

Applicant Guidance: Renewal vs. Transition Application

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Purpose of This Guide

This guidance is intended to help organizations currently funded under the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program as Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects understand their options in the FY 2026 local competition. Specifically, it outlines what applicants may want to take into account when determining whether to:

- Apply as a Renewal Project (seeking continued funding for your existing program), or
- Apply as a Transition Project (converting your current program to a different project type), or
- Submit both a Renewal and a Transition Pre-Application.

This is an important strategic decision. Please read this guide carefully and reach out to the Collaborative Applicant with any questions.

Background: How the 2026 Competition is Structured

Two-Tier System

HUD requires all projects to be ranked in one of two tiers:

Tier 1	60% of the community's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Projects ranked here are very likely to receive funding. Reserved for high-performing Renewal Projects (plus HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects).
Tier 2	Nationally competitive funding. In 2026, HUD has created a \$1.3 billion carve-out specifically for new Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects. Funding here is not guaranteed but the carve-out makes TH and SSO Transition/New Projects nationally competitive.

What the CoC Board Has Decided for 2026

The CoC Board has set the following priorities, which directly affect your decision:

- Tier 1 is reserved for Renewal Projects with a score of 70 points or higher.
- Renewal Projects scoring below 70 points will be reallocated — their funds will not be renewed and will instead become available for new projects. However, 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.
- Tier 2 is prioritized for New and Transition Projects that are TH or SSO. These projects need a minimum score of 60 points to be included.
- New or Transition Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) projects will NOT be considered in 2026, because HUD's Tier 2 carve-out is specifically for TH and SSO — making permanent housing projects in Tier 2 very unlikely to receive funding.

Option 1: Applying as a Renewal Project

What Is a Renewal Project?

A Renewal Project is your existing funded program applying for another year of funding under the same project type and structure. If you are currently operating an RRH, TH, or SSO program, a renewal means continuing that program as-is.

Who Should Consider a Renewal Application?

Organizations that would like to continue operating their program as currently structured should submit a renewal application. Please note, however, that the minimum score required for inclusion in Tier 1 is 70 points and there may be more projects that score at or above 70 points than there are funds to support projects in Tier 1. The renewal application is scored on objective data including APR results, SAGE, eLOCCS, and 2025 monitoring results. Please see the scoring tool in the Zoomgrants Library to assess your likelihood of achieving at least 70 points.

How Renewal Projects Are Scored

Renewal Projects are scored by the Collaborative Applicant and the third-party facilitator based on objective data, including:

- Annual Performance Report (APR) data pulled from HMIS (or a comparable database for domestic violence providers)
- SAGE and eLOCCS data
- Results from the 2025 project monitoring process
- Other objective factors prioritized by HUD or the CoC

Note: The Scoring and Ranking Team (SRT) does not score Renewal Projects — only New and Transition Projects. Renewal scoring is handled objectively by the Collaborative Applicant and facilitator.

Renewal Ranking and Tier Placement

Renewal Projects that score 70 points or above are ranked in Tier 1 in descending order of score. The following should be understood:

- Scoring 70+ points does not guarantee Tier 1 placement — it depends on whether your project's score places it within the Tier 1 funding cap.
- If the total funding requested by all qualified Renewal Projects exceeds the Tier 1 cap, projects at the lower end of the scoring range may not be included.
- Renewal Projects will be notified of their score, whether it qualifies them for Tier 1 consideration, and the total amount of Renewal project applications submitted on July 8th.
- HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry renewal projects are automatically ranked at the top of Tier 1 without scoring.
- First-year renewals without a full year of data are "held harmless" and automatically placed at the bottom of Tier 1.
- Renewal Projects scoring below 70 points will be reallocated and will not appear in Tier 1. However, in the event there are insufficient numbers of applications for renewal 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. The SRT may also 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. Please see the 2026 NOFO Competition Policies & Procedures for more information.

Renewal Application Deadlines

- Renewal Project applications are due: July 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM
- Renewal applicants will be notified of their score by: July 8, 2026 (note: you will not be notified about your ranking at this time, only your score)

Option 2: Applying as a Transition Project

What Is a Transition Project?

A Transition Project is a type of New Project that converts an existing CoC-funded program from one project component to a different eligible component over a one-year period. For example, an RRH program could transition to a Transitional Housing (TH) project.

A Transition Project is not a renewal of your current program — it is a new project type built on your organization's existing CoC infrastructure and experience.

Who Should Consider a Transition Application?

A Transition application may be the right path if your project meets any of the following situations:

- Your renewal application is unlikely to score 70 points, based on scoring tool factors.
- Your organization wants to shift from a permanent housing model (e.g., RRH) to a TH or SSO model that better fits current community needs or your organization's capacity.
- Your CoC-funded project type no longer aligns with the community priorities for 2026 (e.g., the CoC Board is prioritizing TH and SSO in Tier 2).
- Your organization believes it could be competitive as a TH or SSO project in the national Tier 2 competition, given HUD's \$1.3 billion carve-out for new TH/SSO projects.

Important Considerations for Transition Project Applicants

- Non-profit organizations cannot administer rental assistance in Transitional Housing (TH). They would have to convert such funds to Leasing funds or subcontract with a local government agency or Housing Authority to administer the rental assistance.
- Please review HUD guidance entitled [“Program Participants’ Eligibility to Move from Permanent Supportive Housing \(PSH\) / Rapid Re-Housing \(RRH\) to Transitional Housing \(TH\)”](#) in order to understand the ramifications for participants of converting permanent housing to TH.
- HUD has yet to clarify if one type of SSO project can transition to another type of SSO project.

How Transition Projects Are Scored

Transition Projects are scored by both the Collaborative Applicant/facilitator and the SRT. The scoring combines elements from Renewal scoring (objective performance data from the existing project) and New Project scoring (narrative responses and qualitative evaluation). Transition Projects must earn a minimum of 60 points to be included in the Consolidated Application.

Transition Application Deadlines

- Pre-Application due: July 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM (required before a full application can be submitted)

- Full Transition Project Application due: July 17, 2026

Note: Your Pre-Application will be reviewed for threshold compliance by the Collaborative Applicant. Only projects with an approved Pre-Application can submit a full project application. The Collaborative Applicant will open the full application in ZoomGrants once the Pre-Application is approved.

Can You Submit Both a Renewal and a Transition Application?

Yes. Organizations may submit both a Renewal application and a Transition Project application. This allows you to maintain the possibility of Tier 1 renewal funding while also pursuing a Transition path in Tier 2. The Transition Project Pre-Application is non-binding.

Please keep the following in mind:

- If your Renewal application scores 70+ and is ranked in Tier 1, your project can continue as-is.
- Submitting both applications requires your organization to complete all requirements for each (including the mandatory Bidders' Conference and all application materials).
- By August 6, all applicants will be notified in writing of the SRT's proposed priority list of projects and their application scores. The project submitted as both a renewal and a transition project will only be represented once in the rankings (i.e., in Tier 1 as a renewal or in Tier 2 as a transition project).
- **If you apply as both a renewal and a transition project, you may withdraw one of your applications from consideration at any time prior to August 5, 2026.**

Side-by-Side Comparison

	Renewal Application	Transition Application
Project Type	Continues existing project type (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO)	Converts to new type (must be TH or SSO in 2026)
Tier Placement	Tier 1 (if score ≥ 70) and ranked highly enough to be within Tier 1 funding	Tier 2 (if score ≥ 60) and ranked highly enough to be within Tier 2 funding
Min. Score to Qualify	70 points	60 points
Who Scores It	Collaborative Applicant & facilitator only (objective data)	Collaborative Applicant & SRT (objective + narrative)
Key Data Source	HMIS/APR, SAGE, eLOCCS, 2025 monitoring results	Existing project data + new program narratives
Deadline	July 2, 2026 at 5:00 PM	Pre-App: July 2 / Full App: July 17, 2026
Funding Likelihood	High if score ≥ 70 and within Tier 1 cap	Competitive nationally; TH/SSO favored by HUD carve-out
Can You Do Both?	Yes — submit Renewal AND a Transition Pre-Application	Yes — submit Renewal AND a Transition Pre-Application

Quick Decision Guide

Use the following questions to guide your decision:

Step 1: How competitive is your renewal application likely to be?

The renewal application score is based on objective data — APR performance, SAGE, eLOCCS, and 2025 monitoring results. The 70-point threshold applies to that final score, not to monitoring alone. Use your organization's recent performance as a guide:

- Strong recent performance (including 2025 monitoring) → Your renewal application is more likely to reach 70 points. A Renewal application is likely your strongest path to continued funding in Tier 1.
- Significant performance concerns in 2025 monitoring or APR data → Your renewal application may be at risk of falling below 70 points. Consider a Transition application (to TH or SSO).

Step 2: If you are considering a Transition, what type would you transition to?

- TH or SSO → You are eligible to apply as a Transition Project in 2026. HUD's \$1.3 billion carve-out makes these project types nationally competitive in Tier 2.

Questions and Resources

If you have questions about which application type is right for your organization, please contact the Collaborative Applicant:

Clark County Social Services (CCSS) / Help Hope Home

Email: HelpHopeHome@ClarkCountyNV.gov

Website: Help Hope Home (for posted FAQs, timeline updates, and application materials)

This guidance document is based on the SNHCoC FY 2026 Local Competition Policies and Procedures approved by the CoC Board on June 17, 2026. In the event of any conflict between this guidance and the Policies and Procedures, the Policies and Procedures govern. The Collaborative Applicant reserves the right to update this guidance to reflect any changes issued by HUD after the NOFO is released.