

CoC Program Funding Structure

Through the NOFO competition HUD makes available to the CoC region an annual allocation that the CoC applies for through a consolidated application process. HUD requires the CoC to conduct a local project competition as part of the NOFO process.

Local applicants apply to the CoC through the local competition. Submitted applications are reviewed, scored/ ranked, and prioritized. The ranking of each approved project gets placed into a tiered priority listing that is submitted to HUD for funding consideration.

Fulton County is the lead agency designated by the CoC. They coordinate the required administrative duties of the CoC.

What is New in FY 2026

- ❑ Tier 1 amount is less than the FY 2024 competition (FY26 = 60% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs FY24 = 90% ARD)
- ❑ **Priority for New TH and SSO Projects.** Set-aside of \$1.3 billion for new projects in Tier 2. There are no limits or caps on any eligible project component types (new or renewal). However, HUD will prioritize applications for new projects, specifically new TH and SSO projects. As a result, renewal projects in Tier 2, regardless of rank or component type, are at high risk of not being selected for award.
- ❑ **Set-Aside for Families with Children.** HUD will award at least \$430 million in permanent housing for families with children starting with projects ranked in Tier 1.
- ❑ Joint TH/RRH projects are no longer eligible as a New Project, only renewal
- ❑ All projects except for CoC Planning must be included on the CoC priority list, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus. These projects must be scored and ranked in the priority list with no special protections, increasing competition.
- ❑ In this NOFO HUD is defining self-sufficiency to mean “the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.” The previous definition included exiting to permanent housing with or without subsidy.

What's New in FY 2026 Continued

❑ Expanded Risk Review Factors

- ❑ HUD has expanded what can be considered in its risk review of applicants to include information from public sources like news reports and applicant websites. The results of the risk review alone is now a determination for adverse funding decisions. Previously the results of the risk review alone would not trigger an adverse funding decision.

❑ Removal of points associated with housing and healthcare leveraging for new projects.

❑ New National priorities include substance abuse and mental health treatment, service participation requirements, civil commitment, and public safety. These are reflected in the new project quality thresholds and overall CoC Application scoring.

❑ New project quality thresholds reshape project requirements. (e.g., New transitional housing must provide 20 hours/week of services and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships).

FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO

The Department of Housing & Urban Development released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition & Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO on June 1, 2026.

- \$4.040 billion is available nationally
 - \$104 million in DV Bonus funds (\$52 million from FY25 and FY26 each)

Funding estimations using the FY 2026 NOFO percentages based on the FY 2025 ARD and PPRN:

CoC Number and Name	Estimated ARD	Tier 1	Tier 2	CoC Bonus	DV Bonus
GA-502 Fulton County CoC	\$2,910,550	\$1,746,330	\$2,323,102	\$500,000	\$658,882

*CoC ARD and Bonus amounts may be higher due to FY25 renewal increases.

Threshold Reviews and Priority List

Threshold Reviews:

- The CoC will conduct its own threshold review to ensure projects meet all HUD and local CoC threshold requirements.
- HUD will conduct a project eligibility and a renewal project or new project, including project quality, threshold review on each project application submitted.
- If a project does not meet HUD's threshold reviews, it will not be funded, and HUD will remove it from the project listing.

HUD requires CoCs to rank project applications in priority order using a tiered approach. Prior to ranking projects, the CoC will score all projects based on performance (renewals), organizational capacity, project design, NOFO priorities, and local CoC priorities:

- **Tier 1:**
 - Set at 60% of the ARD. HUD typically has enough funding to award all Tier 1 projects nationally and are generally considered “safe” from funding cuts.
- **Tier 2:**
 - Projects in Tier 2 are considered at higher risk of not being funded.
 - Tier 2 projects will be selected based on HUD's selection process detailed in the NOFO and HUD's Tier 2 score

HUD Selection Process

Although CoCs review and rank projects locally based on need and priority, HUD establishes a selection process for how projects will be picked for award until all available funds have been expended.

1. CoC Planning
2. Tier 1 projects
3. If \$104 million in DV Bonus projects are not awarded in Tier 1, then Tier 2 DV Bonus projects will be selected up to the set-aside amount.
4. If \$430 million in PSH and RRH projects for families with children have not been awarded, then Tier 2 PSH and RRH projects for families with children will be selected up to the set-aside amount.
5. New TH and SSO projects ranked in Tier 2 up to the \$1.3 billion set-aside amount.
6. If the \$1.3 billion set-aside has not been awarded, then other types of new projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until the set-aside has been reached.
7. If any funds are remaining, renewal projects ranked in Tier 2 will be selected until all remaining available funds have been awarded. Renewal projects in Tier 2, regardless of rank or project type are at the highest risk of not being funded.

2026 Local Competition Timeline

DATE	ACTIVITY
June 1, 2026	HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published by HUD
June 15, 2026	Local Competition Policies and Procedures & New and Renewal project applications released to Letter of Intent Applicants
July 14, 2026	DUE DATE - New and renewal project applications due to the CoC (Closing the local application competition)
July 15 – July 29, 2026	Rank and Review Committee project application review and scoring
July 30, 2026	Rank and Review Priority List Meeting
July 31 – August 7, 2026	CoC Board vote to approve the recommended project priority list
No later than August 10, 2026	Applicant notification of project acceptance, denial, or reduction/ reallocation
August 16, 2026	DUE DATE - Deadline for Project Scoring appeals
August 17, 2026	DUE DATE - e-snaps applications due to CoC
August 20, 2026	Review of e-snaps and feedback to applicants
August 23, 2026	DUE DATE - Final submission of e-snaps application
No later than August 25, 2026	Public posting of the CoC Application and Priority List on Fulton County website
August 26, 2026 by 8:00 PM	Submission of CoC Application and Priority List to HUD in e-snaps

Important Resources

- [NOFO Questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov](mailto:CoCNOFO@hud.gov)
- [e-snaps Questions: e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov)
- [Fulton County Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Webpage](#)
- [24 CFR Part 578 - CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM](#)
- [HUD Exchange: CoC Program](#)
- [e-snaps Portal](#)
- [FY 2026 CoC NOFO](#)
- [HUD CoC Program Competition Page](#)
 - 2026 Renewal Projects e-snaps Navigational Guide (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 Renewal Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 New Project e-snaps Navigations Guide (Coming Soon)
 - 2026 New Project Detailed Instructions (Coming Soon)
- For Reference to get started: [2025 Project Applicant Profile e-Snaps Navigational Guide](#)

