

NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO) INFORMATION GUIDANCE



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 2026 CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) PROGRAM COMPETITION LOCAL RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION 2027 – 2028 Program Year **AMENDMENT 1**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Palm Beach County (PBC) Board of County Commissioners (BCC) Community Services Department (CSD), Division of Human Services and Community Action, hereinafter referred to as the “HSCA” or “COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT,” invites proposals from qualified entities, hereinafter referred to as “RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS,” to submit U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition applications for the renewal of the entities’ projects to serve homeless individuals, families, and youth in PBC. **Only non-profit organizations, units of government, public institutions of higher learning, tribal governments and public housing authorities are eligible to apply.**

BACKGROUND

Each year, HUD issues a CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to inform CoCs nationwide about the funds the federal government has designated to support local homeless programs in each community and the maximum amount that each community is anticipated to receive. This local Competition Notice (NOFO) is released in response to the HUD NOFO published June 1, 2026. **HUD issued its NOFO on June 1, 2026, for the funding period 2027-2028. The Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA) which is the Continuum of Care (CoC) for Palm Beach County, has issued this NOFO in accordance with the HUD NOFO. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the HUD NOFO, which is available here. [Opportunity Listing - FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO](#)**

ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS NOFO ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON HUD RELEASES

The CoC Program Competition is intended to support efforts by non-profit organizations and state and local governments to rehouse homeless individuals and families quickly. It includes those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, in addition to youth and young adults, while minimizing the trauma and upheaval caused by homelessness, while providing the supports and services needed to assist individuals and families to attain stable housing. It also supports access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by those experiencing homelessness.

The CoC Program is authorized by Part C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (The Act), and the CoC Program rule found in 24 CFR Part 578 (the Rule).

The FL-605-Palm Beach County's (PBCs) CoC, locally known as the Homeless & Housing Alliance (HHA), released this NOFO June 17, 2026. in response to the HUD’s NOFO released June 1, 2026.

There are three components to the CoC Program Competition; The CoC Consolidated Application, the Project Application, and the CoC Priority Listing of the project applications. New and Renewal Projects are first submitted to the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT as part of the local competition. The projects are rated and ranked by a Non-Conflict Grant (NCG) Review Committee and are then submitted to HUD in the COC Consolidated Application following the HHA’s approval of the application and/or reallocation of the funds, which is based on performance

data and community needs. This information is submitted to HUD by the project applicants as part of the Project Application component. The COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT is responsible for submitting the CoC Consolidated Application and the CoC Priority Listing to HUD.

This NOFO provides guidance for RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS to submit their applications to the HHA and then to HUD. Project applicants will be funded directly by HUD, and the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT will administer the program, including the local rating and ranking process and the programmatic and fiscal monitoring of the project.

Projects eligible for renewal include Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and Transitional Housing to RRH (TH-RRH) projects. **Preference will be given to renewing PSH programs.**

ELIGIBILITY

Qualified entities submitting project applications for the HUD CoC Program Competition funding must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements of The Act and 24 CFR Part 578 unless HUD approves a waiver to a provision in 24 CFR Part 578.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall have current CoC project(s) for which they will apply for renewal. Applicants can be non-profit organizations, states, local governments, and instrumentalities of state and local governments. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or act as subrecipients of grant funds. All subrecipients must also meet the eligibility standards as described above.

All applicants must file a Notice of Intent to apply, available on the HHA website (<https://discover.pbc.gov/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-Grant-Apps.aspx>), no later than June 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in order to be considered for funding under this competition.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

HUD Threshold Requirements

1. Applicant has active SAM registration with current information.
2. Applicant must have a valid UEI number in the application
3. Hold current and valid 501(c)(3) status as determined by the Internal Revenue Service if a nonprofit organization.
4. Applicant has no outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts – It is HUD policy, consistent with the purposes and intent of 31 U.S.C. 3720B and 28 U.S.C. 3201(e), that applicants with outstanding delinquent federal debt will not be eligible to receive an award of funds unless:
 - a) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and the repayment schedule is not delinquent, or
 - b) Other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD.
5. Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions – In accordance with 2 CFR 2424, no award of federal funds may be made to debarred or suspended applicants, or those proposed to be debarred or suspended

from doing business with the Federal government.

6. Applicant has a Sufficient Financial Management System – HUD will not award or disburse funds to applicants that do not have a financial management system that meets Federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302. HUD may arrange for a survey of financial management systems for applicants selected for award who have not previously received Federal financial assistance, where HUD Program officials have reason to question whether a financial management system meets Federal standards, or for applicants considered high risk based on past performance or financial management findings.
7. Applicant has met the Mandatory Disclosure Requirement – Recipients or applicants must disclose in writing to the awarding program office at HUD, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award within ten days after learning of the violation. Recipients that have received a Federal award including the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200-Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in §200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and S.C. 2313.)
8. Applicants and potential subrecipients have met the Program Eligibility Requirements under 24 CFR §578.15,24§5.100 and has provided evidence as required in the application.
9. Applicant has submitted all Required Certifications as specified in the NOFO.
10. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule and the requirements of the Terms and Conditions of this NOFO
11. Applicant, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, agree to participate in the local CMIS system. Unless, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, the applicant is a victim-service agency serving survivors of domestic abuse or a legal services agency with an acceptable comparable data system.
12. Applicant can demonstrate the ability to meet all Project Quality Threshold timeliness standards as per 24 CFR§578.85 as applicable to their proposed projects(s) including distribution of funds to a subrecipient no later than 45 days after receiving an approvable request and draws down funds at least once per quarter of the program year, after eligible activities commence. Timeliness standards also include the expenditure of grant funds.
13. Applicant project is consistent with the relevant jurisdictional consolidated plan(s).
14. Applicant has no Unresolved Civil Rights Matters prior to the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and will not receive funding unless HUD determines that actions taken to resolve the issue are sufficient.
15. Applicant has not provided any False Statements – A false statement in an application is grounds for denial

or termination of an award and may result in criminal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions, including fines, penalties, and imprisonment. Applicant confirms all statements are truthful.

16. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
17. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites”, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

CoC Threshold Requirements

1. Have submitted a Notice of Intent to Apply no later than June 24, 2026.
2. Be chartered or registered with the Florida Department of State, have been incorporated for at least one agency fiscal year, and have provided services for at least six (6) months if a nonprofit organization.
3. Coordinated Entry Participant.
4. Create a Vendor Registration Account OR activate an existing Vendor Registration Account through Palm Beach County Purchasing Department’s Vendor Self Service (VSS) system, which can be accessed at <https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>. If NEW PROJECT APPLICANTS intend to use subrecipients, NEW PROJECT APPLICANTS must also ensure that all subrecipients are registered as agencies in VSS.
5. Documented, secured minimum match of 25% of grant amount for the project.
6. Project is financially feasible.
7. Activities proposed are allowable under the NOFO and HUD regulations.
8. Application is complete and data is consistent.
9. Project’s annual average bed/unit utilization rate for the previous calendar year must be at or above (\geq) 70 percent (70%).
10. Applicant must submit the most recent completed audit or financial review, including the management letter performed by an independent auditor. Audit must be acceptable. The audit/financial review does not indicate serious financial or accounting problems.
11. Applicant is a Member in Good Standing of the HHA per the HHA’s Governance Charter.
12. Applicant’s HUD Data Quality Questions are at or below (\leq) a 10% error rate.
13. The applicant project aligns with *Leading the Way Home: Palm Beach County’s Plan to End the Cycle of Homelessness*.
14. Applicant ensures equal access to program participants regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or genetic information.
15. Applicant must not have a history of (last two years) serving ineligible program participants or expending funds on ineligible costs.
16. Applicants must not have a history of (last two years) spending less than 80% of the grant amount.
17. The applicant Threshold Requirements indicate minimum requirements for funding. Applicants must meet these requirements in order to be considered eligible for Renewal Project funding. If an applicant is not able to meet these criteria, an explanation must be submitted to the HSCA staff and the HHA Governance Board. Additional information may be required and will determine if the project is eligible for a waiver of the requirement for this competition period. HUD requirements cannot be waived.
18. For expansion projects project applicants must describe the part of the project that is being expanded and demonstrate that the project is not replacing other funding sources.

COC PROGRAM COMPETITION

The COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT is accepting one-year project applications for the CoC Program Competition for the 2027-2028 Program Year. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS will apply directly to HUD after submitting the project application to the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT for rating, ranking, and HHA approval. HSCA will administer the application process and monitor the programs on HUD’s behalf.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS can apply for project types that include Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects. Joint TH – RRH, projects can only apply if they have been previously funded through the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP). See [SECTION VII: COC DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS](#).

Project applications must be specific to the project type and must be consistent with *Leading the Way Home: Palm Beach County’s Plan to End the Cycle of Homelessness*, which can be found at: <http://thehomelessplan.org/ourgoals/endhomelessness.htm>

FY2026 AVAILABLE FUNDING

The following funding is anticipated to be available. HUD has not yet released the amount of funding that will be available for the 2027-2028 funding year. The information below is an estimate based on current years’ allocations.

This chart depicts the entire amount of funding potentially available to the CoC from HUD. The CoC has designated the use of these funds as follows:

ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE		
PSH & HMIS (Renewals)	60% of ARD	\$ 6,899,467
PROJECT FUNDS AVAILABLE FROM ARD		
Transitional Housing (New Projects)	25% of ARD	\$2,874,778
Supportive Services Only and Supportive Services Outreach (New Projects)	15% of ARD	1,724,867
New Permanent Housing and RRH Renewals	If funds are available	
ESTIMATED BONUS FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS		
CoC Bonus	Up to an additional 15% ARD	\$1,724,867
DV Bonus	Up to an additional 20% of ARD	\$2,299,822
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NEW PROJECTS		\$8,624,334
Planning Grant		\$521,853

Total ARD		\$11,499,112
Total Possible Bonus		\$4,024,689
Total Estimated Amount of HUD CoC Funding		\$16,045,654

SECTION II: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

The CoC Program Competition project application process is a **three-step process**.

Step 1: RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are invited to complete their project applications, print the applications to PDF, and submit them through the CSD NOFO submission website to the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT by the project application deadline date. Normally this would be done through HUDs electronic application system known as esnaps. Because esnaps is not yet available, applicants will submit their applications using the application published with this NOFO

NOTE: The NCG Review Committee shall review project applications to rate and rank the projects, so final submission to HUD at this point is not required or necessary.

Step 2: RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall submit the PDF copies of their project application to HSCA, along with required local application materials and match documentation through the CSD NOFO submission website, located at https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/.

All documents in the local application package must be submitted by the deadline date per application instructions.

- **NOFO Invitation Code is HUDCOCRENEWAL2026**
- Late applications will not be accepted.
- The NCG Review Committee cannot cure incomplete applications. If an application is incomplete, the application will be scored accordingly.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS must submit one (1) application package for each project to be considered for funding. If RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are consolidating two (2) or more projects, the RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS must submit three (3) or more applications: one (1) application for each of the projects that will be consolidated and one (1) consolidated application.

Step 3: Once project applications are rated and ranked by the NCG Review Committee and HSCA has recommended updates and returned their applications, PROJECT APPLICANTS will update and submit their project applications directly to HUD by the HUD deadline (TO BE ESTABLISHED WHEN HUD PUTS THE APPLICATION IN E-SNAPS) . See CoC Program Competition Local Project Application Timeline in [SECTION II, SCHEDULE OF EVENTS](#) of this NOFO.

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DEADLINE DATE

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS must complete their application **using the local application published with this**



NOFO and submit their local application packages on the CSD NOFO submission website https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/ (completing **Step 2** above) by **12:00 pm (Noon) EST, Friday, July 10, 2026.**

After applications are ranked and scored by the NCG Review Committee, RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS must submit their updated project applications directly to HUD through eSnaps as soon as esnaps becomes available

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

HSCA will hold a Technical Assistance Workshop for the CoC Program Competition NEW and RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm) EST on Monday June 22, 2026. The workshop will be virtual and can be accessed from the following link

Meeting link:

<https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/j.php?MTID=m02411c8424edcf29f3e5cfd8716d9c1a>

Meeting number:

2314 887 1089

Meeting password:

wMX3hdE4Qh2

Join from a video system or application

Dial 23148871089@pbc-gov.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join by phone

+1-904-900-2303 Toll

1-844-621-3956 Toll Free

Access code: 23148871089

Global call-in numbers

<https://pbc-gov.webex.com/pbc-gov/globalcallin.php?MTID=m61c991ed45251c1f11980bbc571e0689>

Toll-free calling restrictions

<https://cisco.com/go/tollfree-restrictions>

Anyone interested in additional information may contact HSCA by mail at 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, by email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG, or by phone at (561) 355-4642.

Also, those wishing to make public comments may contact HSCA by sending your comments via traditional mail to 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, or email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or genetic information.



In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in this public meeting may contact CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG no later than three (3) business days before such meeting.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who need translation services for a meeting (free of charge), please call (561) 355-4642, or email CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG, at least three (3) business days in advance. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are requested to telephone the Florida Relay System at #711 to assist with a telephone call.

Any subsequent requests for information or assistance must be submitted in writing through email to CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG to preserve a fair, impartial, and competitive procedure. The public may access all queries and responses on the HHA website at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-Grant-Apps.aspx>. Other than the aforementioned email exchanges, the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT will refrain from speaking privately with applicants regarding this NOFO while the proposal is being written and evaluated.

The deadline to submit CoC Program Competition application questions by email to the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT is **12:00 pm (Noon) EST, Thursday July 9, 2026** which is one (1) business day before the project application submission deadline.

This NOFO Information Guidance is available at the following locations:

- <https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-Grant-Apps.aspx>
- <http://discover.pbcgov.org/BusinessOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

Paper copies of this NOFO are available upon request.

The CoC Program Competition NOFO Information Guidance is for reference only since the proposal must be submitted through the CSD NOFO submission website.

EXPERIENCING UNFORESEEN TECHNICAL ISSUES

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS who experience unexpected technical difficulties with the CSD application submission site and are unable to submit their applications by the deadline must email HSCA at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG no later than **July 10, 2026** by 10:00 a.m. EST to report the problem and request authorization to submit their applications after the deadline. If the required information is not sent in an email by this date and time, a request to submit a late application will be denied. A timeline of the applicant's submission efforts and an explanation of the applicant's technical difficulties must be included in the timely communication from RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS.

Note: CSD does not automatically approve requests to submit a late application even in the event of technical difficulties. After CSD reviews the applicant's request and verifies the reported technical issues, CSD will inform the applicant whether the request to submit a late application has been approved or denied. If CSD determines that the late application submission was due to the applicant's failure to follow all required procedures, CSD will deny the applicant's request to submit its application. The following conditions generally are insufficient to justify late submissions:

- Failure to follow each instruction in the NOFO.
- Failure to complete all required questions within the application.
- Technical issues with the applicant's computer or information technology environments, such as issues

with firewalls or browser incompatibility.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

COC PROGRAM COMPETITION LOCAL PROJECT APPLICATION TIMELINE

DATE	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
June 1, 2026	HUD releases CoC NOFO	HUD
June 16, 2026	HHA Governance Board Approves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for CoC Projects • Bonus Project • Local Thresholds • Reallocation Process • Scoring Tool 	HHA Governance Board HSCA
June 17, 2026	Release of the 2026 CoC Program Competition Local Renewal Project Application	HSCA
June 22, 2026 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop for CoC Program Competition New and Renewal Applicants	HSCA CoC Project Applicants
June 24, 2026	Deadline to submit notice of intent to apply	Applicants
July 6, 2026 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Date for Technical Assistance (TA) Workshop for NCG Review Committee - Virtual	HSCA NCG Review Committee
12:00 p.m. July 9, 2026	Deadline for CoC Project Applicants to Submit Questions	HSCA CoC Project Applicants
July 10, 2026 12:00 p.m. (Noon) EST	Due Date for CoC Program Competition Local Project Application Package Submission To HSCA DEADLINE DATE	COC New and Renewal Project Applicants
July 22, 2026 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.	NCG Review Committee Scoring Meeting (Applications are Publicly Reviewed & Ranked)	NCG Review Committee HSCA
July 24, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	NCG Review Committee Scoring Meeting (Applications are Publicly Reviewed & Ranked) if necessary	NCG Review Committee HSCA
July 28, 2026	HHA Governance Board Approves NCG Review Committee Scoring Recommendations	HHA Governance Board HSCA
July 29, 2026	NCG Review Committee Scoring Recommendations Posted on Website for Public Comments, all applicants notified.	HSCA Public
July 30, 2026	Consistency with Consolidated Plan Distributed for County and Municipal sign off	HSCA
August, 7, 2026	Deadline for CoC Project Applicants to Submit Appeal of Selection Process	CoC Project Applicants
August 10, 2026	CoC Governance Board Approves CoC Consolidated Plan	HHA Governance Board



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TBD	Due Date for CoC Program Competition Project Applications Submittal to HUD on eSnaps DEADLINE DATE	CoC RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS
August 11, 2026	HSCA Initiates Walk-Through Process	HSCA
August 24, 2026	CoC Project Application Package: Consolidated Application, Project Applications, and Priority Ranking Submitted to HUD	HSCA
August 26, 2026	HUD Deadline to Submit Consolidated Application, Project Applications, and Priority Ranking to HUD	HSCA

CONE OF SILENCE

This NOFO includes a Cone of Silence. The Cone of Silence will apply from the date the NOFO is due to HSCA, **July 10, 2026** until the Board of County Commissioners signs the CoC Program Competition Application, including the ranking of all proposals, when all proposals are rejected, or when action is otherwise taken that ends the solicitation process.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are advised that the "Palm Beach County Lobbyist Registration Ordinance" (Ordinance) is in effect, a copy of which can be accessed at:

http://discover.pbcgov.org/legislativeaffairs/Pages/Lobbying_Regulations.aspx.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall read and familiarize themselves with all of the provisions of the Ordinance. Still, the provisions relating to the Cone of Silence are summarized here for convenience.

"Cone of Silence" refers to a prohibition on any non-written communication regarding this NOFO between any NEW and RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANT or designated representative and any County Commissioner or Commissioner's staff, any member of a local governing body or the member's staff, a mayor or chief executive officer that is not a member of a local governing body or the mayor or chief executive officer's staff, or any employee authorized to act on behalf of the Commission or local governing body to award a contract. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS' representatives shall include but not be limited to RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS' employees, partners, officers, directors, consultants, lobbyists, or any actual or potential subrecipients or consultants of the RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS'.

The Cone of Silence is in effect as of the submittal deadline of July 10, 2026. The provisions of this Ordinance shall not apply to oral communications at any public proceeding, public comment before the NCG Review Committee, and contract negotiations during any public meeting. The Cone of Silence shall not apply to contract negotiations between any employee and the intended awardee and any dispute resolution process following the filing of a protest. The Cone of Silence shall terminate when BCC signs the CoC Program Competition Application, including the ranking of all proposals, when all proposals are rejected, or when action is otherwise taken that ends the solicitation process.

SECTION III: SCOPE OF SERVICES



CONTACT PERSON

This NOFO is issued for the BCC and the CoC for PBC, the HHA, by the HSCA, PBC'S COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT. The contact information for all CoC Program Competition inquiries by email is CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG and by phone is 561-355-4642.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Renewal Project Term: 12 months Renewal
Project Start Date: 2027
Renewal Project End Date: 2028

Terms and Conditions

1. **Proposal Guarantee:**
RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS guarantee their commitment, compliance, and adherence to all requirements of the HUD FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO by submission of their proposal.
2. **Late Proposals, Late Modified Proposals:**
RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall save any unfinished proposals and continue to modify them until the final submissions. Once submitted, the proposals are final, and any modifications to proposals submitted after the deadline are late and shall not be considered.
3. **Costs Incurred by Proposers:**
All expenses incurred with the preparation and submission of proposals to the County, or any work performed in connection therewith, shall be borne by RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS. No payment will be made for proposals received or for any other effort required of or made by RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS prior to the commencement of work as defined by a contract approved by the HUD.
4. **Public Record Disclosure:**
RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are hereby notified that all information submitted as part of, or in support of, proposals will be available for public inspection in compliance with the Florida Public Records Act.
5. **Palm Beach County Office of the Inspector General Audit Requirements:**
Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code 2-421 through 2-440, as may be amended, which is authorized and empowered to review past, present, and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts, and records. The Inspector General has the power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of records, and audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the winning Proposer's agency, officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud. Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfere in or impede any investigation shall violate Palm Beach County Code 2-421 through 2-440 and be punished pursuant to section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second-degree misdemeanor.

6. Non-Discrimination:

The County is committed to assuring equal opportunity in the award of contracts and complies with all laws prohibiting discrimination. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Resolution R2025-0748, as may be amended, RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS warrant and represent that throughout the term of the Project, including any renewals thereof, if applicable, all of its employees are treated equally during employment without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or genetic information. Failure to meet this requirement shall be reported as a finding to HUD and may result in the project not being recommended for future funding.

As a condition of the Project funding, RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS represent and warrant that it will comply with the County's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described in Resolution R2025-0748, as may be amended. As part of such compliance, RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or genetic information in the solicitation, selection, hiring or commercial treatment of subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the County's relevant marketplace in Palm Beach County. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS understand and agree that a material violation of this clause shall be reported as a finding to HUD and may result in the project not being recommended for future funding or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of and creates no obligation to any third party. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall include this language in their subcontracts.

7. Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA):

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS awarded funding are required to participate in Coordinated Entry in collaboration with the HHA and become members in good standing of the HHA by submitting an application, attending meetings, attending an orientation, and being approved by the HHA. Any agency receiving HUD CoC Program funding must adhere to the Standards of Care for their component, as adopted by the HHA.

To qualify as a member in good standing, organizations must meet the HHA attendance requirements. Members must attend sixty percent (60%) of the general HHA meetings and seventy percent (70%) attendance at committee, subcommittee or workgroup meetings, in addition to other HHA requirements, as defined in the HHA Governance Charter at www.hhapbc.org.

8. Client Management Information System (CMIS):

All agencies awarded HUD CoC Program Competition funds must participate in the CMIS. All clients served with HUD CoC Program Competition funds must be entered into CMIS. Funding requires that all clients served be entered and exited in CMIS during the applicable program year. Agencies must execute the required partner and user agreements with Palm Beach County and participate in the data sharing of CMIS on an ongoing basis throughout their HUD CoC Program agreement to maintain eligibility for future funding recommendations. Provisions are in place within CMIS to protect client confidentiality yet still report statistical data. Domestic Violence Agencies are exempt from this requirement and will be required to enter data into a comparable data base from which they can produce program reports.

9. Participate in Annual Point in Time (PIT) Count:

The PIT Count is an annual count of those experiencing homelessness in Palm Beach County on the streets and in shelters. The PIT Count is a community-wide undertaking requiring many volunteers and

coordination to count all the unsheltered homeless throughout the county accurately. HUD CoC Program Competition recipients are expected to assign staff volunteers in outreach teams or fixed locations to help complete surveys with homeless individuals.

10. Participate in the Annual Housing Inventory Chart (HIC):

The Homeless Inventory Chart (HIC) is a required report by HUD that counts every bed available (Permanent Supportive Housing, Hotel/Motel, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Safe Haven) in the CoC. The HSCA completes it with input from agencies within the CoC. All HUD CoC Program Competition agencies will be required to report for the HIC.

11. Compliance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Rule:

VAWA provides various protections to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking under HUD programs. HUD CoC Program Competition recipients must comply with the VAWA rule. For general guidance on the implementation of VAWA 2022, please also see “The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022: Overview of Applicability to HUD Programs,” a notice HUD published in the Federal Register on January 4, 2023.

12. Match Requirements:

All RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS must provide matching funds in an amount that, at minimum, equals twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds requested excluding funds for leasing. Documentation must be provided demonstrating match funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The source of matching funds must be identified with your budget documentation. Detailed information regarding the requirements for matching HUD CoC Program Competition funds is described in the Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule, Section 24 CFR § 578.73, which can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/> YHDP renewal or replacement projects may be exempt from providing match if they can demonstrate that it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available to youth experiencing homelessness.

13. Unified Grant Guidance:

Successful applicants receiving HUD CoC Program Competition funding shall be required to comply with 2 CFR Part 200-*Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, located at: https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

14. Participant Eligibility

Projects funded through this NOFO must have the following eligibility criteria for program participants. All references to paragraphs of the definition of homeless that are found throughout this NOFO refer to the paragraphs listed under the definition of "homeless" in 24 CFR 578.3 and include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All specific references to the definition of "homeless" under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 that are found throughout this NOFO also include the definition of "homeless" under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, even if section 103(b) is not explicitly referenced. All projects must participate in coordinated entry, and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process. As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025, 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. Additionally, any youth-serving provider funded under this NOFO may serve unaccompanied youth aged 24 and under or families headed by youth aged 24 and under who are living in unsafe situations. HUD interprets "youth-serving

provider” as a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to youth aged 24 and under and families headed by youth aged 24 and under. HUD interprets “living in unsafe situations” as having an unsafe primary nighttime residence and no safe alternative to that residence. These youth-related requirements supersede any conflicting requirements under this NOFO or the Rule.

Participants eligible to be served by projects funded under this NOFO, are as follows:

- a. PH-PSH projects awarded CoC funds must serve one of the following: (1) persons eligible to be served by DedicatedPLUS projects as described in which case all units funded by the project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS; (2) 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; or (3) for renewal projects, the same population of individuals and families indicated in the expiring grant agreement (e.g., PSH projects originally awarded under the Special NOFO Competition projects through the Unsheltered Set Aside must serve individuals and families who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless).
- b. PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH projects awarded CoC funds 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 with the following exception: PH-RRH, TH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, SSO- may serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
- c. DV Bonus, DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects must serve individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 with the following exception: PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, projects may serve 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, and stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).
- d. YHDP Renewal and Replacement projects including YHDP projects created through reallocation must serve youth aged 24 or younger, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth who: (1) qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; (2) have an unsafe primary night-time residence and no safe alternative to that residence; or (3) qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).

Additional terms and conditions will be included in the project agreement with HUD and in the HHA’s Governance Charter/By-Laws, located at www.hhapbc.org, and CoC Grantee Certification (see [EXHIBIT 2](#)).

SCOPE OF SERVICES

As set forth in 24 CFR 578.33, projects may renew under the CoC Program NOFO to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs. Awards HUD made under the CoC Program (including projects awarded 1-year of funding under the FY 2025 CoC Program funding opportunity), projects originally awarded under the Special NOFO, and YHDP projects are eligible for renewal with FY 2026 CoC Program funds if they are currently operating and have an expiration date in CY 2027 (the period from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027).

CoC funds, per 24 CFR § 578.37, may be used for projects under various components (See [SECTION VIII: COC DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS](#) for definitions of the terms below):

- Permanent Housing (PH): Including Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH))



- Client Management Information System (CMIS)
- Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that were previously funded project under YHDP serving youth 18-24 years old.

PH-PSH renewal projects must serve one of the following:

- Program participants who are eligible for assistance under the project's current grant agreement.
- Persons who meet the definition of DedicatedPLUS, where all units funded by this project must be used to serve program participants who meet the qualifications for DedicatedPLUS.
- Persons experiencing chronic homelessness at the time they initially enrolled in the project.

RRH, and Joint TH-RRH, projects shall serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR § 578.3. Additionally, these projects shall serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR § 578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3).

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) projects must serve youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant youth, where no household member is older than 24.

DV Bonus, DV Renewal and DV Reallocation projects must serve individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3

HUD Goals

As the local CoC, the HHA is tasked with ending homelessness in Palm Beach County. To meet the HUD CoC Program Competition scoring criteria, as well as to increase the scoring capacity for RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS, the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT and RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are required to address HUD’s policy priorities of:

1. Improving Outcomes.
2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability.
3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care.
4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency.
5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency.
6. Advancing Public Safety for All.
7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations.
8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology.

These goals are explained in detail in the HUD FY 2026 CoC Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO. RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall review and comply with the 2026 HUD NOFO. In addition, NEW PROJECT APPLICANTS projects shall align with Palm Beach County’s homeless plan, Leading the Way Home: Palm Beach County’s Plan to End the Cycle of Homelessness.

SECTION IV: WHERE TO FIND LOCAL RENEWAL PROJECT DOCUMENTS YOU NEED

Timeline: Please refer to [SECTION II: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION, SCHEDULE OF EVENTS](#) for deadline dates.

RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS documents and support information can be found as follows: _____

1. Local Project Application NOFO Guidance Document

- Visit the HHA website:
<https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-Grant-Apps.aspx>
- Visit Palm Beach County Purchasing Department’s Vendor Self Service (VSS) system:
<http://discover.pbcgov.org/BusinessOpportunities/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://pbcvssp.co.palm-beach.fl.us/webapp/vssp/AltSelfService>
- Visit CSD NOFO Application Submission Website: https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/
Reminder: Upload a PDF copy of the HUD Renewal Project Application on this site.

2. HUD 2026 Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO [Opportunity Listing - FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO](#)

3. Project Applications

- **There are two applications that applicants will be working with in this NOFO.**
- The first is the **2026 CoC Project Application** from which forms required for this NOFO can be downloaded and uploaded. It is available at https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/ . **Please see the instructions in Section V *APPLICATION PROCESS STEPS*.**
- The second is the **2026 Collaborative Applicant Project Application**. It is replacing the esnaps (HUD) application for the purposes of this NOFO It is available within the CoC Project Application, and can be downloaded from the CoC Project Application, completed and uploaded back to the CoC Project Application. **Please see the instructions in Section V *APPLICATION PROCESS STEPS*.**

4. HUD Project Application

- Visit eSnaps to complete the HUD Project Application once the portal is open:
<https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>
- Training Modules can be found on the HUD Exchange CoC Program Competition Resources page: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

5. HUD 2880 – Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report

- Visit HUD at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/HUD_Disclosure-Update-Report_4_0-V4.0.pdf
This document is required for construction projects only.

6. The most recent audited financial statement

- Agencies’ finance office

7. Match Forms

- **[EXHIBIT 3](#)** of this NOFO

8. Visit HUD Exchange at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/>

9. 24 C.F.R. Part 578 Continuum of Care Program

- Visit this or other sources online: <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/part-578>

10. 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards

- Visit this or other sources online:
https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title02/2cfr200_main_02.tpl

11. SunBiz.org Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations

- Visit this online: <http://search.sunbiz.org/inquiry/corporationsearch/byname>

12. Palm Beach County Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA)

- Visit this online: <https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/HHA.aspx>
www.hhapbc.org

13. Leading the Way Home: Palm Beach County’s Plan to End the Cycle of Homelessness

- Visit The Leading The Way Home website: <http://thehomelessplan.org/ourgoals/endhomelessness.htm>

SECTION V: CONTENTS OF PROPOSALS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The 2026 CoC Program Competition Local Renewal Project Applications will be pre-scored based on the RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANT’s previous performance. **RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall review their data to ensure that it displays correctly in CMIS and reports.** RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall provide written explanations to explain discrepancies, reasons for not attaining performance goals, or not meeting threshold requirements.

LOCAL PRIORITY DESCRIPTION

HHA’s local priority renewal projects include:

- PSH
- RRH projects
- PH-RRH projects only if previously funded through YHDP and serve youth ages 18-24
- HMIS

Preference will be given to HMIS and PSH programs.

2026 COC PROGRAM APPLICATION

Except where noted, all agencies applying for the HUD 2026 CoC Program Competition renewal funds shall complete and submit all items listed below in the CoC Program Renewal Checklist

The deadline for application package submission **July 10, 2026 by 12:00 pm (Noon) EST**. Application Package shall be submitted on the PBC, CSD NOFO Application Submission Website:

https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/xf_rfp/

The scoring and ranking meeting, during which the NCG Review Committee will publicly review, score, and rank all applications, is scheduled to take place on **July 22, 2026, from 9am to 4pm**. If the committee has not finished their review and ranking at that time, they will reconvene on **July 24 2026, from 9am to 4pm**. Please check the HSCA website for changes to the meeting location or time. <https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-Grant-Apps.aspx>.

Members of the public who plan to attend the meeting in person are asked to notify HSCA as soon as possible by email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG or by phone at 561-355-4642.

Anyone interested in additional information may contact HSCA by mail at 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, by email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG or by phone at 561-355-4642.

Also, those wishing to make public comments may contact HSCA by sending your comments via traditional mail to 810 Datura Street, West Palm Beach, FL 33401, or email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, or genetic information

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”), persons with disabilities requiring accommodations to participate in this public meeting can contact CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG no later than three (3) business days before such meeting and specify the accommodations that are needed.

Persons who require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or who need translation services for a meeting (free of charge), please call (561) 355-4642 or email CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG at least three (3) business days in advance. Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are requested to telephone the Florida Relay System at #711.

Fatal Flaw

If an agency fails to submit the application by **July 10, 2026 by 12:00 p.m. (Noon), EST**, the project will not be ranked or considered for CoC Program Competition funding. Other than as described under Experiencing Technical Difficulties, there will be **NO** exceptions made.

Project Scoring:

- Overall project scoring will be based on the percentage of applicable points on which projects are eligible to be scored.
- RENEWAL APPLICANTS’ data from CMIS and equivalent will be used for scoring, so project applicants must ensure that their data is up-to-date.
- See [ATTACHMENT 2](#) to review the application scorecard.

NOTE: Your project will be scored and ranked based on the information you provide in your application. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you review the scoring criteria for your project type to be sure that you have provided sufficient information for the Review Committee to determine whether you met the criteria and can be awarded points.

NOTE: Unified Grant Guidance

CoC Program Competition Grant Recipients must comply with 2 CFR Part 200-Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards.

APPLICATION PROCESS STEP 1 - 2026 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION LOCAL RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION-WEBAUTHOR-SAMIS APPLICATION

Enter the link https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/ to access the NOFO proposal page. Note that there may be other applications on the page so be sure to select the correct application: 2026 CoC Program Local Renewal Project Application.

Logging In or Creating a New Account

- **If you have previously submitted an application through SAMIS, you will log in using the email and password you created to log in under Existing User.**
- **If you have NOT previously submitted an application through SAMIS you will type your first name, last name, and email under New User to begin the process of creating an account.** By creating an account you will be able to return to an application you have started and apply for future grants using the account you have created.

You will receive an email with the subject line: SAMIS: PBCC: Account Activation.

This email will contain your password to sign into SAMIS to complete the application. You will be asked to accept the terms of the NOFO. Click on “I Agree.”

You will next be asked to reset your password

Completing the NOFO Application

Click on the *2026 CoC Program Local Renewal Project Application*. Check the NOFO/RFP to make sure you are in the correct application.

Enter the NOFO Invitation Code which is: HUDCOCRENEWAL2026

Enter your Agency’s Federal ID Number. This will populate the applicant’s agency name and address.

Along the right side of the Application, you will see a Sections box. This will indicate the status of your application



by indicating with a green check ✓ when you have completed a section. A red X means that the section is not completed.

Throughout the Application, an asterisk * next to an item indicates that field is required.

A SAMIS Access Guide at <https://discover.pbcgov.org/communityservices/humanservices/Pages/CoC-GrantApps.aspx> will walk you step by step through this process.

PROPOSAL

Federal ID

Agency Name

Doing Business As (DBA)

Please indicate the name(s) by which the agency is known or does business.

Address

City

State

Zip Code

NOFO/RFP

Additional Editors

Program Name

NOFO Information Document

Click to download the **2026 CoC Program Competition Renewal Projects NOFO Information Guidance** document for reference throughout the application.

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

CEO/Executive Director Name and Title

CEO/Executive Director Email

Agency Contract Person Name and Title

Agency Contract Person Phone

Agency Contract Person Email

Total Funding Amount Requested

Please enter the total funding amount across all service categories that you are requesting.

Total People Expected to Serve

Please enter the total number of unduplicated people expected to be served with the funding requested.

COC RENEWAL PROGRAM APPLICATION



1. 2026 CoC Program Renewal Application Checklist

Download the REQUIRED **2026 CoC Program Renewal Projects Renewal Application Package Checklist/Coversheet** template. See [EXHIBIT 1](#). Please upload once you have completed and signed this form.

Please upload your document using the following format: **.doc OR .docx OR .pdf**

Please name your document using the following naming convention: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCChecklist_2026**

2. Threshold Requirements

Download, complete and sign the Threshold Requirements Document See Attachment 1. Please upload your document using the following format: **.doc OR .docx OR .pdf**

Please name your document using the following naming convention: **(Agency Name or Initials)Threshold Requirement_2026**

3. Project type selection

Select the project type.

Select One:

- Permanent Housing - Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Permanent Housing - Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)
- Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and PH-RRH) – Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Renewal Projects Only
- Client Management Information System (CMIS)

4. NEW HSCA Project Application

The HSCA Project Application will take the place of the HUD esnaps application for the purposes of this NOFO.

Download and complete the New Projects HSCA Project Application.

Please upload your document using the following format: **.doc OR .docx OR .pdf**

Please upload the completed application using the following naming convention: **(Agency Name or Initials)HSCA Application_2026**

5. CoC Grantee Certification

Download the REQUIRED **CoC Grantee Certification Form**. Please upload once you have completed and signed this form. See [EXHIBIT 2](#).

- All applicants must certify that they will meet the Palm Beach County Division of Human Services (HSCA) and Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA) expectations for grant reporting, program standards, performance, collaboration, community engagement, transparency, and grant monitoring.

Please upload your document in one of the following formats: **.pdf, .doc OR .docx**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCGrantCert_2026**

6. Agency Match Amount

Based on the Funding Amount Request, indicate the Amount of Match Funding that will be provided.

7. Agency Match Amount Documentation

Download the **CoC Match Documentation Form** Template. The Applicant may substitute match documents on the organization's letterhead providing the match for the Match Documentation Form. Please upload supporting

documents once you have completed the form. See [EXHIBIT 3](#).

- A 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all budget components except leasing. Match is required for all projects. The agency providing the match must complete the **CoC Match Documentation Form** on their letterhead or provide a match letter related directly to the project application. Below are the details that must be included in the letter documenting the match. Match may be cash or in-kind goods or property.
- Letters must meet the following criteria:
 - Be on letterhead from the organization providing the contribution
 - Contain the cash amount or dollar value of the in-kind contribution.
 - Contain the specific date the contribution will be made available and the period during which the match will be available.
 - Contain the name of the applicant agency to which the contribution is being given.
 - Contain the specific grant name and the fiscal year.
 - Contain a description of the goods/services that will be provided (for in-kind contributions) or a description of what the funds will be spent on (for cash contributions).

Please upload your document in one of the following formats: **.pdf, .doc OR .docx**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCMatch_2026**

8. HUD Grant Agreement

Upload the agency's current HUD grant agreement.

Please upload your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)HUDCoCAgreement_2026**

9. eLOCCS Screen Shot

Please provide a screenshot of the agency's current "Project Portfolio" from eLOCCS documenting the previous grant amount awarded and the amount expended to date.

Please upload your document in one of the following formats: **.pdf OR .jpeg**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCeLOCCSScreenshot_2026**

10. Project Budget

Please provide the budget for the proposed project, including other funding sources and all project expenditures.

- Please upload your document using one of the following formats: **.pdf, .xls, OR .xlsx**
- Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCProjBudg_2026**
- **As part of your budget, please indicate the total amount of funding that will be allocated for supportive services, for this project, including the value of donated services, match, and the funds requested from this application.**

11. Total Agency Budget

Please provide the Total Agency Budget, a budget for the entire agency. The budget can be in any form, but it should include all agency funding sources and program expenditures.

Please submit your document in one of the following formats: **.pdf, .xls OR .xlsx**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCTAB_FY2026**

12. HUD Monitoring Report

Please provide the agency's most recent US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) monitoring

report.

Please submit your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)HUDCoCMonitor_FY26**

13. Financial Audit

Please provide a copy of your most recent Independent Financial Audit, including the management letter, if issued. If no management letter has been issued, include a note to document this.

Please upload your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)CoCFinAud_FY26**

14. Unique Issues (3000 Characters) Please explain any issue that may be unique to the items requested

Please submit your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)Uniquelssues_FY26**

15. Spending Explanation and Plan (4000 Characters)

Please explain any delay in spending out project funds. Provide a plan for doing so within the HUD-mandated period.

Please upload your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)Spending Plan_FY26**

16. Narrative Response to Data (3000 Characters)

Please provide a narrative response to shortfalls in agency data.

Please upload your document in the following format: **.pdf**

Please name your document as such: **(Agency Name or Initials)DataExplan_FY26**

APPLICATION PROCESS STEP 2 – 2026 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION E-SNAPS APPLICATION

HUD will announce when the eSnaps site is available to submit renewal project applications. HHA will remind agencies when HUD has opened the eSnaps site. RENEWAL APPLICANTS shall begin to gather the required documents and compose or revise the project narrative using 2026 guidance.

Note: HUD expects the information in a project’s proposed renewal application to remain the same year-to-year unless changes are directed by HUD or approved through the grant agreement amendment process.

SECTION VI: 2026 LOCAL RENEWAL PROJECTS REVIEW PROCESS

While the HHA must review and approve all decisions regarding the PBC CoC Program Competition project review process, CSD values community input and discussion regarding all aspects of the CoC. The HSCA will make every effort to promptly inform the community through email and its website if the CoC Program Competition NOFO guidelines or policy directives change and impact the scoring process.

- If renewal project applicants are predetermined not to meet the current HHA threshold, the HHA Governance Board will determine if renewal projects are to be reallocated.
- HSCA collects and reviews Annual Performance Reviews (APRs) or equivalent, Data Quality Reports or equivalent, and supplemental information, as needed, and prepares project evaluations.
- CoC Program Competition RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS are invited to complete their application by the application deadline date on eSnaps once it is open. Note that the NCG Review Committee shall review

these applications to rate and rank, so final submission to HUD is not required until right before the local HUD project submission deadline. **THIS DEADLINE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY HUD.**

- CoC Program Competition RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall also submit PDF copies of their project application to HSCA, along with required local application materials and match documentation through the CSD NOFO submission website, located at https://pbcc.samis.io/modules/fx_rfp/.
- All documents in the local application package shall be submitted by the deadline date per application instructions.
 - i. Late applications will not be accepted.
 - ii. The NCG Review Committee cannot cure incomplete applications. If an application is incomplete, the application will be scored accordingly
- Notice of the CoC Program Competition RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION NOFOs will be emailed to the HHA listserv and announced at the monthly HHA meeting.
- HSCA will offer a Technical Assistance Meeting to RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS.
- HSCA shall recruit NCG Review Committee members, prioritizing members who have served on the Committee in the past or who have other relevant experience and are approved by the HHA Governance Board. NCG Review Committee members shall sign a “conflict of interest” form.
- HSCA shall review submitted applications and determine whether projects meet local and HUD threshold requirements.
- As appropriate, NCG Review Committee members shall be trained and receive submitted applications. Committee members shall review, but not score, applications before Scoring Meeting.
- NCG Review Committee shall meet during the Scoring Meeting to review and discuss project applications and finalize individual project scores. NCG Review Committee scores are added, and applications are ranked and placed into either Tier 1 or Tier 2. Only 60% of the funds available can be used for to place projects in Tier 1.
 - i. Renewal projects that do not yet have performance data for a full year of operation shall be held harmless and awarded total points on all scoring factors that cannot be evaluated. Second-time or older renewal projects that do not have performance data for a full year of operation shall submit an explanation as to why they have not started spending out project funds and provide a plan for doing so within the HUD-mandated period. In extreme cases where community funding is at risk, NCG Review Committee members may exercise discretion, including recommending reallocation or placement into Tier 2.
 - ii. Due to the nature of the programs, renewal domestic violence projects shall be held harmless for specific questions as these processes differ for DV programs: new, increased, and earned income, and on Coordinated-Entry (CE). DV programs will be awarded full points for questions regarding program participants’ assessment scores.
 - iii. If the HUD tier rules allow for projects to “straddle” the tiers, i.e., to fall partially in Tier 1 and Tier 2, the top-scoring non-CMIS, non-Coordinated Entry project in Tier 2 shall be moved to straddle the tiers.
- Preliminary scoring results are delivered to applicants with a reminder about the appeals process.
- Appeals, if any, shall be reviewed by the HHA Appeals Committee.
- The HHA Governance Board shall meet to consider and approve a final recommended CoC Program Competition ranked funding list. Any renewal project that does not apply for funding or is identified by the NCG Review Committee as in need of reallocation, that funding shall be reallocated to a new project.
- **The HHA Governance Board’s final recommended CoC Program ranked funding list shall be presented to the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final approval.**
- If funding becomes available after approval of the final ranked list, through reallocation or budget corrections, the HHA Governance Board shall offer the excess funding to new project applicants in order of project ranking.
- RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICANTS shall submit copies of letters or documentation for all match resources listed in their application.

- Applications are submitted along with the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT’s application to HUD.

The process is welcoming to persons with disabilities, persons who have experienced homelessness, and persons with limited English proficiency. If you need any accommodations for the NCG Review Committee, please contact CSD by email at CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG or by phone at 561-355-4642.

SECTION VII: APPEAL PROCEDURES

APPEALS POLICY

Appeals may be filed by an agency submitting a project application for the HUD CoC Program Competition funding to provide homeless services in PBC.

Eligible Appeals

Applicants may appeal deviations from the established PROCESS for reviewing and awarding project funding. Applicants may not appeal the amount of funding recommended.

Appeals must be submitted on the HHA Local Project CoC Program Competition Appeal Notice Form. See [ATTACHMENT 3](#). All appeals must be based on the information submitted by the application due date. No new or additional information will be considered. Omissions to the application cannot be appealed. The decision of the HHA Appeals Committee is final.

The HHA Appeals Committee consists of three (3) members of the HHA Governance Board, the CSD Director, the HSCA Director, and one non-voting representative from the NCG Review Committee. The voting members will not have participated in the original NCG Review Committee or have a conflict of interest with any agencies applying for CoC Program funding.

APPEALS PROCEDURES

- Agencies wishing to file appeals must request copies of their scoring sheets and relevant NCG Review Committee comments within one (1) business day of the posting of applicant scores. An appeal must be submitted in writing on the HHA Local Project CoC Program Competition Appeal Notice Form (See [ATTACHMENT 3](#)) within five (5) business days of the posting of applicant scores. Requests for scoring sheets and Appeal Notice Forms must be submitted to HSCA electronically to CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG
- All Appeal Notice Forms must be submitted electronically to CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG by the appeal deadline date listed in the CoC Program Competition TimeLine.
- The Appeal Notice Form must include a written statement specifying the grounds asserted for the appeal. The Appeal Notice Form must be signed by an individual authorized to represent the appealing applicant (i.e., Executive Director, CEO, CFO). It must include (highlight and/or cite) the specific sections of the application on which the appeal is based. The appealing applicant must specify facts and evidence sufficient for the HHA Appeals Committee to determine the validity of the appeal. That is, the notice of appeal must have attached the specific areas of the application being appealed and must also clearly explain why the information provided is adequate to gain additional points. The HHA Appeal Committee may notice issues that could and should have been raised in final submissions and may use their discretion in reviewing those and other factors during the Appeals Process.
- The HHA Appeals Committee will review and evaluate all notices of appeal and decide whether or not the appeal has any validity based on the appeal policy.

- The HHA Appeals Committee will read, review, and evaluate all valid appeals.
- HHA Appeals Committee deliberates and votes electronically. Votes and deliberation documentation are public records available upon a public records request.
- Appealing Applicants will receive, in writing, the decision of the HHA Appeals Committee within ten (10) business days of submission of the Appeal Notice Form.
- HHA Appeal Committee Scoring and Ranking List are submitted for consideration and approval by the HHA Governance Board.
- If HHA Appeals Committee makes a change to the Scoring and Ranking List as a result of an appeal, the new Scoring and Ranking List will be submitted for consideration and approval by the HHA Governance Board.

SECTION VIII: COC DEFINITIONS AND CONCEPTS

Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) – The amount that a grant can be awarded on an annual basis when renewed. It includes funds only for those eligible activities (operating, supportive services, leasing, rental assistance, CMIS, and administration) that were funded in the original grant (or the original grant as amended), less the unrenowable activities (acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation and any administrative costs related to these activities).

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – (24 CFR § 578.17(b)(2)) The total amount of all the CoCs projects that will be eligible for renewal in the 2026 CoC Program Competition, before any required adjustments to funding for leasing, rental assistance and operating budget line items based on FMR changes. The ARD will be calculated by combining the total amount of funds requested by eligible renewal projects on the Renewal Project Listing and the combined eligible renewal project amount(s) that were reallocated.

Applicant – an eligible applicant that the CoC has designated to apply for assistance under this part on behalf of that CoC.

Award – As used in this NOFO means a federal grant.

Beds Dedicated to Chronically Homeless Individuals and Families – A permanent supportive housing bed explicitly dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families within a CoC’s geographic area, as reported in the CoC’s HIC and the 2026 permanent housing project applications. When a program participant exits the project, the bed must be filled by another chronically homeless participant unless there are no chronically homeless persons awaiting services located within the CoC’s geographic area. This concept only applies to PSH projects.

Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System – A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake assessment and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

Chronically Homeless –

- A “homeless individual with a disability,” as defined in section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11360(9)), who:
 - Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and
- Has been homeless and living as described above continuously for at least 12 months or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the events included at least seven consecutive nights of not living as described above. Stays in institutional care facilities for fewer than 90 days will not constitute a break in homelessness, but instead, such stays are included in the 12-month total, as long as the individual was

living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility;

- An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facilities, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria above before entering that facility; or
- A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria above, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

Client Management Information System (CMIS) – The information system designated by the CoC to comply with the CMIS requirements prescribed by HUD.

CoC Bonus Project – The CoC Bonus allows CoCs to use up to 15 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications. New projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections III.C.5.b. and c. of this NOFO. To be eligible to receive a CoC Bonus project, the Collaborative Applicant must demonstrate its CoC ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in section V.B.2.b of this NOFO.

Collaborative Applicant – The eligible entity that the CoC has designated during the 2026 CoC Program Registration Process to apply for a grant on behalf of the CoC. The Collaborative Applicant must be the "Applicant" for each community applying for participation in the competition. In cases where the CoC needed to change the Collaborative Applicant and that change was approved after this NOFO was published but before the deadline for submissions, that approved replacement Collaborative Applicant is the eligible applicant for this NOFO.

Consolidation - The process by which two or more projects eligible for renewal in the CoC Program Competition apply for funding and are combined into a single renewal project upon award. See Sections IV.D.1.k of 2026 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO for additional information.

Consolidated Plan - is a document developed by states and local jurisdictions. This plan is completed by engaging in a participatory process to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions with funding from formula grant programs. (See 24 CFR Part 91 for more information about the Consolidated Plan and related Annual Action Plan).

Consolidated Plan Certification – The standard form, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2991), in which a state or local official certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and if the project applicant is a state or unit of local government, that the jurisdiction is following its Consolidated Plan per the requirement of 24 CFR Part 91. All project applications submitted by the Collaborative Applicant must be included in the certification either by submitting one appropriately signed and dated HUD-2991 for each project or a single signed and dated HUD-2991 from the jurisdiction that includes a listing of all project applications. If applicable, the CoC planning, UFA Costs, and renewal CoC projects must be included.

Continuum of Care (CoC) – The group is organized to carry out the responsibilities required under 24 CFR Part 578, and that is composed of representatives of organizations, including non-profit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing providers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.

Continuum of Care Merger – A process where two or more CoCs voluntarily agree to merge the entire geographic areas of all CoCs into one larger CoC. HUD strongly encourages CoCs that struggle with capacity to combine with a neighboring CoC or Balance of State CoC during each fiscal year’s CoC Program Registration process.

Coordinated Entry – A process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.

DedicatedPLUS Project – A permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serving individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth that at intake meet one of the following categories:

1. Experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR § 578.3;
2. Residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project;
3. Residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronic homeless as defined by 24 CFR § 578.3 before entering the project;
4. Residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR § 578.3;
5. Residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions, and the individual or head of household meets the definition of 'homeless individual with a disability; or
6. Receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system.
7. A renewal project where 100 percent of the beds were dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families, as described in Section III.C.2.b, under the grant that is being renewed, may either become a DedicatedPLUS project or may continue to dedicate 100 percent of its beds to chronically homeless individuals and families. If a renewal project with 100 percent of its beds dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families elects to become a DedicatedPLUS project, the project will be required to adhere to all fair housing requirements at 24 CFR § 578.93.

Projects awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition must include households with children qualifying as a DedicatedPLUS project in the 2026 CoC Program Competition.

Deficiency – Information missing or omitted within a submitted application. Deficiencies typically involve missing documents, information on a form, or some other type of unsatisfied information requirement (e.g., an unsigned form, unchecked box.). Depending on specific criteria, deficiencies may be either curable or non-curable.

Curable Deficiency – Applicants may correct a curable deficiency with timely action. To be curable, the deficiency must:

- Not be a threshold requirement, except for documentation of applicant eligibility;
- Not influence how an applicant is ranked or scored versus other applicants; and
- Be remedied within the time frame specified in the notice of deficiency.
- Non-Curable Deficiency – An applicant cannot correct a non-curable deficiency after the submission deadline.

Non-Curable Deficiencies – Deficiencies that, if corrected, would change an applicant’s score or rank versus other

applicants. Non-curable deficiencies may result in an application being marked ineligible or adversely affect an application's score and final determination.

DV Bonus – Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus). A new project that is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As described in paragraph (13) below, survivors of human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; however, a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking. New DV Bonus projects are subject to the limitation on new projects in section I.B.3.a.(1) of this NOFO, and a CoC may apply for up to 20 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) to create a new DV Bonus project(s); however, this amount is limited to a: (a) a minimum of \$50,000 if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than \$50,000; or (b) maximum of \$5 million if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than \$5 million. See sections I.B.3.l and I.B.2.b.(8) of this NOFO for project application requirements and how DV Bonus projects will be reviewed and selected

Eligible Renewal Project – A project under grant agreement by December 31, 2026, with an expiration date in Calendar Year (CY) 2027 (between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027).

Expansion – The process used by renewal project applicants to submit a new project application to add funds to a project to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; however, as explained in section I.B.3.l of this NOFO, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds, and HUD will only select a new DV Bonus project that expands an existing renewal project if HUD conditionally selects the renewal project in Tier 1 or 2. For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants must submit: (a) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and (b) a new project application with expansion information. YHDP projects cannot use the expansion process.

Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) – The higher PPRN or ARD for the Continuum of Care is the FPRN, which is the base for the maximum award amount for the CoC.

High Performing Community (HPC) – A Continuum of Care that meets the standards in subpart E of this part and has been designated as a high-performing community by HUD.

Homeless –

1. An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:
 - a. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground;
 - b. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
 - c. An individual who is exiting an institution where they resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that

- institution;
2. An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence provided that:
 - a) the primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - b) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
 - c) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing;
 3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
 - a. Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. § 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. § 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. § 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. § 1786(b)), or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 11434a);
 - b. Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance;
 - c. Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and
 - d. Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or
 4. Any individual or family who:
 - a. Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
 - b. Has no other residence; and
 - c. Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

Although not reflected in the regulation, section 605 of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022 amended Section 103(b) of the Act and requires HUD to consider certain individuals and families as homeless. This amendment took effect on October 1, 2022. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in this NOFO, where 578.3 paragraph (4) is referenced, applicants may apply to serve the population as defined in Section 103(b) of the Act.

Homelessness and Human Trafficking – HUD is clarifying that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member” under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 and “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” under section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – Also known as the Client Management Information System (CMIS). The CoC designates the information system to comply with the CMIS requirements prescribed by HUD.

Homeless Management Information Lead (HMIS Lead) – The entity designated by the CoC in accordance with this part to operate the Continuum's CMIS on its behalf.

Housing Inventory Count (HIC) – A complete listing of the CoC's HUD and non-HUD-funded beds dedicated to homeless individuals and families in the CoC's geographic area.

Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project – The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components – transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing – in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Non-Dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing Beds – Permanent supportive housing beds within a CoC's geographic area that are not currently classified as dedicated for use by chronically homeless individuals and families or as DedicatedPLUS.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – An agency's formally issued announcement of the availability of federal or federal pass-through funding through one of its financial assistance programs. The announcement provides eligibility and evaluation criteria, funding preferences and priorities, the submission deadline, and information on obtaining application kits.

Permanent Housing – Community-based housing without a designated length of stay and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. To be permanent housing, the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for at least one year, renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long and are terminable only for cause.

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) - permanent housing provides supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability to live independently.

Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) – The amount of funds a CoC could receive based upon the geographic areas claimed by the CoC and reviewed by HUD during the CoC Program Registration process.

Private Non-profit Organization – An organization:

- That no part of the net earnings is inured to the benefit of any member, founder, contributor, or individual;
- That has a voluntary board;
- Which has a functioning accounting system that is operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) or has designated a fiscal agent that will maintain a functional accounting system for the organization in accordance with GAAP; and
- That practices nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance.

A private non-profit organization does not include governmental organizations, such as public housing agencies.

Program Participant – An individual (including unaccompanied youth) or family assisted with CoC program funds.

Project – A group of eligible activities, such as CMIS costs, identified as a project in an application to HUD for CoC funds and includes a structure (or structures) that is (are) acquired, rehabilitated, constructed, or leased with

assistance provided under this part or with respect to which HUD provides rental assistance or annual payments for operating costs or supportive services under this subtitle.

Project Applicant – An eligible applicant, as defined in section 24 CFR § 578.3 of the CoC Program interim rule, that is designated by the CoC to apply for assistance under the CoC Program Competition and is a private non-profit organization, state, local government, or instrumentality of state and local government.

Rapid Rehousing – A type of permanent housing meeting the requirements of 24 CFR § 578.37(a)(1)(ii).

Reallocation – Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements in section I.B.3.a, III.B.4.b.(3) and the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established in sections III.C.5.b. and c. of this NOFO. CoCs may reallocate eligible renewal projects that HUD previously renewed during a CoC Program NOFO competition. To create a Transition Grant through the reallocation process, the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create a single, new transition grant. CoCs may reallocate YHDP projects HUD initially awarded Round I YHDP to create new CoC grants. Reallocated YHDP grants may only reallocate to a youth serving program. CoCs are prohibited from reallocating YHDP projects initially awarded in Round 2 or later.

Recipient – A non-Federal entity receiving an award directly from HUD to carry out an activity under a HUD program.

Seniors: Persons over the age of sixty-two (62).

Solo Applicants – Per the Act, "A solo applicant may submit an application to the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a) and be awarded such grant on the same basis as such grants are awarded to other applicants based on the criteria described in section 11386a of this title, but only if the Secretary determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the continuum of care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. The Secretary may award such grants directly to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary." **A solo applicant must submit a solo applicant project application in e-snaps before the application deadline.** Additionally, for HUD to consider its solo application, a solo applicant must also meet all the requirements outlined in section VII.C of this NOFO.

Subrecipient – A non-Federal entity receiving a subaward from a pass-through entity to carry out part of a HUD program but does not include an individual beneficiary of such program. A subrecipient may receive other Federal awards directly from a Federal awarding agency (including HUD).

Supportive Services Only (SSO): Funds may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation costs or leasing of a facility from which supportive services will be provided, and supportive services in order to provide supportive services to unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons for whom the recipient is not providing housing or housing assistance. SSO includes Street Outreach. See 24 CFR 578.53 for the types of Supportive Services that may be provided.

Transitional Housing – Housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or more extended period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended.

Threshold Requirement – Threshold requirements are a type of eligibility requirement. Threshold requirements must be met for an application to be reviewed; are not curable, except for documentation of applicant eligibility.

Transition Grant – A grant to fund a new CoC project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over one year. Transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component. The new transition project must meet the following requirements: (a) to be eligible to receive a 2027 transition grant, the current recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care, and (b) the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in sections III.C.5.b. and c. of this NOFO.

Unified Funding Agency (UFA) – An eligible applicant selected by the CoC to apply for a grant for the entire Continuum, which can carry out the duties in 24 CFR § 578.11(b) HUD approves and to which HUD awards a grant.

YHDP Replacement Project - The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, permits the replacement of renewing YHDP projects under the CoC Program; therefore, renewing YHDP projects may be replaced with new YHDP projects that may wholly or in part include activities ineligible under the CoC Program if the replacement project demonstrates it will directly serve youth aged 24 and under experiencing homelessness. CoCs may replace a renewing YHDP project to create one or more YHDP Replacement projects. YHDP Renewal project applicants may submit renewal applications [see section I.B.3.n] for minor changes to a project, including adding or modifying Special YHDP Activities under III.B.4.b.(6), but larger changes to a project will require applying for a replacement project.

EXHIBIT 1: 2026 CoC PROGRAM RENEWAL APPLICATION PACKAGE CHECKLIST/COVER SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS CERTIFICATION

Except where noted, all agencies applying for HUD 2026 CoC Program Competition renewal funds must complete and submit all items listed below.

Order	Item	Check
	CoC Program Renewal Application Package Checklist/Cover Sheet and Instructions Certification signed and dated	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Copy of HSCA Renewal Projects Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must complete the HSCA Renewal Projects Application in SAMIS • Applicant must upload the completed HSCA application and submit it with the application package in SAMIS • Applicant must email a copy of the HSCA Application to CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	CoC Grantee Certification signed and dated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All applicants must certify that they will meet the HSCA and HHA expectations for grant reporting, program standards, performance, collaboration, community engagement, transparency, and grant monitoring. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Match Documentation Form <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all budget components except leasing. Match is required for all projects. The matching agency must complete the CoC Match Documentation Form on their letterhead or provide a match letter related directly to the project application. Below are the details that must be included in the letter documenting the match. Match may be cash or in-kind goods or property. • Letters must meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Be on letterhead from the organization providing the contribution ○ Contain the cash amount or dollar value of the in-kind contribution. ○ Contain the specific date the contribution will be made available and the period during which the contributions will be available. ○ Contain the name of the applicant agency to which the contribution is being given. ○ Contain the specific grant name and the fiscal year. ○ Contain a description of the goods/services that will be provided (for in-kind contributions) or a description of what the funds will be spent on (for cash contributions). 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Order	Item	Check
	Letter explaining any issue that may be unique to the items requested	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Copy of grant agreement from previous grant year	<input type="checkbox"/>

	eLOCCS Screen documenting expended funds to date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant must provide a screenshot of your current "Project Portfolio" from eLOCCS documenting the previous grant amount awarded and the amount expended to date. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Agency Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must provide a budget for their entire agency. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The most recent HUD monitoring report	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Current Independent Audited Financial Statement & Management Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organizational Chart <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants requesting renewal project funding must submit an organizational chart demonstrating the agency's administrative capacity and capacity to provide the proposed services. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Threshold Certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants must certify that they have met the threshold Criteria 	<input type="checkbox"/>

I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the 2026 Palm Beach County CoC Program Competition Application Instructions and Project Scoring Tool.

Authorized Agency Representative Name and Title

Agency

Authorized Agency Representative Signature

Date

EXHIBIT 2: PALM BEACH COUNTY HOMELESS AND HOUSING ALLIANCE CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANTEE CERTIFICATION

Background: The Palm Beach County Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless and Housing Alliance (HHA), along with the Division of Human Services (HSCA), which serves as the COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT, is charged by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to operate and administer CoC activities and to monitor recipients’ performance. To further CoC goals and to clarify expectations, HHA is describing recipient responsibilities in this document that shall be signed by an authorized representative of the grant recipient agency.

CoC grant recipients have a grant agreement with HUD, and the grant recipient is responsible for adhering to all requirements and obligations outlined by HUD. If grant recipient responsibilities change, revisions will be made to this certification and will require a new signature.

Before applying for renewal or new CoC funding, all project applicants must read the CoC Program Interim Rule 24 CFR Part 578, which provides the requirements for implementing and administering the CoC Program.

Agency:	
Contact Person:	
Chosen HHA Committee(s):	

I understand the expectations outlined in Attachment A of this certification.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title



Attachment A

COC INFORMATION

Committee Activities

- All grant recipients will participate in at least 60% of general HHA meetings and 70% of at least one of the HHA Subcommittee meetings in 12 months
- All grant recipients will participate in at least one committee/subcommittee
- All project applicants will present their CoC project application(s) to the Non-Conflict Grant Review Committee for local review
- All grant recipients will participate in the local coordinated assessment process as approved by the CoC
- Grant recipients are expected to support 1 Committee(s) covered by grant activities as they achieve the following standards:
 - Meet minimum standards
 - HHA meetings & committee/subcommittee meetings
 - Participate in coordinated entry
 - Participate in PIT/HIC
 - CMIS Entry
 - Follow Program Approved Standards (Coordinated Entry, ES, TH, PSH, RRH, Housing Focused Case Management)

CMIS Participation and Coverage

CoC grant recipients must collect the following information on the persons served and services provided during the grant period and enter this information into the PBC Client Management Information System (CMIS). Domestic violence service providers are prohibited from participation in CMIS but must demonstrate that they have a database comparable to a CMIS and can provide statistical information from that database upon request that does not compromise client privacy.

Universal Data Elements

Name
Social Security Number
Date of Birth
Race
Ethnicity
Sex
Veteran Status
Disabling Condition
Residence Prior to Project Entry
Project Entry Date
Project Exit Date
Destination at Project Exit
Personal ID
Household ID
Relationship to the Head of Household
Client Location
Length of Time on Street or in Emerg. Shelter

Program-Specific Data Elements

Housing Status
Income & Sources of Income
Non-Cash Benefits
Health Insurance
Physical Disability
Developmental Disability
Chronic Health Condition
HIV/AIDS
Mental Health Problem
Substance Abuse
Domestic Violence
Residential Move-In Date (Rapid Rehousing)
Services Provided (Rapid Rehousing)
Financial Assistance Provided (Rapid Rehousing)

Project Parameters

- Permanent Supportive Housing projects will follow HUD guidelines for targeting and prioritizing PSH units for chronically homeless participants (HUD Notice CPD-16-11) and will follow the Palm Beach County Coordinated Intake and Assessment Standards.
- RRH projects will follow the Palm Beach County Coordinated Intake and Assessment Standards and Rapid Re-Housing Program Standards.
- Applications targeting youth shall be held to the same standards as other members of the CoC.

Grant Performance & Reports

- All grant recipients will receive approval from the CoC prior to requesting a grant extension or amendment from HUD.
- All grant recipients will copy HSCA on executed HUD grant agreements.
- All grant recipients will report grant spending to CoC staff annually by submitting their final project spending report screenshot from eLOCCS.
- All grant recipients will submit Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count data by deadlines established by HSCA and local Committees.
- All grant recipients will submit APR's to HUD before the reporting deadline and copy HSCA.
- If a grant recipient can no longer administer their grant, the grant recipient will consult the HHA.

EXHIBIT 3: 2026 MATCH DOCUMENTATION FORM

[This must be on the letterhead of the entity providing the match resource.]

The chart below identifies information regarding the resources being provided by this agency.

Name of the organization providing the resource	
Type of contribution and use*	
Value of the contribution**	
Name of project	
Specific grant contributions will support	
Fiscal year contribution will support	
Name of the grant recipient and/or subrecipient	
Date the contribution will be available***	[_____], 2027 OR _____ 2028
Name of person authorized to commit these resources	
Title of person authorized to commit these resources.	
Signature of the person authorized to commit these resources.	
Date (Must be dated between June 17 and July 10, 2026)	

* , E.g., cash, childcare, case management, health care, etc. If cash, also state allowable activities to be funded by match.

** For in-kind, identify the method used to determine the value of the donation.

*** For renewals, this date must be within your 2027-2028 operating year.





ATTACHMENT 1: THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Required but not scored. If the applicant is ineligible to meet any of the standards within the threshold criteria, the project is ineligible to go any further in the competition. Failure to meet a threshold criterion makes an applicant ineligible for HUD funding. If at any point during the competition, it is determined that a threshold criterion has not been met, HUD or the HHA may find the applicant ineligible for HUD funding.

Project Name: _____

Organization Name: _____

Project Type: _____

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS	YES/NO
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For each threshold, select "YES" if applicant has fulfilled the threshold requirement and is eligible to submit an application.

HUD THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Applicant has active SAM registration with current information. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Applicant must have a valid UEI number in the application | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Applicant has no outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts – It is HUD policy, consistent with the purposes and intent of 31 U.S.C. 3720B and 28 U.S.C. 3201(e), that applicants with outstanding delinquent federal debt will not be eligible to receive an award of funds unless:
a) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and the repayment schedule is not delinquent, or
b) Other arrangements satisfactory to HUD are made before the award of funds by HUD. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions – In accordance with 2 CFR 2424, no award of federal funds may be made to debarred or suspended applicants, or those proposed to be debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal government. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Applicant has a Sufficient Financial Management System – HUD will not award or disburse funds to applicants that do not have a financial management system that meets Federal standards as described at | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2 CFR 200.302. HUD may arrange for a survey of financial management systems for applicants selected for award who have not previously received Federal financial assistance, where HUD Program officials have reason to question whether a financial management system meets Federal standards, or for applicants considered high risk based on past performance or financial management findings.

6. Applicant has met the Mandatory Disclosure Requirement – Recipients or applicants must disclose in writing to the awarding program office at HUD, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award within ten days after learning of the violation. Recipients that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outlined in Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200-Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal, or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in §200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and S.C. 2313.)
7. Applicant and potential subrecipients have met the Program Eligibility Requirements under 24 CFR§578.15,24§5.100 and has provided evidence as required in the application.
8. Applicant has submitted all Required Certifications as specified in the NOFO.
9. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule and the requirements of Item 14 of the Terms and Conditions of this NOFO
10. Applicant, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, agree to participate in the local CMIS system. Unless, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, the applicant is a victim-service agency serving survivors of domestic abuse or a legal services agency with an acceptable comparable data system.
11. Applicant can demonstrate the ability to meet all Project Quality Threshold timeliness standards as per 24 CFR§578.85 as applicable to their proposed projects(s) including distribution of funds to a subrecipient no later than 45 days after receiving an approvable request and draws down funds at least once per quarter of the program year, after eligible activities commence.
12. Applicant project is consistent with the relevant jurisdictional consolidated plan(s).
13. Applicant has no Unresolved Civil Rights Matters prior to the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline, will be deemed ineligible. Their applications will receive no further review, will not be rated and ranked, and will not receive funding unless HUD determines that actions taken to resolve the issue are sufficient.
14. Applicant has not provided any False Statements – A false statement in an application is grounds for denial or termination of an award and may result in criminal, civil, and/or administrative sanctions, including fines, penalties, and imprisonment. Applicant confirms all statements are truthful.
15. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination

16. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites”, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

CoC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

For each requirement, select “YES” if the project has provided reasonable assurances that the project will meet the requirement, has been given an exception by the CoC or will request a waiver from HUD. Otherwise, select ‘No’.

Submitted a Letter of Intent by 5:00pm, on June 24, 2026

Coordinated Entry Participant

Documented, secured minimum match of 25% of grant amount for the project

Project is financially feasible

Activities proposed are allowable under the NOFO and HUD regulations

Application is complete and data is consistent

Project’s annual average bed/unit utilization rate for the previous calendar year must be at or above (≥) 70 percent (70%).

Applicant must submit the most recent completed audit or financial review, including the management letter. The audit/financial review does not indicate serious financial or accounting problems.

Applicant is a Member in Good Standing of the HHA per the HHA’s Governance Charter

Applicant’s HUD Data Quality Questions Q2-Q7 is at or below (≤) a 10% error rate.

The applicant project aligns with *Leading the Way Home: Palm Beach County’s Plan to End the Cycle of Homelessness*.

Applicant ensures equal access to program participants regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, age, national origin, sexual orientation, or genetic information.

Applicant must not have a history of (last two years) serving ineligible program participants or expending funds on ineligible costs.

Applicants must not have a history of (last two years) spending less than 80% of the grant amount.

The questions contained in the Threshold Criteria indicate minimum requirements to apply for funding via the Consolidated Application. These questions must be answered affirmatively, in order to be considered eligible for New Project funding.

If an agency cannot answer affirmatively, an explanation must be submitted for review by HSCA staff and HHA Governance Board. Additional information may be requested and will determine if the project is eligible for a waiver of the requirement for this competition period.

Print Name of Agency Approved Signatory	Signature of Agency Approved Signatory
Title	Date

Comments by HSCA

- Does meet the Project Threshold Requirements
- Does not meet the Project Threshold Requirements

Print Name of HSCA Representative	Signature of the HSCA Representative
Title	Date

Projects not meeting the above thresholds “may” not be included in the 2026 CoC Local Competition.



ATTACHMENT 2: SCORECARD FOR COC RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

2026 SCORECARD FOR COC RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

The Non Conflict Grant (NCG) Review Committee will use the scorecard to rate the local renewal project applications for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition funding.

The scorecard has five goals:

- Fund organizations that can run effective programs (can manage and administer a HUD-funded program, can operate on a reimbursement basis, have experience serving this or a similar population)
• Fund projects that reflect the Palm Beach County Housing and Homeless Alliance (HHA), the local CoC, and HUD's priorities
• Incentivize agencies to be members in good standing with HHA and actively input data into the HMIS system.
• Ensure that funded projects are being good stewards of HUD CoC Program funding in Palm Beach County and performing to HUD and HHA's standards.
• Ensure that funded projects meet HUD requirements

Table with 2 columns and 6 rows: Reviewer, Applicant, Project Name, Project Type, Reviewer Signature, Date

Scoring:

Each application is scored by Non-Conflict Grant (NCG) Review Committee members. Scores are based on the highest percentage of points awarded of those which the category could have received.

PROJECT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS		Maximum Regular Points Possible: Bonus Score (PSH, RRH) Tie Breaker (PSH, RRH) Total Points Possible	192 15 20 227
A. HHA and PBC Prioritization:			Project Score:
Points Possible: 30			
		Possible Points	Project Score
1	Is the project proposed for renewal a PSH project?	Yes = 30 No = 0	
Possible Points +			
B. Project Performance Unless otherwise noted, the following project performance scores are based on the calendar year (January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025) HMIS report. If projects have not been operational for one year, the data will be based on what is currently in the HMIS system. If projects have not input data into the HMIS system, the project will receive no points.			Project Score:
Possible Points 62			
		Possible Points	Project Score
2	Length of time between participant’s project start date and housing move-in date. What is the percentage of program participants placed in housing within 45 days after participant enters PSH or RRH?	100% - 80% = 10 79% - 60% = 8 59% - 40% = 6 39% - 20% = 4 19% or less = 0	
3	Exits to Permanent Housing Did 90% or more of program participants who exited the program move to Permanent Housing Note: If the program has no exits, the question is excluded from the total score. The total includes all members of the family who became homeless.	90% or more = 15 80% - 89% = 10 70% - 79% = 5 Below 70% = 0	

4	<p>Returns to Homelessness Did 7% or fewer program participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH?</p> <p>Note: If the program has no exits, the question is excluded from the total score. The total includes all members of the family who became homeless.</p>	<p>7% or less = 15 8% - 10% = 5 10% or more = 0</p>	
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5	<p>New or increased earned income (Stayers) Did 20% or more increase their earned income for program participants who remained in the program?</p> <p>Note: This question does not apply to DV applications and should not be included in their final score.</p>	<p>20% = 3 points 19% - 15% = 2 points 14% - 10% = 1 point Less than 10% = 0</p>	
6	<p>New or increased non-employment income (Stayers) Did 10% or more increase their non-employment income for program participants who remained in the program?</p> <p>Note: This question does not apply to DV applications and should not be included in their final score.</p>	<p>10% = 3 points 8% = 2 points 6% = 1 point Less than 6% = 0</p>	
7	<p>New or increased earned income (Exits) Did 25% or more increase their earned income for program participants who exited the program?</p> <p>Note: This question does not apply to DV applications and should not be included in their final score. Note: If the program has no exits, the question is excluded from the total score. APR Q19a2</p>	<p>25% = 3 points 24% - 16% = 2 points 15% - 10% = 1 point Less than 10% = 0</p>	
8	<p>New or increased non-employment income (Exits) Did 20% or more increase their non-employment income for program participants who exited the program?</p> <p>Note: This question does not apply to DV applications and should not be included in their final score. Note: If the program has no exits, the question is excluded from the total score. APR Q19a2</p>	<p>20% = 3 points 15% = 2 points 6% = 1 point Less than 6% = 0</p>	
9	<p>Percentage of program exits who were employed at program exit. Note: This question does not apply to DV applications and should not be included in their final score.</p>	<p>50% or more = 10 30% - 49% = 5 10% - 29% = 2 9% or less = 0</p>	

C. Service to High Needs Population		Project Score:	
<p>Unless otherwise noted, the following project performance scores are based on the calendar year (January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025) HMIS report. If projects have not been operational for one year, the data will be based on what is currently in the HMIS system. If projects have not input data into the HMIS system, the project will receive either no points or the most negative points available for each question.</p>			
Points Possible 10			
10	What percentage of beds are dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families.	90% - 100% = 10 89% - 75% = 8 74% - 50% = 6 49% - 25% = 4 Below 25% = 0	

D. Support Services Provision		Project Score	
Points Possible 30		Possible Score	Project Score
11	Does the project provide or facilitate access to outpatient treatment for mental health and substance use disorders with a range of care available?	Yes = 5 No = 0	
12	Does or will the project require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) through supportive service agreements as a condition of housing? Excludes participants over 62 or individuals with disabilities defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or with developmental disabilities defined in 24 CFR 578.3	Yes = 5 No = 0	
13	What percentage of the project's budget, including leveraged resources from other entities, match, as well as the HUD funding proposed, devoted to provision of supportive services?	50% = 10 25% = 5 Less than 25% = 0	
14	Does the project provide access to assistance to participants to obtain employment?	Yes = 5 No = 0	
15	Does the project provide assistance for participants in obtaining benefits (e.g. TANF, SSI, SSDI, veterans etc.) for which they may be eligible?	Yes = 5 No = 0	

E. Project Effectiveness		Project Score:	
Points Possible 40			
		Possible Score	Project Score
16	Was 100% of project funding allocation expended in the previous grant year?	100% = 20 90% - 99% = 10 89% or less = 0	
17	Coordinated Entry Participation Are 100% of entries to the program from coordinated entry referrals after October 1, 2015? <i>Note: This question does not apply to DV applicants and should not be included in their final score.</i>	100% = 15 95% - 99% = 10 94 or less = 0	
18	The project has reasonable costs Costs are reasonable based on the services to be provided	Yes: 10 No: 0	
19	Move -On Strategy Does the project develop a strategy with each participant to move them toward self-sufficiency?	Yes: 10 No: 0	
F. Other and Local Criteria		Project Score:	
Points Possible 20			
		Possible Score	Project Score
20	CoC Monitoring Score Is the agency free of any CoC Monitoring findings for HUD programs?	0 Findings = 10 1 Finding = 5 2 Findings = 2 3+ Findings = 0	
21	Unit Utilization Rate What is the program's unit utilization rate? The average can be found in HMIS report – Housing and Shelter Utilization History report, and the number of units is found in the grant application. * * Beds for singles programs and units for family programs	90% or higher = 5 80% - 89% = 2 70% - 79% = 1 0% - 78% = 0	
22	Is the Agency in Good Standing with the HHA?	Yes = 5 points No = 0 points	

Bonus Questions: (total possible bonus points: 15)		Project Score:	
Possible Points			
		Possible Score	Project Score
23	If the project applicant has additional non-HUD-funded homeless beds (not a part of this application), are those beds being entered into the HMIS system or Comparable Data System?	Yes = 5 No = 0	
24	Does the project applicant provide directly or have an MOU with an agency that provides behavioral health or substance use disorder treatment?	Yes = 10 No = 0	
Tie Breaker (if needed): (Maximum tie-breaker points = 20)		Project Score:	
25	Which project provides the most units of service?	10	
26	What is the lowest average time between project start date and housing move-in date. The lowest average time receives the most points.	Lowest Average Time = 10 Second Lowest Average Time = 8 Third Lowest Average Time = 5 Fourth Lowest Average Time = 2	

Maximum Score Possible:	227
<u>A. HHA and PBC Prioritization</u>	30
A1	30
<u>B. Project Performance</u>	62
B2	10
B3	15
B4	15
B5	3
B6	3
B7	3
B8	3
B9	10
<u>C. Service to High Needs Population</u>	10
C10	10
<u>D. Support Services Provision</u>	30
D11	5
D12	5
D13	10
D14	5
D15	5

E. Project Effectiveness	40
E16	15
E17	5
E18	10
E19	10
F. Other and Local Criteria	15
F20	10
F21	5
F22	5
Bonus Question	15
Bonus Question 23	5
Bonus Question 24	10
Tie Breaker	20
Tie Breaker 25	10
Tie Breaker 26	10

ATTACHMENT 3: COC PROGRAM COMPETITION APPEAL NOTICE FORM

When completed, submit this Appeal Notice Form via email to: CSD-COCNOFO@PBCGOV.ORG

Specific area of application that is being appealed:
Explain why the information provided is adequate to gain additional points:
What remedy does the agency seek?

Authorized Agency Representative Name and Title

Agency Filing Appeal

Authorized Agency Representative Signature

Date