

**PA-502 Upper Darby, Chester, Haverford/Delaware
County Continuum of Care**

FY 2026 HUD Local Grant Competition
Project Information Session
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Collaborative Applicant: County of Delaware, Department of Human Services
Continuum of Care Consultant: Capacity for Change, LLC

Information Session Agenda

- I. Continuum of Care Program Overview
- II. FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Highlights
- III. PA-502 CoC FY 2026 NOFO Local Grant Competition
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Continuum of Care Program Overview

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Continuum of Care Program Overview

- Established by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and further codified in the CoC Program Interim Rule (24 CFR part 578) and the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act.
- Administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Designed to:
 - Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
 - Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)], and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and homeless youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
 - Promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and
 - Optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

Continuum of Care Program

Overview: Eligible Applicants

- Every local Continuum of Care has a Collaborative Applicant that submits the CoC's consolidated application, project applications, priority listing, and required attachments.
- Eligible project applicants:
 - State, County, City, Township, and Special District Governments
 - Public and State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
 - Native American Tribal Governments and Organizations
 - Public Housing Authorities or Indian Housing Authorities
 - 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organizations (must have a Unique Entity Identifier or UEI)
- A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109.
- Individuals and For-Profit Entities are not eligible to apply.

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Overview: Eligible Project Participants

- All CoC-funded projects may only serve households who meet one or more of the four definitions of homelessness defined in the CoC Program Interim Rule:
 1. Literally Homeless
 2. Imminent Risk of Homelessness
 3. Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes
 4. Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- CoC-funded projects may be restricted to serving only some definitions in each Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- DV Bonus projects must exclusively serve households fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence.

Continuum of Care Program Overview: Threshold Requirements

- Applicant is eligible per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389), 24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100.
- Project is an eligible project type and component in the FY 2026 NOFO and the local CoC Competition.
- The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule), and section III.G.11 of the FY2026 NOFO.
- Applicant has no outstanding, unresolved judgments against them for violations of civil rights laws.
- Applicant and subrecipients 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.
- The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
- 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 consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B of the FY2026 NOFO and consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
- Applicant will accept 100% of project referrals from the CoC Coordinated Entry System.
- Applicant will maintain accurate and timely project client data in the CoC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or a HMIS Comparable Database.
- Applicant has demonstrated the minimum 25% match requirement (minus leasing costs).

Continuum of Care Program Overview: How HUD Determines Funding for CoCs

- HUD outlines the amount of funding each CoC can apply for in its CoC Program NOFO each year.
 - Vary annually based on Congressional appropriations & requirements.
 - A CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) is calculated using a formula that includes factors related to population size and poverty.
- The primary factor in determining how much a CoC can apply for is its Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
 - The ARD is based on the total amount of each project in the CoC that is currently receiving CoC Program funding and is eligible to apply for funding again in the upcoming competition.
- HUD then compares the CoC's PPRN and ARD and uses the higher of the two to determine its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN).
 - HUD uses the FPRN when it calculates additional types of funding—CoC Planning grants and CoC bonus grants.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights

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FY 2026 NOFO Highlights

- \$4.040 billion is available for FY2026 nationally.
 - At least \$104 million for DV Bonus projects.
 - At least \$430 million for permanent housing for families with children.
 - Up to \$1.3 billion set-aside for new projects in Tier 2 with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects.
- The HUD competition due date is August 26, 2026.
- HUD intends to announce awards in December 2026.
- A 25% non-CoC match is required for all projects (except for leasing).

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights: HUD Priorities

1. **Improve Outcomes:** Promote self-sufficiency, employment income, and recovery.
2. **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability:** Use effective, results-based approaches to reduce homelessness.
3. **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care:** Focus new projects on Transitional Housing & Supportive Services Only.
4. **Prioritize Treatment & Recovery:** Provide behavioral health care and wraparound services.
5. **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency:** Partner with workforce, employers, and childcare providers.
6. **Advancing Public Safety for All:** Collaborate with law enforcement and community partners.
7. **Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations:** Promote trauma-informed & person-centered practice, especially for survivors of violence.
8. **Expanding Access Based on Merit:** Open to nonprofits, faith-based groups, governments, and tribal organizations.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights: Project Applications

Project Applications	Types of Project Applications
New Projects	• New Bonus Projects • New DV Only Bonus Projects • Reallocation of Funds from Current CoC Renewal Projects • Transition Grants (Renewal projects only; the current applicant may apply to transition a renewal grant from one project type to another over a period of one year beginning the day after the current grant contract ends and must transition the entire grant award.)
Renewal Projects	• Renewal of Current Projects (Subject to reduction or elimination through reallocation based on system performance and and cost effectiveness, including timely and complete spending.)

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights: Project Components

Eligible Project Components	Eligible Project Types Per Component
Permanent Housing (PH)	• Permanent Supportive Housing for people with disabilities* • Rapid Re-Housing • Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (renewal projects only)
Transitional Housing (TH)	• Transitional Housing (new projects only, including DV Bonus)**
Supportive Services Only (SSO)	• Coordinated Entry • Street Outreach (new projects only) • Standalone (new projects only)
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	• Homeless Management Information System (HMIS Lead Agency only)
<i>Homelessness Prevention (HP)</i>	<i>Only an option for HUD-designated High Performing Communities</i>

*New in FY 2026: PSH projects that are not dedicated to chronically homeless households or designated as DedicatedPLUS may serve people with disabilities who meet Category 2 of the homeless definition in addition to Categories 1 and 4.

**Per federal statute, nonprofit organizations are not authorized to administer rental assistance in CoC-funded transitional housing or pay themselves leasing costs on properties they own that house participants.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights:

Major Changes Related to HUD Priorities

- Revised definition of self-sufficiency as “the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance.”
- Supportive service requirements for housing projects.
- On-site treatment service preferences for housing projects.
- New SSO Street Outreach projects focused on reducing unsheltered homelessness, including encampments, in partnership with law enforcement.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights:

New Transitional Housing Projects

- New Transitional Housing projects in which participants have a lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement of at least one but no more than 24 months.
- Per federal statute, nonprofits cannot distribute Transitional Housing rental assistance, but could have a subrecipient administer rental assistance to participants who pay rent, including housing authorities and units of local government.
- Nonprofits that own a building cannot apply for leasing costs in a Transitional Housing project application due to the conflict of interest.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights:

Major Changes to Project Ranking

- Tier 1 limited to 60% of the CoC's ARD (decreased from 90% in previous competitions).
- Any eligible project types can be included in Tier 1 or 2: Transitional Housing, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing, HMIS, SSO-Coordinated Entry, SSO-Street Outreach, and other SSO Standalone projects.
- CoCs can reallocate funding from any eligible renewal, including those that are renewing for the first time.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights:

Major Changes to CoC Merit Review

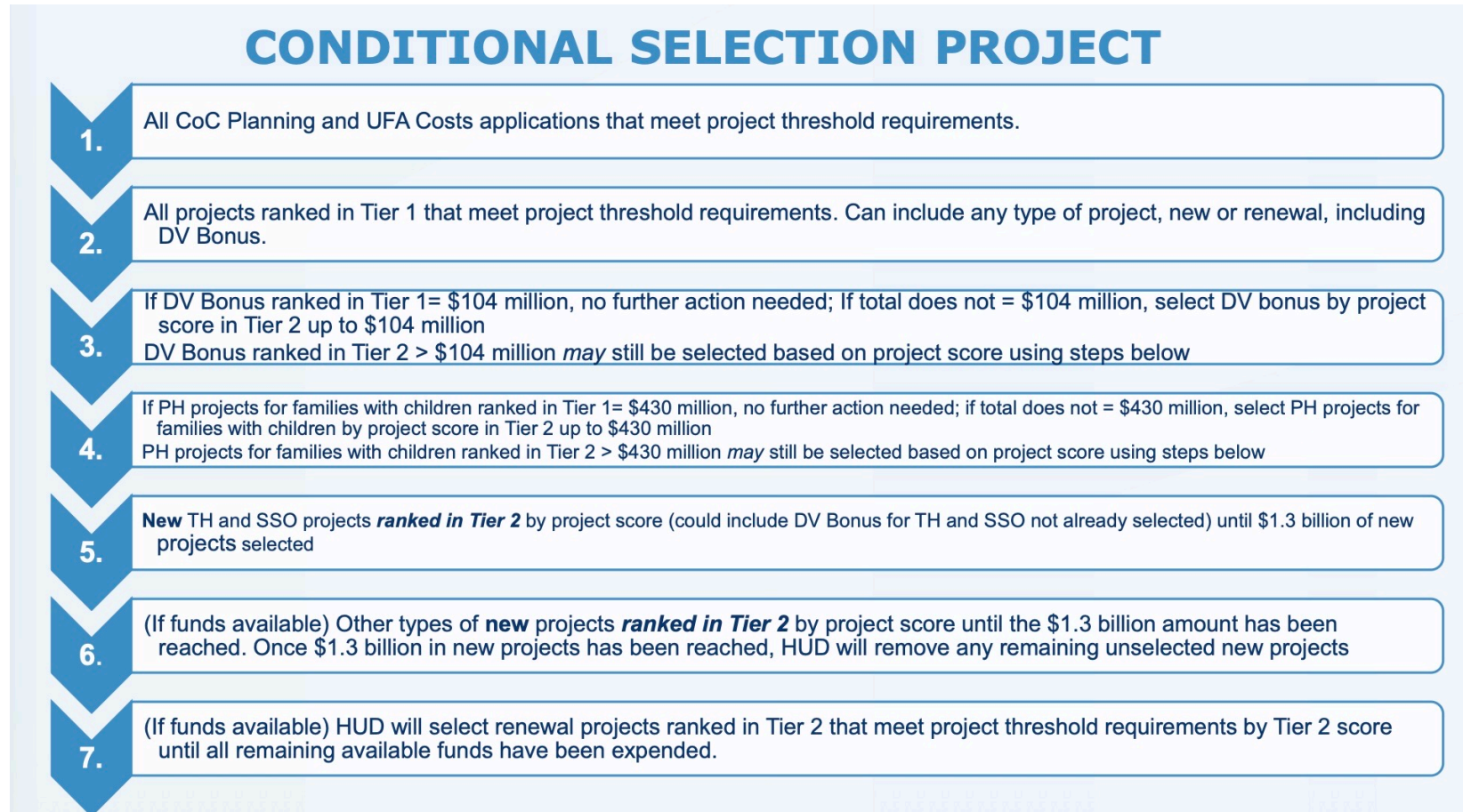
- Merit Review (previously CoC Scoring Criteria) removes or significantly adjusts previous criteria and adds new criteria.
- Total of 200 points available across 3 rating areas:
 - Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking (14 points)
 - System Performance (64 points)
 - CoC Coordination and Engagement (122 points)
- 20 bonus points available for:
 - CoC Mergers or Unified Funding Agency (UFA) designations.
 - Policy Initiative Preferences for Opportunity Zones and Advancing Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights: New Project Scoring Criteria

NEW PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD CRITERIA	
<i>Minimum score to be awarded. If awarded, must meet <u>all</u> of the criteria listed.</i>	
Project Type	Key Criteria
Transitional Housing (TH) Min: 6/8	- Will partner with other organizations to provide supportive services, supplement with resources from public/private resources, and demonstrate costs are reasonable - Experience operating a TH in which households exited hmlss within 24 months and at least 50% with employment income - Participants will engage in at least 20 hours/week of services, activities, or employment (except ppl > 62 or who are "handicap" (24 CFR 8.3) or have a developmental disability
Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Standalone Min: 4/5	- Project will assist sheltered and unsheltered persons exit homelessness by increasing self-sufficiency - Will supplement with resources from public/private resources and demonstrate costs are reasonable
SSO- Street Outreach Min: 5/6	In addition to criteria for standalone SSO, applicant must have experience providing outreach services and demonstrate a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will not interfere with enforcement of public camping and drug use laws
SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) Min. 3/4	- Available and reachable for all in geographic area and a strategy for reaching households with highest needs - Standardized assessment used to ensure participants directed to housing and services that meet their needs
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Min: 3/5	- Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services and demonstrate costs are reasonable - Housing will fit needs of program participants and services will ensure that participants can obtain and remain in permanent housing - Must serve households with a disability
Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Min: 4/6	- Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services and demonstrate costs are reasonable - Will require participation in services - Applicant has previously operated a project where employment incomes were improved
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Min: 3/4	- Used as a proactive case management tool to promote treatment and recovery - Collects all UDE and has the ability to unduplicate client records - Produces all HUD reports
CoC Planning Min. 3/5	- CoC membership is open and inclusive and there is a written governance charter in place - CoC-wide planning committees - Funds will be compliant with 24 CFR 578.7 and will improve CoCs ability to evaluate CoC and ESG projects

Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness.

FY 2026 NOFO Highlights: HUD Project Selection Process



Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness.

PA-502 CoC FY 2026 NOFO Local Grant Competition

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PA-502 CoC FY 2026 Local Competition: CoC Overview

- The PA-502 Upper Darby, Chester, Haverford/Delaware County CoC Continuum of Care includes all of Delaware County, Pennsylvania.
- The PA-502 CoC was awarded \$6.3M by HUD in the FY 2024 Continuum of Care grant competition for projects that include:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
 - Joint Transitional and Rapid Re-Housing (TH-RRH)
 - Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO CE) - HUD required
 - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - HUD required
 - Planning - HUD required (non-competitive)

PA-502 CoC FY 2026 Local Competition: Needs and System Gaps

- On the night of January 28, 2026, 334 people were identified in the Annual Point-In-Time Count (PIT) of people experiencing homelessness, including:
 - 285 sheltered persons.
 - 49 unsheltered persons.
- Between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026:
 - 340 unduplicated households were enrolled in CoC Permanent or Transitional Housing projects.
 - 519 unduplicated households were enrolled in shelter.
- New project priorities to address system gaps:
 - Transitional Housing projects for DV Survivors, Seniors, Re-Entry Populations, People with Physical and Developmental Disabilities, and People in Recovery from Substance Use Disorder.
 - SSO Street Outreach projects.

PA-502 CoC FY 2026 Local Competition: Funding Opportunity

Funding Component	Amount
Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$6,102,273 (including \$552,513 restricted to DV projects).
New Bonus Projects	\$ TBD pending HUD notification of the CoC's Final Pro Rata Need.
New DV Bonus Projects	\$ TBD pending HUD notification of the CoC's Final Pro Rata Need.
Reallocation (of current CoC renewal projects)	\$TBD based on Governing Board approval of Project Review Committee recommendations.

PA-502 CoC FY 2026 Local Competition: Timeline

Activity	Date
Information Session	June 25, 2026
FY 2026 Project Scoring Tool Posted Online	July 1, 2026
Applications Open in e-snaps	TBD pending HUD
Applications Due in e-snaps	July 17, 2026
Applicant Notification of Project Acceptance, Rejection, Reallocation, and Ranking	August 11, 2026
Public Notification of Project Acceptance, Rejection, Reallocation, and Ranking	August 11, 2026
Consolidated Application and Priority Listing Posted for Public Review	August 24, 2026
Application Submitted to HUD	August 26, 2026
HUD Awards Announced	December 2026

Note: The Project Review Committee and Governing Board reserve the right to accept, reject, reallocate, and rank projects based on other factors in addition to their Project Scoring Tool score. These factors include local system and community needs, as well as strategic funding decisions to maximize CoC competitiveness for merit scores, project selection, and HUD funding awards.

More Information and Resources

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More Information and Resources: HUD CoC Program and FY 2026 NOFO

- HUD Continuum of Care Program: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>
- HUD FY 2026 Continuum of Care Program NOFO and Competition Materials: <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>
- HUD NOFO questions: CoCNOFO@hud.gov
- HUD e-snaps (to submit project applications): <https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>
- HUD e-snaps questions and problems: e-snaps@hud.gov

More Information and Resources: Other Key Considerations

- HUD Category 1 - 4 Definitions of Homelessness:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/>
- Program Participants' Eligibility to Move from Permanent Supporting Housing (PSH) / Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) To Transitional Housing (TH):
<https://www.hud.gov/sites/default/files/CPD/documents/CoC/PH-to-TH-guidance.pdf>
- HUD Clarification on the Definition of "Imminent Risk":
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/?askaquestionaction>

More Information and Resources: PA-502 Continuum of Care

- PA-502 CoC Website and FY 2026 Local Competition Resources: <https://delcohomelesservices.org/>
- Submit local competition questions via email to:
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New Project Questions and Answers

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Renewal Project Questions and Answers

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