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2026 REALLOCATING & BONUS FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

LIVE SESSION



Today's Agenda

1. Review CoC funding basics
2. Summarize CoC Reallocation and Bonus Funding Opportunities
3. Provide and overview of New Project Opportunities
4. Application Tips for Competitve Scoring
5. Review Support Service/linkage agreement requirements
6. Review steps for submission and deadlines
7. Answer questions

Tell us what best descibes your connection to the CoC

Poll Question

- New to the CoC
- Connected to the CoC and attends Meetings
- A CoC Funded Agency
- First- Time Funding Applicant



Review CoC funding basics

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CoC Consolidated Application

The CoC Consolidated Application is made up of the following **two** parts:

1 CoC Application

Involves information about the CoC planning body, governance structure, overall performance, and the strategic planning process

2 CoC Priority Listing

Each type of project (ie: renewal, new/bonus, reallocation) are scored with the CoCs designed tool, then ranked in order of priority

Project Applications

Involves information about the population(s) and subpopulation(s) the project will serve, the type of housing and services that will be provided, and the budget activities that are being requested

Renewal Applications:

A funding request to support existing permanent housing, rapid re-housing, transitional housing, supportive services only, Coordinated Entry, and HMIS projects.



New Project Applications:

A funding request to provide additional units, beds, supportive services, or HMIS capacity.

New Project Applications:

Funded through:

CoC Bonus funding	Eligible Project types are PH* Transitional Housing, Support Service Only, Coordinated Entry and HMIS. HUD is prioritizing TH and SSO through a $1.3Billion set aside.
Reallocation funding	HUD's Balanced Portfolio Approach will increase reallocation opportunities to change project component types to match HUD priorities. Reallocation creates new projects without decreasing the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
Domestic Violence Bonus funding	Eligible Project types are Rapid Re-housing* Transitional Housing and DV Coordinated Entry. HUD has appropriated $52 million, with a $50,000 minimum project amount and up to 20% of PPRN

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The Local Application Process

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CoC Rank and Review



HUD sets the priorities and parameters of what and how projects are funded.

Tools are developed based upon HUD and Local priorities. The CoC has a written process that guides the Rank and Review of new and renewal projects.

Applications are reviewed and scored by a Committee designated by the CoC.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Complete New/Bonus & Reallocation tools

2. Attachments are required for Service and linkage Agreements, MOU's and Healthcare/Housing Leverage.

3. CARES staff are available for technical assistance.

4. Completed Applications are sent to the CoC review Committee to be scored

5. If selected to apply (based on your application score), you will complete a second application in Esnaps, HUD's grant portal



CoC Rank and Review

RANKING AND TIERING

CARES staff finalizes scorecards and the CoC is required to rank applications by score.

Applicants will receive their score cards and offered a debrief to get feedback.

HUD requires projects be separated into tier 1 & 2. Projects in Tier 2 will compete in a national competition

The CoC approves the tiering and project selection that is included in the Priority Listing (Ranking and Tiering)

Anticipated Changes in 2026

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Program Types **have not** changed

BUT

Program Priorities and Expectations have

What is Different Now?

- Potential reduction/restructuring of PH *(PSH & RRH)*
- Service Participation Requirements focused on treatment, recovery, and employment
- Emphasis on “Self Sufficiency” and moving clients onto unsubsizided housing options
- New Scoring Metrics
  - *additional merit, risk and performance reviews by HUD*
- More programs will be scored in a national competition with 60% Tier 1

HUD utilizes the following criteria to score New & Reallocation Projects that are placed in Tier 2:



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CoC Score

Up to **50 points** in direct proportion to the CoC Merit score received on the CoC Application

CoC Project Ranking

Up to **40 points** for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s)

Service Participation

Up to **10 points** for projects that have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements in their program design, based on individual need and evidenced in an occupancy agreement or equivalent document



Reallocation

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Reallocation Grant Funding

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In response to NOFO 2026 Priorities, CoCs funded agencies are choosing to reallocate their PSH funding.

ensuring competitve projects with HUD's Priority Shift to TH and Support Service Only

HUD allows CoC's to shift funds from existing eligible Renewal Projects to create one or more New Projects without decreasing the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

CoC's may opt to reallocate funding from a Renewal Project when

The project is regularly returning money to HUD that could be utilized in the community by another project

The project is not meeting a current community need or is underperforming



What is required of funded projects?

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All New Projects are required to:

Enter into the HMIS System



Participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry System



Provide a 25% match (in-kind or cash) for all requested grant funds, not including leasing funds



Request 1 year of funding

(with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months to allow for the additional time required to start a program)



NOFO 2026 priority is on **SSO & TH Projects**

Note:
HUD has a set aside $1.3 Billion for TH and SSO-Street Outrreach Projects

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Important criteria to note:

Transitional Housing (TH)	Support Services Only (SSO)
Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide **20 hours per week** of customized services for each client	Standalone Projects: Program participants either unsheltered or in Emergency housing units to increase self sufficiency
The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project or has a plan in place to ensure, that **at least 50% of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months**	Street Outreach Projects: Applicants will be competitive if they have a **history of partnering with first responders and local law enforcement** to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation.
At least 50% of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS	

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Note:
HUD is awarding points to CoCs that have 'sober housing' programs either proposed or already existing in their communities

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Important criteria to note:

Permanent Housing (PH)	
RRH	**PSH**
Provision of Tenant Based Rental Assistance will help individuals and families achieve self- sufficiency within 24 months. The type of supportive services required to participants that include recovery, treatment and employment assistance. Applicant experience with success at assisting clients to be self- sufficient after rental assistance ends. attach a supportive service agreement *(contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).*	Prioritizing serving Elderly Populations Prioritizing Physical & Developmental Disabilities

HUD's review: Quality Threshold



Financial & management capacity and experience to carry out the project



Capacity to administer federal funds

Including satisfactory capacity, drawdowns & performance for existing grants funded through the S+C or CoC programs



Ability to meet all timeline standards

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HUD's review: Quality Threshold

The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination

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The project applicant will not:

- Operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption” sites
- Knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control
- Permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control
- Conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction“



this makes the CoC's application more likely to be funded by HUD

The CoC will prioritize and add points for new projects that can document and attach:

- **Service Participation Agreements**
- Leverage **Housing & Healthcare resources**
- MOU with **Workforce Development or Employment services**
- An MOU with **Early Education/Childcare provider**
- Linkage agreements for **on-site treatment services**

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Leveraging HOUSING Resources:

Projects who leverage these subsidies or subsidized housing units in their application need to show that they will:

Allocate **at least 25% of these units to the project**

(PSH & TH only)

Serve **at least 25 % of the program participants** anticipated to be served by the project

(RRH only)

Have a **letter of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents** that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.

Leveraging HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE Resources

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Leveraging HEALTHCARE Resources:

Projects who leverage these healthcare resources in their application need to show a written commitment from the health care organization that:

It will **provide access to treatment or recovery services** for all program participants who quality and choose those services

(applicable when leveraging with substance abuse treatment or recovery healthcare providers)

OR

The value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is **equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested** for the project, **which will be covered by the healthcare organization**

Leveraging HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE Resources

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OTHER LINKAGE AGREEMENTS /MOU'S

Projects that are able to provide and attach the following agreements/MOU's will receive points on the local application and boost CoC Scoring Overall

Partcipant Support Service / Occupancy/Lease Agreements

MOU or Service agreements with workforce development and/or Employment Service for job readiness & placements

MOU or other formal written documents that demonstrate linkages with early childhood education/childcares services and other on-site treatment agreements that will support the project.

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DV Bonus Funding

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Eligible Applicants Include:

- nonprofit organizations
- States
- local governments
- Indian Tribes & TDHE
- Public housing agencies
- instrumentalities of state and local governments

For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

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Eligible Applicants
continued



Agencies do not need to be Victim Service Providers to apply for the DV Bonus.

however

To be competitive, agencies applying for the DV Bonus should have experience serving survivors of domestic violence, should implement victim-centered practices, and should incorporate survivors' of domestic violence into program and policymaking.

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All DV housing projects must:

- Take referrals from Coordinated Entry.
- Use a comparable Client Management System or use HMIS.

All projects must:

- Provide a 25% Match
- Have a grant term of 1-year (with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months).

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DV Funding Applicants may apply for each of the following project types:

1. Rapid Re-housing (PH RRH) projects that demonstrate trauma-informed, victim- centered approaches

2. TH projects that demonstrate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches (minimum $50,000)

3. One SSO project for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC's Coordinated Entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking

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Eligible Clients to Serve through DV Bonus-Funded Projects

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For Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless:

HUD has clarified that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under this definition.

HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member” as noted in the homeless definition, paragraph (4).

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Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Costs

Allows for the cost of emergency transfer of survivor's to be included in new project applications

Can be added to eligible renewal projects through expansions or by shifting up to 10% of funds from one eligible activity to the VAWA cost line

Please note: the new budget line items do not add additional funding

VAWA Costs fall into two categories

- Emergency transfer facilitation
- Monitoring compliance

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Next Steps to Apply

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Applying for New Project funding requires submitting *two* separate applications

Application 1

Complete the Rank and Review Application Tool

created by your CoC

Application 2

Unless otherwise noted

CARES will be completing the application in conjunction with each agency

HUD will then score your project (submitted in Esnaps) as part of a national competition.

note:

Only new projects that score high enough on the local CoC's Rank & Review process will move forward with the CoC's application for funding.

REMEMBER! → Being accepted by the local Rank & Review process is not an indication of being awarded funding.

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CoC's Rank and Review Application timeline:

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Wednesday,
June 17th

Applications released for completion

Thursday,
July 2nd

Applications DUE

CARES staff can provide technical assistance and answer questions regarding the application.

CARES staff will send applications to reviewers to score

If selected you will enter new project into esnaps.

What's Next?!

If your organization decides to apply, please let CARES know what you will be applying for.

1. Complete the New Bonus / DV Bonus Application

2. Begin getting MOU and LInkage Agreements using templates available

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NOFO Application Tips

1. Determine what MOU/Leverage/Linkage Agreements can be formalized with your local application submission

2. Understand HUD Priorities when completing the application

3. Remember: Reviewers are Scoring mulitiple applications, be brief and succinct with narratives
   a. Read narrative questions carefully, answers should correlate to bulleted points.
   b. Don't cut and paste across numerous applications make sure answers match the program.
   c. Using Data makes your responses stronger.

4. When application is completed please send ONE PDF with applications and attachments and also send the PDF fillable version of the completed application separately.

5. Ask for assistance if you are having difficulty understanding content and MOU/Leverage/Linkage agreements

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Please be sure to visit the Rank and Review section of the CARES website for more information and important deadlines:
https://caresny.org/rank-review/