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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If you believe you are a good candidate for this funding opportunity, register in the appropriate systems now and review the application package. If you are already registered, make sure your registration is active and up-to-date.

SAM.gov Registration

You must have an active and up-to-date account with <u>SAM.gov</u>, at the time of application and throughout the life of any award.

To register, go to <u>SAM.gov Entity Registration</u> and click Get Started. From the same page, you can also click on the Entity Registration Checklist for the information you will need to register.

It can take several weeks to register in <u>SAM.gov</u>, so please get started now if you are planning to apply. <u>SAM.gov</u> also provides each organization with a unique entity identifier (UEI). A valid UEI is required to apply for funding.

Checkbox: Grants.gov Registration

You must have an active <u>Grants.gov</u> registration. This requires a <u>Login.gov</u> registration as well. See step-by-step instructions at the <u>Grants.gov</u> <u>Quick Start Guide for Applicants</u>. You must apply for funding using <u>Grants.gov</u>, unless HUD has approved your <u>waiver request</u>.

Checkbox: esnaps.hud.gov Registration

You must have an active <u>esnaps.hud.gov</u> account to submit your application. See step-by-step instructions at the <u>CoC Registration and Competition home page</u>.

See Section VI.B. Submission Methods.

Find the Application Package

Use the Grants Search at <u>Grants.gov</u> and search for opportunity number <insert this NOFO's FAO #>. The application package has all the online forms you need to apply. You also need to access the Download Instructions link and review the content before you apply.

If you have other technical difficulties using Grants.gov, access the Support Center on <u>Grants.gov</u> for assistance.

To get updates on changes to this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), click Subscribe from the View Grant Opportunity page for this NOFO on <u>Grants.gov</u>.

Application Deadline

Checkbox: Applications are due by 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern Time on <due date>.

Checkbox: See Section VI.A. of this NOFO.

HUD Listserv

If you are interested in email notices about upcoming funding opportunities, subscribe to <u>HUD's Funding Opportunities listserv</u>.

Note: To help you find what you need, this NOFO uses internal links. In Adobe Reader, you can go back to where you were by pressing Alt + Left Arrow (Windows) or Command + Left Arrow (Mac) on your keyboard.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

This supplementary NOFO describes the process for applying for and awarding FY 2025 funds for the Continuum of Care and Renewal and Replacement of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program projects that expire in Calendar Year (CY) 2026. Review the entire NOFO to understand the application requirements in full. HUD will not fund incomplete or ineligible applications.

A. Summary

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)], and local governments to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth ages 24 and younger who are experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

1. NOFO Summary

Federal Agency Name: United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD Program Office: Community Planning and Development

Funding Opportunity Title: FY 2025 Supplemental Continuum of Care and Youth Homeless

Demonstration Program Grants NOFO

Announcement Type: Supplemental

Program Type: Program Type

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6800-N-25

Assistance Listing Number(s): 14.267

Paperwork Reduction Act Information: 2506-0183, 2506-0112, 2506-0182, 2506-0145

Key Dates:

Due Date for Application Submission: 11:59:59 PM Eastern Time on 8/29/2025

Due Date for Intergovernmental Review: The CoC Program does not require

intergovernmental review.

Anticipated Award Date: 12/30/2025

Text Field

2. Funding Details

Type of Funding Instrument

Funding Instrument Type:

Drop-Down: CA (Cooperative Agreement)

Drop-Down: **G (Grant)**Drop-Down: O (Other)

Drop-Down: PC (Procurement)

Text Field

Available Funds

- Use the first radio button for NOFOs that you intend to award using the fiscal year 2025 Appropriations Act funding and applicable prior year amounts you intend to award are known and appropriated. You should consult with your budget office to determine the correct NOFO funding amount that is consistent with the relevant Appropriations Act(s) (including any carryover), the Department's Budget, and the Department's Operating Plan. Enter the approximate amount based on your budget office's advice. The amount (and any other NOFO content impacted by the terms and conditions of the Act) will need to be confirmed or updated consistent with the Act before the NOFO can receive final Departmental Clearance.
- You should use the second radio button for multi-year NOFOs (i.e., you intend to make awards using FY2025 enacted funds and also make future awards from FY 2026 funds under this NOFO that are not yet appropriated). With this selection, you are communicating that you neither intend to modify the FY2025 NOFO nor publish a fiscal year 2026 NOFO (unless changes in the terms and conditions governing the funding enacted for FY2026 require a new, revised competition). You should consult with your budget office to determine the correct NOFO funding amount that is currently available, consistent with the relevant Appropriations Act(s) (including any carryover), the Department's Budget, and the Department's Operating Plan.

• If you select the second radio button, see additional instructions for the text field below.

Radio Button: Funding of approximately _\frac{\$3,524,000,000}{\text{olo}} is available through this NOFO.

Radio Button: Funding of approximately ______ is available through this NOFO. Subject to appropriations, HUD reserves the right to award fiscal year 2026 funds based on this NOFO competition.

Additional funds may become available for award. Use of these funds is subject to statutory constraints. All awards are subject to the selection process contained in this NOFO.

- The "Additional funds..." text above permits you to add only enough future funding to fund
 the last application(s) on your ranking list or to fully fund a partially funded award under
 this NOFO.
- If this NOFO has multiple funding sources, you have the option to use the field below to list the sources and amounts (if known and relevant). For example, if the Radio Button text said, "Funding of approximately \$5,000,000..." then this section might say, "Funding of approximately \$5,000,000 includes \$3,000,000 of fiscal year 2025 funds and \$2,000,000 of fiscal year 2024 funds."
- If you selected the second radio button above, you must communicate how you plan to select applicants and issue awards when FY2026 funds become available. You can communicate the information within this section and/or within Selection Process section.

On March 15, 2025, the President signed H.R. 1968 authorizing the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 which makes approximately the same amount of CoC Program funding available for FY 2025 as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law.

HUD is also making available approximately \$290,000,000 in recaptured amounts available pursuant to section 231 of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-94, division H, title II, section 231; 42 USC 11364a).

Number of Awards

* HUD expects to make approximately <u>7,000</u> awards from the funds available under this NOFO.

Text Field

Checkbox: Minimum/Maximum Award Information

- You must provide the expected dollar value of individual awards. You can use this section or the Average Amount of Funding below.
- If this is a NOFO with a single funding source or if this is a multi-year NOFO but a single applicant can receive only one award, indicate the estimated total funding and minimum/maximum award amounts. In the text field, you should also make clear the number of awards a single applicant can receive.

- If this is a multi-year NOFO or a single applicant can receive multiple awards, add text to the text field to inform applicants that the total funding award is contingent on available funds: e.g., "Your application must identify the funding source(s) for which you are applying. You must include this information in the ____ section of your application, to ensure that HUD is able to align applications with the appropriate funding years. The total funding for any award made pursuant to this NOFO is contingent upon the availability of funds."
- If the NOFO is published in advance of appropriations, add text to the text field to inform
 applicants that the total funding award is contingent on available funds: e.g., "The total
 funding for any award made pursuant to this NOFO is contingent upon the availability of
 fiscal year 2025 funds."

Text Field

Minimum Award Amount: *Currency Input Field: Minimum Award Amount

*Radio Button: Per Project Period Radio Button: Per Budget Period

Maximum Award Amount: *Currency Input Field: Maximum Award Amount

*Radio Button: Per Project Period Radio Button: Per Budget Period

Text Field

Checkbox: Average Amount of Funding

You must provide the expected dollar value of individual awards. You can use this section or the Min/Max Award Information above.

Text Field

Period of Performance

Select the applicable project and budget periods. The estimated dates are the dates the program believes grant/project activities can begin and end. If multiple periods apply, select the applicable periods or select "Other" and provide an explanation in the "Length of Periods Explanation of Other" field. To account for the new cost allowability criterion in 2 CFR 200.403(h), please be sure the "budget period" reflects the period for incurring allowable costs under the award.

Estimated Project Start Date: *01/01/2026 Estimated Project End Date: *12/31/2027

^{*}Length of Project Periods:

Checkbox: 12-month project period and budget period

Checkbox: 18-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 24-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 36-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 42-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 48-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 60-month project period and budget period Checkbox: 72-month project period and budget period

Checkbox: Other

Length of Periods Explanation:

Text Field: Length of Periods Explanation

B. Agency Contact(s)

See Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

II. ELIGIBILITY

This section must describe the factors that make an applicant or application eligible for consideration. If information is included elsewhere in the NOFO, do not repeat the information; just refer to or link to that section of the NOFO.

You are invited to apply if your organization is an eligible entity type and meets the funding conditions included in the NOFO. HUD will review applications from eligible applicants using the criteria in Section V. of this NOFO.

A. Eligible Applicants

- Use the checkboxes to list the types of entities that are eligible to apply subject to any further qualifications or restrictions that are specified in the "Restrictions" section below.
- If you check the option "Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities," and Indian
 housing authorities (IHAs) or public housing authorities (PHAs) are in fact not eligible, you
 must make clear the eligible entity type in the text field below. GMO is working with
 HHS/Grants.gov and GrantSolutions to separate the entity types on the SF 424 and in the
 grants systems.
- Program offices may opt to ask PHA applicants to submit their PHA code using 5a of the SF 424 form.
- If Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) other than IHAs are eligible applicants, you

must select the "Other" category and add a specific explanation that TDHEs are eligible applicants for your program.

You may not eliminate organizations that are eligible under the statute, or restrict competition to certain applicants, without providing justification. For example, if your program is limited to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation as provided in Internal Revenue Code section 501(a) as an entity described in section 501(c)(3) (26 U.S.C. § 501(a) and (c)(3)), the announcement must clarify this requirement and expressly state the reason for requiring such status in the text field below "Additional Eligibility Criteria." Similarly, it is better to state explicitly whether Native American tribal organizations are eligible for funding under the NOFO instead of leaving it ambiguous.

1. Eligible entity types:

* < Pending update to grants.gov to match SF424. Then GS will match grants.gov/SF424 > Checkbox: Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

Checkbox: Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"

Additional Information on Eligibility

- Use the text fields to add any program-specific clarifications, conditions, or limitations. The information in the first text field is sent to Grants.gov. Therefore, the text field is restricted to 2,500 or less characters. If you require additional space, please enter it into the second text area.
- You must comply with 24 CFR 5.109(l) if an applicant's eligibility may depend on whether it is a nonprofit organization. Specifically, the NOFO must state if applicants are required to have nonprofit status. In addition, if an organization must maintain tax-exempt status, you must state that requirement and state the statutory authority for that requirement here. If an applicant must show it is a nonprofit but the statutory authority for the program does not define nonprofit organization or require a specific tax-exempt status, you must include language here or provide a cross-reference to make clear that applicants can show nonprofit status by any of the means described in 24 CFR 5.109(l)(1) through 24 CFR 5.109(l)(4).
- You must include faith-based organizations as eligible applicants, unless restricted by law.

Default Checkbox: <u>Faith-based organizations</u> may apply on the same basis as any other organization. <u>HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations</u>.

Individuals are ineligible applicants.

To be eligible for funding under the FY 2025 Supplemental Continuum of Care and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act) and the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). For more information on Applicant eligibility see Section V.A.1.a. of this NOFO.

Project applicants can obtain a copy of the Act and the Rule on <u>HUD's website</u> or by contacting the NOFO Information Center at 1-800-483-8929. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities may visit https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs for more information on how to make an accessible telephone call to HUD.

2. Restrictions

Describe or provide a cross-reference to any additional restrictions on eligibility beyond the type of entity. Include a reference to any funding restriction elsewhere in the NOFO that could affect an applicant's or project's eligibility. You may refer to, but not duplicate, any funding restrictions or eligibility criteria described elsewhere in the NOFO.

For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

a. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility

You must comply with the current <u>General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD's Competitive Programs.</u> HUD will review your eligibility before issuing an award. As part of this review, HUD uses <u>SAM.gov</u> and Department of Treasury data.

b. Application Eligibility

Your application is considered for funding if it satisfies the application review requirements in Section V. of this NOFO.

HUD is making FY 2025 funding available for the non-competitive renewal of existing CoC (including DV Renewal and projects originally funded under the Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness) and renewal or replacement of existing YHDP grants that are expiring in Calendar Year 2026. FY 2025 funding for new projects may only be made available through the CoC-approved reallocation of existing CoC and YHDP projects that have renewed under the CoC Program at least once in a prior fiscal year CoC Program Competition. See section XXXX of this NOFO for more information on Reallocation.

In the text field below, the program office must describe or provide a cross-reference to the program-specific criteria or factors that would disqualify an applicant, project, or application from a merit review under the NOFO. Consider using one or more cross-references to refer the applicant to each part of this NOFO or each regulation that lists, describes or defines the program-specific criteria. The information provided or cross-referenced here must include

enough detail for a reader to identify and understand what makes the applicant, project, or application ineligible for merit review.

Text Field

Use the text field below to identify other eligibility factors. You may add headers or any other formatting as appropriate for your NOFO.

Include any eligibility factors for the principal investigator or project director, if any. Include criteria that would make any particular projects ineligible. Include a reference or a link to any other factors that would disqualify an applicant or application.

In the text field below, you may make clear any limit on the number of applications an applicant may submit. You may also make clear whether the limitation is on the submitting organization, director/person managing the project, or both.

Text field

Text field

B. Cost Sharing or Matching

Use the radio button to indicate whether your program requires cost sharing (which includes matching). Also indicate leveraging requirements, if applicable.

You must use the text field to:

- Make clear that not committing to the required cost sharing will make the application ineligible.
- If cost sharing is not required, explicitly say so.
- Explain the calculation for the required cost sharing. Required cost sharing may be a certain percentage or amount or may be in the form of contributions of specified items or activities (e.g., provision of equipment).
- Make clear any restrictions on the types of costs, such as in-kind contributions, acceptable as cost sharing.
- Any requirement to commit to cost sharing. Consider any pre-award requirements for the submission of letters or other documentation to verify commitments to meet cost-sharing requirements if an award is made.

Cost sharing as an eligibility criterion includes requirements based in statute or regulation. Refer to 2 CFR § 200.306, Cost sharing.

You may also use the text to identify or cross-reference other related requirements. For example, you may want to indicate or reference the related rating factors. Do not duplicate requirements already identified elsewhere in this NOFO.

Radio Button: This Program requires cost sharing or matching, as described below.

<u>24 CFR 578.73</u> of the Rule requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. 24 CFR 578.73.

Project applicants that intend to use program income as a match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for the match. HUD will not require YHDP Renewal or replacement projects to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness.

III. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This section contains the full program description of the funding opportunity.

A. Purpose

You must use the text field to communicate the general purpose of the funding and what it is expected to achieve for the public good. Also include your funding priorities or focus areas, if any. Be concise. If your purpose is more than two paragraphs, consider adding details to hud.gov and then include the link here.

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

B. Goals and Objectives

Use the text field to identify goals, objectives, and measures specific to your program, and include a description of how any award will contribute to achieving the program's goals and objectives. These goals may be defined by your program's leadership, Presidential actions, or applicable laws. Do not restate the text in the Purpose section. Be concise. If your goals are more than a paragraph, consider adding the goals to hud.gov and then include the link here. The goals mentioned here should be associated with the goals articulated under the merit review section of this NOFO.

The following priorities support HUD's goal of ending homelessness.

- 1. Ending homelessness for all persons. CoCs should identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness. CoCs should measure their performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, older adults, those experiencing chronic homelessness, and people with disabilities, including those living with HIV/AIDS). CoCs should partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers and agencies to expand housing and supportive services.
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness. In recent years, the number of people
 experiencing unsheltered homelessness has risen significantly, including a rising number
 of encampments in many communities across the country. People living unsheltered
 have high rates of physical and mental health challenges, including substance use

- disorders. CoCs should explore all available resources, including CoC and ESG funded assistance, housing subsidies, health care programs, and other supportive services to help improve unsheltered people's well-being and help them move as quickly as possible to permanent housing.
- 3. Improving System Performance. HUD plans to significantly increase the emphasis on outcomes and performance in the coming years. CoCs should carefully assess the performance of all homelessness projects using system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations). CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under this NOFO to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including their cost-effectiveness. This NOFO includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to expand the pool of providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC. CoCs should also look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies.
- 4. Strengthening the Role of State and Local Government. CoCs should...
- 5. Partnering with Housing, Health, Behavioral Health and Service Agencies. Using cost performance and outcome data, CoCs should improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness. HUD encourages CoCs to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness and should:
 - **a.** Work closely with health care systems and agencies and assist program participants to obtain health care and supportive services, including behavioral health services and substance use treatment services.
 - **b.** Partner closely with PHAs and state and local housing organizations to develop housing units and assist to people experiencing homelessness. These partnerships can also help CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options.
 - **c.** Partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities.
 - **d.** Work with Tribal organizations to ensure that Tribal members can access CoC-funded assistance when a CoC's geographic area borders a Tribal area.

C. Authority

- List the statutes and regulations providing the legal authority for the program and funding. If the program was created under any law other than an appropriations act, include both the statute that authorized the program and any specific appropriations act(s) that provided funding for award under this NOFO.
- If the NOFO includes already appropriated funding, this section needs to include the short title, the Public Law number and enactment date for each appropriations act that provides funding for award under this NOFO. Use this format to reference the applicable appropriation acts: "Funding for this program is provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024), Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328, approved December 29, 2022), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 (Public Law 117-103, approved March 15, 2022)."
- If the NOFO will publish in advance of Congressional appropriations, and HUD's intention is to make future awards from any fiscal year 2025 funds that may be appropriated, then include the following in the provided text field: "Congress has not yet appropriated fiscal year 2025 funds for this program. Therefore, the applicable funding terms and conditions are contingent on future congressional action."

The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule).

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42, approved March 9, 2024) authorized HUD to issue a single 2-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. FY 2025 funding for CoC Program and YHDP grants is provided by the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025). This supplemental NOFO describes the process for applying for and awarding FY 2025 funds for the renewal CoC projects and the renewal and replacement YHDP projects that expire in CY 2026.

D. Unallowable Costs

Use the text field to identify information on program specific unallowable costs so that the applicant can develop an application and budget consistent with program requirements and any limits on indirect costs.

HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs, except as otherwise provided in this NOFO.

E. Indirect Costs

Select the checkbox applicable to your NOFO. If you select the first checkbox, you must select the Indirect Cost Rate Certification form in section IV of this NOFO.

If deviating from the normal indirect cost rules, you must select the second checkbox below and cite the source for the restriction and use the text field to explain the deviation.

You may also use the text field to identify any limits on indirect costs.

Checkbox: If you expect to charge <u>indirect costs</u> to the award, submit the Indirect Cost Rate Certification form (HUD-426) with your application.

Checkbox: This program is subject to <cite statute or regulation>, which imposes indirect cost rate restrictions that are different from the indirect cost rate requirements in <u>2 CFR</u> 200.414.

Checkbox: This program is subject to an OMB-approved deviation from the negotiated rate requirements. The deviation is as follows:

Indirect cost rules under 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, apply. Project applicants that intend to charge indirect costs to the award must clearly state in the project application(s) the rate and distribution base the recipient intends to use, and if applicable, the rate and distribution base to be used by any subrecipient(s). If the rate is a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, the project application must include the corresponding negotiated indirect cost rate agreement signed by the cognizant agency. A government department or agency unit that receives no more than \$35 million in direct federal funding per year and has developed and maintains an indirect cost rate proposal and supporting documentation in accordance with 2 CFR part 200, appendix VII, may use the rate and distribution base specified in that indirect cost rate proposal, unless the cognizant agency requires the proposal to be submitted for negotiation.

For each applicant or intended subrecipient that meets the conditions for using the de minimis rate under 2 CFR 200.414(f) and will use that rate to charge indirect costs, the project application must clearly state the intended use of the de minimis rate. As described in 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but must not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. Once an organization elects to use the de minimis rate, the organization must apply this methodology consistently for all Federal awards until the organization chooses to negotiate for a rate, which the organization may apply to do at any time. Documentation of the decision to use the de minimis rate must be retained on file for audit.

F. Program History

Use the text field to include the following information or a link to a resource that includes the following information:

- Describe any program history, such as whether this is a new program or a new or changed area of program emphasis. It may be helpful to broadly note your efforts to simplify your NOFO. Returning applicants might appreciate a summary of how to rethink content for applications.
- List changes that are material to the applicant's submissions. Consider material changes that may have occurred to program-specific text and general/Template text. When listing material changes, you must include changes made to NOFO sections I V.

*Text Field

G. Other Information

Use the text field to:

- Identify program specific eligibility criteria for beneficiaries or program participants.
- Provide examples of successful projects funded in the past. Do not include examples
 directly in the NOFO. Rather, include any examples on hud.gov or another appropriate
 webpage, and then link the NOFO to that page.
- For infrastructure projects (which include, for example, the structures, facilities, and
 equipment for buildings and real property) subject to Build America, Buy America
 requirements, provide information on key items anticipated to be purchased under the
 program, and any related domestic sourcing concerns based on market research.
- Provide any other information you find necessary for application.

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IV. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

- This section must identify the required content of an application and the forms or formats an applicant must use. If any requirements are stated elsewhere, this section should refer to where those requirements may be found. This section also must include required forms or formats as part of the announcement or state where the applicant may obtain them. Further, you should indicate which requirements and/or forms you will permit the applicant to fix if there is an issue before award selection.
- You must add to the tables and text fields your program specific content and form or format requirements for:
 - o Pre-applications, letters of intents, or white papers.
 - o The application as a whole.
 - o Component pieces of the applications, including any forms and certifications.
- For your program specific content and the HUD standard content, you may add or remove rows as appropriate. You may also update the "Submission Requirement" and "Notes" within the tables. Include:
 - o Any page limits, formatting requirements, file types, naming, and size limits
 - o Sequence of application sections/components
 - o Signatures required, including those for electronic submission
 - Any third-party information requirements, such as references, letters of support, or letters of commitment to the project or contribute to cost sharing
 - Reference to any requirements to provide documentation to support an eligibility determination, such as proof of 501(c)(3) status or an authorizing tribal resolution
 - o Instructions needed to develop the narrative portions of the application, including any requirements for its order, format, or required headings
 - If applicable, the need to identify proprietary or protected health information, including how to do so and how HUD will handle it
- You must ensure that information included in this section is covered by the OMB control numbers you listed for this NOFO.

Applications must include three main elements: a) standard forms, assurances, and certifications; b) budget; and c) narratives and other attachments. The content, forms, and format for each element are included in this section.

You may use this section as a checklist to ensure you submit a complete application.

If you don't provide the required documents in the correct format, your application is incomplete.

Do not submit password protected or encrypted files.

The standard forms, assurances, and certifications; as well as budget, narrative responses, and ability to include attachments are built into e-snaps.

Element	Submission Form
Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications	Upload using each required form.
Budget	Use the required budget form.
Narratives and Other Attachments	Insert each in the Attachments form.

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Checkbox: Double spaced 12-point Times New Roman font on letter sized paper (8 $1/2 \times 11$ inches) with at least 1-inch margins on all sides.

Checkbox: Other

While the CoC Program NOFO is officially posted on Grants.gov, this program uses <u>e-snaps</u>, an electronic application system. HUD does not accept faxed applications or supportive documents.

A. Standard Forms, Assurances, and Certifications

- Identify the standard forms applicable to your program, as well as program specific forms and certifications.
- You must include the following forms: SF-424, HUD-2880, HUD-424B, SF-LLL, and Certification Regarding Lobbying. These forms are applicable to all NOFOs, except that Federally recognized tribes and their Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) are not required to submit the SF-LLL or Certification Regarding Lobbying Activities.
- If your program involves construction, you must require the SF-424D forms.

You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications identified below. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at <u>Grants.gov Forms</u>. You can also <u>read more about standard forms</u> on HUD's Funding Opportunities page.

The following HUD required forms are built into e-snaps and must be fully completed and

electronically signed before project applicants have access to the project application:

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424
Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424B
Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report (HUD- 2880)	Required with the application and after award.	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2880
Certification Regarding Lobbying	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: Lobbying Certification form
Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: SF-LLL
Checkbox: Certification for a Drug-Free Workplace (HUD-50070)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable. File name: HUD-50070
Checkbox: Assurances for Non- Construction Programs (SF-424B)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424B

Forms/Assurances/Certifications	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Checkbox: Assurances for Construction Programs (SF-424D)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424D
Checkbox: Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation (HUD- 50153)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-50153 Form location: download instructions
Checkbox: Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points (HUD 2996)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-2996

1. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991.

Projects awarded in FY 2024 that are renewing in FY 2025 are not required to be included on the FY 2025 HUD-2991 submission. If a CoC includes any new or renewal projects on the FY 2025 CoC Project Listing that were not included on the FY 2024 HUD-2991 submission, CoCs must submit a new HUD-2991 that includes the FY 2025 new and renewal project applications to certify consistency with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved consolidated plan. The FY 2025 Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between November 1, 2024 and August 29, 2025.

2. Tribal Resolution for Projects on Trust Land or Reservations.

Any applicant that is not a Tribe or TDHE proposing to site a project on a reservation or trust land must include a Tribal resolution or a letter from an official or principal of the Indian Tribe or TDHE, who is authorized to act on behalf of the Indian Tribe or TDHE. Tribes do not need to include a Tribal resolution to site a project on their own reservation or trust land. A Tribal resolution is the formal manner in which the Tribal government expresses its legislative will in accordance with its organic documents. In the absence of such organic documents, a written expression adopted pursuant to Tribal practices is acceptable.

A CoC that is not a Tribe or TDHE that proposes to locate a new project on a reservation or trust land that is not currently included in the CoC's approved geographic service areas, identified during the CoC Registration process, are required to obtain a Tribal Resolution from

the Tribe or TDHE and attach it to the CoC Project Listing.

3. Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards.

Collaborative Applicants must certify there is a demonstrated need for all (PH) renewal projects and these projects comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of housing quality and habitability on the Renewal Project Listing.

B. Budget

- You must identify a budget form. You may use a standard form or a program-specific budget form.
- At a minimum, your budget form must collect from applicants the indirect cost amount.
 Select the checkbox below if you're implementing this minimum requirement.
- If applicants/recipients are allowed to charge indirect costs to their awards, <u>you</u> must also collect from applicants/recipients form HUD-426. Select the checkbox for form HUD-426 below.
- Any other program specific requirements or details on how to complete the budget or any budget narrative may be included in the text field. Per 2 CFR 200.455, costs related to data and evaluation are allowable. You should make clear how applicants might include the costs in their budgets.

You must submit a budget with your application to support your project narrative.

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You must also submit form HUD-426, based on the requirements in <u>Section III.E.</u> of this NOFO.

The project application in e-snaps includes the budget forms available under this NOFO. Project applicants must complete the application budget forms for their proposed project. There is a section included to capture indirect cost rate if needed. Project applicants will select the appropriate budget form(s) based on your requested activities.

Budget Form/Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Checkbox: Budget Information for Non- Construction Programs (SF-424A)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424A

Checkbox: Budget Information for Construction Programs (SF-424C)	If applicable, required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: SF-424C
Checkbox: Grant Application Detailed Budget (HUD-424-CB)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424CB Form location: download instructions
Checkbox: Grant Application Detailed Budget Worksheet (HUD-424-CBW)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD- 424CBW Form location: download instructions
Checkbox: Federal Assistance Funding Matrix and Certifications (HUD-424-M)	Required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HUD-424M Form location: download instructions
Checkbox: Indirect Cost Information Certification (HUD-426)	If applicable, this document is required with the application and after award	Page limit: Not applicable File name: ICR Doc. Form location: download instructions

Eligible Costs.

Except as otherwise stated below, 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identifies the eligible costs that applicants may request under the CoC Program.

1. YHDP Costs.

Eligible costs for YHDP projects originally funded under the YHDP Competition are also eligible YHDP Renewal project costs under this NOFO. Additionally, YHDP Renewal

projects may include the YHDP Special Activities described in IV.B.2. below, subject to requirements in sections XXXX including XXXX of this NOFO. YHDP Replacement project applications under this NOFO may include requests for eligible CoC Program Costs, the YHDP activities described in section XXXX and the YHDP Special Activities in section IV.B.2. below. HUD will reject any requests for ineligible costs, except as otherwise provided in this NOFO.

2. Special YHDP Activities.

YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement including YHDP Reallocation projects may submit applications that include the following special YHDP activities, which are ineligible under the CoC Program, subject to the conditions specified in this section:

- a. Recipients may carry out the activities below with written notice to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs, subject to the requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. HUD will consider the inclusion of these activities in the project application as notification to the Deputy Assistance Secretary for Special Needs.
- (1) Housing projects may have leases for a minimum term of 1 month plus 1 day under rental assistance budget line items.
- **(2)** Projects may use leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based rental assistance in RRH projects.
- (3) In addition to the eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578.59(a), recipients may use project administration funds to support costs of involving youth with lived experience in project implementation, execution, and improvement.
- (4) Recipient may use project administrative funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or HUD-approved, provided that the subject matter is relevant to youth homelessness.
- (5) Projects may employ youth who are receiving services, or housing assistance, from the recipient organization. Recipients that use this special YHDP activity must maintain documentation that discloses the nature of work that the youth performs, and that the youth is not in a position that creates a conflict of interest.
- **(6)** Projects may use habitability standards in 24 CFR 576.403(c) rather than Housing Quality Standards in 24 CFR 578.75 for short- or medium-term (up to 24 months) housing assistance. Recipients implementing this special YHDP activity must keep documentation of which standards they apply to the units and proof that the units

complied with standards before assistance is provided for every unit funded.

- (7) Recipients may provide moving expenses to a program participant more than once.
- **(8)** Recipients may provide payments of up to \$500 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model to offset the increased costs associated with having youth housed in the unit.
- **(9)** YHDP recipients may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 12 months after the program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance.
- (10) Recipients may use grant funds for the following if they are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. Recipients and subrecipients must maintain records establishing how it was determined that paying the costs was necessary for the program participant to obtain and retain housing and must also conduct an annual assessment of the needs of the program participants and adjust costs accordingly:
- (a) Security deposits for units in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent.
- **(b)** The costs to pay for any damage to housing due to the action of program participants, which may be paid while the youth continues to reside in the unit. The total costs paid for damage per program participant may not exceed the cost of 2 months' rent.
- (c) The costs of providing household cleaning supplies to program participants.
- (d) Housing start-up expenses for program participants, including furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods, not to exceed \$300 in value per program participant.
- **(e)** The one-time cost of purchasing a cellular phone and service for program participant use, provided access to a cellular phone is necessary to obtain or maintain housing and the costs of the phone and services are reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.
- (f) The cost of internet in program participants' units if the costs of the service is reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.
- (g) Payment of rental arrears consisting of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

- (h) Payment of utility arrears of up to 6 months per utility.
- (i) Up to 3 months of utilities for a program participant, based on the utility costs schedule for the unit size and location.
- (j) In addition to transportation costs eligible in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15), recipients may pay gas and mileage costs for a program participant's personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.
- (k) Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment.
- (I) Program participant's past driving fines and fees that are blocking a young person from being able to obtain or renew a driver's license and impacting their ability to obtain or maintain housing. Additionally, recipients may pay for program participants' costs for insurance and registration for personal vehicles, if the personal vehicle is necessary to reach medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.
- **b.** YHDP Exceptions. Under the conditions specified below, recipients may make use of the following built-in exceptions to this NOFO's requirements, subject to approval by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs and requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. To expedite grant agreement processing, applicants should include as much information as possible as part of their project application to demonstrate they meet the conditions specified below.
- (1) Projects may provide up to 36 months of RRH rental assistance to program participants if the recipient demonstrates: (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance.
- (2) Projects may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 24 months after a program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance if the recipient demonstrates: (1) the proposed length of extended services to be provided; (2) the method it will use to determine whether services are still necessary; and (3) how those services will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing for program participants.
- (3) Projects may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 36 months after program participants exit homelessness, if the services are in connection with housing assistance, such as the <u>Foster Youth to Independence</u>

<u>initiative</u>, or if the recipient can demonstrate that extended supportive services ensures continuity of caseworkers for program participants.

- (4) Rental assistance may be combined with leasing or operating funds in the same unit, provided that the recipient submits a project plan that includes safeguards to ensure that no part of the project would receive a double subsidy.
- **(5)** Projects may provide payments of up to \$1,000 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model, provided that the recipient can show that the additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program.
- **(6)** YHDP recipients may pay for short-term (up to three months) emergency lodging in motels or shelters as the transitional housing component in a Joint transitional housing-rapid rehousing (TH-RRH) project, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that use of the hotel or motel room is accessible to supportive services.
- **c.** Innovative Activities. In addition to the specific activities authorized above or in 24 CFR part 578, other innovative activities to reduce youth homelessness may be carried out in a YHDP project, subject to approval by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Special Needs and requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. Requests to carry out YHDP innovative activities are permitted to be requested in any YHDP application. YHDP Replacement applicant must demonstrate to HUD that the activity meets the following criteria; and to expedite grant agreement processing, must include as much information as possible as part of their project application.
- **d.** YHDP Renewal or YHDP Replacement applications requesting to carryout Special YHDP Activities must demonstrate the following:
- (1) The activity is approved by both the Youth Action Board (YAB) which is a group of at least 4 youth with voting power on policy decisions of the CoC, particularly on policies that relate to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Each YAB member must be age 24 or younger, and at least two-thirds of the YAB members must have lived experience/expertise of homelessness and should be representative of the youth and young adult population experiencing homelessness in the community, and must be a formal committee within the CoC, as evidenced by letters of support from each organization;
- (2) That activity will be testing or likely to achieve a positive outcome in at least one of the four core outcomes for youth experiencing homelessness (stable housing, permanent connections, education/employment, and well-being);
- (3) The activity is cost-effective; and

- **(4)** The activity is not in conflict with fair housing, civil rights, or environmental regulations.
- 3. Rural Costs for Projects Originally Awarded Under the Rural Set Aside of the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition.

Projects originally awarded under the Rural Set Aside through the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition may submit applications that include the following costs:

- **a.** Rent or utility assistance after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utilities to prevent eviction or loss of utility service. Funds may be used to pay rent or utility arrear payments up to 6 months on behalf of program participants residing in permanent housing.
- b. Short-term emergency lodging in motels or shelters, either directly or through vouchers. Eligible costs include lodging costs in motels or hotels for program participants; pro-rata share of sheltering program participants in existing shelters so long as the costs are actual costs of creating new and temporary beds in emergency shelters and not to permanently increase the capacity of the shelter. No funds may be used to shelter program participants in existing shelter beds.
- **c.** Repairs, (such as insulation, window repair, door repair, roof repair, and repairs) that are necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing by people experiencing homelessness. The total cost of repairs may not exceed \$10,000 per structure.
- **d.** Capacity building activities. Capacity building activities are those activities that maintain or improve the skills of recipients. Eligible capacity building activities include employee education, job training, staff retention activities such as financial incentives to staff, paying for continuing education opportunities, cross training within an organization, staff training and professional licensing or certification, and other professional development activities. An applicant may apply for up to 20% of funds requested as part of the project, including project administrative costs, for capacity building activities.
- **e.** Emergency food and clothing assistance. The cost of providing meals or groceries and clothing to program participants are eligible costs.
- **f.** Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs to house homeless individuals and families. Federal Inventory property programs means the Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless program authorized by title V of the Act, and implemented by 24 CFR part 581, and the Single Family Property Disposition Program authorized by section 204(g) of the National Housing Act (12. U.S.C. 1710(g)) and

implemented at 24 CFR part 291 Eligible costs are: preparing and submitting applications to obtain ownership of the real property; transfer taxes; recording fees; closing costs; building permit and zoning fees; attorney's fees; rehabilitation of buildings and structures on the property necessary to bring them into compliance with local building codes and to convert them to the intended homeless assistance use; water, sanitation, sewer and utility hook-up fees and deposits and bringing lines to the property; wells; septic systems; and improving access to the real property from public roads.

4. VAWA Costs. Section 605(a)(2) of VAWA 2022 amended section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to add the following eligible activity to the CoC program: "Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with the emergency transfer plan requirement in [34 U.S.C. 12491(e)] and monitoring compliance with the confidentiality protections in [34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4)]."

HUD has determined that eligible activities paid for under the VAWA costs category are not subject to the CoC program's spending caps on administrative costs under section 423(a)(10), (11), and (12). This activity may be included in new project applications, added to eligible renewal projects through expansion or added to eligible renewal projects by shifting up to 10 percent of funds from one eligible activity to the VAWA costs line item.

- **a.** Examples of eligible costs for emergency transfer facilitation include the costs of assessing, coordinating, approving, denying and implementing a survivor's emergency transfer which includes:
- (1) Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable moving costs to move survivors for an emergency transfer.
- **(2)** Assistance with travel costs. Reasonable travel costs for survivors and their families to travel for an emergency transfer.
- (3) Security Deposits. Grant funds can be used to pay for security deposits of the safe units the survivor is transferring to via an emergency transfer.
- (4) Utilities. Grant funds can be used to pay for costs of establishing utility assistance in the safe unit the survivor is transferring to.
- (5) Housing Fees. Fees associated with getting survivors into a safe unit via emergency transfer, includes but not limited to application fees, broker fees, holding fees, trash fees, pet fees where the person believes they need their pet to be safe, etc.
- (6) Case management. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to assess,

coordinate and implement emergency transfers.

- (7) Housing navigation. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to identify safe units and facilitate moves into housing for survivors through emergency transfers.
- **(8)** Technology to make an available unit safe. Grant funds can be used to pay for technology that the individual believes is needed to make the unit safe, including but not limited to doorbell cameras, security systems, phone and internet service when necessary to support security systems for the unit, etc.
- **b.** Examples of eligible costs for monitoring and ensuring compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements include:
- (1) Monitoring and evaluating compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- (2) Developing and implementing strategies for corrective actions and remedies.
- (3) Program evaluation of confidentiality policies, practices and procedures.
- (4) Training on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- **(5)** Reporting to Collaborative Applicant, HUD and other interested parties on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- (6) Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor information.
- (7) Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to confidentiality requirements.
- 5. Rural Costs. Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 2395) amended section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to allow projects in rural areas [as defined in section XXXX of this NOFO] to use program funds to pay for the following eligible Continuum of Care Program activities:
 - **a.** Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels or shelters, directly or through vouchers.
 - **b.** Repairs to units in which individuals and families experiencing homelessness will be housed; or are currently not fit for human habitation.
 - **c.** Staff training, professional development, skill development, and staff retention activities.

HUD has determined that eligible activities paid for under the Rural costs category may be included in new project applications or added to eligible renewal projects through expansion.

HUD published a list of CoCs located in rural areas as defined in section XXXX of this NOFO.

C. Narratives and Other Attachments

- Identify the narratives and other attachments required with applications. Include any preapplications, letters of intent, or white papers required or encouraged.
- Edit the table to include the name of specific rating factors, if you want the information submitted in different files.
- You may update the "Submission Requirement" and "Notes." You can also add to the table your program specific forms and certifications.
- Any other program specific requirements or details on how to complete the budget or any budget narrative may be included in the text field.

If applicable, you must upload narrative and other attachments in <u>Grants.gov</u> using the Attachments Form. When using the Attachments Form, you can upload PDF, Word or Excel formats.

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Document	Submission Requirement	Notes/Description
Checkbox: Response to Rating Factors	Required with the application	See Section V.B. File name:
Checkbox: Minority-Serving Institutions Preference Points – Documentation	If applicable, this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: MSI Doc.

Checkbox: HBCU Preference Points – Documentation	If applicable, this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: HBCU Doc.
Checkbox: Nonprofit Status – Documentation	If applicable, this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Nonprofit Doc. Acceptable Documents
Checkbox: Code of Conduct	If not included in HUD's eLibrary, this document is required with the application	Page limit: Not applicable File name: Code Acceptable Content

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D. Other Application Content

You must include the information that successful applicants must submit after notification of your intent to make an award (award letter), but prior to issuing a formal award. For example, if your program includes a technical submission or negotiation period, include here how you send notice and information you collect during this period.

- 1. Eligible Project Applications. In addition to eligible renewal project applications, the following types of project applications will be eligible for completion and submission under this NOFO. Ineligible project applications will not be reviewed.
 - **a.** *CoC Planning projects.* All Collaborative Applicants are eligible and encouraged to apply for CoC Planning funds which they may use according to 24 CFR 578.39. CoC Planning project applications must be submitted by the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant and the Collaborative Applicant organization must match the organization listed as the Collaborative Applicant in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Planning projects will not affect a CoC's available amount for new and renewal project applications because it is not included in the CoC's ARD calculation.
 - **b.** *UFA Costs projects.* Only those CoC-designated Collaborative Applicants approved for UFA designation by HUD are eligible to apply for UFA Costs project funds as described in 24 CFR 578.41. UFA Costs project application must be submitted by the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant and the Collaborative Applicant organization must

match the organization listed as the Collaborative Applicant in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. UFA Costs projects will not affect a CoC's available amount for new and renewal project applications as it is not included in the CoC's ARD calculation.

- **c.** New Projects Created Through the CoC Reallocation process. CoCs may apply for the following types of new CoC projects through the reallocation process:
 - (1) PH-PSH projects.
 - (2) PH-RRH projects.
 - (3) Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects.
 - (4) Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
 - (5) SSO-CE project to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system.

Prior to completing a new project application created through the reallocation process, project applicants should consult with the CoC to determine which of these options is available to be locally selected as part of the CoC.

If a project applicant or the Collaborative Applicant classified a new project application as reallocation but did not reallocate funds in whole or part from an eligible renewal project, HUD may reduce the funding amount or reject the new project application during its review.

A CoC may only reallocate funds from eligible CoC renewal project(s) that have previously been renewed under the CoC Program and have a current grant agreement that is expiring in CY 2026.

- **d.** New Projects Created Through DV Reallocation processes. To be considered for DV Reallocation, new projects must be:
 - (1) PH-RRH projects dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
 - (2) Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects defined in section XXXX of this NOFO dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack

of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or

(3) SSO-CE projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

DV Renewal projects cannot be reallocated to create new non-DV CoC projects. If HUD determines that a project applicant incorrectly classified one or more new projects as a DV Reallocation, HUD may reclassify the project(s). For example, if the proposed project is not dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, HUD may condition the project to ensure the required population is served.

If a project does not have enough funding available from reallocation sources, HUD will reduce the project to the amount available, if any, and determine if the project is feasible at the reduced rate.

- e. New YHDP Projects Created through YHDP Replacement processes. In general, CoCs may replace renewing YHDP project(s) to create one or more new YHDP Replacement projects. The YHDP Replacement process occurs when: (1) a CoC replaces a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new YHDP project(s) that have the same recipient (referred to as YHDP Replacement in this NOFO); (2) a CoC is reallocating a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new projects with a new recipient (referred to as YHDP Reallocation in this NOFO); or (3) a CoC is reallocating YHDP Renewal project(s) to create YHDP Expansion applications through the YHDP Replacement process.
 - (1) YHDP Renewal project applicants may submit renewal applications for minor changes to a project, including adding or modifying select Special YHDP Activities under section IV.B.2); however, if a renewing YHDP project applicant chooses to modify the current project in a way that does not meet the definition of renewal project found at XXXX of this NOFO, it must submit a YHDP Replacement project application.
 - **(2)** A YHDP Renewal project applicant may apply to expand its current project through the YHDP Replacement process. See section XXXX for more information.
 - (3) If an eligible YHDP Renewal project applicant submits a YHDP Replacement project application instead of submitting a renewal project application, it must:

- (a) include the grant number from the YHDP Renewal project(s) being replaced with the YHDP Replacement project application. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant is responsible for ensuring that only a renewal YHDP or replacement YHDP project application is submitted through the CoC Project Listing. If the Collaborative Applicant submits both a renewal and replacement YHDP project application for the same project, HUD will only select the renewal YHDP project application;
- (b) include a letter of support from the Youth Action Board; and
- **(c)** demonstrate that the project is consistent with the CoC's most recent Coordinated Community Plan.
- (4) HUD will only fund new YHDP Reallocation projects through the YHDP Replacement process as described below and in sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO:
 - (a) Permanent Housing, including PH-PSH and PH-RRH projects.
 - (b) Joint TH/PH-RRH Component.
 - **(c)** TH or Crisis Residential Transitional Housing which is a form of transitional housing that is short-term, low-barrier, using a congregate living setting, and provides access to the following supportive services in particular: family engagement and unification, case management, emergency triage services and other supportive services whose purpose is to move youth rapidly into stable housing.
 - (d) SSO, including, but not limited to, housing search and placement services, case management, drop-in centers which are a physical location that offers a variety of services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness that can be funded through the drop-in center grant or through another grant, legal services, or street outreach.
 - (e) SSO-CE.
 - (f) SSO Host Home and Kinship Care. A model in which a family agrees to permit a youth to reside with them. Recognizing that the addition of another person in the home may increase costs to the family, HUD will entertain applications that propose to house youth with families and to subsidize the additional costs attributable to housing the youth. The residence is in a community-based setting. The family could be related to the youth and the length of stay may be time-limited or without time limits. YHDP funds may be used to subsidize the increased costs to the family that are attributable to housing the youth. An example of eligible costs

would be additional food or transportation costs, which are eligible supportive services under 24 CFR 578.53(e)(7) or 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15). Recipients must keep records related to this determination by the recipient for HUD review upon request.

- (g) HMIS.
- **(h)** The inclusion of TH and SSO that are not SSO-CE are only available to YHDP Replacement project applications which includes YHDP Reallocation projects. No other project applicant is allowed to submit new project applications with these components; and if received, will be rejected.
- (i) HUD will review new YHDP Reallocation and YHDP Replacement project applications to ensure the activities requested are eligible and the amounts requested do not exceed the amounts available for YHDP reallocation or, in the case of YHDP Replacements, the ARA of the renewal project(s) being replaced. HUD will not reject YHDP projects applications; however, HUD may require YHDP grant recipients to correct or revise information submitted after the final award announcement, prior to executing the grant agreement.
- (j) New YHDP Reallocation projects or projects created through the YHDP Replacement processes must include at least as many housing units and at least as much funding for the combination of Rental Assistance, Operating Costs, and Leasing as the grant being reallocated or replaced unless the YHDP Community demonstrates that a majority of their YHDP funding is being used for the combination of Rental Assistance, Operating Costs, and Leasing.
- **f.** Expansion Project. HUD will allow project applicants to apply for new expansion projects to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects. [see section XXXX of this NOFO]

CoC Reallocation and DV Reallocation funds may only be used to expand eligible CoC projects (including projects originally awarded through the Special NOFO Program Competition) and DV Renewal projects. Applications to expand YHDP Renewal projects through the YHDP Replacement process can only be funded with funding reallocated from another YHDP Renewal project.

The new expansion project applications must meet the project eligibility and project quality thresholds in XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO and must be for the same component as the project being expanded. Additionally, the renewal project being expanded must have an expiration date in CY 2026. For projects **not** renewed during the FY 2024 competition that wish apply for an expansion grant in FY 2025, project applicants must

submit a separate new project application and the renewal project application. If the project applicant is expanding a renewal project that was awarded during the FY 2024 Competition and the project has an FY 2026 expiration date, the applicant is only required to submit the new expansion application and indicate the expiring FY 2024 renewal grant number in the expansion application.

In the case of YHDP Replacement applications to expand existing YHDP Renewal projects, applicants must submit a YHDP Replacement and a YHDP Reallocation application separately and each project must be included in the CoC's Project Listing.

If a project application does not meet the following requirements, or if the renewal project the new project application is proposing to expand is not selected for award, HUD will review the new project and will consider it as a standalone project during the selection process provided that the project is feasible on its own with its requested funding and provided it passes project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.

If both the new expansion project and the renewal project it expands are conditionally selected for funding, one grant agreement incorporating both approved project applications will be executed.

- (1) The following limitations apply to expansion grant applications:
 - (a) If the new expansion project exceeds the amount of funding made available under the reallocation process, HUD will reduce the funding request to the available amount, which could affect the activities of the new expansion project.
 - **(b)** HUD will not fund expansion applications that include requests for capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests.
 - **(c)** CoC Reallocation or DV Reallocation funding cannot be used to expand a YHDP renewal project.
 - (d) If CoC Reallocation funding is used to expand a DV Renewal project, the entire expanded project must be 100 percent dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
 - (e) When DV Reallocation funding is used to expand another project, the entire

expansion project must meet all the DV project requirements in section XXXX of this NOFO.

- **(f)** New YHDP projects created with reallocated YHDP funding may be used to expand an existing YHDP renewal project through the YHDP Replacement process. The expansion YHDP project must meet the requirements of a new YHDP Replacement application.
- (g) DV Reallocation funds can only be used for an application to expand an existing renewal project if the new expansion project is dedicated to individuals and families of persons who meet the eligibility criteria in Section XXX of this NOFO.
- (h) If an applicant proposes to use DV Reallocation funds to expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving individuals and families who meet the eligibility criteria in Section XXX of this NOFO to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants of this population, the entire project, including the renewal project being expanded, must serve 100 percent individuals and families who meet the eligibility criteria in Section XXX of this NOFO.
- (i) For expansion applications created with DV Reallocation funds, if the application does not meet the above requirements for an expansion project or the renewal portion is not selected, HUD will review the new project and will consider it as a standalone DV Reallocation project during the selection process provided that the project is feasible on its own with its requested funding and provided it passes project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.
- **(2)** Project applicants expanding an eligible CoC Renewal or DV Renewal project must:
 - (a) submit the new project application with expansion information;
 - **(b)** in the new project application, enter the grant number of the eligible renewal project proposed for expansion;
 - (c) indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS or SSO-CE projects, how the current activities will be expanded for the CoC's geographic area;
 - (d) ensure the funding request for the expansion grant is within the funding parameters allowed under CoC or DV Reallocation amounts available.

- **(3)** Project applicants expanding an eligible YHDP Renewal project through the YHDP Replacement process must:
 - (a) submit a new YHDP Reallocation project application with the expansion information through the YHDP Replacement process, including the grant number of the YHDP Renewal project being expanded.
 - **(b)** indicate how the expansion project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants.
 - (c) ensure the funding request for the YHDP Reallocation application to expand the YHDP Renewal project is within the funding parameters allowed under the YHDP Reallocation amount available.
 - (d) ensure the YHDP Renewal and YHDP Reallocation project applications meet the requirements in sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO.
- g. Consolidation Project. Applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more, but no more than 10, eligible renewal projects (including renewing YHDP projects and renewal Special CoC NOFO Program Competition projects), may do so through the renewal project application.
 - (1) The period of performance and budget period of the expiring grant must have end dates in CY 2026. Applicants intending to use the consolidation process must ensure:
 - (a) Budget Line Items (BLIs) for the consolidated project application submitted, exactly match the sum of the BLIs for each of the individual projects as they appear on the grant agreement, or the grant agreement as amended;
 - **(b)** inclusion of the expiring grant numbers with period of performance and budget period start and end dates for the projects that are consolidating;
 - (c) are in good standing with HUD, meaning none of the projects have:
 - i. outstanding audit or monitoring findings,
 - ii. outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears,
 - iii. unresolved construction delays,
 - iv. a history of poor financial management/drawdown issues,
 - **v.** history of low occupancy levels, or lack experience in administering the project type, or
 - vi. other capacity issues.

- (d) the projects have the same recipient and are for the same component.
- (2) YHDP Renewal projects that wish to consolidate may establish a single YHDP Replacement grant to replace multiple YHDP Renewal grants.
- (3) The following projects cannot be consolidated and if a project application meeting these characteristics attempts to consolidate, HUD will not consider the consolidation, but rather select the projects individually provided they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements:
 - (a) a DV Renewal project cannot consolidate with a CoC Renewal project (a project not dedicated to serving individuals and families who meet the eligibility criteria in Section XXX of this NOFO, a YHDP Renewal project, or a project originally funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition;
 - **(b)** a YHDP Renewal project cannot consolidate with a CoC Renewal project (including those projects originally funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition) or a DV Renewal project;
 - (c) a project originally funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition through the Rural Set Aside can only consolidate with another Special CoC NOFO Program Competition project originally funded through the Rural Set Aside;
 - (d) a TH and a PH project cannot consolidate to form a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project; and
 - (e) transition grants cannot consolidate with any other project.
- (4) To request the consolidation of eligible renewal projects, project applicants must submit renewal projects for the individual projects to be included in the consolidation and each project application must identify the grant number that will survive which must be the grant number with the earliest start date CY 2026. Project applicants must not submit a consolidated project application that contains two different components (e.g., PH and TH).
- (5) The start date for the consolidated grant, if conditionally awarded, will be the day after the expiration date of the eligible renewal project with the earliest expiration date. HUD will calculate the expiration date for the consolidated grant by averaging the expiration dates for all expiring grants included in the consolidated grant weighted by the size of each expiring grant. If that date falls on the first through the fifteenth of a month, then the expiration date will be the last day of the previous month. If the date falls on the sixteenth through the end of the month, then the expiration date will be the last day of the month.

- (6) HUD will calculate the expiration date for the consolidated grant as follows: It will be 'X' months after the end of the 12th month after the start date for the consolidated grant with 'X' determined by calculating the sum for all grants of the total award times the number of months after the expiration of the first expiring grant that the grant expires and dividing that sum by the total award for the consolidated grant. If the calculation of 'X' results in a partial month, if it is less than 0.5, then the consolidated grant will expire on the last day of the previous month, and if it is 0.5 or more, then the consolidated grant will expire on the last day of the calculated month.
- (7) Collaborative Applicants designated by HUD as UFAs have more flexibility in how they manage their CoC Program-funded projects, making the consolidation of projects during the CoC Program competition unnecessary. A Collaborative Applicant with UFA designation can consolidate projects during the grant term, so long as the consolidations are not combining different component types and the projects are funded under the same grant (e.g., projects are currently funded under the same renewal grant). If a UFA-designated Collaborative Applicant consolidates projects during the grant term, it can apply to renew them during the CoC Program Competition as consolidated projects.
- **h.** *Transition Project*. Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in sections XXXX and b. of this NOFO.

Transition grants HUD conditionally awards in the CoC Program Competition have 1 year to fully transition from the original component to the new component. The transition grant's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term. The grant term may be extended consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. Transition grant applications awarded FY 2025 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term and must apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.

For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application. For example, expiring FY 2024 grants applying to transition to a new component during the FY 2025 funding process will attach a copy of the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition project application.

- (1) If the project application identifies the project as a transition project and the CoC accepts the new transition grant project on the New Project Application Project Listing in the CoC Project Listing, HUD will consider this as CoC consent.
- (2) If HUD determines a new project submitted as a transition grant does not qualify, but meets all other new project requirements, HUD may award the project as a new non-transition grant project. If this occurs, the new project operating start date will be reflected in the grant agreement.
- **(3)** YHDP Renewal grants are not eligible to use the transition grant process. YHDP Renewal grants must submit a YHDP Replacement application to change component types.
- (4) Grants with DV Renewal funding are not eligible to use the transition grant process.
- (5) Renewal Grants awarded FY 2024 funding that were awarded 1 year of funding and are expiring in CY 2026 may submit a FY 2025 transition grant application to request a component type change.
- Renewal Project Requirements. As set forth in 24 CFR 578.33, projects may renew under the CoC Program NOFO to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs.

Awards HUD made under the CoC Program (including projects originally awarded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition) and YHDP are eligible for renewal with FY 2025 CoC Program funds if they are currently operating and have an expiration date in CY 2026 (the period from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026). Therefore, project applications for grants previously awarded 1 year of funding, including projects awarded funding under the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition NOFO, are renewable for the FY 2025 CoC Program funding opportunity if they are currently operating and have an expiration date in CY 2026.

For projects that were awarded 1-year grants under the FY 2024 funding process that have a signed grant agreement with HUD and will expire in CY 2026, HUD will make FY 2025 awards using the FY 2024 application, subject to any Cost of Living adjustments for FY 2025. A FY 2025 renewal application submission is not required. If HUD conditionally selects a FY 2024 grant for renewal in FY 2025 that does not have an expiration date in CY 2026, HUD will withdraw any award conditionally selected for FY 2025 renewal funding.

Existing CoC and YHDP Projects with grant expiration dates that occur in CY 2026 that did not qualify for renewal in FY 2024, but are eligible for FY 2025 renewal funding, must submit a renewal application by the FY 2025 application submission deadline established in this NOFO.

- **a.** Renewal project applications must be submitted by the same recipient that signed the executed grant agreement for the grant being renewed, or entity that became the recipient through a grant agreement transfer amendment. To be eligible as a renewal project, the application must (1) be for the same amount of funding before any adjustments described in this NOFO (e.g. FMR adjustments), or the amount reduced due to reallocation; (2) be for the same program component; and (3) in the case of YHDP Renewal projects, must continue to serve the same subpopulation.
- **b.** If HUD conditionally selects a renewal grant for funding that does not have an expiration date that meets the renewal eligibility requirements prescribed by this NOFO, HUD will withdraw any funds conditionally selected for award.
- c. Projects that were eligible under predecessor programs, specifically Safe Haven projects, will continue to be eligible under the CoC Program and will continue to be eligible for renewal of leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs under 24 CFR 578.33(d)(1) so long as the project continues to serve the same population and the same number of program participants or units in the same type of housing as identified in their most recent grant agreement, amended grant agreement, signed before August 31, 2012. No new Safe Haven projects will be funded; however, existing Safe Haven projects may be renewed to continue to carry out activities that are eligible costs under Subpart D of the Rule.
- **d.** The total request for each renewing project, including YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects, is limited to a project's ARA. Additionally, where two or more eligible projects are being consolidated through the project application, the total ARA of the consolidation project must be equal to or less than the sum of the original renewal projects before consolidation. Because funds for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation are not renewable, grants being renewed whose original expiring award included acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation funds may only renew leasing, supportive services, rental assistance, operating, and HMIS costs and must not exceed 10 percent in administrative costs.
- **e.** HUD will recapture grant funds remaining unspent at the end of the previous grant period when it renews a grant.
- **f.** HUD encourages the consolidation of eligible renewal grants as provided in section XXXX of this NOFO. This does not apply to CoCs that HUD designates as UFAs, because UFAs enter into a single renewal grant agreement with HUD for the CoC's entire geographic area. If applicable, HUD issues a separate UFA grant agreement that only includes YHDP grants.
- g. Subject to HUD approval and the terms of the NOFO, the following requests may be

included in a renewal application:

- (1) CoC renewal project applications (including projects originally funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition) may include non-significant changes including shifting up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another.
- (2) YHDP Renewal project applications from any round may include non-significant changes including adding select Special YHDP Activities in section XXXX and shifting up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another.
- (3) DV Renewal project applications may include non-significant changes including shifting up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another.
- (4) Renewal applications that include requests to shift more than 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another and other significant changes as defined at 24 CFR 578.105 will not be considered during the CoC Program Competition by HUD. If an application includes a budget shift that exceeds 10 percent, HUD will correct the project budget to reflect the previously awarded budget amounts.
- (5) CoC renewal project applicants may also apply to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible new component through reallocation and use those funds to create a single, new transition grant [see section XXXX of this NOFO]. YHDP Renewal project applicants are not permitted to utilize the transition grant application process. YHDP applicants must submit a YHDP Replacement application to change program components.
- **(6)** YHDP Replacement projects cannot request capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation).
- h. Actual Per Unit Cost Renewal Grants. Applicants requesting renewal of grants for rental assistance may request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR) if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR. This will help reduce the number of projects receiving rental assistance that have large balances of unspent funds remaining at the end of the operating year. Renewal project applicants must ensure the amount requested will be sufficient to cover all eligible costs as HUD cannot provide funds beyond the amount awarded through the FY 2025 CoC Program funding process. Project applications for rental assistance cannot request more than 100 percent of the published FMR. New project applications must adhere to 24 CFR 578.51(f) and must request the full FMR amount per unit. See section XXXX of this NOFO for additional information regarding FMR adjustments for projects receiving funds for rental assistance.
- i. Renewal and Replacement Grant Terms. Renewal and Replacement project

applications are limited to a 1-year grant term with 1 year of funding. HUD may extend the grant term consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309.

Any renewal PH project that receives project-based rental assistance or operating costs may request up to a 15-year grant term; however, project applicants may only request 1 year of funding. HUD may extend the grant term consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. Project applicants must apply for the additional funds as a renewal project application prior to the anniversary of the first expenditure of grant funds by which date grant funds should have been expended; or, if HUD extends the date that funds must be expended, the date the extension expires. HUD does not guarantee CoC Program funds past the 1 year of renewal funding.

The first year of funding for YHDP Replacement projects will be based on the 1-year renewal amount of the current YHDP project being replaced. The YHDP Replacement project's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the project being replaced.

3. New Project Requirements. CoCs may submit new projects created through CoC Reallocation, DV Reallocation or YHDP Replacement including YHDP Reallocation. A CoC designated Collaborative Applicant may submit a new CoC Planning project application, and if applicable, a UFA Costs project application in FY 2025.

To expend funds within statutorily required deadlines, applicants funded for sponsor-based and project-based rental assistance must execute the grant agreement and begin providing rental assistance within 2 years. However, HUD strongly encourages all rental assistance to begin within 12 months of award. Applicants that are unable to begin rental assistance within the 12-month period should consult with the local HUD CPD field office.

- **a.** HUD will review project subrecipient eligibility as part of the project quality threshold review process. Project applicants must submit documentation of the subrecipient's eligibility with the project application.
- **b.** Any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under (or families headed by youth aged 24 and under, including pregnant or parenting youth) who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence.
- **c.** *New Project Grant Terms.* The initial grant term for new project applications may be 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, 5-years, or 15-years. HUD may extend the grant consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. The following exceptions apply:
 - (1) HUD will allow new projects to request 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant

term not to exceed 18 months. HUD has determined that most new projects requesting 1 year of funding normally take approximately 3 to 6 months to begin fully operating the new project (e.g., hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if leasing or renting). Therefore, a new project requesting 1 year of funding may request a grant term of 12 months to 18 months that will allow for the additional start-up process. Any new projects requesting capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation) are not eligible for 1-year funding requests. See (7) below for more information on new projects requesting capital costs. Transition grant applications cannot request 18-month grant terms.

- (2) Any new expansion project submitted to expand an eligible renewal CoC Programfunded project may only request a 1-year grant term, regardless of the project type.
- (3) Any new project that requests tenant-based rental assistance may request a 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year grant term.
- (4) Any new project that requests leasing costs either leasing costs only or leasing costs plus other costs (e.g., supportive services, HMIS) may request up to a 3-year grant term.
- (5) Any new project that requests project-based rental assistance or sponsor-based rental assistance, or operating costs may request up to a 15-year grant term; however, the project applicant may only request up to 5 years of funds. Funding for the remainder of the term is subject to availability. Applicants must apply for additional funds through a renewal project application in the competition held in the calendar year prior to the anniversary of the first expenditure of grant funds, or if HUD has extended the grant term, the date the extension expires. HUD does not guarantee CoC Program funds past the initial 5-year grant term, if conditionally awarded.
- **(6)** Any new project that requests operating costs, supportive services only, HMIS, and project administrative costs may request 1-year, 2-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year grant terms with funding for the same number of years.
- (7) Any new project conditionally selected by HUD that requests new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation costs (capital costs) must request a minimum of a 3-year grant term and may request up to a 5-year grant term. Any new projects requesting capital costs are not eligible for 1-year funding requests. If a new project requests 1 year of funding with capital costs, HUD will increase the grant term to 3-years and the new project must spend the funds requested over a 3-year period.

If an applicant requests funds for new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation in addition to requesting funds for operating, supportive services, or HMIS, the funding

will be for the 3-years to 5-years requested, and the grant term will be 3-years to 5-years plus the time necessary to acquire the property, complete construction, and begin operating the project. HUD will require recordation of a HUD-approved use and repayment covenant before funds can be drawn down (the form can be obtained from the local HUD CPD field office) for all grants of funds for new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation. (24 CFR 578.81) HUD Field Office Counsel must approve the use and repayment covenants in advance of their being recorded, and proof of recording must be submitted to HUD Field Office Counsel before HUD will release grant funds, other than acquisition funds.

- (8) All new CoC Planning or UFA Costs project applications are limited to 1-year grant terms and 1 year of funding.
 - (a) The maximum amount for one year of funding to spend on administrative costs associated with the CoC planning activities listed at 24 CFR 578.39 is 5 percent of FPRN, up to a maximum of \$1,500,000, or \$50,000 whichever is greater.
 - **(b)** The maximum amount for one year of funding to spend on administrative costs associated with the UFA costs described at 42 USC 11360(g) is up to 3 percent of FPRN or \$1,250,000 per fiscal year; whichever is less.
 - (c) CoC Planning and UFA Costs grants are not renewable.
- **(9)** Any new project that is requesting consideration under the DV Reallocation process [see sections XXXX, XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO] may only request 1 year of funding, but may request a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months regardless of project application component type.

V. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

- Threshold Review: this section must include information on the criteria you use to determine whether an application or project is eligible for merit review. This is typically what HUD refers to as "threshold" requirements. You must also include a brief description of the threshold review process. Include a reference to the regulation or requirement that describes the restriction, if applicable. If this information is included under section II of this NOFO, just reference that section. Outside of the SF-424, standard forms are generally not considered in the threshold review.
- Review Criteria: this section must address the review criteria that you will use to evaluate applications. This information must include the merit and other review criteria that you use to judge applications, including any statutory, regulatory, or other lawful nondiscriminatory preferences that will be applied in the review process. These criteria are distinct from eligibility criteria that are addressed before an application is accepted for review and any program policy or other factors that are applied during the selection process, after the review process is completed. The intent is to make the application process transparent, so applicants can make informed decisions when preparing their applications to maximize fairness of the process.
 - Unless prohibited by law, rating factors must consider the EOs referenced in the instructions for Section I of this NOFO, and any applicable guidance subsequently issued and related to the EOs.
 - Include how an applicant's proposed cost sharing will be considered in the review process if it is not a threshold requirement. Do not include statements that cost sharing is encouraged without providing clarity about what that means.
 - The relevant information if you permit applicants to nominate reviewers of their applications or suggest the reviewers who may be inappropriate due to a conflict of interest.
- **Risk Review**: this section must respond to the requirements of 2 CFR 200.206 to develop and implement a framework to assess the risk posed by each applicant.

A. Threshold Review

HUD reviews each application to make sure it meets the following threshold requirements. If you meet all threshold requirements, your application will advance to a merit review. If you fail to meet one or more threshold requirements, your application is not eligible for HUD funding.

1. Eligible Applicant

You must meet the applicant eligibility criteria in this NOFO. Applications from ineligible

applicants are not rated or ranked and will not receive HUD funding.

a. Eligible Project Applicants (McKinney-Vento Act, 24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100)

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and in the Act and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)]. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.

b. Collaborative Applicants

Only CoCs with a valid e-snaps registration for the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Program and YHDP Competition will have access to the FY 2025 CoC Program and YHDP Funding Opportunity in e-snaps, which includes the CoC Project Listing and the project application(s). CoCs should not attempt to change Collaborative Applicants during the FY 2025 CoC Program and YHDP Funding Opportunity without prior HUD approval unless HUD replaces the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant under the authority of Section 402(c) of the Act. HUD will approve Collaborative Applicant changes outside the annual CoC Program Registration process under the following circumstances:

- the Collaborative Applicant made an error when entering the Collaborative Applicant name in the CoC Applicant Profile;
- the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant is no longer in business;
- the CoC designates a new Collaborative Applicant; or
- HUD designated a new Collaborative Applicant as a remedial action under Section 402(c) of the Act.

In cases where the CoC changes its designated Collaborative Applicant during the CoC Program Registration process, the CoC must notify the local HUD CPD field office, in writing, stating the reason for the Collaborative Applicant change. The notice to HUD must provide documentation of the CoC's approval of the change (e.g., a copy of the meeting minutes to include the date and attendees).

c. Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE)

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260, approved December 27, 2020) amended Title IV to add Section 435 of the Act to allow Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to be Collaborative Applicants, eligible entities, or subrecipients of the CoC Program in addition to amending Title IV Section 401 to add the terms "Formula Area" and "Indian Tribe." These amendments mean that not only may Tribes and TDHEs apply for grants through other CoCs, but that formula areas, as that term is defined in the Indian Housing Block Grant program at 24 CFR 1000.302, are eligible to be

added to the geographic areas of existing CoCs or may be included in newly formed CoCs through the CoC registration process (see Notice CPD-22-02).

2. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters

You may consult the FHEO for guidance.

Applicants with outstanding, unresolved judgments against them for violations of civil rights laws must resolve those judgments before the application submission deadline or the applicant will be deemed ineligible.

- a. An applicant is ineligible for funding if the applicant has received notice of a judgment imposed against them for violations of:
 - the Fair Housing Act or a substantially equivalent state or local fair housing law for discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability or familial status;
 - 2. Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, or the Violence Against Women Act or substantially equivalent state or local laws.
- b. HUD will determine if actions to resolve the judgment taken before the application deadline date will resolve the matter. Examples of actions that may be sufficient to resolve the matter include, but are not limited to:
 - Current compliance with a voluntary compliance agreement signed by all the parties:
 - Current compliance with a HUD-approved conciliation agreement signed by all the parties;
 - Current compliance with a conciliation agreement signed by all the parties and approved by the state governmental or local administrative agency with jurisdiction over the matter;
 - 4. Current compliance with a consent order or consent decree; or
 - Current compliance with a final judicial ruling or administrative ruling or decision.

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3. Timely Submission of Applications

Late applications are not eligible for funding. See deadlines in Section VI of this NOFO.

Applicants should review and follow the steps as outlined below to ensure applications are complete and submitted by the deadlines established in this NOFO. Documents referenced

in this section can be found on the CoC Program page of HUD's website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc.

4. Applicants who fail to meet any of the following threshold eligibility requirements are deemed ineligible. Applications from ineligible applicants will not be reviewed by HUD.

a. Project Eligibility Threshold.

HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following project eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines the applicable standards are not met for a project, HUD will reject the project. HUD will consider any project requesting renewal funding as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless HUD receives information to the contrary (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by HUD's Office of Inspector General, the recipient routinely does not draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter, consistently late Annual Performance Report (APR) submissions). Approval of new and renewal projects is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is compliant with applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements.

- (1) Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
- (2) Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal funds.
- (3) Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in this NOFO.
- (4) The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and section XXXX of this NOFO.
- (5) Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC Planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.

b. Project Quality Threshold.

HUD will review all new project applications to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements. HUD will not award funds to a new project unless the project was created through reallocation. HUD will consider any project requesting renewal funding, including renewing YHDP and renewing Special CoC NOFO Program Competition projects, as having met project quality threshold requirements through its previously approved grant application unless HUD receives information to the contrary (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by HUD's Office of Inspector General, the recipient routinely does not draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter, consistently late APR submissions) and/or if the renewal project has compliance issues which results in the project not operating in accordance with the Rule. If awarded, a recipient must meet all the criteria listed in the criteria column for its component. Additionally, the housing and services proposed must be appropriate to the needs of the program participants and the community. A determination that a project meets the project quality threshold is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is compliant with applicable fair housing and civil rights requirements.

HUD will consider YHDP Replacement project applications including applications for new YHDP projects created through YHDP reallocation as having met project quality threshold requirements if the project application activities and costs are eligible under this NOFO. If a YHDP Replacement (including YHDP Reallocation) project application is not for activities and costs that are eligible under this NOFO, HUD will not reject the project under this project quality threshold, but HUD will require the project applicant to correct or revise information submitted after the final CoC Program award announcement but before executing the grant agreement.

Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing		
New Project Application Rating Factors	Points Available	Criteria
New Permanent Housing	1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants.
projects must receive at least 4 out of the 5 points available for this project	1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.

type. New Permanent Housing projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.	1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
	1	The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.
Joint TH/PH-RRH		
New Project	Points	Criteria

New Project Application Rating Factors	Points Available	Criteria
New Joint TH/PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. New Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects that do not receive at least 6 points	1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)
	1	The proposed project has a strategy to ensure that the participants served by the program successfully exit homelessness.
	1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually

will be rejected.		assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply, and which meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
	1	The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.

SSO-Coordinated Entry

New Project Application Rating Factors	Points Available	Criteria	
New SSO-CE project applications (also known as centralized or coordinated assessment) must receive at least 2 out of the 4 points available for this project	1	The Coordinated Entry system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.	
	1	There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs and who are disproportionately represented within the CoC's homelessness response system.	
type. New SSO-	1	There is a standardized assessment process.	
CE projects that do not receive at least	1	Ensures program participants, taking into account those who are from historically underserved population through the CoC's	

2 points will be rejected.		prioritization process, are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.
HMIS		
New Project Application Rating Factors	Points Available	Criteria
New HMIS project applications must receive at	1	How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.
least 3 out of the 4 points available for	1	The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.
this project	1	The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.
HMIS projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1	The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.
CoC Planning - C	ollaborative App	olicants Only
New Project Application Rating Factors	Points Available	Criteria
New CoC Planning projects, submitted only by the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant, must receive at least 3 out of the 5 points	1	Governance and Operations-The CoC conducts meetings of the entire CoC membership that are inclusive and open to members and demonstrates the CoC has a written governance charter in place that includes CoC policies.
	1	CoC Committees-The CoC has CoC-wide planning committees, subcommittees, or workgroups to address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area that recommends and sets policy priorities for the CoC.

available for this project type. CoC	2	The proposed planning project that will be carried out by the CoC with Planning grant funds are compliant with the provisions of 24 CFR 578.7.
Planning projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1	The funds requested will improve the CoC's ability to evaluate the outcome of both CoC Program-funded and ESG-funded projects.

HUD will review the UFA Costs submitted by the UFA designated Collaborative Applicant to ensure appropriate match and eligibility of costs requested. HUD will also assess all new project applications (i.e. reallocations, and YHDP replacement projects) for the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. For HUD to consider projects as meeting project quality threshold, all new projects must meet all the following criteria:

- (1) project applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s) funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; however, this does not apply to project applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project;
- (2) for expansion project applications, project applicants must describe the part of the project that is being expanded and demonstrate the project is not replacing other funding sources; and
- (3) project applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. Project applicants with existing projects must demonstrate they met all renewal project threshold requirements of this NOFO. HUD reserves the right to deny a funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, unresolved audit, or monitoring findings related to one or more existing grants; or does not routinely draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter. HUD also reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant.

c. Project Renewal Threshold.

CoCs must consider the need to continue funding for projects expiring in CY 2026 (January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026) when applying for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funding. Renewal projects must meet the minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in this NOFO or they will be rejected

from consideration for funding:

- (1) When considering renewal projects for award; HUD will review information in eLOCCS, APRs, and information provided from the local HUD CPD field office; including monitoring reports and audit reports as applicable, and performance standards on prior grants, and will assess projects using the following criteria on a pass/fail basis:
 - (a) whether the project applicant's performance met the plans and goals established in the initial application, or grant as amended;
 - **(b)** whether the project applicant demonstrated all timeliness standards for grants being renewed have been met, including those standards for the expenditure of grant funds;
 - (c) the project applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and records of success, except dedicated HMIS projects are not required to meet this standard; and
 - (d) evidence of unwillingness of project applicants to accept technical assistance, a history of inadequate financial accounting practices, indications of project mismanagement, a drastic reduction in the population served, program changes have been made without prior HUD approval, or the loss of project site control.
- (2) HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition for the following reasons:
 - (a) outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon;
 - (b) audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
 - (c) history of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
 - (d) evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award;
 - **(e)** history of other major capacity issues that have significantly affected the operation of the project and its performance;
 - **(f)** history of not reimbursing subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner, or at least quarterly; and

(g) history of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.

B. Merit Review

- This section must include: a clear description of each criterion and subcriterion. If criteria vary in importance, the announcement should specify the relative percentages, weights, or other means used to distinguish among them. For statutory, regulatory, or other preferences, the announcement should provide a detailed explanation of those preferences with an explicit indication of their effect (e.g., whether they result in additional points being assigned).
- You must provide a high-level breakdown of criteria and points first. Then use the "Edit Criteria" under the rating factor table to expand each criterion. The total maximum points without preference points should not exceed 100. The total maximum points including preference points should not exceed 104.
- Consider how you might prioritize awards to applicants that propose evidence-based practices. You should encourage applicants to include these types of costs in their proposed budgets.
- You may also include information about the types of people responsible for evaluation against the merit criteria; the number of people on an evaluation panel and how it operates, how reviewers are selected and qualified.
- Use the available fields to adjust the numbers/letters for subsection headers.

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HUD expects to evaluate and score your application using the following merit criteria and process. Merit reviewers evaluate and score all applications that pass the threshold review. Merit reviewers may include Federal and non-Federal persons. Reviewers receive a copy of your application to evaluate and score each application separately.

Add Preference Points, Section 3, and Other Factors to the Merit Review Summary table below, if applicable.

Merit Review Summary

Criterion	Total number of points = 100 or 104
Rating Factor 1	_ points
Rating Factor 2	points
Rating Factor 3	_ points

Criterion	Total number of points = 100 or 104
Rating Factor 4	points
Rating Factor 5	points
Total	points

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1. Rating Factors

Your application must include a response to the following criteria.

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Rating Factors Details

Criterion	Max points = 100
Rating Factor 1 Title	max points
Policy text/subcriteria	
Rating Factor 2 Title	max points
Policy text/subcriteria	
Rating Factor 3 Title	max points
Policy text/subcriteria	
Rating Factor 4 Title	max points
Policy text/subcriteria	
Rating Factor 5 Title	max points

Criterion	Max points = 100
Policy text/subcriteria	
Checkbox: Section 3 You can opt to have this dedicated Section 3 rating factor or incorporate the rating elements below into another rating factor	max points
that includes other elements. Use or select the first checkbox and add the appropriate points that	
apply to this NOFO, maximum of four (4) points, if 24 CFR Part 75 (Section 3) applies to the applicable grant. These points are part of the 100 total points.	
NOFOs for grants that are required to comply with Section 3 must award points (maximum of 4) for the inclusion of a quality Section 3 plan.	
Select the second checkbox if the NOFO is not required to comply with Section 3 and thus does not award Section 3 points. You can also simply deselect the checkbox for this section and not include	

Checkbox: If your application includes a quality <u>Section 3 plan</u>, you may receive up to the allowed points for this criterion. HUD will consider the following in evaluating the quality of the Section 3 plan:

it in your NOFO.

- types and amounts of employment, training, and contracting opportunities to be generated as a result of proposed grant activities;
- specific actions to be taken to give Targeted Section 3 workers (as defined at 24 CFR 75.21) and Section 3 business concerns (as defined at 24 CFR 75.5) priority consideration for employment, training, contracting, and other economic opportunities in accordance with HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 75, subparts A and C;
- written criteria to be used for determining the respective eligibility of individuals and businesses as Targeted Section 3 workers and Section 3 business concerns;
- written procedures to be used for notifying Targeted Section 3 workers and Section 3 business concerns about the availability of training, employment, and contracting opportunities;
- methodology to be used for monitoring subrecipients and contractors to assure compliance with Section 3 requirements;

Criterion

Max points = 100

- strategies for meeting or exceeding the Section 3 benchmarks that HUD may establish as provided by 24 CFR 75.23; and
- contact information and qualifications for staff persons who will be responsible for the day-to-day implementation of Section 3.

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Checkbox: 2. Policy Initiative Preference Points

Select the appropriate preference points that apply to this NOFO.

NOFOs may include any number of policy initiatives but a program office may not award more than four (4) preference points per application. Also, programs may not award both HBCU and MSI points.

Checkbox: This NOFO does not offer any preference points.

Checkbox: This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of two (2) preference points may be awarded. Preference points are added to your overall application score. You do not need to address the policy initiatives in this section to receive an award. If you choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you must adhere to the information with any award.

Checkbox: This NOFO supports the following policy initiatives, for which a maximum of four (4) preference points may be awarded. Preference points are added to your overall application score. You do not need to address the policy initiatives in this section to receive an award. If you choose to address a policy initiative in your application, you must adhere to the information with any award.

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Checkbox: a. HBCUs

The maximum number of HBCU Preference Points is two (2) per application. If you are exclusively offering preference points to HBCUs and applicants who partner with HBCUs, select this HBCU checkbox. However, if your preference points are more broadly available to two or more minority-serving institutions (MSIs), select the MSI initiative checkbox below.

If the NOFO does not include this preference, leave all boxes unchecked.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if you are an <u>HBCU</u>. To receive points, you must include in your application documentation of your <u>HBCU</u> designation.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if you are partnering with an HBCU. To receive

points, you must include in your application a letter of commitment and <u>HBCU</u> status documentation. The letter must confirm your partnership. The letter must also include the signature of a leadership official at the <u>HBCU</u>.

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Checkbox: b. Minority-Serving Institutions

The maximum number of preference points for MSIs is two (2) per application. If you are exclusively offering preference points to two or more MSIs, use the MSI checkbox below. However, if your preference points are specific to two or more HBCUs, use the HBCU initiative checkbox above.

If the NOFO does not include this preference, leave all boxes unchecked.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if you are an MSI. To receive points, you must include in your application documentation of your MSI designation.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if you are partnering with an MSI. To receive points, you must include in your application a letter of commitment and MSI status documentation. The letter must confirm your partnership. The letter must also include the signature of a leadership official at the MSI.

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Checkbox: c. Promise Zones

Select the first checkbox if the NOFO includes Promise Zones preference points.

In any fiscal year in which Congress directs that Promise Zone designations remain in effect, consistent with a provision like section 228 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42), HUD is required to offer the same number of Promise Zone preference points as were offered in any NOFO that previously offered such points. The fiscal year 2025 Appropriations Act includes the same direction from Congress. In addition, for any new NOFOs that are place-based in nature and for which Promise Zone designees are eligible applicants, this direction requires Promise Zone points to be offered.

If the NOFO does not include this preference, leave all boxes unchecked.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities support the goals of a Promise Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-50153, Certification of Consistency with Promise Zone Goals and Implementation. An authorized office of the Promise Zone must certify the project meets the criteria included on the form.

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Checkbox: d. Opportunity Zones

Select the first checkbox if the NOFO includes Opportunity Zones preference points.

If the NOFO does not include this preference, leave all boxes unchecked.

Checkbox: You may receive up to two (2) points, if your proposed activities are within an Opportunity Zone. To receive points, you must complete and submit form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points. Applicants must also provide supporting documentation showing that the investment is in an opportunity zone.

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Checkbox: 4. Other Factors

Your application must respond to the following other additional criteria.

If you must either select the checkbox associated with Budget or information related to how you review the project budget must be included within a rating factor.

Checkbox: a. Budget

The panel will review but not approve the budget. The panel will assess whether the budget aligns with planned program activities and objectives. Panel members will consider whether the budget and the requested performance period are fully justified and reasonable in relation to the proposed project.

Use the text field below to expand on the checkbox above. If you did not select the checkbox above, use the text field below to describe how you determine whether the budget or requested amounts are reasonable and appropriate in relation to the proposed project.

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$\label{lem:checkbox:b.} \textbf{Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.}$

- You should indicate how applicants should confirm consistency with the Consolidated Plan. If you use the HUD 2991 standard form or something else, please indicate such.
- You should consult applicable regulations and OGC to determine if the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan is applicable.

You must make sure your application activities are <u>consistent with your local Consolidated Plan</u>.

If project applicants are eligible to apply for FY 2025 funding, but weren't included on the HUD-2991 submitted during the FY 2024 funding process, the CoC must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the proposed project(s) will be located and the certification must be made in accordance with the provisions of the consolidated plan regulations at 24 CFR part 91, subpart F. The FY 2025 Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between November 1, 2024 and August 29, 2025.

All project applications submitted and listed on the CoC Project Listings by Collaborative Applicants must be included in the certification either by submitting one correctly signed and dated HUD-2991 from the appropriate jurisdiction that includes an attachment listing of all submitted project applications, or a single signed and dated HUD-2991 for each individual

project application from the appropriate jurisdiction. See section XXXX for more information.

If this NOFO includes multi-year funding and a single applicant can receive multiple awards, in the textbox field, you must make clear to the applicant that its application, score, and funding request are used for more than one year. This means the applicant may want to consider this fact when determining its funding request. Example of text, "You, as the applicant, must identify your funding request for each funding year included in this NOFO. HUD will create a ranked fundable applicants list for each funding year requested (i.e., a FY 2025 ranked list, and a FY 2026 ranked list). An applicant's score and the funding requested by year will inform funding decisions associated with this NOFO. You must include the total funding requested for all years on your SF-424; the amount listed on the SF-424 will be used as your maximum funding amount requested for all years of funding associated with this NOFO. You should determine your funding requests based on your ability to successfully execute your project and the NOFO terms over the performance period in this NOFO."

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C. Risk Review

You must provide a brief description of the factors used for risk review as required by 2 CFR 200.206. Before making risk review decisions required by 2 CFR 200.206, you will consider any comments from the applicant. Consult your program counsel for assistance.

Before making an award, HUD will evaluate each applicant's likelihood of successfully implementing an award based on the following criteria.

- OMB-designated repositories of government-wide data as noted in 2 CFR 200.206(a)
- Default Checkbox: Other public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accountability Office reports or findings, or other complaints that have been proven to have merit
- · Default Checkbox: Financial stability
- Default Checkbox: Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards prescribed in 2 CFR part 200
- Default Checkbox: History of performance. The applicant's record in managing Federal
 awards, if it is a prior recipient of Federal awards, including timeliness of compliance
 with applicable reporting requirements, failing to make significant progress in a timely
 manner, failing to meet planned activities in a timely manner, conformance to the
 terms and conditions of previous Federal awards, and, if applicable, the extent to
 which any previously awarded amounts will be expended prior to future awards
- Default Checkbox: Reports and findings from audits performed under 2 CFR part 200, subpart F—Audit Requirements or the reports and findings of any other available audits

- Default Checkbox: The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities
- Default Checkbox: Capacity of the applicant, including staffing structures and capabilities
- Default Checkbox: History of timely completion of activities and receipt and expenditure of promised matching or leveraged funds
- Default Checkbox: Ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence
- Default Checkbox: Ability to produce positive outcomes and results

Use the text field to add any other criteria used to assess risk and/or to evaluate how well an applicant has handled any past federal awards well and demonstrated sound business practices.

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HUD may use the results of the risk review to make funding decisions and to apply award conditions.

If this is a multiyear NOFO, you must discuss how HUD will treat unfunded fiscal year 2025 applications (if any) in relation to new applications.

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D. Selection Process

- You must include:
 - o any program policy, factors, or elements that the selecting official may use in selecting applications for the award. For example, geographical dispersion or program balance.
 - A description of how the results of the merit review impacts final funding decisions. For example, whether they are advisory only.
- You may also include information about who makes final award decisions, and any multiphase review methods.

When making funding decisions, HUD will consider:

- Eligibility requirements, including threshold review results.
- Merit review results.
- Risk review results.

To the extent allowed by law, HUD may:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.
- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.

- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.
- Adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding or geographic dispersion, and alignment with program or administrative priorities.
- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.
- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an
 application or fund additional applications.
- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an
 applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if
 funding is available.
- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications
 of merit.

In selecting projects for FY 2025 funds, HUD will conduct a project eligibility and project quality threshold review on project applicants. For new project applications, HUD will consider project applicant and subrecipient eligibility and capacity, project eligibility, and project quality as part of the threshold review, see sections XXXX. and XXXX. of this NOFO. HUD's renewal project application threshold review will consider project applicant and subrecipient capacity and eligibility as explained in section XXXX of this NOFO. Section XXXX of this NOFO covers eligible project applicants and section XXXX covers eligible project applications.

HUD may employ rating panels to review and rate all or part of the CoC Applications according to the rating criteria in section V of this NOFO.

1. Threshold Review. Project applicant and subrecipient eligibility, capacity, and quality. HUD will review project applications to determine whether project applicants and subrecipients meet the applicant eligibility in section XXXX, and whether the project applications meet the project eligibility and project quality thresholds detailed in sections XXXX. and XXXX. of this NOFO. HUD will review renewal projects to determine if project applicants and subrecipients meet the project quality threshold requirements detailed in section XXXX of this NOFO. If HUD determines these standards are not met, HUD will reject the project application, unless otherwise provided in this NOFO. If a new project application passes the project eligibility threshold review in section XXXX. and receives enough points to pass the project quality threshold review in section XXXX. of this NOFO but does not receive all the points available for its project type, HUD may place conditions on the grant award that must be satisfied before HUD will execute a grant agreement with the applicant for the project. If an applicant is unable to satisfy the condition(s) within the timeframe specified by HUD, HUD reserves the right to withdraw the conditionally awarded funds.

- Conditional Selection and Adjustments to Funding. HUD Headquarters will conditionally select project applications for funding using the following process:
 - **a.** As authorized under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31; 131 Stat. 135) for fiscal year 2017 and hereafter, HUD will conditionally select a renewal grant that exceeds \$10 million that was originally awarded pursuant to the matter under the heading "Department of Housing and Urban Development–Permanent Supportive Housing" in chapter 6 of title III of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008 (Public Law 110-252; 122 Stat. 2351).
 - **b.** *CoC Planning projects.* HUD will conditionally select every CoC Planning project that passes project eligibility and project quality threshold review. Only one CoC Planning project application can be submitted per CoC.
 - **c.** *UFA Costs projects.* HUD will conditionally select every UFA Costs project submitted by UFA-designated Collaborative Applicants that pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review. Only one UFA Costs project application may be submitted per UFA-designated Collaborative Applicant.
 - d. YHDP Renewal projects, and YHDP Replacement projects including YHDP projects created through YHDP Reallocation. HUD will conditionally select all renewal, and replacement YHDP projects (including those projects created through reallocation) that pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review. YHDP projects that do not meet quality threshold will be conditionally selected with conditions that the recipient correct any project quality threshold failures prior to executing a grant agreement.
 - **e.** HUD will conditionally select all new and renewal projects that pass project eligibility and project quality threshold that fall within the CoCs ARD.
- 3. Conflict of Interest of Consultants or Technical Experts Assisting HUD. Consultants and technical experts who assist HUD in evaluating applications for funding under published CoC Program NOFOs are subject to 18 U.S.C. 208, the Federal criminal conflict-of-interest statute, and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch regulation published at 5 CFR 2635. Therefore, consultants and technical experts who have assisted or plan to assist applicants with preparing applications for CoC Program NOFOs are prohibited from serving on a selection panel or serving as a technical advisor to HUD. Anyone involved in reviewing CoC Program NOFO applications, including departmental staff, experts, and consultants, must avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance of such conflicts. These individuals must also disclose to HUD's Office of General Counsel Ethics Law Division the following information, if applicable:

- **a.** How the selection or non-selection of any applicant under a CoC Program NOFO will affect the individual's financial interests, as provided in 18 U.S.C. 208, or
- **b.** How the application process involves a party with whom the individual has a covered relationship under 5 CFR 2635.502.

The consultant or technical expert assisting HUD must disclose this information before participating in any matter regarding a program NOFO. Applicants with questions regarding these provisions or concerning a conflict of interest should call the Office of General Counsel Ethics Law Division, at (202)708-3815 (this is not a toll-free number). HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs.

4. Adjustments to Projects.

HUD may adjust the selection of competitive projects as follows:

- **a. CoC Maximum Award and FMR Adjustments.** The process for determining a CoC's maximum award amount is detailed in 24 CFR 578.17(b). HUD must adjust awards for leasing, operating, and rental assistance BLIs based on changes to the Fair Market Rents (FMR). HUD will make all adjustments for each fiscal year appropriation prior to award announcement. HUD will make these adjustments as follows:
 - (1) Funds awarded for rental assistance will be adjusted in one of two ways:
 - (a) Funds awarded for rental assistance in all new and renewal projects requesting the FMR will be adjusted by applying the FMR in effect at the time of application submission to HUD, including instances where the FMR for a specific area has decreased from the previous year.
 - (b) Funds awarded for rental assistance for renewal projects that request less than FMR, that is, a per-unit amount based on the actual rent costs per unit (section XXXX), will be increased based on the average increase in FMR amounts within the CoC's geographic area, weighted for population density. If the FMR for a specific area decreased from the previous year, the award will not exceed the FMR after adjustment. If the FMR for the project applicant's entire area decreased from the previous year, the project will be awarded the lesser amount of the per-unit amount requested by the project applicant, based on the actual rent costs per unit, or the FMR after adjustment.
 - (2) HUD will increase funds awarded for operating and leasing in PH projects based

on the average increase in FMR amounts within the CoC's geographic area, weighted for population density. Because leasing and operating costs do not decrease relative to rent amounts for specific units (e.g., operating costs for 10 units that have rents of \$500 are likely the same as for 10 units that have rents that are \$450) HUD will not decrease leasing and operating BLIs if FMRs decrease in the geographic area. The operating and leasing BLIs in these projects will remain the same as in the most recent grant agreement or grant agreement amendment.

- b. Cost of Living Adjustment Factor. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects by the following factor: Most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) for the category Social Assistance (NAICS 624). Data can be found at: https://www.bls.gov/cew/data.htm.
- 5. Geographic Diversity. HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the CoC Program Competition. HUD believes that geographic diversity can be achieved best by awarding grants to as many CoCs as possible. To this end, in instances where any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa do not have at least one funded CoC, HUD reserves the right to fund eligible project(s) with the highest total score in the CoC.
- 6. Funding Diversity. HUD reserves the right to reduce the amount of a grant, if necessary, to ensure that no more than 10 percent of assistance made available under this NOFO will be awarded for projects located within any one unit of general local government or within the geographic area covered by any one CoC.

E. Award Notices

- You must address what a successful applicant can expect to receive after selection.
- If you provide a separate notice stating that an application has been selected before you
 make an award, then indicate that the letter is not an authorization to begin performance
 and that the awarding document/agreement is the authorizing document.
- If applicable, you should also note whether pre-award costs can begin at the applicant's own risk.
- You should indicate the timing, form, and content of notifications to unsuccessful applicants. See also 2 CFR 200.211.

If you are successful, HUD will email an award notice to the authorized official representative from the SF-424. HUD will also notify unsuccessful applicants.

The award notice communicates the amount of the award, important dates, and the terms and conditions you need to follow. HUD may impose specific conditions on an award as provided under <u>2 CFR 200.208</u>.

You agree to the award terms and conditions by either drawing funds from HUD's payment system or signing the agreement with HUD. If you do not agree to the award terms and conditions, HUD may select another eligible applicant.

Text field

VI. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

- This section must include: how to get application forms, kits, or other materials needed to apply. If the announcement contains everything needed, this section needs to state such. If not, you must include: the website where the materials can be accessed; email address, mailing address, phone number, or other telecommunication relay service.
- Include in this section how the applicant will submit the application and any preapplications, letters of intent, third-party information, or other information required before award. You must include:
 - Actions needed prior to applying, including any registration requirements or links to the requirement and any time frames needed to complete the registration.
 - Methods for submitting an application, including whether an electronic or paper application is a requirement or if the applicant has an option. Applicants should not be required to submit in more than one format. Also include your process to approve use of a paper application. You must include a postal address for receiving paper applications.
- In this section, you must include what to do in the event of system problems and a point of
 contact who will be available if the applicant experiences technical difficulties.

You must apply electronically. See <u>Find the Application Package</u> to make sure you have everything you need to apply online. See <u>Application Waiver</u> if you qualify to submit a paper application.

Make sure you are current with <u>SAM.gov</u> and UEI requirements before applying for the award. See the <u>Before You Begin</u> section of this NOFO.

A. Deadlines

1. Application submission deadline

The application deadline is 11:59:59 PM Eastern time on

*User Input

HUD must receive your application by the deadline. Applications received after the deadline are late. Late applications are not eligible for HUD funding.

If HUD receives more than one application from you, HUD will review only the last submission.

HUD may extend an application due date based on emergency situations such as Presidentially-declared natural disasters. Improper or expired registration and password issues are not causes to allow HUD to accept applications after the deadline date.

• Use the text field below to indicate if you have a different deadline for paper applications.

Also indicate any deadlines for preliminary submissions or phased applications. If the NOFO is open for a period of time with no specific due date for application, indicate such.

Use the text field below to indicate the process related to nature disasters. If applicants
need to submit a written request or if you plan to post a notice to hud.gov indicating the
extension period for natural disasters, state such in the text field below.

The deadline to submit applications for FY 2025 funding is 8:00 PM EDT on August 29, 2025.

Applicants must complete and submit their applications in e-snaps at https://esnaps.hud.gov/.

24 CFR 578.9 requires CoCs to design, operate, and follow a collaborative process for the development of an application in response to a NOFO issued by HUD (which, under this NOFO includes the funding for new projects made available from the reallocation of eligible renewal projects). As part of this collaborative process, CoCs must implement internal deadlines to ensure transparency and fairness at the local level.

- **a. Project Application.** All project applications must be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before HUD's CoC Program application submission deadline of 8:00 PM EDT on August 29, 2025 for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funding.
- **b.** CoC Notification to Project Applicants. The CoC is required to notify, in writing outside of e-snaps, all new project applicants who submitted their project applications to the CoC by the local CoC-established deadline whether their project application(s) will be accepted on the CoC Project Listing, rejected, or reduced by the CoC no later than 15 days of the CoC Program application submission deadline.

Where a project application is being rejected or reduced, the CoC must provide the project applicant with the reason(s) for the rejection or reduction.

2. Grace Period for Grants.gov Submissions

If <u>Grants.gov</u> rejects your application before the deadline, you have up to 24 hours after the application deadline to correct and resubmit your application. Any application submitted during the grace period but not received and validated by Grants.gov will not be considered for funding. There is no grace period for paper applications.

Applications are for the CoC Program are submitted in e-snaps instead of Grants.gov. Late applications are ineligible and are not considered for funding. Applicants should review and follow the steps as outlined in this NOFO to ensure applications are complete and submitted by the required deadlines.

- 3. Major Disaster Areas. If a major disaster impacts a CoC's geographic area, as declared by the President under the Stafford Act, during the CoC Program application process that will impact local competition deadlines as outlined in section XXXX of this NOFO, the CoC's Collaborative Applicant must send written notification to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Program at CoCDisaster@hud.gov. The email must include:
 - **a.** the nature of the disaster, date(s) the major disaster occurred, how the major disaster affected the Collaborative Applicant, the CoC, or its project(s);
 - **b.** the duration, and the impact on the Collaborative Applicant, the project applicants, or the CoC to meet the local competition deadline; and
 - **c.** the anticipated amount of time the CoC is requesting for an extension (e.g., number of days, weeks, or months). This does not mean HUD will allow the full amount of time requested.

Based on the timing and the extent of the major disaster, HUD may extend the application deadline for the affected CoC(s). All requests received will be confirmed via the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, https://www.fema.gov/disasters.

4. Capital Costs. For project applicant(s) requests CoC Program funds for construction or rehabilitation, it must include information describing the actions that will be taken by project applicants to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for business that provide economic opportunities to low- and very low-income persons. This does not affect applicants' existing responsibilities to provide training, employment, and other economic opportunities pursuant to Section 3 that result from their receipt of other HUD funding. YHDP Replacement project applications cannot include capital costs. Grants to Indian Tribes are subject to Indian Preference under Section 7(b) of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5307(b)) and are not subject to Section 3 requirements.

Any project that requests funding for capital costs (acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation costs) must comply with the accessibility and civil rights requirements in Section 24 CFR 578.93(d) of the Rule.

B. Submission Methods

Checkbox: 1. Electronic Submission

The official documents HUD uses to solicit applications for this NOFO are posted on Grants.gov; however, you must register and submit your application through esnaps.hud.gov. HUD does not accept applications or supportive documents via fax.

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a. CoC Registration.

CoCs that Registered in FY 2024 for the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO were not required to register again for FY 2025 funding. HUD moved all FY 2024 CoC Program Registrations forward for FY 2025 on behalf of all existing Collaborative Applicants in accordance with Notice CPD-22-02: Continuum of Care Program Registration.

Collaborative Applicants that were designated by HUD as UFAs during the FY 2024 Registration were not required to reapply during the FY 2025 funding year.

b. CoC Review of Project Applications Prior to Submission to HUD.

The CoC must review each new and renewal project application submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2025 CoC Project Listing.

Projects are not ranked during the FY 2025 funding year; however, HUD expects CoCs to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications to be submitted to HUD in the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition. HUD's experience is that many project applications contain information resulting in conditions on the grant; or for more serious infractions, HUD rejecting a project application. Deficient project applications prolong HUD's review process, which results in delayed funding announcements, lost funding for CoCs due to HUD rejecting projects, and delays accessing project funds to house and assist individuals and families experiencing homelessness. HUD expects CoCs to closely review the information provided in each project application, including Renewal, Replacement, or Reallocation projects, to ensure:

- (1) all proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected;
- (2) the information provided in the project application and proposed activities are:

- (a) eligible and consistent with program requirements in the Rule;
- **(b)** eligible and consistent with DV Renewal and DV Reallocation requirements in sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO; or
- (c) eligible and consistent with YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement project requirements which includes YHDP Reallocation provided in sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO;
- (3) each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question as required by this NOFO;
- (4) the data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and
- (5) all required attachments correspond to the list of attachments in e-snaps, must contain accurate and complete information and must be dated between November 1, 2024 and August 29, 2025.

c. Collaborative Applicant Submission Requirements.

As the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 and the Full-Year Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025 authorized HUD to issue a single, two-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Application submitted in FY 2024 also applies to FY 2025 funding and FY 2025 submissions becomes part of the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Consolidated Application. Therefore, Collaborative Applicant need not submit a FY 2025 CoC Application to receive FY 2025 funding.

Collaborative Applicants must submit the following by the FY 2025 application submission deadline to be included as part of the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Consolidated Application:

- (1) Planning grant application.
- (2) UFA Costs application (if applicable).
- **(3) FY 2025 CoC Project Listing.** The CoC Project Listing in e-snaps must include the following completed forms, certifications and attachments:
 - (a) Project Reallocation Form (if applicable). Reallocation forms allow CoCs to indicate the eligible renewal projects that are being will be reduced or eliminated through the reallocation process to create new project applications.
 - **(b) CoC Project Application Listings.** CoC Project listing forms require all the following non-ranked project applications. Any project applications the CoC rejected must be identified:
 - i. CoC New project applications (including CoC Reallocation and DV

Reallocation applications), and

- **ii.** CoC Renewal project applications (including DV Renewal Projects and renewing Special CoC NOFO projects that were previously funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition).
- (c) CoC Planning and UFA Costs Project Application Listings. These project listing forms include the following non-ranked project applications:
 - i. UFA Costs Project Listing;
 - ii. CoC Planning Project Listing;

Collaborative Applicants must ensure the CoC only submits one project application for CoC Planning, and if the CoC's Collaborative Applicant is a HUD-designated UFA, one UFA Costs project application

- (d) YHDP Project Application Listings. YHDP Project listing forms include the following non-ranked YHDP project applications:
 - i. YHDP Renewal Project Listing; and
 - ii. YHDP Replacement project applications which includes YHDP Reallocation.
- (e) Form HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.
- (f) Tribal Resolution, if applicable.

CoC and project applicants experiencing technical difficulty with any part of the Application should notify HUD immediately for assistance and document all attempts to obtain assistance. Notification of technical difficulties are to be sent to CoCNOFO@hud.gov. HUD will not provide assistance directly related to content, only to troubleshoot submission issues.

If a CoC is not reallocating funding to create new projects and is not submitting renewal applications, the Collaborative Applicant is only required to submit a Project Listing that includes the Planning Grant Application and, if applicable, a UFA Costs Application.

CoCs that are submitting new and renewal applications for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funding should print the Submission Summary form for the FY 2025 CoC Project Listing for proof of compliance with the FY 2025 application deadline. HUD will not give funding consideration to any Collaborative Applicant whose FY 2025 CoC Project Listings are determined to be late and are unable to provide HUD with a record of submission that verifies the CoC Consolidated Application was submitted prior to the application deadlines date and time.

HUD strongly suggests that applicants use the "Export to PDF" functionality in e-snaps to save a hard copy of all submission documents for their records. This can be completed prior to or after submission.

HUD will not fund applications that are not received on time. Also, failure to submit a complete CoC Consolidated Application may result in HUD finding that the CoC does not meet the requirements of the Act or its implementing regulations under 24 CFR 578.13. If the Secretary makes that finding, HUD may take remedial action to ensure fair distribution of grant funds to eligible entities within the CoC's geographic area, which includes the possibility that HUD will designate another eligible applicant to be the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC. In addition to the remedial actions listed in 24 CFR 578.13(a), HUD may also impose another remedial action, such as requiring the CoC to create new policies and procedures to ensure that the Collaborative Applicant performs its duties.

If after notice and reasonable opportunity to be heard, HUD finds pursuant to 24 CFR 578.13, that one or more CoCs have failed to comply with the requirements of the Act and the Rule, HUD may, solely at its discretion and only if sufficient funds become available by recapture, publish a new NOFO for eligible applicants in CoCs that HUD determined do not meet the requirements of the Act and program regulations.

d. Project Application Submissions. Project applications must include the population(s) and subpopulation(s) they will serve, the type of housing and services they will provide, and the budget activities they are requesting. Project applicants must also provide documentation of applicant and subrecipient eligibility. All nonprofit project applicants must attach eligibility documentation to the Project Applicant Profile. If nonprofit subrecipients are included in a project application, subrecipient eligibility documentation must be attached to the project application.

Collaborative Applicants applying for CoC Planning and UFA Costs (if designated as a UFA by HUD) must provide a description of the activities that will be carried out with CoC Program grant funds.

Additionally, all project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, and is included on HUD's website. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in e-snaps.

For more information on project applications, see section XXXX of this NOFO.

Need Help? See the Contact and Support section of this NOFO.

2. Electronic Submission Application Waiver

You may request a waiver from the requirement to submit your application electronically. The request must show good cause and detail why you are technologically unable to submit electronically. An example of good cause may include: a valid power or internet service disruption in the area of your business office. Lack of SAM.gov registration is not good cause.

Use the information in the <u>Contact and Support</u> section of this NOFO to submit a written request to HUD. You must **submit your waiver request at least 15 calendar days before the application deadline**.

The regulatory framework of HUD's electronic submission requirement is the final rule established in 24 CFR 5.1005. CoCs seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement must request a waiver in accordance with 24 CFR 5.1005. HUD regulations allow for a waiver of the electronic submission requirement for good cause. For this NOFO, HUD defines good cause as:

- **a.** there are no computers that could be used by applicants or the Collaborative Applicant that are newer than 5 years old anywhere within the CoC's geographic area; or
- **b.** there are no computers that could be used by applicants or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the CoC's geographic area; or
- **c.** there is no internet access that could be used by applicants or the Collaborative Applicant anywhere within the CoC's geographic area.

HUD will grant waivers only at the CoC level and not at the individual project applicant level, and only to CoCs that were approved by HUD during the required CoC Registration process. If HUD grants the waiver, the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs' response will include instructions on how many copies of the paper application must be submitted, as well as where to submit them.

If HUD grants CoCs a waiver of the electronic submission requirement, such CoCs will not receive additional time to submit their applications. Therefore, Collaborative Applicants seeking a waiver of the electronic submission requirement on behalf of the CoC must submit their waiver request with sufficient time to allow HUD to process and respond to the request. Collaborative Applicants should also allow themselves sufficient time to submit the application on behalf of the CoC so that HUD receives the application by the established CoC Program Application submission deadline date. For this reason, if a Collaborative Applicant finds it cannot submit its application electronically and must seek a waiver of the electronic grant submission requirement, its request must be postmarked no later than 60 days after the publication date of this NOFO. To expedite the receipt and review of each request, Collaborative Applicants may email their written requests to Norm Suchar, Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Program at CoCNOFO@hud.gov. If HUD does not have sufficient time to process the waiver request, HUD will not grant a waiver. HUD will not consider paper applications received without a prior approved waiver or after the established deadline.

C. Other Submissions

1. Intergovernmental Review

Select a Radio Button after consulting OGC.

- *Radio Button: This NOFO is not subject to Executive Order 12372. No action is needed.
- * Radio Button: This NOFO is subject to Executive Order <u>12372</u>. Your state's <u>Single Point of Contact (SPOC)</u> may need to review your application before you submit to HUD. Allow a few weeks for this review to occur before you submit your application to HUD.

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2. Technical Application Errors

HUD may contact you to fix a technical error with your timely application after the due date. Technical errors that you may fix are not submitted to satisfy merit review criteria. And you may not fix technical errors related to threshold review except eligibility entity documentation. Examples of technical errors include: inconsistencies in funding requests; improper signature on a form; a missing or incomplete form; and nonprofit status documentation.

HUD will send notice to the authorized organization representative from the SF-424 to fix a technical error.

Your application is not eligible for funding, if you fail to fix the error to HUD's satisfaction and by the due date in HUD's notice. HUD will not review information submitted after the application due date in HUD's notice.

Applicants should compare their application submission with the requirements in the CoC Program NOFO. The FY 2025 Supplemental Continuum of Care and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO located on Grants.gov is HUD's official NOFO. If a discrepancy in the CoC Program NOFO posted on Grants.gov or other information provided in any other version or supporting documentation is found, please, notify HUD immediately as indicated in section XXXX of this NOFO. HUD welcomes and is prepared to receive calls from individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, please visit https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs. HUD will post any corrections or amendments to a CoC Program NOFO on Grants.gov.

a. Fix Errors in Electronic Applications

To fix an error in response to a HUD notice, you must email the corrections to HUD at applicationsupport@hud.gov. The subject line of the email to applicationsupport@hud.gov.

must state "Technical Fix" and include the <u>Grants.gov</u> application tracking number (e.g., Subject: Technical Fix - GRANT123456). If you do not email <u>applicationsupport@hud.gov</u> or if you do not include the appropriate subject line, HUD may mark your application as ineligible.

HUD allows no less than 48 hours and no more than 14 calendar days from the date of the HUD notice to fix an error. If the due date to fix an error falls on a Saturday, Sunday, Federal holiday, or on a day when HUD's Headquarters office in Washington, DC is closed, then the due date is the next business day.

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b. Fix Errors in Paper Applications

You must fix an error in your paper application, in accordance with HUD's notice. If your paper application includes an incorrect UEI, HUD will request you supply the correct UEI.

For projects conditionally selected for award, HUD verifies that your organization has an active SAM registration prior to release of awarded funds and will withhold processing funds if your organization's SAM registration has expired or isn't consistent with the information provided on the SAM.gov website. A UEI discrepancy may also occur if HUD approves a grant to be amended to a new recipient (see section XXXX of this NOFO).

UEI discrepancies are a curable deficiency that may be corrected by the applicant with timely action. If a UEI discrepancy isn't resolved within the timeframe prescribed by the Notification of Curable Deficiency the applicant receives from HUD, HUD may reject the project.

3. Solo Applicants.

Eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC planning process in the geographic area in which they operate, that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner, may submit a solo project application to HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35. If HUD finds in favor of the solo applicant, HUD may award grant funds. Solo applicants requesting FY 2025 funding must submit their solo project application in e-snaps to HUD by 8:00 PM EDT, on August 29, 2025. See section XXXX of this NOFO for additional information regarding the Solo Applicant appeal process.

D. False Statements

By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Program Fraud Civil

Remedies Act, 31 USC 3801 et seq.; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.

VII. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Select the checkbox and reference the location of your standard terms and conditions. At a minimum, your standard terms and conditions must include: administrative and policy requirements, environmental review requirements, NEPA requirements, Lead-Based Paint requirements, terms and conditions, and Reporting requirements.

For terms and conditions, you must include the information directly in the NOFO or refer to the information, including: 1) "general" award terms and conditions, including requirements that you normally include in agreements, 2) any relevant specific terms and conditions; and 3) any special requirements that could apply to awards after the review of applications and other information, based on the particular circumstances.

Checkbox: Standard post-award requirements are available online at: ____.

A. Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements, and General Terms and Conditions

All requirements are preselected in the advanced checklist. Deselect the requirements that are not applicable to this NOFO. Only the applicable requirements should be selected. You must also consult your program counsel. A full summary of each requirement below is available to the applicant via the Administrative, National and Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance Awards" link on HUD's Funding Opportunity page.

If your program has guidance that supplements the requirements noted here, and that guidance has been cleared through the Department, then, consider using the text field below to communicate the location of those supplements and make clear how the supplements might impact applicants and their projects.

You must follow the applicable provisions in the <u>Administrative</u>, <u>National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2025</u>. You must comply with these applicable provisions:

*Advanced Checklist

Checkbox

1. The Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619) and Civil Rights laws which encompass the Fair Housing Act and related authorities (24 CFR 5.105(a))

Checkbox	2. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements, (42 USC § 3608(e)(5)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR 5.150 et seq. as amended by 90 FR 11020.
Checkbox	3. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons (12 USC 1701u) requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR part 75
Checkbox	4. Compliance with Immigration Requirements (8 U.S.C. 1601-1646; Executive Order 14218)
Checkbox	5. Accessible Technology requirements, (29 USC § 794d, 29 USC 794, 42 USC 12131-12165) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations), 24 CFR § 8.6 (Section 504 effective communication regulations), 28 CFR part 35, subpart H (DOJ Web Access Rule), and 28 CFR part 35, subpart E (DOJ's Title II communications regulations)
Checkbox	6. Ensuring, when possible, small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms receive consideration consistent with 2 CFR 200.321
Checkbox	7. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; 24 CFR 5.109; and Executive Orders 14202, <i>Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias</i> and EO 14205, <i>Establishment of the White House Faith Office</i> .
Checkbox	8. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (42 USC § 4601 et seq.) (URA) requirements, 49 CFR part 24, and applicable program regulations
Checkbox	9. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation (12 USC 1701z-1; 12 USC 1702z-2; 24 CFR part 60; and FR-6278-N-01)
Checkbox	10. OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (2 CFR part 200)
Checkbox	11. Drug-Free Workplace requirements (<u>2 CFR part 2429</u>)
Checkbox	12. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files (e.g., <u>2 CFR 200.303(e)</u>)
Checkbox	13. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (2 CFR part 170) (FFATA), as amended

Checkbox	14. Eminent Domain
Checkbox	15. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements (29 USC § 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR parts 8 and 100; 28 CFR part 35
Checkbox	16. Applicable Violence Against Women Act requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA (34 USC § 12491-12496) 24 CFR part 5, subpart L, and program-specific regulations.
Checkbox	17. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards/Code of Conduct, including <u>2 CFR 200.317</u> , <u>2 CFR 200.318(c)</u> and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements
Checkbox	18. <u>Build America, Buy America (BABA) Act</u> procurement purchase requirements
Checkbox	19. Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), as amended (22 USC § 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175
Checkbox	20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 or part 58
Checkbox	21. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (41 USC § 3901 note prec., 2 CFR 200.216)
Checkbox	22. Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), your application and post-award content may be released to the public in response to FOIA requests, except to the extent that certain information may be withheld under a FOIA exemption (5 USC § 552(b); 24 CFR 15.107(b)). HUD may also share your information within HUD or with other Federal agencies if HUD determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program's objectives.
Checkbox	23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. Awards are subject to 41 USC § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or

negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See <u>Federal Contractor or Grantee</u> <u>Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (hudoig.gov)</u>)

Checkbox

24. Implementing Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs, as advised by the Department, unless otherwise restricted by law: Executive Order (EO) 14219 (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative); 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders); guidance resulting from the White House Task Force established by 14202 (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias) and the Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office assigned by 14205 (Establishment of the White House Faith Office); 14182 (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment); 14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity); 14168 (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government); 14151 (Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing); and 14148 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions)

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B. Environmental Requirements

1. Environmental Review

Your NOFO must specify the environmental review requirements for the assisted activities. If any of the assisted activities require completion of an environmental review or assessment, select the appropriate checkbox and use the text field to explain compliance with 24 CFR Part 50 and/or 58 procedures. Include references to any applicable program environmental regulations. Also indicate any activities that are exempt or categorically excluded and not subject to the related laws.

If none of the assisted activities require completion of an environmental review or assessment, select the fourth checkbox and specify citations to 24 CFR 50.19(b)(1) through (24) and/or 58.34(a)(1) through (11) and/or 58.35(b)(1) through (7), as appropriate, that indicate why assisted activities under the program are excluded.

Checkbox: You must follow these environmental review requirements, including regulations at:

Checkbox: 24 CFR part 50 Checkbox: 24 CFR part 58

Text Field

Checkbox: Activities funded under this NOFO are exempt or categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321) and not subject to environmental review under related laws and authorities. The exemption or categorical exclusion is in accordance with 24 CFR <text field>.

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2. NOFO Impact Determination Related to the Environment

- Publication of this NOFO is required to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. Select the appropriate item(s).
- If a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is required for this NOFO, check the first box.
- If this NOFO is excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(i), check the second box and fill in the required information in both text fields. The first text field should include the Part and section number or number range of the program regulations or the Federal Register citation to program guidelines. The second text field should state the specific number of the environmental provision(s). This environmental provision must also be specifically referenced in Section VI.B. Environmental Requirements, in order for this categorical exclusion to apply.
- If this NOFO is excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(ii), check the third box and fill in the required information in the text field. The text field should include the Part number or number range of the program regulations or the Federal Register citation to program guidelines.
- If this NOFO is excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(1), check the fourth box.
- If this NOFO is excluded from environmental review under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(3), check the fifth box.
- If this NOFO requires an Environmental Impact Statement, check the sixth box. If you are unsure which item to select, consult your Program Environmental Clearance Officer.

Checkbox: This NOFO has no significant impact related to the environment. HUD has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as required by HUD regulations at <u>24 CFR part 50</u>, which implement section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4332(2)(c)). To learn more about this FONSI, go to <u>HUD's Funding Opportunities</u> web page.

Checkbox: This NOFO provides funding under, and does not alter the environmental requirements of, ______. So, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(i), this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321). Activities under the NOFO are subject to environmental review requirements at _____.

Checkbox: This NOFO provides funding under _____, which concerns activities that are listed in <u>24 CFR 50.19(b)</u> as categorically excluded from environmental review under the National

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321) ("NEPA"). So, under <u>24 CFR 50.19(c)(5)(ii)</u>, this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under NEPA.

Checkbox: This NOFO does not direct, provide for assistance or loan and mortgage insurance for, or otherwise govern or regulate, real property acquisition, disposition, leasing (other than tenant-based rental assistance), rehabilitation, demolition, or new construction, or establish revise or provide for standards for construction or construction materials, manufactured housing, or occupancy. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(1), this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321).

Checkbox: This NOFO provides assistance in promoting or enforcing fair housing or nondiscrimination laws. Accordingly, under 24 CFR 50.19(c)(3), this NOFO is categorically excluded from environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 USC § 4321).

Checkbox: This NOFO may have a significant impact on the environment, and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been prepared. The EIS is available at <u>HUD's</u> Funding Opportunities web page.

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Default checkbox: 3. Lead-Based Paint Requirements

Please select one or more checkboxes. If this requirement is not applicable, unselect the default checkbox above.

Checkbox: Housing addressed by this NOFO was built after 1977. This NOFO does not have lead-based paint requirements.

Checkbox: You must follow the lead-based paint rules below if you fund any work on pre-1978 housing. This includes buying, leasing, support services, operating, or work that disturbs painted surfaces.

- HUD's rules (Lead Disclosure Rule; and Lead Safe Housing Rule).
- EPA's rules (Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, and Lead Abatement, Inspection and Risk Assessment Rule).

Checkbox: You must discuss the <u>Lead Disclosure Rule</u> if you fund education or counseling on buying or renting housing that may have been built before 1978. You must also discuss the Lead Safe Housing Rule if the education or counseling focuses on buying or renting HUD-assisted pre-1978 housing.

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C. Remedies for Noncompliance

If the statutes and regulations that apply to your program allow HUD to terminate an award when it no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities or allow HUD to terminate an award in circumstances other than those described in 2 CFR 200.340, please use the text field below to state or refer to the specific criteria and procedures HUD will use in those circumstances. Please also use the text field to describe your written procedures for objections, hearing, and appeals, as per 2 CFR 200.342.

HUD may terminate all or a part of your award as described under 2 CFR 200.340 through 200.343 pursuant to the terms and conditions of your award, including, to the extent authorized by law, if an award no longer effectuates the program goals or agency priorities. HUD may also impose specific conditions on your award or take other remedies as described by 2 CFR 200.339 through 200.343, if you do not comply with your award terms and conditions.

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D. Reporting

HUD requires recipients to submit the performance, financial, and program reports as outlined below. You must comply with these reporting requirements to remain eligible for HUD funding. See Section VII.C. of this NOFO.

HUD is implementing new grants management and reporting tools, which will be rolled out for your use in the near term. As a grantee, you will be required to report on grant performance and financial activities (including vendor and cash disbursement supporting details for yourself and your sub-recipients) using these new tools when they are released. HUD will work with you to support your transition to this new reporting environment. Once implemented, timely reporting in this new environment will be mandatory. HUD reserves the right to exercise all available rights and remedies for any noncompliance with these grants management and financial reporting requirements, to include requiring 100% review or stopping future disbursements altogether if reporting is not timely submitted.

- List reports required after award, post-award, and during award closeout. Include when the report is triggered, and the reporting frequency and benchmarking. You may also include a cross-reference/link to the reporting requirements in the program rule or describe the program-specific reporting requirements under the Description column. You must include the means of submission (paper or electronic), reference to relevant requirements, and where appropriate also identify the form you expect recipients to use. Under the When column, include the frequency of reporting.
- State which form you will use to collect race, ethnicity, and other data reporting, if applicable.

- Highlight any special reporting requirement that awards usually require, like differences in report type, frequency, form, format or circumstances.
- The audited financial statement requirement applies to all programs and must not be removed. Please work with program counsel to develop a draft grant term and condition that implements these requirements and provide a draft of that term/condition to the OCFO for review and approval.

Report	Description	When
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA)	 Awards equal to or greater than \$30,000 Data on executive compensation and first-tier subawards See <u>Public Law 109-282</u> and <u>2 CFR part 170</u> HUD reports initial prime recipient data to usaspending.gov Submit via <u>SAM.gov</u> 	See 2 CFR Appendix A to Part 170(a)(2)(ii)
Reporting on Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters	Total value of all current Federal awards exceeds \$10,000,000 for any period of time during the period of performance of this Federal award See Appendix XII to 2 CFR 200 Submit via SAM.gov	See 2 CFR Appendix-XII to Part 200 L(d)
Progress Report	Summary of progress status Work to be performed during the next reporting period Any anticipated risks and plans to mitigate those risks	
Federal Financial Report, SF- 425	Summary of key financial dataSee <u>2 CFR 200.328</u>	See 2 CFR 200.328 or award terms
Race, Ethnicity, and Other Data Reporting	Recipients that provide HUD-funded program benefits to individuals or families, report data on the race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, and family characteristics of persons and households funded by this program	

Audited financial statement	Recipient's organizational structure, any sub- grantees or sub-recipients, and how each disbursement of grant funds was applied to an eligible cost throughout the life of the grant to receive disbursements of Federal funds.	No less than annually
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- 1. In accordance with program regulations at 24 CFR 578.103, project recipients must maintain records within the timeframe required and make any reports that HUD may require. Project recipients may report the data as part of their APR submission to HUD. Also, project recipients who expend \$750,000 or more in 1 year in federal awards must have a single or program-specific audit for that year in accordance with the provisions of 2 CFR part 200, subpart F.
- 2. Section 3 Reporting Regulations. Recipients are required to report their Section 3 activities per 24 CFR 75.25 if funds were awarded for housing rehabilitation, housing construction, and other public constructions. See <a href="https://example.com/hubble/
- 3. Award notices may also include requirements for sub-award reporting in compliance with the requirements of the Federal Financial Assistance Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-282) (FFATA) and Section 872 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110-417), referred to as "Section 872." See the General Section for further information.
- **4.** An estimate of the reporting and recordkeeping burden of the CoC Program can be found in the <u>Federal Register Publication</u> of the Rule.

VIII. CONTACT AND SUPPORT

Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals who have speech or communication disabilities may use a relay service. To learn more about how to make an accessible telephone call, visit the webpage for the Federal Communications Commission.

A. Agency Contact

1. Program and Application Requirements

Name: Text Field

Phone: Text Field

Email: *CoCNOFO@hud.gov

Note: HUD's assistance is limited by the standards at 24 CFR 4.26.

HUD staff will be available to provide general clarification on the content of this NOFO; however, HUD staff are prohibited from assisting any applicant in preparing the application(s) in e-snaps.

- Local HUD Community Planning Development (CPD) Office. Questions regarding specific program requirements should be directed to the local HUD CPD field office, a directory of which can be found at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/localoffices.
- 3. Training and Resources. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants that need assistance completing the applications in e-snaps or understanding the program requirements under the CoC Program may access the Rule, training materials, and program resources via https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc.
- 4. Questions. CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to CoCNOFO@hud.gov. Starting 2 days prior to the application deadline, this email address will respond only to emergency technical support questions up to the deadline of 8:00 PM EDT on August 29, 2025. Applicants experiencing technical difficulty should contact CoCNOFO@hud.gov immediately for assistance and document their attempts to obtain assistance.

2. Paper Application Waiver Request

Name: Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs

Email: *CoCNOFO@hud.gov
Phone: *Text Field: Phone

HUD Organization: Community Planning and Development

Street: 451 7th Street SW,

City: Washington

State: Drop down with all states and US territories

Numeric Input Field: 20410

HUD Reform Act. HUD is prohibited from disclosing <u>covered selection information</u> during the selection process. The selection process includes NOFO development and publication, and concludes with the announcement of selected recipients of financial assistance. HUD will not assist you with completing your application.

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B. Grants.gov

Grants.gov provides 24/7 support. You can call 800-518-4726 or email support@grants.gov. Hold on to your ticket number.

B. esnaps.hud.gov

CoCs, Collaborative Applicants, and project applicants that require information and technical support concerning this NOFO and the application in e-snaps may submit an inquiry to CoCNOFO@hud.gov. Starting 2 days prior to the application deadline, this email address will respond only to emergency technical support questions

C. SAM.gov

If you need help, you can call 866-606-8220 or live chat with the Federal Service Desk.

D. Debriefing

After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief you on your application upon your written request. Submit your written request to the <u>agency contact for program and application requirements</u> in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.

Insert any additional debriefing requirements and any appeals process.

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D. Debriefing and Appeals

- 1. After public announcement of awards, HUD will debrief the Collaborative Applicant upon your written request. Submit your written request to the <u>agency contact for program and application requirements</u> in this NOFO. HUD may limit the information provided to protect the integrity of the competition.
- 2. You may appeal an application decision or a HUD funding decision. Email your appeal to snapsappeals@hud.gov. The subject line of your email must include the CoC Number, "Appeal Notice," and type of appeal, i.e., Participation, HUD Error, or Consolidated Plan Certification. A sample email Subject Line is, Subject: XX-500 Appeal Notice–Consolidated Plan Certification.

Insert any additional debriefing requirements and any appeals process.

24 CFR 578.35 provides the appeal process options. Sections 578.35(b)(3), (b)(4), (c)(1), and (d)(2) authorize HUD to establish requirements for the form and manner of submissions for appeals by Solo Applicants, applicants with denied or decreased funding, and from competing CoCs. For HUD to consider an appeal under 24 CFR 578.35(b) or (c), the solo

project applicant must follow the applicable application process set forth in this NOFO. This NOFO also provides guidance to CoCs and applicants regarding appeals of a jurisdiction's refusal to sign the Consolidated Plan certification for a project under 24 CFR 578.35(c).

Additionally, HUD is clarifying the impact that Solo Applicant appeals will have on HUD signing grant agreements for funds awarded under this NOFO. If HUD receives one or more Solo Applicant appeals from a CoC, HUD will determine the amount of funding the Solo Applicant(s) have requested which may delay signing grant agreements for the awarded project(s) listed at the bottom of the CoC's Project Listing that has requested funding under this NOFO equal to double the amount requested by the Solo Applicant(s). Refer to the Solo Applicant appeal process in section XXXX of this NOFO for additional information about the Solo Application appeal process.

Finally, for the purposes of the appeals identified in this NOFO where 24 CFR 578.35 requires that all evidence be sent to the CoC and that the CoC respond to evidence, this means that correspondence to the CoC should be addressed to the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant and all correspondence to HUD from the CoC should be addressed from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant. If the CoC has authorized another entity other than the Collaborative Applicant to respond to the appeals identified in this NOFO on its behalf, it should notify HUD by sending an email to snapsappeals@hud.gov.

3. Types of Appeals

The provision at 24 CFR part 578 set forth the following types of appeals:

- **a. Solo Applicants.** A process for eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in their CoC planning process and believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner.
- **b. Denied or Decreased Funding.** A process for eligible applicants that are denied funds by HUD or that requested more funds than HUD awarded to them.
- **c.** Consolidated Plan Certification. A process for eligible applicants whose jurisdiction refused to provide a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2990).

4. Solo Applicant

Per the Act, "A solo applicant may submit an application to the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a) and be awarded such grant on the same basis as such grants are awarded to other applicants based on the criteria described in section 427, but only if the Secretary determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the continuum of care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. The Secretary may

award such grants directly to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary."

To apply as a solo applicant, the project applicant must submit a Solo Applicant Project Application in *e-snaps* by the application submission deadline of August 29, 2025 at 8:00 PM EDT. Additionally, the solo applicant, Collaborative Applicant, and HUD must take the following steps (See 24 CFR 578.35 for more information):

- **a.** Written Notice of Intent to Appeal. The solo applicant must submit a written notice of intent to appeal, with a copy to the CoC, with their funding application.
- **b.** No later than 30 days after the date that HUD announces the awards, the solo applicant shall submit in writing, with a copy to the Collaborative Applicant, all relevant evidence supporting its claim. The submission shall be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov.
- **c.** The CoC has 30 days from the date of its receipt of the solo applicant's evidence to respond to HUD in writing, with a copy to the solo applicant. The submission must be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov.
- **d.** HUD will notify the solo applicant and the CoC of its decision within 60 days of receipt of the CoC's response.
- **e.** If HUD finds that the solo applicant was not permitted to participate in the Continuum of Care planning process in a reasonable manner, then HUD may award a grant to the solo applicant when funds next become available and may direct the Continuum of Care to take remedial steps to ensure reasonable participation in the future. HUD may also reduce the award to the Continuum's applicant(s).

5. Denied or Decreased Funding

Eligible applicants, including project applicants and Collaborative Applicants, that submitted an application to HUD in response to this NOFO, that were either not awarded funds by HUD, or that requested more funds than HUD awarded, may appeal HUD's decision within 45 days after the final funding announcement. HUD will only consider for funding or additional funding applicants the CoC approved within the CoC's maximum amount available. Collaborative Applicants that submitted CoC planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs project applications can appeal decreased funding if they can demonstrate HUD decreased the submitted project application's funding request to less than 5 percent of the CoC's FPRN or \$1,250,000; whichever is less. To appeal HUD's decision, the applicant must submit a written appeal to HUD, with a copy to the authorized representative from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant. The written appeal must include evidence demonstrating HUD error and follow the

instructions in this section.

The applicant must submit its written appeal by email to snapsappeals@hud.gov, from the organization's email address on the organization's letterhead and signed by the authorized representative–electronic signatures are acceptable.

- **a. Denied Funding.** To appeal HUD's decision, the applicant must submit a written appeal to HUD using the process outlined in Section XXXX of this NOFO within 45 days of the date of the funding announcement of the conditional awards from HUD, with a copy to the authorized representative from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant.
 - (1) Projects, including projects for CoC Planning funds and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) costs, could have been rejected by HUD because:
 - (a) the individual project application failed to meet project eligibility, project quality, and project renewal thresholds set forth in this NOFO;
 - (b) the individual project application met project eligibility, project quality, and project renewal thresholds set forth in this NOFO, grant funds requested were outside the CoC's maximum award amount, and after HUD reduced its funding to fit within the CoC's maximum award amount, HUD determined that the project was no longer feasible; or
 - (c) HUD did not have sufficient funding to fund all eligible projects within the CoC's maximum award amount.
 - (2) For applicants that were fully denied funding for a grant, the applicant must provide evidence that demonstrates HUD error in not awarding the grant. Documentation submitted by the applicant must include:
 - (a) documentation that the funding requested was within the maximum award amount available to the CoC;
 - **(b)** evidence from the project application supporting the applicant's claim that the project application met project eligibility, project quality, and project renewal thresholds set forth in this NOFO; and
 - **(c)** evidence that the applicant believes HUD failed to follow its selection threshold criteria set forth in this NOFO, which resulted in the project not being funded.
 - (3) For applicants that were denied funding due to the individual project's funding

being decreased to such a level that the project was no longer feasible, documentation submitted by the applicant must include:

- (a) documentation that the project funding requested was within the maximum award amount available to the CoC;
- **(b)** evidence from the project application supporting the applicant's claim that the project application met project eligibility and project quality thresholds set forth in this NOFO;
- **(c)** evidence that the applicant believes HUD failed to follow its selection threshold criteria set forth in this NOFO which resulted in the project not being funded (e.g., selecting a lower-scored project within the CoC or a similar project from another CoC); and
- (d) the evidence in section XXXX of this NOFO as well as evidence for decreased funding in section XXXX of this NOFO.
- **b.** Decreased Funding. To appeal HUD's decision, the applicant must submit a written appeal to HUD using the process outlined in section XXXX of this NOFO within 45 days of the date of the final funding announcement of the conditional awards from HUD, with a copy to the authorized representative of the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant. Documentation submitted by the applicant must include evidence of the HUD error the applicant believes was made.

occurred, and the applicant should have been awarded additional funding, HUD will provide funding from the next available funds and make necessary adjustments by amending the award. HUD will reverse a decision only when the applicant can show that HUD error caused the denial or decrease.

6. Written Appeal.

An applicant may appeal to HUD a jurisdiction's refusal to provide a certification of consistency with the Consolidated Plan. The appeals process is as follows:

With the project application that is submitted by the application deadline, the applicant must submit a written appeal. Project applicants may submit its appeal in e-snaps with its project application. When submitted with the project application in e-snaps, the applicant must also email a copy of this appeal to the jurisdiction that denied the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and should send a copy to the authorized representative from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant, unless it is the Collaborative Applicant that is filing the appeal. Otherwise, the project applicant or Collaborative Applicant may submit the

appeal to HUD using one of the methods in section XXXX of this NOFO. The written appeal must include the following information:

- **a.** a copy of the applicant's request to the jurisdiction for the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan;
- **b.** a copy of the jurisdiction's response stating the reasons for denial, including the reasons the proposed project is not consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.510(c); and
- **c.** a statement of the reasons why the applicant believes its project is consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The appeal may include additional information the applicant believes supports its appeal, including:

- (1) any additional communication between the applicant and the jurisdiction regarding the request for certification of consistency; and
- (2) documentation that identifies to whom within the jurisdiction the evidence was sent and the date on which it was sent.

d. Jurisdiction Response.

The jurisdiction will have 10 days after the receipt of the applicant's written appeal to submit a written response to HUD. The response must be sent by email to snapsappeals@hud.gov on the organization's letterhead, with a copy to the project applicant and the authorized representative of the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant. The response must include the following information:

- (1) an explanation of the reasons originally given for refusing to provide the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan; and
- (2) written rebuttal to any claims made by the applicant in the written appeal.

e. HUD Decision and Notification of Decision.

(1) HUD will review the submissions and will provide written notification, by email, of its decision to the applicant and the jurisdiction, with a copy to the authorized representative from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant within 45 days of the date of the receipt of the jurisdiction's response. In making its decision, HUD will consider whether the applicant submitted the request to the appropriate certifying

jurisdiction and the reasonableness of the jurisdiction's refusal to provide the certificate.

- **f.** If HUD finds that the certifying jurisdiction's refusal to provide a certification of consistency with the Consolidated Plan was reasonable, then HUD will automatically reject the project application. If HUD finds that the certifying jurisdiction's refusal to provide a certification of consistency with the Consolidated Plan was not reasonable, then HUD will consider the project application for funding in the respective FY CoC Program Competition in accordance with the review standards set forth in this NOFO.
- g. If the jurisdiction failed to provide written reasons for refusal, including the reasons why the project is not consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan in its initial response to the applicant's request for a certification, HUD will find for the applicant without further inquiry or response from the political jurisdiction.
- **h.** HUD will provide written notification of its decision within 45 days of the date of HUD's receipt of the jurisdiction's response. Where the jurisdiction failed to provide a written response, HUD will provide written notification of its decision within 55 days of the date of HUD's receipt of the project applicant's response.

E. Applicant Experience Survey

You are encouraged to provide feedback on your application experience by completing our <u>Applicant Experience Survey</u>. Your feedback is optional; you are not required to provide personal information. HUD may use your feedback to improve future NOFOs. Your feedback has no impact on funding decisions.

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F. Other Online Resources

You are encouraged to review the $\underline{\text{online resources}}$ to provide background on some of the NOFO requirements.

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APPENDIX

Appendix I. Definitions

1. Standard Definitions

For standard definitions not listed below, refer to 2 CFR 200.1.

Default Checkbox: **Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)** - statutory obligation to affirmatively further the purposes and policies of the Fair Housing Act (see also <u>24 CFR 5.151</u>, as amended by 90 FR 11020).

Default Checkbox: **Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)** is the official within your organization with the legal authority to: give assurances, make commitments, submit your application to HUD, enter into agreements, and execute such documents on behalf of your organization. The AOR is not necessarily the Project Director. The AOR has <u>defined privileges</u> within Grants.gov.

Default Checkbox: Consolidated Plan has the same meaning as defined at 24 CFR part 91.

Default Checkbox: E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) is defined at Grants.gov.

Eligibility requirements are mandatory requirements for an application to be considered for funding.

Default Checkbox: **Grants.gov** is the website serving as the Federal government's central portal for searching and applying for federal financial assistance.

Checkbox: **Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** are any historically Black college or university included on this <u>list of accredited HBCUs</u>.

Checkbox: Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) are

- (1) an HBCU as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1061(2) and included on this list of accredited HBCUs;
- (2) a Hispanic-serving institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1101a(5));
- (3) a Tribal College or University (as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1059c(b)(3));
- (4) an Alaska Native-serving institution or a Native Hawaiian-serving institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1059d(b));
- (5) a Predominantly Black Institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1059e(b)(6));
- (6) an Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-serving institution (as defined in 20 U.S.C. § 1059g(b)(2)); or
- (7) a Native American-serving nontribal institution (as defined in $\underline{20 \text{ U.S.C.}} \underline{\$1059f(b)(2)}$).

Checkbox: **Opportunity Zone (OZs)** are defined in <u>26 U.S.C. 1400Z-1</u>. In general, OZs are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain

conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment.

Default Checkbox: **Primary Point of Contact (PPOC)** is the person HUD may contact with questions about the application submitted. The PPOC is listed in item 8F on the SF-424.

Checkbox: **Promise Zones (PZs)** are <u>designated high poverty areas in select urban, rural and tribal communities</u>. The communities prioritize: increasing economic activity, improving educational opportunities, leveraging private investment, reducing violent crime, enhancing public health and addressing other priorities identified by the community.

Default Checkbox: **Small business** is defined as a privately-owned corporation, partnership, or sole proprietorship that has fewer employees and less annual revenue than regular-sized business. The definition of "small"—in terms of being able to apply for government support and qualify for preferential tax policy—varies by country and industry. The U.S. Small Business Administration defines a small business according to a set of standards based on specific industries. See <u>13 CFR part 121</u>.

System for Award Management (SAM) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(b).

Threshold Requirements are eligibility requirements you must meet before HUD advances to a merit review of your application.

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) has the same meaning as 2 CFR 25.100(a).

2. Program Definitions.

Use the text field below to add or reference any program specific definitions.

Regulatory citations are provided below so applicants can refer to specific areas of the Rule. Projects awarded CoC Program funds are subject to the program regulations as they may be amended from time to time. However, YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement projects and awards are subject to CoC Program regulations except as otherwise provided in this NOFO [see section XXXXI].

The definitions and concepts contained in this section include terms that are important for all applicants to understand in order to operate projects under this NOFO.

- **a. Definitions from 24 CFR 578.3.** The following terms are defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Applicants must refer to the Rule for the definitions contained in this section.
 - (1) Annual Renewal Amount (ARA)
 - (2) Applicant
 - (3) Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System
 - (4) Chronically Homeless
 - (5) Collaborative Applicant
 - (6) Continuum of Care
 - (7) Consolidated Plan

- (8) High Performing Community (HPC)
- (9) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- (10) HMIS Lead
- (11) Homeless. Although not reflected in the regulation, section 605 of Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 amended Section 103(b) of the Act and requires HUD to consider certain individuals and families as homeless. This amendment took effect on October 1, 2022. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this NOFO, where 578.3 paragraph (4) is referenced,
- (12) Permanent Housing
- (13) Permanent Supportive Housing
- (14) Private Nonprofit Organization
- (15) Program Participant
- (16) Project
- (17) Recipient
- (18) Subrecipient
- (19) Transitional Housing
- (20) Unified Funding Agency
- (21) Victim Service Provider
- **b.** CoC Program NOFO Terms. The following terms are not found in 24 CFR 578.3 but are used in other areas of the Rule or are used in this NOFO to define concepts that pertain specifically to the FY 2025 CoC Consolidated Application.
 - (1) Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (24 CFR 578.17(b)(2)). The total amount of all the CoC's projects that will be eligible for renewal in the CoC Program Competition, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance, and operating Budget Line Items (BLIs) based on FMR changes. HUD will calculate the ARD by combining the total amount of funds requested by eligible renewal projects in each FY funding opportunity, including:
 - (a) renewal projects approved on the Renewal Project Listing;
 - **(b)** renewal project amount(s) that were reallocated as recorded on the reduced or eliminated reallocation forms of the CoC Project Listing;
 - (c) YHDP renewal projects on the YHDP Renewal Project Listing; and
 - (d) YHDP Replacement projects, including YHDP Reallocation projects, on the YHDP Reallocation and Replacement Project Listing. YHDP Replacement projects are eligible for funding through the replacement of YHDP Renewal projects. The YHDP Replacement application must request the same amount of funding that is eligible for YHDP Renewal.
 - (2) Beds Dedicated to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families. A permanent supportive housing bed that is dedicated specifically for use by individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness [see 24 CFR 578.3 definition of

Chronically Homeless] within a CoC's geographic area, as reported in the CoC's housing inventory count (HIC) and permanent housing (PH) project applications. When a program participant exits the project, the bed must be filled by another participant who is experiencing chronic homelessness unless there are no persons experiencing chronic homelessness within the CoC's geographic area. This concept only applies to PSH projects.

- (3) **DedicatedPLUS Project.** A PSH project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth (including pregnant and parenting youth) that at intake meet one of the following categories:
 - (a) experiencing chronic homelessness, meaning they qualify as "chronically homeless" as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;
 - **(b)** residing in a TH project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the TH project;
 - (c) residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a PH project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronically homeless as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project;
 - (d) residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined by 24 CFR 578.3;
 - (e) residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meet the definition of 'homeless individual with a disability; or
 - **(f)** receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

A renewal project where 100 percent of the beds were dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, as described in section XXXX under the grant that is being renewed may either be reallocated as a DedicatedPLUS project or may continue as a renewal dedicating 100 percent of its beds to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness. If the project is reallocated as a DedicatedPLUS project, the project must adhere to all fair housing requirements at 24 CFR 578.9

(4) Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects). DV Renewal projects are projects that were originally funded with new DV Bonus or funding created from the reallocation of

another DV Renewal project in a prior year competition. New projects created through the reallocation of a DV renewal project are called DV Reallocation projects. DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects must be dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the paragraphs (1) or (4) of definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As described in paragraph (13) below, survivors of human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, however, DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking. (see definition of PPRN in section XXXX. below)

(5) Eligible Renewal Project. Consists of YHDP and CoC projects (including Special CoC NOFO and DV projects) eligible to renew under this NOFO. An eligible FY 2025 renewal project must have an expiration date in CY 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026). Renewal project applications must be submitted by the same recipient operating the project. See section XXXX for more information on renewal projects.

In cases where an expiring grant agreement is amended to have a new recipient after a renewal application is submitted, the new recipient will be eligible to receive the renewal award (Section XXXX).

- (6) Expansion. The process used by eligible renewal project applicants to add funds to an existing CoC Renewal (including Special CoC NOFO Program Competition projects), DV Renewal or YHDP Renewal project to expand its current operations either through a reallocation project application. Project applicants may expand their current project by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. Applications to expand YHDP Renewal projects through the YHDP Replacement process can only be funded with funding reallocated from another YHDP Renewal project. For more information on expansion applications see section XXXX of this NOFO.
- (7) Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) (24 CFR 578.17(b)(3)). The higher of PPRN or ARD for the Continuum of Care is the FPRN, which is the base for the maximum award amount for projects within the CoC.
- **(8)** Formula Area. Defined in the Indian Housing Block Grant Program at 24 CFR 1000.302.

- **(9)** *Grant Consolidation.* The process by which two or more projects eligible for renewal under this NOFO apply for funding and are combined into a single renewal project upon award. See sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO for additional information.
- (10) Homelessness and Human Trafficking. HUD is clarifying that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be "other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member" under paragraphs (1) and (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 and "other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- (11) Host Home and Kinship Care. Host Home and Kinship Care is limited to YHDP Renewal and replacement grants. This is a model of housing where a family agrees to permit a youth program participant to reside with them. Recognizing the addition of another person in the home may increase costs to the family, HUD will consider YHDP Replacement project applications that propose to house youth with families and subsidize the additional costs attributable to housing the youth, including recruitment of hosts. An example of eligible costs would be additional food or transportation costs, which are eligible supportive services under 24 CFR 578.53(e)(7) or 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15). Recipients must keep records related to this determination for HUD review upon request. The residence is in a community-based setting and the family may be related to youth program participants with a time-limited or unlimited length of stay.
- **(12)** Housing Inventory Count (HIC). A complete listing of the CoC's HUD and non-HUD funded beds dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area.
- (13) *Indian Tribe*. A federally recognized Tribe or a State recognized Tribe as defined in Section 4 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4103).
- (14) Joint TH/PH-RRH Component Project. The Joint TH/PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. For more information about Joint TH/PH-RRH component project quality threshold requirements, see section XXXX of this NOFO.

If funded, HUD will limit eligible costs as follows, in addition to other limitations found in the Rule:

- (a) leasing of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide transitional housing:
- **(b)** short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of program participants to pay for the RRH portion of the project;
- (c) supportive services;
- (d) costs of contributing data to the HMIS; and
- (e) project administrative costs.

Project applicants must provide details in the project description of how TH and PH-RRH assistance will be provided. Additionally, if CoC Program funds are not being requested for both TH and PH-RRH units, the project application must describe and include the number of the project's TH and PH-RRH units that will be paid for from another funding source. Applicants may only use CoC Program Leasing funds or non-CoC Program Funds to house program participants enrolled in the TH portion of the project.

When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project, the recipient or subrecipient must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the TH component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. A program participant may choose to receive only the assistance provided through the TH portion of the project or the assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient or subrecipient must make both types of assistance available.

- (15) Non-Dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing Beds. Permanent Supportive Housing beds within a CoC's geographic area that are not currently classified as dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families or as Dedicated PLUS.
- **(16)** *Project Applicants*. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program are identified in section XXXX of this NOFO. For-profit entities are ineligible. HUD will not review applications submitted by ineligible entities.
- (17) Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN). The amount of funds a CoC could receive based on the geographic areas selected by CoCs to be included in their geographic service areas during CoC Program Registration process. To determine the amount of funding available for each geographic area, HUD will use the formula defined in section IV.B.7 of CPD-22-02: CoC Program Registration Notice.

(18) Rapid Rehousing (RRH). A type of permanent housing meeting the requirements of 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii).

- (19) Reallocation. Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements in sections XXXX, XXXX and XXXX, and the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established in sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO. CoCs may only reallocate eligible renewal projects so long as the renewal project being reduced or eliminated has a current grant agreement and has renewed under the CoC Program at least once. First time renewals are not eligible for reallocation.
 - (a) The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations expressed that for projects awarded for specific subpopulations (e.g., youth experiencing homelessness or survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking), before funding for such projects may be reallocated to other populations, HUD must consult with relevant stakeholders. For the FY 2025 Funding Opportunity, HUD requires funding reallocated from DV Renewal and YHDP Renewal projects must be used for projects serving the same subpopulation. Therefore, prior to executing the reallocation of any project, HUD strongly recommends reviewing the Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs) published on the CoC Program Competitions page on the HUD gov website to determine the type of new projects that can be created with reallocated funding intended for the specific subpopulations.
 - (b) DV Reallocation. DV Reallocation Projects are projects created from the reallocation of eligible DV Renewal projects XXXX. CoCs may reallocate eligible DV Renewal projects to create new DV Reallocation projects, so long as 100 percent of the population served by the new DV Reallocation project are individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

When reallocating DV Renewal project(s), the new project(s), including new expansion projects created with reallocation DV Renewal funding, in their entirety must meet DV Reallocation project (see section XXXX) and the sum of all DV Reallocation applications must be for the same amount of funding made available from the DV Renewal funding being reallocated. If a CoC reallocates funding from a DV Renewal grant and does not earmark those funds for new project(s) that are 100 percent dedicated to that subpopulation, HUD may condition the project applications to ensure the projects are serving the required subpopulation. If an applicant does not resolve the condition placed on the project, HUD will reject the

project application. To avoid any potential delays in funding or a loss in ARD, CoC should review the <u>GIWs</u> published on the CoC Program Competitions page on the HUD.gov to determine which renewal projects were originally awarded DV Bonus or DV Reallocation funds, including CoC projects that were expanded with DV Bonus or DV Reallocation funding in a prior year competition.

The following restrictions also apply:

- i. DV Renewal projects that have an SSO-CE component cannot be reallocated.
- **ii.** Reallocated DV Renewal funding cannot be used to expand a CoC Renewal grant.
- **(c)** To create a Transition Grant through the reallocation process, the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new transition grant [see section XXXX of this NOFO].
- **(d)** For information on reallocating YHDP projects through the replacement process, see sections XXXX, XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO.
- **(20)** *Reservation.* For purposes of this Notice, reservations are a type of formula area as specifically delineated under HUD's IHBG program at 24 CFR 1000.302.
- (21) Rural Area. For this competition a rural area is a county which:
 - (a) has no part of it within an area designated as a standard metropolitan statistical area by the Office of Management and Budget;
 - **(b)** is within an area designated as a metropolitan statistical area or considered as part of a metropolitan statistical area and at least 75 percent of its population is local on U.S. Census blocks classified as non-urban; or
 - (c) is located in a state that has a population density of less than 30 persons per square mile (as reported in the most recent decennial census), and of which at least 1.25 percent of the total acreage of such State is under Federal jurisdiction, provided that no metropolitan city in such State is the sole beneficiary of the grant amounts awarded under this NOFO. A metropolitan city means a city that was classified as a metropolitan city under section 102(a) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42. U.S.C. 5302(a)) for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which Emergency Solutions Grants program funds are made available.
- (22) Shared Housing. YHDP Renewal and replacement grants may provide rental assistance for shared housing where youth may reside with family or another unrelated person. The youth leases from the property owner and shares the unit with the family or unrelated person. The unit may be a house or an apartment.

- (a) YHDP rental assistance cannot be provided to a youth to reside in a unit occupied by an immediate family member. For this NOFO "immediate family member" includes parents, grandparents, and legal guardians.
- **(b)** YHDP rental assistance cannot be provided to a youth in a shared housing unit if the landlord is an immediate family member of the youth.
- **(c)** YHDP rental assistance may only be provided to a youth if the youth can enter into a valid, binding, and enforceable lease under applicable state or local law. This includes a legally appointed guardian executing a lease on behalf of a youth or an emancipated youth entering into a lease.
- **(d)** YHDP Renewal and replacement grants may provide a shared housing option for youth program participants who are not part of a household but are interested in sharing a housing unit with a roommate unrelated to the program participant.
- (23) Solo Applicants. Per the Act, "A solo applicant may submit an application to the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a) and be awarded such grant on the same basis as such grants are awarded to other applicants based on the criteria described in section 427 [42 U.S.C. 11386a], but only if the Secretary determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the continuum of care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. The Secretary may award such grants directly to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary." A solo applicant must submit a solo applicant project application in esnaps prior to the application deadline of 8:00 PM EDT on August 29, 2025. Additionally, for HUD to consider its solo application, a solo applicant must also meet all the requirements outlined in section XXXXX of this NOFO.
- (24) Special CoC NOFO Program Competition. A competition administered under the Continuum of Care Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness designed to target efforts to reduce unsheltered homelessness in communities with very high levels of unsheltered homelessness and homelessness in rural areas. Funding through this Competition was awarded through either the Unsheltered Set Aside or the Rural Set Aside.
- **(25)** *Tribally Designated Housing Entity.* For purposes of this Notice, this term has the same meaning as in Section 4 of NAHASDA (25 U.S.C. 4103).
- **(26)** *Transition Grant*. A grant to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation. Transition grants in this Competition may apply to renew in subsequent fiscal year competitions for eligible activities of the new component.

(27) *Trust Land.* For purposes of this Notice, trust lands are a type of formula area as delineated under HUD's IHBG program at 24 CFR 1000.302.

(28) YHDP Replacement Process. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, permits the replacement of renewing YHDP projects under the CoC Program. The YHDP Replacement process occurs when: (1) a CoC reallocates a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new YHDP project(s) that has the same recipient referred to as YHDP Replacement in this NOFO; (2) a CoC is reallocating a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new projects with a new recipient referred to as YHDP Reallocation in this NOFO; or (3) a CoC is reallocating YHDP Renewal project(s) to create YHDP Expansion applications through the YHDP Replacement process. For more information on YHDP Reallocation, see sections XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO. Projects may also submit applications to replace renewing YHDP projects during the FY 2025 Funding Process.

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c. CoC Program and NOFO Concepts. All requirements for submitting applications for projects eligible for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funding, including requirements for the entire Consolidated Application, are contained in this NOFO

Applicants should read this information carefully and respond to all submission requirements and deadlines as described.

The 8:00 PM EDT application submission deadline on August 29, 2025, applies to the following (see Section XXXX of this NOFO for more information):

- FY 2024 Project Applications; and
- FY 2024 Project Listing, including a signed HUD-2991.

The Collaborative Applicant must submit a FY 2025 CoC application for FY 2025 funding. Applicants that are designated Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) or High Performing Communities (HPCs) by HUD during the FY 2024 CoC Program Registration process will maintain their UFA and/or HPC designation for the FY 2025 Funding Process.

Projects that are awarded FY 2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY 2025 funds using their FY 2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds.

Collaborative Applicants and UFAs are required, at a minimum, to submit the following as part of their application for FY 2025 funding:

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- Applications for existing renewal grants that have an expiration date in CY 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026), that were not awarded FY 2024 CoC and YHDP funding, including:
 - Special CoC NOFO Program Competition Renewal,
 - CoC Renewal (including DV Renewal),
 - YHDP Renewal grants.
- Applications for new grants created through CoC Reallocation, DV Reallocation, or YHDP Replacements which includes YHDP Reallocation.
- FY 2025 Project Listing that includes all projects approved by the CoC to apply for FY 2025 funding; and,
- A signed HUD-2991, to add projects that must be included as part of the FY 2025
 Consolidated Application and is not required to include projects that were awarded
 FY 2024 funding and are continuing in FY 2025.

Collaborative Applicants and project applicants should read this NOFO in its entirety in conjunction with the Rule to ensure a comprehensive understanding of and compliance with all CoC Program requirements. This NOFO frequently references citations from the Rule.

- (1) CoCs should consider the policy priorities established in this NOFO in conjunction with local priorities to determine funding of new and renewal project application requests. See section XXXX of this NOFO for more information on HUD's homelessness policy priorities and program highlights.
- (2) HUD will conduct threshold reviews of project applicants, subrecipients, and project applications project applications for FY 2025 funds submitted by Collaborative Applicant by the application submission deadlines as described in section XXXX. Projects are not ranked and will be selected, provided they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review and fall within the CoC's approved ARD
- (3) HUD may issue more than one conditional funding announcement, including for instances where a CoC has been affected by a disaster and for which HUD has extended the deadline for application submission.
- **(4)** CoC Planning and UFA Costs project applications will be selected, provided they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review.
- (5) HUD will select YHDP projects for funding if they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and for YHDP project renewal threshold; as explained in section XXXX of this NOFO. HUD will not reject YHDP Replacement project applications which includes YHDP Reallocation projects during quality threshold

review; however, HUD may require YHDP Replacement grant recipients to correct or revise information submitted after the final CoC Program Competition award announcement.

- **d. Establishing and Operating the CoC.** 24 CFR 578.5 and 24 CFR 578.7 detail the requirements for the establishment of a CoC and its responsibilities.
- e. CoC Geographic Area. 24 CFR 578.5 requires representatives from relevant organizations within a geographic area to establish a CoC to carry out the duties within the geographic area. The boundaries of identified CoC geographic areas cannot overlap, and any overlapping geographies are considered Competing CoCs. HUD follows the process at 24 CFR 578.35(d) to determine which CoC HUD will fund in the case of CoC geographic areas that overlap.
- f. Planning Duties of the CoC. Planning duties for CoCs are detailed in 24 CFR 578.7.
- g. Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System (Coordinated Entry). In general, 24 CFR 578.23(c)(9) and (11) requires all CoC program recipients and subrecipients to use the centralized or coordinated assessment system established by CoCs. The definition of Centralized or Coordinated Assessment (also known as Coordinated Entry) is found at 24 CFR 578.3. 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8) details the responsibilities of the CoC to establish and operate this required system. In addition to the definition and responsibilities established in the Rule, HUD posted on its website, CPD-17-01: Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System, establishing additional requirements related to the development and use of a centralized or coordinated entry assessment system. These systems help communities assess the needs of program participants and effectively match individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the most appropriate resources available to address their supportive service and housing needs. CoCs may use planning costs to design and plan for the implementation of a Coordinated Entry system; however, once the system is established and operating, the costs of operating it are not eligible planning costs. CoCs must operate the system with CoC Program funds, other funds, or a combination of the two. Section 578.23(c)(9) of the CoC Program Rule exempts victim service providers from using the CoC's coordinated entry process if victim service providers use a coordinated entry process that otherwise meets HUD's requirements.
- h. CoC Program Components. 24 CFR 578.37 states CoC funds may be used to create and operate projects under five program components: PH (including PSH and RRH); TH; SSO; HMIS; and in some cases, homelessness prevention. Only CoCs designated by HUD as HPCs during the CoC Registration process may carry out homelessness prevention activities through the CoC Program. In the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition and Registration Notice, HUD introduced a new Joint TH and PH-RRH component type

that CoCs could apply for. The only types of projects that will be funded in the FY 2024 – FY 2025 CoC Program Competition are:

- (1) PH (PSH and RRH);
- (2) TH;
- (3) Joint TH and PH-RRH;
- (4) SSO; and
- (5) HMIS.
- i. Collaborative Applicant. The Collaborative Applicant is the single applicant designated by the CoC to compile all parts of the FY 2025 CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Project Listing, and all project applications that the CoC has recommended for funding within the geographic area (24 CFR 578.9(a)(3)). HUD will only review CoC Consolidated Applications submitted by the CoC designated Collaborative Applicant.

Additionally, the Collaborative Applicant is the only entity eligible to apply to HUD for CoC Planning costs and if designated as a UFA by HUD, for UFA Costs (24 CFR 578.3).

- j. Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs). The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 amended Title IV of the Act by adding Section 435 so designated Indian Tribes or TDHEs (as defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) may:
 - (1) create a CoC;
 - (2) be a Collaborative Applicant;
 - (3) be an eligible project applicant; or
 - (4) receive grant amounts from another entity that receives a grant directly from HUD (i.e. be a CoC grant subrecipient).

However, under 42 U.S.C. 11383(g) only States, Units of General Local Government, nonprofit organizations, and Public Housing Agencies may administer permanent housing rental assistance.

- **k.** Consolidation Project. Project applicants can consolidate two but no more than ten eligible renewal projects during the application process. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have the same recipient (as evidenced by recipient's Unique Entity Identifier) and be for the same component. However,
 - (1) YHDP projects cannot consolidate with non-YHDP projects. See section XXXX of this NOFO for additional information;

- (2) Projects originally funded under the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition may not consolidate with DV Renewal or DV Reallocation projects; and
- (3) Projects originally funded under the Rural Set Aside of the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition may not consolidate with other projects that were not also funded under the Rural Set Aside of the Special CoC NOFO Program Competition.
- **l.** Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP). Consistent with the requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, funding for the CoC Program may be used to competitively or non-competitively renew or replace grants for YHDP projects.

HUD will non-competitively renew and replace YHDP projects which includes new YHPD projects created from the reallocation of YHDP renewal grants; however, these project applications will be reviewed for compliance with project eligibility, project quality, and if applicable, project renewal thresholds. See sections XXXX, XXXX and XXXX of this NOFO for additional information.

While YHDP projects can use the replacement process to consolidate projects as outlined in section XXXX of this NOFO, these projects cannot consolidate with non-YHDP projects. YHDP Renewal projects may also apply to expand its current project through the YHDP Replacement process. See section XXXX for more information. Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) are prohibited from moving funds out of or into YHDP-funded projects and mix funding from any other non-YHDP funded project. UFAs may replace eligible YHDP renewal projects.

All YHDP Renewal, YHDP Replacement and YHDP Reallocation projects are subject to the following provisions of the Rule, as may be amended from time to time, except where they conflict with the NOFO requirements, with the special YHDP activities identified in section XXXX of this NOFO, or the requirement that grant funds may only be used to serve homeless youth, age 24 and younger: 24 CFR 578.3, 578.15, 578.23(a), 578.25, 578.27, 578.29, 578.37, 578.43, 578.45, 578.47, 578.49, 578.51, 578.53, 578.55, 578.57, 578.59, 578.61, 578.63, 578.73(c), 578.75, 578.77, 578.79, 578.81, 578.83, 578.85, 578.87, 578.89, 578.89, 578.89, 578.91, 578.93, 578.95, 578.99, 578.103(a)(3) - (18) and (b) – (e), 578.105, 578.107 and 578.109. The requirements of 2 CFR 200.306, as may be amended from time to time, with the exception of 200.306(b)(5) apply. All YHDP Renewal, YHDP Replacement and new YHDP Reallocation projects must comply with 24 CFR 578.93, except that in 578.93(c)(2), recipients must provide such information to the jurisdiction in which the project is located. Federal fair housing and nondiscrimination requirements cannot be waived.

YHDP projects eligible to renew in the CoC Program Competition for the first time in FY 2025 must submit their renewal or replacement application by August 29, 2025 and will

be selected by HUD non-competitively for a grant term of 1 year. YHDP projects renewing in FY 2025 for the first time may be replaced by the recipient of the expiring grant, but it may not be reallocated to create a new YHDP project.

- m. Adjustments for Ineligible Projects. If an ineligible renewal project is submitted in this Competition or used in the reallocation process; or an ineligible YHDP Renewal or YHDP Replacement project is submitted, HUD will remove the ineligible project when calculating the final ARD amount for the CoC. To be eligible for renewal, reallocation, or replacement in the FY 2025 CoC and YHDP Funding Process, a project must have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026).
- n. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). As directed by Congress, HUD must provide an annual estimate of all individuals and families experiencing homelessness nationwide and within the territories. Therefore, all CoCs must have an HMIS that has the capacity to collect un-duplicated counts of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and provide information to project subrecipients and applicants for needs analysis and funding priorities. Additionally, CoC and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program recipients must participate in the local HMIS; unless a recipient is a victim service provider or legal service provider, in which case these recipients must use a comparable database and provide de-identified information to the CoC. For many communities, the inclusion of ESG recipients and subrecipients and other HUD federal partners (e.g., the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Veterans Affairs) that require their programs to use the CoC's HMIS, results in an increase in users that the HMIS must be able to accommodate. HUD expects communities to be able to use the HMIS information as well as aggregate data from comparable databases to review performance for the entire CoC geographic area, not just at the project level. The HMIS Lead should continue to consider any unique needs that the HMIS might be required to address to accommodate emergency shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and other federal programs.
- **o. HUD Funding Process.** CoCs and applicants should ensure there is a thorough understanding of the information provided in this NOFO. HUD will award all projects that pass project quality and project eligibility thresholds and fall within the CoC's ARD.
- **p.** CoC Planning and UFA Costs Projects. CoCs may only submit one project application for CoC Planning costs and, if applicable, one project application for UFA Costs. The Collaborative Applicant listed on the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps is the only eligible applicant that may apply for CoC Planning and UFA Costs projects.
- q. Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking (DV Reallocation) projects. Funding made available from the reallocation of expiring DV Renewal projects may be used for "new rapid re-housing projects and supportive service

projects providing coordinated entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking."

DV Reallocation funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving individuals and families who meet the eligibility criteria in Section XXX of this NOFO, so long as the DV Reallocation funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Reallocation funds.

- (1) For Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) component projects created the DV Reallocation, the application must demonstrate:
 - (a) The project applicant's experience serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
 - (b) The project's inclusion of victim-centered practices.
 - (c) Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise.
- (2) For Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different). SSO-CE project applications created with DV Reallocation funding must also demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.
- r. Participant Eligibility. Projects funded through this NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants. All references to paragraphs of the definition of homeless that are found throughout this NOFO refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3 and include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All specific references to the definition of "homeless" under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 that are found throughout this NOFO also include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless

Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process. As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations. HUD interprets "youth-serving provider" as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets "living in unsafe situations" as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under this NOFO or the Rule.

Participants eligible to be served by Projects, are as follows:

- (1) PH-PSH projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following:
 - (a) persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in section XXXX of this NOFO in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS;
 - **(b)** persons who are experiencing chronic homelessness [see 24 CFR 578.3 definition of Chronically Homeless] at the time they initially enroll in the project; or
 - (c) the same population of individuals and families indicated in the expiring grant agreement (e.g., Special CoC NOFO Program Competition projects originally funded under the Unsheltered Set Aside must serve individuals and families who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless.
- (2) PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, and SSO-CE projects awarded CoC funds must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, or persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
- (3) DV Reallocation projects (RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, and SSO-CE) must serve individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 Additionally, these projects may serve individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to

serve persons in paragraph (3).

- **(4)** New YHDP Replacement projects including YHDP Reallocation must serve youth aged 24 or younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth who:
 - (a) qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
 - **(b)** have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence; or
 - (c) qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).

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