

FY2024 & FY 2025 COC COMPETITION



Program Descriptions

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

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

Resources

HUD CoC NOFA- [FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants \(hud.gov\)](https://www.hud.gov/program-operations/continuum-of-care-renewal-2024)

TCHC highly encourages all interested applicants to thoroughly read the CoC NOFO in its entirety

HUD CoC Resources

Local RFP released on 8/16/2024

***Local Competition Deadline
September 13, 2024, 5pm***

CoC Competition Timeline

FY24 and FY 25 COC NOFO Timeline		
#	Action/ Deadline / Event	
1	CoC Board of Directors Approves Local Ranking & Reallocation Policies	Monday, May 22, 2023 (No Change for FY24)
2	TCHC notifies renewal projects of APR data clean up	Thursday, April 25, 2024
3	Renewal APR Data Cleanup Due	Friday, May 10, 2024
4	CoC Renewal Project Score Cards issued to CoC Project Contact	Tuesday, June 11, 2024
5	Deadline for submission of comments on Score Cards	Tuesday, June 25, 2024
6	HUD Issues CoC Program NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability)	Wednesday, July 31, 2024
7	TCHC Issues CoC Program Competition Timeline	Wednesday, August 7, 2024
8	CoC NOFA Briefing; Virtual	Friday, August 9, 2024
9	TCHC Issues CoC RFP	Friday, August 16, 2024
10	CoC RFP for New Project Application, ZoomGrants TA Session, eSNAPS TA Session Virtual, 11:00AM - 12:00 PM (Optional)	Thursday, August 22, 2024
11	Deadline for RFP questions	Friday, September 6, 2024
12	CoC RFP Responses for New Projects due in Zoom Grants and eSNAPS	Friday, September 13, 2024
13	Completed New & Renewal Project Applications due in eSNAPS	Friday, September 13, 2024
14	CoC Allocations Ranking Committee Meeting: Closed Meeting, 9am-Noon @TCHC	Friday, September 20, 2024
15	CoC Board and Leadership Council Approve Funding Recommendations	Called or E-vote on or before September 27, 2024
16	Allocation Project Ranking Posted to TCHC Website, Distributed to Applicants	Monday, September 30, 2024
17	Final Notification of Application Status--"Included or Rejected"	Monday, September 30, 2024
18	CoC Project Budget Revisions Completed in eSNAPS (if applicable)	October 1, 2024- October 11, 2024
19	TCHC & CoC Applicants Finalize Project Applications in eSNAPS	Friday, October 18, 2024
20	TCHC Posts CoC Application on Website	Thursday, October 24, 2024
21	TCHC submits CoC Application in eSNAPS	Monday, October 28, 2024
22	CoC Program Competition Closes	Monday, October 28, 2024
23	CoC Competition Debrief Session with Applicants	Friday, December 6, 2024

Whats new though?

- **Changes to Tiering.**
 - Tier 1 is set at 90 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- **2-Year NOFO.**
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to issue a single 2-year NOFO for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.
- **Funding for Specific Subpopulations.**
 - The House and Senate Committees on Appropriations expressed that for projects awarded for specific subpopulations before funding for such projects may be reallocated to other populations, HUD must consult with relevant stakeholders. **For the FY 2024 funds, HUD requires funding reallocated from projects previously funded with YHDP or DV Bonus funding to be used for projects serving the same subpopulation.**

Whats new though?

- **DV Reallocation and YHDP Replacement.**
 - In this NOFO, HUD has expanded reallocation to include DV Reallocation and has expanded the definition of YHDP Replacement to include YHDP Reallocation.

- **Special YHDP Activities.**
 - In the FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO, YHDP Renewal projects and YHDP Replacement projects (including YHDP Reallocation) may include requests to include special YHDP activities.

- **Cost of Living Adjustments for Conditionally Selected Grants.**
 - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 authorizes HUD to make reasonable cost of living adjustments to renewal amounts to help afford increasing cost of operations due to inflation.

Fy24/fy25 Nofo..... Wait, what?

The application and selection process for the FY 2024 funds awarded through this NOFO (the FY 2024 CoC Program and YHDP funds) will proceed much like it has in prior-year competitions. **However, CoCs are only required to submit one CoC application that will be applicable to the FY2024 and FY2025 funds.** HUD reserves the right to award available FY2025 funds (the FY 2025 CoC program and YHDP funds) based on this NOFO competition.

Projects that are awarded FY2024 funds may be eligible for award of FY2025 funds using their FY2024 application submission and are not required to apply for renewal for FY 2025 funds. CoC and YHDP renewal projects expiring in CY 2025 (January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025) are eligible to be renewed with FY 2024 CoC and YHDP funds.

Projects that will be eligible for renewal with FY2025 CoC Program and YHDP funds must have an expiration date in CY 2026 (January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026).

Applications for FY2025 eligible CoC and/or YHDP renewal projects must be submitted in e-snaps by the application submission deadline for FY 2025 CoC and YHDP funds on August 29, 2025.

CoC HUD Policy Priorities

- Ending homelessness for all persons.
- Use a Housing First approach.
- Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness.
- Improving System Performance.
- Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies.
- Racial Equity.
- Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals.
- Persons with Lived Experience/Expertise.
- *****Building an Effective Workforce.*****
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.

Tiered Funding Structure

- Tier 1 TX-601: 90% of ARD
- Tier 2 TX-601: Not released
 - As soon as these numbers are released by HUD, the RFP will be revised.
- Ranking Policy
 - HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all new & renewal projects into 2 tiers

LOCAL POLICIES

- TX-601 Local Ranking Policy
- TX-601 Reallocation Policy

Tier 1- CoC Competition

- Tier 1
 - 90% of TX-601 Annual Renewal Demand
- Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC (or until funding runs out), provided the projects pass both eligibility and threshold review

Tier 2

- Tier 2: Difference between Tier 1 and maximum amount of funds CoC can apply for
 - HUD will assign a point value to each project in Tier 2
 - Projects placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for eligibility and threshold requirements
- If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project application up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in Section II.B.11 of this NOFO, HUD may then fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding.
- Projects that fall into Tier 2 will be funded based on the assigned HUD point value and available funds.

Tier 2 HUD Score

- CoC Score: Up to 50 Points
 - Direct proportion to score received on CoC Application
- CoC Project Ranking: Up to 40 Points
 - Complex HUD Formula based on Tier 2 rank order and available funds (page 29 CoC NOFO)
- Commitment to Housing First: Up to 10 Points
 - How Project Application demonstrates it is low barrier and prioritizes rapid placement & stabilization into PH
 - No pre-conditions to entry
 - HMIS & SSO CAS Projects receive 10 Points

CoC Application Scoring

• CoC Coordination and Engagement	84 Points	(85 Points FY23)
• Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	28 Points	(27 Points FY23)
• HMIS	9 Points	(9 Points FY23)
• Point-In-Time Count	5 Points	(5 Points FY23)
• System Performance	60 Points	(60 Points FY23)
• Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14 Points	(14 Point FY23)
• (CoC Merger Bonus Points)	25 Points (not eligible)	
	225 Available Points	

CoC Coordination and Engagement

84 Points

- Inclusive Structure and Participation
- Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations
- Ensuring Families are not Separated
- CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth.
- Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking
- Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ+ Individuals
- Public Housing Agencies.
- Discharge Planning
- Housing First
- Street Outreach
- Criminalization
- Rapid Rehousing
- Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance
- Utilizing Non-Congregate Sheltering
- Partnerships with Public Health Agencies
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System
- Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Response
- Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decision Making and Provide Professional Development and Employment Opportunities
- Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.

System Performance

60 Points

- Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families.
- Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless.
- Length of Time Homeless.
- Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention
- Returns to Homelessness.
- Jobs and Income Growth.
- HMIS Performance Measures.

Project Capacity, Review & Ranking (CoC)

- HUD will award up to **28 points** to CoCs that demonstrate the existence of a **coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process** for the **solicitation, objective review, ranking and selection of project applications**, and a process by which **renewal projects are reviewed for performance and compliance with 24 CFR part 578**.
 - *Objective Criteria*
 - *System Performance Measures*
 - *Comparable Databases to Evaluate Domestic Violence Providers.*
 - *Rapid Return to Permanent Housing and Severity of Barriers Experienced by Program Participants*
 - *Promote Racial Equity in the local CoC Process.*
 - *Reallocating Projects*
 - *Ranking and Selection Process*

Local Competition

- *Renewal Projects*
 - Score Card (except projects without one year of operational data)
 - eSNAPS
 - Any Required Documentation
- *New Projects*
 - RFP Narrative Responses in Zoomgrants
 - eSNAPS
 - Any Required Documentation
- *Allocations Committee Ranking Workgroup*
 - Renewal projects initially ranked based on score
 - Adjustments made per CoC Ranking Policy
 - New Project RFP responses scored by committee and ranked based on the CoC Ranking Policy
 - Submit Final Project Ranking Recommendations to CoC Board for review

Project Review

- HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications submitted to HUD in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition
- CoCs are expected to closely review information provided in each project application to ensure:
 - all proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected;
 - the information provided in the project application and proposed activities are eligible and consistent with program requirements at 24 CFR part 578;
 - each project narrative is fully responsive to the question being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question as required by this NOFA;
 - the data provided in various parts of the project application are consistent; and,
 - all required attachments correspond to the list of attachments in *e-snaps* that must contain accurate and complete information
- **What this means:** TCHC staff will be providing more feedback and editorial comments on eSNAPS applications throughout the ESNAPS entry process.

YHDP- Non-Competitive Renewal

- HUD has decided to non-competitively renew or replace expiring YHDP grants funded Round 2 and after; however, these project applications will be reviewed for compliance with project eligibility, project quality, and if applicable, project renewal thresholds.
- Will complete a full renewal application in eSNAPS
 - Can be renewed or replaced.
 - **Can add Special YHDP activities.**
- YHDP Replacement/Reallocation.
 - The YHDP Replacement process occurs when: (1) a CoC replaces a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new YHDP project(s) that has the same recipient (YHDP Replacement); (2) **a CoC is reallocating a YHDP Renewal project to create one or more new projects with a new recipient (YHDP Reallocation)** or (3) a CoC is reallocating YHDP Renewal project(s) to create YHDP Expansion applications through the YHDP Replacement process.

Renewal Project Expansion

- Renewal applicants may apply to expand current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing participants
 - For expansion to be selected, renewal project application must also be selected for conditional funding
 - Must articulate the part of the project being expanded
 - Required to submit the following in eSNAPS
 - Renewal project application for original project
 - New project application with just expansion information (also in Zoom Grants!!!)
 - Ensure the funding request is within allowable parameters

Consolidation

- Applicants may consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects into one (no more than ten)
- Projects must be held by the same recipient and be of the same project component type
- Budget line items for the consolidation must be the sum of the individual projects on GIW form
- The following characteristics will not be considered for consolidation
 - outstanding audit or monitoring findings
 - outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears
 - unresolved construction delays
 - a history of poor financial management/drawdown issues
 - history of low occupancy levels, or lack experience in administering the project type
 - other capacity issues.

Reallocation

- Voluntary Reallocation
 - act of permanently surrendering HUD grant funds for part of, or a whole project; these funds are then available for new project applicants or expansion projects to apply for.
 - voluntary reallocation does not guarantee the agency will be chosen to operate a new eligible project utilizing the reallocated funds.
- Involuntary Reallocation
 - Projects that do not meet competition threshold and the lowest 20% of ranked renewal projects will be evaluated by the Ranking & Review Committee for possible reallocation, in whole or in part.
 - When determining involuntary reallocation, the Ranking & Review Committee will compare performance data from the following categories:
 - Performance
 - Spending History
 - HMIS Participation
 - Should notify TCHC in writing by emailing of their intent to reallocate within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

Reallocate to Transition (Transition Grants)

- Currently funded CoC projects may reallocate their funding to transition an eligible renewal project from **one program component to another eligible new component** over a 1-year period.
- The new transition project must meet the following requirements:
 - (1) transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component;
 - (2) to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the current recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care;
 - (3) the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in the Competition NOFO.
- should notify TCHC in writing by emailing of their intent to reallocate within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

New CoC Projects through Reallocation or Bonus

- Maximum Bonus Amount: TBD
- Reallocation amount: TBD
- Must be one of the following
 - Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects that serve persons who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS or persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time of initial enrollment
 - New permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH component to better serve homeless individuals and families, including individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
 - Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
 - Supportive services only (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system

New Projects from DV Bonus

New projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus, must be:

- Permanent Housing-Rapid re-housing projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects defined in Section III.B.2.q of this NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3); or
- Supportive services only-coordinated entry project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking

New Projects from DV Bonus

- May only request 1 year of funding, but a grant term up to 18 months
- Any number of submissions per project type (RRH, RRH-TH, SSO-CE) provided each application is for at least \$50,000
- DV Bonus Expansion
 - A CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.
- HUD will conditionally select DV Bonus projects based on the criteria established in the NOFA
 - If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 1 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position. However, if a new DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will retain its ranked position
 - Any project that indicated it would like to be considered as part of the DV Bonus but was not selected as part of the DV Bonus, will retain the ranking provided by the CoC and be considered as a normal ranked project

HUD CoC Threshold Requirements

- Threshold requirements
 - Ineligible applicants
 - Project Eligibility: Monitoring findings, OIG Investigation, routinely does not make quarterly drawdowns, **late APR submission**, etc.
 - Financial and management capacity to carry out the project
 - Required Certifications
 - Eligible participants
 - HMIS participation
 - Project Quality Thresholds: New Projects*
 - Project Renewal Threshold: Renewal Projects
 - Consistency with Consolidated Plan
 - Environmental Requirements

Threshold Requirements

- Past Performance
 - The ability to account for funds appropriately;
 - Timely use of funds received from HUD;
 - Timely submission and quality of reports submitted to HUD;
 - Performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and records of success;
 - Meeting program requirements;
 - Meeting performance targets as established in the grant agreement;
 - The applicant's organizational capacity to operate the project;
 - Unwilling to accept technical assistance, made changes without HUD approval, or lost program site; and
 - The number of persons to be served or targeted for assistance

New Project Applications-How to Apply

- Local RFP
 - In ZoomGrants
- All required information will be included in the TX-601 RFP
 - Complete all required components as listed in the RFP
 - Submit via ZoomGrants no later than 5:00 p.m., September 13, 2024
 - Please also ensure that all projects have a complete application in e-SNAPS no later than 5:00 p.m., September 13, 2024
 - Please hit "Submit" in eSNAPS once your project is complete

eSNAPS Info

- **Returning project applicants** should have the option to import renewal project application responses from prior competition
 - Must be requested during registration of Renewal Funding Opportunity in eSNAPS
 - Applicants must carefully review imported responses to ensure accuracy and a true representation of project activities
- **First time renewal projects** must complete the entire renewal project application
- **New project applications** must be completed in full and in line with new project application components permitted in the competition
- **TCHC Staff is UNABLE to assist with eSNAPS technical issues** (passwords, user accounts, etc). Must submit Ask A Question through HUD Portal.
- There are detailed instructions for all application types.

Required Documents: eSNAPS

- Project application, charts, narratives
- SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance
- SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Application
- Documentation of Applicant & Subrecipient Eligibility
- Applicant Certifications
- Form HUD-2880: Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable)
- Applicant Code of Conduct: Must be attached in eSNAPS or on file with HUD
- Form HUD-50070: Certification for a Drug-Free workplace

Due in eSNAPS by **September 13, 2024 by 5:00 pm**

Technical Assistance Session

- *Optional* TA Workshop
 - RFP Application
 - eSNAPS
 - ZoomGrants

Thursday, August 22, 2024, 11:00 AM to Noon

Zoom link is posted under funding opportunities at ahomewithhope.org

Additional Guidance

- Regularly check www.ahomewithhope.org/funding-opportunities/ for updates and information
- Sign up or update your contact information to receive TCHC Emails
 - www.ahomewithhope.org
- Questions
 - CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org
 - Subject: NOFA-24

Questions?