

ORANGE COUNTY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, June 24, 2026  
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:**

**County Administration South (CAS) Building  
County Conference Center  
425 West Santa Ana Blvd. Room 104/106  
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## AGENDA

### Board Members

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Andrew Crowe, Scholarship Prep  
Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Project Hope Alliance  
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Tim Shaw, Individual  
Dr. Shauntina Sorrells, Individual

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**Call to Order** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

**Board Member Roll Call** – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

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### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve the CoC Board Meeting Minutes from May 27, 2026.
2. Receive and file the CoC Strategic Plan monthly update.

### **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. Overview of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO
  - b. Renewal Funding
    - (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to issue the CoC Renewal Project Application.
    - (2) Approve the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects, including the project performance measures, thresholds and point allocations, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to evaluate renewal projects.
  - c. CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding
    - (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals to solicit new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

- (2) Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
  - (3) Approve FY2026 CoC Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.
  - (4) Recommend the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead to apply for an expansion project outside of the RFP process and to be funded by CoC Bonus or Reallocation funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
- d. Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding
- (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit new Transitional Housing projects, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
  - (2) Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
  - (3) Approve the FY2026 DV Bonus Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.
2. **Coordinated Entry System (CES) Update** – Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Daniel Garcia, CES Administrator and Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination
- a. 2-for1 Match Policy Pilot Evaluation
  - b. CES Administrator Transition
3. **Continuum of Care Builds (CoCBuils) NOFO** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination
- a. Authorize the Orange County CoC’s participation in the CoCBuils NOFO.
  - b. Establish an Ad Hoc comprised of non-conflicted members to support the local competition process for the CoCBuils NOFO.
  - c. Approve the issuance of a local competition process for the CoCBuils NOFO to provide Permanent Supportive Housing units in Orange County.
4. **Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025** – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination; Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Executive Director, United to End Homelessness, Orange County United Way; Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair; Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair; and Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary
- a. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC), to facilitate a local application process for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding opportunity and prepare the Orange County CoC’s YHDP application in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025.
5. **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations, Office of Care Coordination
- a. HHAP Rounds 2, 3,4 and 5 obligations and expenditures updates
  - b. HHAP Round 7 update
6. **Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness’s HMIS Data Request** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), Orange County United Way
- a. Approve Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness’s HMIS data request to receive two exports of client-level data related to all HMIS enrollments for clients enrolled in the Whatever It Takes (WIT) project, for the reporting period of July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2026, for the first export

and the reporting period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the second export, to evaluate project effectiveness.

7. **HMIS Lead Updates** – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way
  - a. 2026 Housing Inventory Count
  - b. HMIS Customer Portal
  
8. **Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Douglas Becht, Director and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination
  - a. System of Care Update
  - b. CoC Update

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, July 22, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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**Call to Order** – Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Board Member Roll Call** – Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary

Present: Judson Brown, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells

Absent Excused: Shakoya Green-Long, Becks Heyhoe-Khalil, Melanie McQueen, and Nishtha Mohendra and Robert “Santa Bob” Morse

Absent: Andrew Crowe and Dr. Kelly Bruno-Nelson

Dr. Shauntina Sorrells arrived during Board Member Comments.

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- Tim Shaw acknowledged new graduate and CoC Board Member Nichole Gideon, highlighting accomplishments on both a personal and professional level.
- Maricela Rios-Faust agreed with Tim Shaw and echoed appreciation for Nichole Gideon’s leadership, time and dedication to the CoC Board.
- Jason Phillips read the names of individuals who passed while experiencing homelessness in April 2026, in remembrance and recognition.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells congratulated Nichole Gideon and expressed gratitude for continued volunteerism and involvement. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells recognized Nichole Gideon’s strength, integrity, and meaningful contributions that will continue to happen moving forward.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from April 22, 2026.
2. Receive and file memo regarding Orange County United Way's United to End Homelessness's aggregate data request for the revised timeframe of January 1, 2024, through March 31, 2026, as recommended by the CoC Board Officers.

Sandra Lozeau motioned to approve the Consent Calendar. Jason Phillips seconded the motion. Maricela Rios-Faust called for a voice vote. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

## **BUSINESS CALENDAR**

1. **Good News Story: Families Forward** – Kathy Lopez, Director of Programs, Families Forward

Kathy Lopez shared a good news story about a family who had been evicted due to job loss and found themselves couch surfing and living in their car in Orange County. Through support from a Families Forward case manager and career coach, the family has now secured stable housing and employment, helping them move toward long-term sustainability.

2. **CoC Strategic Plan Implementation Update** – Aubrey Sitler, Independent Consultant, ACStrategies; Maricela Rios-Faust, Chair; Nishtha Mohendra, Vice Chair; Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Secretary; and Strategy Owners

Aubrey Sitler provided an overview of the CoC Strategic Plan, inclusive of the original Vision Ad Hoc Committee's work that led to the full approval and implementation of the Orange County CoC Strategic Plan. In September 2025, the CoC Board approved the Year 1 Strategy's coupled with the Strategic Goals for implementation. Aubrey Sitler presented the framework of the CoC Strategic Plan, outlining the Vision, Goals, Strategic Aims, Objectives, Strategies and Actions included. Further, Aubrey Sitler, noted that Strategy Owners have full authority to assign strategies and milestones.

Strategy Owners provided updates related to each prioritized strategy for Year 1.

- Maricela Rios-Faust provided an update on Strategy 1: Staff Training on behalf of Andrew Crowe and Robert "Santa Bob" Morse, noting that updates are pending.
- Timothy Kirkconnell shared updates on the milestones for Strategy 2: Coordinated Investment Mapping, including adjustments to the timeline for certain deadlines extending into Year 2. Timothy Kirkconnell also provided updates on the milestones for Strategy 3: Collaboration with People with Lived Experience, noting that some dates were shifted to allow adequate training, capacity-building, and onboarding as the Youth Action Board (YAB) is established.
- Nichole Gideon provided an update on the development of a policy agenda as part as Strategy 4, noting strong examples from other CoCs and sharing that a plan for gathering feedback is in process.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, on behalf of Melanie McQueen, provided a brief update on Strategy 5: Improve Data Collection and Analysis efforts. Dr. Tiffany Mitchell noted that the current state of data collection is limited, but work is ongoing and will evolve as the process continues.
- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala shared updates on Strategy 6: Written Standards, emphasizing the importance of integrating standards, responding to Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) changes, and building policies and processes with intentionality.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells reported on progress with the work being led by Element Consulting Group, as part of Strategy 7: Coordinated Entry System (CES) Evaluation, including the facilitation of a survey and focus groups. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that materials have been submitted, reviewed and received feedback. The first round of focus groups has been conducted, with additional groups planned to

ensure all populations are represented. Next steps included developing maps for each subpopulation. Although the team is slightly behind schedule, they are moving forward and have completed the quantitative data phase and are wrapping up qualitative data collection.

- Tim Shaw provided an update on Strategy 8: Evaluation of Key Partners, related to the process for the evaluating the CoC Board and Collaborative Applicant. Tim Shaw shared the ad hoc committee, comprised of past CoC Board Chairs and Aubrey Sitler, reviewed other evaluation models and developed a project timeline. The ad hoc has created a stakeholder engagement plan focused on efficiency and meaningful input. A draft will be prepared for the CoC Board and Collaborative Applicant leadership to review and discuss.

Maricela Rios-Faust thanked the Year 1 Strategy Owners for their leadership, work, and updates.

**3. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination**

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 3 was moved to Item 5 on the agenda.

Timothy Kirkconnell shared that on April 22, 2026, HUD posted the forecasted Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025, with an expected release date of May 15, 2026, and estimated submission date of July 29, 2026. The NOFO will include funding for both YHDP and YHSI to support a comprehensive youth homelessness response system. Timothy Kirkconnell also noted that the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, plans to collaborate closely with Orange County United Way, youth-serving providers in the TAY Collaborative, and other partners. Timothy Kirkconnell stated that approval of the recommended action will allow the CoC to submit a competitive application that could bring additional resources to youth experiencing homelessness in Orange County.

Recommended Action:

- a. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, to apply for funding under the YHDP and YHSI NOFO for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025.

Tim Shaw motioned to approve the Recommended Action. Nichole Gideon seconded the motion. During discussion, an amended motion was introduced by Dr. Shauntina Sorrells.

Amended Recommended Action:

- a. Approve the Orange County CoC to apply for YHDP and YHSI funding as the NOFO states, and allow the CoC Board Officers to make a decision on the lead applicant following the NOFO guidance.

Tim Shaw motioned to approve the Amended Recommended Action. Nichole Gideon seconded the motion. Maricela Rios-Faust issued a roll call vote. Judson Brown, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked whether there were concerns about the Office of Care Coordination serving as the Collaborative Applicant for the upcoming CoC Program NOFO and requested clarity on what collaboration looks like in practice, particularly for frontline staff and youth. Dr. Shelby Feliciano-

Sabala highlighted the need for flexibility in the application process, noting that much youth input is not captured in HMIS or CoC-funded programs.

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that YHDP requires extensive collaboration and engagement with youth-serving providers. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells emphasized waiting for the NOFO release to determine the best administrative fit and how to maximize flexibility and efficiency. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells noted that the CoC Board previously designated Orange County United Way as a lead applicant, and that an amendment may be needed in the recommended action. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells highlighted a need for strong youth decision-making through the YAB and partnerships with youth-serving agencies.
- Maricela Rios-Faust asked whether a Request for Proposal (RFP) process would be required if the NOFO allows for a lead applicant other than the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell asked about lessons learned and areas for improvement from the last YHDP/YHSI application cycle.
- Tim Shaw acknowledged challenges related to expertise and praised the collaborative work, including racial equity assessments and strengthened representation within the Orange County CoC Board.

**4. CoC Program Funding** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Felicia Boehringer, CoC Administrator, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 4 was moved to Item 6 on the agenda.

Zulima Lundy provided updates on the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO litigation and confirmed that all Quarter 2, 3, and 4 awards have been accepted for another year. Zulima Lundy outlined planning expectations for the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, noting it is anticipated to be released no later than June 1, 2026, with awards made by December 1, 2026. Further Zulima Lundy stated that Tier 1 will be set at no less than 60% of the CoC Annual Renewal Demand. Zulima Lundy shared that the Office of Care Coordination is using the FY 2025 NOFO as a guide for planning and encouraged engagement at local, state, and federal levels as ideas develop. Zulima Lundy also noted that questions submitted to the team will be compiled into a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to improve access to information. Zulima Lundy concluded with a brief update on the forecasted release of the CoC Builds NOFO.

Board Members Comments:

- Nichole Gideon asked for clarification on whether all programs and projects in the FY 2025 CoC NOFO were awarded an additional year of funding.
- Maricela Rios-Faust noted that the topic of planning for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO surfaced during the CoC Strategic Plan working group and offered support as needed. Maricela Rios-Faust added that some Domestic Violence (DV) agencies have successfully sued to avoid certain mandated contract language, highlighting the need for awareness of these nuances.
- Tim Shaw emphasized the importance of broad engagement for the upcoming CoC NOFO, particularly ensuring LGBTQ+ organizations such as Alianza and the LGBTQ Center are included, noting the risk of exclusion if not intentionally invited.
- Kelita Gardner expressed appreciation for outreach to faith-based organizations in the Black community to ensure equitable participation.
- Nichole Gideon thanked Zulima Lundy and noted the importance of this work for individuals with lived experience who may be directly affected.

**5. Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program** – Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations and Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 5 was moved to Item 7 on the agenda.

Zulima Lundy provided an update on the HHAP budget summary and spend-downs, including obligation and expenditure timelines for Rounds 2, 3, and 5. Zulima Lundy shared updates from the HHAP Program Ad Hoc Committee, including recommendations for system support and timelines for ramping down activities. Zulima Lundy noted that future recommendations for prevention and permanent housing will depend on the release of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO and how eligible funding categories align with operational needs. Zulima Lundy highlighted continued funding for ACStrategies to support the CoC Strategic Plan and system support for compensating people with lived experience, while noting sustainability concerns as HHAP funding expires in 2028. Zulima Lundy also outlined a recommendation to support permanent housing delivery for CoC programs that may be affected by upcoming NOFO parameters, with more details to be brought back to the CoC Board.

Recommended Actions:

- b. Approve the following recommendations obligating HHAP Round 5 funding, as recommended by the HHAP Ad Hoc:
  - (1) Approve the obligation of \$60,995.25 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the consulting contract with ACStrategies in Fiscal Year (FY)26-27 and FY27-28 to support the ongoing implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan.
  - (2) Approve the obligation of \$200,000 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support eligible use category to partially fund the Compensation for People with Lived Experience Program contracted with Orange County United Way in FY26-27.
  - (3) Approve the obligation of \$1,511,790.38 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Permanent Housing Delivery eligible use category to support impacted CoC Program-funded projects that may receive delayed awards or may be ramping down, noting that additional criteria for programming the funding is forthcoming, pending the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO release.

Amended Recommended Action:

- b. Approve the following recommendations obligating HHAP Round 5 funding, as recommended by the HHAP Ad Hoc:
  - (1) Approve the obligation of \$60,995.25 of HHAP Round 5 funding under the Systems Support or Administrative Costs eligible use category to partially fund the consulting contract with ACStrategies in Fiscal Year FY26-27 and FY27-28 to support the ongoing implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan.

Judson Brown motioned to approve Amended Recommended Actions b1 and Recommended Action b2 and b3. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells seconded the motion. Maricela Rios-Faust issued a roll call vote. Judson Brown, Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala, Kelita Gardner, Nichole Gideon, Marisol Johnson, Sandra Lozeau, Dr. Tiffany Mitchell, Jason Phillips, Maricela Rios-Faust, Tim Shaw, and Dr. Shauntina Sorrells voted yes. No nays, no abstentions, the motion passed.

Board Members Comments:

- Judson Brown encouraged a conservative approach to the third recommendation and asked whether administrative funds from HHAP (up to 7%) had been considered, including whether ACStrategies could be supported through those costs.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells suggested postponing further discussion on administrative cost allocation, further noting the importance of the funding to support Aubrey Sitler's consulting work and requested

additional context on the proposed recommendation to use funds for program ramp-down. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells stated the ad hoc plans to have broader discussion regarding utilizing administrative costs funding.

- Tim Shaw emphasized the value of Aubrey Sitler’s contributions, noting ACStrategies’ programmatic and administrative expertise and national perspective. Tim Shaw expressed strong support for moving ACStrategies contract forward without delay.
- Judson Brown agreed that funding sources should remain flexible and recommended leaving final decisions to the ad hoc members.

## **6. 2026 Orange County Point In Time Count – Douglas Becht, Director, Office of Care Coordination**

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 6 was moved to Item 8 on the agenda.

Douglas Becht presented an overview of the 2026 Point in Time (PIT) Count methodology and results. Douglas Becht reviewed total homelessness numbers, year-to-year comparisons from 2019, 2022, 2024, and 2026, for counts by Service Planning Area, including sheltered versus unsheltered trends. Douglas Becht noted a continued shift toward higher shelter rates and fewer unsheltered individuals. Additionally, updates were provided on data relating to subpopulations, disabling conditions, and household types. Douglas Becht reported that most individuals experiencing homelessness spend the majority of their time in Orange County, with 76% reporting their last permanent address in an Orange County city. Douglas Becht highlighted key takeaways showing reductions in overall and unsheltered homelessness and thanked all partners who supported the 2026 PIT Count effort.

### Board Member Comments:

- Maricela Rios-Faust requested clarification on the subpopulation and demographic numbers shown in the presentation. Maricela Rios-Faust noted that this data is used in the election and decision-making process and emphasized the need for practical ways to strengthen it.
- Tim Shaw expressed concern that missing data prevents accurate representation of certain subpopulations, including LGBTQ+ communities, noting this could contribute to erasure and limit future analysis.
- Dr. Shelby Felacino-Sabala asked about first-time homelessness data, safety concerns for undocumented individual in unsheltered areas, and factors contributing to increases among seniors and TAY.
- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked whether there were plans to fill additional CoC Board seats aligned with specific representation needs.
- Nichole Gideon commented on how recent legal changes regarding law enforcement of encampments may have influenced street count numbers, but also noted positive outcomes associated with Permanent Support Housing (PSH) and getting more individuals into shelter.
- Judson Brown highlighted encouraging trends, including decreases in homelessness since 2019, and emphasized the long-term impact of PSH investments and Department of Housing and Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers.
- Dr. Tiffany Mitchell reflected on the fluctuations between 2019 and 2026 and expressed interest in understanding long-term trends as future counts are completed.

## **7. HMIS Lead Updates – Erin DeRycke, Director, Data Analytics, 211OC, Orange County United Way**

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 7 was moved to Item 3 on the agenda.

Erin DeRycke provided HMIS and performance updates, noting that emergency-shelter length of stay continues to rise. Erin DeRycke also reported that the length-of-homelessness measure is losing federal scoring points, affecting new project funding. To address this, HMIS will review historical records prior to January 1, 2015, strengthen data-quality training, and assess shelter policies and project types. Planned improvements include quarterly trainings, new data-review modules, one-on-one support, correction files, and quarterly data report cards, with progress shared with the CoC Board. Erin DeRycke reported that one agency has reviewed about 20% of older records, while another still has 48% needing updates. Additional agencies are completing corrections. Erin DeRycke also noted recent performance report releases, data requests, and upcoming trainings.

Board Member Comments:

- Dr. Shauntina Sorrells acknowledged the significant hours the HMIS team has spent completing data requests. Dr. Shauntina Sorrells asked for clarity on HUD-required data parameters.
- Kelita Gardner asked whether the 48% error rate related to data quality was due to staffing limitations and whether contracted support is possible, noting this would require funding and training.
- Maricela Rios-Faust asked if agencies could decline to update HMIS records. Maricela Rios-Faust suggested reviewing HMIS Policies and Procedures to strengthen requirements for data entry and corrections.
- Tim Shaw requested clarification on the types and frequency of data-entry errors and whether they are widespread or limited to a few agencies.
- Dr. Shelby Feliciano-Sabala asked whether data costs are allowable as direct or indirect expenses within provider contracts.

**8. Orange County Homelessness Updates** – Douglas Becht, Director and Timothy Kirkconnell, CoC Manager, Office of Care Coordination

Due to time restrictions, Business Calendar Item 8 was moved to Item 4 on the agenda.

Zulima Lundy reminded the CoC Board Members about upcoming end-of-fiscal year contracts and the need to ensure all contracted partners are prepared to submit all appropriate documents in a timely manner. Additionally, shared an update on HHAP Round 7, noting that the State released its updated budget with no major changes but noting there might be local impacts based on future adjustments. Zulima Lundy provided an update on the Commission to Address Homelessness membership.

Timothy Kickconnell elevated the CoC Board Survey from Homebase around the fiscal and resource mapping project. Further, provided an update on CalOptima Health initiatives funding opportunities for various housing projects aimed at expanding housing options and preventing homelessness.

Board Member Comments:

- Tim Shaw asked for clarification on the HHAP Round 7 requirements related to Housing Element compliance and inquired whether the requirements apply to all cities covered by the CoC or only the specific eligible applicant cities. Tim Shaw also asked for an update on the Pro-Housing designation and noted concerns about delays that could affect available funding.
- Judson Brown provided a comment on the Pro-Housing Element status for the City of Santa Ana.

Chair Maricela Rios-Faust adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

# Orange County CoC Strategic Plan: Monthly Progress Update

**Strategic Plan Progress Reporting Month:** May 2026

**CoC Board Meeting Date:** 6/26/26

**CoC Strategic Plan Background:** Finalized by the CoC Board in September 2025, the Orange County CoC Strategic Plan outlines the Orange County CoC’s strategic aims, objectives, goals, and actions from October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2028. Implementation is currently being managed by Aubrey Sitler (ACStrategies). This monthly progress update aims to provide transparency and accountability for the current strategies of focus.

**Upcoming CoC Board requests:**

- **Strategy 4 (Policy Agenda)** plans to bring a drafted advocacy policy to the CoC Board in August.
- **Strategy 3 (Support for People with Lived Experience)** will likely hold some youth collaboration trainings for the CoC Board before YAB members are integrated into the CoC Board space. No date set yet.

Strategy	Owner(s)	Status	Progress Notes
<b>1: Staff Training</b>	Andrew Crowe, SantaBob	Unknown	No updates were provided on this strategy for this month.
<b>2: Coordinated Investment Planning</b>	Tim Kirkconnell	On track	Homebase completed the core data analysis and worked on follow up to continue gathering data on additional funding sources. Qualitative interviews have begun and the mock dashboard has been updated.
<b>3: Support for People with Lived Experience</b>	Tim Kirkconnell	On track	YAB recruitment launched and more than 30 YAB applications/interest forms were received. The first meeting is scheduled for 6/22. OCC and OCUW are finalizing the agreement to renew compensation for PWLE. The decision was made to carefully consider how P&Ps affect both the YAB & the LEAC, so further P&P development has been pushed to fall into July to accommodate onboarding processes.

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<b>4: Policy Agenda</b>	Becks Heyhoe-Khalil & Nichole Gideon	On track	Strategy Owners are soliciting feedback from the WG on the direction to go with an advocacy policy that is needed before they develop a policy agenda.
<b>5: Improve Data Collection &amp; Analysis</b>	Melanie McQueen	On track	This Strategy was discussed at the 5/21 SPF meeting. Providers provided feedback and discussion on the existing qualitative and quantitative data collection methods currently in place to capture client experience and feedback. The SPF also received an update from the CES Evaluation consultants (ECG) on the CES evaluation, which will feed into this Strategy’s data collection and analysis efforts.
<b>6: Written Standards</b>	Shelby Feliciano-Sabala	On track	The new Strategy Owner read through the CoC Board Strategic Plan, goals, and relevant CoC Written Standards. Milestones for this Strategy have been updated to reflect new timelines.
<b>7: CES Evaluation</b>	Shauntina Sorrells, Nishtha Mohendra	On track	<p>Element Consulting Group (ECG) completed Phase 1 stakeholder engagement, including focus groups with 74 people with lived experience, approximately 30 CES operators/providers/system partners, 31 interview participants, and 69 survey respondents. ECG completed an in-person site visit from May 11–15 and continued CES documentation review, HMIS/data analysis, system mapping, and modeling. The Evaluation Core Team and Advisory Group received an update on preliminary engagement findings, CES maps, early system observations, and emerging improvement opportunities. Prelim reports and docs are expected this summer.</p> <p>In May/early June, OCC announced that CES administration will transition to PATH, with OCC assuming interim responsibility for CES operations for an estimated 60–90 days beginning July 1, 2026. The evaluation team is coordinating with OCC and partners to consider how draft evaluation findings can inform transition planning, policy updates, workflow improvements, and the future role of the CES Steering Committee.</p>

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<b>8: Evaluation of Key Partners</b>	Tim Shaw	On track	The Strategy Owner completed compilation of other models of Board and CA evaluation models; completed Stakeholder Engagement plan, which was reviewed and approved by the ad hoc associated with this strategy. The ad hoc discussed the role of OCC staff in development of evaluation processes with OCC staff. The strategy Owner began drafting the CoC Board evaluation process framework outline
<b>9: Manage &amp; Implement Strategic Plan</b>	Aubrey Sittler	On track	Strategy Owner continued to facilitate monthly WG meetings, monitor milestone timelines and challenges, and provide thought partnership to strategy Owners as needed. Facilitated fuller update at CoC Board meeting in May.

**Date:** June 24, 2026

**Subject:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

**Recommended Actions:**

- b. Renewal Funding
  - (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to issue the CoC Renewal Project Application.
  - (2) Approve the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects, including the project performance measures, thresholds and point allocations, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to evaluate renewal projects.
- c. CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding
  - (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals to solicit new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
  - (2) Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
  - (3) Approve FY2026 CoC Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.
  - (4) Recommend the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead to apply for an expansion project outside of the RFP process and to be funded by CoC Bonus or Reallocation funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000.
- d. Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding
  - (1) Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit new Transitional Housing projects, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
  - (2) Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
  - (3) Approve the FY2026 DV Bonus Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.

**Background**

**FY2026 CoC Program NOFO**

On June 1, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO Making available approximately \$4,040,000,000 in competitive funding. The deadline to submit CoC Consolidated application and project applications for FY 2026 CoC Program funds is August 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time (PT). Further details on the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO including the

timeline, available funds, HUD'S Goals and Objectives and application requirements can be found in **Attachment A**.

In preparation for the release of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, the County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC and with the approval of the CoC Board, convened the FY2026 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc (NOFO Ad Hoc), which includes membership of the CoC Board and partners who are involved in the Orange County CoC's efforts. The CoC Board is being asked to review and take action on the recommended items related to the CoC Renewal, CoC Bonus and Reallocation, and DV Bonus funding available through the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, as recommended by the NOFO Ad Hoc.

### *CoC Renewal Funding*

The NOFO Ad Hoc first convened May 2026 and met three times to review the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO application process; discuss the proposed rating and scoring criteria for renewal projects, including the drafted project performance measures, point allocations, and thresholds; and discuss feedback received from the CoC-funded agencies on the proposed project performance measures.

### *Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects*

The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects is utilized to support the Tiering and Project Priority Listing for all CoC Renewal Projects as part of the annual CoC Program grant application. Utilizing both the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO Rating and Ranking Criteria as a starting point, the NOFO Ad Hoc and the Office of Care Coordination developed the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria, in partnership with Orange County United Way's 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) as the HMIS Lead, to evaluate CoC renewal projects as part of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO local competition. The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria includes changes from previous years to reflect HUD's current priorities in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO including supportive service participation requirements and increase in employment income.

**Attachment B** provides a detailed overview of scoring criteria, description, calculated measures, and the maximum points available per criterion. The Office of Care Coordination will prepopulate the scores from the Administrative Review and Unspent Funds. Orange County United Way's 211OC, , will prepopulate the scores from Project Performance, Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income, Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation, and HMIS Participation. The remainder of the criteria, including Project Effectiveness and Recovery and Supportive Service Participation will be scored by the NOFO Ad Hoc.

### *Project Performance Measures*

From May 2026 to June 2026, the Project Performance Reports for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-housing (RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) were published and shared at the Data and Performance Management Committee meetings hosted by Orange County United Way's 211OC. The Project Performance Reports published by 211OC provide performance data to the CoC, communicate data updates to CoC-funded agencies and help inform the Project Performance Measures utilized in the annual CoC Program NOFO competition process. Additionally, 211OC publishes quarterly Data Quality Report Cards that include evaluation of an agency's data completeness, data accuracy, and data timeliness per

project in HMIS. The Project Performance Reports and Data Quality Report Card covered the following time periods:

- February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, for PSH projects
- March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026, for RRH projects
- March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026, for TH projects
- January 1, 2026, to March 31, 2026, for the average data quality measure across all project types

CoC-funded agencies had the opportunity to review and correct any project performance and data quality issues in HMIS prior to these reports being published. Additionally, during the Data and Performance Management Committee meetings, the CoC-funded agencies had an opportunity to discuss the project performance measure thresholds and provide recommendations on how to best improve project performance evaluation.

The NOFO Ad Hoc met to review and discuss the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures and Thresholds, including recommended measures, performance thresholds and point allocations, as detailed in **Attachment C**. In planning for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, the Office of Care Coordination convened the CoC-funded agencies in March and April 2026. This led to a recommendation to have representatives from the CoC-funded agencies meet as part of a CoC Project Performance Review Working Group to do a deeper dive into renewal projects evaluation for the FY2026 CoC Program competition, given the programmatic changes agencies made due to funding uncertainty. The CoC Project Performance Review Working Group met twice in May 2026 and provided focused feedback on the unit utilization and increased employment income project performance measures. On the June 4, 2026, the Office of Care Coordination facilitated a meeting with the CoC-funded agencies to provide an update on the CoC Project Performance Review Working Group's discussion and feedback and shared a verbal update about the draft FY2026 CoC NOFO Project Performance Measures and Thresholds, inclusive of the new measures and point allocations as introduced in response to HUD's current objectives in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. CoC-funded agencies were also invited to share additional feedback via email with the Office of Care Coordination through June 17, 2026. The feedback received from CoC-funded agencies was considered by the NOFO Ad Hoc to support the review and final recommendation of the performance measures, point allocations and thresholds.

RRH projects operated by victim service providers will not be evaluated using the following CES-related measures, as these are non-applicable: Successful CES Referrals, Days Between CES Match and Enrollment, Referrals from CES, and CES Denials by Provider. The Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing/Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) project component, unique to projects funded through DV Bonus funding, is evaluated by looking at a project's TH and RRH scores in Project Performance Reports published by 211OC. Joint TH/PH-RRH project performance scores consolidate TH and RRH scores into one total project performance score for each renewal project. Consolidated scores are then calculated by dividing the project enrollments that met the threshold for the measure by the total possible enrollments within the reporting period of the renewal project.

Inclusion of the FY2026 Project Performance Measures and Thresholds in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria supports the Orange County CoC's efforts to submit a competitive collaborative application and continues to emphasize improvement of system performance.

The recommended FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria was developed to support the evaluation of the FY2026 CoC Renewal Projects and reflects the thoughtful discussion by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and consideration of feedback received and is being presented to the CoC Board for review and approval.

### CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding

The exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for CoC Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report. The Orange County CoC may have additional funding available for new projects through the reallocation process as the CoC NOFO local competition continues, as the review and evaluation of renewal projects is still underway.

New projects applications using CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation funding as detailed in the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO include:

- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Coordinated Entry
- PSH
- RRH
- HMIS

The Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to discuss the project types to be included in the local competition process for CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation Funding. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending that these be limited to the following, in support of aligning and responding to HUD's goals and objectives as detailed in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO:

- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

The Office of Care Coordination also met with the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to further discuss recommended priorities for the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding, presenting potential options based on HUD's goals and objectives. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc reviewed the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding priorities from the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO competition as a starting point.

The CoC Board is being asked to approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and release a Request for Proposals to solicit new Supportive Services Only (including Standalone and Street Outreach) and Transitional Housing projects. Approval of the creation and issuance of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals will allow the solicitation of new projects into the Orange County CoC.

Additionally, with the release of a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals, there is a need to establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received. Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County. The Office of Care

Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional with involving members who are non-conflicted and involved in the Orange County CoC's efforts.

Approval of the recommended actions will support the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, facilitate a local competition process to identify new project proposals for inclusion in the FY2026 CoC Program application for CoC Bonus and reallocation funding.

#### *HMIS Expansion Project*

The Office of Care Coordination offered consideration to the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc for the submittal of a HMIS expansion application as part of the projects to be included in the Project Priority List and under the CoC Bonus and/or reallocation funding. At the April 9, 2024, meeting of the Policies, Procedures and Standards (PPS) Committee, Orange County United Way's 211OC provided a presentation on the Orange County HMIS User Fee Policy and operational costs for HMIS which highlighted a gap of funding. As such, the recommended HMIS expansion project would help address the funding gap for the HMIS Lead and the Orange County CoC. The 2025 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc had approved a similar HMIS expansion project recommendation during the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO that ultimately did not move forward due to HUD auto renewing renewal awards during the FY2025 competition. The 2026 CoC NOFO Ad Hoc was supportive of the HMIS expansion application and is recommending one be completed outside the RFP process. If approved, the Office of Care Coordination will work with Orange County United Way's 211OC to develop the proposed expansion application and return to the CoC Board with an update.

#### *DV Bonus Funding*

The exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for DV Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report. The DV Bonus can be utilized to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, RRH and TH component projects. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending that only TH component projects be solicited as part of the local competition process.

To support the solicitation of new DV Bonus Projects, the CoC Board is being asked to approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposal to solicit TH as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc. Approval of the creation and issuance of the DV Bonus Request for Proposal will allow the solicitation of new projects into the Orange County CoC. Additionally, with the release of a DV Bonus Request for Proposals, there is a need to establish an additional non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received. Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the DV Bonus Request for Proposals for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Office of Care Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional in involving members who are non-conflicted and representative of populations within the homeless service system, specifically those with expertise in working with survivors.

#### *Scoring and Rating Criteria for the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects*

The FY2026 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria is to be utilized to determine the evaluation, tiering and Project Priority Listing for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects as

part of the CoC Program grant application. Each year, HUD highlights objectives and specific application components that are highlighted in the scoring criteria within the published NOFO.

Utilizing the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects Scoring and Rating Criteria as a starting point, Office of Care Coordination and the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc developed the FY2026 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate new project applications received. As detailed above, the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria includes criteria different from previous years to emphasize HUD's new objectives including supportive service participation requirements and increase in employment income.

**Attachment D** provides a detailed overview of scoring criteria, description, and the maximum points available per criterion.

Approval of the recommended actions will support the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, facilitate a local competition process to identify new project proposals for inclusion in the FY2026 CoC Program application for DV Bonus funding.

### **Attachments**

Attachment A – FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO Overview

Attachment B – FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria for Renewal Projects

Attachment C – FY2026 CoC NOFO Project Performance Measures and Thresholds

Attachment D – FY2026 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

## FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

### Overview

On June 1, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Approximately \$4,040,000,000 in competitive funding is available, including at least \$52,000,000 available for new Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

The FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO is available on [Grants.gov](#) and the [Funding Opportunities](#) page on HUD's website. The submission deadline for the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO is August 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PT.

### NOFO Timeline:

- **Monday, June 1, 2026** – Funding opportunity announcement released by HUD
- **Tuesday, August 11, 2026** – CoCs are required to notify all project applicants who submitted their project applications to the CoC by the CoC-established deadline whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, rejected, or reduced by the CoC no later than 15 days before the FY 2026 CoC Program application submission deadline.
- **Wednesday, August 26, 2026** – Application submission deadline

### Available Funds:

- Approximately \$4,040,000,000 nationwide
  - \$104,000,000 for DV Bonus projects
  - A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects. CoC Renewal Projects applications must be submitted by the same recipient that signed the executed grant agreement for the grant being renewed, or entity that became the recipient through a grant agreement transfer amendment.
  - A portion of funds will be available for CoC Bonus Projects. The CoC Bonus allows CoCs to use up to 15 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications.
  - At least \$430 million must be used for Permanent Housing projects including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) for families with children.
  - Up to \$1.3 billion is set aside for new projects ranked in Tier 2, with selection priority for new Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.
- Estimated Funding Available to the Orange County CoC<sup>1</sup>
  - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – \$37,335,446
  - CoC Bonus – \$5,000,000
  - DV Bonus – \$5,000,000
  - CoC Planning – \$1,500,000

### Application Process:

- CoC Application completed and submitted by Collaborative Applicant

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<sup>1</sup> HUD has yet to publish the ARD report, therefore funding amounts are estimated based on the renewal funding awarded to the Orange County CoC and FY2026 CoC Program NOFO language.

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- HUD will select projects based on the HUD selection process
- Project Applications
  - Must describe population and subpopulations to be served
  - Must describe the type of housing and services to be provided
  - Must include budget activities that are being requested
  - Renewal and new project applications are identified through local competition process facilitated by the CoC
- CoC Priority Listings
  - Ranks all project applications in order of priority, including CoC project applications YHDP renewal or replacement projects, and identify any project applications rejected by the CoC

### Eligible Applicants:

- Collaborative Applicants – County of Orange’s Office of Care Coordination
- Eligible Project Applicants – include nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, state and local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE).

### HUD’s Goals and Objectives

1. **Improving Outcomes.** CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under the NOFO to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery. The NOFO includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to expand the pool of successful providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC. The NOFO also makes a significant investment in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects to ensure that those who can recover and achieve self-sufficiency have the support to do so.
2. **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability.** Consistent with the FY26 appropriation bill, HUD is setting Tier 1 at 60% and competing 40% of CoC ARD on the basis of merit between geographic areas. Increased competition brings the CoC Program back to its original intent as a competitive program, not an entitlement program or block grant. Competition ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.
3. **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care.** HUD intends to restore the "continuum" to the Continuum of Care Program to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency. Individuals who are likely to never be able to return to the workforce—over 62 years old, physically disabled, developmentally disabled—should be prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing. Instead, many Permanent Supportive Housing units prioritize certain disabilities thereby failing to serve the most vulnerable. Many individuals with disabilities, including impairment due to substance abuse, are able to recover and regain self-sufficiency and deserve every opportunity to receive treatment and services to help them do so. To the extent permitted by law, HUD is shifting its focus from awarding nearly 90% of CoC funding to Permanent Housing to expand opportunities for other components of the CoC Program.

- 4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency.** The NOFO provides communities opportunities to invest in treatment services and recovery housing, and ensures that recipients do not distribute drug paraphernalia or knowingly permit the use and distribution of fatal, illicit drugs on their properties. This is not a requirement that projects condition assistance on sobriety or treatment, although both are allowable under 24 CFR 578. CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. The NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for homeless individuals and families. The NOFO encourages investment in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.
- 5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency.** CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should 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. One way to advance both recovery and self-sufficiency is through supportive service participation requirements.
- 6. Advancing Public Safety for All.** CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely. HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking. CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.
- 7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations.** One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness 42 U.S.C. § 11381(2). CoCs should encourage 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.** HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination. Part of this commitment is recognizing that faith-based providers deserve a level playing field to compete for CoC funding and participate in the community-wide efforts of their local CoCs. To the fullest extent permitted by law, HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs, recognizing all relevant protections provided by subsection c of HUD's Equal Participation Rule, 24 CFR § 5.109, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the First Amendment. Promoting equal access for faith-based organizations directly advances the goals of the CoC program by increasing the number and diversity of program providers and increasing overall competition for CoC funds. Likewise, HUD is committed to promoting equal access to CoC programs for homeless individuals and program participants regardless of their race or other protected status. To that end, the NOFO

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prohibits the use of federal funds being used for any type of racial preferences, even under the guise of "diversity, equity, and inclusion." HUD wants to increase access to homelessness relief for all individuals and families.

### Changes from Previous Notice of Funding Opportunities:

- **Increase in Competition and Changes to Tiering.** Consistent with the FY26 HUD appropriation, Tier 1 is set at 60 percent of the CoC's ARD. Additionally, HUD will competitively renew or replace YHDP projects.
- **Investment in New Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only Projects.** Unlike in prior years, CoCs may apply for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects including street outreach.
- **Increase in Bonus Funding.** Due to the increase in competition, CoCs may apply for bonus projects in an amount of up to 15% of the CoC's Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN).
- **Expanding Eligible DV Bonus Projects to Include Transitional Housing.** Unlike prior years, Transitional Housing is an eligible DV Bonus project in the NOFO.
- **Program Components that are eligible under the NOFO.** The four components that will be funded through this CoC Program Competition are fully described at 24 CFR 578.37 and include: (a). Transitional Housing; (b). Supportive Services Only; (c). Permanent Housing (permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing); and (d). HMIS. HUD will allow renewal project applications for Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects, but HUD will not accept new Joint TH/PH-RRH component project applications.
- **Housing with shared kitchen and bathroom facilities.** Under the CoC Interim Rule at 24 CFR 578.75, housing leased with CoC program funds, or for which rental assistance payments are made with CoC program funds, must meet the applicable standards at 24 CFR 982.401 (HQS), and starting on October 1, 2026, 24 CFR 5.703 (NSPIRE). Both HQS and NSPIRE require a bathroom and a kitchen in the unit. HUD will consider requests to waive this regulatory requirement for good cause to facilitate projects proposing a housing model that does not meet this standard, such as Single Rooms Occupancy units (SROs).
- **Reallocation.** CoCs may reallocate funding from any eligible renewal grant, including grants that have not previously renewed under the CoC Program, so long as the project has an executed grant agreement with an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027.
- **Preferences for Elderly Individuals and Families and Disabled Individuals and Families.** Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 recipients of CoC Program funds, including funds awarded under the NOFO and prior CoC Program Competition NOFOs may establish preferences for:
  - Elderly individuals and families. For purposes of establishing preferences under this allowance, HUD is defining elderly as 55 and older.
  - Disabled individuals or families as defined by section 401(10) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11360(10)).
- **Award Announcement Timeline.** Pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, HUD will announce FY26 CoC awards no later than December 1, 2026, barring any judicial or congressional intervention.
- **HUD Funding Process.** HUD significantly revised the funding process to create priorities in the selection.

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- **HUD's Goals and Objectives.** Significant changes from HUD's Goals and Objectives from previous funding opportunities.
- **Supportive Service Requirements.** HUD is encouraging prioritization of projects that lead to long-term economic independence through supportive service participation requirements.

### **HUD Funding Process – Application Review and Ranking Process (pages 88 to 91 of NOFO):**

- Project applications submitted to the CoC will be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC.
- HUD will conditionally select project applications for funding using the following process:
  1. HUD will select all CoC Planning and Unified Funding Agency (UFA) applications that meet project eligibility threshold requirements.
  2. HUD will then select all projects in Tier 1 that pass project eligibility thresholds as described in section V.A.4 of the NOFO.
  3. HUD will then review DV Bonus projects (this does not include DV Reallocation or the renewal of projects originally funded under the DV Bonus) already selected for funding through the above process and determine whether \$104,000,000 has been awarded to DV Bonus projects:
    - a. If at least \$104,000,000 has been selected for conditional award no further action is needed.
    - b. If \$104,000,000 has not been selected for conditional award – HUD will continue down the list and fund additional DV Bonus projects by project-level score until at least \$104 million has been selected.
  4. HUD will then review Permanent Housing projects for families with children already selected for funding through the above process and determine whether \$430,000,000 has been awarded to Permanent Housing projects that serve families with children:
    - a. If at least \$430,000,000 has been selected for conditional award no further action is needed.
    - b. If \$430,000,000 has not been selected for conditional award – HUD will continue down the list and fund additional Permanent Housing for families with children projects by project-level score until at least \$430 million has been selected.
  5. HUD will then select new Transitional Housing (TH) or Supportive Service Only (SSO) projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project eligibility thresholds in the order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b below until \$1,300,000,000 of new projects have been selected.
  6. HUD will then continue selecting new projects ranked in Tier 2 that meet project eligibility thresholds in the order of project score as described in section V.D.3.b below until \$1,300,000,000 of new projects have been selected.
  7. If at any point, HUD selects new projects in an amount more than \$1,300,000,000 HUD will remove all remaining unselected new projects, recalculate Tier 2 scores, and continue selecting projects.

### **Additional HUD Funding Process Information**

- HUD will continue to use a two-tier funding selection process for FY 2026 funding.
- HUD will establish Tier 1 and Tier 2 amounts for each CoC, based on each CoC's Annual Renewal Demand. HUD will post a report that lists the available amounts for each CoC's PPRN, estimated ARD, Tier 1, CoC Planning, estimated CoC Bonus amounts, and estimated DV Bonus amounts on HUD's website.

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- Exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for Tier 1 and Tier 2 will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report.
- Tier 1
  - **Tier 1 is equal to 60 percent of the CoC's ARD: ~\$22,401,268**
  - Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold. Any competitively ranked project may be placed in Tier 1 according to the CoC's local rating and ranking process and based on local needs and priorities.
- Tier 2
  - Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of CoC Renewal (including DV Renewal), CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC applies for.
  - HUD will evaluate project applications placed in Tier 2 for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements and project renewal threshold requirements, if applicable; and HUD will determine funding using the CoC Application score as well as the CoC project ranking.

HUD will award a point value to each ranked new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale, and conditionally select applications in Tier 2 using this point value from the highest scoring project application to the lowest:

    - **CoC Score.** Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application
    - **CoC Project Ranking.** Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoCs ranking of projects, HUD will assign point values directly related to the CoCs' ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity  $(1-x)$  where  $x$  is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2 for the CoC.
    - **Service Participation.** Up to 10 points for projects that indicate that they have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements in their program design, based on individual need in accordance with 24 CFR 578.75(h). Supportive Service Only (SSO) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) will automatically receive 10 points in this category.
- Straddling Tiers
  - If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using selection criteria in section V.D.3.b, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount based on the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

**Opportunities for New Funding:**

- **CoC Bonus**
  - Funding available: Exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for CoC Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report.
    - New projects created through reallocation or CoC Bonus processes include:
      - ❖ SSO projects
      - ❖ TH projects
      - ❖ PSH projects
      - ❖ RRH projects
      - ❖ Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
      - ❖ SSO-Coordinated Entry projects
- **DV Bonus**
  - Funding available: Exact funding allocation available to the Orange County CoC for DV Bonus projects will be announced when HUD publishes the Estimated ARD Report.
    - New projects created through DV Bonus include:
      - ❖ SSO-Coordinated Entry
      - ❖ SSO project
      - ❖ RRH projects
      - ❖ TH projects
  - Each CoC may only submit one SSO-CE project; however, there is no limit on the number of RRH and TH projects CoCs may submit, provided that each application is for at least \$50,000.
  - A project applicant may also apply to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously awarded with DV Bonus funding, however, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds through this process.
  - DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

**Opportunities and Flexibilities for Projects:**

- **Expansion Projects:**
  - HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.
  - If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project, HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests.
- **Consolidation Project:**
  - Applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more, but no more than 10, eligible renewal projects (including renewing YHDP projects), may do so through the renewal project application, and must ensure:

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- Budget Line Items (BLIs) for the consolidated project application submitted, exactly match the sum of the BLIs for each of the individual projects as they appear on the grant agreement, or the grant agreement as amended;
  - Inclusion of the expiring grant numbers with period of performance and budget period start and end dates for the projects that are consolidating;
  - Current period of performance and budget period end dates must end in CY 2025;
  - Are in good standing with HUD; and
  - The projects have the same recipient and are for the same component.
- Transition Grant:
    - A grant to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation. Transition grants in this Competition may apply to renew in subsequent fiscal year competitions for eligible activities of the new component.
    - The new transition project must meet the following requirements:
      - To be eligible to receive a transition grant, the current recipient must have the consent of its CoC,
      - Transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component,
      - The new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD.

### E-snaps Application Guidance

- Project applications must be completed by new and renewal project applicants to include the population(s) and subpopulation(s) they will serve, the type of housing and services that will be provided, and the budget activities that are being requested.
  - Returning project applicants: can choose to import the FY 2024 renewal project application responses; however, this must be requested during your registration of the Renewal Funding Opportunity in e-snaps and is only available if you submitted a renewal project application in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. For further information, please see FY 2026 CoC Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions on HUD's CoC Program Competition webpage. As of June 17, 2026, the webpage states competition resources and Detailed Instructions will be published soon: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>
  - First-time renewal projects: must complete the entire renewal project application, including any first-time renewal projects awarded funds under the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition. For further information, please see FY 2026 CoC Renewal Project Application Detailed Instructions on HUD's CoC Program Competition webpage. As of June 17, 2026, the webpage states competition resources and Detailed Instructions will be published soon: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>
  - New project applications: must be completed in full and in accordance with the new project application components permitted in this year's Competition. For further information, please see FY 2026 New Project Application Detailed Instructions on HUD's CoC Program Competition webpage. As of June 17, 2026, the webpage states competition resources and Detailed Instructions will be published soon: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>

**FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Scoring and Rating Criteria**

**Agency Name:**

**Name of Project:**

The scoring criteria below are used to rate and rank all CoC renewal projects as part of the annual CoC Program local competition for the Orange County CoC. Data is collected using various sources including the FY2026 Application for CoC renewal projects, e-snaps project applications and Project Performance Reports. All renewal projects must meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) project eligibility and project quality threshold criteria described in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.

Scoring Criteria	Description	Calculated Measure	Maximum Points	Reviewer Score	Comments
<b>Administrative Review</b>	The Office of Care Coordination will complete an administrative review of the agency and submitted materials for the renewal project applications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intent to Renew Survey</li> <li>• Participation of homeless or formerly homeless on the Board of Directors, as required by 24 CFR § 576.405(a)</li> <li>• Timeliness</li> </ul>	10	Prepopulated by the Office of Care Coordination	
<b>Project Performance</b>	Objective Data Quality and Project Performance Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in <b>Table: Entries from Homelessness, Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement, Increased Income – Stayers, Increased Income – Leavers, Unit Utilization and Stabilized in Permanent Housing</b></li> </ul>	13	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	
<b>Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income</b>	Objective Project Performance Measures to evaluate HUD’s priorities of reducing returns to homelessness and increasing earned income through employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in <b>Table: Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income</b></li> </ul>	15	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	

<p><b>Project Effectiveness</b></p>	<p>Evaluation of the project applicant’s effectiveness, including meeting the plans and goals established in the initial application as amended, how the project type is effective in serving populations identified as most vulnerable, and cost effectiveness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Description from e-snaps</li> <li>• Exhibit: Project Information Form</li> <li>• Exhibit: Project Effectiveness</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>		
<p><b>Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation</b></p>	<p>Evaluation of project’s participation in the CES, evaluated through the objective Project Performance Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reference FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in <b>Table: CES Participation</b> including Days Between CES Match and Enrollment, Successful CES Referrals, CES Denials by Provider and Referrals from CES</li> </ul>	<p>12</p>	<p>Prepopulated by HMIS Lead</p>	
<p><b>Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation</b></p>	<p>Evaluation of project’s participation in the CES, evaluated through the objective Project Performance Measures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMIS Participation (2 points)</li> <li>• Reference FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in <b>Table: HMIS Participation</b> (3 points)</li> </ul>	<p>5</p>	<p>Prepopulated by HMIS Lead</p>	
<p><b>Unspent Funds</b></p>	<p>Objective review of unspent funding in last three (3) completed grant terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unspent funds will be compared to the annual renewal amount (ARA)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unspent funds under 5% of ARA will be awarded 10 Points</li> <li>• Unspent funds between 5-10% of ARA will be awarded 5 points</li> <li>• Unspent funds over 10% ARA will be awarded 0 points</li> </ul>	<p>10</p>	<p>Prepopulated by the Office of Care Coordination</p>	
<p><b>Recovery and Supportive Service Participation</b></p>	<p>Evaluation of project’s ability to provide treatment and recovery services to participants and/or require participation in supportive services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exhibit: Recovery and Supportive Service Participation</li> <li>• Project Description from e-snaps</li> </ul>	<p>15</p>		
<p><b>Total Points</b></p>			<p>100 Maximum Points Possible<sup>1</sup></p>		

<sup>1</sup> Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) projects will be evaluated on an 88-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on CES Participation

**FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Project Performance Measures and Thresholds**

Below are the measures, thresholds, and point allocations to be used for the evaluation of the CoC Renewal Projects during the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. The Project Performance Measures and Thresholds are based on the Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing and Transitional Housing reports published in May 2026 through June 2026 by Orange County United Way (OCUW) 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC), the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead. In addition, the Average Data Quality Score from 2026 Quarter 1 of the HMIS Data Quality Report Cards will be included in the analysis. The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc has reviewed and will recommend the project performance measures and thresholds below to the CoC Board.

**Permanent Supportive Housing**

**Table: Project Performance**

	<b>Entries from Homelessness</b>	<b>Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement</b>	<b>Unit Utilization</b>	<b>Stabilized in Permanent Housing</b>	<b>Increased Income - Stayers</b>	<b>Increased Income - Leavers</b>
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%	Less than or equal to 30 days	Greater than or equal to 95%	Greater than or equal to 95%	Greater than or equal to 65%	Greater than or equal to 45%
Met Threshold	3	2	2	2	2	2
Within 10% of Threshold <sup>1</sup>	1.5	1	1	1	1	1
More than 10% from Threshold	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Table: Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income**

	<b>Increased Employment Income - Stayers</b>		<b>Returns to Homelessness</b>
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 9%	Threshold	Less than or equal to 7%
Met Threshold	5	Met Threshold	10
8% to 4%	4	8% to 10%	8
3% to 2%	3	11% to 15%	5
1%	1	16% to 20%	2
0%	0	More than 20%	0

**Table: Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation**

	<b>Days Between CES Match and Enrollment</b>	<b>Successful CES Referrals</b>	<b>CES Denials by Provider</b>	<b>Referrals from CES</b>
Threshold	Less than or equal to 45 days	Greater than or equal to 50%	Less than or equal to 40%	100%
Met Threshold	3	3	3	3
Within 10% of Threshold <sup>2</sup>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Projects will receive half points for measures calculated in days if the project’s score is within 3 days of the threshold.

<sup>2</sup> Projects will receive half points for measures calculated in days if the project’s score is within 5 days of the threshold.

**Table: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation**

	2026 Quarter 1 Average Data Quality
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%
Met Threshold	3
Within 10% of Threshold	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0

**Rapid Rehousing**

**Table: Project Performance**

	Entries from Homelessness	Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement	Successful Exits	Increased Income - Stayers	Increased Income - Leavers
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%	Less than or equal to 30 days	Greater than or equal to 80%	Greater than or equal to 40%	Greater than or equal to 44%
Met Threshold	3	2	2	3	3
Within 10% of Threshold <sup>3</sup>	1.5	1	1	1.5	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0	0	0	0	0

**Table: Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income**

	Increased Employment Income - Leavers		Returns to Homelessness
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 25%	Threshold	Less than or equal to 7%
Met Threshold	5	Met Threshold	10
24% to 20%	4	8% to 10%	8
19% to 10%	3	11% to 15%	5
9% to 1%	1	16% to 20%	2
0%	0	More than 20%	0

<sup>3</sup> Projects will receive half points for measures calculated in days if the project’s score is within 30 days of the threshold.

**Table: Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation**

	Days Between CES Match and Enrollment	Successful CES Referrals	CES Denials by Provider	Referrals from CES
Threshold	Less than or equal to 45 days	Greater than or equal to 50%	Less than or equal to 40%	100%
Met Threshold	3	3	3	3
Within 10% of Threshold <sup>3</sup>	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0	0	0	0

**Table: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation**

	2026 Quarter 1 Average Data Quality
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%
Met Threshold	3
Within 10% of Threshold	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0

**Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing<sup>5</sup>**

**Table: Project Performance**

	Entries from Homelessness	Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement	Successful Exits	Increased Income - Stayers	Increased Income - Leavers
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%	Less than or equal to 30 days	Greater than or equal to 80%	Greater than or equal to 40%	Greater than or equal to 44%
Met Threshold	3	2	2	3	3
Within 10% of Threshold <sup>4</sup>	1.5	1	1	1.5	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0	0	0	0	0

**Table: Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income**

<sup>3</sup> Projects will receive half points for measures calculated in days if the project’s score is within 5 days of the threshold.

<sup>5</sup> Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) project performance scores consolidate TH and RRH scores into one total project performance score for each project. Consolidated scores are calculated by dividing the project enrollments that met the threshold for the measure by the total possible enrollments included in the measure.

<sup>4</sup> Projects will receive half points for measures calculated in days if the project’s score is within 30 days of the threshold.

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	<b>Increased Employment Income - Leavers</b>		<b>Returns to Homelessness</b>
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 66%	Threshold	Less than or equal to 7%
Met Threshold	5	Met Threshold	10
65% to 40%	4	8% to 10%	8
39% to 20%	3	11% to 15%	5
19% to 1%	1	16% to 20%	2
0%	0	More than 20%	0

**Table: Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation**

	<b>2026 Quarter 1 Average Data Quality</b>
Threshold	Greater than or equal to 98%
Met Threshold	3
Within 10% of Threshold	1.5
More than 10% from Threshold	0

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## Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

**Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for CoC Bonus** will be scored on a 100-point scale using the following criteria:

	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	<b>Administrative Capacity of Applicant</b>	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current relevant experience in providing services related to those outlined in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types (5 points)</li> <li>• Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and/or local funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants (5 points)</li> </ul>
2	<b>Applicant Service Experience and Approach</b>	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant demonstrates experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability (10 points)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applicant demonstrates a proposed approach for project that aligns with outlined criteria (10 points):                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Standalone proposals, applicant describes how the project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency</li> <li>○ For SSO Standalone proposals, applicant describes how an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants will be conducted.</li> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates a plan for partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.</li> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates plan to cooperate, assist, and not</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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			<p>interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant details plan for providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and for helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs</li> </ul>
3	<b>Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services</b>	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services (10 points)</li> <li>• Proposed project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (5 points)</li> <li>• Proposed services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (5 points)</li> <li>• Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to enter emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or obtain permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to maintain self-sufficiency and live independently (10 points)</li> </ul>
4	<b>Outcomes</b>	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)<sup>1</sup> that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. Specifically, proposed performance outcomes should focus on how participant progress towards self-sufficiency will be measured. (10 points)</li> <li>• Applicant details how proposed performance outcomes focus on participants' placement in emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided. (10 points)</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program, including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness, rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled.

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5	<b>Project Readiness</b>	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin by July 1, 2027.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Budget and Match</b>	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed and the total number of households and participants to be served, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (7 points)</li> <li>• Applicant confirms ability to provide the required match of at least 25 percent. Match documentation is included and details a clear written commitment, inclusive of the amount, funding sources, and signature from an authorized representative. (3 points)</li> <li>• Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)</li> </ul>
<b>Total Points</b>		100 Maximum Points Possible	

**Transitional Housing (TH) projects for CoC Bonus and DV Bonus** will be scored on a 100-point scale using the following criteria:

	<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Description of Basis for Assigning Points</b>
1	<b>Capacity of Applicant</b>	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those outlined in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types (5 points)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For DV Bonus proposals, applicant has capacity for serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and/or local funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants (5 points)</li> </ul>
2	<b>Applicant Service Experience and Approach</b>	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant demonstrates experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months (10 points)</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, and has a plan to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. If applicant does not have previous or current experience operating transitional housing or another homeless project, applicant details proposed approach to meet outlined criteria. (10 points)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services</b></p>	<p>Up to 30 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). To receive full points, applicant will include a draft of the how supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) that will be utilized with all program participants. (10 points). <b>Note: Failure to require program participants to take part in supportive services, may result in the program not passing threshold.</b></li> <li>• Proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include: (5 points)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided;</li> <li>○ Participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applicant describes how the proposed project will (10 points):             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Assess the service needs of program participants, and</li> <li>○ Provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or a with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3 (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.) Note, employment may contribute to the 20</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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			<p>hours per week of engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant describes how the proposed project will: (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leverage resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP</li> <li>○ Provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4	<b>Outcomes</b>	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)<sup>2</sup> that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. Specifically, proposed performance outcomes should focus on how participant progress towards self-sufficiency will be measured. (10 points)</li> <li>• Applicant details how proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants' housing placement, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided. (10 points)</li> </ul>
5	<b>Project Readiness</b>	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin by July 1, 2027.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Budget and Match</b>	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed and the total number of households and participants to be served, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (7 points)</li> <li>• Applicant confirms ability to provide the required match of at least 25 percent. Match documentation is included and details a clear written commitment, inclusive of the amount, funding sources, and signature from an authorized representative. (4 points)</li> <li>• Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)</li> </ul>
<b>Total Points</b>		100 Maximum Points Possible	

<sup>2</sup> The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program, including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness, rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled.

**Date:** June 24, 2026

**Subject:** Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

**Recommended Actions:**

- a. Authorize the Orange County CoC's participation in the CoC Builds NOFO.
- b. Establish an Ad Hoc comprised of non-conflicted members to support the local competition process for the CoC Builds NOFO.
- c. Approve the issuance of a local competition process for the CoC Builds NOFO to provide Permanent Supportive Housing units in Orange County.

**Background**

**Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds NOFO**

On April 22, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted the CoC Builds NOFO as a forecasted opportunity on [Grants.Gov](#). The CoC Builds NOFO will provide funding for construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation of new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for individuals and families experiencing homelessness where one member of the household has a disability. According to the forecast, the CoC Builds NOFO was expected to be released June 17, 2026, with an estimated due date of August 16, 2026. As of June 18, 2026, the Coc Builds NOFO has not yet been released.

The CoC Builds NOFO was previously released three times on the following dates:

- July 22, 2024
- May 16, 2025
- September 5, 2025

The County of Orange, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, applied for the CoC Builds NOFO in the past three funding opportunities. The National Alliance to End Homelessness, Women's Development Corporation and other partners sued HUD challenging the September 2025 CoC Builds NOFO and although the case, 1:25-cv-00447-MSM-AEM, is still in active litigation, HUD has indicated the release of a new CoC Builds NOFO in June 17, 2026.

Eligible Applicants for the forecasted CoC Builds NOFO, as listed on Grants.Gov, include:

**Nonprofit**

- Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3)
- Other Native American tribal organizations

**Government**

- County governments
- State governments
- City or township governments

- Public and Indian housing authorities
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Special district governments

#### **Miscellaneous**

- Other

#### **Education**

- Public and state institutions of higher education

The County of Orange, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, has identified this funding opportunity as important to support the ongoing efforts to develop housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. In planning for the release of the CoC Builds NOFO, the CoC Board Officers were interested in gaining an understanding of potential interested applicants. On June 2, 2026, the Collaborative Applicant released a survey to allow agencies an opportunity to express interest in responding to any future Request for Proposals (RFP) the Orange County CoC may release in response to the CoC Builds NOFO, should the community apply for funding. The CoC Builds NOFO Interest Survey received 15 completed responses from agencies expressing interest in applying for the opportunity.

The Collaborative Applicant is seeking approval from the Orange County CoC Board p to apply for the funding opportunity and issue a local competition process on behalf of the Orange County CoC. The Collaborative Applicant is also approval from the Orange County CoC Board to establish an ad hoc comprised of non-conflicted members to review proposals and select a project(s) that that will support the Orange County CoC in submitting a competitive application for the CoC Builds NOFO that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County. If approved, the Office of Care Coordination will outreach to CoC Board members, CoC General Members, and other local partners involved in the work of the CoC who can serve as non-conflicted ad hoc members, have an understanding of the Orange County homeless services system and housing development, and can be available to attend meetings throughout the summer months.

**Date:** June 24, 2026

**Subject:** Youth Homelessness Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY2024 and FY2025

**Recommended Action:**

- a. Authorize the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC), to facilitate a local application process for the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding opportunity and prepare the Orange County CoC’s YHDP application in response to the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025.

**Background**

On April 22, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) posted the Youth Homelessness NOFO for FY2024 and FY2025 (Youth Homelessness NOFO) as a forecasted opportunity on [Grants.Gov](https://www.grants.gov).

On June 10, 2026, the Youth Homelessness NOFO was posted on Grants.Gov, making available \$193,000,000 in competitive funding. The deadline to submit applications is August 10, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The Youth Homelessness NOFO will provide competitive awards to eligible applicants under two different programs: 1. Youth Homelessness System Improvement (YHSI) grants and 2. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP).

Under the YHSI grants, HUD will make awards to selected communities to support them in establishing and implementing a response system for youth homelessness or for improving their existing response system. HUD will select approximately 49 communities for YHSI grants.

Under the YHDP, HUD will provide funding to communities to implement housing and supportive services projects. HUD anticipates selecting between 24 and 50 communities, with a priority for communities with substantial rural populations. The minimum YHDP award for a YHDP Community recipient is \$500,000 and the maximum YHDP award for a YHDP Community Recipient is \$15,000,000.

Eligible Applicants for the Youth Homelessness NOFO, as listed on Grants.Gov, include:

**Miscellaneous**

- Other

**Nonprofit**

- Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3)
- Other Native American tribal organizations

**Government**

- Special district governments
- City or township governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments

- County governments
- State governments

#### **Education**

- Public and state institutions of higher education

At the May 27, 2026, meeting, the CoC Board approved a recommended action to “Approve the Orange County CoC to apply for YHDP and YHSI funding as the NOFO states and allow the CoC Board Officers to make a decision on the lead applicant following the NOFO guidance.”

Following the release of the Youth Homelessness NOFO, the Office of Care Coordination met with the CoC Board Officers and representatives from Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness to discuss the funding opportunity. It was agreed that Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness would be submitting a YHSI application and the Office of Care Coordination, acting as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, would facilitate the local application process and submit a YHDP application on behalf of the Orange County CoC.

Approval of the recommended action will authorize the Office of Care Coordination to facilitate the local application process and submit a YHDP application on behalf of the Orange County CoC and is consistent with other recommended actions presented to the CoC Board as it related to funding opportunities.

**Date:** June 24, 2026

**Subject:** Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Data Request

**Recommended Action:**

- a. Approve Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness's HMIS data request to receive two exports of client-level data related to all HMIS enrollments for clients enrolled in the Whatever It Takes (WIT) project, for the reporting period of July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2026, for the first export and the reporting period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, for the second export, to evaluate project effectiveness.

**Background and Analysis**

In accordance with the [HMIS Policies and Procedures](#), data requests for client-level data are approved by the Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board prior to any data being released. Once approved, data requests are carried out by Orange County United Way, 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) as the HMIS Lead for the Orange County CoC.

On May 28, 2026, 211OC received a data request from the Orange County United Way United to End Homelessness team to receive two exports of client-level data. The request will be limited to clients served through the Whatever It Takes (WIT) program that have also been served by at least one project participating in HMIS, and have a signed HMIS Consent Form in effect as of the end of the reporting period. If approved, the reporting period of the first export will be July 1, 2022 through May 31, 2026, and data will be sent by mid-July 2026. The reporting period for the second export will be from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and data will be sent by mid-January 2027.

WIT is an innovative, results-driven program developed through Orange County United Way's United to End Homelessness initiative in partnership with CalOptima Health. Designed to complement CalAIM's housing suite of services, WIT addresses the urgent and complex needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity. By providing flexible financial assistance, housing location resources, and technical support to service providers, WIT accelerates pathways to stable housing and long-term health outcomes.

Data synchronization between the programmatic data tracked and stored on the AssistOC technology platform and client data from CalOptima Connect has enabled Orange County United Way to measure and analyze more comprehensive outcome data, while also mapping each member's full housing journey and interactions with housing support services.

Incorporating client data from HMIS will further complete the picture of housing interventions and provide deeper insights into housing outcomes. This integrated, data-driven approach will support real-time tracking of client progress, improve coordination across providers, and strengthen insights into housing outcomes—creating a more efficient, transparent, and responsive system of care.

*As submitted by Orange County United Way's 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC)*

Data Elements being Requested

- 2.02 Project Name
- 2.02 Project Type Code
- 2.03 CoC Information: Project City
- 2.06 Funding Sources
- 3.01 Name
- 3.03 Date of Birth
- 3.04 Race and Ethnicity
- 3.07 Veteran Status
- 3.08 Disabling Condition
- 3.1 Project Start Date
- 3.11 Project Exit Date
- 3.12 Destination
- 3.15 Relationship to Head of Household
- 3.2 Housing Move In Date
- 3.917 Prior Living Situation
- 4.02 Income and Sources
- 4.03 Non-Cash Benefits
- 4.04 Health Insurance
- 4.05 Physical Disability
- 4.06 Developmental Disability
- 4.07 Chronic Health Condition
- 4.09 Mental Health Disorder
- 4.1 Substance Use Disorder
- 4.11 Domestic Violence
- 4.12 Current Living Situation
- 4.19 Coordinated Entry Assessment: Date, City, Housing Preference
- 4.2 Coordinated Entry Event: Event Date, Event, Event Result, Result Date, Location of Crisis Housing or Permanent Housing Referral
- 5.03 Data Collection Stage
- 5.05 Project Identifier
- 5.06 Enrollment Identifier
- 5.08 Personal Identifier
- 5.09 Household Identifier
- Custom Field - Gender

**Date:** June 24, 2026

**Subject:** 2026 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Sheltered Point-in-Time Count (PIT)

### Background and Analysis

The HIC is a point-in-time inventory of housing programs within a Continuum of Care (CoC) that provide beds and units dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness (or for permanent housing projects, were homeless at entry per the Department of Housing and Urban Development [HUD] homeless definition). All CoCs are required to conduct a HIC annually, and counts must be conducted during the last ten days in January. The HIC includes Safe Haven, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing projects operating in Orange County on the night of the count, which took place on January 26, 2026.

The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. HUD requires that CoCs conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness who are sheltered in Safe Haven, Emergency Shelter, and Transitional Housing on a single night. 2-1-1 Orange County (211OC) at the Orange County United Way, as the HMIS Lead for the Orange County CoC, facilitated the Sheltered PIT Count the night of January 26, 2026.

The HIC and Sheltered PIT reports are produced from the CoC's HMIS data, as well as data submitted from agencies not participating in HMIS. Data is submitted annually to HUD via the Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX 2.0) and provides HUD and CoCs with critical information about people experiencing homelessness.

The HMIS Lead for the Orange County CoC, 211OC at the Orange County United Way, completed the HIC and Sheltered PIT data submissions by HUD's deadline. **Attachments A and B** were prepared by 211OC using data submitted to HUD.

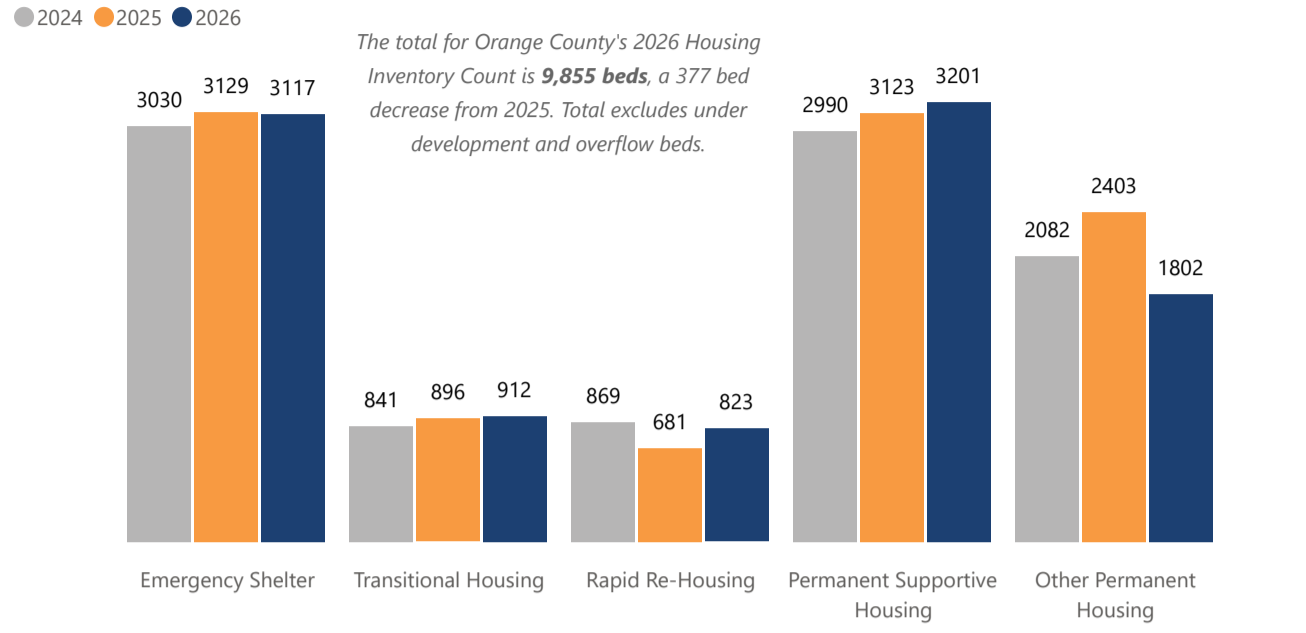
### Attachments

Attachment A – 2026 HIC Overview

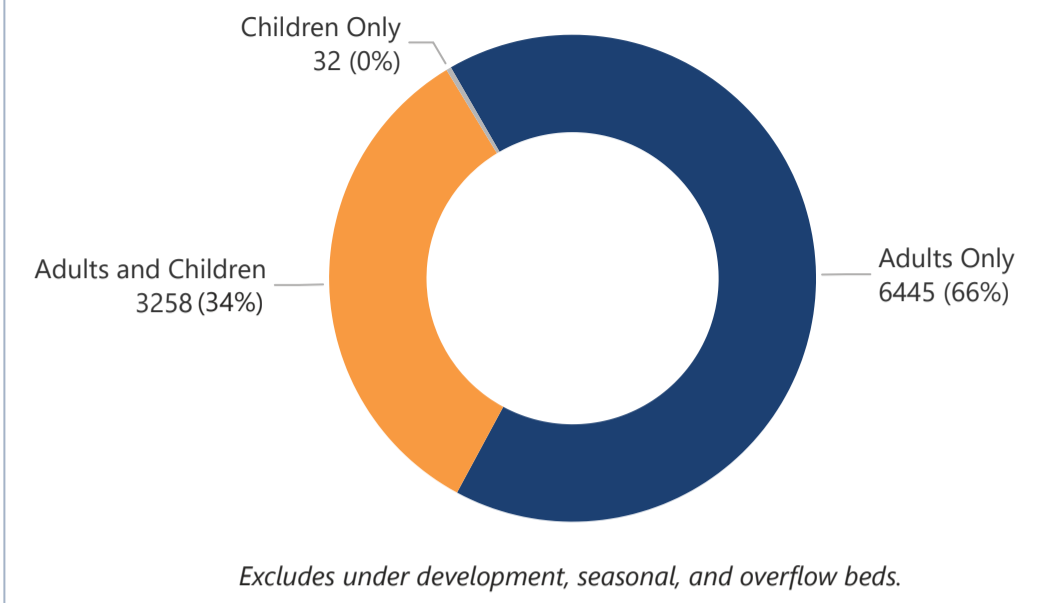
Attachment B – 2026 Sheltered PIT Overview

# Orange County, CA (CA-602): 2026 Housing Inventory Count

## Total Bed Count by Project Type

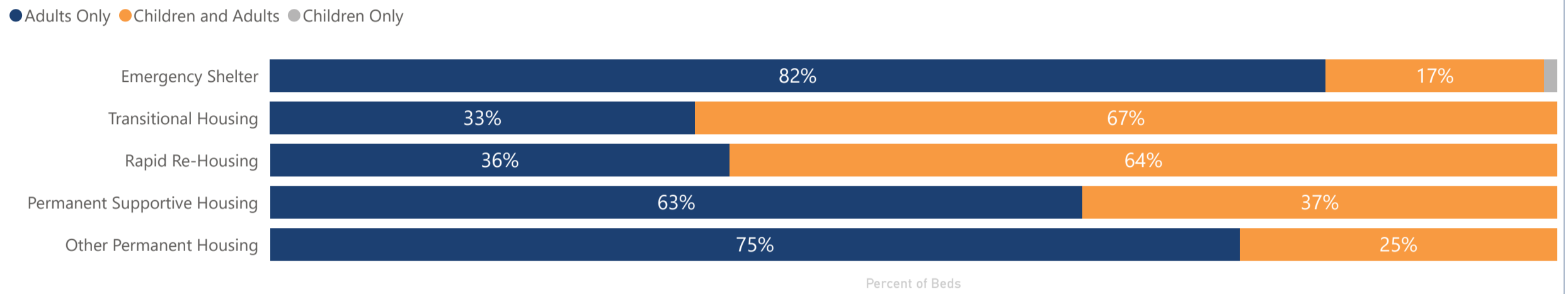


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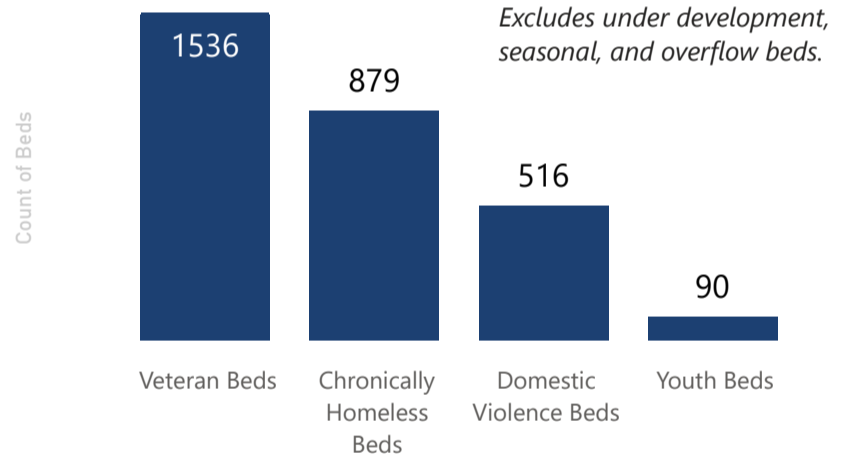


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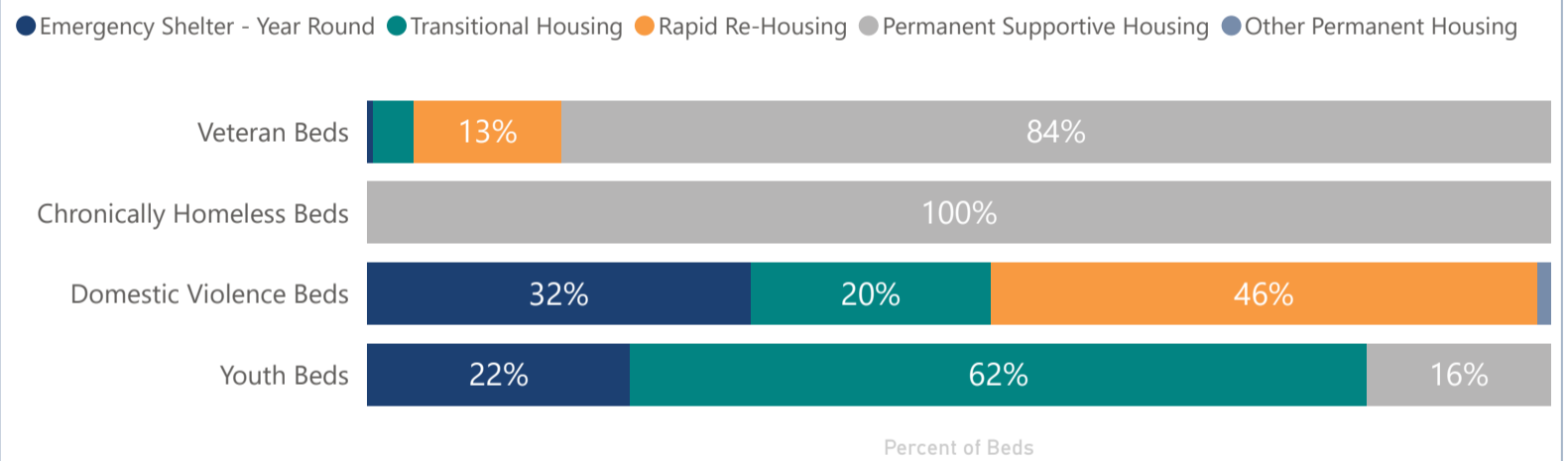
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## Special Population Beds

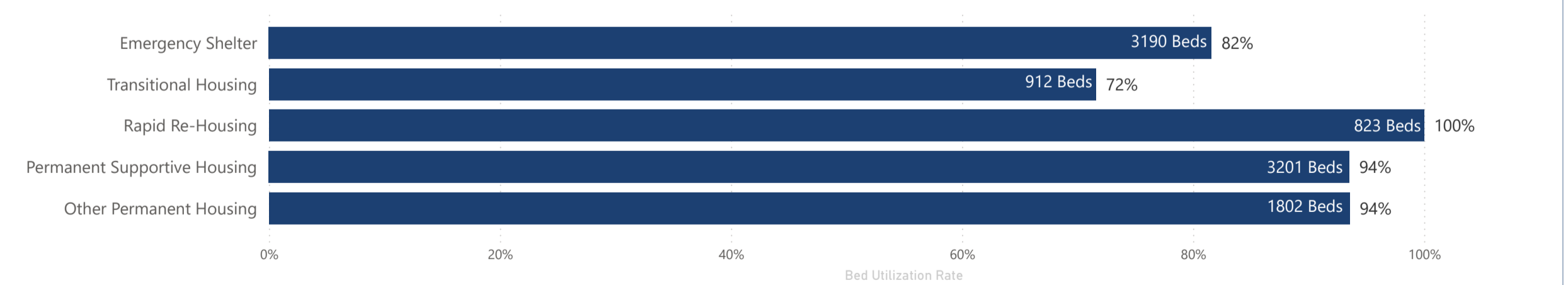


## Special Population Beds Distribution



## Bed Utilization

Includes year-round, seasonal, and overflow beds

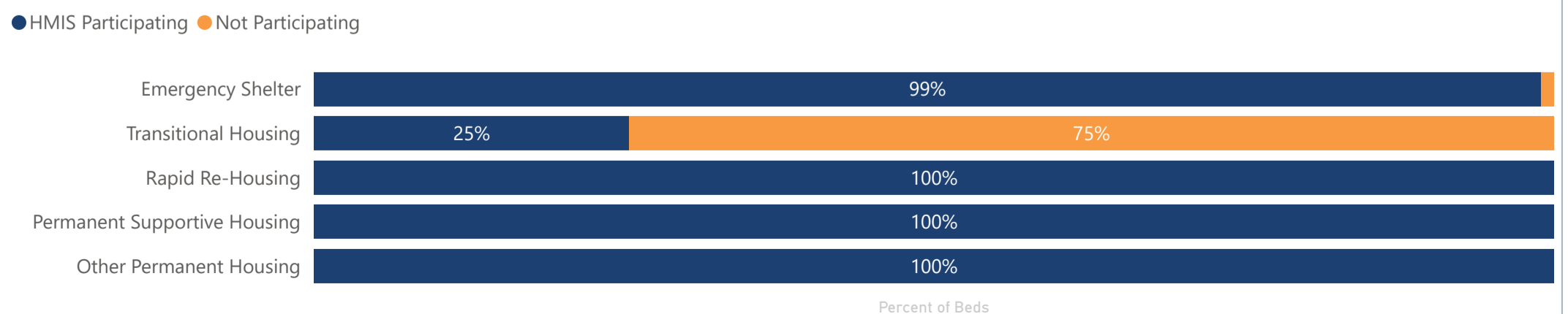


**19 projects do not participate in HMIS:**

4 Emergency Shelter  
15 Transitional Housing

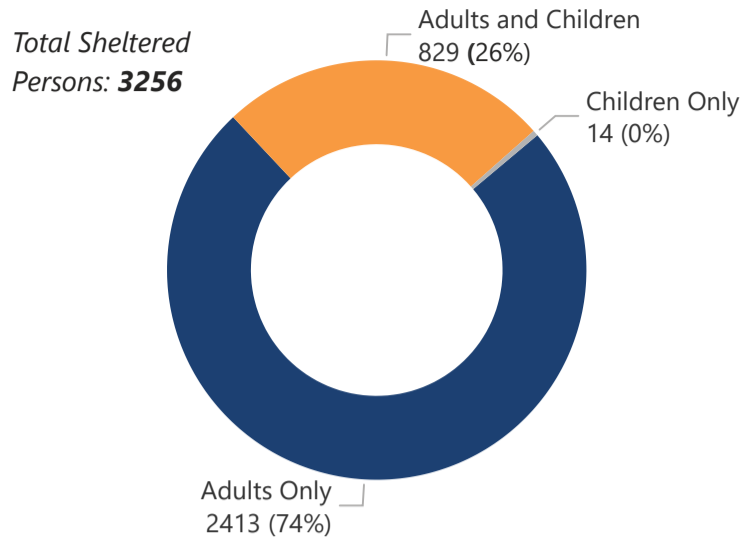
## HMIS Participation

Excludes under development, overflow, seasonal, and domestic violence beds.

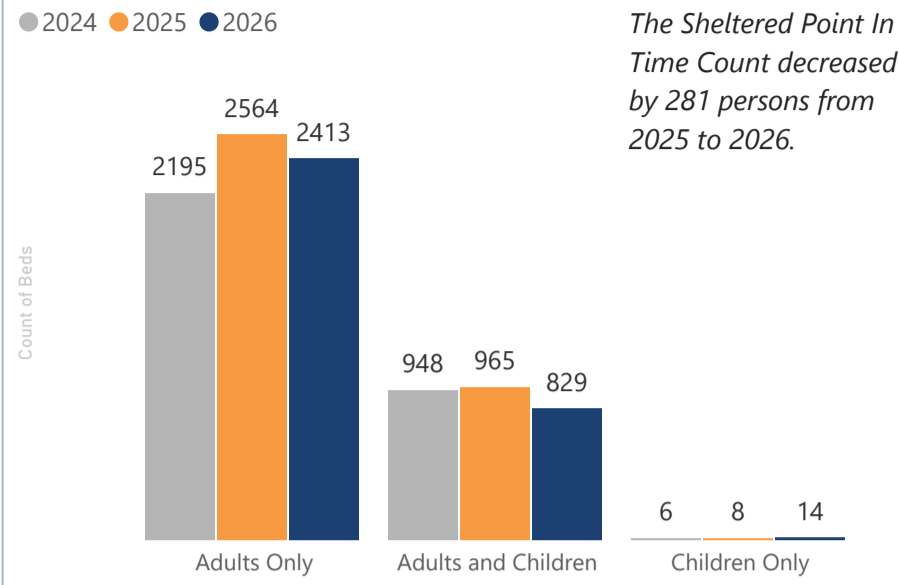


# Orange County, CA (CA-602): 2026 Sheltered Point In Time Count

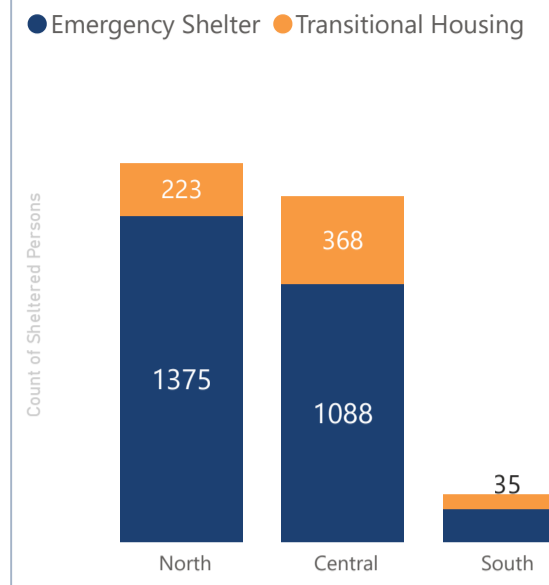
## Sheltered PIT Count by Household Type



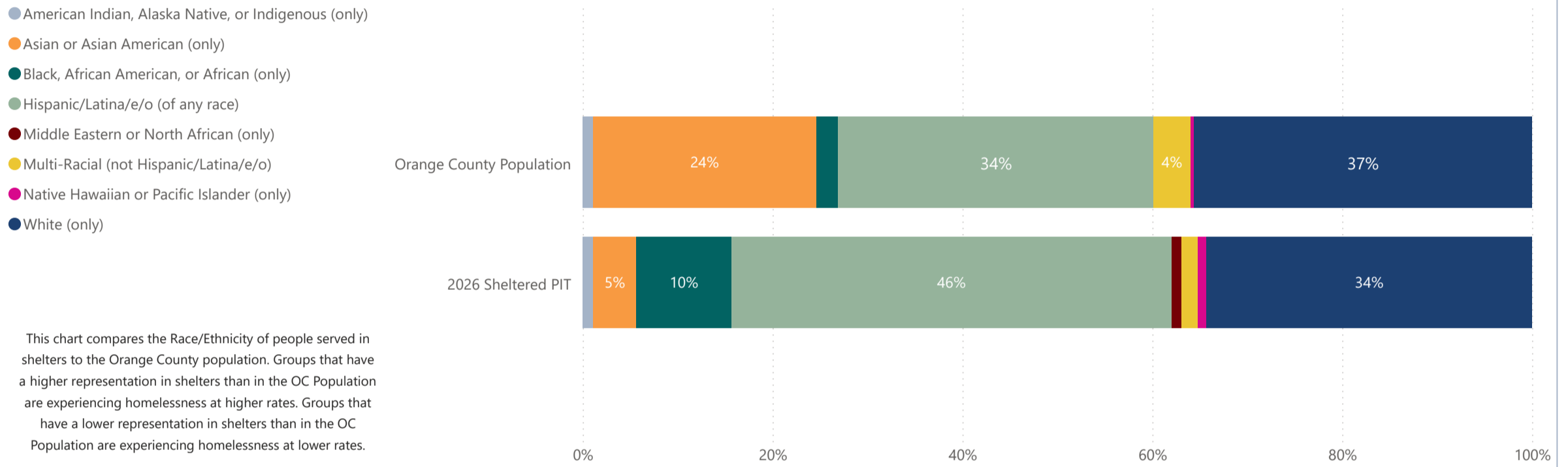
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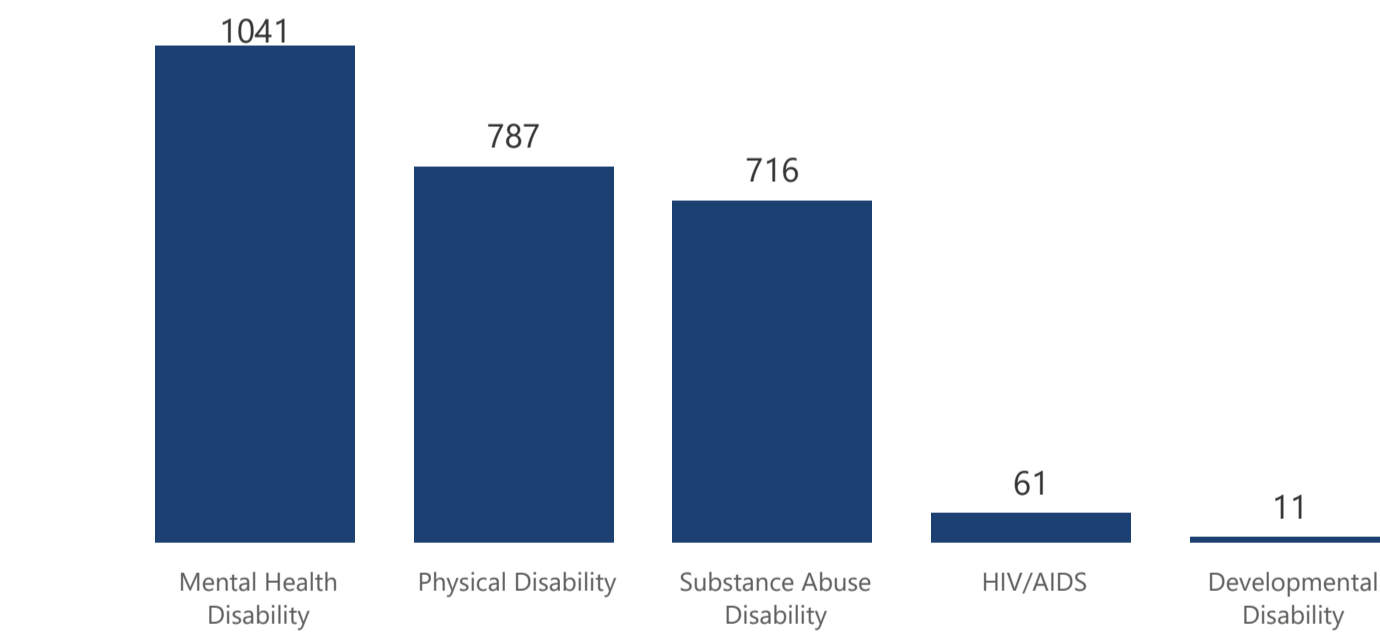
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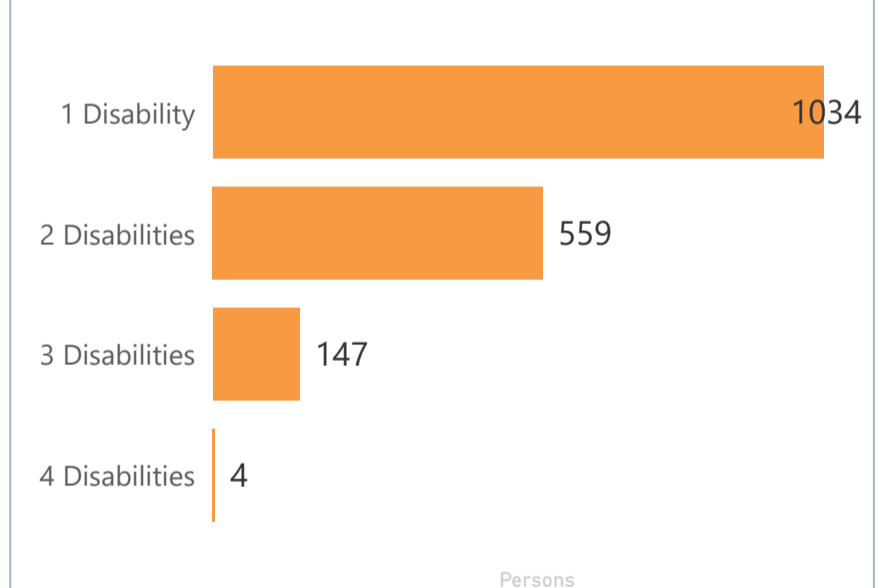
## Race/Ethnicity Comparison of Sheltered People to the OC Population



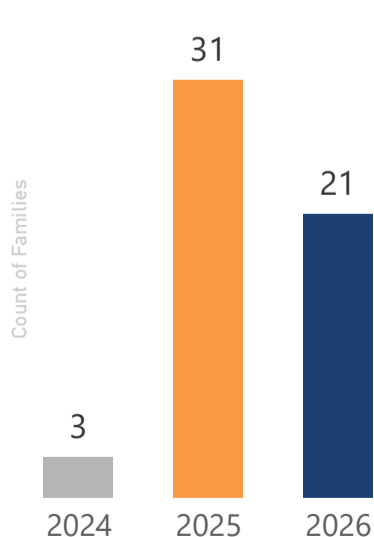
## Disabilities Reported by Persons in Shelter



## Prevalence of Comorbidity Among Persons in Shelter with Disabilities



## Chronically Homeless Families



## Special Populations (Individuals)

