

FFY2026 / LFY2028 CoC Competition

FACT SHEET

The Federal Fiscal Year 2026 CoC Competition is a significant departure from prior competition in terms of purpose, priorities, and objectives.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361999>

Please review carefully!

COC PROGRAM PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the CoC Program as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and homeless youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and
- **AND NEW THIS YEAR** - Optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

SUMMARY OF FY2026 GOALS and OBJECTIVES

The FY2026 CoC NOFA outlines the following goals and objectives. These are included here to help applicants better understand how the selection criteria support HUD's new goals of ending homelessness. Further details outlined in the [FY2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFO](#).

1. Improving Outcomes

This NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness.

2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability

Competition drives outcomes, effectiveness, innovation, and accountability. Consistent with the FY26 appropriation bill, HUD is setting Tier 1 at 60% and competing 40% of CoC ARD on the basis of merit between geographic areas.

3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care

The CoC program has four project components for all CoCs: Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Supportive Service Only, and HMIS. This NOFO provides opportunities to restore a healthy balance of CoC-funded projects to further community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness.

4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency

The NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and

long-term economic independence for homeless individuals and families.

5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency

One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program, as outlined in 42 U.S.C. § 11381, is to optimize self-sufficiency. In fact, self-sufficiency is one of only four purposes Congress provided for the CoC Program. CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants.

6. Advancing Public Safety for All

Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living on the streets and in encampments, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of

ending homelessness and minimizing trauma to individuals, families, and communities.

7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations

One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness 42 U.S.C. § 11381(2). CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology

HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES (ESTIMATES)

Total CoC Funds Available: \$3,159,536

Total Tier 1 Funds Available: \$1,895,721 (non-competitive)

Total Tier 2 Funds Available: \$1,263,815(competitive)

Total Bonus Project Funds Available: \$500,000

Total Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funds Available: \$631,907

Total YHDP - \$0, as Anne Arundel is not an existing recipient of these funds.

RENEWAL PROJECTS

HUD is limiting the amount of existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for which it will award funds. The Tier 1 limit still represents a 40% cut for our existing renewal projects. Providers are encouraged to review their projects and incorporate the new requirements (e.g. service participation requirements and strong behavioral health and substance use components).

ELIGIBLE NEW PROJECTS

New Projects Created Through Reallocation or CoC Bonus projects:

- (a)** Supportive Service Only (SSO) including street outreach.
- (b)** Transitional Housing (TH) Projects.
- (c)** Permanent Housing (including PSH and RRH components).

(d) Dedicated HMIS project, however, only the HMIS Lead may apply.

DV Bonus applicants should refer to the eligibility requirements outlined on page 12 of the [FY2026 NOFO](#), Section II.B.e.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Non DV Projects funded through the FY26 Competition must meet the eligibility criteria for program participants under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3 and include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. (e.g. they lack a nighttime residence) Definitions can be found [eCFR :: 24 CFR 578.3 -- Definitions](#).

COORDINATED ENTRY

All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process.

NEW CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROJECT APPLICATIONS

1. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
2. 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, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

MINIMUM ORGANIZATIONAL THRESHOLD

1. Financial stability and capacity, including compliance with cost principles in 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E (200.400 et seq.), and where applicable, 200 Part 170.
2. Quality of management systems and ability to meet the management standards in 2 CFR part 200.
3. Ability to follow all required laws and rules.
4. The applicant's ability to effectively implement statutory, regulatory, or other requirements imposed on non-Federal entities.
5. Capacity, including staffing structures and capabilities.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

PROJECT APPLICATION

Application will open in the Neighborly Portal: **Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Information Session: Friday, June 26, 2026 at 1 p.m.

To join the training, please use this link:

<https://aacounty.zoom.us/j/87907462136?pwd=ZrHcHCH1aDNWaPKXJPVgY1zxgkak17.1>

A recording will be posted on the ACDS website when it is available.

Project Application Due Date: **Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 12 noon**

Project Application Notification of Inclusion in Consolidated Application to HUD: **August 12, 2026**

COC PROGRAM APPLICATION

FY2026 CoC Program Application Submission Deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m.