



PEH Non-Conflicted Rank and Review Committee Training July 2026

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Introductions

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What is a CoC?

In 1995, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) began requiring communities submit a single application for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants to streamline the funding application process, encourage coordination of housing and service providers on a local level, and promote the development of Continuums of Care (CoCs).

By requiring communities to submit a single application, HUD hoped to encourage a more structured and strategic approach to addressing homelessness locally. A CoC will provide housing and services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of attaining stable, long-term housing appropriate to their needs.

The CoC process is a community-based approach that encourages the creation of collaborative, comprehensive systems to meet the diverse needs of local homeless populations.



What is a CoC Continued

Outreach, intake, and assessment to identify service and housing needs and provide a link to the appropriate level of both;

Emergency shelter to provide an immediate and safe alternative to sleeping on the streets, especially for homeless families with children;

Transitional Housing (TH) with supportive services to allow for the development of skills that will be needed once permanently housed; and

Permanent housing (PH), consisting of Rapid ReHousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), to provide individuals and families with an affordable place to live with services if needed.



What is a CoC Continued

CoCs are tasked with collecting data to inform planning by identifying gaps in and barriers to services, as well as what is working well and what is not. CoCs do this through activities such as the biannual count (Point In Time, or PIT Count) of the homeless population and the annual count of beds available in emergency systems, transition housing units and beds that make up the homeless assistance systems providing an overview of the state of homelessness in a CoC, a significant piece of the information necessary to (re)direct services and funding.

The CoC also monitors and provides technical assistance to programs.



What is a CoC: HMIS Component

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is a database system used locally to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Each CoC is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.

HUD requires annual and quarterly reporting for the CoC and/or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program(s) to be generated by HMIS or a comparable database and submitted to HUD.



What is a CoC: CE Component

HUD requires each CoC to establish and operate a “centralized or coordinated assessment system” (referred to as “coordinated entry” or “coordinated entry process”) with the goal of increasing the efficiency of local crisis response systems and improving fairness and ease of access to resources, including mainstream resources.

Both the CoC and ESG Programs require use of the CoC’s coordinated entry process, provided that it meets HUD requirements.

Coordinated Entry processes are intended to help communities prioritize people who are most in need of assistance. They also provide information to CoCs and other stakeholders about service needs and gaps to help communities strategically allocate their current resources and identify the need for additional resources.



What is a NOFO and what has changed this year?

NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) is HUD's announcement that funds are available to CoCs to address homelessness. Through this document HUD shares requirements of funding and how to apply.

HUD has changed priorities this year, moving away from Permanent Housing (PH) to Transitional Housing (TH), Street Outreach (SO), and Support Services Only (SSO).

This shift is focused on treatment and employment to support stable long-term housing with self-sufficiency.

HUD utilizes a two-tiered system where Tier 1 is considered “safe” funding and Tier 2 is considered “at risk” funding.

Whereas in the past Tier 1 was defined as 90% or more of our funding, this year it is defined as 60% of our funding and HUD has been clear that PH falling into Tier 2 will not be renewed.



Tiers

- Tier 1 and Tier 2 Explained
- Tier 1: 60% of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) (compared to 90% in 2024)
 - Projects ranked in Tier 1 will be awarded if they meet project threshold requirements and not subject to CoC score
 - All remaining projects must be ranked in Tier 2, which is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of a CoCs ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus amounts. Awards of Tier 2 projects are dependent upon:
 - Meeting project threshold requirements
 - Passing all other review elements (i.e., risk review)
 - The CoC score based on the Merit Review
 - The Tier 2 project score
 - The availability of funds
 - The selection process outlined below regarding the order in which different project types will be selected



Tiers Continued

- Tier 2: Difference between Tier 1 and the sum of the CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus and based on 100 pt scale.
 - CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to how the CoC scored on the merit review.
 - CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the project's ranking position on the CoC priority list.
 - Service Participation. Up to 10 points for projects that indicate that they have or will incorporate service participation requirements.



Rank and Review Committee Responsibilities

- Ask questions
- Review all applications we send to you (New and Renewal)
- Score the applications using your expertise and the scoring rubric we will provide
- Ask questions
- Be prepared to make some tough decisions about what happens with an application
 - HUD wants CoCs to focus on outcomes and to reallocate projects that perform poorly
 - This means you may receive renewal applications for projects that have performed poorly on outcomes and will need to discuss together if the project should move on and be ranked as is, or if the project should be reallocated to a different agency, or if the money that has funded that project be used for a new project instead.
- Ask questions, say what is on your mind
- You were asked to be here because you bring valuable knowledge, experience, and expertise to the committee. Your answers are the correct answers.



Rank and Review Committee Responsibilities Continued

- Once applications are scored the committee will rank them.
- The ranking will be shared with the community.
- “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas”. Your participation and those of the other committee members is anonymous. We do not discuss what happens in the committee meetings outside of the committee meetings. We have a confidentiality agreement for you to sign and send to me.



Applications

There will be four types of applications:

- Renewal
- New SSO Stand Alone
- New SSO Street Outreach
- New PSH/RRH/TH

The beginning of each application has threshold requirements that must be met for the application to move forward. All renewal projects will be required to answer questions related to mitigating factors.

As you review the applications, be sure to identify how the project will prioritize treatment and recovery, advance public safety, optimize self-sufficiency, reduce homelessness, and minimize the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness



Applications Continued

Renewal Application [FY2026-Renewal-Project-UPDATE-07-06-2026.docx](#)

Coordinated Entry Application [FY2026-Coordinated-Entry-Renewal-Application-07-01-2026.docx](#)

HMIS Application [FY2026-HMIS-Renewal-Application-07-01-2026.docx](#)

Support Services Only-Street Outreach Application [2026-SSO-Street-Outreach-Nofo-Application.docx](#)

Support Services Only-Stand Alone Project Application [2026-SSO-Standalone-New-Application.docx](#)

New Housing Project Application [2026-Updated-New-Project-TH-and-PH-NOFO-Application-3.docx](#)

Budget Worksheet [FY2026-Budget-Workbook-Final.xlsx](#)



Timeline Review

[2026-NOFO-Local-Timeline-1.docx](#)



Next Steps

- Complete and sign the conflict of interest and confidentiality forms. Return them to Jennifer by close of business tomorrow (7/9/2027).
- Jennifer will send you the applications to review when they are ready.
- Jennifer will also send you your own scoring spreadsheet that will include the rubric.
- Ask questions
- Bring your knowledge and energy to the task
- Remember that we are very grateful for you, your time, and your expertise.



Questions?