

2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition

CoC FY25 New Project Request for Proposals

Project Application Release Date: Tuesday. November 26, 2025.

Application Deadline for all Projects: Sunday, December 14, 2025, by 11:59 PM EST

All Applications and Attachments must be submitted here:

https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8586376/PWC-CoC-FY-2025-New-Project-Preliminary-Application

PWA CoC: FY25 Request for Proposals

New Project RFP - CoC Regular Bonus, DV Bonus Funds & Reallocated

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Background Information

The PWA CoC submits an annual application to HUD in order to secure federal funding for new and existing projects that work to reduce and end homelessness throughout the CoC's geographic area. The PWA CoC is soliciting Preliminary Applications from agencies interested in applying for new projects to be submitted as part of the FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC).

This RFP is for New Projects only.

This RFP does apply to CoC renewal grantees who are interested in applying for a transition grant to transition from one project type to another (e.g. RRH to TH). This RFP does also apply to new Bonus funding Projects.

Eligible new project types/program components that can be funded under this RFP are limited to:

- New Permanent Supportive Housing Projects serving Chronically Homeless Individuals and/or Families (PSH)
- New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- New Transitional Housing (TH)
- New Supportive Services Only Standalone (SSO)
- New Supportive Services Only for Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
- New Supportive Services Only for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- New Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Domestic Violence Bonus: New RRH, TH, and SSO-CE dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

Renewal applicants may apply for <u>new funds</u> to implement the following types of grants:

- Expansion Grants: This allows for a renewal project to expand an existing project.
- Transition Grants: This allows for a renewal project to <u>transition</u> an existing project from one project type to another.

Agencies applying for new project funds are encouraged to review the FY2025 HUD CoC Program NOFO, which can be found here: https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861.

Agencies interested in applying for CoC Program funds are encouraged to carefully review the information provided in this RFP regarding project type, eligible participants, eligible

activities, expectations and requirements of the project recipient, and the selection and scoring criteria to be used in the CoC's selection of new project applicants.

This RFP is for new projects that will provide services in the PWA CoC 's Prince William Area to include the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park.

- Priorities: The CoC would like to encourage any eligible organization interested in operating one of these eligible project types to apply. In addition, the CoC would like to encourage organizations to consider the following:
 - New Supportive Services Only for Street Outreach (SSO-SO)
 - New Transitional Housing (TH)

Application Process and Requirements for Submission

To indicate your interest in a new project, please submit an Application and Required Attachments by **Sunday, December 14, 2025, by 11:59 PM** via

• Completed Applications and attachments should be submitted at the following link: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8586376/PWC-CoC-FY-2025-New-Project-Preliminary-Application.

Required Attachments – Completed & Signed Application including required certifications, Itemized Excel Budget, Match Commitment Letter, Letter of Support, Recent Financial Statement if applicable, Healthcare Leverage MOU if applicable, Housing Leverage MOU is applicable, Completed Threshold Checklist.

Webinars

Webinar: A webinar to review the 2025 CoC Competition NOFO will be held on **Monday, December 1, 2025, 2:00 -3:30pm via Webex.**

Webinar Registration: https://pwc-

doit.webex.com/weblink/register/r119be57f2559259b00d2967fc6c45f0b

Available Funding

The PWA CoC anticipates having the following funds available to allocate to new project to be submitted to HUD:

• CoC Regular Bonus: **\$ \$658,802**

• CoC DV Bonus: \$329,401

CoC Reallocation funds: Additional funding may be available to fund new projects through the CoC's reallocation process. There is about **\$1,203,653** PH project funding that will need to be re-allocated.

HUD is limiting the total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) that CoCs may allocate to Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) to 30%. Tier 1 is 30% of ARD \$532,465 reserved for permanent housing. Tier 2 is the remaining 70 % \$1,242,419 + CoC Bonus, + DV Bonus +

CoC Planning funds. Tier 2 is now highly competitive with preference for Transitional Housing, Treatment & recovery focused models, supportive services, Outreach, partnerships with law enforcement and programs demonstrating reduced recidivism & increased self-sufficiency.

The CoC will review proposals for new projects and select the projects that will be submitted to HUD for funding consideration. As part of the review and selection process, the CoC reserves the right to approve an amount of funding other than the amount requested.

CoC Program funding <u>is not guaranteed</u> to the organization(s) selected for funding consideration through this RFP. Funding will be made available by HUD based on available funds and the performance of the PWA CoC in the 2025 Continuum of Care Program national competition.

Projects selected by HUD to receive CoC Program funds will initially be 1-year grants and will be eligible for annual renewal, dependent on the availability of funding from HUD and program performance.

HUD is likely to announce FY25 funding awards by May 1, 2026.

Eligible Applicants

The CoC accepts proposals from any eligible applicant, regardless of whether or not the applicant has received CoC Program funding in the past.

Eligible applicants

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and in the Act and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)]. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion.

Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization.

Ineligible applicants

Please note the following:

- HUD does not award grants to individuals.
- For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.

HUD will not evaluate applications from ineligible applicants. As such, the CoC will not accept proposals from individuals or for-profit entities given that a project application to HUD from an individual or a for-profit entity would be deemed ineligible.

Eligible Project Types

Eligible Applicants may apply for new funds to implement the following project types:

Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing

- General Description: Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households in achieving housing stability. The core components of Permanent Supportive Housing include:
 - 1) Permanent: Tenants may live in their homes as long as they meet the basic obligations of tenancy, such as paying rent.
 - 2) Supportive: Tenants have access to the support services that they need and want to retain housing.
 - 3) Housing: Tenants have a private and secure place to make their home, just like other members of the community, with the same rights and responsibilities.
- Participant Eligibility: PSH projects assist households in which at least one member (adult or child) has a disability.
 - The FY25 CoC NOFO stated that PH-PSH projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following:
 - (1) persons eligible to be served by Dedicated PLUS projects in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for Dedicated PLUS;
 - (2) persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 - Referrals: Program Participants should be referred through PWA CoC
 Coordinated Entry System and System Wide By-Name List Process.

Housing/Length of Stay:

- In PSH, housing has no designated length of stay and continues until the participant chooses to exit or is terminated from the project.
- PSH program participants must be provided an initial lease for a term of at least one year, with renewable terms that are a minimum of one-month long.
- Case Management/Supportive Services:

 Supportive services to meet the participant's needs must be available for the participant's entire duration in PSH.

Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing

- **General Description:** Time limited housing and supportive services for households experiencing homelessness who are placed in permanent housing so they may achieve housing stability as quickly as possible. The three core components of a Rapid Re-Housing program include:
 - 1. Housing identification
 - 2. Rent and move-in assistance (typically twelve months or less)
 - 3. Case management and services

• Participant Eligibility:

- Program participants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the NOFO under which the project was funded.
 - FY2025 CoC NOFO: "must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act,
- o There is no requirement that any member of the household have a disability.
- Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, which must include standards to prioritize referrals.
- Referrals: Program Participants should be referred through PWA CoC
 Coordinated Entry System and System Wide By-Name List Process.

Housing/Length of Stay:

- RRH projects provide short-term (up to 3 months) and medium-term (4-24 months) housing assistance.
- Housing support in RRH is provided through <u>tenant-based rental assistance</u>
 (TBRA) only.
- RRH program participants must be provided an initial lease for a term of at least one year, with renewable terms that are a minimum of one-month long.
 Even if the rental assistance provided to the program participant is for less than one year, the tenant must still hold a one-year lease.
- Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, which must include standards to determine what percentage or amount of rent each participant will pay while enrolled in RRH.
- Recipients/subrecipients must re-evaluate participants at least once annually to ensure they need continued RRH assistance (lacking sufficient resources and support networks to maintain housing without it).
- o Participants may stay in the housing after CoC RRH assistance ends.

• Case Management/Supportive Services:

- RRH programs must offer participants supportive services to help them achieve long-term housing stability.
- Participants should have access to a broad array of additional services to help them maintain housing.
- Supportive services may be provided to participants for up to six months after rental assistance ends.

Transitional Housing (TH)

• **General Description:** Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing.

Participant Eligibility:

- Program participants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the NOFO under which the project was funded.
 - FY2025 CoC NOFO: "must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, including standards to prioritize referrals for TH.
- Referrals: Program Participants should be referred through PWA CoC
 Coordinated Entry System and System Wide By-Name List Process.
- Housing/Length of Stay¹: TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.
 - Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:
 - An initial term of at least one month
 - Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
 - A maximum term of 24 months
 - TH participants may remain in the project past 24 months if appropriate permanent housing has not been identified or if more time is needed for the household to achieve independence. However, HUD may discontinue TH funding if more than half of the households have exceeded 24 months.
 - Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's policies and procedures which may limit the length of stay.

^{1 &}lt;a href="https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Virtual-Binders-At-A-Glance-Program-Components.pdf">https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Virtual-Binders-At-A-Glance-Program-Components.pdf

- Case Management/Supportive Services²: TH projects can cover supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.
 - To facilitate the movement of program participants into permanent housing, transitional housing projects should provide a wide range of supportive services to participants while they reside in the program that meets the needs of their program participants.
 - Recipients and subrecipients may require the program participants to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services provided through the project as a condition of continued participation in the program. Examples of disability-related services include, but are not limited to, mental health services, outpatient health services, and provision of medication, which are provided to a person with a disability to address a condition caused by the disability. Notwithstanding this provision, if the purpose of the project is to provide substance abuse treatment services, recipients and subrecipients may require program participants to take part in such services as a condition of continued participation in the program.³
 - Projects can provide services to former residents of TH projects for up to six months after exiting TH to assist in the household's transition to independent living.⁴
 - Per the FY25 CoC NOFO, HUD is prioritizing transitional housing programs that commit to the following related to supportive services:
 - The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
 - Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
 - Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.).
 - The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed.
 - The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.

² https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/transitional-housing/supportive-services/

³ https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-F#p-578.75(h)

^{4 &}lt;a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/transitional-housing/supportive-services/">https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/transitional-housing/supportive-services/

Supportive Services Only for Street Outreach (SSO)

General Description: Supportive Services Only (SSO) – Street Outreach projects
allow recipients to provide supportive services—such as conducting outreach to
sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to
other housing or other necessary services—to families and individuals experiencing
homelessness.

Participant Eligibility:

- In SSO Street Outreach projects, the recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient or subrecipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance.
- Program participants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the NOFO under which the project was funded.
 - FY2025 CoC NOFO: "must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
- FY25 CoC NOFO states (p.16): "Project applicants may apply for SSO projects consistent with 24 CFR 578.37 and 578.53, including projects with the outreach service activity described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation."
 This indicates that the intent of SSO Street Outreach projects is to serve those experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, including standards to prioritize referrals for SSO – Street Outreach.
- Referrals: Program Participants should be referred through PWA CoC Coordinated Entry System.

Length of Stay:

 There is no maximum length of stay in SSO- Steet Outreach Projects – participants may remain in the project until they achieve stable housing.

• Case Management/Supportive Services:

- The CoC Program Interim Rule states that eligible activities for Outreach services are defined as:
 - Activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants
 - Specific eligible activities and services consist of:
 - initial assessment;
 - crisis counseling;
 - addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries;

- actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and
- publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the geographic area covered by the Continuum of Care.
- The proposed project should have a strategy for providing supportive services to those with the highest service needs, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
- Eligible costs under street outreach "include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach."⁵
- Per the FY25 CoC NOFO, HUD is prioritizing street outreach programs that commit to the following related to supportive services:
 - The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

Supportive Services Only – Standalone (SSO)

• General Description:

- SSO projects are designed to provide supportive services to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families. In general, recipients of a SSO project may not also provide housing or housing assistance to program participants in their SSO project.
- All supportive services provided must help program participants obtain and maintain housing.
- Services not specified in the CoC Interim Rule are not eligible (§ 578.53(d)).
 Eligible supportive services⁶ are:
 - Annual Assessment of Services (§ 578.53(e)(1))
 - Moving costs (§ 578.53(e)(2))
 - Case management (§ 578.53(e)(3))
 - Childcare (§ 578.53(e)(4))
 - Education services (§ 578.53(e)(5))
 - Employment assistance and job training (§ 578.53(e)(6))
 - Food (§ 578.53(e)(7))
 - Housing search and counseling services (§ 578.53(e)(8))
 - Legal services (§ 578.53(e)(9))
 - Life skills training (§ 578.53(e)(10))
 - Mental health services (§ 578.53(e)(11))
 - Outpatient health services (§ 578.53(e)(12))
 - Outreach services (§ 578.53(e)(13))

⁵ https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578

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- Substance abuse treatment services (§ 578.53(e)(14))
- Transportation (§ 578.53(e)(15))
- Utility deposits (§ 578.53(e)(16))
- Services provided through an SSO project CANNOT be limited to providing services from one or more housing-related projects. Services must be made available to any eligible household within the CoC.
- Other provisions related to SSO can be found in this HUD resource linked below.⁷

Participant Eligibility:

- In SSO projects, the recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient or subrecipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance.
- Program participants must meet the eligibility requirements set forth in the NOFO under which the project was funded.
 - FY2025 CoC NOFO: "must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3, Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act."
- Recipients/subrecipients must follow the CoC's written policies and procedures, including standards to prioritize referrals for SO projects. In general, projects must prioritize unsheltered households.
- Referrals: Program Participants should be referred through PWA CoC
 Coordinated Entry System

Length of Stay:

There is no maximum length of stay in SSO projects at this time.

Case Management/Supportive Services:

- Interested applicants should carefully review the CoC Interim Rule related to eligible supportive services and ensure they submit an application that falls under one of the eligible activities. https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578
- The proposed project should have a strategy for providing supportive services to those with the highest service needs, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
- Eligible costs under street outreach "include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach.⁸"
- Per the FY25 CoC NOFO, HUD is prioritizing SSO projects that commit to the following related to supportive services:

^{7 &}lt;a href="https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/coc-program-sso-housing-component-decision-tool.pdf">https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/coc-program-sso-housing-component-decision-tool.pdf

⁸ https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578

The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE):

- General Description: Coordinated Entry projects help communities assess the needs
 of program participants and effectively match individuals and families experiencing
 homelessness with the most appropriate resources available to address their
 supportive service and housing needs.
- NOTE: Coordinated Entry can only be applied by the CoC Lead who operations the CE program.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- The HMIS program component allows HMIS Lead Entities to operate the HMIS, which includes leasing a structure in which the HMIS operates, purchasing or leasing computer hardware, software and/or leasing equipment, operating the structure in which the HMIS is housed, and covering other costs related to establishing, operating, and customizing a CoC's HMIS, such as:
 - Paying salaries for operating HMIS
 - Staff training
 - Staff transportation costs to conduct intake
 - o Payment of participation fees charged by the HMIS Lead
 - Additional eligible costs are detailed in 24 CFR 578.57.
- Dedicated HMIS project for eligible costs may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps.
- If the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database.

DV Bonus Projects

CoC funds can be used to specifically serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking Project participants are limited to individuals, families and youth who meet category 4 of the HUD Homeless Definition. Category 4 includes persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This also includes persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking, including sex trafficking. However, a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking.

Applicants applying for DV Bonus funds may only apply for the following project types:

- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Rehousing

More details can be found in the Additional Information for Domestic Violence Bonus Applicants section of this RFP.

Eligible Project Costs

A HUD CoC grant can be used towards:

Housing Costs:

- Operating funds to operate a site owned or leased by your agency
 - Funds may be used to pay the day-to-day operating costs in a single structure or individual housing units, including maintenance (such as scheduled replacement of major systems), repair, building security (when CoC Program funds pay for more than 50 percent of the facility by unit or area), electricity, gas, water, furniture, equipment, property insurance, and taxes.
 - These costs may not be combined with rental assistance costs within the same unit or structure.
 - Operating costs are not eligible under the SSO program component.
- Rental Assistance to assist a household pay their rent;
 - Under a Rental Assistance model, the program participant enters into the lease with the landlord and pays 30% of their income to the landlord with the provider paying the balance of rent owed.
 - CoC program funds used for rental assistance may not be combined in a single structure or housing unit with CoC program funds used for: leasing; operating; or acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction if TBRA (including short- or medium-term rental assistance).
- Leasing of a single site or scattered site housing units;
 - Under a Leasing model, the provider enters into the lease with the landlord and has a sublease or rental agreement with the program participant. The provider pays 100% of the rent (up to Fair Market Rent) and the program participant pays 30% of household income to the provider.
 - Funds may be used to lease individual units or all or part of structures.
 Rents must be reasonable and, in the case of individual units, the rent paid cannot exceed HUD-determined Fair Market Rents (FMRs).
 - Leasing funds may <u>not</u> be used for units or structures owned by the recipient, subrecipient, their parent organization(s), any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership where the partnership owns the structure, without a HUD-authorized exception.

• Supportive Services Costs:

 Case management to assist households in obtaining and maintaining their housing. Where possible, applicants are encouraged to leverage existing services provided through your own organization and/or community partners to provide supportive services. In addition, connecting program participants to mainstream benefits is expected. Supportive services allowed as eligible costs under the CoC Program Interim Rule are detailed in 24 CFR § 578.53 and include:

- o Annual Assessment of Service Needs
- Assistance with moving costs
- Case management
- o Child care
- Education services
- o Employment assistance and job training
- o Food
- Housing search and counseling services
- Legal services
- Life skills training
- Mental health services
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Utility deposits
- o Direct provision of services
- HMIS Costs: Costs affiliated with collecting and entering HMIS data are eligible.

• Administrative Costs:

- Admin provides funding for your agency to manage the grant including drawing down funds and reporting to HUD.
- The Admin amount can be up to 10% of the total grant amount less Admin.
- Eligible administrative costs are limited to: general management, oversight
 and coordination of the grant; training on CoC requirements; and
 environmental review. Admin costs do not include staff and overhead costs
 directly related to carrying out eligible activities, as these are eligible under
 the corresponding Budget Line Items.
- Please review 24 CFR § 578.599 for more information about eligible administrative costs.
- VAWA Costs: Costs related to the following VAWA-related activities:
 - Facilitating Emergency Transfer Plans for project participants, including: moving costs, travel costs, security deposits, utilities, housing fees, case management, housing navigation, and technology to make an available unit safe.
 - Monitoring compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements, including:

⁹ https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578/subpart-D/section-578.59

- Monitoring and evaluating compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Developing and implementing strategies for corrective actions and remedies to ensure compliance.
- Program evaluation of confidentiality policies, practices, and procedures.
- o Training on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- Reporting to Collaborative Applicant, HUD, and other interested parties on compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements
- Costs for establishing methodology to protect survivor information.
- Staff time associated with maintaining adherence to VAWA confidentiality requirements
- While the CoC is not limiting this budget line item to Victim Services
 Providers, both Victim Services Providers and non-Victim Services Providers
 must provide a justification for why they are requesting this budget line item,
 and how the activities will be carried out. This information will be requested
 within the budget template form.

Housing and Healthcare Leveraging

- Leveraging housing costs: HUD is providing CoCs with additional points for submitting new housing project applications (including PSH, RRH and TH) that utilize non-CoC resources to cover housing and healthcare costs. New project applicants who can demonstrate housing leveraging commitments that meet the requirements below will receive additional points in the new project selection process.
 - Specifically, to receive points for leveraging housing costs in the PWA CoC's new project scoring process:
 - TH and PSH projects need to provide housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of the units included in the project.
 - For example: If your proposed project will have 12 units, 9 of which will be paid for through CoC program dollars, and 3 of which will be paid for through a leveraged housing commitment (for 3 units/subsidies), this would meet the 25% threshold (3 out of 12 total units provided via leveraging)
 - RRH projects need to provide housing subsidies to serve at least 25% of program participants with leveraged housing resources.
 - These housing resources may come from private organizations, state/local government, Public Housing Agencies, including use of a set aside or limited preference, Faith-Based organizations, and/or Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs. Examples of leveraging housing resources may include: an allocation of Section 8/ Housing Choice Vouchers from your local Public Housing Authority, versus utilizing CoC funding to provide Rental Assistance; an allocation of units at a Low Income Housing Tax Credit building that provides

- subsidized housing; among other opportunities. See the FY2025 NOFO for more information.
- O Please note that any project proposing to bring in housing leveraging must be able to provide a formal MOU/letter outlining this agreement. If the project applicant is seeking consideration for additional points for a housing leveraging commitment, a preliminary commitment letter MUST be included with the new project application. If your new project is selected for funding, the CoC will work with you to formalize an MOU commitment/letter that meets HUD's requirements.
 - The initial commitment letter must include the specific number of housing subsidies or units to be committed to the project.
- Leveraging healthcare costs: HUD is providing CoCs with additional points for submitting new housing applications (including PSH, RRH, and TH) that that utilize non-CoC resources to cover healthcare related costs. New project applicants who can demonstrate healthcare leveraging commitments that meet the requirements below will receive additional points in the new project selection process.
 - Specifically, to receive points for leveraging healthcare costs in the PWA CoC's new project scoring process, PSH, RRH, and TH applicants must demonstrate that:
 - In the case of an organization that provides substance use disorder treatment or recovery services, the leveraged resource provides access to all participants who qualify for those services; or
 - In the case of healthcare or behavioral health resources, the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested by the project.
 - Healthcare resources can be direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project, or provision of health care services by a private or public organization tailored to the program participants of the project.
 - Eligibility for the project must be based on HUD CoC Program fair housing requirements and cannot be restricted by the health care service provider.
 - Please note that any project proposing to bring in healthcare leveraging must be able to provide a formal MOU/letter outlining this agreement. If the project applicant is seeking consideration for additional points for a healthcare leveraging commitment, a preliminary commitment letter MUST be included with the new project application. If your new project is selected for funding, the CoC will work with you to formalize an MOU commitment/letter that meets HUD's requirements.
 - The initial commitment letter must include the dollar amount commitment for in-kind or direct contributions.

Additional Information for Domestic Violence Bonus Applicants

- The DV Bonus New Project RFP is not limited to Victim Service Providers/VSPs (i.e., non-VSPs can apply); however, non-VSPs must have a formal partnership with a VSP to operate the proposed project in order to apply under this RFP. Organizations that are not VSPs are encouraged to discuss this funding opportunity with the VSP in their community.
 - "HUD defines a victim service provider to mean a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence. This term includes permanent housing providers—including rapid rehousing, domestic violence programs (shelters and non-residential), domestic violence transitional housing programs, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and related advocacy and supportive services programs."
- Eligibility for Rapid Rehousing and Transitional Housing under the DV Bonus is limited to households qualified under Category 4 of the HUD Homeless Definition. This includes persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking situations.
- While Victim Service Providers are not permitted to enter into HMIS, data must be entered into a HMIS comparable database. If your organization has not added the HMIS Program enhancements to your DV comparable database, this cost can be included under the HMIS Budget Line Item.
- Any activities funded through this RFP must be designed to ensure the CoC provides a survivor driven, trauma-informed housing/ homeless assistance response to survivors across the PWA CoC.
 - <u>Trauma-informed</u>: This includes approaches delivered with an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of trauma survivors, including the prevalence and physical, social, and emotional impact of trauma. A trauma-informed approach recognizes signs of trauma in staff, clients, and others and responds by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings. Trauma-informed approaches place priority on restoring the survivor's feelings of safety, choice, and control.
 - Survivor-centered: Placing the individual's priorities, needs, and interests at the center of the work with the survivor; providing nonjudgmental assistance, with an emphasis on client self-determination and assisting survivors in making informed choices; ensuring that restoring survivors' feelings of safety and security are a priority and safeguarding against policies and practices that may inadvertently re-traumatize survivors; ensuring that survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated when developing and implementing system- and community-based efforts that impact survivors.

¹⁰ https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/programs/continuum-of-care-coc-program/program-requirements/coordinated-entry/how-does-hud-define-victim-service-provider/

Project Budget and Match

Available Funds

- CoC Bonus (non-DV Bonus Projects): Projects may apply for a maximum of \$658,802, which is the approximate maximum amount of funds the CoC is eligible to apply for through the CoC Bonus. While a budget is requested in the Preliminary Application, if your project is selected, the CoC's Funding Committee reserves the right to approve an amount other than the amount requested.
- DV Bonus Projects: Projects may apply for a maximum of \$329,401, which is the approximate maximum amount of funds the CoC is eligible to apply for through the DV Bonus. While a budget is requested in the Preliminary Application, if your project is selected, the CoC's PAR Committee reserves the right to approve an amount other than the amount requested.

Match Requirements

The grantee must provide a 25% match – either cash or in-kind. In-kind match, for example, can be any of the eligible services listed above. The leasing budget line item is not included in the grant's match calculation. Match commitments require an MOU and documentation. Monthly rents (program income) collected under the operations or leasing model can count towards the match, so long as rules related to program income are followed.

CoC Requirements for All Project Applicants

- Applicants must follow the PWA CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures for providing assistance.
- All CoC Program funded projects must enter complete, accurate, and timely data into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Victim services organizations must enter data into a DV comparable database.
- All CoC Program funded projects must participate in monthly data quality and reporting as required by PWA CoC Policies and Procedures and HMIS lead.
- All CoC-funded projects will be expected to have the capacity to operate this program in accordance with HUD requirements including:
 - Submitting an Annual Progress Report (APR) to HUD on time/ no more than 90 days after the end of the grant period
 - Drawing down funds at least quarterly
 - o Expending all of grant funds within the 12-month grant period
- All CoC-funded projects will be expected to comply with the CoC Program Interim Rule.
 Those unfamiliar with the CoC Program Interim Rule are advised to carefully review
 "Subpart F—Program Requirements" of the HUD CoC Program Interim Rule 11.
- All housing project participants enrolled must come from the CoC's By Name List, a

¹¹ https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/

prioritized waiting list.

Applicant Selection Process

Threshold and Selection Criteria

All new project applications submitted to HUD must pass HUD's project eligibility threshold review and project quality threshold review, as outlined in the FY25 CoC NOFO (pp.53-64).

All Preliminary Applications will be reviewed by the **PWA CoC** Program Analysis and Ranking (PAR) Committee based on the following criteria.

- Threshold: to be considered, applicants must:
 - Project must be submitted by an eligible applicant (non-profit, state or local government or instrumentality of state of local government, public housing authority).
 - Per HUD, faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization.
 - Application must be for an eligible project type and eligible geography of Prince William Area to include the Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park (as outlined in the RFP).
 - Have experience working with the population to be served.
 - Be in good standing with HUD and the CoC, with no outstanding monitoring findings or debts.
 - Application must be completed in entirety, be signed and submitted with required documentation by deadline of Sunday, December 14, 2025, by 11:59
 PM EST.

Applications that do not meet the criteria above will not be considered for funding.

- <u>Selection Criteria/Scoring Factors</u>: Projects will be scored based on several factors, including the below listed criteria:
 - o Demonstration of need, through both data and narrative.
 - Organizational capacity to operate a CoC-funded project, including fiscal capacity and grant management capacity.
 - For new housing projects: Strategic partnerships with community providers, including:
 - the ability to document leveraged housing cost (points awarded for 25% of housing units in the proposed project come from community housing partners)
 - the ability to document leveraged healthcare services (maximum points awarded for 25% or more of your budget leveraged from

healthcare/behavioral health care source or commitment from substance use treatment provider to provide services to all eligible households)

- Coordination and integration with other mainstream health, social services, and employment partners.
- o Cost effectiveness of approach, as compared to similar projects within the CoC.
- Experience working with households experiencing homelessness, operating homeless assistance projects comparable to that being proposed, and (if applicable) experience serving the target subpopulation.
- o Experience with and plan for supporting exits to permanent housing.
- The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing: Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
- Transitional Housing Projects: Whether the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.).
 - The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed.
 - The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.
- Street Outreach Projects: History partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage persons living unsheltered and support them to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.

Please note that the score awarded to each applicant via the scoring tool is one component of how the Funding Committee will determine new projects that are selected to be submitted for funding under the CoC Competition. The Funding Committee will also factor prior performance of the applicant operating CoC or ESG-funded projects.

Timeline

| Date | Activity |
|-------------------|--|
| November 25, 2025 | New Applications Open |
| | 2025 HUD CoC Program NOFO Workshop for New |
| December 1, 2025 | Projects Monday, December 1, 2025, from 2:00pm |
| | to 3:30pm |

| | LAST Workday to Submit All NOFO New Applications | |
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| December 12, 2025 | Submissions will be accepted through 11:59pm on Sunday | |
| | night | |
| Sunday, December 14, 2025 | DUE DATE: ALL NOFO Applications (New & Transition) | |
| | Sunday, December 14, 2025, by 11:59pm | |
| December 15 – December 19, 2025 | Program Analysis & Ranking (PAR) Will: | |
| | Review and score all NOFO applications; and | |
| | 2. Prepare preliminary renewal rank order | |
| | Program Analysis & Ranking (PAR) Committee vote on | |
| Docombos 10, 2025 | Final Priority List Ranking. | |
| December 19, 2025 | | |
| | All projects notified of final CoC Application Priority Listing. | |
| December 23, 2025 | Last day to appeal New Project Scoring. | |
| December 26, 2025 | Governance <i>Electronic</i> Approval Final Priority List Ranking. | |
| December 29, 2025 | FINAL Priority List Publicly Posted. | |
| | CoC Meeting | |
| January 8, 2026 | Vote on Final Priority List Ranking & CoC-Consolidated | |
| | Application. | |
| January 14, 2026 | 2025 NOFO Application Due to HUD 8:00PM. | |
| Please be responsive to all CoC Program Alerts! | | |
| All notifications or requests will come via email. | | |

Next Steps if Selected

- You will be notified if your project has been selected and your final budget amount no later than **December 19, 2025.**
- At that time, you will receive instructions for submitting the new project application in e-snaps, HUD's CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System. This process will require your organization to be registered with System for Award Management (SAM) and have a UEI (Unique Entity ID) Number (Note: The UEI Number replaced the DUNS Number. The Unique Entity ID is assigned automatically to entities when they register on SAM.gov or when they request a Unique Entity ID).

Questions and Resources

If you have questions about this RFP, please send an e-mail to homelessservices@pwcgov.org.