



FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Local Request for Proposals (RFP)

Brevard Homeless Coalition
FL-513 Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County CoC

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I. BASIC INFORMATION & OVERVIEW

A. FY 2026 HUD COC COMPETITION NOFO SUMMARY

On June 1, 2026, HUD released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO under opportunity number CPD-2600-DC-0025. The national HUD application deadline is August 26, 2026, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time. HUD anticipates announcing awards by December 1, 2026, with an estimated performance period beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.

The FY 2026 NOFO funds eligible renewals and new projects created through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, reallocation, DV reallocation, expansion, transition grants, and, where applicable, YHDP renewal/replacement processes. All requirements in the HUD NOFO, 24 CFR part 578, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and applicable federal requirements are incorporated into this local RFP.

To view the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO on Grants.gov, visit:

<https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded>.

To view the notice and details on HUD's CoC Competition Page, visit:

<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>.

B. FY 2026 LOCAL RFP SUMMARY

The Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC), as HUD's designated Collaborative Applicant for FL-513, is soliciting local project applications for the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition. This RFP establishes the local process for submitting, reviewing, scoring, ranking, selecting, and recommending project applications for inclusion in FL-513's FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application to HUD.

Submission of a local application does not guarantee inclusion in the CoC Consolidated Application or an award from HUD. All projects, including renewals, are subject to threshold review, performance review, local scoring, ranking, tier placement, and HUD review. BHC reserves the right to reduce, reject, reclassify, reallocate, or conditionally select applications as needed to comply with HUD requirements, local competition policies, and the final funding amounts available to FL-513.

C. KEY FY 2026 HUD NOFO REQUIREMENTS & CHANGES

The items below summarize key FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO requirements and changes that affect the FL-513 local competition, project eligibility, scoring, ranking, funding strategy, and applicant expectations. This summary is not intended to identify every change or requirement in the FY 2026 NOFO. Applicants are

responsible for reviewing the full NOFO, this RFP, and all applicable HUD guidance to ensure complete compliance with federal and local competition requirements.

1. FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application Requirements

HUD requires each CoC to submit a complete FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application. For FL-513, the BHC serves as the HUD-designated Collaborative Applicant and is responsible for preparing and submitting the CoC Consolidated Application on behalf of the Continuum of Care. The Consolidated Application includes the CoC Application, the CoC Priority Listing, and all project applications accepted and ranked by the CoC.

All project applications submitted through the local RFP process must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected consistent with HUD's criteria, the local competition process, and the timelines established in this RFP. The results of the local review, scoring, ranking, and approval process will be used to complete the CoC Priority Listing and submit the FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application to HUD.

2. Increased Competition: Tier 1 Set at 60% of ARD

For FY 2026, HUD has set Tier 1 at 60% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). This limits the amount of the CoC's ranked funding request that can be placed in Tier 1 and increases the importance of the local ranking and tiering process. Project placement in Tier 1 or Tier 2 will be determined through the local competition process and does not guarantee HUD funding. All projects must demonstrate eligibility, performance, capacity, compliance, and alignment with HUD and local priorities.

3. Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only Projects

The FY 2026 NOFO places increased emphasis on restoring balance across the Continuum of Care by expanding opportunities for Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, including Street Outreach. Applicants proposing TH or SSO projects should clearly describe how the project will reduce homelessness, connect participants to appropriate services, support treatment and recovery where applicable, increase self-sufficiency, and improve housing outcomes.

4. Eligible Components Under the FY 2026 NOFO

The following program components are eligible under the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO, subject to the specific requirements and limitations in the NOFO and this RFP:

- a) Transitional Housing (TH) *(HUD will not accept new Joint TH/PH-RRH project applications. Existing Joint TH/PH-RRH projects may apply for renewal if otherwise eligible and consistent with HUD requirements)*
- b) Supportive Services Only (SSO) *(including Street Outreach)*
- c) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) *(submitted by the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry Lead only)*
- d) Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- e) Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

- f) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) *(submitted by the HMIS Lead Agency only)*
- g) CoC Planning *(submitted by the Collaborative Applicant only)*

5. CoC Bonus Funding

The FY 2026 NOFO allows CoCs to apply for CoC Bonus projects in an amount up to 15% of the CoC's Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), subject to HUD's applicable minimum and maximum limits. CoC Bonus projects must meet HUD's project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements and will be evaluated locally based on project design, system need, performance expectations, cost reasonableness, and alignment with HUD and local priorities.

6. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation Projects

The FY 2026 NOFO allows CoCs to apply for DV Bonus projects in an amount up to 20% of the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), subject to HUD's applicable minimum and maximum limits. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation funds may be used to create new projects dedicated to serving individuals and families fleeing, attempting to flee, or survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, as permitted by the FY 2026 NOFO. DV projects must demonstrate experience serving survivors, the ability to meet safety outcomes, survivor-centered and trauma-informed service design, compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements, and use of a comparable database.

Eligible DV Bonus and DV Reallocation project types include:

- a) Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)
- b) Transitional Housing (TH)
- c) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)*

**submitted by the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry Lead only*

7. Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition Grants

The FY 2026 NOFO continues to allow CoCs to use reallocation to shift funds from eligible renewal projects to new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. Eligible renewal projects must have grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027. Reallocated funds may be used to create new projects under eligible components consistent with the NOFO.

The NOFO also allows eligible renewal projects to apply for Transition Grants, where permitted by HUD. A Transition Grant allows an eligible renewal project to transition from one component type to another eligible component over a one-year grant term. By the end of the Transition Grant period, the project must operate under the new component and may only renew in the next competition under that new component.

Expansion projects may also be submitted, where eligible, to add funds to an existing renewal project to increase units, beds, persons served, services provided, or eligible HMIS/SSO-CE activities. Expansion projects must meet all HUD requirements and must be ranked separately on the CoC Priority Listing.

8. Annual Re-Evaluation of Renewal Projects

All renewal projects will be re-evaluated each year based on objective and merit-based criteria. HUD and the CoC may consider project performance, expenditure of funds, drawdown history, APR timeliness, monitoring or audit findings, financial and management capacity, participant outcomes, self-sufficiency outcomes, HMIS or comparable database data quality, and compliance with HUD and local requirements.

9. Increased Emphasis on Self-Sufficiency and Employment Income

The FY 2026 NOFO places strong emphasis on optimizing self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Projects should demonstrate how they will help participants increase employment income, access workforce supports, connect to mainstream benefits where appropriate, improve financial stability, and move toward long-term housing stability and independence.

10. Treatment, Recovery, and Supportive Service Engagement

HUD encourages projects to provide or connect participants to behavioral health care, substance use treatment, recovery supports, case management, employment services, and other individualized services that support stability and self-sufficiency. New Transitional Housing projects must describe how they will assess participant service needs, create individualized service plans, and support participant engagement in services, activities, or employment consistent with HUD's project quality threshold criteria.

11. Public Safety and Street Outreach Coordination

New SSO Street Outreach projects must demonstrate a strategy for serving people living in places not meant for human habitation, including individuals with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with services. Applicants must also describe coordination with first responders and law enforcement to engage unsheltered individuals and connect them to shelter, treatment, transitional housing, permanent housing, family reunification, or other appropriate interventions.

12. Certifications Related to Civil Rights and Drug-Related Prohibitions

Project applicants must certify that they will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. Applicants must also certify that they will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia. HUD clarifies that this certification does not require program participants to be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

13. Participant Eligibility and Coordinated Entry Requirements

Projects funded through this RFP must serve eligible participants consistent with the applicable project component, the CoC Program Rule, and the FY 2026 NOFO. All projects must participate in Coordinated Entry, and participant selection must be consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry process.

14. Youth-Specific Eligibility Flexibilities

Youth aged 24 and under may not be required to provide third-party documentation of homeless status as a condition of receiving services funded under the FY 2026 NOFO. Youth-serving providers may also serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations, as defined by HUD.

15. No Permanent Housing ARD Cap in the Final FY 2026 NOFO

Although the FY 2026 NOFO emphasizes restoring balance across the CoC Program and expanding opportunities for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, the final NOFO does not establish a fixed local cap limiting Permanent Housing projects to a specific percentage of ARD. Local ranking decisions will consider project performance, HUD priorities, system needs, cost effectiveness, and the overall competitiveness of the CoC application.

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A. PURPOSE

The FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO funds the renewal of eligible existing CoC grants with grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027, including DV Renewal projects. It also provides funding for new projects created through DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, reallocation, DV reallocation, expansion, transition grants, and, where applicable, YHDP renewal/replacement processes. For FY 2026, HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all project applications, except CoC Planning and, if applicable, UFA Costs, in accordance with the two-tier structure described in this RFP and the NOFO. The federal Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to:

1. Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
2. Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, 25 U.S.C. 4103), and local governments to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness; persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and youth experiencing homelessness; while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
3. Promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and
4. Optimize *self-sufficiency** among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

*Self-sufficiency**, consistent with the purposes of the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11381(4), means the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.

B. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO establishes national policy objectives intended to advance HUD's overarching goal of ending homelessness. These objectives inform the FL-513 CoC's local scoring, ranking, funding, reallocation, and project selection decisions. The goals below summarize the national policy direction reflected in the FY 2026 NOFO and the local priorities that will guide this competition.

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets

Consistent with Executive Order 14321, "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," and the FY 2026 NOFO, the FL-513 CoC will consider the extent to which projects coordinate, where appropriate, with law enforcement, first responders, local governments, outreach providers, behavioral health providers, and other community partners to reduce unsheltered homelessness, encampments, public camping, and public drug use, and to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency. The CoC seeks to expand effective responses to unsheltered homelessness and public safety concerns in a way that protects both people experiencing homelessness and the broader community.

2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery

The FY 2026 NOFO encourages CoCs to invest in projects that provide or connect participants to treatment and services needed to recover, stabilize, and regain self-sufficiency. Projects should describe how they will provide or coordinate behavioral health care, substance use treatment, recovery supports, case management, employment services, peer support, and other individualized services that support housing stability, safety, and long-term economic independence.

3. Advancing Public Safety

Safety and security for all members of the public, including people living unsheltered, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness. The CoC supports coordination with first responders, law enforcement, behavioral health providers, emergency shelter, street outreach, and other partners to connect people living in places not meant for human habitation to appropriate shelter, treatment, housing, services, family reunification, or other safe interventions.

4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency

One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program is to optimize self-sufficiency. Applicants should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare providers, benefits providers, education and training programs, and other supportive service providers to increase employment, earned income, total income, and financial stability for program participants. Projects will be evaluated on their ability to support long-term housing stability, economic independence, and reduced returns to homelessness.

5. Improving Outcomes

Local project performance is essential to achieving community-wide reductions in homelessness. Projects will be assessed on their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency, including housing outcomes, exits to safe and stable housing, returns to homelessness, employment and income outcomes, utilization, data quality, expenditure of funds, and compliance history, as applicable by project type.

The NOFO provides several mechanisms to strengthen overall CoC performance, including reallocation, expansion, and Transition Grants. The CoC may use these tools to improve system effectiveness, broaden the pool of high-performing providers, including faith-based organizations, and strengthen overall community outcomes.

6. Minimizing Trauma

Another core purpose of the CoC Program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness. Providers are encouraged to implement trauma-informed approaches and ensure participant safety in all programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Projects should describe how their policies, housing model, service model, confidentiality protections, and participant rights practices promote safety, privacy, dignity, and appropriate accommodations consistent with applicable HUD requirements and nondiscrimination laws.

C. FUNDING AVAILABLE

The FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO establishes the formulas used to determine CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Planning, Tier 1, Tier 2, and other competition funding amounts. However, HUD has not yet released the FY 2026 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) and related competition funding figures needed to calculate the final funding amounts available to FL-513 through the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition.

Once HUD releases the applicable FY 2026 funding information, BHC will calculate and publish **Attachment A – FY 2026 Funding Calculations and Competition Funding Availability** on the CoC Competition webpage. Attachment A will include the estimated renewal funding available, new project funding available, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Planning amount, Tier 1 and Tier 2 calculations, and any reallocation funding made available through the local competition.

All HUD requirements governing the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition, including project eligibility, renewal eligibility, bonus funding, reallocation, CoC Planning, project ranking, tiering, and the CoC Consolidated Application, are incorporated into this RFP by reference. Applicants are responsible for reviewing the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO, this RFP, all competition attachments, and any updates, notices, or guidance issued by HUD or BHC during the competition process.

D. CRITICAL DATES AND DEADLINES

The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition and FL-513 local RFP timeline is provided in **Attachment B – FY 2026 Competition Timeline and Critical Dates**, which is incorporated into this RFP by reference.

Applicants are responsible for reviewing Attachment B carefully and planning accordingly to avoid delays or missed requirements. All submissions must be completed by the deadlines published by BHC to be considered in this year's competition.

BHC may update Attachment B as necessary based on HUD-issued guidance, competition requirements, or local process changes. Any updates, notices, guidance, or amendments will be posted on the CoC Competition webpage.

III. ELIGIBILITY

A. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Organizations are eligible to apply for funding under this RFP if they meet all of the following conditions.

1. Eligible Entity Types

Applicants must qualify as one of the eligible entity types recognized under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFO. *Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible applicants.*

Eligible types include:

- a) City, township, county, state, or special district governments
- b) Public Housing Authorities (PHAs), Indian Housing Authorities, and Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized) or organizations (not federally recognized Tribal governments)
- c) Nonprofit organizations with IRS-recognized 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education
- d) Faith-based organizations*

*Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization, consistent with Federal law.

In accordance with 24 CFR 5.109 and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.), the FL-513 CoC and BHC will not discriminate for or against an organization on the basis of religious character, religious affiliation, or lack thereof. Faith-based organizations retain their independence and may continue to carry out their missions consistent with Federal religious liberty and conscience protections.

Direct HUD financial assistance may not be used to support or engage in explicitly religious activities except where consistent with the Establishment Clause and applicable Federal requirements. Faith-based organizations may not, in providing HUD-funded services or conducting related outreach, discriminate against a program participant or prospective participant on the basis of religion, a religious belief, refusal to hold a religious belief, or refusal to participate in religious practices.

In accordance with Executive Orders and policy directives incorporated into the FY 2026 NOFO, the FL-513 CoC and BHC will not engage in any unlawful or improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations.

2. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements

To be eligible for funding under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) and the CoC Program Rule at 24 CFR part 578.

Project applicants can obtain a copy of the Act and the Rule at <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc> or by contacting the NOFO Information Center at 1-800-483-8929. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, as well as individuals with speech or communication disabilities, may visit

<https://www.fcc.gov/consumers/guides/telecommunications-relay-service-trs> for information on how to make an accessible telephone call to HUD.

Applicants must comply with the current “General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements Affecting Eligibility for HUD’s Programs,” as incorporated into the FY 2026 NOFO.

B. ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICATIONS

All project applications submitted under this RFP must be designed to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness within the **FL-513 Palm Bay/Melbourne/Brevard County Continuum of Care (CoC)**. Applications proposing to operate primarily outside the CoC’s geographic boundaries will not be accepted.

Project applications must fall within one or more of the project types listed below and must meet the applicable threshold requirements described in **Section IV** of this RFP.

Applicants must identify the applicable project type(s) for each proposal (e.g., Renewal, New, Expansion, Transition, Consolidation, or other eligible project type authorized under the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO) and provide all information necessary to support that designation. This includes, as applicable, the associated CoC grant number, project name, component type, funding request, and any information regarding reallocation, expansion, transition, or consolidation activities.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) will review each application to verify the proposed project type and determine eligibility under HUD CoC Program requirements and the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO. BHC reserves the right to request clarification, make administrative corrections, or reclassify a proposal if the project type identified by the applicant is inconsistent with HUD requirements or the information provided in the application.

- 1. CoC Planning Projects.** The CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant, Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC), may submit one CoC Planning project consistent with 24 CFR 578.39. CoC Planning projects:
 - a) Are not ranked on the CoC Priority Listing;
 - b) Do not impact the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD); and
 - c) May request up to 5 percent of the CoC’s Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), as determined annually by HUD.
- 2. CoC Bonus and CoC Reallocation Projects.** Applicants may propose new projects using CoC Bonus funds and/or CoC Reallocation funds. New projects may be developed under eligible components identified in the FY 2026 NOFO, including Supportive Services Only (SSO), Transitional Housing (TH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH), and Permanent Housing–Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH).
 - a) **CoC Bonus Projects**

The FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO permits CoCs to create new projects using up to 15 percent of the CoC’s FPRN as CoC Bonus funding. All CoC Bonus

applications must meet the applicable threshold requirements described in **Section IV** of this RFP.

b) CoC Reallocation Projects

CoC Reallocation projects are created when the CoC reallocates all or a portion of eligible renewal funds from non-DV renewal projects with grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027. The amount available through reallocation is equal to the total amount of eligible renewal funds the CoC elects to reallocate. Reallocated funds may be used to support new TH, SSO, PH-PSH, PH-RRH, or other eligible components consistent with the FY 2026 NOFO and **Section III.E** of this RFP.

3. DV Bonus and DV Reallocation Projects. The HUD NOFO allows applications for two types of Domestic Violence (DV)–focused new projects: DV Bonus projects and DV Reallocation projects.

a) DV Bonus Projects

HUD determines each CoC's DV Bonus amount annually as up to 20 percent of the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN). DV Bonus funds may be used for eligible project types permitted under the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO, including Permanent Housing–Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), and Supportive Services Only–Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

b) DV Reallocation Projects

DV Reallocation funds may only be used to create new DV SSO-CE, PH-RRH, or TH projects, as permitted in the FY 2026 NOFO.

c) Eligibility Requirements for All DV Projects

(1) All DV projects must:

- (i) Serve individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking;
- (ii) Serve participants who meet paragraphs (1) or (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or the corresponding provisions of section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Act; and
- (iii) Not exclusively serve human trafficking survivors, although survivors of trafficking may qualify under paragraph (4).

d) Restrictions on DV Reallocation

In accordance with HUD requirements:

- (1) DV renewal SSO-CE projects may not be reallocated.
- (2) DV renewal funds may not be used to expand an existing non-DV renewal project.
- (3) DV renewal funds cannot be reallocated to create non-DV projects.
- (4) DV Reallocation funds may only be used to create new DV PH-RRH, DV TH, or DV SSO-CE projects, as permitted in the FY 2026 NOFO.

4. Renewal Projects. Eligible renewal projects are existing CoC Program grants with grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027 that meet HUD's and the CoC's renewal requirements. Within the FY 2026 HUD NOFO, renewal projects may:

- a) Apply as standard renewals;
- b) Apply as Transition Grants to convert to a new component; or
- c) Be fully or partially reallocated, expanded, consolidated, or transitioned, as described in **Section III.E** of this RFP.

5. Transition Grants. A Transition Grant is a new CoC project created when an eligible renewal project changes from one component type to another over a single one-year grant term while retaining its renewal status. Only renewal grants with grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027 may be considered for a transition grant.

- a) The Transition Grant must convert the project from the current component to a new eligible component (for example, from PH-RRH or Joint TH+PH-RRH to TH or SSO).
- b) Transition Grant applications must meet the project eligibility and quality thresholds in **Section IV.C** and the applicable component-specific threshold in **Section IV.C.2**.
- c) By the end of the Transition Grant period, the project must operate solely under the new component and may thereafter apply for renewal only under that new component.

6. Expansion Projects. An Expansion Project is a new project application used to add funds to an existing CoC renewal or DV renewal project to increase units, beds, number of persons served, or services provided.

- a) Expansion projects may be funded using CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, or DV Reallocation funds.
- b) Only renewal projects with grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027 are eligible for expansion under the FY 2026 HUD NOFO.
- c) Expansion applications must be for the same component as the renewal project being expanded and must meet all project eligibility and quality threshold requirements in **Section IV.C** and the applicable component-specific threshold in **Section IV.C.2**.
- d) Limitations on Expansion Projects
 - (1) If the expansion request exceeds the amount available through Bonus or Reallocation, HUD will reduce the expansion award to the maximum allowed.
 - (2) Expansion applications may not include capital costs (new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and may receive only one-year funding.
 - (3) Projects included in a consolidation during the same competition year cannot also request expansion.
 - (4) If CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation funds are used to expand a DV renewal project, the entire expanded project must be 100 percent DV-dedicated and meet all DV-specific requirements in this RFP and the FY 2026 NOFO.
- e) Applicants expanding an eligible CoC renewal or DV renewal project must:
 - (1) Enter the renewal project's grant number in the application;
 - (2) Describe how the expansion will increase units, beds, services, and/or persons served; and

(3) Ensure the funding request for the expansion project falls within the allowable limits under CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation amounts available.

7. Consolidation Projects. Applicants may consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects into one renewal project with a single grant agreement, subject to HUD rules and the following conditions:

- a) Only renewal projects with the same recipient, the same component type, and grant terms expiring in Calendar Year 2027 may be consolidated.
- b) All projects proposed for consolidation must be in good standing (no significant audit findings, arrears, unresolved monitoring findings, chronic draw-down delays, low occupancy, or serious performance or capacity concerns).
- c) A DV renewal project may not be consolidated with a non-DV project.
- d) TH and PH projects may not be consolidated to form a Joint TH/RRH project.
- e) A Transition Grant may not be part of a consolidation.
- f) A project may not simultaneously request consolidation and expansion in the same competition year.
- g) Applicants requesting consolidation must:
 - (1) Submit a consolidated application that reflects the original, expanded, and combined units, beds, services, and budget line items (BLIs), and identifies the surviving grant number.

If HUD approves the consolidated application, lower-ranked duplicate renewal projects will be removed from the Priority Listing, causing lower-ranked projects to move up. The start date for the consolidated grant will be the day after the last expiring grant's end date, and the expiration date will be calculated by HUD based on the combined terms, consistent with HUD's instructions.

C. UNALLOWABLE COSTS

Any requests for ineligible costs will be rejected, unless otherwise stated in this RFP or FY 2026 HUD CoC Competition NOFO.

D. INDIRECT COSTS

Indirect costs are allowable under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 and the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO.

Indirect costs are costs incurred for a common or joint purpose that benefit more than one cost objective and cannot be readily assigned to a specific cost objective without effort disproportionate to the results achieved. Applicants may be required to establish separate indirect cost pools to ensure indirect costs are distributed equitably to the cost objectives benefitted. For Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), the term facilities and administrative (F&A) costs is often used to refer to indirect costs.

All applicants must indicate in their project application whether they intend to charge direct costs, indirect costs, or both. Applicants seeking indirect costs must identify

the type of rate being used, the applicable distribution base, and supporting documentation.

Project applicants and subrecipients seeking indirect costs may use one of the following allowable rates:

1. Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA)

Applicants or subrecipients with a federally negotiated indirect cost rate may use that approved rate. A copy of the current signed agreement must be retained and provided upon request.

2. Governmental Department or Agency Rate

A governmental department or agency that receives no more than \$35 million in direct Federal funding per year and has developed and maintained an indirect cost rate proposal and supporting documentation in accordance with 2 CFR Part 200 may use the rate and distribution base specified in that proposal. Documentation must be retained and provided upon request.

3. De Minimis Indirect Cost Rate (2 CFR 200.414(f))

Applicants or subrecipients that do not have a current federally negotiated indirect cost rate may elect to use the de minimis indirect cost rate authorized under 2 CFR 200.414(f). The project application must clearly identify the applicant's intent to use the de minimis rate and the applicable distribution base. Once elected, the de minimis methodology must be applied consistently to all Federal awards until the organization chooses to negotiate for a federally approved rate. Documentation supporting the election and calculation methodology must be retained for monitoring and audit purposes.

Costs must be identified and charged consistently as either direct or indirect costs and may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both. For project applicants, the indirect cost rate type and distribution base must be recorded in the HUD-426 Indirect Cost Rate Certification within the e-snaps Applicant Profile, as applicable. Subrecipients do not complete the HUD-426 but must identify their chosen indirect cost methodology and provide supporting documentation with the project application and during subsequent compliance monitoring, if awarded.

E. Local Strategy for Renewals, Reallocation, and Transition Grants

1. For the FY 2026 CoC Competition, the FL-513 CoC will use renewals, reallocation, expansion, and Transition Grants to:

- a) Strengthen the overall competitiveness of the FL-513 CoC Consolidated Application;
- b) Prioritize projects that demonstrate strong performance, cost effectiveness, compliance, and alignment with HUD and local priorities;
- c) Increase access to effective Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, including projects that provide or connect participants to treatment, recovery supports, workforce services, and other resources that support self-sufficiency;
- d) Maintain critical CoC system infrastructure, including HMIS and Coordinated Entry;

- e) Improve project and system outcomes related to reducing homelessness, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, increasing employment income and self-sufficiency, and supporting exits to safe and stable housing; and
- f) Ensure that all projects, new and renewal, comply with the FY 2026 NOFO, 24 CFR part 578, applicable federal requirements, and local CoC policies.

The FY 2026 NOFO emphasizes restoring balance across the Continuum of Care by expanding opportunities for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects. The final FY 2026 NOFO does not establish a fixed local cap limiting Permanent Housing projects to a specific percentage of ARD. Therefore, local decisions regarding Permanent Housing renewals, new Permanent Housing proposals, reallocation, expansion, and transition will be based on project performance, HUD priorities, system need, cost effectiveness, compliance, participant outcomes, and the overall competitiveness of the CoC application.

2. Local Portfolio of Eligible Renewal Projects (CY 2027 Expirations).

The table below lists FL-513 CoC Program renewal projects identified for local review as potentially eligible for renewal, reallocation, expansion, consolidation, or transition under this RFP, subject to verification of the executed grant agreement, GIW, e-snaps project information, project expiration date, and HUD eligibility requirements.

Recipient Name	Subrecipient Name	Project Name	Grant Number	Project Component
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	N/A	FL-513 HMIS Renewal FY2024	FL0146L4H132518	HMIS
Housing for Homeless Inc.	N/A	HfH PH1 Project 2025–2026	FL0147L4H132518	PH-PSH
Community of Hope, Inc.	N/A	Path of Hope 2025–2026	FL0737L4H132507	PH-RRH
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	Carrfour Supportive Housing	Heritage Park Renewal Application FY2024	FL0794L4H132506	PH-PSH
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	N/A	FL-513 CoC Coordinated Entry FY2024	FL0905L4H132504	SSO-CE
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	Carrfour Supportive Housing	Heritage Park Expansion – FY2024	FL0969L4H132503	PH-PSH
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	South Brevard Women’s Center, Inc.	DV Bonus Project RRH – FY2024	FL0970D4H132503	PH-RRH
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	N/A	FL-513 DV Bonus SSO FY2024	FL0972D4H132503	SSO-CE-DV
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	Carrfour Supportive Housing	HfH Supportive Housing Orchid Lake FY2024	FL1024L4H132502	PH-PSH

Recipient Name	Subrecipient Name	Project Name	Grant Number	Project Component
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	WAYS for Life, Inc.	WAYS for Life Youth Housing FY2024	FL1025L4H132502	Joint TH & PH-RRH
Brevard Homeless Coalition, Inc.	South Brevard Women's Center, Inc.	TH-RRH DV Bonus Project – FY24	FL1082D4H132501	Joint TH & PH-RRH

3. Renewal Project Review and Local Funding Strategy

All renewal projects will be re-evaluated through the local competition. Renewal status does not guarantee inclusion in the CoC Consolidated Application, ranking position, Tier 1 placement, or HUD award. The CoC may recommend renewal, reduction, reallocation, consolidation, transition, or rejection based on HUD requirements, local scoring, project performance, system need, cost effectiveness, compliance history, and the overall competitiveness of the CoC application.

Renewal projects will be reviewed for:

- Eligibility to renew under the FY 2026 NOFO, including verification that the project has an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027;
- Performance in meeting the plans and goals established in the original application or grant agreement, as amended;
- Timely expenditure of grant funds and regular drawdowns;
- APR submission history and reporting timeliness;
- HMIS or comparable database data quality, completeness, accuracy, and timeliness;
- Monitoring, audit, or fiscal findings and the status of any corrective action;
- Capacity to administer federal funds and operate the project effectively;
- Participant outcomes, including housing stability, exits to safe and stable housing, returns to homelessness, employment income, total income, and self-sufficiency outcomes, as applicable by component;
- Utilization or occupancy, where applicable; and
- Alignment with HUD and local priorities, including treatment and recovery, self-sufficiency, reduction of unsheltered homelessness, public safety coordination where applicable, and connection to mainstream resources.

4. Permanent Housing Renewal Projects

Permanent Housing renewal projects, including PH-PSH and PH-RRH, may apply for renewal if otherwise eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO and this RFP. Permanent Housing renewal projects may also be considered for reallocation, expansion, consolidation, or transition where permitted by HUD and where such action would improve project performance, better meet local need, or strengthen the CoC application.

Permanent Housing renewal applications should demonstrate:

- Strong housing stability and retention outcomes;
- A clear strategy to prevent returns to homelessness;

- c) Effective connections to employment, income, benefits, healthcare, behavioral health, treatment, recovery, and other mainstream resources, as appropriate;
- d) Cost reasonableness in relation to the population served, project design, and outcomes;
- e) Compliance with HMIS or comparable database requirements;
- f) Timely spending and drawdowns;
- g) No unresolved compliance, monitoring, audit, or financial management concerns that would create risk for the CoC; and
- h) A service model that supports participant progress toward housing stability, safety, and self-sufficiency consistent with applicable HUD requirements.

5. PH-RRH Projects

PH-RRH projects may apply as renewals if otherwise eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO and this RFP. PH-RRH projects may also request transition to another eligible component through the Transition Grant process, where permitted by HUD and approved through the local competition.

PH-RRH projects requesting transition must identify the current grant number, current component, proposed new component, and the specific plan for converting the project during the one-year Transition Grant term. Applications requesting transition must describe how the project will meet all quality requirements for the new component and how the new design will support treatment, recovery, workforce participation, housing stability, and self-sufficiency.

PH-RRH projects may be prioritized for renewal, transition, reduction, or reallocation based on project performance, cost effectiveness, spending history, participant outcomes, and alignment with HUD and local priorities.

6. Joint TH & PH-RRH Projects

HUD will not accept new Joint TH/PH-RRH project applications in the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition. Existing Joint TH/PH-RRH projects may apply for renewal if they are otherwise eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO and have an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027.

The CoC may consider whether existing Joint TH/PH-RRH projects should:

- a) Renew as Joint TH/PH-RRH projects;
- b) Apply as Transition Grants to convert to another eligible component, such as TH, where permitted by HUD;
- c) Be reduced or partially reallocated; or
- d) Be fully reallocated.

These decisions will be based on project performance, cost effectiveness, local need, participant outcomes, HUD priorities, and the overall competitiveness of the CoC application.

If a Joint TH/PH-RRH project requests transition, the application must describe how the project will convert from Joint TH/PH-RRH to the new component during the one-year Transition Grant term. At the end of the Transition Grant term, the project must operate solely under the new

component and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under that component.

7. Transition Grants

A Transition Grant is a new CoC project application created through reallocation to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible component over a one-year grant term. Renewal grants expiring in Calendar Year 2027 may submit a FY 2026 Transition Grant application to request a component type change, subject to HUD requirements, CoC approval, and availability of eligible reallocated funding.

Applicants proposing a Transition Grant must:

- a) Identify the existing renewal project and grant number being transitioned;
- b) Identify the current component and proposed new component;
- c) Demonstrate that the proposed new component is eligible under the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO;
- d) Meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements for the proposed new component;
- e) Describe how the project will fully transition to the new component by the end of the one-year grant term;
- f) Explain how current participants will be protected during the transition and how continuity of services or housing will be maintained, as applicable;
- g) Describe how participant eligibility will be determined for the proposed new component, including any required documentation at intake;
- h) If transitioning from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) to Transitional Housing (TH), describe how the project will comply with HUD requirements governing participant eligibility and movement between project types. Applicants should review HUD's guidance, **Program Participants' Eligibility to Move from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)/Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) to Transitional Housing (TH)**, which can be accessed at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/default/files/CPD/documents/CoC/PH-to-TH-guidance.pdf>. Applicants must demonstrate how participant eligibility, continuity of assistance, participant protections, and transition planning will be addressed consistent with HUD requirements.
- i) Demonstrate how the transition will improve project performance, system performance, participant outcomes, or alignment with HUD and local priorities.

8. Expansion Projects

The CoC may consider Expansion Project applications where permitted by HUD. An Expansion Project is a new project application used to add funds to an eligible renewal project to increase units, beds, persons served, services provided, or eligible HMIS or SSO-CE activities.

Expansion projects may be created using CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, or DV Reallocation funds, as applicable. Expansion applications must meet HUD's project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements

and must be for the same component as the renewal project being expanded, unless otherwise permitted by HUD.

Expansion applications may not include capital costs, including acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction, and may only request one year of funding. If both the renewal project and the expansion project are selected by HUD, HUD will execute one grant agreement incorporating both approved applications.

9. Use of Reallocation and New Projects

The CoC may use reallocation to shift funds in whole or in part from eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects, including Transition Grants, where permitted by HUD. Reallocation may be considered when a project is underperforming, underspending, no longer aligned with system needs, has unresolved compliance or capacity concerns, or when reallocation would strengthen the overall CoC application and improve system outcomes.

In addition to applications requesting transition, the CoC will consider applications using CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, and DV Reallocation funds. Applications may be prioritized if they:

- a) Propose TH or SSO components that provide robust, individualized supportive services; emphasize treatment, recovery, workforce development, and increased self-sufficiency; and demonstrate coordination with healthcare, behavioral health, workforce, law enforcement, first responders, and other community partners, as applicable;
- b) Propose SSO–Street Outreach projects that coordinate with first responders, law enforcement, behavioral health, treatment systems, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and family reunification resources, and that focus on engaging unsheltered individuals into treatment, services, and housing;
- c) Propose DV Bonus or DV Reallocation projects that serve eligible survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; propose eligible DV PH-RRH, DV TH, or DV SSO-CE projects; and demonstrate strong safety, confidentiality, comparable database, and survivor-centered practices;
- d) Propose Permanent Housing projects that demonstrate strong alignment with local need, cost effectiveness, service quality, housing stability, employment or income strategies, and HUD's FY 2026 priorities; or
- e) Maintain or strengthen critical system infrastructure, including HMIS and Coordinated Entry.

10. Tier 1 and Tier 2 Considerations

Tier 1 and Tier 2 assignments will be determined after all eligible applications are reviewed, scored, and ranked.

- a) Tier 1 is 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), as established by HUD in the FY 2026 NOFO.
- b) Tier 2 will include remaining eligible ranked projects in rank order, subject to HUD's final tiering rules, available funding, and the CoC's approved Priority Listing.
- c) Project placement in Tier 1 or Tier 2 does not guarantee HUD funding.

d) The CoC reserves the right to make documented strategic adjustments to application types, rankings, reallocation decisions, reductions, transition strategies, and tier placements as needed to maintain compliance with HUD requirements, preserve critical system infrastructure, address local need, strengthen system performance, and maximize the likelihood of success in the national competition.

F. IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR POTENTIAL SUBRECIPIENTS

For all funding opportunities, except HUD CoC renewal projects submitted under the FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO where the agency is currently the direct recipient from HUD, Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC) will serve as the grantee and the selected agency will serve as the subrecipient.

1. Administrative Costs for HUD CoC Projects

The amount of funds available for administrative costs varies from source to source, with some funding sources providing no admin funding. Therefore, for the purposes of proposal submission, applicants may budget up to 50 percent of the maximum allowable administrative funding. However, if awarded funding, the project's actual admin funding will be based on available and allowable admin funding as determined by the funding sources.

All new HUD CoC projects will be submitted with BHC as the grantee and the submitting agency as the subrecipient. The subrecipient will be responsible for ensuring 100 percent of the required match for the project's full grant award is met. BHC will retain 50 percent of the allowable administrative funding for all new projects.

For funding opportunities that do not provide admin to the subrecipient, admin costs are an allowable match expense when documented and based on actual costs. A cost allocation plan will be required. Additionally, for projects that do provide some funding to the subrecipient for admin costs, if admin costs exceed the allowable funded amount, the additional costs can be used for match if documented and based on actual costs.

2. Cost Reimbursement / Financial Viability

All contracts will be on a cost reimbursement basis. Subrecipients will be required to submit to BHC proper backup documentation for project-eligible expenses as determined by the funding source regulations and requirements. Therefore, organizations need to demonstrate the financial viability to operate a federally funded program strictly on a reimbursement basis. A financially viable organization is one that can:

- a) Operate for a minimum of 90 days pending reimbursement without financial hardship;
- b) Demonstrate an existing and consistent cash flow; and
- c) Maintain a separation of duties for personnel time allocations and other key financial functions.

3. Match Requirements

Match may be cash or in-kind for otherwise eligible project costs by the funding source. All match funding must be documented in writing. While the required amount of match differs based on funding source, all funding sources require match.

Match is defined as the provision of direct eligible costs to the project from a source other than the funding source. Match can be provided through an agency's other funded projects that also provide services to the funded project's clients, or through community partners that are providing additional, eligible services to a funded project's clients.

In general, CoC Program projects require match equal to 25 percent of the total grant amount, excluding leasing funds, consistent with 24 CFR 578.73. For ESG and projects operating under ESG guidelines, the match is 100 percent of the full grant award amount.

For additional resources on match types, see HUD's CoC/ESG Match guidance: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/coc-match-overview/>.

4. Cost of Submitting Proposals

The cost of preparing and submitting a proposal is the sole responsibility of the applicant and shall not be chargeable in any manner to BHC. BHC will not reimburse any applicant costs associated with the preparation and submission of a proposal, including but not limited to expenses incurred in making an oral presentation or time spent in any pre-proposal workshop.

IV. THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

All applications will first be reviewed for minimum threshold requirements. Only applications that meet all applicable threshold requirements will move forward to the scoring, ranking, and tiering process described in **Section VI** of this RFP.

BHC may classify threshold issues as Pass, Fail, Technical/Curable, or Not Applicable. Applications that fail a non-curable threshold requirement or contain a fatal flaw will not advance to scoring. BHC may, at its discretion and consistent with HUD requirements and local timelines, allow applicants to correct minor technical errors or omissions. BHC will not permit corrections that would result in a fundamentally different project, a change in component, or a material change in requested funding.

A. Applicant Threshold Requirements

To pass applicant threshold, the organization serving as the applicant/recipient, and any proposed subrecipient, must:

1. Meet Eligible Applicant Criteria

- a) Be an eligible entity type as described in **Section III.A** of this RFP and the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO.
- b) Not be an individual or for-profit entity. Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible applicants or subrecipients under the CoC Program.

2. Demonstrate Good Standing and Organizational Capacity

- a) Be in good standing with the State of Florida, including active registration with the Division of Corporations and current Articles of Incorporation, if applicable.
- b) Have no active debarments, suspensions, or exclusions in SAM.gov or any applicable federal exclusion system.
- c) Demonstrate financial and management capacity to administer federal funds and carry out the proposed project, including:
 - (1) Most recent audited financial statements, or other acceptable financial documentation if no audit is required;
 - (2) Current organizational budget;
 - (3) Most recently filed IRS Form 990, if applicable;
 - (4) Written internal controls, fiscal management systems, and financial policies that comply with 2 CFR part 200;
 - (5) Capacity to operate on a reimbursement basis, if selected as a subrecipient; and
 - (6) Experience administering federal, state, local, or private funds, or a feasible plan to build such capacity.

3. Comply with HUD and CoC Requirements

- a) Be able to comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 24 CFR part 578, the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO, and all applicable federal requirements.
- b) Agree to comply with the General Statutory and Regulatory Requirements for HUD's Competitive Programs, as incorporated into the FY 2026 NOFO.
- c) Agree to participate in the FL-513 Coordinated Entry System, consistent with CoC policies and this RFP.
- d) Agree to participate in FL-513 HMIS, unless the applicant is a victim service provider or otherwise required to use a HUD-compliant comparable database.
- e) Agree to comply with all applicable federal civil rights, fair housing, equal opportunity, accessibility, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title II of the ADA, VAWA, and other applicable requirements.

4. Maintain Conflict of Interest and Code of Conduct Standards

- a) Maintain a written Code of Conduct and conflict of interest policy that meet HUD standards, applicable federal conflict of interest requirements, including 2 CFR 200.318, and the CoC's conflict of interest policies.
- b) Disclose any known actual or potential conflicts of interest involving the applicant, subrecipients, board members, owners, contractors, or key staff in the local application.

Failure to meet any applicable Applicant Threshold Requirement may result in rejection of the application and the project may not proceed to scoring.

B. Project Threshold Requirements – All Project Types

To pass project threshold, each proposed project, whether new, renewal, expansion, transition, consolidation, HMIS, CE, or planning, must:

1. Eligible Component and Design

- a) Be an eligible project type and component under the FY 2026 HUD CoC Program NOFO and **Section III.B** of this RFP.
- b) Be designed to serve individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness within the FL-513 CoC geographic area.
- c) Demonstrate that the project will participate in and accept referrals from the FL-513 Coordinated Entry System, unless otherwise exempt under HUD requirements.

2. Participant Eligibility and Target Population

- a) Limit participation to persons who meet the applicable homeless definition, DV definition where applicable, disability requirement where applicable, and participant eligibility requirements in the FY 2026 NOFO, 24 CFR part 578, and this RFP.
- b) Clearly describe the target population, such as single adults, families, youth, DV survivors, persons experiencing chronic homelessness, or other eligible populations, and explain how the project will prioritize and enroll eligible participants.

3. HMIS / Comparable Database Participation

- a) For non-victim service provider projects, agree to collect and enter participant-level data into the FL-513 HMIS in accordance with CoC policies, HUD data standards, and privacy/security requirements.
- b) For victim service providers, agree to use a HUD-compliant comparable database that meets all VAWA, HUD, and confidentiality requirements and does not disclose personally identifying client information into HMIS.

4. Required Certifications and Federal Prohibitions

Each project applicant must submit all required certifications specified in the FY 2026 NOFO and this RFP, including certifications that the project applicant will:

- a) Not engage in illegal racial discrimination;
- b) Not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites”;
- c) Not knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under its control;
- d) Not knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia; and
- e) Comply with all applicable federal civil rights, fair housing, accessibility, and nondiscrimination requirements.

These certifications do not require program participants to be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

5. Housing and Services Description

Provide a clear description of the housing and/or services to be provided, including:

- a) Number and type of units and beds, if housing;
- b) Location(s) and service area;
- c) Service model;
- d) Key services, such as case management, treatment, recovery supports, workforce supports, peer supports, housing navigation, or other services, as applicable; and
- e) How services will support exits to safe and stable housing, housing retention, increased self-sufficiency, and reduced returns to homelessness.

6. Budget, Eligible Costs, and Match

- a) Request only eligible costs under the CoC Program and the applicable project component, consistent with the FY 2026 NOFO, 24 CFR part 578, and this RFP.
- b) Provide a complete and reasonable budget that aligns with the proposed project design, population, unit/service assumptions, staffing plan, and projected outcomes.
- c) Identify required match in accordance with 24 CFR 578.73. For CoC-funded projects, match is generally required in an amount not less than 25 percent of grant funds, except leasing funds.
- d) Comply with indirect cost requirements, if applicable.

7. Capacity and Performance

- a) Demonstrate financial and management capacity to carry out the project and administer federal funds.
- b) Existing CoC recipients must demonstrate satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, performance, APR submission history, monitoring response, and resolution of findings, as applicable.
- c) HUD and BHC may consider monitoring findings, audit findings, OIG results, routine failure to draw funds at least quarterly, consistently late APR submissions, and other information indicating performance or capacity concerns.

C. Additional Threshold Requirements for New Projects

In addition to the requirements above, all project applications ultimately submitted to HUD as new project applications, including new projects created through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition Grants, must meet the FY 2026 HUD project quality thresholds.

1. General New Project Quality Requirements

New project applicants must:

- a) Demonstrate satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for any existing CoC grants, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of monitoring findings, if applicable;

- b) Demonstrate the ability to meet all applicable timeliness standards under 24 CFR 578.85;
- c) Demonstrate adequate staffing structure, qualifications, supervision, and implementation readiness;
- d) Present a coherent project design that is connected to the identified need and target population;
- e) Demonstrate that the scale of the project, including budget, units, services, staffing, and projected households served, is feasible and appropriate;
- f) Demonstrate that the project is cost-effective and that the average cost per household served is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404; and
- g) For Expansion projects, describe the portion of the project being expanded and demonstrate that the expansion is not replacing other funding sources.

2. Component-Specific New Project Quality Thresholds

New project applications must meet the applicable HUD component-specific minimum threshold.

a) Transitional Housing (TH)

New TH projects must meet HUD's FY 2026 Transitional Housing project quality threshold and achieve at least 6 of the 8 available threshold points. The project must demonstrate, as applicable, that it:

- (1) will provide or partner to provide necessary supportive services;
- (2) has prior TH or similar experience or a feasible plan;
- (3) has a plan or history supporting exits from homelessness within 24 months;
- (4) has a plan or history supporting positive destinations and employment income outcomes;
- (5) is supplemented by public or private resources;
- (6) will create individualized service plans;
- (7) will support at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment for applicable participants, with NOFO exceptions; and
- (8) has a reasonable average cost per household served.

b) Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

New SSO Standalone projects must receive at least 4 out of 5 points under HUD's SSO project quality threshold. The project must demonstrate:

- (1) that the services are necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing, and increasing self-sufficiency;
- (2) that the recipient will conduct an annual assessment of participant service needs;
- (3) that the project has a strategy for serving eligible participants, including people with histories of unsheltered homelessness and people who do not traditionally engage with supportive services;
- (4) that the project is supplemented by public or private resources; and

(5) that the average cost per household served is reasonable.

c) Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach

New SSO Street Outreach projects must receive at least 5 out of 6 points under HUD's Street Outreach project quality threshold. The project must demonstrate:

- (1) supplemented public or private resources;
- (2) a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible participants, including people with histories of unsheltered homelessness and people who do not traditionally engage with services;
- (3) a history of or plan for partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation;
- (4) cooperation with and non-interference in local efforts related to public camping and public drug use laws;
- (5) outreach experience or a feasible outreach plan consistent with 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13);
- (6) a plan or demonstrated effectiveness in helping people exit places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing, permanent housing, reunification, or other appropriate destinations; and,
- (7) reasonable cost per household served.

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

New SSO-CE projects must receive at least 3 out of 4 points under HUD's SSO-CE project quality threshold. The project must demonstrate that the Coordinated Entry system is:

- (1) easily available and reachable for all persons in the CoC's geographic area seeking homelessness assistance;
- (2) accessible to persons with disabilities; advertised through a strategy designed to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs;
- (3) uses a standardized assessment process; and,
- (4) directs program participants to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

e) Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)

New PH-PSH projects must receive at least 3 out of 5 points under HUD's PH-PSH project quality threshold. The project must demonstrate that the:

- (1) type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, fits participant needs;
- (2) supportive services and assistance will help participants successfully obtain and retain permanent housing;
- (3) the project will serve homeless individuals or families with a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i);
- (4) the average cost per household served is reasonable; and,
- (5) the project is supplemented by public or private resources.

f) Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)

New PH-RRH projects must receive at least 4 out of 6 points under HUD's PH-RRH project quality threshold. The project must demonstrate that:

- (1) tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months;
- (2) supportive services and assistance will help participants obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness;
- (3) the applicant has experience or a plan to ensure at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent exit with employment income, as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant;
- (4) the average cost per household served is reasonable; and,
- (5) the project is supplemented by public or private resources.

g) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

New HMIS project applications must receive at least 3 out of 4 points under HUD's HMIS project quality threshold. The application must demonstrate:

- (1) how HMIS funds will further the CoC's HMIS implementation;
- (2) that the HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements required by the HMIS Data Standards;
- (3) that the HMIS can unduplicate client records; and,
- (4) that the HMIS produces HUD-required reports and other reports required by federal partners.

h) CoC Planning

CoC Planning project applications, submitted only by the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant, must receive at least 3 out of 5 points under HUD's CoC Planning project quality threshold. The application must demonstrate:

- (1) inclusive/open CoC governance and a written governance charter;
- (2) CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups;
- (3) planning activities compliant with 24 CFR 578.7; and,
- (4) that funds requested will improve the CoC's ability to evaluate outcomes of CoC Program-funded and ESG-funded projects.

D. Threshold Requirements for Renewal and Transition Projects

1. Renewal Project Threshold

Project applications categorized as Renewal Projects must meet HUD's renewal project threshold requirements. HUD and BHC may review eLOCCS, APRs, monitoring reports, audit reports, information from the local HUD CPD field office, and local performance and compliance records.

Renewal projects must demonstrate:

- a) The project applicant's performance met the plans and goals established in the initial application or grant, as amended;

- b) Timeliness standards for the grant being renewed have been met, including expenditure of grant funds;
- c) The project assisted program participants to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency and independent living and has records of success, except that dedicated HMIS projects are not required to meet this standard;
- d) No evidence of unwillingness to accept technical assistance, inadequate financial accounting practices, project mismanagement, drastic reduction in the population served, unauthorized program changes, or loss of project site control;
- e) No outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or without an agreed payment schedule;
- f) No audit findings for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
- g) No history of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
- h) No evidence of untimely expenditures on prior awards;
- i) No history of major capacity issues that significantly affected project operation or performance;
- j) No history of failing to reimburse subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner or at least quarterly, where applicable;
- k) No history of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes; and
- l) Compliance with audit requirements under 2 CFR 200.501, where applicable.

2. Transition Grant Threshold

Project applications categorized as Transition Grants must meet both:

- a) Applicable renewal project threshold requirements for the grant being transitioned; and,
- b) Applicable new project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements for the proposed new component.

Transition Grant applicants must identify the existing renewal grant number, current component, proposed new component, and transition plan. The application must demonstrate that the project can fully transition to the new component during the one-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the new component.

E. Proposal Submission Threshold and Fatal Flaws

In addition to applicant and project threshold requirements, each proposal must satisfy the basic submission requirements in this RFP. The following conditions are considered fatal flaws. Proposals with a fatal flaw will not be considered for funding and will not advance to scoring, unless BHC determines that the issue is a minor technical deficiency that may be corrected within the limited clarification process described below.

1. The proposal is submitted after the stated deadline in this RFP.

2. The proposal is submitted by an organization that is not an eligible applicant type, or the applicant or proposed subrecipient is listed as debarred, suspended, or excluded in SAM.gov or another applicable federal exclusion system at the time of review.
3. The proposal is not submitted through the designated online system or submission link identified in this RFP.
4. The proposal is not certified or signed by an authorized official of the applicant organization, and the deficiency is not corrected within the timeframe allowed by BHC.
5. Required application sections or core attachments are missing in their entirety, such as the project application form, budget, match documentation, or key organizational attachments, such that BHC cannot reasonably evaluate the proposal.
6. The project clearly proposes ineligible activities or costs, such as capital costs for an Expansion project, ineligible project components, or activities explicitly prohibited by HUD, and the proposal cannot be corrected within the timeframe permitted by HUD and BHC.
7. The project conflicts with federal prohibitions, including but not limited to proposing or supporting drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly permitting the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under the applicant’s control, knowingly distributing drug paraphernalia, or engaging in illegal racial discrimination.
8. The proposal would require a change in project component, applicant, target population, project design, or requested funding amount in order to become eligible or responsive.

BHC staff may, at their discretion, allow applicants to correct minor technical errors or omissions within a limited timeframe, consistent with HUD guidance and local competition timelines. Examples of potentially curable technical deficiencies may include a missing signature page, minor attachment formatting issue, incomplete certification, or clarification of budget detail, provided the correction does not materially change the project.

BHC is not required to request corrections and will not permit corrections that would result in a fundamentally different project, a change in component, a change in applicant, a change in target population, or a material change in requested funding. Only applications that pass all applicable threshold requirements will advance to review, scoring, and selection.

V. PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Letter of Intent

All applicants, including new and renewal applicants, must submit a Letter of Intent for each proposed project by the deadline stated in **Section II.D** using the online Cognito form at:

Submission of a Letter of Intent is required before submitting a full local project application. The Letter of Intent will be used to identify anticipated applicants, proposed project types, funding requests, and whether the proposal is associated with an existing CoC grant, reallocation, expansion, transition, or consolidation.

Submission of a Letter of Intent does not guarantee eligibility, approval, ranking, or funding.

2. Local RFP Project Application

Applicants that submit a timely Letter of Intent will receive the Cognito Forms link to the Local RFP Project Application. Applicants must submit a complete local project application for each project proposal by the deadline stated in **Section II.D.**

The local project application will be used to determine threshold eligibility, score and rank project proposals, and collect information needed for BHC to prepare or support HUD project applications in e-snaps for projects selected through the local competition.

This local application will be used to:

- a) Determine eligibility under the Threshold Requirements;
- b) Score, rank, and tier projects, as applicable; and
- c) Provide the information needed for BHC to prepare HUD project applications for selected projects.

Brevard Homeless Coalition (BHC), as the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, will prepare and submit the HUD CoC Project Applications in HUD's e-snaps system for projects that are selected or conditionally selected through this local competition. Selected applicants must cooperate with BHC in reviewing and approving project information prior to HUD submission and must respond promptly to requests for clarification or correction.

B. LOCAL RFP PROJECT APPLICATION – REQUIRED CONTENTS

The online local project application will require, at a minimum, the following information.

1. Applicant Information

- a) Legal name of applicant and any subrecipients;
- b) Organization type, such as nonprofit, government, PHA, Tribal entity, or faith-based organization;
- c) Employer Identification Number (EIN) and UEI;
- d) Primary contact person, title, email, and phone; and
- e) Brief description of the organization's mission and experience serving people experiencing homelessness or related populations.

2. Project Information

- a) Project name and component type;

- b) Project type under this RFP, such as new, renewal, expansion, transition grant, or consolidation;
- c) Target population, such as single adults, families, youth, DV survivors, persons experiencing chronic homelessness, or other eligible populations;
- d) Whether the project is DV-dedicated or non-DV; and
- e) Project location(s) and service area within the FL-513 CoC.

3. Project Design and Services

- a) Description of the housing and/or services model, including:
 - (1) Number and type of units and beds, if housing;
 - (2) Typical length of stay or assistance;
 - (3) Core supportive services and frequency; and
 - (4) Staffing structure and key partner roles.
- b) Explanation of how the project will:
 - (1) Meet applicable component-specific quality standards in this RFP and the FY 2026 NOFO, including TH service engagement requirements, service participation requirements, and SSO Street Outreach coordination requirements, as applicable;
 - (2) Coordinate with law enforcement, first responders, healthcare, behavioral health, workforce, housing, and other partners, as applicable; and
 - (3) Support participants' treatment, recovery, safety, housing stability, employment or income growth, and progress toward self-sufficiency.

4. Performance, Outcomes, and Coordination

- a) For renewals and transition grants: recent performance on exits to housing, returns to homelessness, utilization, income/employment outcomes, expenditure of funds, compliance, and HMIS or comparable database data quality;
- b) For new projects: projected outcomes for exits to safe/stable housing, employment/income, service engagement, and other key measures applicable to the proposed component;
- c) Description of how the project will accept and prioritize referrals through the FL-513 Coordinated Entry System, unless otherwise exempt under HUD requirements; and
- d) Description of collaboration with other systems, such as healthcare, behavioral health, justice, child welfare, education, workforce, public safety, and mainstream benefit systems.

5. Budget, Match, and Leveraging

- a) CoC funds requested by budget line item;
- b) Identification and documentation of required match in accordance with 24 CFR 578.73;
- c) Identification of other leveraged resources, if any; and
- d) Explanation of cost reasonableness and how the budget supports the proposed project design and projected outcomes.

6. Attachments

The local application will require upload of certain documents, which may include:

- a) Most recent audited financial statements, or other acceptable financial documentation if no audit is required;
- b) Current organizational budget;
- c) Most recently filed IRS Form 990, if applicable;
- d) Proof of nonprofit status, for nonprofit applicants;
- e) Organizational chart for the project and key staff resumes or position descriptions;
- f) Draft or sample MOUs, contracts, or letters of commitment from key partners, such as healthcare, behavioral health, law enforcement, workforce development, landlords, PHAs, or mainstream service providers;
- g) Match commitment letters, if match is provided by entities outside the applicant;
- h) Supportive service agreements, participant agreements, program rules, lease/occupancy documents, or other documents needed to verify service participation requirements, where applicable; and
- i) Comparable database documentation for victim service providers, where applicable.

BHC may update the local application form, project application, or attachment list to remain consistent with HUD requirements and local policies. Any material changes will be communicated in writing and posted on the BHC website.

C. ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM

1. Letter of Intent Submission

- a) All applicants must submit a Letter of Intent through BHC's online Cognito form by the deadline stated in **Section II.D**.
- b) The Letter of Intent form is available at:
<https://www.cognitofrms.com/BrevardHomelessCoalition/IntentForm2026HUCoCLocalRFP>

2. Local RFP Project Application Access

- a) Applicants that submit a timely Letter of Intent will receive access to the Local RFP Project Application through BHC's online Cognito Forms system.
- b) The Local RFP Project Application link will be distributed by BHC following receipt of the Letter of Intent.
- c) Only applicants that have submitted a Letter of Intent may submit a Local RFP Project Application unless otherwise authorized by BHC.

3. One Application Per Project

- a) A separate local application must be submitted for each project proposal.
- b) For existing projects requesting renewal, expansion, transition, consolidation, or reallocation, applicants must identify the applicable existing grant number(s) and project name(s) within the application.

4. Method of Submission

- a) Letters of Intent and Local RFP Project Applications must be submitted through the applicable online Cognito Forms.
- b) Submissions by email, fax, mail, or hand delivery will not be accepted and will not be reviewed, except where BHC approves an alternate submission method due to documented technical issues reported prior to the applicable deadline.

D. DEADLINES, CERTIFICATION, AND TECHNICAL ISSUES

1. Deadlines

- a) Local project applications must be submitted by the deadline in **Section II.D.**
- b) The online system will record the date and time of submission. Applications not fully submitted by the deadline will be considered late and will not be reviewed, except as provided below.

2. Late Submissions and Technical Issues

- a) Applicants are responsible for allowing enough time to complete and submit the application before the deadline.
- b) If an applicant experiences technical difficulties with the online system, the applicant must:
 - (1) Document the issue, such as with a screenshot or error message; and
 - (2) Notify BHC by email before the application deadline.

At its sole discretion, BHC may permit submission by an alternate method or grant a brief extension when the technical issue is clearly attributable to the online system and the applicant notified BHC before the deadline. BHC is not obligated to accept late submissions.

3. Certification and Signature

- a) Each application must include an electronic certification by an authorized official of the applicant organization, attesting that:
 - (1) All information submitted is true, complete, and accurate to the best of their knowledge;
 - (2) The organization agrees to comply with this RFP, the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, the CoC's policies and procedures, and all applicable laws and regulations; and
 - (3) The organization will comply with all federal prohibitions, civil rights requirements, fair housing requirements, accessibility requirements, and nondiscrimination obligations.

Applications lacking the required certification may be considered incomplete and may fail submission threshold if not corrected within the timeframe allowed by BHC.

E. QUESTIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1. RFP Questions

- a) Applicants may submit written questions about this RFP or the application process to nofo@brevardhomelesscoalition.org by the deadline listed in **Section II.D.**

- b) BHC will compile and post written responses so all applicants have access to the same information.
- c) After release of the RFP, BHC will not provide individualized technical assistance that would give one applicant a competitive advantage. General questions may be submitted through the process above, and HMIS-related technical issues may continue to be submitted through the standard HMIS support process.

VI. APPLICATION REVIEW, RATING, AND RANKING

A. OVERVIEW OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

All project applications submitted under this RFP will be reviewed in two phases.

1. Phase 1 – Threshold Review

- a) BHC staff will conduct an initial review to determine whether each application meets all applicable Threshold Requirements described in this RFP.
- b) Applications that fail any applicable threshold requirement will not advance to Phase 2 and will not be scored or ranked, except where BHC determines that a minor correctable deficiency can reasonably be resolved within HUD's timelines.
- c) During threshold review, BHC will assign or confirm the proposal type, such as new, renewal, expansion, transition grant, consolidation, HMIS, CE, or planning.

2. Phase 2 – Proposal Review, Rating, and Ranking

- a) Applications that pass threshold will be forwarded for review, scoring, and ranking.
- b) Renewal projects will be scored using the applicable local renewal scorecard.
- c) New projects will be reviewed using HUD's FY 2026 component-specific new project rating factors and minimum passing scores, as set forth in the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO and any subsequent HUD application or scoring guidance.
- d) Based on the results, the Ranking & Review Committee will recommend a ranked list of projects and Tier 1/Tier 2 assignments to the CoC Advisory Council and BHC Board of Directors.

B. RANKING & REVIEW COMMITTEE, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

1. Composition

The Ranking & Review Committee is appointed by BHC and should include individuals with experience in housing, homeless services, data and evaluation, finance, behavioral health, and other relevant areas. Members may include representatives of public and private agencies but may not be employees, board members, or contractors of any organization that has submitted, or intends to submit, a project application in the current competition.

2. Conflict of Interest

Committee members must disclose any actual or potential conflicts of interest, including employment, board membership, family relationships, or other financial interests with applicant agencies. Members with a conflict of interest related to a specific application must recuse themselves from discussion and scoring of that application and may not attempt to influence other members' scores. BHC staff involved in writing, submitting, or managing grant applications are not voting members of the Committee.

3. Confidentiality

Committee members must maintain the confidentiality of all application materials, scoring sheets, and deliberations. Draft scores and rankings are internal working documents and will not be shared outside the review process except as part of an appeals process or as required by law.

C. GENERAL SCORING FRAMEWORK

1. Project Groupings

Projects will be grouped for review, scoring, and ranking as follows:

- a) Renewal projects, including standard renewals, renewal expansions, transition grants, and consolidations, as applicable; and
- b) New projects, including CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Reallocation, new Expansion applications, and Transition Grants submitted as new projects in HUD's system.

2. Use of Objective Criteria and System Performance

Consistent with the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, the local scoring process will rely primarily on objective, performance-based criteria wherever possible.

Renewal projects will be scored using local renewal scorecards that include objective criteria, system performance measures, cost effectiveness, financial management, data quality, compliance, and HUD-required housing measures, as applicable. For housing renewal projects, the local scorecard will consider returns to homelessness, employment and income growth, supportive service participation requirements, housing outcomes, utilization, HMIS data quality, Coordinated Entry participation, expenditure performance, and monitoring/compliance history.

New projects will be reviewed using HUD's FY 2026 component-specific new project rating factors and minimum passing scores, as described in this RFP and the FY 2026 NOFO.

3. Evaluation Tools

BHC will use standardized written evaluation tools to review applications. These tools may include threshold checklists, renewal scorecards, new project HUD component-specific rating worksheets, and reviewer guidance.

Renewal projects will be scored using the applicable local renewal scorecard. New projects will be reviewed using HUD's component-specific new project rating factors and minimum passing scores. BHC may update or refine evaluation tools, point values, weights, or sub-criteria as needed to remain consistent with HUD CoC Program requirements, local policies, and final HUD guidance. Any updates will be applied consistently across applications of the same type.

D. RATING CRITERIA – ALL PROJECTS

All projects that pass threshold may be reviewed for common criteria such as:

- 1. Project Design and Alignment with Priorities**
 - a) Clarity of the housing/service model, target population, and expected outcomes;
 - b) Alignment with FY 2026 HUD priorities, including treatment and recovery, public safety, reduction of unsheltered homelessness, increased self-sufficiency, and cross-system coordination; and
 - c) Use of evidence-informed, trauma-informed, and participant-centered practices, where applicable.
- 2. Coordination with Housing, Healthcare, Behavioral Health, Workforce, and Public Safety**
 - a) Extent of partnerships with housing providers, healthcare systems, behavioral health providers, substance use treatment providers, managed care entities, workforce partners, law enforcement, first responders, and other stakeholders, as appropriate to the project type; and
 - b) Existence of formal agreements, such as MOUs, contracts, or letters of commitment, where appropriate.
- 3. Coordinated Entry Participation and Targeting**
 - a) Commitment to serve prioritized households and populations consistent with the CoC's Coordinated Entry System, unless otherwise exempt under HUD requirements.
- 4. Safety, Participant Rights, and Federal Prohibitions**
 - a) Adherence to all federal civil rights requirements and HUD prohibitions included in the FY 2026 NOFO;
 - b) Safe, confidential, and survivor-centered practices for DV projects; and
 - c) Policies that avoid practices inconsistent with HUD requirements, including drug injection sites, safe consumption sites, distribution of drug paraphernalia, or illegal racial discrimination.
- 5. HMIS / Comparable Database and Data Quality**
 - a) Participation in HMIS, or a HUD-compliant comparable database for victim service providers, consistent with CoC and HUD standards; and
 - b) Data completeness, accuracy, timeliness, and responsiveness to data quality feedback.
- 6. Budget, Cost Reasonableness, and Match**
 - a) Reasonable, cost-effective budget consistent with project scale and target population;
 - b) Identification and documentation of required match and leverage; and
 - c) Consistency with 2 CFR part 200, 24 CFR part 578, and HUD cost eligibility rules.

E. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA – RENEWAL AND TRANSITION PROJECTS

1. Projects classified as renewal or transition projects will also be assessed using the applicable local renewal scorecard and threshold requirements, including:

- a) Housing and Retention Outcomes
 - (1) Exits to permanent or other safe, stable housing;
 - (2) Housing retention;
 - (3) Length of time homeless or time to housing, as applicable; and
 - (4) Returns to homelessness.
- b) Income and Self-Sufficiency
 - (1) Increases in earned income and total income; and
 - (2) Connection to workforce, treatment, mainstream benefits, and other supports that improve long-term independence.
- c) Utilization and Expenditure of Funds
 - (1) Bed/unit utilization rates, where applicable;
 - (2) Timeliness of drawdowns; and
 - (3) History of fully expending funds.
- d) Data Quality and Reporting
 - (1) HMIS or comparable database completeness, accuracy, timeliness, and responsiveness to corrections; and
 - (2) APR and HUD reporting timeliness.
- e) Compliance and Monitoring History
 - (1) Results of monitoring by BHC, HUD, and other funders;
 - (2) Audit findings and fiscal concerns; and
 - (3) Status of any corrective actions.

F. ADDITIONAL CRITERIA – NEW PROJECTS AND COMPONENT-SPECIFIC FACTORS

1. Organizational Capacity and Readiness

New project applicants will be reviewed for:

- a) Experience managing federal, state, local, or other complex grants;
- b) Experience operating housing and/or services for people experiencing homelessness or related populations;
- c) Staff qualifications, staffing plan, supervision, and readiness to implement within HUD timelines;
- d) Financial and management capacity to administer federal funds; and
- e) Satisfactory performance, drawdowns, monitoring history, and audit history for any existing CoC or other federal grants, as applicable.

2. Feasibility and System Impact

New projects will be reviewed for:

- a) A realistic implementation plan;
- b) Clear alignment between project design, target population, budget, staffing, services, and projected outcomes;

- c) The extent to which the project fills an identified local gap or strengthens the CoC system;
- d) The extent to which the project addresses unsheltered homelessness, treatment and recovery, employment and self-sufficiency, public safety coordination, survivor safety, or other HUD/local priorities, as applicable; and
- e) Cost reasonableness and feasibility within the one-year grant term.

3. HUD Component-Specific Rating Factors for New Projects

For FY 2026, BHC will use HUD's component-specific new project rating factors and minimum passing scores for new project applications. New projects that do not meet the applicable HUD minimum threshold may not be submitted to HUD, regardless of local priority or ranking.

The applicable FY 2026 HUD new project component thresholds are:

- a) Transitional Housing (TH): minimum 6 out of 8 points.
- b) Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone: minimum 4 out of 5 points.
- c) Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach: minimum 5 out of 6 points.
- d) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE): minimum 3 out of 4 points.
- e) Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH): minimum 3 out of 5 points.
- f) Permanent Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH): minimum 4 out of 6 points.
- g) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): minimum 3 out of 4 points.
- h) CoC Planning: minimum 3 out of 5 points; submitted only by the Collaborative Applicant and not ranked on the CoC Priority Listing.

The full HUD component-specific factors will be applied as stated in the FY 2026 NOFO and incorporated into BHC's new project review worksheet.

G. DEVELOPMENT OF THE PRIORITY LISTING AND TIER ASSIGNMENTS

1. Preliminary Ranking

After scoring and review are complete, BHC will compile reviewer scores, calculate a final composite score for each scored project, and generate a preliminary ranking from highest to lowest score, grouped as appropriate, such as DV and non-DV projects or renewal and new projects.

2. Tier 1 and Tier 2

Using the ARD and Tier 1/Tier 2 amounts identified in **Section II.C**, BHC will:

- a) Place the highest-ranked eligible projects into Tier 1 until the Tier 1 dollar limit is reached; and
- b) Place remaining eligible ranked projects into Tier 2 in rank order.

Tier 1 is 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), as established by HUD in the FY 2026 NOFO. Project placement in Tier 1 or Tier 2 does not guarantee HUD funding.

3. Strategic Adjustments

The Ranking & Review Committee may recommend limited adjustments to preliminary rankings in order to:

- a) Maintain critical CoC system infrastructure, including HMIS and Coordinated Entry;
- b) Strengthen the competitiveness of the CoC Consolidated Application;
- c) Support projects that are critical to system performance, including DV, youth, unsheltered, treatment/recovery, public safety, or self-sufficiency priorities, as applicable;
- d) Address documented performance, compliance, risk, spending, or capacity concerns; or
- e) Correct clear scoring errors or anomalies.

Any strategic adjustment will be documented in writing, including the rationale.

4. Approval of Final Priority Listing

The final recommended rankings and Tier 1/Tier 2 assignments will be presented to the CoC Advisory Council for recommendation and then to the BHC Board of Directors for approval. The approved Priority Listing will be used to complete the FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application and will be posted on the BHC website prior to HUD submission.

H. NOTIFICATION AND APPEALS

1. Notification

By the date listed in **Section II.D**, BHC will notify each applicant in writing whether its project has been:

- a) Selected and ranked, including Tier 1 or Tier 2 placement if applicable;
- b) Conditionally selected, such as subject to transition, budget adjustment, clarification, or other conditions; or
- c) Not selected for inclusion in the FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application.

2. Grounds for Appeal

Applicants may appeal only on the following grounds:

- a) Procedural error in the application or scoring process that, if corrected, would likely change the outcome; or
- b) Factual error in scoring, such as miscalculation or misreading of submitted data or documentation.

Disagreement with the CoC's established priorities, scoring criteria, threshold criteria, ranking decisions, tiering strategy, reallocation decisions, or policy decisions, without evidence of procedural or factual error, is not grounds for appeal.

3. Appeal Process

- a) Appeals must be submitted in writing by the deadline provided in the notification letter and must state the specific grounds for appeal.
- b) Appeals will be reviewed by an Appeals Panel that does not include individuals who scored the project or have a conflict of interest with the applicant.

- c) The Panel may uphold the original decision, revise the score and/or ranking, or remand the application for limited reconsideration.
- d) Appeal decisions are final for purposes of the local competition and the FY 2026 CoC submission.