FY2026 CoC Program NOFO
Project Ranking Criteria and Methodology

Project Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:

All projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFO or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. Project applicants must demonstrate the financial management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.

All projects must meet basic eligibility requirements as outlined in 24 CFR 578.

All projects must also meet all eligibility and threshold requirements as outlined in the FY2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO. New projects that do not meet all threshold requirements will be rejected. (See attached threshold requirement checklist)

Reallocation Process:

Renewal projects may voluntarily reallocate a portion of their funds by reducing the amount in their renewal project application. Renewal projects may be reallocated in part or in whole during the review and ranking process because of poor performance, unused budget amounts from previous years, or need for increased funding in a higher priority project type according to the CoC's local priorities. Lower performing projects that score more than 20% below higher performing projects will be automatically considered for reallocation by the CoC.

Ranking Process:

Project applications submitted to the CoC must be reviewed and either accepted/ranked or rejected by the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Higher ranked projects will fall into Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will fall into Tier 2. NOFO Tier threshold information is not presented at the ranking meeting. CoC members will rank the approved projects in numerical order based on project score considering current CoC priorities.

Any COC Board Member associated with an agency that is applying for funding will not be a part of the ranking process.

Prior to the ranking meeting, project scoring forms are pre-scored based on the project application and on HMIS data in accordance with the CoC's approved scoring formula. Per HUD rules, the CoC planning grant is not scored or ranked, and therefore it is not presented at the ranking meeting.

New projects, and renewal projects operating for less than six months, will be scored and ranked using the New Project Rating Tool. Renewal projects will be scored and ranked using the Renewal Project Rating Tool.

If two or more projects' scores result in an identical rating, the tie will be broken according to the CoC's 2026 referral priorities.

CoC infrastructure projects – HMIS and Coordinated Entry – must be ranked in the top half of the approved and ranked projects.

The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking upward if the project fills a critical service gap and/or community need. Likewise, the CoC reserves the right to adjust a project's ranking downward if the project is deemed noncompliant with CoC Policies & Procedures, noncompliant with HUD regulations, fails to adhere to the Housing First Model of assistance, fails to expend its grant funds in a timely manner, no longer fills a critical service gap, or no longer serves an established priority population.

2026 CoC Priorities:

The AL-501 CoC requires participating projects to utilize Coordinated Entry for 100% of their program participant referrals. Using the VI-SPDAT, Coordinated Entry evaluates and refers participants according to the highest vulnerability and need. The CoC currently funds programs serving chronically homeless, homeless with disabilities including serious mental illness, families and youth, those fleeing domestic violence, and those exiting institutions and incarceration.

In conjunction with the VI-SPDAT, the CoC refers program participants based on the following referral priority listing (top is highest priority):

NEW PROJECTS THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

Project Name:

Organization Name:

Project Type:

Project Identifier:

Completed projects will be moved to the bottom of the list

If you would like to change the project type, please do so in the LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED.

New Projects
Threshold Review Complete
0%

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	YES/NO
For each threshold, select "Yes" if applicant has fulfilled the threshold requirement and is eligible to submit an application.	
Stakeholders should NOT assume all requirements are fully addressed through this tool. CoC Program application requirements change periodically and annual NOFAs may provide more detailed guidance. The CoC collaborative	☐ Yes to all
HUD THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	
1. Applicant has Active SAM registration with current information, and maintains an active SAM registration annually.	
2. Applicant has Valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number.	
3. CoC Program Eligibility – Project applicants and potential subrecipients meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).	
4. Financial and Management Capacity: Project applicants and subrecipients demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.	
5. Certifications - Project applicants submit the required certifications specified in the NOFO.	
6. Population Served - The population to be served meets program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and the NOFO.	
7. HMIS Participation - Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers use a comparable database that captures the required HMIS data in addition to meeting the needs of the local HMIS.	
8. Applicant has no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts – It is HUD policy, consistent with the purposes and intent of 31 U.S.C. 3720B and 28 U.S.C. 3201(e), that applicants with outstanding delinquent federal debt will not be eligible to receive an award of funds unless. a) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and the repayment schedule is not delinquent, or b) Other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD	
9. Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions – In accordance with 2 CFR 2424, no award of federal funds may be made to debarred or suspended applicants, or those proposed to be debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal government.	
10. Pre-selection Review of Performance - If your organization has delinquent federal debt or is excluded from doing business with the Federal government, the organization may be ineligible for an award. In addition, before making a Federal award, HUD reviews information available through any OMB-designated repositories of government-wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information, such as Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and the "Do Not Pay" website. HUD reserves the right to: a) Deny funding, or with a renewal or continuing award, consider suspension or termination of an award immediately for cause; b) Require the removal of any key individual from association with management or implementation of the award; and c) Make provisions or revisions regarding the method of payment or financial reporting requirements	

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11. Sufficiency of Financial Management System - HUD will not award or disburse funds to applicants that do not have a financial management system that meets Federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302. HUD may arrange for a survey of financial management systems for applicants selected for award who have not previously received Federal financial assistance, where HUD Program officials have reason to question whether a financial management system meets Federal standards, or for applicants considered high risk based on past performance or financial management findings.	
12. False Statements - A false statement in an application is grounds for denial or termination of an award and may result in criminal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions, including fines, penalties, and imprisonment. Recipient or applicant confirms all statements are truthful.	
13. Mandatory Disclosure Requirement - Recipients or applicants disclose in writing to the awarding program office at HUD, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award within ten days after learning of the violation. Recipients that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200—Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in § 200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321,and.S.C. 2313.)	
14. Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities - Applicants are subject to the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, 31 U.S.C. 1352, (the Byrd Amendment), and 24 CFR part 87, which prohibit recipients of federal awards from using appropriated funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with a Federal award. All applicants submit with their application the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying included in the Application download from Grants.gov. In addition, applicants disclose, using Standard Form LLL (SFLLL), "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," any funds, other than federally appropriated funds, that will be or have been used to influence federal employees, members of Congress, or congressional staff regarding specific awards. Federally-recognized Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage of the Byrd Amendment, but state-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established only under state law shall comply with this requirement. Applicants submit the SFLLL if they have used or intend to use non-federal funds for lobbying activities.	
15. Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities – Projects ensure that all projects meet the requirements under 24 CFR 5.109. On April 4, 2016, HUD amended 24 CFR 5.109 consistent with E.O. 13559, entitled Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships with Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations (75 Fed. Reg. 71319 (Nov. 22, 2010)). (See 81 FR 19355). These regulations apply to all HUD programs and activities, including all of HUD's Native American Programs, except as may be otherwise provided in the respective program regulations, or unless inconsistent with the respective program authorizing statute.	
16. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters - Outstanding civil rights matters be resolved before the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and will not receive funding.	

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THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	YES/NO
Data quality at or above 90%	
Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%	
Acceptable organizational audit/financial review	

RENEWAL/EXPANSION THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

Project Name: _____ **Organization:** _____

Project Type: _____ **Subrecipient:** _____

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