

ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE

FY2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE BONUS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS AND REALLOCATION PROJECTS – TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Projects – Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Orange County CoC Program competition.

On June 1, 2026, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO¹ that establishes the funding criteria for communities nationwide to provide housing and services to populations experiencing homelessness. HUD is making available approximately \$4.04 billion in funding through the FY2026 for the CoC Program NOFO, including at least \$52 million available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO goals and objectives, as detailed by HUD, include:

1. Improving Outcomes. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery. HUD is committed to supporting meaningful, sustained reductions in homelessness and increases in self-sufficiency rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled.
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 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) on the basis of merit between geographic areas.
3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care. The CoC Program has four project components for all CoCs: Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO) and Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS). The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO provides opportunities to restore a healthy balance of CoC-funded projects to further community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness. 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. 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.
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.
6. Advancing Public Safety for All. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. 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. 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.

¹ FY2026 CoC Program NOFO: https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded/attachments/0ead4b33-e9a1-4934-92b3-65ed41847905/Foa_Content_of_CPD-2600-DC-0025.pdf

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8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, 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.

For the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, HUD intends to conditionally select project applications for funding using the following process:

1. HUD will select all CoC Planning and Unified Funding Agency Costs 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 FY2026 CoC Program 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 TH or 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 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.

Therefore, similarly to HUD, the Orange County CoC may prioritize certain project types, funding and/or subpopulations in the final Project Ranking and Tiering Strategy as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and approved by the CoC Board.

The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO also highlights important information that each CoC and project applicant should consider while preparing the FY2026 CoC Application and FY2026 new project applications consistent with the requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, including:

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- As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under this NOFO. Requests for new CoC project applications are allowed if the CoC evaluates and competitively ranks projects based on how they improve the CoC's system performance as outlined in section V.B.1.a.(1) of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO.
- HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the capacity to reallocate funding from lower to higher performing projects
- Review and ranking of each project application submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY2026 CoC Priority Listing.
- All projects must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD

In Orange County, the Orange County CoC Board (CoC Board) is the group of community stakeholders that set local priorities for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO for the Orange County CoC. As a result, the CoC Board, in collaboration with the County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination (County) as the Collaborative Applicant have set forth the following RFP for new projects, including transition projects being funded with CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation funding and will evaluate submittals to ensure the most competitive application is put forth to HUD, consistent with HUD guidance and Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act regulations. The Orange County CoC will solicit CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation projects that focus on providing new SSO Stand Alone, SSO Street Outreach, and TH programs.

CoC BONUS AND REALLOCATION FUNDING

The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for approximately **\$5,000,000, in CoC Bonus** funding during the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.

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. As such, the total funding available for reallocation has not yet been confirmed.

This RFP will be utilized to identify new projects, including transition projects, for the CoC Bonus funds available through the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO funding and any additional reallocation funds that become available. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

The Orange County CoC will only solicit CoC Bonus and Reallocation proposals for the following project types:

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

New projects funded by the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Additional details on the requirements for each type of new project that may be funded through this RFP are detailed in the Project Types Section and related tables.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) BONUS FUNDING

The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for approximately **\$5,000,000 in DV Bonus** funding during the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. This RFP will be utilized to identify new projects for the DV Bonus funds that become available through the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

New projects funded by the DV Bonus must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3). Applicants are encouraged to reference the amended criteria to qualifying as “homeless” when considering the eligible populations to be served through DV Bonus funding. For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless: any individual or family who—

- Is/are experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
- has no other safe residence; and
- lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

New projects funded through the DV Bonus must exclusively serve households who qualify as survivors of domestic violence. Per the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, new projects proposed and funded through the DV Bonus cannot exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking but may serve this segment of the population as part of the total population to be served. Additionally, the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO does not allow for new Joint TH-RRH project applications to be submitted.

The Orange County CoC will only solicit DV Bonus proposals for the following project type:

- Transitional Housing (TH) projects

Additional details on the requirements for new TH projects that may be funded through this RFP are detailed in the Project Types Section and related tables.

PROJECT TYPES

The above sections of CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding details the eligible project types under the FY2026 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO. Generally, eligible costs under the regular CoC Program competition apply in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, as detailed in 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

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Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone projects provide supportive services to sheltered and/or unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services—to persons and families experiencing homelessness. All SSO projects, except those dedicated to Coordinated Entry, must meet the threshold criteria in section V.A.4.c.(4)(b) of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. The Orange County CoC will solicit SSO Standalone proposals that are open for all populations, address immediate needs for people experiencing homelessness or support people towards securing permanent housing and increase self-sufficiency.

Category	SSO Standalone
Threshold	Must receive at least 4 out of the 5 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.c.(4)(b) of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations
Eligible Participants	Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	• Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or Leasing of a space to provide supportive services, • HMIS, • Project Administration, and • Supportive Services. Eligible supportive services include: ○ Annual Assessment of Services ○ Moving costs ○ Case management ○ Childcare ○ Education services ○ Employment assistance and job ○ Food ○ Housing search and counseling services ○ Legal services ○ Life skills training ○ Mental health services ○ Outpatient health services ○ Substance abuse treatment services ○ Transportation ○ Utility deposits • Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	Grant funds may be used for supportive services listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.
Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2026 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.

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Match	• Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. • 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.
HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry System	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach projects outreach activities as described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation. These projects must meet the project quality threshold criteria in section V.A.4.c.(4)(c) of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. The Orange County CoC will solicit SSO Street Outreach proposals that are open to all populations and have a regional² approach.

Category	SSO Street Outreach
Threshold	Must receive at least 5 out of the 6 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.c.(4)(c) of the NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations
Eligible Participants	Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	• Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or Leasing of a space to provide supportive services, • HMIS, • Project Administration, and • Supportive Services. Eligible supportive services include: ○ Annual Assessment of Services ○ Moving costs ○ Case management ○ Childcare ○ Education services ○ Employment assistance and job ○ Food ○ Housing search and counseling services ○ Legal services ○ Life skills training ○ Mental health services ○ Outpatient health services ○ Substance abuse treatment services

² “Regional” refers to a geographic area broader than one specific city, such as a Service Planning Area (SPA) or the entirety of the county. However, a city specific project proposal may be considered for funding so long there is a clear intent to collaborate and coordinate with other service providers in the Orange County CoC.

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	○ Transportation ○ Utility deposits ● Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	Grant funds may be used for supportive services listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.
Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2026 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.
Match	● Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. ● 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.
HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry System	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

Transitional Housing (TH)

Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to persons and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects must meet the project quality threshold criteria in section V.A.4.b.(5)(a) of the NOFO. The Orange County CoC will solicit TH project proposals that are open to all populations and household types.

Category	Transitional Housing
Threshold	Must receive at least 6 out of 8 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.c.(4)(a) of the NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations
Eligible Participants	<u>DV Bonus</u>: Persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other person meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the HUD definition of homeless as amended by section 605 of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022. <u>CoC Bonus and Reallocation</u>: Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 All Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements: ● An initial term of at least one month

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	• Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party • A maximum term of 24 months
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	• Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or new construction • Leasing Assistance • Rental Assistance (6 - 24 months)³ • Supportive Services • HMIS • Project Administrative Costs • Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	Grant funds may be used for any supportive service listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53. The proposed project must provide individualized services for program participants during their time in TH 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 Supportive services can include any combination of the following, conducted in person, virtually, or through independent completion of online training programs: • Case Management • Employment Services, including Job Search and Training • Life Skills • Employment Hours • Education • Mental Health Counseling • Recovery and Treatment programs • Accessing Public Benefits • Interest Groups • Community Events • Volunteering The proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include: • the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided; • program 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.
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.

³ [24 CFR 578.51\(b\)](#) of the CoC Program Interim Rule states rental assistance must be administered by a State, unit of general local government, or a public housing agency.

Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2026 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.
Match	• Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. • 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.
HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

PROPOSAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

HUD Threshold Requirements

The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO requires all project applicants to meet threshold requirements as listed in Sections V.A.4.a. and V.A.4.c.:

- a. **Ineligible Applicants.** HUD will not consider a project application from an ineligible project applicant.
- b. **Project Eligibility Threshold.** HUD will review all projects to determine if the projects meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard.
 1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the HEARTH Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
 2. Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources.
 3. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the HEARTH Act, the CoC Interim Rule, and section III.G.11 of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.
 4. Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC Planning costs and, if applicable, Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the HEARTH Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
 5. Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.
 6. Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:
 - i. The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).

- ii. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites” in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B above and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
7. HUD reserves the right to verify past performance and evaluate the eligibility of a project applicant during the CoC Program Competition to ensure that it can adequately manage federal awards and comply with all applicable federal laws. HUD will not penalize applicants for complying with the terms and conditions of prior HUD grants.
- c. **Project Quality Threshold.** HUD will review all new project applications to determine if project applicants meet the following project quality threshold requirements. Projects created through reallocation process are new projects. As indicated on V.A.4.c. of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, HUD will assess all new projects for the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, all new projects must meet the following criteria:
 1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s) funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; however, this does not apply to project applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project.
 2. Project applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. HUD reserves the right to deny a funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, unresolved audit, or monitoring findings related to one or more existing grants; or does not routinely draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter. HUD also reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant. HUD also reserves the right to reject a project if the recipient is not compliant with audits for large grant recipients (over \$1,000,000 or more) as required by 2 CFR 200.501.

Additionally, the following minimum criteria must be met for new project applications.

a. Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

As indicated in pages 64 and 65 of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, new SSO Standalone projects must receive at least four (4) out of the five (5) points available for SSO Standalone. Project applications that do not receive at least four (4) points will be rejected.

1. The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants. (1 point)
2. The 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 (2 points)
3. The 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, SSI (Supplemental Security Income), and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). (1 point)

4. Demonstrate the average costs per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

b. Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

As indicated in pages 65 and 66 of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, new SSO Street Outreach projects must receive at least five (5) out of the six (6) points available for SSO Street Outreach. Project applications that do not receive at least five (5) points will be rejected.

1. The 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, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)
2. The 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. (2 points)
3. Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of, or 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. The applicant must cooperate and not 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. (1 point)
4. The applicant has experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has a plan for or 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. (1 point)
5. Demonstrate the average costs per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

c. Transitional Housing (TH)

As indicated in pages 63 through 64 of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, new TH projects must receive at least six (6) out of the eight (8) points available for TH projects. Project applications that do not receive at least six (6) points will be rejected.

1. Demonstrate that the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. (2 points)
2. The applicant has prior 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. (1 point)
3. The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place, 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. (1 point)

4. The 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, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)
5. Describe how the proposed project will
 - assess the service needs of program participants,
 - and 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.) Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement. The project description provided here does not constitute a reporting or documentation requirementIndicate that the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include:
 - the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided and
 - program 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. (2 points)
6. Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

RFP REVIEW, SCORING AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants responding to this RFP must submit materials as described in this document. Proposals will be valid for a period of at least three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the closing date and time of receipt. **Applications that are late, incomplete, or substantially deficient will not be advanced to the Project Proposal Review Panel (Panel) for scoring.** All proposals will be reviewed to ensure the HUD threshold requirements and quality standards are met. Any correctable deficiencies will be identified, and selected applicants will have the opportunity to submit corrected documents before the final CoC application is submitted to HUD.

The CoC will convene an unbiased Panel to review each proposal that passes the HUD Threshold Requirements. Any member of the CoC who is preparing and/or submitting a proposal or is affiliated with an organization that is making a proposal will not participate in the review, scoring, selection and/or ranking process or otherwise influence those that are ranking the applications.

The Panel will receive the proposals and scoring instructions in advance of the consensus meeting. The County will hold one meeting with the Panel to review and average their scores and arrive at a decision about which proposal(s) to recommend for funding. Should there be a need for clarification, the Panel may call in high performing applicants for a Question-and-Answer Session. This session is at the discretion of the Panel. In keeping with HUD requirements, the Panel will also assign a ranked order to all proposal(s) that will be recommended to HUD for funding. The Panel will also recommend which proposal(s) should be submitted as the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation projects. The Panel may also recommend that

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recommended proposal(s) either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation funds.

The final ranking of new projects as determined by the Panel will be recommended to the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to determine their order on the Project Priority Listing submitted to HUD. The final Project Priority List will be approved by the CoC Board, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc. Applicants will be notified of the results no later than August 11, 2026. Any proposal(s) not selected for funding may appeal the decision by following the CoC's appeal process. Placement on the Project Priority List does not guarantee funding, as HUD will review and assess all new project applications for threshold compliance and project quality. The Panel and/or the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc may also recommend that proposal(s) either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available funds.

Applicants conditionally selected for funding by HUD will be required to provide additional information in the form of technical submission within 30 days of notification by HUD of the project's conditional award.

Appeal Process

The CoC Board approves applications for ranking and funding recommendations to HUD. That ranking decision is communicated to all applicants by email. In all cases, the Appeals Panel has the final authority on appeals decisions.

A formal appeal must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. (noon) two (2) business days after the CoC Board decision. The appeal document must consist of a short, written statement (no longer than 2 pages) of the agency's appeal of the decision addressing the flaw in methodology or in the process used in the decision. The overall performance measurements or data are not a basis for an appeal. The statement can be in the form of a letter or a memo from an individual authorized to represent the agency (i.e., Executive Director). The appeal must be transmitted by email to Tim Kirkconnell (timothy.kirkconnell@ceo.oc.gov), Felicia Boehringer (felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov) and Jasmin Miranda (jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov).

The Appeals Panel will be selected from the CoC Board and/or its designees. This membership of the Appeals Panel will have no conflict of interest in serving. The Appeal Panel will conduct an in-person or telephone meeting with a representative(s) of the agency who filed the appeal to discuss it, if needed. The Appeal Panel will inform appealing agencies of its decision. In all cases, the appeals panel has the final authority on appeals decisions.

Scoring and Rating Criteria⁴

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	Administrative Capacity of Applicant	Up to 10 points	Current relevant experience in providing services related to those outlined in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types (5 points)

⁴ The Scoring and Rating Criteria was approved by the CoC Board at the June 24, 2026, meeting.

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			• 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)
2	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	• Applicant demonstrates experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability (10 points) ○ 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 • Applicant demonstrates a proposed approach for project that aligns with outlined criteria (10 points): ○ 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 ○ For SSO Standalone proposals, applicant describes how an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants will be conducted. ○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicants demonstrate 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. ○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates plan to cooperate, assist, and not 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 ○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals,

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			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
3	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	- 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) - 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) - Proposed services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (5 points) - 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)
4	Outcomes	Up to 20 points	- Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)⁵ 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) - Applicant details how proposed performance outcomes focus on participants' placement in emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing, as

⁵ 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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			well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided. (10 points)
5	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	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.
6	Budget and Match	Up to 15 points	- 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) - 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) - Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)
Total Points		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:

	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	Capacity of Applicant	Up to 10 points	- 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) - 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 - 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)

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2	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	• 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) • 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)
3	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	• 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). Note: Failure to require program participants to take part in supportive services, may result in the program not passing threshold. • Proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include: (5 points) ○ The services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided; ○ 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 • Applicant describes how the proposed project will (10 points): ○ Assess the service needs of program participants, and ○ Provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional

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			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 hours per week of engagement. • Applicant describes how the proposed project will: (5 points) ○ Leverage resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP ○ 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.)
4	Outcomes	Up to 20 points	• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)⁶ 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) • 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)
5	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	• 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.

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6	Budget and Match	Up to 15 points	- 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) - 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) - Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)
Total Points		100 Maximum Points Possible	

RFP REQUIREMENTS

The RFP process will be a thorough review of an agency's:

- Capacity to administer a CoC Program homeless project in the Orange County CoC,
- Experience in administering similar programs as indicated in the Threshold Requirements for Agency Administrative Review of the RFP, and
- Project proposal(s) for SSO Standalone, SSO Street Outreach or TH projects and determination of how the agency and project meet HUD's threshold requirements as indicated in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.

The RFP process will include a comprehensive review of the following:

- Threshold Requirements for Agency
- Technical Requirements
- Document Presentation Requirements
- Required Documents

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY

The FY2026 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO will require all applicant agencies to meet the below Threshold Requirements:

- Applicant must be an eligible entity;
- Applicant must have financial and management capacity to carry out the project;
- Applicant must show experience in providing services related those in this RFP;
- Applicant must submit required certifications and documentation;
- Applicant must commit to participate in HMIS and Coordinate Entry System; and
- Applicant must be able to meet HUD requirements:
 - Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to engage in illegal racial discrimination including racial preferences Awards made under this NOFO will not be distributed in a way

that violates or otherwise is used to interfere with constitutional protections guaranteed for speech and religious beliefs and the free exercise of religion.

- Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates illegal drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 USC 863.

7. Applicant must complete and timely submit the RFP.

Technical Requirements

1. One (1) electronic copy via Dropbox with completed RFP submittal – exhibits, attachments, and supporting documents – to be organized and separated per Document Presentation Requirements.
 - Note: Do not submit all Exhibits and Attachments as one condensed file. Each Exhibit and Attachment should be labeled as a separate file.
 - Dropbox Instructions:
 - i. Create a Dropbox account.
 - ii. Click [here](https://learn.dropbox.com/self-guided-learning/dropbox-fundamentals-course/how-to-use-dropbox) to view instructions on how to use Dropbox or visit <https://learn.dropbox.com/self-guided-learning/dropbox-fundamentals-course/how-to-use-dropbox>
 - iii. Option 1: Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:
 1. CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov
 2. felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov
 3. jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov
 - iv. Option 2: Copy the Dropbox link to the files and paste it into an email to the above email addresses.

Document Presentation Requirements

1. No late submissions will be accepted.
2. All sections must be labeled and numbered separately in accordance with the Document Checklist.
3. Most recent documentation must be submitted for each exhibit and attachment.
4. Do not leave any blank responses without an explanation (e.g., if the question is not applicable, indicate "N/A").
5. All documents with a signature block must be signed by the authorized representative(s).
6. All required documents must be included and legible in the submission. Note, if e-snaps application has not been released by HUD prior to the RFP submission deadline, the submitted application will not be marked incomplete.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

ATTENTION CURRENT CoC-FUNDED AGENCIES

Agencies that have submitted the FY2026 Intent to Renew Survey with the Agency Administrative Review Attestation do not need to complete Exhibits 1 through 3 and Attachments 1 through 6 and may begin with their application with Exhibit 4.

ATTENTION ALL OTHER AGENCIES

The following documents must be submitted in addition to the proposed project information. Please note that the entire application packet is submitted to be completed as needed.

- **New Projects Documents Checklist**
- **Exhibit 1: Agency Information Form**
 - ☐ **Attachment 1:** Organizational Chart – include Board of Director’s body as it relates to the entire organization, and organization’s staff names and titles/positions
 - ☐ **Attachment 2:** Board of Directors’ Roster⁷ and Resolution authorizing submittal of a project application in response to the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO competition process
 - ☐ **Attachment 3:** State Certificate of Status, if applicable
 - ☐ **Attachment 4:** Agency’s Code of Conduct
 - ☐ **Attachment 5:** 501(c)3 Certification, if applicable
- **Exhibit 2: Terms and Conditions**
- **Exhibit 3: Financial Assessment**
 - ☐ **Attachment 6:** Two most recent single audits⁸, previously known as the OMB Circular A-133 audit, if applicable. If not applicable, please instead submit the two most recent agency financial audits by a certified public accountant (CPA)⁹
- **Exhibit 4: Project Information Form**
 - ☐ **Attachment 7:** Certificate of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan
 - ☐ **Attachment 8:** Environmental Information – Limited Scope Environmental Review Form or Environmental Review of Categorically Excluded not Subject to Section 58.5 or Environmental Clearance Letter
 - ☐ **Attachment 9:** 25% Match Documentation – Including letter of cash match commitment and/or in-Kind Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- **Exhibit 5: Capacity of Applicant**
- **Exhibit 6: Service Experience and Approach**
- **Exhibit 7: Recovery and Supportive Services Participation**
 - ☐ **Attachment 10:** Supportive Services Agreement, if applicable
- **HUD CoC Project Application (e-snaps)¹⁰**

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Agency Information Form (Exhibit 1)

Exhibit 1 captures information regarding the applicant agency including agency address and points of contacts.

⁷ Under the Homeless HEARTH Act, each agency is required to provide for the participation of not less than one individual with current or past lived experience of homelessness on the Board of Directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the agency, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policy decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided.

⁸ Single audits must be dated 2022 or later.

⁹ Financial audits must be dated 2022 or later.

¹⁰ If e-snaps application has not been released by HUD prior to the RFP submission deadline, the application will not be marked incomplete.

Organizational Chart (Attachment 1)

Attachment 1 provides a visual representation of the agency and should include the Board of Director's body as it relates to the entire organization, the organization's title and positions, and staff names.

Board of Director's Roster and Resolution (Attachment 2)

The HEARTH Act states that each CoC Program funding recipient or project sponsor is required to provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or project sponsor, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policy decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided. The Attachment should indicate that the board of directors includes at least one person with lived experience of homelessness. The board of directors' resolution portion of the attachment should clearly indicate that the agency is authorized to apply for renewal project funding as part of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO competition. If an authorized representative or signatory is named in the board of directors' resolution, the authorized representative or signatory's name should align with the authorized representative indicated in Exhibit 1.

State Certificate of Status, if applicable (Attachment 3)

The State Certificate of Status certifies to the current status of the agency (e.g., active/good standing, suspended, dissolved, cancelled, etc.). Certificates of Status are available online at bizfileOnline.sos.ca.gov.

Agency's Code of Conduct (Attachment 4)

Attachment 4 evidences an agency's Code of Conduct. The Attachment 4 instructions are included on the [FY2026 CoC Program NOFO webpage](#) for review.

501(c)3 Certification, if applicable (Attachment 5)

The 501(c)3 Certification recognizes exempt status under IRC Section 501(c)(3) by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If not applicable, agency must provide documentation that the agency is an eligible applicant under the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO.

Terms and Conditions (Exhibit 2)

Exhibit 2 outlines the terms and conditions of the RFP for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, as well as outlines the applicant agency's understanding of the Orange County CoC's requirements if and when the proposed project is awarded by HUD. Exhibit 2 is to be signed by the person preparing the proposal in response to the RFP and by the Authorized Representative – the Chief Executive Officer or Executive Director of the agency.

Financial Assessment (Exhibit 3)

Exhibit 3 evaluates an agency's financial information, such as the Employer or Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN), System Award Management (SAM), Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) whether an agency has unresolved fiscal, reporting, or program issues with any of its funding sources, and if an agency has had to return any federal, state, or local funds to any funders within the last three (3) years.

Two most recent single audits (Attachment 6)

Each agency must submit two most recent single audits, previously known as the OMB Circular A133 audit, if applicable. If not applicable, please instead submit the two most recent agency financial audits by a certified public accountant (CPA).

Project Information Form (Exhibit 4)

Exhibit 4 captures information on the proposed project to ensure that project design meets the needs of the target population as outlined in the renewal project application and the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, as well as evaluates how the proposed project will operate within the Orange County CoC and improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness.

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (Attachment 7)¹¹

Each agency must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the renewal project(s) will be located that the agency's application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan. The certification must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR part 91, subpart F. Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between December 10, 2025 and August 26, 2026, or date of submission, whichever one is the earliest date.

Environmental Reviews (Attachment 8)¹²

The Environmental Review is required by HUD to ensure the project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property itself will not have adverse environmental or health effects on occupants. All CoC Program assistance is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and applicable related Federal environmental authorities. Conditional selection of projects under the CoC Homeless Assistance competition is subject to the environmental review requirements of 24 CFR 582.230, and 882.804(c) as applicable.

The County of Orange OC Housing & Community Development department will perform the Environmental Review and once approved, will sign the environmental review documentation. The environmental review documentation is addressed per project and will be valid for the next five (5) years from the day dated.

The agency, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this NOFO, or commit or expend HUD or local funds for such eligible activities under the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR Part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR Part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds before the recipient submits and HUD approves its Request for Release of Funds (page 110 of the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO).

25% Match Documentation (Attachment 9)

All eligible funding costs, except leasing, must be matched with no less than 25% cash or in-kind contribution. No match is required for leasing activities in the budget. The match requirements apply to project administration funds, along with the traditional expenses (operations, rental assistance, supportive services, and HMIS). Match requirement must be met by the agency operating the CoC

¹¹ For instructions on completing the Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan, visit the Orange County CoC FY2026 CoC NOFO webpage, at <https://ceo.oc.gov/fy2026cocnofo>.

¹² For instructions on completing an Environmental Review, visit the Orange County CoC FY2026 CoC NOFO webpage, at <https://ceo.oc.gov/fy2026cocnofo>

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Program project on an annual basis. HUD requires match letters to be submitted with the e-snaps application and should be included in the application submittal in response to this RFP.

For in-kind match, the applicant agency may use the value of property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project, provided that, if the recipient or sub-recipient had to pay for such items with grant funds, the costs would have been eligible. If third party services are to be used as match, the third-party service provider that will deliver the services must enter into a MOU before the grant is executed documenting that the third party will provide such services and value towards the project. HUD requires match letters to be submitted with the e-snaps application and should be included in the application submittal in response to this RFP.

Capacity of Applicant (Exhibit 5)

Exhibit 5 captures information on the applicant agency's current and relevant experience in providing similar services, operating similar project types and/or programs and addressing the needs of the target population.

Service Experience and Approach (Exhibit 6)

Exhibit 6 captures information on the applicant agency's service experience and approach. Exhibit 6 includes questions specific to the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO and HUD's priorities.

Recovery and Supportive Services Participation (Exhibit 7)

Exhibit 9 assesses how the applicant agency's proposed approach for supportive service provision as part of the proposal, specifically for substance use treatment, and the agency's ability to comply with requirements listed within the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO. Note, questions are categorized by project component, based on HUD's guidance in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.

Supportive Services Agreement, if applicable (Attachment 10)

Attachment 10 is only applicable to TH project components. Attachment 10 must demonstrate that the proposed TH project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g., case management, life skills, substance use treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive services agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease or equivalent).

TIMELINE AND DUE DATES*

*NOTE: Dates subject to change.

Please review the key dates and deadlines of the FY2026 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO:

Activity	Dates
HUD released FY2026 CoC Program NOFO	June 1, 2026
Release of Request for Proposals (RFP) for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation – Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO)	June 25, 2026
Webinar: Overview of RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects - Zoom Meeting Link: Click here - Meeting ID: 920 3062 3841 - Passcode: coc2026	June 30, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
Technical Assistance Office Hours via Microsoft Teams – Session 1 - Join Teams Meeting: Click here - Meeting ID: 270 301 115 789 899 - Passcode: A2A7Bx3T	July 9, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Technical Assistance Office Hours via Microsoft Teams – Session 2 - Join: Click here - Meeting ID: 263 974 482 965 913 - Passcode: tJ3JR958	July 13, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Question and Answer Period Ends	July 14, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT
Deadline for Agencies to submit proposals in response to FY2026 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO to the County’s Office of Care Coordination	July 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. PT
Deadline for the County’s Office of Care Coordination to notify all agencies concerned regarding project acceptance, rejection, or reduction by the Orange County CoC	August 11, 2026
HUD submission deadline for the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO	August 26, 2026, by 5:00 p.m. PT

SUBMISSION

It is the sole responsibility of the applicant agency to ensure that delivery is made prior to the due date and time. The FY2026 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO including all Exhibits and Attachments must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. PT on July 20, 2026, via Dropbox, using the following instructions.

Option 1: Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:

1. CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov

2. felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov
3. jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov

Option 2: Copy the Dropbox link to the files and paste it into an email to the above email addresses.

RIGHT OF ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE TO WAIVE IRREGULARITIES

The Orange County CoC reserves the right to:

1. Withdraw this solicitation at any time without prior notice and, furthermore, makes no representation that any contract occurs and that funds will be awarded by HUD to any respondent to this solicitation.
2. Waive any irregularities in the RFP process and reject any and all submissions not in the best interest of the Continuum of Care.
3. Request additional information and material. In addition, the application from HUD may require and warrant the request for supplemental material.
4. Not renew grants that have exhibited serious capacity issues in prior grants, including performance and financial problems, HMIS participation, or unresolved monitoring issues, or based on the best interest of the entire CoC Application. HUD will review applications and make the final funding decision.
5. Retain all submitted applications for a period of at least three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the closing date and time of receipt. Selection or rejection of an application does not affect these rights.

FURTHER QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The County of Orange is available to answer questions on the Request for Proposals, application deadlines, process, training, or to provide copies of application materials. For further questions or technical assistance, the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov and Carbon Copy (Cc) Felicia Boehringer (felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov) and Jasmin Miranda (jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov). Specific questions regarding your HUD grant amount, HUD guidelines etc. should be directed to your local HUD field office representative. **Please DO NOT contact the HUD office regarding Orange County's local application deadlines or process,** as the County of Orange is available to answer those questions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agencies will be required to comply with terms set forth by the CoC and HUD. In addition, all applicants are strongly advised to review all applicable terms, conditions, and federal requirements. It is strongly recommended that you obtain, and review information related to the CoC Program, the CoC Interim Rule, and the HEARTH Act Regulations, along with any other related documents prior to completion of this Letter of Intent. In addition, HUD will provide updates via their website at <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>.