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Rating and Ranking Process FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Application Process

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HOMELESS RESOURCE COUNCIL OF THE SIERRAS

Rating and Ranking Process for the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition

Application Process

The FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition has been released. Agencies interested in participating in the FY2026 Continuum of Care Competition will need to read and complete the following process in order to be eligible and prepared for this year's application submission.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

All applicants must have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) before submitting an application.

New Projects

New project applications may be submitted through the funding opportunities identified in the FY 2026 HUD CoC NOFO, (1) including available reallocated funds, (2) CoC Bonus funding, and (3) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding, as applicable.

Eligible project types include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), including Dedicated PLUS and projects serving chronically homeless individuals and families.
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH).
- Joint Transitional Housing–Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH).
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Coordinated Entry projects.
- HMIS projects (HMIS Lead Agency only).
- Expansion of eligible renewal projects, when permitted under the FY 2026 NOFO.

Domestic Violence Bonus Projects

If DV Bonus funding is available under the FY 2026 NOFO, eligible project types may include:

- Rapid Rehousing for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking.
- Joint TH-RRH projects serving survivors.
- Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry projects designed to improve coordinated entry access for survivors.
- Eligible expansion projects, as permitted by HUD.

All Applicants

Prepare, if funded, to participate in the HUD-mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry. HUD funded agencies are responsible for the technological responsibilities of participation in HMIS.

Applicants should start to plan for and secure commitments of match

• Match – a 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all program components except leasing. Match is required for both new and renewal projects.

• Match documentation can be in the form of signed letters, memoranda of understanding, or other written evidence of a commitment and must be turned in with the DRAFT application. At a minimum, they must:

- be on letterhead stationery from the organization providing the funds
- be signed and dated by an authorized official
- contain the name of the organization providing the contribution

- contain the type of contribution (cash, childcare, case management, mental health services, etc.)
- contain the monetary value of the contribution
- contain the name of the applicant agency and the name of the project to which the contribution will be given
- contain the date that the contribution will be available
- Commitments of land, building and equipment are **one-time only** and cannot be claimed in more than one competition. For example, the value of donated land or donated computers claimed in the 2014, 2015 or 2016 competitions by a project cannot be claimed as leveraging by that project or any other project in subsequent competitions.

• **It is the responsibility of each agency to understand and adhere to all HUD guidelines and regulations.**

The Ranking and Rating Committee is responsible for ensuring that the entire application is complete and submitted appropriately using a standardized rating and ranking tool. The committee will rank projects using the following criteria:

- HUD Threshold Requirements
- Coordinated Entry Participation
- Documented, Secured Match
- Reasonable Costs Per Permanent Housing Exit
- Project Financial Feasibility
- Data Quality
- Bed/Unit Utilization Rate
- System Performance Measures (i.e. Length of Stay, Exits to Permanent Housing, Returns to Homelessness, New or Increased Income, access to benefits, etc.)
- Serving High Need Populations
- HMIS Participation (Or Comparable Database)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Project applications are due on August 4th, 2026 by midnight.
- Projects will be rated and ranked on Friday, August 7th.

- The Rating and Ranking Tool links are located below. Both Renewal Projects and New Projects tabs are on the same worksheet.
- Rating and ranking committee members will be non-conflicted participants in the CoC process. Rating and ranking committee members may use a combination of the attached questions to ensure equity between renewal projects and new projects.
- The results of this rating and ranking process along with the Consolidated Application for each CoC will be posted on HRCS website, Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras, and sent out on each CoC's listserv.

The Consolidated Application and priority listing (rating and ranking) will be submitted via e-snaps to HUD by the August 26,2026 due date.

All Project Applicants (including new project applicants):

• The rating and ranking committee will review project applications **August 7, 2026.**

Rating & Ranking tool CA-515
Rating and Ranking tool CA- 531

• All project applicants will receive notification, in writing by **August 11, 2026** if their application was either accepted or rejected. Applications will NOT be returned in eSNAPS. Applications will only be returned if major revisions are necessary.

Training materials for e-snaps can be found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

For more information regarding the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), please visit https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

To receive email updates from HUD, visit www.hudexchange.info to sign up for the HUD Exchange program mailing list for the CoC Program.

Any technical assistance questions can be directed to Thurmond Consulting, LLC, at ce@thurmondconsultingllc.com.

*All deadlines are subject to change based on the deadlines established by HUD in the FY2026 NOFA.

Best Regards,

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