

SOUTHERN NEVADA HOMELESSNESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (SNHCOC)

HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE FY 2026 LOCAL COMPETITION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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I. Background and Purpose

Each year, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases funding through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program to assist people at imminent risk of or experiencing homelessness. To apply for CoC funding, communities must establish a Continuum of Care entity consisting of the stakeholders involved in the local effort to prevent and end homelessness. In the Southern Nevada region, the CoC is the Southern Nevada Homelessness Continuum of Care (SNHCoC), and SNHCoC is responsible for preparing the annual application (called the “Consolidated Application”) for HUD CoC funding.

To launch the competition, HUD issues an annual CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) which outlines the funding available and general requirements of the process. SNHCoC is then responsible for developing and implementing a local process that aligns with the NOFO, soliciting project applications, rating and ranking proposals, and submitting the community’s Consolidated Application, which contains the project proposals that were successful in the local competition.

These *Local Competition Policies and Procedures* describe how the local competition works, based on the strategic direction and priorities established by the CoC Board of Directors and are reflected throughout the local competition process. These policies and procedures include basic CoC program requirements; the process by which applications for new and renewing projects will be handled; and an explanation of how applications are scored and selected for inclusion in the Consolidated Application. The policies also provide an overview of the structure and functions of the Continuum of Care for organizations and stakeholders who may be new to the process. These policies are updated annually to reflect any changes in local CoC structure as well as new requirements or guidance reflected in the year’s NOFO announcement from HUD.

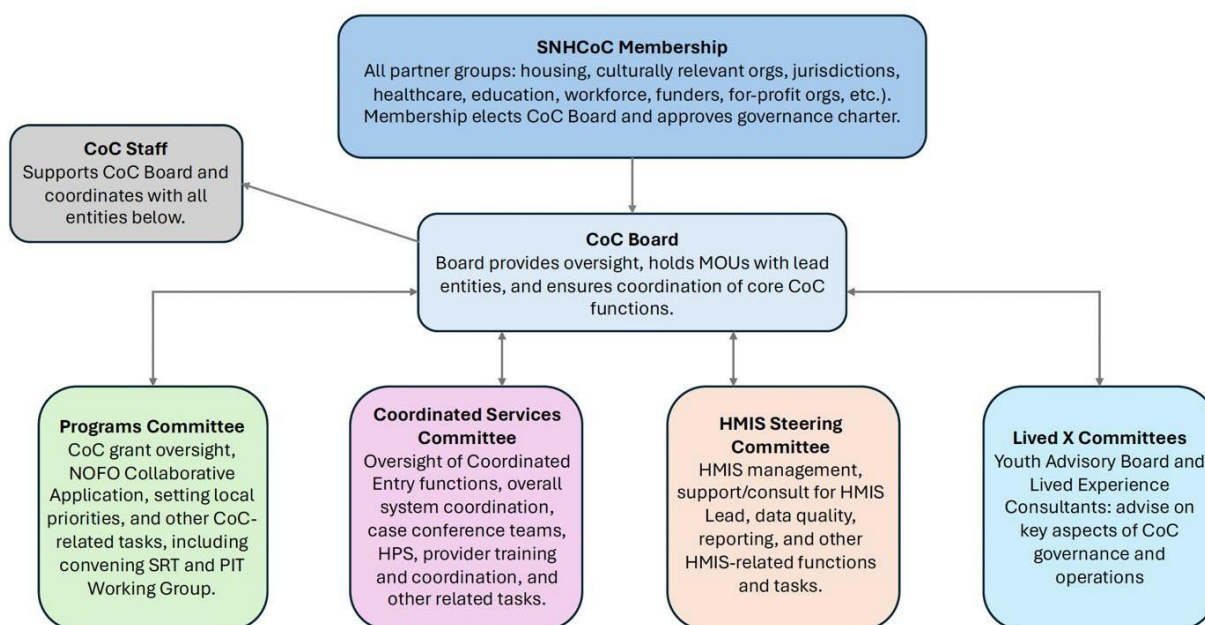
Please refer to the Glossary for definitions of key terms.

II. Continuum of Care Structure and Roles

To receive HUD CoC funding, every Continuum of Care must establish a governance structure that is codified in a Governance Charter. The SNHCoC Governance Charter is included as an appendix to this document. This section summarizes the parts/sections of the charter most relevant to the local NOFO competition.

A. What is the Continuum of Care?

The Continuum of Care consists of a Governing Board, three Core Function Committees (Programs Committee; Coordinated Services Committee; and HMIS Steering Committee), two People with Lived Expertise groups (a Youth Advisory Board and a Lived Experience Team), other ad-hoc Working Groups, and a general membership of interested stakeholders. CoC members are expected to work collaboratively toward the mission of the CoC, including attending quarterly meetings, electing CoC leadership, and participating in committees, events, and initiatives.



B. CoC Board

The CoC Board acts on behalf of the Continuum of Care and formally approves decisions recommended by general membership. For the purposes of the NOFO competition, the CoC Board provides overall strategic direction for the local competition, approves these *Local Competition Policies and Procedures* to ensure that they reflect community priorities, and approves the contents of the Consolidated Application, including the Priority List of Ranked Projects.

C. CoC Committees

The SNHCoC includes three Core Function committees: the HMIS Steering Committee, the CoC Programs Committee, and the Coordinated Services Committee. Each is tasked with a central CoC responsibility and consists of members with specialized expertise related to that responsibility. Each committee provides guidance, recommendations for policies and procedures, and general oversight of their particular area.

The Programs Committee is the one that provides valuable support to the local NOFO competition process. They provide input and feedback about the local process, policies, and procedures which ensure that the voices of the CoC-funded programs can be considered. The Programs Committee's input helps to ensure the preparation of a high-quality CoC application and a transparent local competition.

D. Collaborative Applicant

The Collaborative Applicant is the entity responsible for preparing and submitting the Consolidated Application on behalf of the Continuum of Care in response to the HUD NOFO. Clark County Social Services (CCSS) has been designated as the Collaborative Applicant for the SNHCoC, (NV-500).

In order to conduct the local NOFO competition, CCSS works in partnership with a third-party facilitator, who provides support and guidance to the Collaborative Applicant with all aspects of the local competition, including preparing guidance, tools, and technical assistance as needed for the CoC Board, applicants, and Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT). Any reference to the role of the Collaborative Applicant includes the third-party facilitator unless otherwise noted.

E. Scoring and Ranking Team

The Collaborative Applicant recruits a Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) of up to fifteen persons each year in preparation for the release of the NOFO. Recruitment is focused on CoC members, Board members and community partners representing a cross-section of stakeholders that are not themselves applicants for the funding for the given year's HUD CoC funding. This ensures that the decision-making about the submission of projects is free from conflict of interest. The CoC Board and CoC Programs Committee members, along with the Collaborative Applicant, maintain contact with adjacent agencies in homelessness system to ensure enough CoC members are available to serve year-to-year.

The SRT is a time-limited working group that plays a central role in the local competition. A maximum of twelve members serve as the primary SRT, with the remaining three asked to

serve on the Appeals Committee. A key aspect of the competition process, mandated by HUD, is the rating and ranking of the program applications for funding based on established benchmarks, thresholds and criteria. The SRT is tasked with scoring New Projects and providing the ranked prioritization list of these projects to be included in the HUD NOFO consolidated application. The SRT works to ensure the competitiveness of the project applications by determining ranked placement. They consider the short and long-term implications to the SNHCoC's system of care due to addition, removal, or reallocation of individual projects on the priority list.

The SRT members must be knowledgeable about the challenges and services available for people experiencing homelessness in Clark County. They must be committed, able to provide the needed amount of time to the tasks and have no conflict of interests to this process in order to perform their duties successfully. More specifically, SRT members must be:

- Generally familiar with regional homelessness and housing issues.
- Broadly representative of relevant sectors, subpopulations, and geographic areas.
- At least one member of the SRT must have lived expertise of homelessness.
- Able to review applications according to the best interests of persons experiencing homelessness locally.
- Available for the time required, including attending the SRT training, meetings to review and score project applications by the deadline, and participate in a full day of deliberation on the final scoring and ranking.

Prior to the annual scoring and ranking process, the Collaborative Applicant will train the appointed SRT on its role, the local competition's scoring tools, and additional resources for evaluation.

F. Conflicts of Interest

All members involved in the SRT process must avoid any real or perceived conflicts of interest. For the full Conflict of Interest policy see the Governance Charter in the Appendix.

To avoid conflicts of interest on the SRT, members must certify that:

- They are not (and have not been within the last 12 months) an employee, Board member, or consultant to an organization that will be a project applicant in the 2026 competition.
- No member of their family is (or has been within the last 12 months) an employee, Board member, or consultant to an organization that will be a project applicant in the 2026 competition.
- They are committed to neutrality and will score applications objectively.
- They are willing to sign the Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Agreement prior to participating in SRT activities.

Members of the CoC Board must also avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. More specifically, any CoC Board Member must recuse themselves from voting on the Project Priority List if they:

- Were recently (in last 12 months) employed by, or served on the board of, or a consultant to an organization that will be a project applicant in 2026.
- Have a family member or partner who is (or has been within the last 12 months) an employee, Board member, or consultant to an organization that is a grant recipient or will be a project applicant in 2026.
- Have any other actual or perceived conflicts of interest pertaining to the CoC competition.

Any CoC Board member recusing themselves from voting on the Priority List must provide the reason for the recusal.

III. Local Competition Overview and Requirements

A. Pre-NOFO Preparation

In the weeks and months leading up to the release of the NOFO, the SNHCoC prepares for the competition in an effort to meet HUD requirements, maximize the competitiveness of the CoC's consolidated application, and ease the burden of the local competition on grantee organizations. These steps include:

- Program Monitoring: HUD requires that all CoCs “monitor recipient and subrecipient performance, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers” (24 CFR 578.7(6)). Additionally, the Collaborative Applicant may also monitor programs for compliance with HUD requirements and to assess the quality of programs and their alignment with best practices. Project monitoring takes place outside of the NOFO competition and the results are calculated before the annual NOFO competition begins. Performance scores from the 2025 Monitoring are factored into the 2026 NOFO Scoring Criteria.
- Planning and Priority Setting: The CoC is responsible for making a set of planning and prioritization decisions to prepare for the NOFO competition. The CoC must determine the community needs and priorities to ensure that programs receiving funding are in alignment with those needs and priorities. Both the Programs Committee and the CoC Board have prioritized using CoC program funds to sustain high quality permanent housing resources to the greatest extent possible. The NOFO process asks CoC's to rank their submitted projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is most likely to receive designated funding and Tier 2 is nationally competitive. The 2026 NOFO establishes the funding levels for both Tiers. Tier 1 is 60% of a community's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Tier 2 includes \$1.3 billion dollars (for the entire country) for New Transitional Housing

and Support Services Only (SSO) projects. The carve out is roughly equivalent to the total funds in Tier 2.

Consequently, the CoC Board has made the following prioritization decisions:

- Tier 1 will prioritize Renewal Projects that have a performance quality score of 70 points or higher. Tier 1 will also include renewing Coordinated Entry and HMIS projects as it has in past years (these are not scored). The following renewal projects are invited to submit applications:
 - Renewing Permanent Housing programs [Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), or Joint Transitional-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)]
 - Renewing Transitional Housing (TH) programs
 - Renewing Supportive Services Only (SSO) programs
- Tier 2 is prioritized for New and Transition Projects that are either Transitional Housing or Support Services Only projects. New and Transition Project applications must score a minimum of 60 points to be included in the Consolidated Application. Project types invited to apply include:
 - Projects transitioning from Permanent Housing to Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Projects transitioning to SSO
 - New TH programs
 - New SSO programs, including Standalone SSO, Street Outreach SSO programs and SSO Coordinated Entry
 - Domestic Violence (DV) bonus projects that are TH and SSO
- Because HUD has created a \$1.3 billion dollar carve out for new TH and SSO projects ranked in Tier 2, and that amount is very close to the Tier 2 total, it is very unlikely that any permanent housing or HMIS projects ranked in Tier 2 will be awarded funding.
 - Therefore, the CoC will not consider applications for new HMIS or Permanent Housing programs in 2026. New SSO-Coordinated Entry (CE) proposals will only be considered as an expansion grant of existing SSO-CE grants.
- Pre-NOFO Applicant Recruitment and Support: The CoC seeks to recruit new program providers every year and ensure that new applicants are both prepared for the competition and qualified to operate a CoC-funded program. This includes outreach to prospective applicants; providing information during the bidders' conference to introduce interested organizations to the process; explaining the requirements associated with CoC funding and assisting them to determine whether their agency has the capacity and infrastructure to participate in the competition process. Recruitment and outreach are typically conducted by the Collaborative Applicant and the CoC Board. The bidders' conference is conducted by the third-party facilitator.

B. Competition Overview

Projects that apply for inclusion in the Consolidated Application to HUD are scored as detailed below. The Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator score the objective performance factors. The SRT scores the subjective evaluation factors, including those requiring a review and assessment of narrative responses or other materials. There are also some “exception” applications that are treated differently, also described below. Project applications fall into three categories, each scored accordingly and then ranked by the SRT.

- Renewal Projects are those that are already funded and are applying for ongoing funding. Renewal Projects are evaluated and scored based upon objective data collected from Annual Performance Reports (APRs), SAGE, eLOCCS and regular project monitoring that takes place throughout the year, as well as any other objective factors prioritized by HUD or the CoC. APR data is pulled from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), except for organizations serving survivors of domestic violence that do not participate in HMIS. DV providers extract data from their HMIS-compatible databases for the purpose of project evaluation. Renewal Projects are scored by the Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator and have an earlier submission deadline, July 2nd, 2026, than New and Transition Projects.
- New Projects are newly proposed programs that have not yet received CoC funding. New Projects are scored based upon information submitted during the application process including basic program information and descriptive narratives. New Projects are scored by both the Collaborative Applicant and the SRT. They have two submission requirements:
 - a Pre-Application due on July 2nd, and
 - the full application due on July 17th.
- Transition Projects are a type of New Project created by transitioning an eligible CoC renewal project from one component to another over a 1-year period. For example, a Rapid Rehousing (RRH) program could apply to “transition” to a Transitional Housing (TH) project. They will be scored on some factors that apply to Renewal Projects and others that apply to New Projects. Transition Projects are scored by both the Collaborative Applicant and the SRT. They have two submission requirements:
 - a Pre-Application due on July 2nd, and
 - the full application due on July 17th.
- Exceptions:
 - Renewal projects in their first year of funding are unlikely to have complete data. These projects are "held harmless" for a single year and will be placed at the bottom of Tier 1 in the Priority List.

- Projects that were consolidated in the prior year may not have a full year of data. In this situation, data from the two component projects will be merged, even if one of the projects has less than a year of data.
- Existing projects consolidated with New Projects that have not yet started (i.e. New Projects that are expansions of existing projects) will be evaluated based on data from the existing project).
- HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects seeking renewal funding are not scored and will be placed at the top of Tier 1.

C. Process Requirements

1. Applicants must follow the guidelines of the local process. HUD has been known to make changes to timelines, the application, and policies even after the NOFO has been released. These could occur suddenly. The Collaborative Applicant and third-party facilitator will communicate with community stakeholders via e-mail and public posting on the [Help Hope Home website](#) to update the community on any competition or timeline developments or changes.
2. All applicants must attend the Bidders' Conference at the start of the NOFO process. This meeting will provide essential information for all applicants.
3. All applications must be submitted electronically to the Collaborative Applicant, in accordance with application instructions. Instructions will be provided and posted publicly.
4. The CoC Board or designee may solicit additional applications or expansion project opportunities if there are not enough project applications to request the full allocation of CoC funds from HUD. This may happen after the local application deadline has passed. This ensures that the SNHCoC's Consolidated Application requests the maximum HUD funding possible for the community. Any applications received after the deadline will be ranked at the bottom of Tier 2

D. Threshold Requirements

All applications must meet certain threshold requirements to be reviewed and scored for inclusion in the Consolidated Application. The third-party facilitator will evaluate whether projects pass threshold. The threshold requirements are:

1. All Applications
 - Include recent audited financial statements (from at least 2023-2024).
 - Organization certifies that it participates or will participate in HMIS.
 - Organization certifies that it participates or will participate in CE.
 - Organization certifies that it does not engage in discrimination.

- Organization certifies that it does not operate illegal drug/injection or safe consumption sites.
 - Organization meets HUD's Renewal or New Project thresholds relating to past management of CoC funding as set forth in the NOFO, Section V.A.4.
 - Organization attended the Bidder's Conference.
2. Renewal Applications
- Organization participated in the 2025 project monitoring process conducted by CCSS or was exempt.
 - Organization attended the Bidder's Conference.
3. New and Transition Applications
- All new applications must:
- serve CoC-eligible populations.
 - request funding only for CoC-eligible activities.
 - be designed to be an allowable CoC project type.
 - document that they have the required match.
 - be from an organization that attended the Bidder's Conference.

Once project applications pass the threshold and are scored, they must earn a minimum score for inclusion in the Consolidated Application.

- Renewal Applications need to earn a score of 70 points to be included on the priority list and ranked in Tier 1. Projects will be ranked by score until the Tier 1 cap is reached. Renewal applications that score below the Tier 1 cap will be reallocated in full or in part. Renewal applications that do not earn 70 points will be reallocated in full. Reallocated funds will be available for new projects in Tier 2. In the event there are insufficient numbers of applications for new projects to maximize the CoC's request to HUD, renewal projects scoring lower than 70 points may be included in Tier 1 at the discretion of the SRT. [Section IV.B.7].
- New and Transition Applications need to earn a score of 60 points to be included on the priority list and ranked in Tier 2. New projects that do not earn 60 points will not be included on the Project Priority Listing.

Additions to Tier 1

To ensure that the Consolidated Application applies for the maximum amount of HUD funding possible, the board has made the following decision:

If any funds remain in Tier 1 after all ranked projects with qualified scores are included, the SRT is authorized to consider including additional projects until the full amount of funds are accounted for. The SRT may do this by including 1 or more renewal application(s) with scores close to 70 points and/or including a renewal project that meets a unique need in the SNHCoC system of care that is currently not

served by another project. If no qualified renewals are available, the SRT may also elect to rank the highest scoring New or Transition projects in Tier 1.

IV. Local Competition Process

The local competition process consists of the following steps.

A. Local Competition Opening

Once HUD releases the NOFO, the local competition process begins. The following steps will be taken:

1. CoC Board Review of NOFO Timeline and Policy Updates

The third-party facilitator will prepare a detailed NOFO competition timeline, which includes all important dates for Board approvals and key deadlines. They will also make any necessary updates to the Local Competition Policies and Procedures. These documents are reviewed and approved by the CoC Board then posted to the [Help Hope Home website](#). As part of approval, the CoC Board grants the third-party facilitator and Collaborative Applicant the authority to make minor changes to the policies as needed to align with the NOFO. Significant changes will require the approval of the CoC Board or designee. The third-party facilitator or Collaborative Applicant will provide monthly updates for the CoC Board throughout the NOFO competition.

2. Application Process Opens

The application process will open in accordance with the approved NOFO timeline. Organizations wishing to apply for funding under the NOFO will submit a full application (as detailed in these policies) for each project for which they are seeking funding.

- Renewal Projects will be ***due July 2, 2026, 5:00 pm.***
- Transition and New Projects are required to submit a Pre-Application ***by July 2, 2026, 5:00 pm.*** per the application instructions. Applicants can later modify the project or decide not to submit. The Collaborative Applicant will review the Pre-Application and confirm that it has passed Threshold. The Collaborative Applicant will then open the full Project Application in ZoomGrants. New and Transition applications cannot move forward with a full Project Application without an approved Pre-Application. Only in an exceptional circumstance, such as funding remains un-requested by projects in Tier 2, would an applicant be allowed to submit the Pre-Application after the deadline.
- Applicants can submit both a Renewal application and a Pre-Application for a Transitions Grant.

- Previously funded projects that do not intend to renew or transition must also inform the Collaborative Applicant in writing by **July 2, 2026, 5:00 pm.** so that their grants can be reallocated.
- Technical Assistance for Applicants: The Collaborative Applicant will host a mandatory Bidders' Conference/Technical Assistance session for all applicants (or potential applicants) to introduce them to the application process and answer questions. They will also provide technical assistance and support throughout the competition by hosting office hours and posting responses to Frequently Asked Questions until the competition closes.

B. Scoring and Ranking Process

Once the application process is closed, all applications will be scored and put into rank order according to the following process:

1. Project Threshold Review: The Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator will conduct a threshold review of all applications. Applications that do not pass the threshold review will not be scored or included in the Consolidated Application. Projects that do not pass threshold review will be notified within two business days that the project did not pass along with the reasoning. The applicant will have 24 hours to notify the Collaborative Applicant if they believe there is an error to that determination, describing the nature of the error in detail. The Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator will evaluate the claim to determine whether a change in the result of the Threshold Review is warranted. The applicant will be notified in writing.
2. Renewal Project Applications: The Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator will score applications as they are received. **By July 8, 2026, all Renewing applications** will be notified of their score and reminded that meeting the 70-point minimum score (threshold) is not a guarantee of ranking in Tier 1 and being included in the Consolidated Application. Projects will be ranked according to their score until the Tier 1 cap is reached. The notification will include whether the amount of funding requested by qualified projects exceeds the funds available in Tier 1. Determination of which projects will be ranked in Tier 1 will be made on Deliberation Day. The SRT will also be notified of the number of Renewal applications that received the minimum score and whether it is over or under the Tier 1 cap.
3. New and Transition Letters of Intent: **By July 8, 2026,** the Collaborative Applicant will notify the SRT of the total number of New and Transition Applications and the estimated total funding to be requested.
4. SRT Training: As soon as possible to the closing of the New and Transition project competition, members of the SRT will receive their review packet including their

assigned applications, scoring sheets, and instructions. Training will be provided by the third-party facilitator to guide them through the SRT process and answer their questions.

5. SRT Review and Preliminary Scoring: Each member of the SRT will review their assigned applications and prepare initial scores with the scoring sheets. The Collaborative Applicant and third-party facilitator will be available during the review period to answer questions and provide guidance. The SRT will submit their completed score sheets to the third-party facilitator upon completion of the review.

6. Priority List: Once scoring is complete, the third-party facilitator will compile the scores and order the project applications in accordance with HUD's two-tier system and this year's NOFO guidelines. Renewal Applications will be ranked in Tier 1 and New and Transition Projects in Tier 2 in order by score. The Renewal Projects for HMIS and SSO-CE will automatically be ranked at the top of Tier 1. First-year renewals without a full year of data, which are held harmless, will be automatically ranked at the bottom of Tier 1.

7. Deliberation Day: The SRT will meet for further review and deliberation in a closed-door meeting of the SRT, Collaborative Applicant, and the third-party facilitator only. This meeting is typically held in-person, but accommodations of a virtual meeting may be made in exceptional circumstances (e.g., during a pandemic). At this meeting, the third-party facilitator will present the preliminary results to the SRT and facilitate a discussion about whether the preliminary results reflect the strategic goals of the NOFO and should result in a competitive consolidated application. Reviewers have the opportunity to revise their scores during Deliberation Day.

- Tie Breaker: If two projects earn the same score, resulting in a rank that places either project at risk of losing its funding, SRT members will use the following decision rules to break a tie:
 - Greatest alignment with local priorities;
 - The highest local application score;
 - Other considerations to be determined by the SRT.
- Reasons to Re-Order: On Deliberation Day, the SRT has the authority to re-order the list regardless of score under the following circumstances, only:
 - If funds remain after ranking all the qualified Renewal Applications in Tier 1, the SRT may consider adding in one or more Renewal Application(s) whose score(s) is close to 70 points, and/or include a Renewal Project that meets a unique need in the SNHCoC system of care that is currently not served by another project.
 - Renewals may be re-ordered to preserve capacity for special populations or other programs that meet a "niche" need.

- If no qualified Renewal Projects are available, the SRT may also elect to rank the highest scoring New or Transition Project into Tier 1.
- Projects within Tier 2 may be re-ordered to maximize overall funding for the CoC, taking into consideration the placement in Tier 2 and the amount of funding requested.
- **Reallocations:** The SRT may also make reallocation decisions on Deliberation Day. HUD prioritizes CoCs that reallocate funds from underperforming projects, as a means to better fulfill local needs and improve CoC-wide performance, without negatively affecting the Annual Renewal Demand. In addition to approving voluntary reallocations submitted within local project applications, the SRT may choose to reallocate funds from underperforming Renewal Projects to be made available for other project applications. The SRT may also ask New Project applicants to decrease or increase their budgets to ensure that the New Projects submitted are maximizing available bonus funding without going over the available amounts.

8. **Priority List Released:** After Deliberation Day, the proposed priority list is posted publicly, and each applicant is notified of their application score, whether it will be included in the Consolidated Application, and its rank on the priority list. The Collaborative Applicant has the option to host a public discussion of the List and provide general feedback and, if desired, follow the public discussion with a closed-door session if any further discussion or review is needed. The SRT will then move forward with a final proposed Priority List for CoC Board Approval.

9. **Appeals Process:** In certain cases, applicants may appeal their ranking on the Priority List. Please see the Appeals Process below for details. The CoC Board cannot approve a Priority List until all appeals have been resolved.

10. **CoC Board Approval of Priority List:** Once all appeals have been resolved, the CoC Board will meet to vote on a final Priority List. The CoC Board approved list will be included in the SNHCoC Consolidated Application for HUD funding. The SRT conflict of interest rules, as described above [II.F] will apply to SNHCoC Board members when voting on the finalized Priority List.

C. Appeals Process

1. Appeals are limited to projects that have been:
 - Reallocated in part or in full.
 - Left off the Project Priority List.
2. Grounds for an appeal are limited, and may only be submitted if the applicant believes that one or more of the following has taken place:

- An application was not evaluated according to the published local NOFO process.
 - There was a scoring error made by the SRT.
 - An application was evaluated in a way that violates HUD regulations.
3. The following are NOT grounds for appeal:
- Errors or omissions made by the applicant.
 - Dissatisfaction with Project's scores.
 - Need for funds.
4. A project must notify the CoC of its intent to appeal in writing by sending an email to HelpHopeHome@ClarkCountyNV.gov. Appeals must be received by **August 10, 2026 at 10:00 am**.
5. Appellate review is limited to the information submitted prior to the local application due date. New material submissions beyond the appeal itself will not be accepted or considered.
6. An appeal must be provided in writing, explaining the grounds for appeal, and submitted by an individual authorized to represent the agency. An appeal must not exceed two double spaced pages typed, in 12-point font.
7. The Collaborative Applicant will appoint an Appeals Committee made up of four members. Three voting members who were appointed to the SRT but did not participate in the work of rating and ranking so that they could be free of conflicts to hear appeals. The fourth non-voting member will be an SRT member who did participate in the rating and ranking deliberations. This inclusion is intended to provide an explanation of the context of the SRT's scoring decisions. Appeals Committee members will be covered by the SRT conflict of interest rules, as described in [II.F].
- The Appeals Committee may only review the information asserted in the appeal letter. An appeal hearing will be limited in time to no more than 1 hour and the appellant will be notified of the amount of time in advance of meeting. The set time will include a presentation of the case for appeal by the organization's representative followed by a discussion with the Appeals Committee. The applicant is required to attend the appeal hearing. Failure to appear for the hearing will result in the loss of the opportunity for appeal. The Appeals Committee will render determinations within two business days or less and notify the applicant(s) in writing of their decision.

V. Glossary

Annual Performance Report (APR): Recipients with HUD CoC funding are required to submit an Annual Performance Report (APR) electronically to HUD every operating year. Data for the APR must be aligned with the most recent version of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Standards posted by HUD. The APR provides HUD with the information necessary to assess each grantee's performance and is used in the scoring of local applications during the NOFO process. Projects that serve survivors of domestic violence (and other forms of intimate violence) are not required to enter data into HMIS but must collect and manage data in a comparable database and provide performance information that satisfy all HUD data requirements.

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): The sum of the annual renewal grant amounts for all projects within a CoC that are eligible to apply for renewal in the fiscal year's competition, before any adjustments are made by HUD to rental assistance, leasing, and operating budget line items based on changes to the FMR.

Collaborative Applicant: The Collaborative Applicant is the entity responsible for preparing and submitting a CoC's consolidated application in response to HUD's annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care Program. Clark County Social Service (CCSS) acts as Collaborative Applicant for the SNHCoC, applying for funding on behalf of the Las Vegas/Clark County Continuum of Care (NV-500).

Consolidated Application: The CoC Consolidated Application is the complete application that is submitted to HUD for annual CoC funding grants. It consists of three parts, the CoC Application, the CoC Priority List, and all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked or rejected. All three must be submitted for the CoC Consolidated Application to be considered complete.

Continuum of Care (CoC): The 2009 HEARTH Act amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and established the Continuum of Care Program. The CoC Program Interim Rule, 24 CFR 578, published by HUD in 2012 formally implements the CoC Program. According to the Interim Rule, the CoC Program seeks to:

- Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.
- Provide funding to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.
- Promote access to and utilization of mainstream programs.
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Coordinated or Centralized Entry System (CE or CES): (as defined by HUD) is a centralized or coordinated community process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment and provision of referrals for program resources. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the CoC's geographic area, is easily accessed by

individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

eLOCCS: The electronic Line of Credit Control System (eLOCCS) is HUD's primary grant disbursement system, handling disbursements for most HUD programs, including the CoC Program. Grant disbursements are facilitated via the Internet through the eLOCCS system.

Eligible Applicant: (as defined by HUD) To be eligible to apply for CoC Program funds, an applicant must be a private nonprofit organization, State, local government, or instrumentality of State or local government, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (THDEs) (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103), and or a public housing agency as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion.

e-SNAPS: The electronic grants management system used by HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS). This system manages the CoC Program applications through the funding consideration and grant awards process for conditionally awarded projects under the HUD CoC Program.

Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW): Is a report used to record all grants within a CoC's geographic area that are eligible for renewal funding in the upcoming CoC Program Competition. The GIW calculates an Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) for each project, which is the sum of each project's renewable budget line items (e.g., rental assistance, leasing, supportive services) and identifies the maximum renewal amount a renewal project applicant may apply for during the CoC Program Competition. The GIW report also calculates the CoC's Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), which is the sum of all ARAs within the CoC.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): HMIS is the HUD-approved local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to individuals experiencing homelessness and families and persons at risk of homelessness. Each CoC is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards. The SNH CoC uses Clarity Human Services as its HMIS software. Data from HMIS or a comparable data base for victim services providers is used to score renewal applications. Clark County Department of Social Services is the HMIS Lead Agency responsible for administering the HMIS on behalf of the CoC by managing the data base, providing licenses to providers, monitoring data quality and providing training and troubleshooting to program staff.

HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): HUD releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to announce the start of each year's national competition for CoC funding. Each CoC participate in this process in order to receive HUD funding for CoC housing and homelessness programs.

Match: Cash and/or in-kind resources contributed by the CoC and ESG grant recipients as a condition of receiving CoC or ESG funding. All grant funds must be matched with an amount no less than 25% of the awarded grant (excluding the amount awarded to the leasing budget line item). CoC Program recipients may also use program income as match.

Priority List: As a part of the annual CoC NOFO competition process, the Collaborative Applicant must either approve and rank or reject each Project Application that has been submitted as a part of the competition. The Collaborative Applicant must also rank all projects with a unique rank number prior to submitting the CoC Priority List to HUD.

New Projects: are newly proposed programs that have not yet received CoC funding.

Project Sponsor: A project sponsor is the organization that is responsible for carrying out the proposed project activities. A project sponsor can be the applicant or a sub-recipient of the grant.

Reallocation: Reallocation is a process that CoCs must use if they want to shift funds from existing eligible Renewal Projects to create one or more New Projects without affecting the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand. Reallocation is most often used for unspent funds in existing grants or for projects that no longer meet the needs of the CoC, such as converting transitional housing to RRH.

Recipient: An applicant who has received a CoC Program grant through the NOFO competition process. HUD signs an agreement with each spelling out the requirements and conditions of the funding.

Renewal Projects: are those that are already funded and are applying for ongoing funding with existing HUD CoC contracts. These are the programs that can apply for renewal of their current grants. Grant terms are generally one year and must be renewed annually through the local process.

Tier 1/Tier 2: As a part of the annual NOFO competition process, HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects for which they seek funding into two tiers. Tier 1 is defined by HUD in the annual NOFO as a percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) determined by HUD on the final approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Projects ranked in Tier 1 by the CoC can often be confident they will get funded, assuming they CoC has done its due diligence in ensuring the project meets HUD's threshold requirements. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for bonus (including the Domestic Violence Bonus). Tier 2 projects are not assured funding and compete nationally for an award.

Transition Project: is a type of New Project created by transitioning an eligible CoC renewal project from one component to another over a 1-year period. For example, a Rapid Rehousing program could apply to “transition” to a Transitional Housing (TH) project.

VI. Appendix

Attached as an Appendix is [2026 NOFO Local Competition Scoring Factors](#) the February 2024 [SNHCoC Governance Charter](#).