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This document provides answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Project Applications within the context of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition.

How to Use This Document

To locate answers to your specific questions:

- Navigate the Table of Contents: Find the topic related to your question.
- Review the FAQs: Once you find the relevant topic, explore the detailed FAQs listed under that section to find the answer.

Contacting Help Desks

If your question is not addressed in this document, please contact the appropriate help desk for assistance:

- General Inquiries and Application Questions: Email CoCNOFO@hud.gov for matters concerning the FY 2026 competition, and related applications.
- Technical Support: For issues with *e-snaps*, such as user profile creation, lockouts, password resets, and other problems, email e-snaps@hud.gov. Please note that the ***e-snaps* Ask-A-Question (AAQ) desk on HUD Exchange is operational.**
- Non-Competition CoC Program Topics: Visit the CoC program AAQ help desk on the HUD Exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> for assistance with CoC program issues not related to the competition. If you do not have a Username and password for the HUD Exchange, you'll need to register for the site at the same time.

Guidelines for Seeking Assistance

- Single Topic Per Submission: Limit each email to one topic to ensure prompt and precise responses.
- Number Sub-Questions: If your inquiry involves multiple sub-questions, number them for clarity and efficiency.
- Include Supporting Documents: Attach screenshots or relevant documents that may help clarify your question.

Restrictions on Queries

HUD cannot respond to questions that might provide a competitive advantage. These include inquiries about project-specific types of projects to apply for, such as a Transitional Housing or RRH project for a DV Bonus application. For more information, consulting with your CoC Collaborative Applicant and other CoC members is recommended.

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Other Resources related to the CoC Program not Associated with the CoC Competition

- General CoC Program Questions: Visit the CoC Program FAQs on HUD.gov and HUD Exchange.
- Further Assistance Needed: If these resources do not answer your questions, please contact your local CPD.
- Please note that compliance with the NOFO and the Rule includes compliance with all Federal statutes relating to Fair Housing (also included on your SF-424B/F-424D assurances). Please see 24 CFR 578.93 for more details of Fair Housing Opportunity requirements for the CoC program.

Reporting Inaccuracies

If you find any information in this document to be inaccurate or misleading, please email CoCNOFO@hud.gov with necessary updates or clarifications.

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Important Updates to the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO	
What is new in FY 2026 CoC Competition Project application(s)?	FY 2026 CoC awards will be made through this NOFO. The following compared to previous years: 1. Investment in New Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only Unlike in prior years, CoCs may apply for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects including street outreach. In order to increase competition and expand the applicant pool, and restore balance to the Continuum of Care Program, HUD has set aside a set-aside of \$1,300,000,000 for new projects with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects. CoCs may use the Transition Grant under Sec. II.B.3.k to create new projects. HUD reminds CoCs that individual projects for Permanent Housing may be eligible for Transitional Housing (see HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity). HUD encourages CoCs to assess the unique needs of individuals and families and provide appropriate assistance to meet their needs. 2. Increase in Competition. The Continuum of Care program is a national competition between grantees (42 U.S.C. 11386a). Consistent with the FY26 HUD appropriation, Tier 1 projects are the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). HUD reminds CoCs and grantees of the Applicant appeal process described in Sec. VIII.D.3.a. for project appeals if they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner. HUD will competitively renew or replace YHDP projects. Additionally, HUD will implement the YHDP Replacement process (which includes YHDP Reallocation and Replacement grants. If significant changes to a renewing YHDP project are needed, HUD may replace its current project with a new YHDP Replacement project. Projects that in part include activities ineligible under the CoC Program as outlined in this NOFO. 3. Increase in Equitable Bonus Funding.

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	Due to the increase in competition, CoCs may apply for bonus projects up to 15% of the CoC's Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN). Unless otherwise specified in Sec. II.B.3.c, the CoC Bonus will be no less than \$500,000 and no more than \$1,000,000. The CoC Bonus funding structure described in Sec. II.B.3.c affords all CoCs an equal opportunity to compete for bonus funds and better ensures that awards are made on a basis of merit, not merely existing resources. 4. Expanding Eligible DV Bonus Projects to Include Transitional Housing Unlike prior years, Transitional Housing is an eligible DV Bonus project under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, Pub. L. 119-75, div. D, tit. I (Dec. 3, 2026). The Secretary has determined that Transitional Housing is a critical activity that is critical in order to assist individuals and families of people experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. 5. Program Components that are eligible under this NOFO. The four components that will be funded through this CoC Program are described at 24 CFR 578.37 and include: (a). Transitional Housing; (b). DV Only; (c). Permanent Housing; and (d). HMIS. Additionally, HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint component projects, which combine two existing program components (see section III.G.5 of this NOFO for more information). HUD will not accept TH/PH-RRH component project applications. 6. Housing with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities. Under the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.75, housing leased with program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with program funds, must meet the applicable standards at 24 CFR 982.40 on October 1, 2026, 24 CFR 5.703 (NSPIRE). Both HQS and NSPIRE require a kitchen and a bathroom in the unit. HUD will consider requests to waive this requirement for good cause to facilitate projects proposing a housing model that does not meet this standard, such as Single Rooms Occupancy units (SROs).
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	7. Special CoC NOFO grants and Rural Costs. Grants originally awarded funding under the Special NOFO to Address Rural Homelessness, that are expiring in Calendar year 2027 are eligible for the Special NOFO. Projects originally awarded under the Rural Set Aside through the Special NOFO Competition that are applying for renewal may only request costs that are eligible for the CoC Program. 8. Reallocation. CoCs may reallocate funding from any eligible renewal grant, including those previously renewed under the CoC Program, so long as the project has a written agreement with an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027. For more information on Reallocation requirements see Sec. II.B.3.f of this NOFO. 9. Competitive Repurposing of YHDP Renewal Funds Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, any CoC, including a youth action board, that determines it no longer has an identified need for an eligible YHDP renewal grant under this NOFO shall notify HUD, and the YHDP renewal funding and make the recaptured amounts competitive for subsequent YHDP and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Competition. See section VI.B.1.c.(3) 10. Preferences for Elderly Individuals and Families and Disabled Families Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 recipients of the CoC Program including funds awarded under this NOFO and prior CoC Program C may establish preferences for: • Elderly individuals and families. For purposes of establishing this allowance, HUD is defining elderly as 55 and older. • Disabled individuals or families as defined by section 401(1) of the Veterans Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(10)).
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	When implementing these preferences, all other federal fair housing requirements apply. 11. Award Announcement Timeline. Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, HUD will announce awards no later than December 1, 2026, barring any judicial or congressional action.
What happened to the 2-Year NOFO ?	This NOFO is a one-year NOFO for the FY26 year, as the FY24/25 NOFO was completed.
What program components are eligible under the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO ?	5. Program Components that are eligible under this NOFO. The four components that will be funded through this CoC Program are described at 24 CFR 578.37 and include: (a). Transitional Housing; (b). Rapid Re-Housing; (c). Permanent Housing; and (d). HMIS. Additionally, HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint component projects, which combine two existing program components (see section III.G.5 of this NOFO for more information). HUD will not accept TH/PH-RRH component project applications. Project applicants may apply for SSO projects consistent with 24 CFR 578.37, including projects with the outreach service activity described at 24 CFR 578.37. Individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation. Projects that are primarily providing these outreach services, and identified such in the project application, must meet the project quality threshold in Section V.A.4.c.(4)(c) of this NOFO. All other SSO projects, except those described in Section V.A.4.c.(4)(b) of this NOFO, must meet the threshold criteria in Section V.A.4.c.(4)(b) of this NOFO. The components are fully described at 24 CFR 578.37.

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What funding is available in this FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO ?	Of the \$4,010,000,000, HUD is making available at least \$52,000,000 Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus). Additionally, HUD is making available approximately \$52,000,000 in Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025 (Pub Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus projects, described in section II.B.3.e of this NOFO. HUD reserves the earliest available fiscal year funds for projects that are able to meet the Bonus obligation deadline (September 30, 2027), so long as the total each DV Bonus project is consistent with the funding process outlined below: (1) HUD will select all CoC Planning and UFA Costs applicable eligibility threshold requirements. Only one CoC Planning and applicable) project application can be submitted per CoC. (2) HUD will then select all projects in Tier 1 that pass project as described in section V.A.4 of this NOFO. (3) HUD will then review DV Bonus projects (this does not include or the renewal of projects originally funded under the DV Bonus

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	funding through the above process and determine whether \$104 million has been awarded to DV Bonus projects: (a) If at least \$104,000,000 has been selected for conditional funding, no further action is needed. (b) If \$104,000,000 has not been selected for conditional funding, HUD will continue down the list and fund additional DV Bonus projects until the total score reaches \$104 million. (4) HUD will then review Permanent Housing projects for funding. If \$430,000,000 has already been awarded to Permanent Housing projects, HUD will review Permanent Housing projects with children: (a) If at least \$430,000,000 has been selected for conditional funding, no further action is needed. (b) If \$430,000,000 has not been selected for conditional funding, HUD will continue down the list and fund additional Permanent Housing projects with children projects by project-level score until at least \$430 million has been selected. (5) HUD will then select new Transitional Housing (TH) or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project eligibility thresholds in the order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b below until \$1,300,000,000 of new projects have been selected. (6) HUD will then continue selecting new projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet eligibility thresholds in the order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b below until \$1,300,000,000 of new projects have been selected. (7) If at any point, HUD selects new projects in an amount more than \$1,300,000,000, HUD will remove all remaining unselected new projects, recalculate the total score, and continue selecting projects.
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Are there HQS Requirements we should be aware of in the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO ?	Yes. Under the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.75, housing leased with CoC program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with CoC program funds, must meet the applicable standards at 24 CFR 905.106 starting on October 1, 2026, 24 CFR 5.703 (NSPIRE). Both HQS and NSPIRE require a bathroom and a kitchen in the unit. Requests to waive this regulatory requirement for good cause to facilitate a housing model that does not meet this standard, such as Single Room Occupancy (SROs).
Access/Submit the Project Application	
Is it a requirement to apply for Federal Assistance through the Grants.gov Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition for the Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants?	No, even though Grants.gov is the website serving as the Federal government portal for searching and applying for Federal financial assistance through the government and the CoC Program NOFO is officially posted on Grants.gov, ONLY accepts applications submitted in e-snaps, an electronic application system. Registration on Grants.gov is not required for submission of applications. 1. Log in to <i>e-snaps</i> to register an account or log in with existing credentials to the system. 2. Complete application forms within <i>e-snaps</i>. 3. Fill in the required information accurately and completely to avoid errors. 4. Upload required attachments as outlined in the NOFO. 5. Review application before submission. 6. Submit application to your CoC's collaborative applicant. 7. Monitor application by checking <i>e-snaps</i>, to determine if additional information is requested. 8. Follow up as needed.
When attempting to access Project Applications the following error appears: "The application is connected to an	Follow these steps: • Log into <i>e-snaps</i>.

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incomplete applicant profile. Complete and submit the applicant profile to correct this error and submit the application.” What steps should applicants take?	• Click on "Applicants" from the left menu. • Select the orange folder next to the name of the applicant. • Click on "Submission Summary." • Click on the "Edit" button. • Select the “Profile Type” screen. Switch the “Project Applicant.” Save the change. Switch back to “Project Applicant.” • Select “Submission Summary.” • Select "Complete." • Log out of <i>e-snaps</i>. • Log back into <i>e-snaps</i>. • Go to “Submissions” on the left menu bar and access your application. The message should no longer be displayed when trying to access the application.
What is the “PIN” number for a grant in the renewal project application?	The Project Identification Number (PIN) is the first 6 digits of a project number. The first two letters represent the state abbreviation, and the last four are a number unique to that project within the State. For example, KY 123456789 is a number 97 from Kentucky. While the full grant number will change from year to year, the PIN (first 6 digits) remains the same from the first award to each subsequent award. For renewal applications in a second or later year of renewal, the PIN applicant should follow the instructions to import your previous year’s renewal project information. Confirm the PIN is correct on Screen 1A, question 5b. of the project application. For a first-time renewal application, use your current grant agreement number as amended, to ensure you enter the correct PIN in <i>e-snaps</i> on Screen 1A of the project application. Project Applicants for the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition must enter the correct PIN on Screen 1A of the project application.

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Will the PIN number automatically update from the previous grant year for renewal project applications?	Yes, the PIN will automatically update if you import the previous year's application when creating the project in <i>e-snaps</i>. If this is a first-time renewal project application, you will need to enter the PIN in question 1A, question 5b. of the renewal project application. Use your current LOCCS data to ensure you enter the correct PIN. The PIN is the first six digits of the grant number. For example, the PIN for grant number CA0512L9T182400 = CA0512. HUD will update the grant number if the renewal project is selected for award. For example, if this project is selected for award in FY 2026, the grant number will be updated to CA0512L9T182601.
Project Applicant Profile (Access/Complete/Edit)	
What is the difference between a Project Applicant Profile and a Collaborative Applicant Profile in <i>e-snaps</i>.	A Project Applicant Profile is required in <i>e-snaps</i> for each organization submitting a project for funding as a Project Applicant within the CoC Competition. Each organization is required to complete only one Applicant Profile. A Collaborative Applicant Profile is for the organization submitting the Consolidated Application on behalf of the CoC. These tasks are carried out by the Collaborative Applicant Profile in <i>e-snaps</i>.
How do I create a Project Applicant Profile in <i>e-snaps</i>?	This information can be found in the "Request Access to Your Organization's Account" document on HUD Exchange. https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Request-Access-to-Your-Organization's-e-snaps-Account.pdf The letter should explain the need for access and indicate the letter is a written request. It should also provide the organization's Applicant Number. For an organization with a grant agreement, the Applicant Number is the same as the grant agreement number.

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	DUNS Number or Tax ID Number. For a Collaborative Applicant or CoC Name and CoC Number (e.g., AA-500). NOTE: If the Primary Contact or organization for the Collaborative or additional actions may be required. Review the Update the Collaborative Organization and/or Primary Contact resource. Identify the person who will provide the person's <i>e-snaps</i> username, e-mail address, and phone number. A signature of an authorized member of the organization (e.g., department director).
How do I update the Project Applicant Profile in <i>e-snaps</i> ?	To update a Project Applicant Profile <i>e-snaps</i>, carry out the following steps: 1. Log into <i>e-snaps</i> at https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice. Select "Applicants" in the left menu of the main screen. Important: if you are updating a project application select "Save" and then select "Back to Summary" to return to the project application and go back to the main menu. Select "Applicants" in the left menu to access the Project Applicant Profile using the folder "Applicants". The "View Applicant Profile" link in the left menu leads to a view-only page of the profile and does not allow editing. 2. After selecting "Applicants", select the folder under "Open." A list of applicant profile screens will appear in the left menu. 3. Begin by opening the profile for editing by selecting "6. Subpart 1.1" from the left menu and then select the "Edit" button at the bottom of the screen. Once in edit mode, the entire profile can be updated. 4. After completing the updates and saving the screens, return to the "Summary" and select the "Complete" button at the bottom of the screen. 5. Finally, select "Back to Applicants List" in the left menu, then select "Applicants" in the left menu of the <i>e-snaps</i> main screen to open a project application. The updated profile information should now appear on all Part 1 screens. If the profile is not showing as updated, most likely one of the steps above was not completed correctly.

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	For more information, please see the link below with instructions on Applicant Profile: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Profile-Navigational-Guide.pdf
How do I provide staff access to my organization's <i>e-snaps</i> account?	HUD will only provide information about a specific CoC project to the alternate contact identified in the applicant profile. If your organization is a CoC Project Applicant (i.e., is applying for a grant directly into a grant agreement with HUD), please consult the following Request Access to Your Organization's <i>e-snaps</i> Account: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Request-Access-Organizations-e-snaps-Account.pdf To provide staff access to your organization's <i>e-snaps</i> Account, consult the following guidance: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Give-Staff-Access-Organizations-e-snaps-Account.pdf If no one else in your organization has access to <i>e-snaps</i>, you must send an email to snaps@hud.gov mailbox that officially requests your access and identifies an Authorized Representative for your organization. The exact steps for access will depend on their organization's role in the CoC. If your organization is the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC, please consult the guidance developed by a HUD Technical Assistance provider on the HUD Exchange: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Updating-the-CoC-Organization-and-Primary-Contact.pdf
I am unable to find the renewal application under "Projects" in <i>e-snaps</i>. However, I see it listed under funding opportunities; but that only allows me to register, not actually edit the application. How should I proceed?	First, ensure that you register in <i>e-snaps</i> for the FY 2026 Funding Opportunity. You will select the FY 2026 Funding Opportunity when creating the new application in the dropdown. 1. Select "Funding Opportunity Registrations" on the left menu bar. 2. The "Funding Opportunity Registrations" screen will appear.

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	3. Select the "Register" icon next to the correct item. Example: "Renewal Project Application FY 2026." The "Funding Opportunity Details" screen will appear. 4. When the question appears asking if you want to register the application for the funding opportunity, select "Yes" to confirm that you want to 'register' the application. 5. The screen will then indicate that the Project Applicant has been successfully registered. 6. Select the "Back" button to return to the "Funding Opportunity Register" screen. Select "Projects" on the left menu bar. 7. The "Projects" screen will appear. 8. Select the applicable funding opportunity from the "Funding Opportunity" dropdown. Example: "Renewal Project Application FY 2026" 9. The screen refreshes and an "Add" icon appears on the left side of the screen under column headings. 10. Select the "Add" icon. 11. The "Create a Project" screen will appear. On the "Create a Project" screen, the Project Applicant Name will be pre-populated. 12. In the "Applicant Project Name" field, enter the name of the project being created or renewed, as it will appear in the grant and award letter. 13. Renewals Only: In the "Import Data From:" field, select the project type being renewed. Importing will ensure that your project information from the previous Project Application is imported and will decrease the amount of information that must be entered into in the current Project Application. This field will only appear for "Renewal Project" types and will not appear for "New" projects. 14. Select "Save & Back" to return to the "Projects" screen. 15. The project name is listed on the menu.
SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	
Do I need a current System for Award Management (SAM) registration to apply for a new or renewal project?	Your organization must have an active System for Award Management (SAM) registration by the time of the CoC Program application submission deadline. Your organization must renew its SAM registration annually as you receive CoC Program funding. Your organization must also annually confirm the accuracy of its Employer/Tax Identification Number and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) numbers in both SAM.gov and the HUD Profile. HUD verifies that your organization has an active SAM registration.

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	release of awarded funds if conditionally selected for the award and processing funds if your organization's SAM registration has expired
Do subrecipients need a SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) ?	No, only applicants (recipients) are required to have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). Subrecipients are not required to have a UEI for the FY 2026 CoC Program.
Renewal Project Eligibility and Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs)	
Which projects are eligible for renewal in the FY 2026 CoC Program competition?	The FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO funds the renewal of existing CoC Renewal projects and projects originally funded under the Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness, and the competitive renewal of existing YHDP grants that are expiring in Calendar Year 2027. This funding is for new projects, including those created with DV Bonus, CoC Planning, and the reallocation of existing renewal projects. For FY 2026, HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects eligible for renewal, except for CoC Planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs project applications. Eligibility for renewal grants is determined early in the CoC Program competition based in part on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Note: if you believe you have a project eligible for renewal project that is not in this year's CoC Program competition, contact your CoC and HUD immediately to determine project eligibility and learn the process to apply for the project.
What organizations are eligible to apply for CoC program funding?	Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes, and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs), as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs). TDHEs, as defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation.

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	For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients. Eligible applicants interested in applying for CoC Program funding should contact their local CoC for more information. A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections of applicable law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e)), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12113(d)). HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct or practices that target faith-based organizations. An organization may seek a religious accommodation from any requirement of the program or other HUD requirement that substantially burden its religious exercise. Religious II. Eligibility CPD-2600-DC-0025 Page 9 of 128 I. Basic Information II. Eligibility III. Program Description IV. Application Contents and Format V. Review Information VI. Submission Requirements and Deadlines VII. Monitoring Requirements and Administration VIII. Contact and Support Appendix A. Religious Freedom Restoration Act or other applicable law, consistent with 24 CFR 5.109. If an accommodation is requested, HUD will not deny the organization unless doing so is necessary to further a compelling governmental interest and the least restrictive means of achieving that interest, consistent with applicable law. Faith-based organizations may also hire, fire, and make other employment decisions on the basis of their sincerely held religious beliefs, including requiring employees to follow religious tenets, practices, and standards of conduct, without jeopardizing their ability to receive HUD funds, consistent with applicable law. A faith-based organization may not use direct financial assistance from HUD to engage in any explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Free Speech Clause and Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and any other legal protections for religious exercise. HUD also may not, in providing services funded by HUD, or in their outreach,
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	such services, discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective beneficiary on the basis of religion, a religious belief, a refusal to hold a religious practice, or a refusal to attend or participate in a religious practice.
Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs). For renewal projects, which organization should be the applicant for the FY 2026 project application and what should I do if the current recipient is different than the one listed on the FY 2026 GIW?	For renewal projects, only the current “grant recipient of record” can apply. The “grant recipient of record” is the recipient recognized on the grant application at the time of submission of the renewal application. Applicants who need to confirm the name of the project recipient on the GIW must believe that the FY 2026 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) listed the correct recipient must contact the Collaborative Applicant and the local HUD Office immediately.
Will VAWA and Rural BLIs be included on the FY 2026 GIW ?	Yes, in the FY 2026 GIW, columns for VAWA and Rural BLIs will be included. If a project applied for and was awarded funds for either BLI, you should include it on the FY 2026 GIW.
Special NOFO (SNOFO) Grants	Grants originally awarded funding under the Special NOFO to Address Rural Homelessness, that are expiring in Calendar year 2027 are eligible for the FY 2026 NOFO.
Project Application Forms and Certifications	
What is the Code of Conduct and how do I submit it?	All Federal award recipients, except states, and all subrecipients under the award must have a code of conduct (or written standards of conduct) for procurement and financial management that meets the requirements in 2 CFR 200.318(c). Before entering into an agreement with a vendor, an applicant selected for an award (other than a state) must ensure an up-to-date code of conduct, dated and signed by the Executive Director or an equivalent official, of the governing body of the organization, is available in the HUD Code of Conduct e-library. https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/grants-code-of-conduct

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	Applicants can check the Code of Conduct List to confirm HUD has Conduct.
Required Project Application Forms What are the required forms and certifications for CoC Program project applications, and do I need to attach these forms or certifications in <i>e-snaps</i>?	HUD has built the following required forms and certifications directly into the project application process. No physical attachment of these forms is required in <i>e-snaps</i> for: (1) SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (2) Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Update/Disclosure (see Applicant Profile) (3) SF LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable) (4) Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace (5) Certification Regarding Lobbying (6) SF-424A: Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs (7) SF-424B: Assurances for Non-Construction Programs (8) SF-424D: Assurances for Construction Programs, and Application for Federal Assistance (9) Indirect Cost Form (see in your Project Applicant Profile) For the HUD-2880 form to accommodate applicants with more than one project, HUD has built this form into your <i>e-snaps</i> Project Applicant Profile so that you can complete all your CoC Program project applications that will be submitted in e-snaps in one CoC Program competition. This process results in a ‘copy’ of this form to be included in each of your project application(s). https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/How-to-Complete-HUD-2880-in-e-snaps.pdf Similar to the HUD 2880, the Indirect Cost Form is completed in the Project Applicant Profile, and a “copy” of the form is included in the project application budget screen.
HUD-2880. Is a HUD-2880 form required for each project application? Can I combine multiple project amounts on a single form?	The Form HUD-2880 “Application for Federal Assistance” uses federal terminology that does not clearly match terminology used for the CoC Program and project purposes. For CoC Program purposes, HUD is clarifying the meaning of “specific project” as “this application” in Part 1 of the HUD-2880, questions 1 and 2.

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	The legal requirements of the HUD-2880 as related to the CoC Program organization/applicant equals one application for all accumulated projects regardless of how many individual project applications are submitted to HUD Competition. Therefore, information in an <i>e-snaps</i> HUD-2880 includes all the project applications applying for funds in the CoC Program Competition. For example, if organization XYZ is submitting three separate project applications each for a total amount of \$300,000; then an answer of “Yes” is required to question 2 of the HUD-2880—as organization XYZ expects to receive \$200,000. Since the total amount of funds requested by your organization for all project applications submitted, you must complete Parts II and III.
HUD-2880. How do I update the HUD-2880 form in <i>e-snaps</i> to include awards that are expected to and to update matching sources in Part II of the form?	Please refer to the full project application detailed instructions regarding “Application for Federal Assistance”. In addition, you can find <i>e-snaps</i> instructions for entering HUD-2880 data into your Project Applicant Profile at: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/How-to-Complete-HUD-2880-in-e-snaps.pdf In relation to what needs to be entered or updated in Part II, if Part I of the HUD-2880 indicates that your organization expects to receive assistance in excess of \$200,000, then Part II of the HUD-2880 requires you to provide information about other governmental and non-governmental funding for any other HUD and any other source—that have been or are to be, made available to your organization (grant). Non-government sources of funds typically include (but are not limited to) foundations and private contributors.
HUD-2991. Where can I find the HUD-2991?	A HUD-2991 form “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Financial Statement” is required as part of the HUD-2880 Application. It must be submitted by your Collaborative Applicant as part of the HUD-2880 Application. A copy of HUD-2991 is posted on HUD's website at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/2991.pdf

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	The CoC Priority Listing in <i>e-snaps</i> must include HUD-2991 and must be dated between November 1, 2024, and January 14, 2026. .
HUD-2991. Does a project applicant need to submit a HUD-2991 form with a project application?	A HUD-2991 form “Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan” is required for each jurisdiction in the Continuum of Care (CoC) but not as part of a project application. It must be submitted by the Collaborative Applicant. If the CoC has multiple projects, it may complete one HUD-2991 for the jurisdiction provided the Collaborative Applicant includes all projects (including Planning Cost projects). If there are multiple jurisdictions in the geographic area, it must obtain a signed HUD-2991 for each jurisdiction located. To be completed by the CoC’s Collaborative Applicant: 1) Applicant Name. Enter the name of the project applicant’s organization. 2) Project Name. Enter the name of the project application that will be submitted in the Continuum of Care Program Competition. 3) Location of the Project. Enter the physical address of the project. If the project is designated as a domestic violence project, enter a P.O. Box for the main administrative office provided it is not the same address as the project location. 4) Name of Certifying Jurisdiction. Enter the name of jurisdiction to certify the project information and certify consistency with the Consolidated Plan (City, County, State). To be completed by the certifying jurisdiction: 1) Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction. Enter the name of the official who will sign the form. 2) Title. Enter the official title of the certifying official (e.g., mayor, city manager, official). 3) Signature. The certifying official is to sign the form. 4) Date. Enter the date the certifying official signs the form.
Do tribal applicants submit HUD-2991 Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan?	Yes, applicants proposing to locate a project on tribal land or reservation must submit a tribal resolution authorizing the applicant to do so or a letter from an authorized representative of the Indian Tribe or TDHE. Tribes do not need to include a HUD-2991.

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	site a project on their own reservation or trust land. Finally, it is the responsibility to ensure the project is certified by the jurisdiction where the project will be located, and projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD consolidated plan. Certification must follow the provision of 24 CFR 100.103.
On the SF-424 screen - what should I enter for my Proposed Project Dates?	For a renewal project application, the start date should be the end date of the awarded grant that has an expiration date in calendar year 2027. If you are applying for a current grant's end date, refer to the 'POP End' field in eLOCCS. If you are applying for a new project, HUD will confirm actual start/end dates prior to grant agreement. New project applications should enter the proposed start and end dates. If awarded, HUD will confirm actual start/end dates prior to grant agreement.
How do I complete the SF-424B ?	SF-424B, Assurances for Non-Construction Programs must be completed and submitted with SAM.gov. A curable deficiency notice will be issued if applicant fails to complete SF-424B.
Is the Indirect Cost Form required for Project Submission even if we don't intend to request Indirect Costs?	Yes, the Indirect Cost Form must be completed by all applicants. The form provides options for the applicant to select: • No indirect costs, • de minimis rate, or • Indirect cost rate that is not a de minimis rate The Indirect Cost Rate Certification (HUD-426) is included in the project application snapshots.
Are there new certifications in the FY 26 Competition?	Yes. In the FY26 Project Applications, all applicants will be asked to complete the following questions: 1. The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination practices consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).

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	2. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the presence of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1) consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B above the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a). This certification is not a requirement that program participants be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of program policy or lease requirement.
CoC Project Components	
Are there New components in the CoC Competition?	In the FY 2026 CoC Competition, applicants applying for CoC New for Transitional Housing or SSO Non-Coordinated Entry projects. TH can be funded through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus (RRH, TH and SSO-C or DV Reallocation (RRH, TH and SSO-CE Only). The four components that will be funded through this CoC Program Transitional Housing; (b). Supportive Services Only; (c). Permanent HMIS. As TH and SSO non coordinated entry are new components this year set of threshold questions that must be passed to meet award requirements have also been added to PSH and RRH projects. These NOFO Section V.A.4.c.4(a-g). HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint TH/PH-RRH combines two existing program components – Transitional Housing Housing-Rapid Rehousing – in a single project to serve individuals experiencing homelessness. (see section III.G.5 of this NOFO for more information). No new Joint TH/PH-RRH component applications will be allowed.

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Who can be served in the different component types?	Participants eligible to be served by projects funded under this NOFO: a. PH-PSH projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following: (1) persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; or (2) for renewal projects, the same population of individuals as served in the expiring grant agreement (e.g., PSH projects originally awarded through the NOFO Competition projects through the Unsheltered Set Aside projects) and families 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; b. TH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO projects awarded CoC funds must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with the following exception: - PH-RRH, TH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- may serve persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3). c. DV Bonus, DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects must serve families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with the following exception: - PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- projects may serve individuals who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating partner violence, sexual assault, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).

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	d. YHDP Renewal and Replacement projects including YHDP through reallocation must serve youth aged 24 or younger, include and pregnant or parenting youth who: (1) qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; (2) have an unsafe primary night-time residence and no safe alternative residence; or (3) qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 to serve persons in paragraph (3).
What is Transitional Housing?	Transitional Housing means housing, where all program participants have a written occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or as long as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and the program participant must be working to obtain permanent housing. Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months of entering TH. Grant funds may be used for acquisition, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, operating costs, and support services.
Can Nonprofits administer Rental Assistance for Transitional Housing projects?	No. Nonprofits can only administer Rental Assistance for Permanent Supportive Housing projects. If Transitional Housing is doing Leasing Assistance, nonprofits can administer for those projects.
Are we allowed to move participants from PH to TH?	In certain circumstances this is allowable. Please review the guidance more: Program Participants' Eligibility to Move from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) / Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) To Transitional Housing (TH)

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What types of SSO projects can applicants apply for under CoC New projects?	The following is the list of SSO projects that can be applied for as a • SSO – Coordinated Entry projects support a CoC’s Coordinated Entry operations, such as implementing CE policies and procedures, conducting assessments, making referrals to housing and services, and conducting outreach activities. • SSO – Street Outreach projects engage individuals and families at unsheltered locations and provide immediate support to ensure their safety (e.g., providing meals, blankets, clothes, toiletries, access to case management) met while actively connecting them to the CoC’s coordinated entry system and resources such as other service entry points, case management, legal services, or other mainstream programs. An example of a Street Outreach project is a Police Department’s outreach team that pairs law enforcement officers with service providers to connect unsheltered individuals to assistance or housing. • SSO – Standalone projects provide supportive services necessary to help individuals and families obtain housing and increase self-sufficiency. SSO-Standalone projects include housing navigation activities, employment training, education services, mental health services, outpatient health services, substance abuse treatment services. Examples of standalone projects include a resource navigation center, a substance use disorder treatment clinic, a job training apprenticeship program, or a mobile dental care service. SSO projects must follow all the requirements of the CoC Program in addition to the following: • SSO projects must be integrated into the CoC’s Coordinated Entry system. • Supportive services provided must be necessary to assist program participants in maintain housing. • Projects must conduct an assessment, at least annually, of program participants’ services needs and make adjustments as appropriate. • SSO projects must use the CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or a comparable database. • If a program participant is enrolled in multiple CoC projects (e.g., a Coordinated Entry SSO Standalone project), the recipients of those projects must coordinate services to do not duplicate services and do not seek reimbursement from HUD for services provided to the household. • SSO projects must not charge program fees to participants.
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Can SSO projects provide supportive services to individuals and families residing in emergency shelters, or accessing services at a day shelter?	Yes, an SSO project may provide services to households living in emergency shelters or accessing services at a day shelter. This includes emergency shelters operated by the grant recipient or subrecipient. However, supportive services provided by the SSO project should not duplicate or replace supportive services already being provided by the emergency shelter or day shelter. Note: SSO-Street Outreach projects should focus on providing street outreach services to people who are living in unsheltered locations and ensure their basic needs are being supported along a pathway towards housing stability. But if a street outreach worker routinely engages someone in an unsheltered location and that person is already in an emergency shelter, the street outreach worker could continue to provide services to that individual while they are residing in the emergency shelter.
Can the SSO project provide supportive services to program participants in housing (TH or PSH)?	PSH: Yes, SSO projects may continue to provide services to a participant for up to 12 months after they are housed in permanent housing. TH: It depends. SSO projects may not provide services to participants in a TH project operated by the SSO recipient or subrecipient regardless of the location of the TH project. However, SSO projects may provide services to participants in TH projects not operated by the recipient of the SSO project. In these instances, there is no duplication in billing for the program participant; therefore, the recipient and SSO projects must coordinate to ensure that appropriate services are provided and that services are not being paid for out of both grants.
Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects not dedicated to Coordinated Entry	Project applicants may apply for SSO projects consistent with 24 CFR 92.401, including projects with the outreach service activity described at 24 CFR 92.401. SSO projects are for individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation. Projects that are primarily providing these outreach services and identifying individuals in need of housing in the project application, must meet the project quality threshold criteria in Section V.A.4.c.(4)(b) of this NOFO. All other SSO projects, except those dedicated to coordinated entry, must meet the threshold criteria in Section V.A.4.c.(4)(c) of this NOFO.

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Is there an ability to request new TH or new SSO projects that are not dedicated to Coordinated Entry?	Yes, under the FY 2026 NOFO, applicants will be allowed to request Coordinated Entry projects. These projects may be funded through CoC Reallocation or CoC Bonus + Reallocation. YHDP projects may also be funded through SSO Non-CE through YHDP Reallocation or YHDP Replacement. Direct Reallocation can be used to fund new TH, but not new SSO Non-Coordinated Entry projects.
What type of applicants can apply for a new Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and can we use existing projects to ‘build’ a JOINT project?	None. HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint TH/PH-RRH projects, which combine two existing program components in a single project (see III.G.5 of the NOFO for more information). No new Joint TH/PH-RRH applications will be allowed. Current TH projects funded by the CoC program cannot ‘merge’ the existing TH with an RRH project to create a Joint TH/RRH component project. A provider can name a project “Joint TH/RRH” and operate it as a Joint project, but it must be a “Joint TH/RRH component” project. TH providers that do not use State and local funds for TH units can use the existing units in their Joint TH or PH-RRH component project, provided that those units are only used for new clients and non-existing clients. A Joint TH/RRH Project MUST have both TH AND RRH component projects as part of the component.
What is the Joint TH and PH-RRH component type and are there special requirements that interested project applicants need to be aware of?	The Joint TH/PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components: Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing – in order to better serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. If funded, HUD will limit eligible costs as follows, in addition to other program rules: a. leasing of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide housing; b. short- and medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of program participants to pay for the RRH portion of the project;

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	c. supportive services; d. costs of contributing data to the HMIS; and e. project administrative costs. Renewal project applicants must include details in the project description of the PH-RRH assistance will be provided. Additionally, if CoC Program requested for both TH and PH-RRH units, the renewal project application and include the number of the project's TH units and PH-RRH units from another funding source. Applicants may only use CoC Program CoC Program Funds to pay for the cost of housing program participation portion of the project. When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH/PH-RRH component, the recipient or subrecipient must be able to provide both components, in supported by the TH component and the tenant-based rental assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. A project choose to receive only the assistance provided through the TH portion assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient make both types of assistance available.
Joint TH and PH-RRH. How should we record our TH and RRH units?	HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint TH/PH-RRH which combine two existing program components in a single project (see the NOFO for more information). No new Joint TH/PH-RRH component applications will be allowed. Applications for Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects must demonstrate that the project will have the capacity to provide both transitional housing and housing assistance, as needed, to each program participant. This requires ensure your project has sufficient units and beds for both housing types.

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	participants to choose housing they prefer since a recipient cannot direct a participant to one type of housing over the other. The total numbers reported must reflect the total units and total beds for a single night for both the TH and PH-RRH portions of the project. Review the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO for a complete list of requirements, including the requirements to distinguish the two forms of housing. All Joint TH and PH-RRH projects must input data on Screen 4B, Housing Location, which presents a summary chart of the units and beds included in the project according to the following categories: • Total Units. Includes all units in the project, regardless of size. • Total Beds. Includes all beds in the project, regardless of unit type. Additionally, there are three columns: Total, TH, and PH-RRH. The “Total” summary fields are compiled from all individual housing locations. The totals. These fields will populate and update automatically when new locations are added to the list. The TH and PH-RRH columns must be completed by the project applicant to differentiate the units and beds that will be used in each portion of the project. The sum of the beds and units in the TH and PH-RRH columns must equal the sum of the beds and units in the Total column.
Joint TH and PH-RRH. Can a Joint project plan to have all participants first be served with TH, then move to RRH when they complete the TH program?	No. Both housing types must be made available as choices to all participants. Participants may not require participation in transitional housing before accessing permanent housing.
Joint TH and PH-RRH. If an applicant already runs a separate RRH project, may they apply only for TH units with a Joint application?	No. Current TH projects funded by the CoC program cannot ‘merge’ with an existing RRH project with an RRH project to create a Joint TH/RRH component project. A Joint TH/RRH project must include both TH and RRH housing within the project (though it can include non-CoC funding sources within the project).

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What is a Coordinated Entry / SSO-CE project and what does it mean beyond the definition offered in the NOFO.	SSO-CE projects are intended to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry project. In more detail, it may be helpful to review the New Project Detailed Instructions, Section 6: Budgets”. The instructions for different BLIs may give you a better understanding of what activities may be included in this grant type.
Can a CoC amend or reallocate funds from a CoC Planning grant awarded in a previous year to a different type of CoC grant.	No. CoC Planning Cost project component grants are new grants each year and funds cannot be included in the reallocation process since these funds are not part of the previous year's grant. Reallocation of grant funds is only permitted with eligible renewal project component grants that are expiring in Calendar Year 2027). One flexibility that CoCs may have that other project components do not, is that Planning grants are awarded with operating dates that “run back-to-back” as is the case for all CoC renewal grants. Operating dates for one or more Planning grants can ‘overlap’ to assist with ongoing Planning activities. In addition, there is also some additional flexibility for extensions for Planning projects.
What is the maximum amount for a CoC Planning project for my CoC.	For CoC Planning cost grants in the FY 2026 CoC competition, a CoC may apply for up to 5 percent of the CoC’s FY 2026 Final Pro Rata Allocation, up to \$1,500,000, notwithstanding the 3 percent cap in sec 423(a)(10) of the statute, whichever is greater. More information is provided in Section II.B.3 of the NOFO. CoCs can only submit one CoC planning cost application, which must be submitted by the CoC’s Collaborative Applicant. The maximum amount a Collaborative Applicant can request for a CoC planning grant can fluctuate from year to year depending on the FPRN, which may vary in subsequent CoC program competitions.
SNOFO Planning	SNOFO Planning grants are not renewable. SNOFO grants renewed in the FY 2026 CoC Competition are included in ARD – therefore CoC Planning costs are not included accordingly.

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Do CoC Planning projects need to be ranked in the CoC's Priority Listing as projects in Tier 1 or Tier 2?	No. CoC Planning and UFA Costs project applications are not ranked provided they pass project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements. If an applicant includes a CoC Planning project application in Tier 1 or Tier 2 calculation, Collaborative Applicants must not rank Planning project applications. Planning projects do not affect a CoC's available amount for new and renewal project applications. A CoC Planning project is not included in the CoC's Annual Renewal calculation. The CoCs Collaborative Applicant 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 <i>e-snaps</i> is the only applicant that may apply for CoC Planning and UFA Costs projects. CoC Planning projects may be used according to 24 CFR 578.39, and 578.41.
How do I calculate the number of beds, units, households, and persons being served by my project?	When determining the correct input for Units, Beds, Households, and Persons, that these reflect the full capacity of the program on a single night throughout the course of the project period). This should include all units, beds, households, and persons supported by CoC Program funds or eligible match funds in any way, whether or not supported only by CoC Program supportive services funds without CoC operating, or rental assistance funds. The reported number of units and persons should not be higher than the number of households (units), and persons reported on Screens 5A and 5B.
Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) Projects	
How are DV Bonus projects different than other projects in the CoC competition?	DV Bonus projects are funded from an additional special appropriation (Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025), which requires that funds be dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. DV Bonus projects are awarded competitively based on scores from the application, including the applicant-specific DV Bonus section. A new project that is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homeless at 24

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	103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. While survivors of human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, or sexual harassment. However, a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing human trafficking. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects. A CoC may submit one new SSO-CE DV project. There is no limit on RRH or TH projects.
Is there a special process or a separate competition for DV Bonus projects compared to other CoC projects?	All projects that are eligible to apply for DV Bonus funding are also eligible for other CoC funding and must be submitted through the CoC's local competition process and prioritized along with other CoC projects. If the project is awarded funding, it will be skipped in the priority listing when determining the distribution of CoC bonus funds. Applicants for DV Bonus projects must also provide additional information about the applicant organization and planned project within the CoC application. Please see the Collaborative Applicant to HUD. Please see the CoC Application Development Guide. Please reach out to your Collaborative Applicant for more information.
Can a new DV Bonus project apply as an expansion of a renewal project?	Yes. A CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project in accordance with II.B.3.i of the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO, including projects previously funded with DV Bonus funding. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the new expansion project is dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Due to these funding appropriations, DV Bonus projects must exclusively serve the household of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Projects that serve other populations, including survivors of human trafficking, are not eligible for DV Bonus funding unless the project will be limited specifically to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. For projects that are

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	CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit a new project application to be expanded and a new project application with additional information. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects. Applicants must submit one new SSO-CE DV project. There is no limit on RRH or TH projects.
Are there special instructions for DV Bonus project applications in <i>e-snaps</i> ?	To apply for DV Bonus in <i>e-snaps</i>, you must take the following steps: (1) On screen “3B. Project Description,” question #3, check the “Survivors of Domestic Violence” box. (2) On screen “3B. Project Description,” include how these funds will be used to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and trafficking who qualify under paragraph 4 at 24 CFR 578.3. (3) On screen “4A. Supportive Services for Participants”, describes how the project will be assisted to obtain and remain in housing. New projects applying for DV Bonus funds must tailor the description to include how survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homelessness at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing that addresses their needs, including trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches. (4) On screen “6A. Funding Request,” question #2, select “DV Bonus” from the dropdown menu.
Can DV Bonus projects be dedicated to serving survivors of human trafficking (or another group that qualifies as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3)?	Due to funding restrictions in appropriations, DV Bonus projects must exclusively serve households of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and trafficking. Projects that focus on other populations, including survivors of human trafficking, are not eligible for this restricted funding unless the project will be limited solely to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. For more information, see III.G.11.c of the NOFO. DV Reallocation projects created with funding reallocated from projects originally awarded as DV Bonus projects must also exclusively serve the DV Bonus eligible population.

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What is a DV Reallocation and how is it different from the DV Bonus?	The DV Reallocation is a funding mechanism in the CoC program that allows applicants to reallocate DV Bonus projects that have been renewed as DV projects. As a reminder, a DV Reallocation can only be funded by DV Bonus projects. There is no difference in how the DV Bonus and DV Reallocation are used in the CoC program. Both funding types must exclusively serve the households of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects. Applicants may submit one new SSO-CE DV project. There is no limit on RRH or TH projects.
Can I reallocate my Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) grant to a new project that doesn't serve the same population?	No. If a new project is being created with reallocated funds that were previously used for a DV Bonus project, the new project must continue to serve exclusively households of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. See Section II.E for more information. Note: DV Bonus funds may not be combined with any other funding source in the same application.
Does an applicant have to be a Victim Service Provider (VSP) in order to apply for DV Bonus grants?	No, all eligible applicants for CoC funding may apply for DV Bonus grants, including those exclusively serving the households of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Applicants for DV Bonus projects must also provide additional information about their applicant organization and planned project within the CoC application. Applicants must be a Collaborative Applicant to HUD, including information about their efforts to provide trauma-informed services. Please see the CoC Application Instructions and reach out to your Collaborative Applicant for more information.

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What definition should we use for “Survivors” on the population focus and subpopulations charts?	Survivors: Persons who have experienced trauma or a lack of safety violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking traumatic, or life-threatening conditions. Note: while this field includes all people in households eligible to be served by the funds it may also include survivors who do not meet the narrower definition of eligibility. For more information on population eligible to be served by the funds please see Section IV.D.1.e of the NOFO for more information.
Amendments	
Change of Recipient “Organization A” is in the process of transferring its grant to “Organization B.” Since the transfer hasn’t been finalized and the competition is open, who should apply?	First, discuss possible timing of a project transfer amendment with your project manager office. Any grant agreement amendment (including amending budget line items and recipient of a grant) involves many steps and can take time to complete. Until the grant transfer amendment is fully accomplished, only the current recipient can have access to apply for renewal of the project. If in doubt, the current recipient should apply for the renewal project application in <i>e-snaps</i> and then after completion the parties can pursue the transfer in CoC post-award processes. This approach ensures the competition window for this renewal is not missed.
Budgets	
Budget Changes. If we make errors in budget changes on our renewal application, is there any way for us to correct that after the application deadline?	No. If you mistakenly apply for more than your annual renewal amount you will not be awarded more than your ARA. Though you cannot be awarded more than your ARA, for, if you mistakenly apply for less than your ARA, your award will be the full ARA amount. Please double check your budget change amount before submitting your application.
What are the eligible costs under the CoC VAWA Budget Line Item (BLI)?	Section 605(a)(2) of VAWA 2022 amends section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to add the following eligible activity to the list of eligible activities: “Facilitating and coordinating activities to ensure compliance with [t

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	plan requirement in 34 U.S.C. 12491(e)] and monitoring compliance confidentiality protections in 34 U.S.C. 12491(c)(4).” Funding can be requested for this activity in new project applications added to this BLI in eligible renewal projects through expansion or by percent of funds from other eligible BLIs to the VAWA BLI. (a) Examples of eligible costs for emergency transfer facilitation include assessing, coordinating, approving, denying, and implementing a survivor transfer which includes: (i) Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable moving costs to move the survivor to an emergency transfer. (Note that the general requirement that moving expenses be paid by the survivor does not apply for emergency transfer moves under this BLI.) (ii) Assistance with travel costs. Reasonable travel costs for survivors to travel for an emergency transfer. (iii) Security Deposits. Grant funds can be used to pay for security deposits for the units the survivor is transferring to via an emergency transfer. (iv) Utilities. Grant funds can be used to pay for costs of establishing the safe unit the survivor is transferring to. (v) Housing Fees. Fees associated with getting survivors into a safe unit transfer, includes but not limited to application fees, broker fees, and pet fees where the person believes they need their pet to be safe, etc. (vi) Case management. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time to coordinate and implement emergency transfers. (vii) Housing navigation. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time to help survivors find safe units and facilitate moves into housing for survivors through the program. (viii) Technology to make an available unit safe. Grant funds can be used to purchase technology that the individual believes is needed to make the unit safe, which is limited to doorbell cameras, security systems, phone, and internet access, etc. necessary to support security systems for the unit, etc. (b) Examples of eligible costs for monitoring compliance with the VAWA requirements include the costs of ensuring compliance with the VAWA requirements which includes: (i) Monitoring and evaluating compliance with VAWA confidential
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	(ii) Developing and implementing strategies for corrective action (iii) Program evaluation of confidentiality policies, practices and (iv) Training about compliance with VAWA confidentiality requi (v) Reporting to Collaborative Applicant, HUD, and other interes - compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements (vi) Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor inform (vii) Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to confiden
What is the difference between case management costs under a “ VAWA BLI ” request on the VAWA budget screen in <i>e-snaps</i> and case management costs in the Supportive Services budget screen?	Case Management costs under the VAWA budget are used to pay for necessary to assess, coordinate, and implement VAWA emergency t Management under the Supportive Services budget is to pay for the s assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of in meet the needs of the program participants.
How do I know if my project qualifies for VAWA costs? Can a project request the VAWA BLI even if the applicant is not a VSP, or the project is not a DV bonus project?	The VAWA BLI is available in all project types, except for planning regardless of grantee type or sub-population focus. The VAWA BLI victim service providers (VSPs) or DV Bonus projects. All eligible p include a VAWA BLI (even if the project chooses to keep that BLI a minor budget changes later in the grant if a project needs to quickly r VAWA BLI, e.g., for an unexpected emergency transfer.
How can my SSO-CE project use the VAWA BLI ?	SSO-CE projects may use this BLI to budget for activities to facilitat in accordance with the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, or for activiti compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements. Emergency tr conducted in accordance with the CoC’s emergency transfer plan, w requirements laid out in 24 CFR 578.99(j)(8) and 24 CFR 5.2005(e). CoC’s plan uses a coordinated approach to assessing and facilitating requests (including having a local victim service provider assess and emergency transfer requests centrally), it is allowable to use the VAW SSO-CE project to do so.

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How do I complete the new VAWA budget screens in <i>e-snaps</i>?	Project Applications for New, and all YHDP projects, you can simply enter the funding requested on the VAWA BLI screen in the categories listed. All new projects are given a VAWA BLI, with the VAWA funding checkbox selected. This box cannot be unchecked. Applicants will enter funding amounts on the VAWA screen, like how funding is entered on other BLI screens (SS, Operational). A description of funds is not required since that is already given on the other BLI screens. The amounts on the VAWA screen are automatically pulled forward onto the summary budget screen. For Renewal project applications, if you plan on adding funds to the existing VAWA BLI, you can do so by shifting funds from another BLI or you can apply for an Existing VAWA BLI. Applicants are required to answer Questions 1 & 2 on screen 6A. All existing VAWA BLIs have the VAWA funding checkbox selected for them, and this box cannot be unchecked. This allows for funds to be moved into the new VAWA BLI upon renewal review by the office.
Are match requirements for a VAWA budget the same as other CoC BLIs?	Yes. A VAWA BLI follows the same 25 percent match requirements as other CoC BLIs in the CoC Program, except for the Leasing BLI, which has no match requirement.
Why does my project have a VAWA BLI added automatically to its summary budget, and why can I not remove it?	As stated in HUD’s final rule implementing VAWA 2013, “The requirements of 24 CFR part 5, subpart L (Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking), implementing the requirements of VAWA 2013, for permanent housing and transitional housing for which CoC program funds are used for acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction, leasing, rental assistance, etc. While projects can choose to use other funds to meet these requirements, the costs associated with emergency transfers cannot be fully predicted in advance. To allow for the flexibility to meet VAWA emergency transfer requirements effectively for the safety of project participants experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking, all projects are required to have a VAWA BLI (even a \$0 BLI) in case of the need for an emergency transfer request.

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How is the CoC VAWA budget funded, for new project applications, specifically in Renewal projects that have set budgets already?	For New project applications you can add funding requests for a new Line Item (BLI) the same as any other BLI request in <i>e-snaps</i>. For Renewal projects, including all YHDP projects, HUD will not be able to fund the CoC VAWA BLI; however, CoC funding for the renewal projects must come from shifting funds from existing BLIs of an expansion project with your VAWA BLI request.
Rural Budget Line item How is the CoC Rural budget line item funded for new project applications, specifically in Renewal projects that have set budgets already?	CoC Renewal projects are eligible this year to add the Rural BLI to their project application to be used in eligible rural or tribal geocodes. There are three scenarios that can occur: 1. The Renewal project was previously awarded a Rural BLI through the FY 2024 competition, and can now renew their project this year and include it in their project application 2. The project applicant applies in this competition for a New Expansion grant, and within that New Expansion, they request a Rural BLI. 3. The Renewal project can select the Rural BLI on screen 6A in the application, answer a question related to the Rural BLI on the same screen, and select a geocode on screen 3A. HUD SNAPS will determine if the project can be awarded a Rural BLI and go through review. For New and all YHDP project applications, including expansion projects noted above, you can add funding requests for a new CoC Rural Budget Line Item the same as any other new project BLI request in <i>e-snaps</i>.

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	For reference, see Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 239) and Section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to allow projects to use funds defined in section I.B.2.b.(26) of this NOFO] to use program funds to support eligible CoC Program activities to include adding a Rural BLI to eligible projects through expansion.
What are the eligible costs under the Rural Budget Line Item (BLI)?	The Rural BLI must be used only for eligible activities in eligible rural areas. Under Section IV.B.5 of the NOFO, those eligible costs are: 1. Payment of short-term emergency lodging, including in motels and hotels, through vouchers. 2. Repairs to units; a. (i) in which homeless individuals and families will be housed; b. (ii) which are currently not fit for human habitation. 3. Staff training, professional development, skill development, and other activities
How do I know if I'm in a CoC Program Approved Rural Area ?	Within the New, Renewal and all YHDP applications, on Screen 3A, there are three tables that allow the applicant to determine whether their project qualifies as a rural area. The three tables are: 1. The state in which your project is based. 2. The rural geocodes that would fall under your project's work area. 3. Any tribal rural areas. HUD will be the final arbiter if your project qualifies for the CoC Rural Budget Line Item.
How do I complete the new Rural screens/questions (3A, 6A and Rural) in <i>e-snaps</i> ?	In the New and YHDP CoC applications, the Rural Costs budget has three screens/questions. 1. On screen 3A, you will select if you are requesting "rural costs" for your application. If you select "Yes", the Rural costs budget will be included in your application along with 3 tables related to rural geocodes to help determine rural eligibility.

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	If the rural costs budget is activated, you will then be asked to fill out the process of filling out the budget is similar to how other BLI screens are completed (supportive services, HMIS, Operating and VAWA). For Renewal, you will select your geocode areas on Screen 3A and the related question on screen 6A. There is no Rural Budget Detail screen as the field only exists in the summary budget.
Do the same match requirements for “ Rural Costs ” in <i>e-snaps</i> the same as for the match requirements for other approved budget line items (except leasing)?	Yes. Rural costs follow the same match rules as other BLIs in the CoC for the Leasing BLI, which has no match requirement.)
What is the difference between the CoC Rural BLI and the Rural Set Aside BLI?	The CoC Rural BLI is an eligible cost that is available to all component opportunities (excluding Planning and UFA funding opportunities). The Rural Set Aside BLI are eligible costs that are only available to certain projects.
FMR Years. Why are we being asked to apply with FY 2026 FMRs?	All projects that are eligible to apply for the FY 2026 CoC Competitive FMRs in their project applications. The FMR amounts shown in the tables are accurate FY 2026 FMRs for the FMR areas you select.
FMRs and Actual Amounts less than FMRs. Can we change back to full FMR calculations rather than our Actual funding designation. Can this be done as part of a renewal project application.	No. The NOFO does not address changing project funding back to FMR. If HUD decides to move to actual rent, as HUD addresses this issue on a case-by-case basis, an amendment is rarely approved. There are factors to consider when determining if it is allowable, including where the excess funds were moved to and documenting the reason actual rent is no longer viable and validates the request to contact your local HUD Field Office Representative about amending the project from actual rent to full FMR. Keep in mind however, that existing funds would need to be shifted from another budget line to rental assistance.

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	full FMR. If that is not feasible the number of units would need to decrease to meet the full FMR. The overall funding amount for the grant, the annual renewal amount, cannot be increased.
Cost of Living Adjustments (Supportive Services and HMIS Costs)	The Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2026, allows HUD to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help offset the increased cost of operations due to inflation. Your application should reflect Budget Request amounts awarded amounts. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs for projects renewing projects based on the most recent three-year average of change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the category Social Security (CPI-U, 624). Please note that HUD is only authorized to make these adjustments for renewal projects. Supportive Services and HMIS budgets for all New projects, UFA, YHDP Replacement, and YHDP Reallocation, will not be adjusted.
Can Rental Assistance funds be used to pay for security deposits? If so, how would I request rental assistance dollars specifically for security deposits or other approved costs?	Yes, security deposits are an eligible cost item within the rental assistance budget (Section 578.51(a)(2)). Under rental assistance, a project recipient may use funds for security deposits in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent so long as the security deposits are paid before the CoC Program participant exits from the program. Although security deposits come from the rental assistance budget in the <i>e-snaps</i> system, there is not a way to enter a separate cost for security deposits since they are a part of the rent. A good practice would be to mention security deposits in the budget narrative. Many applicants use the 30% rent income from participants to serve as a source of funds or cover security deposits.
Sponsor Based Rental Assistance (SRA) and Project Based Rental Assistance (PRA) spending	To expend funds within statutorily required deadlines, applicants funding SRA and project-based rental assistance must execute the grant agreement for the rental assistance within 2 years. However, HUD strongly encourages applicants to begin within 12 months of award. Applicants that are unable to begin within the 12-month period should consult with the local HUD CPD.

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Details of Costs and Renewal Budgets. Are renewal project applicants required to provide details beyond total cost requests for leased structures, supportive services, operating, or HMIS Budget Line Items (BLIs)?	No. HUD no longer requires applicants to list budget detail information, the total costs requested for leased structures, supportive services, or other budget line items in renewal project applications. HUD expects the current budgets to be the baseline for renewal grant expenses (in line with 24 CFR 92.203). Though HUD does not collect detailed budget information as part of the application, HUD still expects that all costs expended will meet the requirements of the rule and 2 CFR Part 200. HUD will continue to verify budget information during compliance monitoring.
What are replacement reserves and how do I request funds for operating and replacement reserve costs?	Replacement reserves are scheduled payments to a reserve fund for the replacement of building systems and are an eligible cost for recipients of transitional and supportive housing projects where the recipient or subrecipient owns the building(s). The replacement reserve question is only applicable to projects with a "Operating" budget line item (BLI) and have identified you are choosing the "Operating" BLI following standard housing development practices for replacement reserves. This question is not available for projects that do not have a replacement reserve. First-Time Renewals: If you are renewing a project for the first time, you must enter all data in the renewal project application as you cannot bring forward data from a new project application submitted initially and awarded. If the renewal is for a "Operating" BLI, you will check the box for "Operating" on-screen (see <i>e-snaps</i>), enter the amount for "Operating" on the Summary Budget screen. Once this is completed, the new "Replacement Reserve" question will appear and you must navigate to this screen to complete the additional questions and submit the renewal project application. Regular Renewals – Renewal projects that are not first-time renewal projects with a "Operating" BLI will see the "Replacement Reserve" question on 3A. If a BLI has already been recorded in the application since it was brought forward from the previous year's application. New project. To request CoC Program funds for "Replacement Reserve" in a new application, go to Screen "6G Operating Budget," and answer the question.

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	Project Detail. Additionally, if the project will use CoC Program Operating reserve, the applicant must attach documentation on Screen 3A (8) in the <i>FY 2026 Application Detailed Instructions</i>.
For the administration budget in a project application, can the Indirect Cost Rate PLUS the total of the other project administration budget line items exceed 10% of total direct cost expense?	No. CoC Program eligible administration costs cannot exceed 10 percent of other BLIs. CoC project “admin” costs and indirect costs are not synonymous. Currently, eligible indirect costs cannot be identified as a line item in the application’s budget or within eLOCCS when recipients draw down funds. The Program interim rule allows for indirect costs to be added to the existing CoC Administration (BLI) within the eligible cost categories in the grant agreement’s scope of work. Recipients are able to draw down funds from eLOCCS that include eligible costs associated with the indirect costs within each existing BLI. Per the CoC Program interim rule, the CoC Administration BLI is capped at 10 percent of other BLI subtotals, up to the amount in your project application. Recipients seeking reimbursement for administrative costs should review the CoC Program interim rule Section 578.59 which details the project’s administrative eligible costs. The recipient or subrecipient may use up to 10 percent of the total of non-CoC administrative costs awarded under this part.
What is the difference between project administration and indirect costs?	Please note that CoC project administration costs and indirect costs are not synonymous. Recipients seeking reimbursement for administrative costs should review the Program interim rule Section 578.59 which details the project administrative eligible costs. The recipient or subrecipient may use up to 10 percent of any grant award for administrative costs, excluding the amount for Continuum of Care Planning Activities and the payment of project administrative costs related to the planning and evaluation of Continuum of Care activities. Note that Project Administrative costs do not include costs directly related to carrying out activities eligible under § 578.41 because those costs are eligible as part of those activities. Recipients seeking reimbursement for indirect costs should review the Program interim rule and OMB Circular Part 200, which allows for indirect costs to be added to the existing CoC Administration (BLI) within the eligible cost categories in the grant agreement’s scope of work.

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	added to direct costs within the eligible cost categories in the grant application. If incorporated, recipients would be able to draw down funds for the project. Indirect costs include direct costs as well as eligible costs associated with the 15 percent indirect cost rate, as modified for the CoC Program, within each eligible category. Currently, eligible indirect costs cannot be identified as a line item in the application's budget or within eLOCCS when recipients draw down funds. Please see the following notices and resources for more information: Indirect Cost Toolkit for CoC and ESG Programs at https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Indirect-Cost-Toolkit-for-CoC-and-ESG-Programs.pdf
Does HUD need to approve an indirect cost rate for that rate to be used in the project application?	No. An indirect rate must be submitted to and approved by your cognate Federal agency that you receive the highest amount of Federal funding from. HUD or another agency. If your organization has a Federally approved indirect cost agreement, it can be entered on the "Indirect Cost Form" screen in the eLOCCS Profile. Be sure to attach the approved indirect cost agreement to the application.
Can I enter multiple indirect cost rates in a project application if we have multiple subrecipients?	No. Indirect cost rates from subrecipients cannot be used for CoC funding. Each organization can only have one indirect cost rate, which must be the approved rate of the recipient organization. There is no requirement to enter the indirect cost rates of subrecipients. Indirect cost rates are <u>not</u> to be used with a CoC grant. All subrecipient organizations receiving HUD funds must use the recipient organization's indirect cost rate, or de minimis 10 percent, even if the subrecipient organization has a different rate. If subrecipient organizations have an individual rate, they must become a direct CoC grant recipient.
My organization has an expired indirect cost rate . We applied for a new one and it is currently under review. Can we use our expired indirect rate until the new one is approved?	In this case, attach the letter in <i>e-snaps</i> that indicates that you request approval (along with the expired documentation). Complete all the required information in <i>e-snaps</i> about indirect costs with the new information, as possible. A comment will not appear. Hit "Save," and the caution message will disappear. If HUD approves the indirect cost rate, your HUD field office will ask for the attachment. If HUD denies the indirect cost rate, your HUD field office will ask for the attachment. If you are using the de minimis 10 percent, an attachment is not required.

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How do I fill out the new Indirect Cost Form in <i>e-snaps</i>?	To fill out the Indirect Cost Form please access the following link: 4 This form provides instructions on what information to enter in each Cost Form. As a reminder, the Indirect Cost Form is provided in the Profile in <i>e-snaps</i>. It is there where the applicant will fill out the form
When can leasing funds be used?	Leasing costs are eligible under the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) portion only), Transitional Housing (TH), and Supportive Services Components. Recipients and subrecipients may choose to use CoC PSH structure or a portion of a structure that will be used for PSH, TH, or Leasing funds may also be used to lease individual housing units for Leasing funds can pay for the following activities: • Rent for the unit or structure (§ 578.49(b)(1)) • Security deposits for up to 2 months (§ 578.49(b)(4)) • First and last month's rent (up to one month each, allowed as (§ 578.49(b)(4)) • Staff or related costs to carry out leasing activities including Quality Standards (HQS), paying landlords, etc. • Payments on unoccupied units while identifying a new program
Can I apply for a grant term for a new project of more than one year?	Yes, per Section II.B.5.c of the NOFO, the initial grant term for new projects may be for 1 year, 2 years, 3 years, 4 years, 5 years, or 15 years. HUD is consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. HUD will allow for 1 year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months. This longer grant term is that HUD has determined that most new projects of funding often take approximately 3 to 6 months to begin fully operating project (e.g., hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if applicable). 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 of requesting capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation) for 1-year funding requests.

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New projects (including YHDP Replacement and Reallocations) can request up to 6-month extended Grant Term. How do I request 13 to 18 months of funding for a new project application with an initial term of one year?	To submit a request for a 13-month to 18-month initial grant term the application screen “6A Funding Request,” question 6 for the specific you are applying. First-time renewal eligibility will be dependent on end date.
Is the length of grant terms for new projects dependent on the budgets we select?	Yes! 1. Any new project that requests tenant-based rental assistance must request 1-year, 3-year, 4-year, or 5-year grant term. 2. Any new project that selects project-based rental assistance must request 1-year grant term. However, in e-snaps, you will only be funded for 1 year. Then every subsequent renewal will fund for 1 year. 3. Any new project that requests leasing costs - either leasing costs plus other costs (e.g., supportive services, HMIS) - may request 1-year grant term. 4. Any new project that requests operating costs, supportive services, 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 5. Any new project conditionally selected by HUD that requests acquisition, or rehabilitation costs (capital costs) must request 1-year grant term and may request up to a 5-year grant term. Any project requesting capital costs are not eligible for 1-year funding renewal. If a project requests 1 year of funding with capital costs, HUD will increase the grant term to 5 years and the new project must spend the funds requested over the 5-year term. 6. All CoC Renewals, YHDP Renewals, YHDP Replacements and YHDP Planning and UFA Costs applications all have grant terms of 1 year.
Project Application Processes	
Reallocation Process.	CoCs may reallocate funding from any eligible renewal grant, including those previously renewed under the CoC Program so long as the project has a written agreement with an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027. Section III of the CoC Program Manual.

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What is the policy on projects eligible for reallocation as part of the renewal application process?	CoC Program NOFO provides additional information. To be eligible, an expiring project must be an eligible renewal project in this year's competition. Note: The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations express concern that funds awarded for specific subpopulations (e.g., youth experiencing homelessness, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking), before the end of the fiscal year, projects may be reallocated to other populations, HUD must consult with the relevant stakeholders. For the FY 2026 Funding Opportunity, HUD requires that funds be reallocated from projects previously funded with YHDP or DV HDP and not used for projects serving the same subpopulation. Therefore, prior to the reallocation of any project, HUD strongly recommends reviewing your current Inventory Worksheet (GIW) to determine the type of new project that the reallocated funding intended for the specific subpopulations.
Reallocation Process. What is reallocation, what can it fund and how does it work?	Section III.F.8 of the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO describes the reallocation process that CoCs use to shift funds in whole or part from existing eligible projects to create one or more new projects without affecting the CoC's Annual Action Plan. CoCs may use relocation to create new: • PH-PSH. • PH-RRH. • TH • Dedicated HMIS • SSO Non-Coordinated Entry; or • SSO-CE for Coordinated Entry. Reallocation funding is eligible to fund: • New Expansion projects. • Transition Projects. • CoC Bonus projects. Projects can combine CoC Bonus and RHC funding for a single project.

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	Remember, reallocated in full or in part, should be correctly identified in the priority listing in <i>e-snaps</i> .
Reallocation Process. Do reallocations need to be included in the priority listing for a CoC?	Yes, please ensure all reallocations and new projects are listed on your priority listing.
Reallocation Process. What is a “New Project Created through Reallocation” and where can I find a definition?	Section III.F.8 of the NOFO defines Reallocation as a process CoCs use to reallocate whole or in part from existing eligible CoC renewal projects or projects renewed to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC’s total project count. CoCs may only reallocate eligible renewal projects so long as the renewal project being reallocated has a executed grant agreement with an expiration date in the future. Additionally, new projects created through Reallocation must meet the same eligibility and project quality thresholds established in sections V.A.4.a, and V.A.4.b. For more information on the requirements for projects created through Reallocation, see sections II.B.3.e (DV Reallocation), II.B.3.f (CoC Reallocation), and II.B.3.g (DV Reallocation) of this NOFO. So, a “New Project Created through Reallocation” is a new project created by a CoC that uses a CoC’s funds previously used for one or more other CoC-funded projects to create a new project within the same CoC. For example, the CoC may decide to reallocate \$10,000 from a project by \$10,000 from an eligible renewal and use the \$10,000 for a new project through the reallocation process. Before submitting a project application for the FY 2026 CoC Program, we recommend you contact your local CoC for more information. CoC contact information can be found at https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/find-a-grantee/.
Reallocation Process. What are “DV Reallocations” and what should a CoC be aware of when reallocating projects	DV Reallocation Projects are projects created from the reallocation of DV projects (see Section II.B.3.e of the NOFO). CoCs may reallocate eligible DV projects to create new DV Reallocation projects, so long as 100 percent of the individuals served by the new DV Reallocation project are individuals and families.

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originally awarded with DV Bonus funding.	experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Act. When reallocating DV Renewal project(s), the new project(s), including projects, in their entirety must meet all the same requirements of a DV Renewal project, including the inclusion of trauma informed and survivor-centered service planning. and the sum of all DV Reallocation applications must be for DV Renewal Projects are projects created from the reallocation of DV Renewal projects (See Section II.B.3.e). If a CoC reallocates funding from a DV Renewal grant and does not create new project(s) that are 100 percent dedicated to that subpopulation, the project applications to ensure the projects are serving the required population. The following restrictions also apply: • DV Renewal projects that have an SSO-CE component cannot be reallocated. • Reallocated DV Renewal funding cannot be used to expand a project.
Reallocation Process. What restrictions exist for reallocating projects?	Restrictions regarding the reallocation of funding originally awarded to DV Bonus populations are still in place. If a new project is being created with reallocated funding, the new project must serve the same population as the project being reallocated. YHDP, DV Bonus, and DV Renewal funds may not be combined with any other funding in a single application. (See Sections II.B.3 of the NOFO for more information. Applicants should also be aware of the following specific restrictions on using funding for DV Renewal projects (projects originally awarded with, or subsequently awarded DV Bonus funding): • DV Renewal projects that have an SSO-CE component cannot be reallocated. • Reallocated DV Renewal funding cannot be used to expand a project.

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	DV Renewal projects cannot be reallocated to create new projects.
Consolidation Process. What are the requirements and restrictions regarding consolidating project grants?	The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition process continues to allow consolidations and expansions. However, an applicant may not combine an expansion into a single set of projects. Additionally, if you want your renewal project applications considered under the process outlined in Section II.B.3.j of the NOFO, you will only submit the individual project applications. The additional submission of a fully consolidated application is no longer required. HUD did not make any changes to the Consolidation process in the FY 2026 NOFO. For details of how to use the Consolidation process, please carefully review the <i>Renewal Project Detailed Instructions</i> about consolidations. Here are some key points: To be eligible for consolidation, renewal projects must meet the following criteria: - The grant must be eligible for renewal and expire between December 1, 2025, and December 31, 2027. - The projects must have the same recipient as was previously approved. - The projects must have the same project component and project type (e.g., PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, TH, SSO, SSO-CE, or HMIS). There are some restrictions for consolidations: - Applicants are not allowed to use the consolidation process to submit a renewal application within the same year. A single renewal project may not be part of a consolidation in the same application. If an applicant submits a renewal application and both consolidation and renewal, HUD will only accept the renewal application and reject the consolidation.

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	• A project with an existing TH component project cannot consolidate with a new or existing PH:RRH component project to create a Joint component project. • YHDP Replacement projects cannot consolidate with another YHDP Replacement project. • A Transition project cannot consolidate with another project application. Although YHDP Renewal projects can consolidate with each other, a YHDP Renewal project cannot consolidate with a non-YHDP renewal. If your YHDP Renewal project consolidates, all YHDP full grant number will have a “Y” as the 7th character.
Consolidation Process. Can a consolidated application be submitted under the “Submit Without Changes” Function (for a renewal application)?	Yes. The “Submit Without Changes” option is available for renewal applications with the consolidation. This option includes the surviving grant and terminating grant(s). However, a renewal grant that contains a rental assistance line item to be replaced (instead of “fair market rents”) <u>cannot</u> use the “Submit Without Changes” option. In addition, any renewal projects that are permanent housing projects with a rental assistance line item(s) cannot “Submit Without Changes.”
Consolidation Process. What do the terms “surviving” and “terminating” mean in relation to the project applications? On the Renewal Grant Consolidation screen, question 2 asks for this information.	A “surviving” grant is the renewal grant with the earliest Period of Performance of a request for renewal project consolidation. A “terminating grant” is the grant(s) that will no longer exist if HUD approves the consolidation. For project consolidation, applicants must submit renewal applications for the individual projects being consolidated. Each project application must identify the grant number for the consolidation (which must be the grant number with the earliest start date in Calendar Year).
Consolidation Process. If two or more renewal projects in a consolidation request have the same “earliest” start dates, which one should I use?	The renewal grant with the oldest and lowest Project Identification Number is identified as the surviving PIN to be entered into the <i>e-snaps</i> table.

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Consolidation Process. How do applicants use the grant consolidation process to submit consolidated project applications?	To request the consolidation of eligible renewal projects, project applications for each project to be included in the consolidation. The application must identify the grant number that will survive (which must be the grant number with the earliest start date in CY 2027). Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be part of the consolidation are ranked with a unique rank number for each project. If all of those grants are funded, HUD will conditionally award the single surviving grant based on its position to include the amount of funding of all grants included in the consolidation. HUD will then remove all other project applications included in the surviving grant. The project applications that are below it will move up one ranked position. Project applicants must not submit a consolidated project application for different components (e.g., permanent housing and Transitional Housing). To be eligible for renewal grant consolidation, each grant must be unique and be the same component. In addition, the grants must not have any outstanding issues as outlined in the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO. Be sure to complete the “Renewal Grant Consolidation” screen to request a renewal request. This screen is toward the beginning of the application process and immediately follows the “Recipient Performance” screen. Question 1 asks if the application is requesting to be part of a renewal grant consolidation. If the applicant responds “Yes,” a series of questions regarding the consolidation will appear.
Consolidation Process. What screens do I need to complete for each renewal project to indicate it is part of a consolidation?	Begin by completing the “Renewal Grant Consolidation” screen. It follows the “Recipient Performance” screen. Question 1 asks if the project application is requesting to be part of a renewal grant consolidation. If the applicant responds “Yes,” a series of questions regarding the consolidation will appear. To identify the individual renewal grants to be included in a consolidation, select the drop-down box that states “terminating.” Then, identify the grant numbers.

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	consolidated grant as the “surviving” grant. When “surviving” is selected, the applicant must ask for additional information for all the renewal grants that are being consolidated. The required information that must be completed for each screen includes: 1. Project Identification Number (PIN). 2. Total Requested Amount. 3. Surviving PIN or Terminating PIN. 4. Operating Start Date. 5. Expiration Date.
Consolidation Process. When will the start date of a consolidated project grant begin?	The start date for the consolidated grant, if conditionally awarded, will be the start date or expiration date of the eligible renewal project with the earliest expiration date. To calculate the expiration date for the consolidated grant by averaging the expiration dates of all expiring grants included in the consolidated grant weighted by the amount of the 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 last day of the month, then the expiration date will be the last day of the month. For more details, see the CoC NOFO for more details.
Consolidation Process. Is a consolidated grant from last year considered a new or renewal grant for this year’s competition?	A consolidated project grant from a prior year is a renewal project and not a new project. A consolidated project is the same as any renewal project in the application processes.
Consolidation Process. Can we include a renewal grant that we expanded last year into a consolidation for this year’s competition?	Yes. Any renewal grant (including one that was expanded last year) that was included in the FY 2026 NOFO may be included in a project consolidation.
How many projects can I consolidate?	Project applicants can consolidate two but no more than ten eligible projects into one application process.

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Can two or more RRH projects be consolidated? What if one is a DV Bonus Project ?	Yes, two RRH grants may be consolidated for the FY 2026 CoC con beds and units that are part of the project funded by the DV Bonus m the same subpopulation as in the original DV Bonus grant. The best way to keep track of these numbers is in the Project Descrip grant, which is the grant with the earliest start date.
Can PSH projects with two types of rent be consolidated ?	Yes, you can consolidate PSH projects with two different types of re FMR and Actual rent) provided all Budget Line Items stay consistent continue to serve the same number of people as your previous applic When submitting the Project Application, you must complete two se line items on the renewal form Rental Assistance Budget Screen. If y one, it will need to be all as Actual Rent, not FMR.
What if I want to include two or more projects in a consolidation application with the same operating start dates?	If the individual projects that are part of the consolidation have the s dates, enter the oldest PIN as the terminating grant. For example, if A are both PH-PSH projects that are requesting consolidation approval the same operating start date of April 1, then AK0001 will be identif PIN (lowest# and oldest PIN), and AK0005 will be identified as the (highest and newer PIN).
Is my renewal project eligible for consolidation ?	To be eligible for consolidation, renewal projects must meet all four below: • The grant period must expire between December 31, 2026, and • The projects must have the same recipient. • The projects must have the same component and project type (RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, TH, SSO, SSO-CE, or HMIS). • The projects must not have any serious operational issues, as 2026 Continuum of Care NOFO.

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	There are some restrictions. • A TH project cannot consolidate with a PH:RRH project to create a PH:RRH project. • YHDP Replacement projects cannot consolidate with another project. • Transition projects cannot consolidate with another project. • DV Renewal projects cannot consolidate with CoC Renewal projects. While YHDP Renewal projects can consolidate with each other, a YHDP Renewal project cannot consolidate with a non-YHDP renewal project.
May I consolidate one or more projects that are transitioning ?	No. If you are using the transition grant process you cannot consolidate a project that is transitioning.
How many project applications do I need to submit for a consolidation ?	A project applicant must submit one project application for each individual project to be consolidated. The project applicant will NOT submit a separate renewal application for the consolidated project that combines the project and budget information for all consolidating projects. Once HUD approves the consolidation, HUD will conditionally award one grant for the consolidated project and budgets and project information for each project.
How can I determine if a project has the same project and component type ?	To consolidate two or more projects, the projects must have the same project and the same component and type. Using a Permanent Housing (PH) Project as an example: • The component is the first letters (PH), then the project type (PSH). • A PH-PSH can only consolidate with another PH-PSH (not a PH-RRH or a DV). • It does NOT matter if one PH-PSH gets rent from the CoC and the other PH-PSH gets leasing.
How do I complete the consolidated project budget ?	When consolidating two projects, each budget line item must match the projects specific budget line items. For example, the consolidated leasing budget line item should equal the sum of the leasing budget line items of Project 1 and Project 2.

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	Applicants cannot shift funds in the project application from one BLI to another that is less than 10 percent, this includes the consolidation application. If a shift is less than 10 percent, this includes the consolidation application. If a shift is 10 percent or more must be requested and approved by the local HUD CPD field office via a grant agreement amendment. In the project applications, we ask that you do not combine the budgets. The budgets remain unchanged when you submit. If the consolidation is approved, you can combine the budgets under the “Surviving” grant.
Consolidation Process & UFAs. Do Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) have any special requirements for project consolidations?	Collaborative Applicants designated by HUD as a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) have more flexibility in how they manage their CoC funded projects, making project applications unnecessary. A Collaborative Applicant with UFA designation may consolidate projects for the same term, so long as the consolidations are not combining different competitive priorities. Projects are currently funded under the same grant (e.g., projects are currently funded under a renewal grant). If a UFA-designated Collaborative Applicant consolidates projects, it can apply to renew them during the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition for consolidated projects.
Expansion Process. What has changed in the FY 2026 Expansion Process since the FY 2025 CoC competition?	The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition process continues to allow for consolidations and expansions. However, an applicant may not combine projects into a single set of projects. As in previous years the CoC Program Competition will continue to allow for request Expansion projects through the application process to expand existing projects. In a project application as outlined in Section II.B.3.i of the NOFO by submitting a project application, you will only submit the individual renewal project application. You will create and submit a separate new project application. The additional combined renewal project application is eliminated. The two projects are submitted as a single component (e.g., both the new and renewal project applications are part of the same application the first time. YHDP renewals may now use the expansion process. If

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	YHDP Renewal will apply as the “Stand-Alone Renewal” and the YHDP Expansion will apply as the “Stand-Alone New” in the expansion process. Special NOFO projects (Unsheltered or Rural Set Aside) are eligible for CoC Renewal, Renewing Unsheltered or Rural Set Aside projects may be identified as Stand-alone New projects in an expansion, to expand upon existing NOFO projects. More details can be found under the Special NOFO projects. Note: the same CoC Renewal, YHDP or Special NOFO project may be used for consolidation and an expansion in the same application. If a renewal project is used for consolidation and renewal, HUD will treat the application only as an expansion and not the consolidation. NOTE: JOINT projects are ineligible to be expanded
Expansion Process. Can I “expand” my CoC Renewal or YHDP Renewal project with a ‘New’ Expansion project and how is this accomplished in <i>e-snaps</i>?	For a regular CoC renewal and YHDP project, yes, as in previous years, applicants can apply for a new project that will expand an existing eligible project (Section II.B.3.i of the NOFO). The two projects must be submitted as one component (e.g., both the new and renewal project applications are for the same project). Renewals follow the same process and rules, the only difference is that the new expansion request is based for the YHDP expansion process. For the details of how to utilize the Expansion process, please review the directions in the ‘Renewal Project Detailed Instructions’, the ‘New Project Detailed Instructions’, The YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement/Reallocation Instructions. The most critical instruction to understand is your renewal project (CoC or YHDP) is submitted individually and then a new project application is submitted separately. AND each of those separate applications MUST correctly answer the <i>e-snaps</i> questions as being part of your expansion request for the other project. If awarded, HUD will combine these two applications into one project application for the expansion process. Please ensure that budgets and proposed numbers of units, personnel, etc. are not duplicated between the Stand-alone New and Stand-alone Renewal project applications in order to ensure the accuracy of the final project.

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	For basic <i>e-snaps</i> guidance see “Renewal Expansion Screen” to enter Renewal Application. Applicants must complete the questions as requested in e-snaps including identifying this project’s name and PIN number of this renewal application. The number should match the current renewal project you are entering. For entering a Stand-Alone New Application(s), in either the CoC New Project or YHDP Reallocation Application, you must complete the questions on “Project Expansion Information.” Enter the project name (preferably, the name of the renewal project with “Expansion” added at the end. Enter the name and PIN of the renewal application (see above) that will be expanded into the new project application(s). Answer the remaining questions on Screen 2. As a reminder, expansion projects are only eligible when associated with a CoC-funded renewal project. Projects that do not receive CoC program funding will need to apply as a separate new project. NOTE: For YHDP projects, YHDP expansion projects are only eligible when associated with an existing YHDP Renewal project. A YHDP Reallocation cannot be used to expand upon an existing CoC Renewal project or a YHDP Replacement project. NOTE: Only SSO, TH and HMIS projects are eligible to be expanded.
Expansion Process. What projects are eligible for the expansion process?	In the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition, the expansion process applies to a CoC-funded renewal project that is one of the following project types: PH, CE, and HMIS. For YHDP projects, the eligible project types are: TH and HMIS. An example of an eligible expansion project is a new CoC or YHDP project that proposes to expand the number of units and beds to serve the existing CoC or YHDP-funded project.

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	The expansion process cannot propose providing existing program participants the same level of housing and services funded through the CoC Program. An expansion project must meet at least one of the following criteria: - serve new program participants that meet the HUD definition of a homeless person; if the project is a YHDP, the project must continue to serve 100% youth participants; - provide existing program participants with an expanded level of services; - provide existing program participants with facilities that meet HUD standards; - provide the same activities that are CoC Program-eligible but are currently funded for by a different eligible non-renewable source. Applicants are not allowed to use CoC Program funds to replace state or local funds previously designated for use, to assist homeless persons; for more information, see 24 CFR 578.87(a). - provide expanded coordinated entry services to new and existing program participants, only eligible for SSO-CE. - provide expanded HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area (geography only).
Expansion Process. Are other projects not funded by the CoC Program eligible for expansion?	No. Projects that do not receive CoC Program funds that wish to expand must be funded as a separate new project. An existing non-CoC-funded PH-PSH project cannot be an expansion project. The applicant would need to submit a separate application for an expansion project.
Transition Process. What is a transition project and how do I apply for a transition project?	A transition project is a request to transition eligible renewal project component(s) to another eligible component. Eligible components for the transition process are PH-PSH, PH-RRH, , SSO-CE, and HMIS. See the NOFO for additional information and requirements, including notification of your organization's intent to use the transition grant process. For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal project that is eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being transitioned.

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	the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application). Projects will attach a copy of the FY 2024/2025 CoC Program Competition application). To apply for a transition project, an applicant and CoC must choose to reallocate the renewal project(s) funds that will transition to the new project. The applicant must submit it as a new project application in following the Instructions for new project application data entry into <i>e-snaps</i>. YHDP projects are not eligible for transition projects.
Transition Process. How do renewal project applicants designate a project application as a transition grant in <i>e-snaps</i>?	To designate a project application as a transition grant in <i>e-snaps</i>, go to the application, then go to Screen 3A Project Detail. Question 7 asks if the project is a transition project. A “Yes” response will open additional questions for a transition project. Transition projects must list the expiring grant number, the transition and must attach a copy of the most recently approved project application to Screen 7A. (e.g., if the expiring project was last funded in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition, attach a copy of the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition application). In question 7b of screen 3A, the project applicant must provide a description of the scope of the proposed transition from the expiring component to the new project during the first year of operation. Provide a detailed description of how the project transitioned from the renewal project to the new project. The description should include: 1. How the project will strategically wind down the eliminated project; 2. How the project will ensure existing program participants in the eliminated project do not become homeless and will be assisted in obtaining permanent housing as the project increases activities in the new component; and 3. The estimated timeline, within the 1-year grant period, that the project will be operating as the newly awarded component. Note: If you are requesting to use the transition grant process you can Consolidate and/or Expand a renewal project that is transitioning.
Transition Process. When is the operating start date for a transition project?	The operating start date of a transition project conditionally awarded through the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition will be the day after the end of the previous grant period.

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	expiring component, i.e., the transition project will have the same op expiring component project. For transition projects reallocated from more than one project, the op be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term. The grant consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. By the end of th which FY 2025 funds were awarded, the transition grant must be ful new component and will be eligible to apply for renewal in the next Competition under the component to which it transitioned.
Transition Process. How long does a transition grant have to fully transition to the new eligible activities?	Transition grants conditionally awarded in the FY 2026 CoC Program have one year to fully transition from the original component to the n the normal operating year (e.g., April 1, 2027, through March 31, 20 agreement is executed.
Transition Process. Does a recipient need to obtain approval from a CoC to apply for a transition grant?	Yes, due to the need the renewal portion of a transitioning project to reallocated to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the recipient m of its CoC as they will need to rank the new transition project on the the FY 2026 CoC Priority Listing.
Transition Process. Can a recipient ‘transition’ renewal projects to create a new project that replaces two existing renewals of different components into a third component? In other words, if a recipient has one PSH grant and one RRH grant, can a CoC fully reallocate both grants to create a new TH project?	Yes, a recipient may transition up to two projects with differing com project for a transition grant. Please be aware of the Transition grant ‘transitioning’ more than one grant, specifically the operating start d the requirements HUD will consider the following as CoC consent fo 1. The project application identifies the project as a transition proj 2. The CoC ranks the new transition grant project on the New Proj 2026 CoC Priority Listing. If HUD determines a new project submitted as a transition grant doe all other new project requirements, HUD may award the project as a grant project. If this occurs, the recipient will not be permitted to exp funds until the new project grant agreement is executed by the local

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Match	
What is “ Match ” for a CoC project application and how should it be included in an application?	Statutory provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act require that CoC Program funds to “match” a portion of the CoC funds they receive from other sources, except for the leasing budget category. Simply put, “match” is the amount of costs that the recipient is required to contribute to accomplish the project. Match in the CoC Program can be actual cash or in-kind resources contributed by the recipient. All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are allowable under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds. The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount, excluding leasing. Another way to state this is that the leasing budget line item is not included in the grant’s match calculation. Cash or in-kind resources must be used to meet the match requirement. For additional match requirement information please refer to https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtuallmatch/match-requirements/
Is the CoC program match requirement specific to each project application?	Yes, for CoCs that have more than one recipient, each grant recipient must provide match on a grant-by-grant basis. However, when a CoC has been designated as a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) status or is identified as sole grant recipient, in those cases, match funds may be provided by the recipient/UFA on a CoC-wide basis. For more information, see the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.73.
Can program income be used as cash match for a project application?	Yes. Although the CoC Program Interim Rule does not directly state that program income is an eligible source of match, it has been determined to be eligible for match until a permanent decision regarding this provision is made. Under the CoC Program grant recipients will be permitted to count program income as match until the corresponding congressional appropriation, which includes funding for the 2026 CoC NOFO.

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Match. What are HUD’s requirements for documentation of third-party in-kind match contributions in the project application?	The CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.73(c)(3) requires that in-kind contributions from a third party, be documented by a memorandum of understanding (MOU) document, between the recipient (or subrecipient) and the third party, provided before grant execution. In the Sources of Match Detail Screen in <i>e-snaps</i>, if the applicant has a response to question 1 on Screen 6I (New Projects) or 6D (Renewal), the MOU will appear to attach the MOU. Note: screen 7A only appears if the applicant has a response in response to question 1 on Screen 6I (New Projects) or 6D (Renewal). HUD strongly recommends that project applicants attach the MOU to their application in <i>e-snaps</i> if available at the time of application. If project applicants do not attach documents in-kind match HUD will place a condition on the project. If awarded a conditional award, the project applicant must provide the MOU to the HUD representative before the grant agreement execution. This issue may delay grant agreement processing.
Match from Program Income. Can program income be as match, and are project applicants required to provide any information as part of their project application?	Yes. Although the CoC Program Interim Rule does not directly state that program income is an eligible source of match, it has been determined to be eligible for match until a permanent decision regarding this provision is made. Under the CoC Program grant recipients will be permitted to count program income as match if the project expects to use program income as match, complete questions on the Match screen in <i>e-snaps</i>.
Match. Can ESG be used as match for a CoC project?	Yes, Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and ESG-CV funds may be used as match for the CoC Program if the matching funds are contributed to the CoC Program to cover the recipient's or subrecipient’s allowable CoC Program costs, and all other applicable requirements are met. For example, as indicated in the CoC Program Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.75(b), housing leased with CoC Program funds, or for which rent payments are made with CoC Program funds must meet the applicable housing quality standards (HQS) under 24 CFR 982.401.

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	Match is actual cash or in-kind resources contributed and expended on Program costs. According to 578.73 of the CoC Program interim rule, recipients or subrecipients must match all grant funds (except for less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources) may be from public (not statutorily prohibited from the funding agency) resources. Recipients are responsible for determining if non-program funds can be used as a match for the CoC Program. Keep in mind that ESG funds must be used for allowable ESG Program costs, meet all other ESG Program requirements. For allowable ESG/ESG-related costs, be sure to review section 576.107 of the ESG Program Interim rule and alternative requirements established by Notice CPD-21-08, Section I.
Match. Under which circumstances can Medicaid be used as match in CoC Program-funded projects?	A Project Applicant can use the value of services reimbursed through Medicaid as match in your renewal project if the Medicaid services are contributed to the project (e.g., if the project has one or more staff persons who provide services to participants and those services are funded through Medicaid). Counting the match, the applicant must demonstrate that the services are being contributed to the project. The match can be done through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or contract with a partner organization that provides services reimbursed through Medicaid to program participants. The Project Applicant should attach the MOU or contract to the application on Screen 7A in <i>e-snaps</i> “In-Kind MOU Attachment” at the time of project application. If the Medicaid services are not being contributed to the project, Medicaid services provided directly to program participants regardless of their participation in the CoC Program project, or there is no MOU or contract in place, then these services cannot be considered a match for the project. Several resources provide general information on the match requirements for services should be handled. Please refer to the following: • Section 578.73(c)(1) of the CoC Program interim rule – “The subrecipient may use the value of any real property, equipment, or other resources contributed to the project as match for the project.”

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	contributed to the project as match, provided that if the recipient had not contributed to pay for them with grant funds, the costs would have been covered by the recipient, or, in the case of HPCs, eligible under 578.71.” • The Importance of Documenting Match Under the CoC Program podcast is available on HUD Exchange and includes both audio and transcript. https://soundcloud.com/hudexchange/importance-of-documenting-match-program https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoC-Importance-of-Match-Transcript.pdf https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-match/match-match-requirements/
Permanent Supportive Housing Requirements	
If a renewal project is already 100% dedicated to serving chronically homeless persons, can we change the project to DedicatedPLUS in a renewal application?	Yes, Project applicants may change any eligible renewal project that is dedicated to DedicatedPLUS in the CoC Program renewal application by using the single drop-down on Screen 3C and selecting DedicatedPLUS. However, these projects cannot begin serving program participants until the FY 2026 grant begins.
What is a DedicatedPlus project?	A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) project where the entire project will serve individuals and families that meet one of the following criteria for project entry (See also Section III.G.10 of the FY 2026 CoC Program Requirements): 1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 2. Residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated by the end of the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the family entered the transitional housing project. 3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or a Homeless Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing placement within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement for 12 months of chronic homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the transitional housing project. 4. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint Transitional Housing (JTH) or Permanent Housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) (Joint TH and PH-RRH).

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	project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as 578.3. 5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meets the definition of “homeless individual with a disability”: or 6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria through VA's homeless assistance system. A renewal project where 100 percent of the beds were dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families, may either become a DedicatedPLUS project or a project that dedicates 100 percent of its beds to chronically homeless individuals and families. A renewal project that has 100 percent of its beds dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families elects to become a DedicatedPLUS project, and is required to adhere to all fair housing requirements in 24 CFR 578.93. Also noted in Section III.G.7.c of the FY 2026 NOFO, projects that were DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition are required to have a plan with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project.
For DedicatedPLUS projects, are there any requirements for how recipients must prioritize households for assistance, including if there are No households meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the NOFO?	Yes, some requirements exist for prioritizing households in DedicatedPLUS projects. The response explains how to prioritize eligible households in DedicatedPLUS projects and explains prioritizing in DedicatedPLUS projects when there are not a sufficient number of eligible households. Prioritizing Eligible Households in DedicatedPlus Projects: HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development (OCPD) states that DedicatedPLUS provides CoCs with more flexibility to serve vulnerable populations more effectively and more immediately address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness, at risk of experiencing chronic homelessness, or who were homeless prior to being housed and who have recently become homeless. HUD states that DedicatedPLUS projects may serve households that meet any of the criteria established in the FY 2026 NOFO in any order established by the CoC, though the CoC must incorporate the orders of priority into their written standards for prioritizing assistance.

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	making changes to their written standards, HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize prioritization standards based on the length of time a potential program has been on the streets, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven along with their service needs. For dedicated PSH beds—as defined in Section III.G.10 of the FY 2026 CoC Program Project Application—CoCs must follow existing CoC written standards for prioritizing assistance for persons experiencing chronic homelessness in those beds (i.e., if the CoC has priority in Notice CPD-16-11, the recipient will be required to fill the vacancy consistent with section III.A of that Notice). Prioritizing in DedicatedPLUS Projects When There Are No Eligible Persons Consistent with HUD's expectations for recipients of dedicated permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects, recipients of DedicatedPLUS projects will be expected to exercise due diligence when conducting outreach and assessment to locate and serve eligible households as outlined in Section III.G.10 of the FY 2026 CoC Program Project Application. HUD recognizes that some persons might require significant engagement and support before entering or re-entering housing and recipients are not required to keep a vacancy open indefinitely while waiting for an identified eligible individual or family to move into PSH. However, please note that street outreach providers are expected to make diligent attempts to engage those persons that have been resistant to accepting assistance. At the point in which a vacancy occurs, if there are No eligible households identified, recipients are ready to accept assistance, recipients should consider the following: • Where there are No chronically homeless persons identified, recipients may fill the vacancy with persons included in DedicatedPLUS projects may fill the vacancy either in accordance with section III.B.1(b)-(d) of Notice CPD-16-11 or households eligible for assistance in DedicatedPLUS as outlined in Section III.G.7 of the NOFO. Recipients should document how these beds will be prioritized in the event of a vacancy and include this in their CoC's written standards. • Where there are no persons meeting the eligibility criteria for assistance outlined in Section III.G.10 of the FY 2026 CoC Program Project Application, recipients are encouraged to follow the order of priority outlined in section III.B.1(b)-(d) of Notice CPD-16-11 to fill any vacancies.
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	• https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Virtual-Homeless-Status.pdf. At a minimum, the CoC should document the length of time the potential program participant has been residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven to meet their service needs. The CoC must document how these beds will be filled in the event of such a vacancy in the CoC's written standards. • The recipient must always continue to prioritize households that are currently presenting for assistance within the CoC's outreach strategy. DedicatedPLUS (and dedicated PSH, if applicable). This means that if a new vacancy, the recipient must always first seek to fill it with a household even if it was most recently used to serve a household that is no longer otherwise be eligible due to the circumstances outlined above. The recipient of DedicatedPLUS PSH projects must maintain records to locate persons meeting the eligibility criteria in Section III.G.10 of the Program NOFO. Ideally, the CoC should have comprehensive and high-quality data on households that are currently presenting for assistance within the CoC's outreach strategy. To justify serving a non-eligible household, DedicatedPLUS projects must have documentation from the CoC that the outreach is occurring regularly and that the CoC is making reasonable efforts to identify all persons experiencing homelessness within the community.
Who has the qualifying disability in PSH?	Per 24 CFR 578.3 and 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i), all PSH projects must serve families with a qualifying disability as defined at 42 U.S.C. 11360(9). If a project is dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness and classified as DedicatedPLUS, the head of household must have the qualifying disability. PSH projects not classified as dedicated or DedicatedPLUS any member of the household may have the qualifying disability.
Has the Prioritization process for CH individuals changed?	Yes, HUD has rescinded the Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing the 2014 notice of the same name that preceded it. What does this mean?

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	HUD no longer requires that all CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) must be dedicated to individuals and families that meet the definition of "Chronically Homeless." Projects operating under prior year's funding must continue to serve individuals and families that meet the eligibility criteria identified in the project's funding agreement. With this change, HUD is providing local communities the flexibility to prioritize resources based on their unique, local needs. How does this affect Coordinated Entry? The notice CPD-17-01- Establishing Additional Requirements for a Coordinated Entry System remains effective. Coordinated Entry practices in order to comply with the requirement that units dedicated to chronic homelessness are no longer held to that requirement but follow their Coordinated Entry practices. How should CoCs prioritize available PSH units? PSH can only provide assistance to individuals with a disability or family member with a disability. An adult or child has a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1). CoCs to prioritize homelessness assistance in a way that meets local needs while consistent with federal anti-discrimination and civil rights laws. This should include prioritizing individuals as quickly as possible with substance use disorder and mental health issues, shelter, and Transitional Housing programs to facilitate recovery and stability. Do PSH projects have to keep units vacant while waiting for an eligible household to accept an offer of PSH? No. HUD recognizes that some persons, particularly those with mental health or substance use issues, may live in places not meant for human habitation- require significant engagement and support to enter housing. Recipients of CoC-funded PSH are not required to keep units vacant indefinitely while waiting for an eligible household (as identified in the project's funding agreement) to accept the offer of PSH. Instead, CoCs must exercise due diligence in conducting outreach and assessment to ensure eligible households are identified and prioritized for assistance in accordance with their local prioritization strategy. If an eligible household is not yet ready to accept a PSH referral, the CoC must offer the unit to the next prioritized household.
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Am I required to serve 100% Dedicated or DedicatedPLUS in my PSH project (new or renewal)?	No. New and renewal PSH projects may serve 100% dedicated, DedicatedPLUS, or a combination of dedicated and DedicatedPLUS PSH participants. A non-dedicated PSH bed is a Permanent Supportive Housing bed within a CoC's geographic area that is not currently classified as dedicated PSH, chronically homeless individuals and families or as DedicatedPLUS.
Solo Projects (including solo project appeals)	
What is a Solo Applicant ?	A Solo Applicant is a project applicant that: (1) has a project application denied during the local CoC competition prior to the close of the annual CoC Competition, (2) believes that it was denied the right to participate in the CoC process and (3) wants to submit the application to HUD anyway.
How can a Solo Applicant apply for funding?	A project applicant may submit a Solo Application during the CoC Planning Process when the applicant attempts to participate in the CoC's planning process and is denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner. In such a case, the applicant may apply for a project grant to HUD but only if HUD determines that the applicant was not reasonably permitted to participate in your CoC's planning process. To apply as a solo applicant, the project applicant must submit a Solo Application in <i>e-snaps</i> by the application submission deadline. Additionally, the solo applicant, Collaborative Applicant, and HUD must take the following steps (see HUD 2025.578.35 for more information): 1. 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. 2. No later than 30 days after the date that HUD announces the award decision, the solo applicant shall submit in writing, with a copy to the Collaborative Applicant, evidence supporting its claim. The submission shall be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov. 3. The CoC shall have 30 days from the date of its receipt of the solo applicant's response to respond to HUD in writing, with a copy to the solo applicant. The response shall be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov. 4. HUD will notify the solo applicant and the CoC of its decision within 30 days of receipt of the CoC's response.

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	5. If HUD finds that the solo applicant was not permitted to participate in the planning process in a reasonable manner, then HUD may award the grant to the applicant when funds next become available and may direct the applicant to take steps to ensure reasonable participation. Note: This process is not for project applicants and CoC Collaborative entities. If appealing an award decision by HUD after applications have been submitted, seeking an award decision appeal must follow the instructions in the applicable CoC Program Competition.
Special NOFO Projects	
Are Special NOFO projects eligible for renewal in the FY26 CoC Competition?	Yes, grants originally awarded funding under the Special NOFO to Address Rural and Rural Homelessness, that are expiring in Calendar year 2027 are eligible for renewal under this NOFO.
Can I apply for a “New” Special NOFO project in the FY 2026 CoC Competition?	No, Special NOFO projects can only be renewed under the FY26 CoC Competition. Projects are also eligible to be consolidated or expanded.
What are the rules governing consolidations and expansions for renewing Special NOFO projects?	There are some important rules regarding consolidations and expansions for Special NOFO projects: • Consolidations ○ Unsheltered Set Aside projects may consolidate with other Unsheltered Set Aside projects or CoC Renewal projects. Unsheltered Set Aside projects cannot consolidate with DV Renewals or YHDP Renewals ○ Rural Set Aside Project can ONLY consolidate with other Rural Set Aside projects • Expansions ○ Unsheltered Set Aside and Rural Set Aside projects are eligible for expansion and follow normal expansion rules

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Do Rural Set Aside projects still have the ability to request the specialized Rural Set Aside BLIs?	No, Rural Set Aside projects can no longer request the specialized list: • Rent or Utility Assistance after 2 months of nonpayment of rent • Repairs necessary to make housing habitable to be used for transitional or permanent housing • Emergency Food and clothing assistance • Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs for homeless individuals and families Rural Set Aside Capacity Budget NOTE: Projects originally awarded under the Rural Set Aside through the NOFO Competition that are applying for renewal may only request costs under the CoC Program. This means the following costs are no longer eligible for projects originally awarded under the Rural Set Aside: a. Rent or utility assistance after 2 months of nonpayment of rent or utility service or eviction or loss of utility service are no longer eligible. Funds may not be used for rent or utility arrear payments up to 6 months on behalf of program participants for permanent housing. b. Emergency food and clothing assistance. Costs for providing clothing for program participants are not eligible. Costs for providing meals or groceries as a supportive service (24 CFR 578.53(e)(7)) and must now be classified as a direct services budget line item. c. Costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs for homeless individuals and families experiencing homelessness are no longer eligible. Use of Federal Inventory property programs means the Use of Federal Real Property Programs, the Homeless program authorized by title V of the Act, and implemented through the National Housing Act (12. U.S.C. 1710(g)) and implemented at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(7). Applicants may move funds currently allocated to these costs in their project agreement to other eligible CoC Program costs through the project agreement. Costs for funding repairs, repairs necessary to make housing habitable for transitional or permanent housing, emergency short-term lodging costs
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	building activities remain eligible; however, these costs must now be included in the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Project Application. Costs (as identified in paragraph 5 below). Applicants may move funds from their current grant agreement to the Rural Costs BLI application.
Can I reallocate an Unsheltered or Rural Set Aside project?	Unsheltered and Rural Set Aside projects may be reallocated in the CoC Program Project Application. • Unsheltered and Rural Set Aside projects can be reallocated into New Expansion projects • Once an Unsheltered or Rural Set Aside project is reallocated, it must be identified as an Unsheltered or Rural Set Aside project • Unsheltered and Rural Set Aside project cannot reallocate into New Expansion or Rural Set Aside projects.
Submit Without Changes in <i>e-snaps</i>	
How do I submit a renewal grant that doesn't have any changes ?	A CoC project's FY 2026 renewal project information must match the FY 2025 project application unless HUD required changes to the grant before execution, or if the recipient requested and received a grant agreement amendment. If a project does not have changes from the FY 2025 submission, it can submit a FY 2026 renewal project application with No changes (other than the project name). If a project is a first-time renewal, the applicant must complete the entire FY 2026 renewal project application. An applicant <u>cannot</u> use the "submit without changes" process if: • HUD placed a condition on your FY 2025 application requiring you to adjust information (e.g., units, unit configuration, BLIs, project location) • You executed a grant agreement amendment resulting in changes to the FY 2025 renewal project application (e.g., units, unit configuration, project location)

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	Ensure that the FY 2026 renewal project application mirrors the final information in either the grant agreement or grant agreement amendment. Data can be imported (brought forward) into a FY 2026 renewal project application from either a FY 2025 new or renewal project application. However, it is important to note that imported data will be exactly as it was submitted in the FY 2025 project application and will <u>not</u> show any updates to a project application that occurred in FY 2025. For a project that received a Continuum of Care Award (C1.9a) or any <i>e-snaps</i> amendment data from (C1.9b). For a project that did not import last year's FY 2025 information, <i>e-snaps</i> will automatically default to "Make Changes" and all questions on each screen must be updated. Then, navigate to the Submit Without Changes Screen in <i>e-snaps</i>. - Are the requested renewal funds reduced from the previous award? - Select: Yes, if this renewal project will be submitted with a reduced amount of funds from the previous award due to partial reallocation. No, if the budget is the same as the previous Competition year. - Do you wish to submit this application without making changes? - Select "Submit without Changes" if no changes are needed to the current year's application submission reviewed and approved by the Continuum of Care. Parts 2 through 6 of the application in read-only mode and you have not made changes and are requesting to renew your application per the project details as imported from your prior year's application into the FY 2025 project application. - Select "Make Changes" if you did not import last year's application. This question will automatically be set and cannot be edited. If you made changes due to a condition(s) placed on last year's application or renewal information (e.g., BLIs, 100 percent dedicated beds, etc.) or an executed grant agreement amendment affecting the renewal application, you must select "Make Changes". - Specify which screens require changes by clicking the checkboxes next to the screens you wish to update. Once you have selected the screens, then click the "Save" button: This screen has a list that includes all screens available to your project in Parts 2 through 6. Select the checkboxes next to the screens where you will make changes. Once "Save" is selected, the checkboxes will be available for edit. As needed, the following description of the screens is provided:
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	If you checked a box in error, and did not actually make any changes, click the text box. You have selected “Make Changes” to Question 2 above. Provide a description of the changes that will be made to the project information screen (if appropriate). Enter a description of the changes being made to the screen and include the reason (e.g., result of a condition placed by HUD or due to an executed grant agreement amendment). The following <i>e-snaps</i> screens <u>can</u> be edited for required annual updates that affect your ability to “Submit without Changes:” • Submission Without Changes Screen ○ Questions 1 and 2 • Recipient Performance Screen ○ Review and update all questions. • Renewal Grant Consolidation or Renewal Grant Expansion Screen ○ Question 1 • 3A. Project Detail Screen ○ Question 2b • 6A. Funding Request Screen ○ Questions 1, 2, and 6 • 6D. Sources of Match Screen ○ Update match amount / match type if needed. • 6J. Summary Budget Screen • 7A. Attachments Screen ○ See checklist to determine if you need to include attachments • 7B. Certification Screen ○ Review all information on the screen and certify that information is accurate 4. All other screens in Part 2 through Part 6 are “Read-Only” and cannot be edited for accuracy, including any updates that were made to the 2025 project information. Post Award Issues and Conditions process or as amended. If all information is accurate and No edits are needed to any screens other than the n
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	questions noted above, you should select “Submit Without Changes” if you have imported data and need to make updates to the information on the application. To navigate to Part 8: “Submission Without Changes” Screen, select the screen(s) and check the box next to the screen title(s) to unlock the screen(s). Once you select the screen(s) you want to edit, click “Save” and the screen(s) will be available for editing. Once you check a box and click “Save,” you will be redirected to the box.
Subrecipients	
Can a project subrecipient submit a Project Application in <i>e-snaps</i> on behalf of the Applicant?	No, a subrecipient cannot submit a project application. The direct recipient organization and authorized representative are legally responsible for the project application in <i>e-snaps</i>. However, the project subrecipient may assist in entering data into the <i>e-snaps</i>. To assist in completing the project application, the applicant organization Representative must give the project subrecipient access to the project application. The Representative must add the person as a ‘registered user’ who is associated with the project application. The project application must not award funding to projects if the project application refers to the subrecipient organization as the project applicant. Refer to the ‘Adding and Deleting Registrants’ resource for instructions: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Give-Staff-Access-to-Subrecipients-Organizations-e-snaps-Account.pdf
Does an applicant need to list all the subrecipient information in <i>e-snaps</i> for its application?	If a project application includes one or more subrecipients that will participate in the activities, the applicant must include the subrecipient(s) information in the application. If the applicant will not include subrecipient(s), an applicant should not enter data on the application.
What is the difference between a subrecipient and a contractor?	For more information on the use of subrecipients and the difference between a subrecipient and a contractor, review the definition in 24 CFR 578.3, recipient responsibilities.

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	578.23(c)(4), and the Characteristics Indicative of a Subrecipient in t Using Contractors in ESG and CoC Programs located on the HUD E
Can a project subrecipient be a “for-profit” entity?	No. For-profit entities are not eligible to be Project Applicants or sub
Tribes & Tribally Designated Housing Agencies	
Are Indian tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) eligible to apply for a project grant in the FY 2026 CoC NOFO?	Yes. Eligible applicants include Indian tribes and Tribally Designate (TDHEs), as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing A Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103). Such tribal agencies sh CoC and can apply for projects in the same way as any other applica note that tribes and TDHEs are eligible to apply for projects within t geography regardless of whether the tribal entity participated in the C process.
Are there any special or different procedures for Indian tribes or TDHEs applying for a project grant in the FY 2026 CoC competition?	No, all eligible project applicants, including tribes and TDHEs, use t process. Please refer to the Project Application Detailed Instructions The project application in <i>e-snaps</i> includes a few items (such as a dr the applicant will need to indicate that it is a tribal agency. For more for a project, consult the FY 2026 CoC New Project Application Det
What is a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) ?	A TDHE is defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing and Act of 1996 (24 U.S.C 4103). The Consolidated Appropriations Act language allowing the participation of Indian Tribes and Tribally De Entities (TDHEs) in the CoC Program, which is one of two primary programs to address homelessness.
Unified Funding Agency (UFA)	

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What is a UFA?	A Unified Funding Agency (UFA) (§ 578.11) is a Collaborative Applicant (CoC) (and approved by HUD) to apply for, receive, and distribute funds from a CoC. The UFA is the sole grant recipient for the CoC; HUD signs the UFA and the UFA signs separate grant agreements with each subrecipient of the CoC-funded projects. Learn more at CoC UFAs - Overview - HUD Exchange; Discussion for Continuums of Care (CoCs) Considering Unified Funding Agencies
Can UFAs consolidate projects?	Yes. A Collaborative Applicant with UFA designation can consolidate projects during the grant term, so long as the consolidations are not combining different grant terms (e.g., projects are currently funded under the same grant or 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. UFAs can also consolidate projects during the competition using the UFA grantees
Can UFAs move funds out of YHDP projects into non YHDP projects and vice versa?	No. Unified Funding Agencies (UFAs) are prohibited from moving funds from YHDP-funded projects and mixing funding from any other non-YHDP-funded projects.
YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacements Project Applications	
How should our Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) recipients that are renewing in the CoC Competition apply?	Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) recipients should contact the HUD officer at HUD headquarters to determine if a project is eligible to be renewed in the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition. For information on how to apply for renewal, go to the HUD.gov FY 2026 CoC Competition website for Instructions and <i>e-snaps</i> Renewal YHDP Navigational Guide. https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc

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If YHDP applicants apply for renewal funding under an incorrect funding opportunity in the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition, could this affect the CoC's overall funding?	Yes. Requesting renewal funding for a Youth Homeless Demonstration Project incorrectly could have adverse consequences on the CoC's overall funding. YHDP applicants must use <i>e-snaps</i> to create renewal project applications. YHDP Renewal Project Application from the Funding Opportunity section of the <i>e-snaps</i>. See the How to Access the Project Application guide for more information. If a CoC submits renewal projects under incorrect funding opportunities, the following actions will be taken to remedy the problem: 1. The YHDP renewal project applicant must inform their CoC that they are applying for a renewal project under the incorrect funding opportunity. 2. The YHDP renewal project applicant must submit a new renewal project application under the YHDP Renewal Project Application funding opportunity. 3. The CoC must reject/remove the original project applied for under the incorrect funding opportunity. 4. The CoC reviews the renewal project applied for under the correct funding opportunity, based on actions in step 2 of this list, which placed the project on the YHDP Project Listing.
Who can apply for the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity?	Only Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) communities that have an existing YHDP project that is eligible to be replaced can apply for the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity. The YHDP Replacement funding opportunity is a funding mechanism that allows YHDP communities to replace old YHDP projects with new YHDP projects. See Section II.B.3.h of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO for more information.
What is the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity?	The Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Replacement funding mechanism allows YHDP communities to replace old YHDP projects with new YHDP projects. See Section II.B.3.h of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO for more information. In the past, YHDP communities have not been able to replace under-performing projects (i.e., projects that have not been able to meet system performance measures as set by the CoC and HUD). The YHDP Replacement funding opportunity allows YHDP communities to replace under-performing projects and submit new projects that have shown more success in their communities or innovative project types not seen in the community before.

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	The components eligible to be funded under the YHDP Replacement Reallocation funding opportunity to create new projects are: TH Coordinated Entry or HMIS. NOTE: All YHDP Consolidations can only be done in the YHDP Replacement. All component types are eligible to consolidate except for JOINT projects.
How does the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity work?	A Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Replacement project can replace a YHDP Renewal project. An applicant cannot apply for a YHDP Renewal project and maintain all their YHDP Renewal projects. <u>At least one</u> YHDP Renewal project must be replaced. Multiple YHDP Renewals can be replaced and combined into one YHDP Replacement. Additionally, one YHDP Renewal can be replaced and one YHDP Replacement project. <u>In all instances, the recipients must be the same and the project must match.</u> YHDP Project applicants do not have to go through reallocation to apply for a YHDP Replacement project. Project applicants can apply under the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity, select “YHDP Replacement” on screen 3A, and ensure that “YHDP Replacement” has been selected as the funding type. Once the application is submitted and all other project application questions have been answered, you will receive a confirmation email. If an application is submitted for both a YHDP Replacement and the project it is intended to replace, HUD HQ will determine which project will be awarded. Only one project will be awarded, never both. A YHDP Replacement cannot request more funding than the YHDP Renewal project it is replacing for in the most recent CoC competition. For example, if the YHDP Renewal project has a total budget of \$100,000 the YHDP Replacement can apply for up to \$100,000. A YHDP Replacement can apply for less than \$100,000, but it cannot apply for more than \$100,000. YHDP Replacement projects can apply for component types and component numbers currently allowed under the Youth Demo program. Please refer to Section 2.1 of the YHDP Replacement funding opportunity for more information.

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	FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO for more details. In addition, YHDP I can only apply for 1-year grant terms.
I have a YHDP Renewal that I need to make changes to; will these changes require me to apply as a YHDP Replacement instead?	Not necessarily. Under the FY 2026 CoC Competition, minor changes to a Demonstration Project (YHDP) Renewal project, such as small Budget shifts, small unit configuration or small shifts to populations being served, are allowed within a 1-year period under the YHDP Renewal application. Additionally, YHDP Renewals can remove Special YHDP Activities without the need for applying as a Replacement. However, if your project plans on making significant project changes to the project component or subtype, major changes to the project description, large shifts in budget, you will need to apply as a YHDP Replacement.
Can I reallocate my YHDP grant to a new project that doesn't serve youth?	No. If a new project is being created with reallocated funds that were previously used for a YHDP project, the new project must continue to serve the same population as the original project being reallocated. See Section II.B.3.g of the NOFO for more information.
Can YHDP Renewal Projects Reallocate in the FY 2026 Competition?	Yes, a YHDP Renewal project can be reallocated in the FY 2026 CoC Competition. However, there are restrictions on what this project can be reallocated to. YHDP Renewals can only be reallocated into another YHDP project. This process is referred to as a YHDP Reallocation. See Section II.B.3.g of the NOFO for more information.
What makes YHDP Reallocations different from YHDP Replacements ?	This is a great question, and there are many similarities between YHDP Reallocations and YHDP Replacement projects. However, the three major differences are: - YHDP Reallocations can change the applicant from the YHDP Renewal being applied for. - YHDP Replacements cannot change the applicant from the YHDP Renewal being applied for. - Additionally, YHDP Reallocations can apply to be a part of the Expanded Continuum of Care (ECC) while YHDP Replacements cannot. Lastly, YHDP Replacements are to be used to process consolidations while YHDP Reallocations are not allowed to process consolidations.

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If we replace or reallocate a YHDP housing project into a SSO project, can the SSO project pay for housing during the transition period?	No. YHDP grants changing component types that include housing component (RRH, or TH) to an SSO grant may not pay for rental assistance or lease during grant funding during the transition period. While the project is transitioning the 1-year period after award, the project must use other funding to cover costs while it transitions to the new component
Do I need to rank my YHDP projects this year?	Yes, you will be required to rank your YHDP projects in the FY 2026 competition. We will competitively award all YHDP projects, including renewal and replacement projects. CoCs seeking to reallocate YHDP projects may only reallocate projects. See section II.B.3.h. of this NOFO for additional information.
Are YHDP projects eligible to use the expansion process?	Yes, under the FY 2026 competition, YHDP projects may participate in the expansion process. However, only certain YHDP projects may apply for the expansion process. 1. YHDP Renewals and YHDP Reallocations may take part in the expansion process 2. YHDP Replacements are NOT eligible for the expansion process
How does the YHDP expansion process work?	The YHDP expansion process follows a similar pattern as the CoC expansion process (please reference the expansion FAQs in this document), with some differences: 1. The YHDP Renewal will apply as the “Stand-Alone Renewal” process. The YHDP Reallocation will apply as the “Stand-Alone Reallocation” process. Within the YHDP Renewal Application, the project applicant will need to be involved in the Expansion. Within the YHDP Reallocation application, the applicant will list the YHDP Renewal it is expanding upon, and what services are being expanded (units/beds, supportive services, HMIS, etc.) The YHDP Expansion process is allowed to expand upon ONLY YHDP projects. Component types that are eligible to be expanded are TH, , SSO, SS

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Are there any new Special Activities that have been included in the FY26 Competition?	Yes, there are a few new activities that are available to only YHDP and refer to NOFO section IV.B.2. The new activities cover TH projects, administration of rental assistance, and match.
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Questions and Answers from June 25 Webinar	
Does a Transition Grant going from Permanent Housing to Transitional Housing count as PH or TH for the purpose of Tier 2 preferences?	A Transition Grant going from Permanent Housing to Transitional Housing (TH) would be considered in the selection process.
If we have a SNOFO project expiring in January, will it be considered new or a renewal? Thank you.	A Special NOFO project expiring in January 2026 for the FY 2026 CoC Competition would be a renewal.
Can SSO Standalone projects continue serving participants that become housed?	TH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO projects must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act with the following exceptions: PH-RRH, TH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- may serve persons who are no longer homeless as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if they are approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
Per recent HUD email/notice, please confirm that FY27 PSH projects will be no longer required to serve chronically homeless households?	PH-PSH projects awarded CoC funds must serve the following: (1) persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act where the head of household has a qualifying disability as defined section 401 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; (2) for renewal projects, the same population of families indicated in the expiring grant agreement for projects originally awarded under the Special NOFO for projects through the Unsheltered Set Aside.

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	and families who qualify under paragraph (3) of homeless).
Is there a period of time that an SSO project can provide Case Management to clients in housing after they transition from unsheltered or sheltered?	No. TH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 108 of the Vento Homeless Assistance Act with the following exceptions: RRH, TH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 and are approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
What did he just say about DV SSO-CE projects being reallocated? You cannot relocate DV SSO-CE projects at all? Not even to another Dedicated DV project that is eligible under the NOFO?	Correct. DV Renewal projects that have an approved DV project cannot be reallocated.
Can we reduce an existing YHDP RRH project through reallocation (assuming the funding is reallocated to another YHDP eligible project type)?	Yes
YHDP Joint can be reallocated to TH right?	Yes. HUD will only fund new YHDP Reallocation through the YHDP Replacement process as described in IV.B.2 of this NOFO: (a) TH or Crisis Residential Housing, which is a form of transitional housing that is a low-barrier, using a congregate living setting and providing the following supportive services in particular: case management and unification, case management, emergency shelter, and other supportive services whose purpose is to assist youth into stable housing. (b) SSO, including, but not limited to, search and placement services, case management, and other supportive services. (c) SSO-CE. (d) SSO - Host Home and Kinship Care, which a family agrees to permit a youth to live with. Recognizing that the addition of another person may increase costs to the family, HUD will enter into a contract to propose to house youth with families and to cover the costs attributable to housing the youth. The family could be in a community-based setting. The family could be in a community-based setting and the length of stay may be time-limited.

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	YHDP funds may be used to subsidize the family that are attributable to housing the y eligible costs would be additional food or tr which are eligible supportive services unde 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15). Recipients must kee determination by the recipient for HUD rev HMIS.
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