

FAQ's
2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Info
Updated FAQs will be posted Tuesdays and Thursdays

This document provides answers to questions submitted to the CoC as of December 3, 2025, including questions asked during the Kick-Off Meeting. Questions not specifically related to the CoC funding process have been omitted.

- **Q: The 2025 CoC NOFO was pulled from the grants.gov website. Will we be proceeding with the local competition/application as planned?**

A: The SNHCoC Board voted today to extend the local competition deadline from Monday December 15th, 2025 to Thursday December 18th, 2025 at 10:00am. This will allow providers more time to prepare and submit their local applications. The scoring and ranking process is paused. Once the NOFO is re-issued, there may be changes needed to the local competition process and scoring. Applicants and current grantees will have an opportunity to revise applications and/or revisit their application strategy in response to these changes.

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- **Q: I am writing an application for an outreach program and envisioned providing support services to those individuals who accepted referrals to a shelter. However, after reading through CFR 578.53 (e)(13), it is unclear as to rather or not we can charge the grant for vocational training, life skills facilitation, etc. Can you provide additional clarification?**

A: As an SSO program proposing to provide outreach, you can propose to offer any of the supportive services listed by HUD as eligible under 578.53 that would be appropriate for your target population, including (but not limited to) outreach, employment assistance/job training, life skills training, etc. You would not be limited to the activities listed specifically under Outreach.

- **Q: Which pages are included in the page limit for the application?**

A: The page limit is for the Narrative Questions section of the application. Your completed application including its attachments can go beyond the page limit.

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- **Q. If I am not sure the Monitoring Team reviewed my audit or has our most recent audit, what should I do?**

A: Renewing and Transitioning CoC grantees can review their own records for what audit was submitted during their monitoring. Applicants can also reach out to the Monitoring Team [@elainedecoligny@gmail.com](mailto:elainedecoligny@gmail.com) to confirm what is on file. If no audit was submitted during monitoring, you can include the audit with your application or explain why one is not available. Renewing applicants that do not submit an audit or explain why one is not available, will get no points on that factor. If an applicant has a more recent audit than the one submitted with monitoring, they have the option to include that audit with their submission. The more recent audit will be the one reviewed and scored for the NOFO competition. The Collaborative Applicant will not reach out to applicants with missing or late audits. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure their application is complete.

- **Q: My grant was underspent in the last cycle, and I am concerned I will lose points on that factor.**

A: Renewing CoC grants that did not fully expend their grant in the last full contract year have the option of reallocating the unspent amount to receive the full 10 points for this factor. If the program has consistently underspent its award, and the applicant projects that pattern will continue, reallocating unused funds could be a beneficial solution for the program and the CoC.

First time SNOFO grant renewals have not yet completed their first 3-year term and will be held harmless on this factor.

- **Q: We turned in our application ahead of the deadline and realized we forgot an attachment, can we submit it now?**

A: Applicants may revise or add to their submission up until 12/18/25 at 10:00 a.m. To do so, applicants should resubmit a new PDF with all elements including the new or modified portion of the application. The new submission will replace the first submission so be sure that it contains all required elements. The Collaborative Applicant **will not notify** applicants if their applications are missing information. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure their application is complete

- **Q: I want to apply with a project for a specific population in the community. Due to criminal justice system involvement, the services would be mandatory for program participants but there would be no formal document to sign. How should this be covered in the application for documentation of mandatory participation?**

A: In place of a service participation agreement, you may attach an explanation that the services are required because they are court-mandated. Any additional documentation such as a sample of the court orders that are issued by the Community Court could also be attached.

- **Q: We are applying for an SSO project to support the workforce development of unhoused veterans. The application includes a question stating that referrals will only come from Coordinated Entry. Does that apply to SSO also? We are willing to operate that way, but my understanding was that Coordinated Entry was for housing referrals only.**

A: The requirement to accept referrals from CE only applies to housing projects. Services Only Projects should be prepared to participate in CE by taking steps to help connect participants with the CE system (i.e. connecting participants to the CE assessment process).

- **Q: Are the YHDP waivers available to the TH program with the HUD CoC competition? Based on the snippet from the NOFO, it appears that we can apply for youth programs that do not meet HUD's definition of homelessness. I wanted to confirm that YHDP waivers would be eligible for use with youth TH programs under the NOFO.**

A: YHDP Waivers apply only to YHDP programs and would not pertain to any non-YHDP grants awarded through this NOFO. For CoC programs serving youth, HUD does allow some flexibility with documentation of eligibility for youth to account for the unique circumstances of youth homelessness, as described on page 20 of the NOFO. However, the other flexibilities afforded by

YHDP waivers would not apply to non-YHDP programs. If you would like further confirmation of this, you are welcome to direct your question to HUD at CoCNOFO@hud.gov. As with all aspects of the now-rescinded NOFO, this may change if/when HUD re-issues the NOFO.

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- **Q: The budget templates posted on the website have an error on the totals formula on the Supportive Services Budget. Is it intentional to not include the “Operating Costs” line item for the total?**

A: That was a formula error on the templates. The revised 2025 New SSO Project Budget Template and the revised 2025 New TH Project Budget Template are now posted on the Help Hope Home website.

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- **Q: Is the GIW (Grant Inventory Worksheet) available?**

A: The GIW was not posted publicly on the Help Hope Home website.

- **Q: The grant application’s fillable sections are not editable. Would it be acceptable to attach a separate document for the sections where our answers do not fit?**

A: For the application, you should be able to add a text box to the PDF and add your description that way.

- **Q: Our agency has more than one leverage letter for each required category (healthcare and employment). Are we allowed to submit more than one for each category?**

A: Applicants may submit as many leverage letters as they wish. However, the scoring is based on having one letter per category. Additional letters do not result in higher points for the local competition. However, they will benefit the Consolidated Application if the project is selected for the Priority Listing and can be submitted then.

- **Q: Are street outreach SSO programs required to have program participants participate in the required 40 hours a week of supportive services?**

A: For all new programs, you should demonstrate that the project will require program participants to take part in supportive services. The 40 hour per week requirement is specific to new TH programs.

- **Q: Our agency has multiple projects to submit for. Are we allowed to have one Supportive Services agreement for the agency or do we need to submit one for each project?**

A: The supportive services agreement should be specific to the project for which you are requesting funding.

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- **Q: If an agency is associated with the CoC through YHDP, is that agency only limited to requesting funding for ages 18-24 projects for transitional housing in this competition?**

A: No, not for this CoC NOFO competition. You are able to apply for any eligible new projects and design your project and who it will serve.

- **Q: In light of the pending HUD update to the NOFO, if there are changes to the 30% PH threshold and it becomes a larger percentage, will applicants who have proposed transition projects have the opportunity to reconsider the pros/cons of maintaining PH rather than changing to TH before scoring and ranking occurs?**

A: Yes, we will have to pivot if new instructions or priorities are released in the revised NOFO.

- **Q: Is construction/rehabilitation an eligible cost under the NOFO? A construction project has to apply for a 3 or 5 year request and your application states that supportive services is required but the budget template only has an annual assistance request column. How is this documented when supportive services would not be utilized until after construction is complete. How would I indicate this in the budget?**

A: While construction/rehabilitation is technically an eligible cost under the NOFO, the SNHCoC has historically not encouraged applications for capital costs because they are one-time expenses and not renewable (which means that it just comes out of the ARD in future years). It's not a strategic/cost-effective use of renewable funding and would be less competitive in the budget category. If you wish to include capital costs in your budget, you can enter them into the budget as a one-year cost and provide further explanation on timing in the Budget Narrative. Please be sure to explain the timing of the supportive services funding as well. If selected for the Priority List, we should get additional instructions from HUD on the final submission into eSNAPS.

- **Q: Is there any chance for a project to receive a waiver to not use the Coordinated Entry System?**

A: No, participating in the Coordinated Entry System is a HUD threshold so there would not be a waiver unless HUD changes that requirement.

- **Q: In considering a transition from RRH to TH, it was determined that we are unable to apply for a transition grant at the same budget while serving the same amount of clients. Although there is a transition grant application available, we are considering applying for a new TH program. Is there currently more value in applying for a new TH program rather than pursuing a transition from RRH to TH and is this approach allowed?**

A: As a grantee for a PH renewal, you have the option of:

Submitting as a renewing PH grant, for which you would be required to serve the same number of people with the same budget. However, in light of PSH prioritization and the 30% PH cap, the program would be at significant risk. OR Applying as a Transition Grant to convert to TH. If you apply as a Transition Grant, you cannot apply for more than the amount of the original reallocated grant, but there is no language in the NOFO that states that you must serve the same number of people/households. It is our interpretation that you would ultimately be proposing a new program and would have to indicate new service levels accordingly. If you are awarded a transition grant, the new grant would start the day after the prior grant expired to allow for a smoother transition with no funding gap. And, while it seems that current participants (in the RRH program) would not be eligible for the new TH program (we are still awaiting confirmation on this from HUD), you would have a year to transition the programs and,

by extension, the participants. OR Applying as a new TH program, in which you could propose both the budget and program capacity that you would like, within available funding availability/limitations. However, as a new program, there is no guarantee that the new grant would start in time to prevent a funding gap after the prior grant expired, and you would not be afforded a transition period to address any eligibility issues. Finally, there is a scoring prioritization for Transition Grants, which can score a maximum of 90 points, and New TH grants, which can score a maximum of 86 points.

- **Q: Do leverage letters count towards match?**

A: No, leverage letters do not count towards match. Leverage is extra resources beyond the match.

- **Q: I am submitting a renewal application for a PH project. Is it required to submit a budget or leverage letter?**

For a renewal PH project, you do not have to provide a “leverage letter” but you do need to provide a Supportive Services Agreement (contract, lease, etc) to receive those points in scoring as well as agreements or letters of commitment if substance abuse treatment is available on site. Your project will only need to Certify if you leverage healthcare resources and non CoC

12/04/2025

- **Q: I am doing a new application for a SSO project. I don't see where it asks for any supporting documentation or elaborate narratives.**

A: For new SSO projects, there is a short narrative question that is required for the application and several attachments, some of which are required. Please see 2025 New Project Application Form, including the checklist at the end of the form.

- **Q: Can a newly formed nonprofit with limited financial activity apply who has not yet had a formal audit but maintains accurate financial records and are prepared to provide bank statements, accounting reports, and any other documentation needed?**

A: For agencies without an audit, the following alternative financial documentation must be submitted with the application for the Scoring & Ranking Team to review. Required items include: 1. Most recent year-end financial statements (Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Cash Flow, etc.), 2. Internal financial controls/policies (cash handling, procurement, internal controls manual, etc.), 3. Current approved organization budget, and 4. Last 3-6 months of operating account bank statements. Additional recommended items (optional) include: IRS Form 990 (or draft, if filing is pending), Budget-to-Actual report for the most recent fiscal year, CPA attestation or letter confirming financial statement preparation, and Evidence of other grant management (award letters, reports, monitoring letters).

- **Q: Is there an amount we need to leverage on the Leverage Letter? Is it like match?**

A: There is no specific amount that is required on the leverage letter (unlike match) but you must indicate the value of the services or resources being leveraged. Please see [Leverage Letter Guidance](#). The CoC application score benefits from how much leverage we have so applicants

are encouraged to document the amount of leverage you have in these letters. The more leverage we have in our continuum of care, the better we will score.

- **Q: If applying for a new SSO project, do you need to include the supportive services agreement with the application?**

A: If you wish to receive points for documenting that your program will provide onsite substance use treatment and/or that service participation will be mandatory for participants, a Services Agreement must be attached. There is a [Supportive Services Agreement Guidance](#) you can review on the Help Hope Home website. You can also view the [2025 Detailed Scoring Criteria](#) which shows the Service Participation Requirement which applies to all new programs and the corresponding scoring.

- **Q: If submitting a renewal application, a budget does not have to be submitted if the project already has Supportive Services as a line item?**

A: This is correct for the local competition. Please see the Renewal Application Form which states the program budget is only required for programs that do not have a supportive services budget line item showing in the Grant Inventory Worksheet. Please be advised that if the application is accepted and scored/ranked to be in the priority list for our local competition, a budget will be needed for the application that gets submitted to HUD in eSNAPS.

- **Q: If the current project is PSH but it will be transitioning to a TH program, is the transition grant application used? Also, in the local competition, it would be a Transition Application but in eSNAPS, it would be a new application correct?**

A: Yes, if you are transitioning a PSH grant to a TH grant, you will use the 2025 Transition Grant Application form in the local competition. If the project is selected to be included in the priority list, we expect that a separate application will be completed in eSNAPS as a NEW application to HUD but HUD has not yet issued detailed instructions for eSNAPS

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- **Q: My organization has a RRH Project and is not in the position to transition the grant to a TH project. If it is submitted as a renewal RRH project, is it at risk for losing funding?**

A: There is a 30% PSH cap and our board has prioritized PSH projects to be in Tier 1. Because of the prioritization of PSH projects, RRH and Joint TH-RRH are at greater risk of not falling within the 30% funding limit and/or placing into Tier 1. All PH programs eligible for renewal are strongly encouraged to assess this risk and plan accordingly.

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- **Q: If we submit an application for Transitional Housing, does the program have to be site-based or can it be scattered site?**

A: The NOFO does not speak to any requirements that transitional housing programs be site-based, so it is our understanding that scattered site programs are allowable. There may be additional information provided when the eSNAPS application materials are available.

- **Q: Are extended-stay hotel vouchers eligible for transitional housing?**

A: Based upon the information provided in this question, we do not believe that extended-stay hotel vouchers are eligible as a program cost for Transitional Housing. Any program seeking to

apply for Transitional Housing should review the list of [eligible program costs](#) in the HUD Continuum of Care Program Rule.

- **Q: Can SNOFO grants pay for recovery and detox beds?**

A: HUD CoC funding can be used to pay for transitional housing and certain supportive services. If the program your agency is proposing 1) aligns with HUD's requirements of [transitional housing](#), including all new threshold requirements introduced with the 2025 NOFO, and 2) funds supportive services that are on the [list of allowable services costs](#), it could be eligible. It should be noted that substance abuse treatment services are an eligible cost, but inpatient detoxification services are not. Please review the CoC Program Rule for additional detail.

- **Q: What is the right level of detail we should provide in our narrative to score well locally or too much detail that could get us in trouble with future requirements of HUD.**

A: This year's NOFO introduces considerable changes to the program rules, which means that there are activities that HUD used to require or encourage that are now prohibited or discouraged. They have also indicated that they may deny funding to programs if their Risk Review indicates current or prior activities that are not aligned with the priorities of the NOFO. They have not shared what that Risk Review will entail or how they will make those determinations. The Collaborative Applicant has sought to structure the Local Competition to align with HUD's new requirements and we encourage applicants to review those new requirements carefully to determine if the funding is a good fit for their program. But we do not have insight into how HUD will conduct their risk review. In order to score well locally, applicants should follow the instructions and fully respond to each question.

- **Q: It was explained that we cannot change our sub-recipient, but when we received our SNOFO award, one agency was our sub-recipient. We transitioned our sub-recipient agency in March 2025. Am I good to list the new agency as our sub-recipient in the renewal application?**

A: HUD distinguishes between minor changes and significant changes to CoC funded projects, with the later requiring approval from HUD prior to being implemented. For example, moving less than 10% of funding between budget line items is minor, more than that is a significant change and must be done as a grant amendment outside of the NOFO competition. Changing subrecipients, depending on their role in the project, may constitute a significant change. Grantees are advised to reach out to their HUD representative before indicating a new sub-recipient in the application. If HUD has previously approved the sub-recipient change, then list the new one in the grant application.

- **Q: If one of the MCO's elects not to move forward in the proposal process, can we ask another MCO to take their place? And if so, would it be a new application?**

A: If the MCO provided leverage or match and was NOT a sub recipient, you can change and submit the new leverage and/or match with the new MCO. This will be included in your renewal application.

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- **Q: What are your thoughts on how high-performing TH programs (programs that are already transitional housing funded by this stream) fit into this?**

A: Renewing TH programs are eligible and encouraged to apply. As with any program eligible to apply, the competition rules this year are considerably different and HUD has issued very limited guidance. Every prospective applicant should review the local competition Scoring Criteria to assess their competitiveness.

- **Q: I read that Special NOFO recipients can also reapply, is this correct?**

A: Yes! SNOFO program funding has been folded into CoC program, so SNOFO grantees apply for renewal through this opportunity. In 2025, the SNOFO grantees that are eligible for renewal are those whose initial contracts were awarded in 2023 with end dates in 2026. There will no longer be a separate application for currently funded SNOFO providers.

- **Q: How will these changes affect our ability to submit for renewal as a SNOFO award?**

A: All renewing SNOFO grants must do so within this competition, so they are subject to all NOFO competition rules. For instance, any renewing SNOFO grant funded under the Permanent Housing component will be considered part of the overall 30% PH cap and may need to consider transitioning to Transitional Housing. All renewing grants should review the 2025 Local Competition Instructions and Application Forms to understand what is required.

- **Q: Does the Community Matchers CE Grant and HMIS grants have to reapply?**

A: Coordinated Entry and HMIS do not need to apply in the local competition. They are infrastructure and will be automatically placed at the top of Tier 2.

- **Q: Can you talk about the opportunity zones?**

A: Points awarded for opportunity zones are awarded at the CoC level and are not awarded or factored in the local competition or individual project applications. Please see page 88 of the NOFO for more information. Once HUD releases detailed instructions and opens *esnaps*, the Collaborative Applicant will assess the relevance of Opportunity Zones to our CoC and reach out to individual projects if needed.

- **Q: Can you talk a little bit more about the transition applicants to apply to convert your program from permanent to transitional housing? Don't you have to reallocate first?**

A: A Transition Grant is a specific type of re-allocation. It is an application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project from one program component to another eligible component over a one-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully funded through reallocation. Transition Grant applications awarded FY2025 funding must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year period and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.

Please refer to the Transition Grant Application Form and Scoring Criteria for detailed instructions about Transition Grants.

- **Q: Right now, we have rapid rehousing. Should we apply for both RH and TH or does it make sense to convert the program to TH?**

A: You have to either submit your application as a renewal of your existing RRH project or you can submit as a Transition Grant to transition to TH. You cannot do both.

Any PH programs seeking to convert to TH must decide to do by the December 15 local competition deadline, because all new Transition Grant proposals must be scored and ranked by the Scoring and Ranking Team. Programs can only submit one application per program. This means that existing PH programs will not have the opportunity to change course if they learn that their renewal application did not score high enough for including in the 30% PSH cap.

All PH programs eligible for renewal are strongly encouraged to assess this risk and plan accordingly. Because of the prioritization of PSH projects, RRH and Joint TH-RRH are at greater risk of not falling within the 30% PH funding limit. There is not enough funding within the limit to cover all of the CoC's 10 PSH programs that are eligible for renewal, so less competitive PSH programs will also be at risk.

- **Q: How can scattered site programs demonstrate that onsite substance use services are available?**

A: HUD has not yet issued guidance regarding how "onsite" is defined when assessing if onsite services are offered by scattered site programs. For the purposes of the local competition, the Collaborative Applicant will use a broader definition of "onsite" to include program offices, participant homes (when used for home visits), and other locations that demonstrate that substance use services are readily available to participants. However, HUD's definition may differ from that used in the Local Competition and grantees may be asked to modify their responses in eSNAPS accordingly.

- **Q: Does the order for Tier 2 matter?**

A: Yes. HUD selects projects listed in Tier 2 for funding according to a formula that combines the overall CoC Application score and the project's ranking in Tier 2. This means that projects ranked higher in Tier 2 are more likely to be awarded. The formula is explained on page 92-93 of the NOFO Announcement.

- **Q: If an organization is thinking about changing projects, how will that impact the scoring of it?**

A: Any Transition Grant proposal seeking to transition an existing eligible PH grant to a new TH grant must complete a Transition Grant Application Form. These applications will be scored according to the Transition Grant Scoring Criteria to account for the performance of the transitioning grant and meet New Project eligibility and quality thresholds detailed in pages 53-65 of the 2025 NOFO announcement. If selected for the Priority List, these programs will require the consent of the Continuum of Care and will submit New Project Applications to HUD in the eSNAPS submission system. Every prospective transition applicant should review the local competition Scoring Criteria to assess their competitiveness.

- **Q: How much funding is available for Administrative Costs within NOFO budgets?**

A: CoC grants may include administrative costs calculated as 10% of the sum of all the other Budget Line Items.

- **Q: New Grant Terms can be for 3, 4, and 5 year periods. What does that mean for us?**

A: HUD has always allowed programs to ask for multi-year grants. However, extending the term does not increase the grant amount – it just divides it over multiple years. It is not recommended for that reason, as it reduces the CoC's overall annual renewal demand (ARD).

- **Q: If you transition your grant, when does the new grant start?**

A: It will start the day after the end date of the expiring grant. If you are transitioning from RRH to TH, hopefully HUD will give more guidance on the time limits. You will have to prepare to transition your clients or exit them to permanent housing. If you are doing a transition grant, Your total budget for the transition grant cannot exceed the current budget of the grant you are transitioning.

- **Q: Do renewals need to adhere to the same budget amount previously provided or is it possible to increase?**

A: Under the 2025 CoC NOFO, renewal projects must request the same budget amount that appears on the GIW. HUD does not allow increases to renewal budgets. If you are seeking to expand services or add staff, the only option is to submit a new Expansion project. That expansion request would be scored as a *new* project this year, and, if awarded by HUD, it can typically be consolidated with your existing renewal project in a future competition cycle.