

# FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition

## Public Solicitation Announcement

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The VA-504 Continuum of Care (CoC) announces the availability of funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. The CoC is initiating its FY2026 Local Competition and invites eligible organizations to submit applications for renewal and new project funding.

The purpose of the Continuum of Care Program is to promote community-wide commitment to ending homelessness, provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organizations and local governments to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness, promote access to and utilization of mainstream resources, and optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The CoC is committed to conducting a fair, transparent, and objective local competition process that evaluates project performance, community impact, organizational capacity, and alignment with identified community needs.

## Local Competition Process

HUD has not yet released all information needed to determine final funding amounts. To allow sufficient time for application review, scoring, ranking, and appeals, the CoC is opening the local competition using currently available information. Funding recommendations and project rankings will be finalized once additional HUD guidance is released. The CoC reserves the right to modify timelines, rankings, and funding recommendations as necessary to comply with HUD requirements. New information related to the competition will be posted to the CoC website.

## Eligible Applicants

The CoC encourages organizations that have not previously received Continuum of Care Program funding to apply. Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Faith based organizations
- Units of state and local government
- Public housing agencies
- Other entities eligible under HUD Continuum of Care Program regulations

Individuals, unincorporated organizations, and for-profit entities are not eligible applicants.

## Renewal Projects

Existing CoC-funded projects seeking renewal funding must:

- Notify the CoC of their intent to renew or voluntarily reallocate funding by July 17, 2026.
- Submit all required local competition application materials by **July 24, 2026**.
- Complete and submit required HUD application materials through e-snaps.

Letters of Intent should be sent to [insert email] Renewal projects will be evaluated based upon project performance, compliance with grant requirements, expenditure of funds, organizational capacity, and alignment with community priorities.

## New Project Applications

Organizations interested in applying for new project funding should submit a Letter of Intent to [shayla@blueridgehomeless.org](mailto:shayla@blueridgehomeless.org) no later than [insert date]

The Letter of Intent should include:

- Applicant organization
- Proposed project type
- Population to be served
- Estimated funding request
- Brief project description

Submission of a Letter of Intent does not guarantee funding but allows the CoC to provide technical assistance and coordinate the local competition process.

Applicants eligible to continue in the competition will be required to:

- Submit required local application materials by **July 24, 2026**.
- Complete required HUD application materials through e-snaps.

## Threshold Review

All applications will undergo a threshold review to determine eligibility and compliance with HUD requirements. Potential applicants should review the [FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) for an overview of the Threshold requirements. Applications failing to meet threshold requirements may be removed from further consideration.

## Project Review and Scoring

Applications that pass threshold review will be evaluated through the CoC's local competition process.

The CoC utilizes a performance-based scoring methodology designed to identify projects that demonstrate strong outcomes and effectively address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness. The primary scoring categories and associated metrics are listed below.

### Project Performance (for renewal applications)

- Exits to permanent housing
- Returns to homelessness
- Utilization rates
- Income and employment outcomes

### System Performance and Community Impact

- Coordination with community partners
- Contribution to community housing strategies
- Ability to address identified service gaps
- Impact on overall homeless response system performance

### Project Design and Service Delivery

- Program design
- Target population
- Service delivery approach
- Housing-focused strategies
- Coordination with mainstream resources
- Participant engagement practices

### Organizational Capacity and Fiscal Management

- Experience administering federal grants
- Grant expenditure history
- Staffing and operational capacity

### CoC Participation and Collaboration

- Participation in CoC activities
- Committee involvement
- Community collaboration
- Support of coordinated community planning efforts

### Ranking Process

Applications will be reviewed and scored by an independent Rank and Review Committee.

Scores will be used to develop funding recommendations and project rankings for consideration by the CoC.

The CoC may consider additional factors permitted by HUD regulations when developing its final Priority Listing, including funding availability, project eligibility, reallocation opportunities, and strategic community needs.

## Appeals Process

Applicants will receive written notification of project rankings, funding recommendations, and any project modifications. Applicants may appeal decisions in accordance with the CoC's established appeals process. Information regarding appeal procedures and deadlines will be provided with notification of results.

## Technical Assistance

The CoC will make technical assistance available to all applicants throughout the local competition process.

Questions regarding the FY2026 Local Competition should be directed to:

Shayla Washington – [shayla@blueeridgehomeless.org](mailto:shayla@blueeridgehomeless.org)

## Important Notice

- Applicants are responsible for reviewing the [FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), HUD regulations, and all local competition materials.
- Local application materials and all competition updates will be posted to the CoC website at [www.blueeridgehomeless.org/funding](http://www.blueeridgehomeless.org/funding)
- The CoC reserves the right to amend this solicitation, modify timelines, or revise funding recommendations as necessary to comply with HUD requirements and available funding.