

2025 NOTICE OF COC FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

2025 CoC Program Competition

Announcement of FY 2025 Local CoC Program Competition

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2025 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Continuum of Care Program Competition FR-6900-N-25, November 13, 2025. This NOFO was rescinded, and an updated version was released December 20, 2025.

Homelessness & Housing (HHA) serves as the HUD-designated Collaborative Applicant for the Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care (FL-505). As the Collaborative Applicant, HHA is accepting proposals for projects that wish to apply for CoC Program Homeless Assistance funding through this NOFO. This notice serves as an overview of the process and opportunity to apply for funds.

The HUD Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 NOFO was published on December 20, 2025.

- Direct link to HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861>
 - A pdf document of the HUD NOFO is available in the documents section below
- Link to HUD's CoC Program page: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>

The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). The FY 2025 funds are authorized by the Full-Year Continuing Extensions and Appropriations Act, 2025 (Public Law 119-4, approved March 15, 2025). Please refer to

additional resources on the [HUD CoC Program](#) page and the [HUD Exchange e-snaps Resources](#) page for updates to competition information released by HUD.

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENT

HUD has issued a new NOFO for public review. Though it states that the NOFO will not be implemented or enforced pending further court orders, there is a tight deadline that we must ensure our CoC is ready for. To that end we have reopened our local competition with a deadline of **Friday, January 2, 2026**.

This NOFO establishes two deadlines for submitting applications to HUD.

Application Due Date: 8PM Eastern Time on:

Normal Track: 01/28/2026 for \$2,655,600.

Extended Track: 02/25/2026 for \$1,262,400 in funding for new Permanent Housing projects for individuals and families with a disability.

Anticipated Award Date:

Normal Track: 03/31/26

Extended Track: 04/28/26

Our CoC will apply under the “Normal Track” with a proposed deadline of Jan. 28. This means the local competition deadline must be set 30 days prior at Friday, January 2, 2026.

Please remember that agencies applying for Renewal Projects and New Projects MUST submit separate applications for each project type, i.e. One application for a renewal project, one application for a new Transitional Housing Project, one application for a new Supportive Services Only Project.

If you have already submitted a local competition application, that application will still be valid and it is not necessary to submit again. You may, however, submit a new application if your agency wishes to make any changes. The CoC will review the latest application submitted.

The local project application for the 2025 NOFO is now posted to our website:

www.hhalliance.org/funding-opportunities.

This online application will take the place of the e-snaps application for the local competition portion of the NOFO process only. Any ranked projects selected to be included in the Collaborative Application will need to have completed applications in e-snaps by Jan. 9, 2025 (pending application upload by HUD).

FUNDS AVAILABILITY

The Okaloosa Walton Homeless Continuum of Care (FL-505) funding estimates:

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$767,891
- Tier 1 Funding: \$230,367 – set at 30% of a CoC's ARD
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: \$76,789
- CoC Bonus: \$153,578
- Tier 2 Funding is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.

All projects must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections V.A.4.a. and b. of the HUD NOFO (pg. 53-55)

CoC Planning Grants are not included in the prioritization list and do not count against a CoC's total ARD.

MISSION and PURPOSE

The mission of the Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC is to make homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC supports prospective applicants and projects that support HUD's new national priorities.

- 1) Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets
- 2) Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
- 3) Advancing Public Safety
- 4) Promoting Self-Sufficiency
- 5) Improving Outcomes
- 6) Minimizing Trauma

A single, consolidated submission of all selected projects in the Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC will be submitted to HUD by the Homelessness & Housing Alliance, as the Collaborative Applicant representing FL-505. HHA will provide technical assistance to ensure that the process is accessible to all eligible applicants, including those who have not received CoC funds in the past for Continuum of Care Program Grant Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). More information on technical assistance meetings can be found in the local

competition timeline, available on the HHA Funding Opportunities page:
www.hhalliance.org/funding-opportunities.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

CoC funds may be used for projects under the following program components:

1. Transitional Housing
2. Supportive Services Only (including street outreach)
3. Permanent Housing (including Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing) – capped at 30% of a CoC's ARD
4. HMIS

PROJECT APPLICATIONS

The Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC (FL-505) is soliciting agencies to submit new and renewal project applications. The CoC encourages applications from applicants that have never previously received CoC funds as well as from applicants that are currently receiving or have in the past received CoC funds, including faith-based organizations.

All local competition project applications and supplementary materials are due to the Collaborative Applicant (Homelessness & Housing Alliance) by **December 29, 2025 at 5 p.m. CST**.

Application and materials must be submitted online.

[Link to Online Form](https://airtable.com/appAuU7rFjEIGGC5z/shr8dBziEybfsl5wv) – (<https://airtable.com/appAuU7rFjEIGGC5z/shr8dBziEybfsl5wv>)

Please be sure to save a copy of your responses outside of this form and ensure a confirmation email is received for proof of timely submission.

HHA in collaboration with the CoC Board of Directors reserves the right to request that applicant organizations submit adjusted project budgets based on the amount of funding made available by HUD and recommendations from the CoC Grants Committee.

All projects meeting eligibility and threshold requirements will be reviewed by the CoC Grants Committee and ranked and/or rejected. The ranking of all approved projects and notification of any rejected projects will be posted to the HHA competition website at www.hhalliance.org/funding-opportunities by Dec. 30, 2025. The appeals process for any rejected projects will be posted at that time.

Final project applications for all ranked projects must be submitted in e-snaps by January 9, 2025.

Project applications will be made available by HUD in the coming weeks via the e-snaps system at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

Additional guidance including Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guides are posted when available on the [HUD CoC Program](#) page.

All local competition information including the full local competition timeline, key dates, overview slides, and the 2025 Ranking and Review Rubric for the FL-505 Okaloosa Walton Homeless CoC FY 2025 Competition are posted on the Funding Opportunities webpage: www.hhalliance.org/funding-opportunities. Please check back regularly for the most up-to-date information.

REALLOCATION PROCESS

For several years, HUD has emphasized the importance of reallocating funding from underperforming projects, projects that are underspending, or projects that no longer meet the CoC needs or aligns with HUD Priorities. For FY 2025, HUD has communicated that in order to receive bonus project funding, communities **must be able to demonstrate allocation decisions are made based on performance and/or that they can successfully reallocate funding from lower-performing projects.**

The Resource Allocation Committee has reviewed HUD guidance, previous NOFO results, project performance, and program guidelines to develop the following factors that will be used to determine whether full or partial reallocation of funds from a project may be necessary. The Resource Allocation Committee will notify renewal projects of their reallocation status and rationale in writing.

If a renewal project would like to appeal the reallocation decision, a formal letter must be sent to director@hhalliance.org by the designated deadline. Appeal requests will be reviewed by the CoC's Executive Committee. Projects may be asked for additional information to substantiate their appeal. The Executive Committee will review all appeals and communicate a final decision to the renewal project in writing. However, because of the 30% cap on permanent housing projects, the Grant Review Committee may be limited on the ability to accommodate appeal requests.

30% Cap on Permanent Housing

Due to the cap on permanent housing at 30% of the total ARD, all permanent housing projects that do not rank high enough to be included under this cap will be reallocated. This will be the primary decision-making factor in deciding reallocations. Renewals will be scored using metrics on increases to employment income, exits to permanent housing, length of stay, and other factors demonstrated in the "Scoring Criteria" Appendix.

Spending History

Projects with a history of returning funds to HUD will be considered for a partial or full reallocation of funds. Three completed years of spending history will be reviewed to show historical trends. Please note that any organization found to have less than 100% of their grant expended will be required to provide an explanation of why funds were recaptured. Depending upon the nature of the situation, the project or organization may be targeted for partial or full reallocation. HUD expects programs to spend 100% of the funds they are allocated—if projects are chronically underspending but are included in the ranking without a reallocation, HUD may reject a funding request for that project.

Client Outcomes

Renewal projects will be reviewed to determine whether the project is satisfactorily meeting performance outcomes related to permanent housing stability, income growth, connection to mainstream benefits, and other outcomes as measured in the Annual Performance Report submitted to HUD.

Program Compliance and Monitoring

Projects with unresolved monitoring findings or are in non-compliance for the CoC Program regulations (including participant eligibility), Fair Housing, HUD regulations, Coordinated Access, HMIS participation, and other applicable regulations and laws may have funds partially or fully reallocated.

KEY INFORMATION

1. Threshold Review Requirements: All applications must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections V.A of the HUD NOFO (pg. 51-65)
2. Proposed funding for new projects cannot supplant funding from other sources.
3. Collaborative efforts by community agencies especially with law enforcement are encouraged.
4. Eligible Program Components: CoC funds may be used for projects under five program components, as outlined by HUD in section III.F.4. of the HUD NOFO (pg. 15-16).
5. Participant Eligibility: Projects funded through this NOFO must have meet the eligibility criteria for program participants as described in section III.G.10 of the HUD NOFO (pg.20-21)
6. Eligible Project Applications: The following types of project applications that will be eligible for completion and submission under this NOFO are described in section IV.D.1 of the HUD NOFO (pg. 34-35)

7. Renewal Project Requirements: Projects may renew under the CoC Program NOFO to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs per section IV.D.2 of the HUD NOFO (pg. 45-47)
8. New Project Requirements: CoCs are encouraged to submit new projects created through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Reallocation, or DV Reallocation per section IV.D.3 of the HUD NOFO (pg. 47-49)
9. Solo Applicants: Project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC planning process in the geographic area in which they operate that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner, may submit a solo project application, per section V.A.1.d. of the HUD NOFO (pg. 52)
10. Local Ranking Process: See the Rating & Ranking document available on the HHA Funding Opportunities webpage: www.hhalliance.org/funding-opportunities

NOTE: ALL AGENCIES INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR FUNDING ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE HUD CoC PROGRAM REGULATIONS. PROPOSALS THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE REGULATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.