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First Stage

There are 28 days remaining to submit this.

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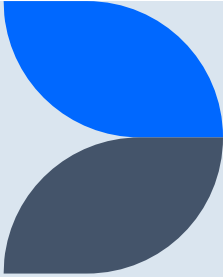
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Application Intro



Project Information

Project Name

Project Location

Is this a New or Renewal application?

Grant execution date

Grant end date

Is this project a renewal SSO-CE, HMIS, or YHDP project, or have less than 1 year of data?

☐ Yes

☒ No



Thank you- Questions?

Competition Resources:

<https://www.endhomelessnessrva.org/funding-opportunities>

Application Due Date: Th 7/23/2026 5pm

Office Hours: June 30th, July 7th, and
July 14th 1-3PM [Register for Office Hours here.](#)

Questions: Frances-Marie Pugh, Director
of Coordinated Funding

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