

Fiscal Year (FY) Orange County 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Applications for Renewal Funding

1. When is the deadline to submit CoC Renewal Project Applications?

- a. Applications for CoC Renewal Projects must be submitted to the Office of Care Coordination electronically via Dropbox. The deadline for the CoC Renewal Project Application is Wednesday, July 15, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. PT.

2. How do we register a renewal application in e-snaps?

- a. The e-snaps application and instructions have not yet been released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Detailed instruction on entering data into e-snaps will be uploaded onto the HUD website at a later date: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>

3. For any questions in the CoC Renewal Project Application that are not applicable, should the response be N/A?

- a. There should not be any responses left blank on the application. If the question is not applicable to your agency/project type, the response can be "N/A".

4. For our CoC Renewal Project Application, are wet signatures required or can they be scanned and printed? Also, is DocuSign acceptable?

- a. Digital/DocuSign signatures as well as scanned/printed signatures are acceptable.

5. Is a transition project for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus considered a renewal?

- a. No. Transition projects (renewal projects transitioning from one program component to another program component) are considered new projects.

Request for Proposals for CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Funding

6. When is the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Projects due?

- a. Proposals in response to the RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding must be submitted to the Office of Care Coordination electronically via Dropbox. The deadline for the RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding is Thursday, July 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT.

7. How do we register an application in e-snaps?

- a. The e-snaps application and instructions have not yet been released by HUD. Detailed instructions on entering data into e-snaps will be uploaded onto the HUD website at a later date: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>

8. What is "Match" for a CoC project application?

- a. Statutory provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act require recipients of CoC Program funds to "match" a portion of the CoC funds they receive for all budget categories except the leasing budget category.

Match in the CoC Program can be actual cash or in-kind resources contributed to the grant. The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount minus funds for leasing. Another way to state this is that the leasing budget line item in e-snaps is not included in the grant's match calculation. Cash or in-kind resources will satisfy the match requirement.

9. For "In Kind Services" would volunteer hours be able to be included as a match?

- a. Yes, volunteer hours can be included as a match but the volunteer hours would need to have a structure and must be detailed within a memorandum of understanding (MOU). Please note, as required by HUD,

you cannot count routine volunteer contributions that would have occurred regardless of your project's existence (e.g., general ongoing volunteers that visit agency weekly).

For more information on in-kind match documentation, please feel free to visit the following HUD Exchange webpages: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/in-kind-match/documentation/> and <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/ineligible-sources/>

10. If we plan to use CalAIM dollars as the match, would the CalAIM contract be sufficient for proof of the match?

- a. The Office of Care Coordination does not believe that current CalAIM contracts satisfy the requirement of match documentation guidance as detailed in HUD guidance.

If your organization is interested in having CalAIM contract be the match source, your organization would need a letter from CalOptima Health that includes the below components, including the specific amount of cash and date availability.

HUD notes that the following should be included in the match documentation:

- Amount of cash to be provided to the recipient for the project
- Specific date the cash will be made available
- The actual grant and fiscal year to which the cash match will be contributed
- Time period during which funding will be available
- Allowable activities to be funded by the cash match

Your organization would need to provide match documentation that satisfies the above requirements to receive the available points in the RFP. For more information on match documentation, please feel free to visit the following HUD Exchange webpage: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-match/cash-match/documentation/>

11. The RFP says "The obligation deadline for FY2026 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027." What does that mean?

- a. The September 30, 2027, deadline is HUD's deadline to obligate the funding associated with the CoC Program NOFO, as released.

12. For any questions in the RFP for the CoC Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation proposal that are not applicable, should the response be N/A?

- a. There should not be any responses left blank on the application. If the question is not applicable to your agency/project type, the response can be "N/A".

13. For the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation proposal, are wet signatures required or can they be scanned and printed? Also, is DocuSign acceptable?

- a. Digital/DocuSign signatures as well as scanned/printed signatures are acceptable.

Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

14. For the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991, is there a requirement regarding the dates as to when the form was completed?

- a. The certification must be made in accordance with the provisions of the consolidated plan regulations at 24 CFR part 91, subpart F, and the 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.

15. For the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991, our project has scattered-site transitional housing units, who do we request signature from?

- a. As noted in [Certification of Consistency in the Consolidated Plan Instructions](#), if your project involves scattered sites or is unknown at the time of submittal, please use your agency's main office address and receive signature from that corresponding jurisdiction.

16. What if our agency is pending Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan signatures by the corresponding jurisdiction by the due date of July 2026?

- a. If the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991 is still pending signatures by the due date, please submit the application with an attached document explaining that the documentation has been submitted and is currently pending signature. You may also attach a screenshot of the email confirming that the Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991 was submitted to your corresponding jurisdiction.

Environmental Reviews

17. Our current environmental review expires in July 2027, but our project start date is October 2027 so the review would expire before the project begins. Could you clarify what we need to do in this situation?

- a. You will have to complete a new environmental review that will be valid for the grant application period that you are submitting.

18. What if a proposed new project is limited to supportive services costs only, do we need to submit an environmental review?

- a. For new projects limited to supportive services costs only that do not have leasing, rental assistance, construction costs, an environmental review at this time is not required. Please submit the application with an attached document explaining that the project does not have leasing, rental assistance, or construction costs.

If your proposal is awarded through the FY2026 CoC Program Competition and conditionally selected by HUD, an Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5 (CENST) Format document will be completed prior to execution of the grant agreement.

19. Can you provide some clarity on the documentation needed for the Environmental Review for the CoC Renewal Project Application/ RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding?

- a. First, determine what form to be used by reviewing [Exhibit B](#). Then, reference [Exhibit C](#) to review examples of either the Environmental Review for Continuum of Care Leasing or Rental Assistance Project that is Categorically Excluded Subject to Section 58.5 (CoC Limited Scope Review Form) or Environmental Review for Activity/Project that is Exempt or Categorically Excluded Not Subject to section 58.5 (CENST).

A Limited Scope Environmental Review Form, Environmental Review of Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5, Environmental Clearance Letter, and/or signed Environmental Review documentation should be submitted.

20. Once the Environmental Review receives approval, what is the process to request an Environmental Clearance Letter from the County? We understand that the letter is valid for five years and can be submitted in lieu of the Environmental Review form for future applications?

- a. As of 2023, the County of Orange will no longer be providing the agency with an environmental clearance letter. The County of Orange will perform the Environmental Review and once approved, will sign the environmental review documentation which will need to be submitted with the Renewal Projects moving forward.

21. Is an environmental review required for each new program participant or new lease?

- a. Environmental reviews should be based on the building and the surrounding geography, and not on the actual unit. Therefore, if a unit is located within a building where an environmental review was already conducted, then the Responsible Entity (RE) will only need to verify that a review was conducted within the last five years or if/when the environmental conditions change.

22. What if our agency is pending environmental review documentation signatures by the County by the due date of July 2026?

- a. If an environmental review is still pending County signature by the due date, please submit the application with an attached document explaining that the environmental review documentation has been submitted and is currently pending County review.

23. For the environmental review CoC Limited Scope Review Form, it appears that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) information is no longer listed. Is the EPA map still required?

- a. Per the Executive Order 14151, Environmental Justice has been removed from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) environmental reviews, therefore, the Environmental Justice supporting documentation (EPA EJ Screen Mapper) is no longer required for the time being.

With submission of a CoC Limited Scope Review Form, please continue adding all the other maps as supporting documentation, including:

- Project Location Map (Map Source: Google Maps <https://www.google.com/maps>)
- Pictures of Project location exterior (Map Source: Google Maps <https://www.google.com/maps>)
- Project Location FEMA Map – Area of Minimal Flood Hazard (Map Source: FEMA Flood Map <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>)
- Attestation of Coastal Barrier Resources Act agency letter
- and Coastal Barrier Resources System Map (Map Source: Coastal Barrier Resources System Map - U.S Fish & Wildlife Service (<https://fwsprimary.wim.usgs.gov/CBRSMapper-v2/>))

Please reference the [Attachment: Environmental Review – Limited Scope Environmental Review Form, Environmental Review of Categorically Excluded Not Subject to Section 58.5, Environmental Clearance Letter, or signed Environmental Review Documentation \(PDF\)](#) instructions with an example.