Homelessness Continuum of Care

FY 2026 DeKalb CoC Program Competition
Application Guidelines
for
New and Renewal CoC Projects

Program Description: The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR Part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, family, youth and persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self- sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Authority: The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of the 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.

Funding Opportunity Overview: Each year the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within this NOFO. Prospective applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid submitting an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive.

Available Funds: Approximately $4.04 billion is available nationally through this FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. This year's competition is a single year NOFO for FY2026.. I**nformation and additional details about the HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available at:** https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps.

Local Competition: A Consolidated Application will be submitted to HUD for CoC Program funding by the DeKalb County CoC Collaborative Applicant. HUD requires the CoC to complete a local competition to determine which projects will be included in the consolidated application, along with the project's relative priority, before the CoC submits the consolidated application.

The DeKalb CoC application process begins on July 14, 2026. Project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY2026 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC.

All applicants interested in applying for CoC funding should immediately send an email to dekalbcoc@dekalbcountyga.gov stating your intent to apply. All applicants must participate in the local competition as described herein.

Submission Requirements and Deadline

All applications are due **July 26, 2026 by 11:59 p.m.**

Applicants are required to submit applications via email at dekalbcoc@dekalbcountyga.gov or in person at the DeKalb County Government Service Center at 178 Sams Street Decatur, GA 30030.

FY2026 DeKalb County CoC NOFO
Local Competition Timeline

FY2026 - 2027 HUD CoC NOFO Release Date June 1, 2026

DeKalb CoC Application Release July 14, 2026
Applications and instructions can be found at https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/community-development/homelessness.

Applicant Information Meetings (Virtual) July 15, 2026 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Teams Log In: https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/85826441560 or call-in toll free at USA 888 270 9936. Conference code:150337

Local Competition Application Due July 29, 2026
Applications must be submitted via email or in person by 3:00 p.m.

Application Review and Ranking July 29 – August 7, 2026

CoC Notification of Applicant Selection August 10, 2026

All project applicants who submitted a new or renewal project application by July 29, 2026, will be notified whether their project application (s) will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, rejected, or reduced.

Project Applications Entered Into E-Snaps August 12 – 18, 2026

Public Posting of Consolidated Application August 19, 2026
All parts of the CoC Consolidated Application, including the Application attachments, and the Priority Listing will be posted on the DeKalb County website.

Deadline to Submit Consolidated CoC Application to HUD August 26, 2026

Please direct questions to DeKalb County Community Development Department at (404) 371-2727 or dekalbcoc@dekalbcountyga.gov.

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SECTION A - GENERAL INFORMATION

Purpose

This Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) has been issued by the DeKalb County Department of Community Development, as Collaborative Applicant for the DeKalb Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC), to seek new and renewal applications from non-profit organizations and public entities to provide coordinated community- based services to homeless individuals, families, unaccompanied youth and persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking in DeKalb County, Georgia.

Program services are designed to quickly re-house the homeless while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Availability of Funds

Approximately $4.04 billion is available nationally through this FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO. This year's competition is a single year NOFO for FY2026. **Information and additional details about the HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available at:** https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps.

Use of Funds

24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 identifies the eligible projects for which funding can be requested through the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. CoC funds may be used to pay for the eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63 when used to establish and operate the following projects for eligible populations:

1. Permanent Housing (PH): The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing:
    a. Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (PSH): These projects are for chronically homeless at program entry or who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS as described in Section III.B.2g of the HUD CoC NOFO. PH-PSH Requirements can be found in 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i).
    b. Rapid Re-housing (RRH): Projects for people who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. Dekalb County CoC is not approved to serve people who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3).
2. Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing: Projects for people who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. Dekalb County CoC is not approved to serve people who quality as homeless under paragraph (3).
3. Supportive Services Only (SSO): Projects for linking people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to housing or shelter options with supportive services as described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13).

4. Dedicated HMIS - projects for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37 (a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed as the HMIS Lead for the CoC.

See Glossary for a description of project components and allowable costs. Requests for ineligible projects, costs, or populations will be rejected.

New Projects

New project applications for components noted above may only be created through the following processes:

- CoC Reallocation
- DV Reallocation
- CoC Bonus
- DV Bonus
- Transition/Expansion*
- Combination of Reallocation and CoC Bonus
- CoC Planning

Transition Project: New project applications may be created by request for transition from one eligible renewal project to another eligible renewal project. The original renewal project must be fully eliminated through reallocation in the FY 2026 competition, awarded to the same recipient and fully operational by the end of the operating year.

Expansion Project: New project applications may also be created by request to expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project, so long as it is the same component and type. To apply for a new project that will expand an existing renewal project you must submit two project applications, both a New and a Renewal Project Application.

New DV Bonus Project(s)

Through the 2026 CoC NOFO, HUD has allocated funds nationally for DV Bonus projects, which are dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

New DV Project applications are being accepted for the following:

- Rapid Rehousing projects that are dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects that are dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking; and
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoCs coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).
- DV Bonus funds are not eligible for new PH-Permanent Supportive Housing Projects.

Any number of DV PH RRH and/or DV Joint TH/RRH projects may be submitted provided that each application is for at least $50,000. Only one project application for DV SSO Coordinated Entry can be submitted.

Project applications may be submitted to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously funded with DV Bonus funding. DV bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors or domestic violence, et. al. so long as the requested DV Bonus funds for expansion are used solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV bonus funding.

Who may apply
All Applicants (New and Renewal) must meet the following threshold requirements to be eligible for consideration in the local Continuum of Care NOFO Application process.

Eligible applicants include:

- Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities or Non-Profit organizations having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS for a minimum of two (2) years.
- For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.
- Agency is a current recipient in good standing with local, state, or federal funding awarded under a competitive, substantive grant process that requires detailed financial and beneficiary reporting.
- Participation in a Continuum of Care (DeKalb or another Jurisdiction) Homeless Collaborative.
- Agency has an active, all volunteer board, where no voting member of the board receives any financial or in-kind remuneration from the organization and meets a minimum of four (4) times per year.

- Agency has provided homeless assistance services or housing for at least two (2) years.
- Agency must have had an outside audit by a CPA within the last twelve (12) months.
- Agency must have a minimum annual operating budget of $100,000.

Renewal Project Eligibility
To be eligible for renewal in FY 2026, a project must have an executed grant agreement by December 31, 2025, and have an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2027 (between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027). Agency must have or obtain local approval and consolidated plan certification from the DeKalb County Community Development Department (Certificate of Consistency)

Grant Awards and Terms
Applicants submitting more than one proposal must demonstrate that the agency has the capacity and resources to meet all programmatic requirements including the match requirement. Current award utilization and contract performance may impact award limits for renewal applicants.

New projects will only be funded through reallocation of funds from existing eligible renewal project(s), or as a PH Bonus or DV Bonus project.

The initial grant term for new project applications may be one to fifteen years, but there are limitations depending on the grant type. The grant term may be extended consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309. Please note that the total grant amount is divided among the grant years (e.g., you can receive $100,000 for one year, or $33,333 for three years).
HUD will also allow new projects to request one year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months. HUD has determined that most new projects requesting one year of funding normally take approximately three to six months to begin fully operating the new project (e.g. hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if leasing or renting). Therefore, a new project requesting one year of funding make request a grant term of 12-18 month that will allow for the additional start-up process.

Match
Required Match (Cash or In-Kind Resources) Except for leasing, match resources must equal to at least 25% of the total requested HUD funding, including project and administrative costs.

Note: Cash and In-Kind Match must qualify as eligible program expenses under the CoC interim rule at 24 CFR 578.72 – CFR 578.73.

Objective Criteria for Application Review and Rating

Threshold Review: All applications will receive a threshold review and may be denied for any of the following reasons:

- Agency or project does not meet HUD's eligibility criteria
- Agency lacks adequate capacity to carry out grants
- Proposes ineligible costs or activities
- Proposes to serve ineligible populations
- Does not show required match
- Current contract compliance or performance concerns
- Project does not demonstrate financial or management capacity to carry out project activities

All applications must pass a qualifying threshold compliance review to advance in the local competition.

Compliance Review: Applications from eligible project applicants will be reviewed and evaluated based on submission criteria as set forth in the Application and Application Guidelines.

Components of the application compliance review include:

- All applications must be received by the published deadline.
- All documents and attachments are accurately identified/labeled in the format specified.
- All documents include required elements and satisfy proposal criteria.
- Includes required signatures (scanned original signatures)
- Format - Forms completed as directed.

Required application components:

- Agency Information
- Grant Agreement Information (Renewals Only)
- Project Information
- Project Narrative
- Performance and Service Capacity
- Operating Budget
- Supportive Service Budget
- Program Summary Budget
- Match Documentation
- Certifications and Assurances

Required Documentation

- IRS Documentation of 501(c)(3) status
- Board of Directors Documentation
- Policies and Procedures Manual
- Match Commitment
- Audit or Financial Statements
- ELOCCS
- APRs
- HUD Grant Agreement, Amendments and Technical Submission

Applications that do not meet ALL compliance review criteria will be disqualified from further consideration.

Important Note:
HUD will conduct independent applicant eligibility reviews after e-snaps project submissions and has stated it has the discretion to use the results of these reviews as sufficient basis to make adverse funding decisions, including rejecting, applying special conditions to, or reducing the amount of an award.

Qualitative and Quantitative Review
Each project application is read and evaluated by an independent review team. This review includes a comprehensive evaluation of the application responsiveness and alignment with the HUD policy priorities identified in the NOFO, local priorities as well as an evaluation of each application component including, but not limited to:

- Project Design
- Target Population and Prioritization
- Organizational Capacity
- Project Performance/ System Performance

Current Renewal Project Compliance Review to include:

- Monitoring/audit findings
- eLOCCS draws/funds utilization
- APR submissions
- Budget/Match
- HMIS Data Quality
- Coordinated Entry Compliance

Project Applications that meet all threshold and compliance criteria, in addition to qualitative and quantitative performance review standards will be eligible for ranking and tier placement.
Important Note for Renewal Projects: Project Quality Threshold 2026

Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met the project quality threshold required through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received as part of the application process, i.e.

- HUD Monitoring Findings
- Results from investigations by HUDs Office of Inspector General
- Recipient routinely does not draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter,
- Consistently late APR submissions
- Compliance issues which result in the project not operating in accordance with the Rule

Project Review and Tier Ranking

After all projects have been scored, the Review and Rank Panel will assemble a list of their recommendations for how each project should be ranked in order of funding priority. The list will be guided by the scores that the Panel has already assigned, by these policies, and by strategic considerations using HUD's funding process.

HUD requires CoCs to review, rate and rank all projects submitted by project applicants, except CoC planning projects, having them fall into two Tiers based on financial threshold. All projects must pass HUD's eligibility and threshold requirement specified above, no matter their priority.

Tier 1

Tier 1 is equal to 60% of the CoCs FY 2026 Annual Renewal Demand.

The Planning Grant is not ranked on the Priority Listing as is not part of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand. HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects are necessary for CoC operation. These projects will not be ranked but will automatically be placed in Tier 1.

Tier 1 projects will be conditionally selected from the highest-scoring CoC application to the lowest-scoring CoC application, provided the project applications pass both eligibility and threshold review.

Only CoC Priority Projects will be ranked in Tier 1. These projects are:

- Unscored HMIS projects, including expansions
- Unscored Coordinated Entry System project
- Scored Permanent Supportive Housing Projects

To preserve the experiencing providers within the GA-508 CoC while aligning with HUD's FY 2026 funding priorities, Permanent Housing renewal projects that are not prioritized for Tier 1 will be given the opportunity to **transition to an eligible transition project in Tier 2, maintaining their established rank order**, allowing the CoC to retain the organization's experience and capacity in addressing homelessness.

First time renewal permanent housing projects (projects that have not completed a contract year by March 31, 2026, and have therefore not submitted a Sage APR) are not scored and are placed in Tier 1, under the system-level projects referenced above.

The CoC will carefully determine the priority and ranking for all project applications in Tier 1 as well as Tier 2.

Tier 2 (ARD Balance + CoC Bonus)

Tier 2 is equal to the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), plus the amounts available for the CoC Bonus and DV Bonus. Projects placed in Tier 2 are less likely to receive funding. The CoC has aligned its Tier 2 project scoring tool with the CoC's and HUD's FY 2026 priorities to prioritize projects that strengthen the CoC's ability to help people experiencing homelessness achieve greater stability and self-sufficiency.

Eligible transition projects will be placed in Tier 2 according to their established rank order. All other eligible new projects will be scored and ranked after the transition projects in accordance with the CoC's established ranking process.

The FY 2026 CoC NOFO establishes a $1.3 billion national funding amount for new projects, with priority given to eligible new Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects. Consistent with HUD's FY 2026 funding process and GA-508's local priorities, the CoC will prioritize eligible new projects in Tier 2. GA-508 will prioritize Tier 2 projects as follows: Eligible Transition Projects: Permanent Housing renewal projects approved to transition to an eligible new project will be placed in Tier 2 according to their established local rank order. Other New Projects: All other eligible new project applications will be scored and ranked after the Transition Projects in accordance with the GA-508 new project scoring criteria. Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only Projects: Consistent with HUD's FY 2026 funding priorities, the Review and Rank Panel may prioritize eligible new TH and SSO projects among other scored new project applications based on project scores, documented community needs, and the CoC's local ranking criteria. Renewal Projects: If renewal projects must be placed in Tier 2, they will be ranked after eligible new project applications. The Review and Rank Panel may exercise discretion within the published ranking process to address documented community needs, including the need for additional housing. Any use of Panel discretion must be documented and applied consistently with the GA-508 local competition requirements. Placement in Tier 2 does not guarantee funding. HUD makes the final project selection and funding determination in accordance with the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO. HUD's federal selection process gives priority to eligible new TH and SSO projects in Tier 2 as part of the new-project funding process. Technical Assistance Technical assistance for the FY 2026 GA-508 CoC Local Competition will be available during the Applicant Information Meeting and throughout the technical assistance period of July 13–17, 2026. Following the Applicant Information Meeting, additional questions must be submitted in writing to dekalbcoc@dekalbcountyga.gov. Questions regarding HUD requirements that are not addressed by the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, HUD guidance, or the GA-508 Application Guidelines may be directed to HUD at cocnofo@hud.gov. For technical issues related to E-SNAPS, applicants should contact HUD at e-snaps@hud.gov.

Award Notification
Project Applicants will be notified by Dekalb CoC of their application rating and tier ranking. Applicant will also be notified if the project application will be accepted, rejected, or reallocated in the CoC Consolidated Application submission to HUD.

Local Appeals
Project applicants that believe they were denied the opportunity to participate in the local CoC competition in a reasonable manner and were rejected or reallocated by the CoC may appeal directly to the Collaborative Applicant for review by the CoC Governance Board and determination. Specific guidance, forms and submission guidelines for local appeal process are available upon request to the Collaborative Applicant.

Solo Applicants
Project applicants that believe they were denied the opportunity to participate in the local CoC planning process in a reasonable manner and were rejected or reallocated by the CoC may also appeal the rejection directly to HUD by submitting a Solo Applicant project application in e-snaps prior to the application deadline of August 26, 2026 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

SECTION B: HOMELESS POLICY AND PROGRAM PRIORITIES

Applications will be evaluated based on the extent to which they further the CoC's and HUD's policy priorities.

1. Improving Outcomes
    - The CoC will prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
    - To end homelessness, the CoC will identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness.
    - The CoC must measure its performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., families with children, those experiencing chronic homelessness, elderly, and people with disabilities, etc.).

2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
    - HUD set Tier 1 at 60% of ARD consistent with the FY26 appropriation and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) competition requirements (2 CFR 200.204–205).

- The CoC will also look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies.

3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
    - Applicants are encouraged to prioritize PH-PSH for those over 62 or with physical or developmental disabilities.
    - HUD has prioritized transitional housing and supportive services, shifting funds away from permanent housing.

4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency
    - The CoC will prioritize projects that provide on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.
    - The CoC's will invest in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnerships with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers.

5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
    - The CoC is partnering with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants.
    - The CoC will prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.

6. Advancing Public Safety for All
    - The CoC cooperates with law enforcement to advance public safety, including working with law enforcement, first responders, and state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use.

7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
    - The CoC will partner with providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology
    - The CoC is commitment to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination.

- HUD has expressed faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistently with their sincerely held religious beliefs and is committed to prohibiting the use of federal funds for racial preferences.

SECTION C: Application Guidelines

All information is required. The DeKalb County CoC reserves the right not to review incomplete applications or projects that do not meet eligibility requirements.

Applicant Identification: Identification of the applicant agency should be consistent with the name as it appears on the IRS certification of Non-Profit Status (New Applicants Only) or as identified on the 2026 HUD Grant Inventory Worksheet (Renewal Applicants Only)

Required Application Components
Section A: Applicant/Project Information
Section B: Project Design
Section C: Supportive Services
Section D: Budget and Match
Section E: Certifications

Required Attachments:

A. IRS Documentation of Non-Profit Designation Verification
B. Board Documentation: List of Current Board Members, Officers, Meeting Schedule for last 12 months and minutes from last 4 meetings
C. Program policy and procedures (Renewal projects only)
D. Most recent financial audit (FY25-26) (Must include management letter)
E. 2 years financial statements
F. SAM.gov verification
G. Supportive Service Agreement (if applicable)
H. Certified Community Behavioral Health Center Documentation
I. Supportive Service Partnership Agreements or Supporting Documentation
J. Budget Worksheet
K. Match Commitment Documentation
L. Conflict of Interest/Code of Conduct Policy
M. Most recent APR (Renewals projects only)
N. eLOCCS expenditure information
O. Most recent HUD grant agreement and/or amendment

***See additional requirements for new projects created through transition, consolidation, or expansion grant.*

REQUIRED READING: Project applicants should read the FY 2026 CoC NOFO, COC Program Interim Rule, and the General HUD NOFO (See HUD COC NOFO Resources).

LEVERAGE: Leverage is not required. However, New and Renewal Project applicants are strongly encouraged leverage funds (up to 25%) to maximize use of all available housing resources funded through sources other than the CoC or ESG programs and/or healthcare provided through an array of healthcare providers.

CODES OF CONDUCT: All applicants must have a current HUD-approved Code of Conduct. Be sure to review the Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs page on HUD's website to ensure your organization is listed (which means you have submitted an approved Code of Conduct). If you do not see your organization on the list, be sure to attach a current and complete Code of Conduct to your Project Applicant Profile in e- snaps.

EXPANDED DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS: The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act As amended now includes the following definition of homelessness (Category 4): (b) DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER DANGEROUS OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS: Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to be homeless any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

2022 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA) BUDGET LINE ITEM: VAWA provides various protections to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking under the CoC Program and other HUD programs. VAWA 2022 reauthorized, amended, and strengthened VAWA. As a result, HUD added a VAWA Costs Budget Line Item (BLI) to be built into the CoC Program Competition Application process. Applicants wishing to utilize this new BLI can request a budget modification during the competition to add funds to these line items from an existing line item. Applicants may also request to expand existing renewal grants to add new funding to these BLIs.

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING (AFFH): With some exceptions for Federally recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities, HUD states project applicants must discuss how they will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151. Applicants may propose activities that are consistent with their jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI), an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), or other means of fair housing planning that meaningfully supports their AFFH certification.

ESTIMATE AMOUNT OF PROGRAM INCOME AS MATCH: Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for match.

EFFECT OF PROGRAM REGULATION AMENDMENTS: The grant agreements will be subject to the program regulation as it may be amended from time to time. Recipients will be subject to regulatory revisions as they come into effect, without having to wait until the grant is renewed in a future competition.

2026 FAIR MARKET RENTS WILL APPLY: Because the CoC Consolidated Application submission deadline falls in FY2026, HUD will use FY 2026 FMRs for funding amounts. HUD is required to adjust awards for leasing, operating, and rental assistance based on changes to the Fair Market rents. All adjustments for each fiscal yar appropriation will be made prior to award announcement.

ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: All scattered-site projects where program participants choose their own unit and are not restricted to units within a pre- determined specific project site or sites are categorized in 24 CFR 58-35(b)(1) as CENST. This now includes both tenant-based rental assistance and tenant-based leasing projects.

YOUTH: Youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 as a condition for receiving services under the NOFO. Any youth-serving provider (a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under) funded under the NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who have an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under the NOFO or the CoC Program Interim Rule.

Transition, Expansion and Consolidated Project Applications
Refer to the specific NOFO section that provides the complete information you need to determine the course of action you as the project applicant want to take in this year's CoC Program Competition

TRANSITION GRANTS

- Applicants may transition renewal projects from one CoC Program component to another using the CoC Program Competition, over a one-year grant cycle (e.g., Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing, Rapid Rehousing to Permanent Supportive Housing)
- To be eligible to receive a transition grant, the renewal project applicant must have the consent of the DeKalb CoC Collaborative Applicant.
- To create a transition grant, the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new transition grant.
- For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the applicant for the new project must be the same recipient for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated, and the applicant must provide the grant number(s) of the projects being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application (e.g., if the project was last funded in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition, a copy of the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition project application must be attached to the project application).
- The provision that no more than 50% of each transition grant may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded no longer applies. All funds awarded must be used for eligible activities awarded under the new component for the project.
- Transition grants conditionally awarded in the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition will have one year to fully transition from the original component to the new component and this will take place during the transition grant's normal operating year.
- The project's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component, i.e., the transition grant will have the same operating year as the expiring component project. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start day of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term.
- By the end of the FY 2026 operating year, the transition grant must be operating under the new component and will be eligible to apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.
- If HUD determines that a new project that applied to be a transition grant does not qualify to be a transition grant, but meets all other new project requirements, then HUD may award the project as a new project that is not a transition grant. In these instances, the recipient will not be permitted to expend any FY 2026 funds on activities not included in the new project application.

CONSOLIDATED PROJECTS

- Eligible renewal project applicants may consolidate up to ten eligible renewal projects into one project application during the application process.
- This means that a CoC Program recipient no longer must wait for a grant agreement amendment to be executed to consolidate two or more grants before it can apply for a single consolidated project in the CoC Program Competition.
- However, prior to beginning the consolidation process in the project application, the applicant should consult with the local HUD field office to ensure it is eligible to consolidate the projects.
- The project being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted.
- To be eligible for consolidation, projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component.

HUD will not permit projects to consolidate if they have:

- Outstanding audit or monitoring findings;
- Outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears;
- Unresolved construction delays;
- History or poor financial management or drawdown issues;
- History of low occupancy levels, or lack of experience in administering the project type; Other capacity issues.

To apply for a consolidated grant, applicants must submit separate renewal project applications for each of the grants that are proposed to be consolidated, AND an application for the new consolidated grant with the combined budget and information for all grants proposed for consolidation.

Project applications for the grants that are proposed to be consolidated with be ranked. If all those grants are selected, then HUD will award the single consolidated grant. If one of the projects proposed for consolidation is found to be ineligible or is not selected, then HUD will award the grant(s) eligible for renewal and selected as separate grants.

EXPANSION PROJECTS

HUD will allow renewal project applicants to apply for a new expansion project under the DV Bonus, reallocation and CoC bonus processes to expand existing project by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing programs, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects within the CoCs geographic area.

To request an expansion for a current CoC-Program funded project, applicants will be required to submit two project applications:

1. the renewal project application that will be expanded
2. a new project application with just the expansion information.

For the new expansion project to be selected for a conditional award BOTH the renewal project application and the new expansion project must be selected for a conditional award.

HUD will only select a new DV Bonus project that expands an existing renewal project if HUD selects the renewal project in Tier 1 or 2. For DV Bonus applications that propose expansion but do not meet requirements for an expansion project or the renewal portion is not selected in Tier 1 or 2, HUD will consider the DV Bonus application as a standalone DV Bonus application and use the DV Bonus selection process outlined in FY2026 NOFO.

ELIGIBLE TYPES OF NEW PROJECTS CREATED THROUGH REALLOCATION AND/OR BONUS

PERMANENT HOUSING- PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECTS where 100% of the beds are dedicated to individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 or that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS.

PERMANENT HOUSING – RAPID REHOUSING PROJECTS that will serve homeless individuals and families, including unaccompanied youth.

JOINT TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND RAPID REHOUSING COMPONENT PROJECTS to better serve homeless individuals and families, including youth, individuals or families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the following criteria:

- Residing in a place not meant for human habitation
- Residing in an emergency shelter
- Person meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless including persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking
- Residing in a Transitional Housing project that is being eliminated
- Residing in Transition Housing funded by a Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Component project
- Receiving services from a VA-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the criteria above at initial intake to the VA homeless assistance system
- Funding for this project cannot be used for capital costs.

DEDICATED HMIS PROJECTS – for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(2) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant, and that is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY PROJECTS - for linking people experiencing homelessness to housing or shelter options with supportive services.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) BONUS
Funds nationally have been authorized in the FY 2026 HUD Appropriations Act, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus for Rapid Rehousing projects, Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Component projects, and Supportive Services Only project for Coordinated Entry to address the unique housing, service and coordination needs of victims fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

The CoC may apply for the following types of projects:

- Rapid rehousing projects
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing component projects
- Supportive Services Only Projects for linking people experiencing homelessness to housing or shelter options with supportive services

Only one SSO CE DV Project Application can be submitted.

HUD is clarifying that while persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 and may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC program, a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking.

If a CoC submits more than one project application for DV PH (PSH and RRH), HUD will only consider the highest ranked project that passes eligibility and quality threshold review for the DV Bonus and will consider any other project for funding as a regular bonus project.

A CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to dedicate additional units, bed, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.

CoCs are required to rank all DV Bonus projects on the New Project Listing of the CoC Priority Listing with a unique rank number.

Section D: OBJECTIVE CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION REVIEW, RATING AND RANKING, REALLOCATION, AND APPEALS

Project Application Review and Rating

All Project Applications will receive a three-part proposal review using objective rating criteria. Projects are evaluated for Application and Threshold Compliance, then read and rated by a minimum of two independent reviewers.

Review Team

The Planning Committee and Collaborative applicant will identify a diverse team of independent reviewers that reflect those over-represented in the local homelessness population, those with lived experience are included as reviewers. All reviewers have experience in the human services or homeless assistance arena and will conduct the project application reviews. The Collaborative applicant will conduct reviewer orientation and training. Each reviewer is assigned a minimum of two project applications. A minimum of two independent reviewers reviews each application.

Rating and Ranking

Based on the results of the application rating, APR and compliance reviews (renewals only), project scores are rated and ranked from the highest proposal score down. Project applications are then ranked, except CoC planning projects, having them fall into Tier 1 and Tier 2 based on financial threshold. All projects must pass HUD's eligibility and threshold requirement specified above, no matter their priority.

Reallocation

The CoC will also consider reallocating funds from existing renewal projects to fund new or expand higher performing projects. Reallocation involves using funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects.

The following factors will be considered:

- Projects that do not align with HUD and COC policies and priorities;
- Projects that are underperforming, as measured by APR scores;
- Projects indicating that they will not or cannot implement the scope of work submitted in the previous NOFA application and
- Projects that show a 2–3-year trend of underspending, or projects that indicate that funding is in excess of their ability to spend.

Agencies may decide to voluntarily reallocate part or all of one of their projects, i.e., to release that funding back into the common pool for the entire CoC. A project that is entirely reallocated will not receive a spot in the Priority Listing. A project that is partially reallocated can still receive a spot in the Priority Listing but will reflect that the project is now applying for a reduced amount of money.

Alternatively, the Review and Rank Panel has the discretion to recommend projects for involuntary reallocation. This will occur as part of the prioritization of Permanent Housing projects for Tier 1 detailed above, as well as any other renewal reallocations that the Review and Rank Panel must make to strategically align with the FY2026 NOFO funding processes and Set Asides. Additionally, the Review and Rank Panel determines if any renewal project should receive a decrease in funding (or an elimination of funding) due to substandard performance in outcomes and/or utilization of funds or using the prioritizations and recommendations in these policies and in the scoring tools. Any funding captured from an existing project will be made available for reallocation to a new or transition project that meets the requirements in the NOFO.
All projects must meet certain threshold requirements (as detailed on the scoring tool) in order to be included in the Priority Listing.

Applicant Notification
Project applicants accepted for inclusion in the consolidated CoC NOFA application will be notified in writing prior to the HUD Consolidation Application submission deadline.

Applications rejected for inclusion in the consolidated plan have the right to appeal the CoCs decision. Specific guidance is provided regarding appeal to the Collaborative Applicant of the CoC's decision. If applicant complaint cannot be resolved at the local level, Project Applicants have the right to submit a Solo Applicant directly to HUD.

Appeals
Appeals may be made only on the following bases:

- Inaccuracy in information provided to the Review and Rank Panel (by entities other than the applicant) resulting in a reduced score
- A failure by the Panel to follow the Review and Rank process resulting in a reduced score

NOTE: Appeals based on policy considerations, funding priorities, or other subjective criteria will not be considered and are not eligible for technical appeal.

If the project was submitted by a collaboration of agencies, only one joint appeal may be made.

Projects may not appeal when a Panel does not select a project for funding (i.e., due to not meeting thresholds, because it submitted late, etc.), as the project will not have been scored by the Panel.

Project applicants that believe they were denied the opportunity to participate in the local CoC planning process in a reasonable manner and were rejected or reallocated by the CoC may appeal the rejection directly to the Collaborative Applicant.

Any Project Applicant seeking to appeal must adhere to the included timeline. Failure to meet a deadline in the timeline voids the Project Applicant's appeal.
Specific guidance, forms and submission guidelines for local appeal process are available upon request to the Collaborative Applicant. If resolution at the local level is unsuccessful, Applicants can appeal directly to HUD by submitting an email to snapsappeal@hud.gov. The subject line must include the CoC number, appeal notice, and type of appeal.

For questions or concerns, please email dekalbcoc@dekalbcountyga.gov.

Glossary of Key Terms
CoC Program Components

Permanent Housing - Permanent housing (PH) is defined as community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families live as independently as possible. Under PH, a program participant must be the tenant on a lease (or sublease) for an initial term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. Further, leases (or subleases) must be renewable for a minimum term of one month.

The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing: permanent supportive housing (PSH) for persons with disabilities and rapid re-housing. Permanent supportive housing is permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability. Rapid re-housing (RRH) emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.

Transitional Housing - Transitional housing (TH) is designed to provide homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services. Program participants must have a lease (or sublease) or occupancy agreement in place when residing in transitional housing. The provisions of the CoC Program's TH program component have not changed significantly from the TH provisions under SHP.

Joint Transitional Housing and PH- Rapid Rehousing - These projects provide low-barrier, temporary housing while individuals and families quickly move to permanent housing with a seamless program design. The joint TH and PH-RRH component combines two existing program components, TH and PH-RRH, into a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homeless. Eligible costs include the following: Capital costs (i.e., new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition) leasing of a structure or units, and operating costs to provide transitional housing; Short or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance on behalf of program participants to pay for the rapid re-housing portion of the project; Supportive services; HMIS; and Project administrative costs.

Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that assist program participants must be able to provide both transitional housing assistance and rapid rehousing assistance to each program participant. HUD will require that applications for this program component demonstrate that the project will have capacity to provide both kinds of assistance as needed to each program participant.

Supportive Services Only - The supportive services only (SSO) program component allows recipients and subrecipients to provide services to homeless individuals and families not residing in housing operated by the recipient. SSO recipients and subrecipients may use the funds to conduct outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families, link clients with housing or other necessary services, and provide ongoing support. SSO projects may be offered in a structure or structures at one central site, or in multiple buildings at scattered sites where services are delivered. Projects may be operated independent of a building (e.g., street outreach) and in a variety of community-based settings, including in homeless programs operated by other agencies.

Homeless Management Information System - Funds under this component may be used only by Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) leads for leasing a structure in which the HMIS operates, for operating the structure in which the HMIS is housed, and/or for covering other costs related to establishing, operating, and customizing a CoC's HMIS. Other recipients and subrecipients may not apply for funds under the HMIS program component but may include costs associated with contributing data to the CoC's HMIS within their project under another program component (PH, TH, SSO, or HP).

DedicatedPLUS - A DedicatedPLUS project is a permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) project where the entire project will serve individuals and families that meet one of the following criteria at project entry:

1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3;
2. Residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project;
3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or safe haven; but the individuals or families experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year and were unable to maintain a housing placement;
4. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint transitional housing (TH) and rapid re-housing (PH-RRH) component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project;
5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions; or
6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.

Project applicants applying for new PSH projects must select either **"DedicatedPLUS"** or "**100% Dedicated**" i.e. whether they will serve persons meeting the criteria outline above or where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. Project applicants applying for renewal PSH projects must make a similar selection.

Homelessness Prevention - Recipients and subrecipients located in HUD-designated High Performing Communities (HPCs) may use CoC Program funds for homelessness prevention assistance for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The services under this component may include housing relocation and stabilization services as well as short- and medium-term rental assistance to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless. Through this component, recipients and subrecipients may help individuals and families at-risk of homelessness to maintain their existing housing or transition to new permanent housing. Homelessness prevention must be administered in accordance with 24 CFR part 576.

****DeKalb County CoC has not received HUD designation as a High Performing Community (HPC) therefore no applications will be accepted for this program component.**

Eligible Costs – See § 578.37(a)
The eligible costs under the CoC Program are summarized below:

Acquisition - Acquisition of real property is an eligible cost category under the PH, TH, and SSO program components. Grant funds may be used for up to 100 percent of the cost of purchasing property for the purpose of providing permanent housing, transitional housing, and supportive services only activities.

Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation of structures is an eligible cost category under the PH, TH, and SSO program components. Eligible rehabilitation costs include installing cost-saving energy measures and bringing a structure up to health and safety standards. Rehabilitation on leased properties is ineligible.

New Construction - New construction of structures is eligible under the PH and TH program components. New construction may include building entirely new facilities, constructing an addition to an existing structure that increases the floor area by 100 percent or more, and the cost of land for construction. Projects must demonstrate that construction is more cost-effective than rehabilitation. Unlike the previous regulations, the CoC Program interim rule establishes no maximum grant limits for rehabilitation or new construction. CoC Program funds may be used for up to 100 percent of costs as long as the match requirement is met through other resources. New construction on leased properties is ineligible.

Leasing Costs - Leasing is an eligible cost category under the PH, TH, SSO, and HMIS program components. Funds may be used to lease individual units or all or part of structures. Rents must be reasonable, and, in the case of individual units, the rent paid may not exceed HUD-determined

Fair Market Rents. Leasing funds may not be used for units or structures owned by the recipient, subrecipient, their parent organization(s), any other related organization(s), or organizations that are members of a partnership where the partnership owns the structure without a HUD- authorized exception. When leasing funds are used to pay rent on units, the lease must be between the recipient or the subrecipient and the landowner, with a sublease or occupancy agreement with the program participant. The recipient may, but is not required to, charge the program participant an occupancy charge, consistent with the parameters specified in the interim rule. **2026 FAIR MARKET RENTS (FMR) WILL APPLY FOR THE 2026 COC COMPETITION.**

Rental Assistance Costs - Rental assistance is an eligible cost category under the PH and TH program components and may be tenant-based (TBRA), sponsor-based (SBRA), or project-based (PBRA), depending upon the component type.
Rental assistance may be short-term for up to 3 months; medium-term for 3 to 24 months; or long-term for more than 24 months. The length of assistance depends upon the component type under which the cost is funded. Recipients must serve as many program participants as identified in their funding application to HUD, but, if the amount reserved for the term of the grant exceeds the amount needed to pay actual costs, the excess funds may be used to cover property damage, rent increases, or the rental needs of a greater number of program participants.

- **TBRA -** Program participants select any appropriately sized unit within the CoC's geographic area, although recipients or subrecipients may restrict the location under certain circumstances to ensure the availability of the appropriate supportive services. Except for victims of domestic violence, program participants may not retain their rental assistance if they relocate to a unit outside the CoC's geographic area.
- **SBRA -** Program participants must reside in housing owned or leased by a sponsored organization and arranged through a contract between the recipient and the sponsor organization.
- **PBRA -** Program participants must reside in housing provided through a contract with the owner of an existing structure whereby the owner agrees to lease subsidized units to program participants. Program participants may not retain their rental assistance if they relocate to a unit outside the project.
    - When rental assistance funds are used to pay rent on units, the lease must be between the program participant and the landowner. Each program participant, on whose behalf rental assistance payments are made, must pay a contribution toward rent consistent with the requirements of the interim rule.

Supportive Services Costs - Supportive services are eligible costs under the PH, TH, and SSO program components. The CoC Program interim rule specifies all eligible services and clarifies that any cost not listed in the rule is ineligible. As in the past, services must be offered to residents of PSH and TH for the full period of their residence. RRH programs must require program participants to meet with a case manager at least monthly.

- Services may be provided to formerly homeless individuals for up to six months after their exit from homelessness, including the six months following exit from a transitional housing project. Recipients and subrecipients are required to perform an annual assessment of the service needs of their program participants and to adjust services accordingly. Eligible costs include the cost of providing services, the salary and benefits of staff providing services, and materials and supplies used in providing services.

Operating Costs - Operating costs are eligible under the PH, TH, and HMIS program components. Funds may be used to pay the day-to-day operating costs in a single structure or individual housing units, including maintenance (such as scheduled replacement of major systems), repair, building security (when CoC Program funds pay for more than 50 percent of the facility by unit or area), electricity, gas, water, furniture, equipment, property insurance, and taxes. These costs may not be combined with rental assistance costs within the same unit or structure, and operating costs are not eligible under the SSO program component.

HMIS Costs - Costs related to contributing client data to or maintaining data in the CoC's HMIS or a comparable database for victim services providers or legal services providers are eligible costs under the PH, TH, SSO, and HMIS program components. Eligible HMIS costs include hardware, equipment and software costs; training and overhead; and staffing costs associated with contributing data to the HMIS designated by the CoC for its geographic area.

Project Administration - Recipients and subrecipients may use up to 10 percent of any grant, excluding the amount for CoC planning and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) costs, established through the CoC Program NOFA for project administrative costs. These costs include expenses related to the overall administration of the grant (24 CFR part 578.59), such as management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation activities and environmental review.

Match - Match is actual cash or in-kind resources contributed to the grant. All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds for that activity. All CoC grant funds must be matched with an amount no less than 25% of the awarded grant amount (excluding the amount awarded to the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Match resources may be from public (not statutorily prohibited by the funding agency from being used as a match) or private resources, including the cash value of services provided by healthcare, supportive service or housing providers.

Leverage - Leverage is the non-match cash or non-match in-kind resources committed to making a CoC Program project fully operational. This includes all resources in excess of the required 25 percent match for CoC Program funds as well as other resources that are used on costs that are ineligible in the CoC Program. Leveraged match can include services provided by healthcare or housing providers not funded by the CoC or ESG programs.

- Leverage funds may be used for any program related costs, even if the costs are not budgeted or not eligible in the CoC Program. Leverage may be used to support any activity within the project provided by the recipient or subrecipient. **NOT REQUIRED FOR THE 2026 COMPETITION BUT ENCOURAGED**

HUD COC NOFO RESOURCES:

- **2026 COC NOFO Competition Page: https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc**
- **COC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578):** http://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2018-title24-vol3/xml/CFr-2018-title24-vo3-part578.xml
- **Application Pages**
- **Access E-snaps Application System: https://esnaps.hud.gov**
- **E-snaps Information: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/**
- **Code of Conduct for HUD Grant Programs:** https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants
- **Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS)**: http://dnb.com/duns-number.html
- **System for Award Management (SAM):** https://www.same.gov/SAM
- **Training and Resources:** www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/
- **Listserv:** www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist
- **HUD.GOV Email Addresses**
    - cocnofo@hud.gov for questions about the NOFO, competition and applications;
    - E-snaps@hud.gov for questions about e-snaps technical issues.