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ADVANCING SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS

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Funding Committee

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Agenda

- NOFO Updates
- Eligible New Project Components
 - Client Eligibility
 - CoC Grants, and other Requirements:
CE, HMIS, APR's
- New Project Scoring Tool Updates

What we Know What we Don't

While we think we know some of what is going to be in the NOFO, there is still a lot we don't know. As a result, there are some things we can give information on and some things we can't.

- We won't have a competition timeline or what projects need to submit until the NOFO comes out
- We don't know what funds will be available for renewal permanent housing projects or renewals generally
- There will likely not be funding for new permanent housing projects
- This meeting will largely focus on information for the likely new project types we will see as well as their scoring

2025 CoC NOFO Summary

Status summary of the NOFO

- On 11/13, HUD released the FY 2025 NOFO that significantly changed what the program could fund and the competitiveness of the funding.
- Due to the timeline and changes, a coalition of communities, including San Francisco, sued and were granted a preliminary injunction effectively continuing the FY 24-25 NOFO.
- HUD tried to appeal to a higher-level court but lost, effectively ending the possibility of a new FY 2025 NOFO for projects ending in the second half of calendar year 2026.
- In theory, all the projects should be renewed, and we are currently waiting on HUD to issue grants



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development

FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth

Homeless Demonstration Program Grants

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FY 2026 NOFO

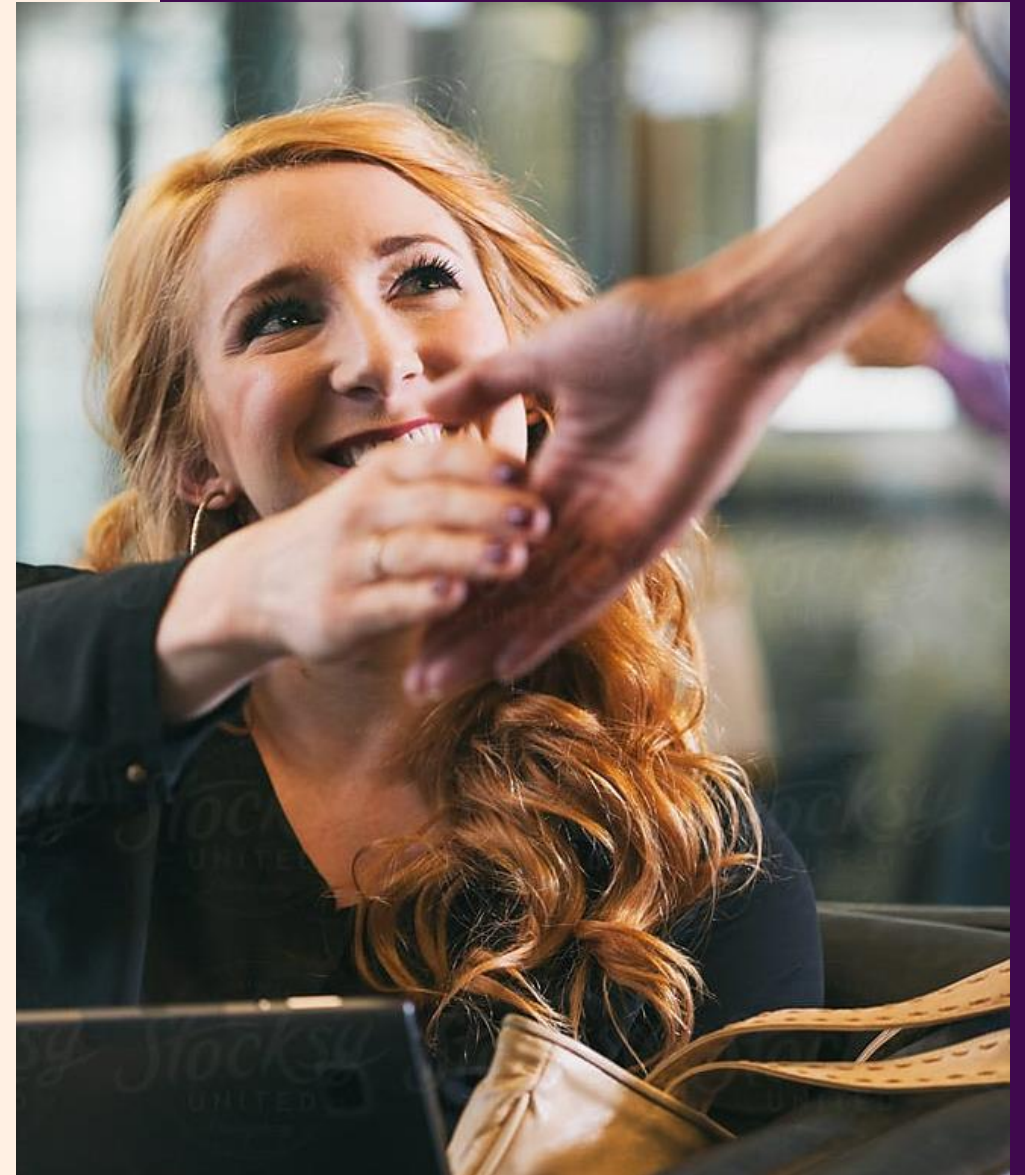
Although there doesn't seem to be a possibility HUD can release a FY2025 NOFO, HUD posts suggest a NOFO release of 5/29. HUD has signaled multiple times that the Dec 2025 NOFO is the one they would release if they had the opportunity, so it can likely be assumed the FY2026 NOFO will have similar language.

Important Details from the Appropriations Act:

- HUD must keep Tier 1 at 60% or higher, meaning the amount of funding considered very competitive can't be more than 40% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- HUD must release the FY2026 NOFO by June 1st, 2026, and make awards by December 1st, 2026.
- We could still see a 30% on the amount communities can apply for permanent housing (including PSH and RRH) and other federal policy priorities

New Projects

- Likely Eligible New Project Components
 - SSO and TH
- Basic Client Eligibility



New Project Types

Project types prioritized by HUD in the 2025 NOFO

Support Services Only (SSO)

- Funds a variety of services with emphasis on promoting exits to housing and increasing employment income
- Grant recipient may not also provide housing assistance

Street Outreach (technically also SSO)

- Targeting unsheltered households and those who do not traditionally engage with services
- Can fund a variety of SSO activities

Transitional Housing (TH)

- Can fund time-limited housing assistance and supportive services
- Referrals must come from coordinated entry
- Service participation requirements

Participant Eligibility

New project CoC funding is for **housing and associated services** for **literally homeless households** and people for who are homeless as a results of **fleeing domestic violence** (broadly defined).

The primary target of new project CoC funding is people who are experiencing literal homelessness, e.g.:

Sleeping on the street, in a tent, in a park, or in a car

Sleeping in an RV or in an abandoned building that is not hooked up to utilities

Sleeping in an emergency shelter for homeless people

Sleeping in jail or in the emergency room for a couple of nights and then going back to sleeping outside.

This does NOT include couch surfing, doubled up households, those in sober living homes, and those in motels paid for by the client

Transitional Housing (TH)

...for people experiencing homelessness

- 24-month time limit
- All participants must be referred through the local Coordinated Entry System
- Applicant must provide housing assistance, case management, and services or service connections to support housing stability
- Scoring tool will look for service requirements, relevant experience connecting people to PH and increasing employment income, on-site substance use treatment, and at least of 25% of the overall project budget coming from non-CoC/ESG source

Transitional Housing

...for people experiencing homelessness

Housing assistance can be provided in a variety of ways:

- **CoC Rental Assistance**
Participant has lease with at least a 1-month term that renews automatically. Participants must pay 30% of adjusted income to landlord for rent. Must be rent reasonable
- **CoC Leasing**
Grantee holds lease (with some sublease or participant agreement) for at least 1 month automatically renewing. Project MAY charge 30% of adjusted income. Unit must be lower of FMR or rent reasonableness
- **Other Source of Rental Assistance**
- **Other Source of Leasing**
- **Housing You Own**
Cannot lease from yourself/project sponsor/parent company/subsidiary/affiliate
- Must meet federal [Housing Quality Standards](#)

Transitional Housing

...for people experiencing homelessness

Supportive Services

- Must include case management and connections to any services that address participants' individual housing barriers
- Must require participants to take part in services
- Must provide 40 hours per week of individualized supportive services for each participant
 - Except participants over 62 or with physical or developmental disabilities
 - Reduced by the amount of a participant's employment

[Resource for more detail and ideas](#)

Street Outreach

...for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness

- CoC grant budget may include:
 - initial assessment;
 - crisis counseling;
 - addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries;
 - actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs;
 - publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the geographic area covered by the Continuum of Care; and
 - **Other eligible supportive services.**

Supportive Services Only

...for people experiencing homelessness

Provides supportive services not tied to housing assistance

- Grant recipient may **not** also provide housing or housing assistance
- Participant must be unhoused at enrollment
- Participant may move into housing during enrollment

[Resource for more detail and ideas](#)

[CoC Eligible Program Expenses Chart](#)

Expense Type	Description
Education Services	<p>Eligible services are instruction/training in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consumer education• Health education• Substance abuse prevention• Literacy• English as a Second Language (ESL)• General Educational Development (GED) <p>Education services/activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening, assessment and testing• Individual/group instruction• Tutoring• Provision of books, supplies, and instructional material• Counseling• Referral to community resources <p>Ineligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College application fees• Assistance with writing college applications• Transportation to educational events
Employment Assistance and Job Training	<p>Cost of providing reasonable stipends to participants in employment assistance and job training programs</p> <p>Costs of establishing and operating employment assistance and job training programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Classroom, online &/or computer instruction• On-the-job instruction• Services that assist individuals in securing employment:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Employment screening, assessment, or <u>testing</u>◦ Structured job skills and job-seeking skills◦ Special training and tutoring, including literacy training and pre-vocational training◦ Books and instructional material◦ Counseling or job coaching◦ Referral to community resources• Services that assist individuals in acquiring learning skills that can be used to secure and retain a job, including acquisition of vocational licenses &/or certificates• Services that assist individuals in increasing earning potential

Eligible Supportive Services

Annual
Assessment

Moving Costs

Case
Management

Education
Services

Employment
Assistance &
Job Training

Food

Housing
Search

Legal Services

Life Skills

Outpatient
Behavioral
Health

Outpatient
Medical Care

Outreach

Transportation
(public transit)

Utility
Deposits

CoC Requirements Reminders

- Projects MUST enter data into the ONE System
- Projects MUST complete annual reporting requirements, including an annual assessment of service needs
- Referrals for housing projects MUST come from Coordinated Entry
- Client eligibility MUST be documented and requires “literal homelessness”



New Project Scoring

- New project scoring tools for SSO (including street outreach) and TH
- We're seeing input on how new SSO and TH projects should be scored



Scoring Tools Context

Some HUD requirements, but some local choice



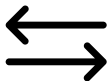
- Each CoC is charged with creating a process and scoring tools to assess local projects for the Priority Listing



- Some scoring factors are based on requirements set forth by HUD, while others are heavily incentivized through points



- Outside of the required and heavily incentivized scoring factors, communities will generally have a small handful of local priorities they can fit in a scoring tool



- Scoring factors are somewhat flexible, with some being more flexible than others (due to how many points HUD gives to having them)

Scoring Tool Implications

The recent NOFO had several implications for things that must be included in our scoring tool. While we don't have the FY 2026 NOFO yet, it seems likely much of what was in the December NOFO HUD released will come back.

Required to be in our scoring tools:

- Required service participation is heavily incentivized and new projects without it likely won't be competitive
- 40 hrs/week of required services/programming for transitional housing projects
- 50% objective criteria and 25% of scoring related for returns/employment income/service participation requirements for housing projects

New Projects

How projects get funded by HUD

- Both new and renewal projects must pass threshold factors. This year, there are several significant changes to those factors, particularly for new projects
 - For example, a new TH project would **at minimum** need either required service participation or 40/week of services/employment per participant
- Projects in Tier 2 are evaluated on a 100-point scale with 50 points coming from the CoC score, 40 points coming from the project's ranking on the list, and 10 points for service participation requirements
- We strongly recommend all new project applicants to apply as subgrantees of HSH to be most competitive in the process.

Questions & Concerns

Please come off mute!

