

Request for Proposals
Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast
Continuum of Care AL-501 for Mobile County and Baldwin County, Alabama
FY2026 CoC NOFO Competition

INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for homeless assistance through HUD's Continuum of Care Program.

The Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast (AL-501), is accepting proposals for new projects and renewal projects for HUD CoC Program funding.

New and renewal projects will compete for available funds. All projects meeting the threshold requirements will be eligible for project ranking/prioritization for funding by the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast. HUD will then award funds based on the CoC Application score and project criteria as outlined in the FY2026 NOFO.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

To be eligible for CoC Program funding under this NOFO, project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act), the CoC Program Rule (24 *CFR part 578*) (the Rule), and the FY2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO (CPD-2600-DC-0025), and any other HUD-published CoC Program guidance for new and renewal project applications as this information becomes available from HUD (*Currently, HUD has only released the NOFO*). Applicants should periodically check the CoC's website (www.AL501coc.org) for updated information regarding the local competition.

The above-referenced documents will be posted on the CoC's Website and the HUD Exchange at the following addresses:

https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition and
[CoC Program Laws and Regulations](#)

Applicants should carefully and thoroughly review the entire NOFO for detailed information on the goals and objectives of the NOFO, program descriptions, project applications, eligibility criteria, and scoring information.

Prior to submitting an application, applicants should ensure they meet the following threshold criteria in addition to any criteria outlined in the FY2026 HUD CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity published by HUD:

- 1) Applicant has a valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) number
- 2) Applicant has no outstanding delinquent Federal debts
- 3) Applicant has no debarments and/or suspensions
- 4) Applicant has an accounting system
- 5) Applicant must disclose any violations of Federal criminal law
- 6) Active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM)
- 7) Applicant must demonstrate eligibility by providing the following:
 - a. Signed authorization to apply for CoC funding
 - b. Most recent IRS 990
 - c. Most recent audit report and auditor's management letter or equivalent
 - d. By-laws
 - e. Articles of incorporation
 - f. IRS 501(c)(3) designation letter
 - g. Current board roster – including at least one homeless or formerly homeless member
 - h. Copy of budget for the last operating year, the current operating year, and the next operating year - if available
 - i. Copy of Code of Conduct/Ethics, Conflict of Interest Policy, and personnel, procurements, and accounting procedures
 - j. Agreement to utilize the HMIS (or a HUD-approved comparable database for DV providers)
 - k. Match commitment letter including anticipated match sources and type (cash or in-kind contribution). Third party match must be on agency letterhead and signed by the appropriate individual/officer.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Continuum of Care funds can be used for projects under the following four program components (NOFO p. 36):

1. Permanent Housing (PH)
2. Transitional Housing (TH)
3. Supportive Services Only (SSO)
4. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Note: The Homelessness Prevention component is not an eligible component through this CoC's program.

Within the four program components listed above the following types of project applications are eligible for submission in the FY2026 Program Competition.

- 1) CoCs may apply for the following types of new projects created with CoC Bonus or through Reallocation (FY2026 NOFO p. 13 and 24):

- a. PH – Permanent Supportive Housing
 - b. PH – Rapid Rehousing
 - c. TH
 - d. SSO
 - e. HMIS – May only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
 - f. SSO – Coordinated Entry (The CoC’s designated CE System)
- 2) CoCs may apply for new Domestic Violence (DV) projects created through DV Bonus or DV Reallocation Process subject to the provisions outlined in the FY2026 NOFO (p.12):
 - a. PH - Rapid Rehousing Projects
 - b. TH Projects
 - c. DV SSO – Coordinated Entry
- 3) Expansion Project - HUD will allow project applicants to apply for expansion projects subject to the provisions outlined in the FY2026 NOFO (p. 16) through reallocation, CoC bonus and DV bonus processes.
- 4) Consolidated Project – HUD will allow project applicants to use the consolidation process to combine two or more eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects) subject to the provisions outlined in the FY2026 NOFO (p. 19).
- 5) Transition Grant – HUD will 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 1-year period subject to the provisions outlined in the FY2026 NOFO (p. 21)
- 6) Renewal Grants – Projects may renew under the CoC Program NOFO to continue eligible activities. Renewal grants are subject to the Renewal Project Requirements outlined in the FY2026 NOFO (p. 22).

DEADLINE

All Proposals must be received by the Collaborative Applicant (HOPE for All Gulf Coast) no later than **4:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2025**.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

The forms and relevant guidance will be available on the CoC's website (al501coc.org/resources/NOFO) and updated as new information becomes available from HUD. *(Currently, HUD has only released the NOFO. Project Application Forms and Detailed Instructions for completing same are not yet available; however, you should begin working on your detailed project narrative, budget and agency experience in Word and Excel format.)* You may contact Christy Reese at the below email for assistance once you have had the opportunity to review the NOFO and its requirements.

Submit one hard-copy and electronic copy (via email) of the proposal with a cover letter signed by the organization's authorized representative, as follows:

By mail or hand delivery: (NOTE: Any application not received by mail on or before the published deadline will not be accepted. Applications post-marked on the deadline will be rejected. Applicants are encouraged to hand deliver original applications.

Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast
ATTN: Tara Armbruster, CoC Board Chair
279-B N. Washington Ave.
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AND

In addition to the hard-copy submission, please **email the completed application and all attachments to c.reese@hfal.org**.

Additional Information and Resources:

Continuum of Care Program and FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Competition, please visit the following resources:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/>
<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>
<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>

Contact Christy Reese c.reese@hfal.org (cc: Ron Andress r.andress@hfal.org) should you have any questions or need further assistance.