

VT Balance of State
(VT BoS)
Continuum of Care (CoC)
Renewal and New
Project Information
Session

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Background



- Each year VT Balance of State Continuum of Care (VT BoS CoC) competes with other CoCs for US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to end homelessness.
- VT BoS is seeking applications for the 2026 CoC competition.
- This year's competition has opportunities to attract substantial Federal funds, and also opportunities to lose substantial funds.
- Applicants who have never applied before are encouraged to apply. Faith-based providers are encouraged to participate.
- VT BoS can provide technical assistance to any applicant who requests support.

New Funding Available



**NEW
PROJECT
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FUNDING TYPE FOR FY26 (based on FY24 awards)	AMOUNT
VT BoS Estimated Annual Renewal Demand	\$8,152,146
Estimated Tier 1 - 60% of VT BoS Annual Renewal Demand	\$4,891,287
Estimated CoC Bonus (Greater of either 15% of ARD or \$500,000)	\$1,222,822
Estimated DV Bonus (20% of ARD)	\$1,630,429
Estimated amount that could be made available for new funding per HUD's priority to "rebalance" CoC portfolios away from PH	Up to \$2,023,066
Total Estimated Available Funding for NEW projects	Up to \$4,876,318

HUD Priorities

**Increase employment income,
not government assistance**

Treatment and recovery for SUD

**Increasing leverage of
other resources**

**Increase Transitional Housing and
Supportive Service Only projects**

**Partnerships with workforce
development centers, employers,
childcare**

**Homeless system exits to
unsubsidized housing**

**Prevent future returns
to homelessness**

PSH for elderly (62+) or disabled

**Trauma informed care and
participant safety**

**Reductions in unsheltered
homelessness / More outreach**

**Partnerships with police, first
responders, and government to
reduce encampments**

Service participation requirements

Steps in Application Process





Eligible New Project Types

Transitional Housing - CoC and DV
SSO Standalone - CoC
SSO-Street Outreach - CoC
SSO Coordinated Entry - CoC and DV
Rapid Rehousing - DV

Application Types

NEW

Not connected to any existing project;
Should be proposed based on local needs and system gaps.
Subject to New Project Evaluation Criteria

NEW | EXPANSION

Adds funds to an existing Renewal project to expand # of units, people served, or services provided.

Subject to New Project Evaluation Criteria

RENEWAL → TRANSITION

Allows renewals to apply as a different project type.

Subject to Renewal Project Evaluation Criteria

RENEWAL

Existing renewals that are applying to renew their project;

May make up to 10% Budget Line shifts.

Subject to Renewal Project Evaluation Criteria

SSO-Street Outreach (SSO-SO)

New Funding Availability: Reallocation, CoC Bonus

Application Types: New, New | Expansion (only SNOFO), Renewal → Transition, Renewal (only SNOFO)

Overview

Service-only. Funds non-facility based interventions with unsheltered individuals and families. The primary goal is to connect unsheltered households to shelter and CE as a path to permanent housing.

Other Information

- Eligible population: Households living in places not fit for human habitation, also known as unsheltered or street homelessness. Category 1
- Needs to connect quickly and warmly with Coordinated Entry and shelters
- Emphasis on partnering with Parks department(s), police department(s), or other first responders to coordinate outreach activities, including co-locating, cross-training, warm handoffs, coordination of encampment cleanups

Transitional Housing (TH)

New Funding Availability: Reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus

Application Types: New, New | Expansion, Renewal → Transition, Renewal (only YHDP)

Overview

Allows for up to 2 year intervention, generally but not always facility-based. TH's effectiveness is most pronounced as a targeted, time-limited intervention where a "bridge" to long-term stability is a **clinical** or **developmental** necessity.

Other Information

- Demonstrate interest and capacity to serve people fleeing domestic violence; youth and young adults (18-24); individuals in any stage of recovery seeking a sober living environment; aging or medically vulnerable individuals; or other target population.
- May serve households designated as Categories 1, 2 or 4

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

New Funding Availability: DV Bonus

Application Types: New, New | Expansion, Renewal

Overview

RRH is a supportive housing program where a household may receive up to 24 months of rental assistance and supportive services, with up to 6 months of aftercare once rental assistance ends. Supportive services often focus on income maximization and stability planning. The participant enters into a lease directly with the landlord.

Key Elements

- Rental assistance models are flexible, should align with CoC's written standards for administering RRH
- Households can choose their own units in the community/private market. Funded agencies must assist participants in locating and securing housing.
- Eligible populations: Categories 1, 2 and 4

HMIS: Expansion Only

Funding Availability: Reallocation, CoC Bonus

Application Type: New | Expansion

Overview

HMIS presents a critical opportunity to coordinate and track resources invested in ending homelessness, and to help the wider community of stakeholders working to end homelessness make critical decisions. It is required for CoCs to maintain an HMIS.

Key Elements

- Expansion projects must demonstrate how the additional funding will add capacity, including improvement in data quality, data visualization, increased training for agencies using HMIS, increased training for those using data for system-wide decision making, or enhanced reporting capacity
- Only the CoC-designated HMIS Lead may apply for HMIS expansion funds

SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)

Funding Availability: Reallocation, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus

Application Types: New, New | Expansion, Renewal

Overview

Coordinated entry must be easily accessible for all persons within the CoC encompassing a standardized assessment, access for people with disabilities, and direct participants to the appropriate housing and services. Only the CoC designated Coordinated Entry lead may apply for SSO-CE.

Key Elements

- Accessible to all who need homeless assistance in CoC, especially those with high barriers to service access
- Accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency
- If applying under DV Bonus, must be dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under Category 1 or 4
- SSO-CE (and HMIS) projects are not ranked according to score like other competitive projects. They are assigned a rank according to the CoC's ranking strategy

Rental Assistance Vs Leasing

Applicable Project Types: Transitional Housing

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

- Can be set to actual rents or Fair Market Rent
- Rent reasonableness standards apply
- May not be combined with Operating \$
- If set to FMR, increases each year
- Participants hold the lease and pay rent
- May be owner of facility or unit

LEASING

- Recipient holds lease and pays rent
- No match required on leasing dollars
- Rent reasonableness standards apply
- May be combined with Operating \$
- Amounts do not increase each year
- Participants hold subleases; recipients are responsible to pay rent
- May not also be owner of facility or unit

View [HUD virtual binder](#) for more details

Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations
- States and local governments
- Instrumentalities of state and local governments
- Public Housing Authorities



How Are Projects Selected?

- VT BoS Scoring & Ranking Committee uses a standard evaluation tool to score all projects.
- After renewal project scoring, the Committee determines whether and which projects need to be reallocated due to poor performance. HUD's NOFO priorities also establish the CoC's ranking strategy, which impacts whether projects are high enough to be selected.
- The Committee applies its Board approved CoC ranking strategy, as well as individual project scores, to determine a final priority list. This list is sent to the CoC Board for non-conflicted members to review and vote on.
- After any questions and concerns have been addressed - and subsequent changes to the priority list are made – non-conflicted CoC Board members vote to approve the list
- All projects on the final priority list receive a letter notifying them of their selection for inclusion in the CoC's Consolidated Application to HUD

How Are Renewal Projects Evaluated?

- 100% objective evaluation criteria from eloccs and project Annual Performance Reports
- Criteria only apply to project types that address that criterion:
 - Spenddown
 - Unit utilization
 - Actually served vs proposed to serve
 - Exit destinations
 - Earned income
 - Non-cash benefits
 - Permanent housing retention

How Are New Projects Evaluated?

1. Organizational Experience and Capacity
2. Target Population and Geography
3. Program Design
4. Partnerships for Success
5. Plan for Permanent Housing
6. Budget, Match and Additional Leverage

Match: Required for all Projects



- Match = 25% of total grant amount, excluding leasing budget line item
- Cash or In-Kind are eligible match types - cash is recommended (but not required) due to onerous documentation requirements for in-kind.
- Examples of eligible match:
 - In-kind: Recipient/sub-recipient staff provide case management funded by a designated Mental Health agency
 - Cash: Building utilities not covered by CoC grant are paid by recipient agency & funded via private sources
 - In-Kind: Board member provides legal services at no cost
 - In-Kind: FQHC provides outpatient health services to participants
- All match must be used on eligible CoC Program costs, not limited to approved budget line items for project, e.g. even if project does not have supportive services in its CoC budget, may use matching funds to support case management services for project participants

Leveraged Services



**BONUS
POINTS!**

- HUD is offering significant points to CoCs with projects that can demonstrate at least 50% leverage of supportive services
- The local competition will offer bonus points to any projects that can meet this standard of 50% leverage

How to Submit

HHAV is using a form-based submission process this year.

- Renewal and Transition projects will fill out the [RENEWAL FORM](#)
- New and Expansion projects will fill out the [NEW PROJECT FORM](#)



Reminders

- Project Application Due Date: July 15
- Have questions? Reach out to us:

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Useful resources

- Standards for accounting systems:
<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-2/subtitle-A/chapter-II/part-200/subpart-D/section-200.302>
- HUD's virtual binder on match requirements:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/coc-match-overview/>
- How do I document in-kind match?
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/in-kind-match/documentation/>
- Budget Line-Item Eligible Costs: This HUD CoC virtual binder shows what is eligible under each of the eligible supportive service costs (case management, education services, outreach, etc.).
- HUD's definitions of homelessness At a Glance Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Definition of Homeless (hudexchange.info).
- Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/part-578>
- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care and YHDP
- Match Requirements: This HUD CoC virtual binder describes match requirements.
- Navigating esnaps: Access e-snaps guides, including getting started and navigating.

