



2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition  
LA-502 Northwest Louisiana CoC (HOPE Connections)  
Request for Proposal and Local Competition Guidelines

**Project Application Release Date:** Monday, December 1, 2025

**Application Deadline for all Projects:** Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm  
CST

All applications must be emailed to [christa@nwlahope.org](mailto:christa@nwlahope.org) with **FY2025 CoC Application** in the subject line.

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## OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

The competitive application requires each CoC to rank, score, and select new and renewal projects according to HUD's funding priorities and project performance.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) packet includes a timeline for the local competition and details how the Northwest Louisiana CoC (also referred to as the NWLA CoC and/or HOPE) will evaluate, score, and rank renewal and new projects and make the application process available to the community as required by HUD.

**The Northwest Louisiana CoC invites applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC funding.** It is expected that all agencies applying for new or renewal project funding read the FY25 HUD CoC NOFO with the link provided on the HOPE website. The HUD NOFO is referenced throughout this document, along with relevant section references.

### Northwest Louisiana Continuum of Care

Approximately 200 men, women, and children are unhoused in emergency shelters and on the streets in Northwest Louisiana on any given night. Lack of affordable housing, low incomes, and limited access to comprehensive services are primary causes of homelessness. Disabilities and chronic illnesses, including substance use disorders and mental illness, create additional challenges in resolving homelessness.

As a collaborative coalition, HOPE Connections believes that homelessness is both solvable and preventable. With a person-centered and data-driven approach, we strive to build a sustainable, efficient housing placement system that evolves over time and works effectively for everyone living unhoused in Northwest Louisiana.

### Designated CoC NOFO Entities

HOPE Connections is the designated **Collaborative Applicant for the HUD Continuum of Care**. This role involves:

- Implementing local policy and best practices for homeless services
- Convening a wide variety of organizations, agencies, and individuals to form a collaborative homeless system and monitors approximately
- Developing the CoC application to HUD according to the priorities, strategy, and requirements developed by the CoC Planning Committee and approved by the CoC Board
- Ensuring adherence to HUD Regulations and all other relevant laws

The **Continuum of Care Board of Directors** updates and approves the Governance Charter annually. The Governance Charter outlines the roles and responsibilities for the local NOFO process.

The **CoC Planning Committee** oversees the development of the local NOFO submission to HUD, which includes:

- Developing an annual funding strategy for allocating HUD CoC funding according to local need, HUD policy priorities, and overall system performance
- Reading and analyzing the annual NOFO, developing an annual reallocation strategy, developing the annual project rating and ranking criteria
- Developing a communications plan for informing the Continuum of Care Membership and the community at large of this funding opportunity
- Approve final submission for the annual CoC application to HUD

The **CoC Scoring and Ranking Sub-Committee** is an impartial group with no apparent conflicts of interest selected by the CoC Board and Planning Committee to determine which projects will be included in the CoC Submission by scoring each project application utilizing performance and program data and ranking the applications according to the measures included in this document.

All local application materials, processes, and meeting notices will be posted to the HOPE Connections website at [www.nwlahope.org](http://www.nwlahope.org) and sent to the CoC Membership via email. To subscribe to the CoC email list, simply fill out a short form on the HOPE website.

## NOFO TIMELINE

Dates are established based on HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity; some dates are subject to change within the established timeframe that is required by HUD's Notice.

<b>November 13, 2025</b>	<b>HUD Continuum of Care NOFO Released</b>
<b>November 19, 2025</b>	<b>CoC Competition Committee Meeting – In-depth Discussion of NOFO Changes and Competition Guidelines</b>
<b>December 3, 2025</b>	<b>Continuum of Care Board – Meeting to Discuss CoC Application Priorities and Process</b>

<b>December 2, 2025</b>	<b>Local Competition Information Published</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Timeline and Competition Guidance Released</li> <li>2. Project Applications Released</li> </ol> <p>The CoC RFP is released on the HOPE website, shared on social media, and sent to the CoC Email List.</p>
<b>December 5, 2025</b> 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Project Applicant Training and Information Session</b> <p>This mandatory webinar is designed for service providers applying for renewal or new project funding in the local FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.</p>
<b>December 5, 2025</b>	<b>NOFO FAQs Posted</b> <p>FAQs posted from the HUD website and other resources on the FY 2025 CoC NOFO Program Competition webpage.</p> <p>Interested applicants may also email <a href="mailto:christa@nwlahope.org">christa@nwlahope.org</a> for technical questions about the local RFP and guidance.</p>
<b>December 14, 2025</b>	<b>DEADLINE: All Project Applications (new and renewal) are due by 5:00 pm CST.</b> <p>Interested applicants must submit all required materials and supporting documentation via email to <a href="mailto:hopeconnections@nwlahope.org">hopeconnections@nwlahope.org</a> with FY2025 CoC Program Competition in the subject line.</p>
<b>December 17 - 19, 2025</b>	<b>Scoring and Ranking Sub-Committee Meeting</b> <p>The Resource Allocation Committee reviews all data and information from new and renewal project applicants. This meeting will be held in-person and will include scoring and ranking each project. HOPE will consult as requested and answer additional questions from the Committee.</p>
<b>December 22, 2025</b>	<b>Final Project Ranking Sent to all Applicants and Posted on CoC Website</b> <p>All project applicants who submitted new and renewal project applications in the local CoC competition are notified at least 15-days prior to the HUD application submission deadline whether their project will be included in the CoC Submission and the ranking of the project.</p>
<b>January 11, 2026</b>	<b>Public Posting of Final Consolidated CoC Application</b>

<b>January 13, 2026</b>	<b>Final Consolidated CoC Application Submitted to HUD</b> Completed application will be submitted to HUD.
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## FY 2025 AVAILABLE FUNDING

Amount	Type	Description
\$4,085,731	The Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for LA-502, Shreveport/Bossier/Northwest LA CoC	The CoC's ARD is calculated by adding together the eligible portion of the budgets in the group of grants ready to renew. The CoC will have the opportunity to submit applications based on the amount needed to renew these grants. The ARD is the base amount for which the CoC is eligible to apply.
\$865,124	CoC Bonus Project Funding Available	This is the maximum amount of bonus funding for which the CoC is eligible to apply (does not include reallocation).
\$216,281	CoC Planning Grant Funds	This is the amount for staffing support and funding for the CoC Collaborative Applicant in addition to operations costs for HUD-required CoC activities.
<b>\$5,167,136</b>	<b>Total Amount of Funding Available</b>	

HUD allows local communities to create new projects through two methods: bonus projects and reallocation. Bonus projects are selected locally and ranked with the CoC's other renewal and new projects, however, HUD determines whether they are awarded at the national level and announced with all other project awards 3-5 months after the close of the competition.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF INFORMATION DETAILED BELOW

- HUD CoC Projects have a 25% match requirement for all line items except leasing which has no match requirement.
- Applicants can request up to 10% in Administrative Funds.
- Applicants must be members of the HOPE Continuum of Care for a minimum of one year. Membership is free of charge but has a 70% meeting attendance threshold for applicants.
- Projects that are awarded will be required to pay 3% of their award amount minus administrative funds as a Fee for Service to HOPE Connections.
- Existing and new HUD CoC Projects are required to enter data directly into and produce all reporting out of the statewide LSNDC Homeless Management Information System database.
- HUD CoC Projects are required to utilize the Coordinated Assessment Project for all referrals.
- Preliminary selection of projects locally does not guarantee award by HUD; it only gives the applicants the opportunity to submit application to HUD. HUD generally makes award announcements 4 – 5 months after CoC Application Submission.

## CRITICAL HUD CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S NOFO

This section includes the relevant excerpts from the 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), found on HUD's Continuum of Care Program Competition website.

### Changes to Tiering and Ranking

- **The CoC's Tier 1 projects are capped at 30% of ARD** (in FY24 Tier 1 projects were capped at 90%). Therefore, Tier 1 projects will be limited to \$1,225,719 million total for Northwest Louisiana. (p. 15 of FY25 CoC NOFO)

### Cap on Permanent Housing Funding

- **No more than 30% of the ARD** can be used for permanent housing projects (PSH and/or RRH) meaning that \$1,225,719 million maximum is available for permanent housing, which is a significant reduction from FY24. (p. 15 of FY25 HUD NOFO)

### Emphasis on Transitional Housing

- HUD has emphasized the creation of new Transitional Housing projects and transitioning permanent housing to Transitional Housing. (p. 15 of FY25 CoC NOFO)

### Emphasis on Supportive Services Only Project Types

- HUD has emphasized the creation of new Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, of which our CoC is prioritizing SSO-Street Outreach. (p. 15 of FY25 CoC NOFO)

### New Project Threshold and Project Quality Criteria

- HUD will review all new project applications to determine if they meet 1) project threshold criteria, and 2) project quality threshold requirements.
- HUD's project threshold criteria includes that projects certify to the following (p 54

of FY 25 CoC NOFO):

- "The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination."
- "The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of 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."
- HUD's project quality threshold criteria are specific to the project type but, among other criteria, require projects to demonstrate that program participants are required to participate in supportive services by providing evidence such as a lease agreement; transitional housing providers must provide 40 hours/week of services; and new PSH must serve elderly individuals and individuals with physical or developmental disabilities

#### **HUD Disqualifications and Risk Review**

- HUD may reject applicants during the HUD Risk Review process for evidence (including previous application materials, public sources, or complaints) of "a history of subsidizing or facilitating activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO." (p. 89 of FY 25 CoC NOFO)
- HUD reserves the right to evaluate project eligibility if there is evidence the project "has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in human," or "evidence that the project operates drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction." (p.55 of FY 25 CoC NOFO)

#### **New CoC Application Ranking Factors**

- The CoC Rating Factors are the evaluation criteria HUD uses to assess the CoC's overall application.
- HUD added Rating Factors (p. 66-88) such as the presence of substance use treatment centers and detox centers in the geographic area, local laws that prohibit public camping, requirements to participate in supportive services, and collaboration with law enforcement.

#### **Emphasis on Supportive Service Requirements**

- The CoC's application as a whole, as well as individual projects, are awarded more points by HUD if the projects require supportive services. The threshold and scoring system, in practice, requires that all or a majority of projects require participation in supportive services to receive funding. The below is from 24 CFR 578.75(h):
  - "Supportive service agreement." Recipients and subrecipients may require the

program participants to take part in supportive services that are not disability-related services provided through the project as a condition of continued participation in the program. Examples of disability-related services include, but are not limited to, mental health services, outpatient health services, and provision of medication, which are provided to a person with a disability to address a condition caused by the disability. Notwithstanding this provision, if the purpose of the project is to provide substance abuse treatment services, recipients and subrecipients may require program participants to take part in such services as a condition of continued participation in the program.”

## FY 2025 HUD Policy Priorities

The below is a summary of HUD’s Policy Priorities as outlined on page 12-13 of the FY 25 CoC NOFO.

**1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness** HUD directs CoCs to allocate resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency. HUD directs CoCs to work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

**2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery** HUD outlines that CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. The FY 25 NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

**3. Advancing Public Safety** HUD indicates that CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement. HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking.

**4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency** HUD directs CoCs to partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.

**5. Improving Outcomes** HUD indicates that CoCs should review all projects eligible



for renewal to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

**6. Minimizing Trauma** HUD outlines that CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe spaces.

## PROJECT COMPONENT TYPE OVERVIEW

The below overview defines various project component types, key changes, and implications for the local competition process.

**The housing and service types available for application are specific to the Northwest Louisiana CoC and exclude options in the HUD NOFO that are not applicable locally.**

### PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS (PSH and RRH)

*Summary:* The FY 25 CoC Program Competition **significantly limits** permanent housing projects to a total of \$1,225,719 total for Northwest Louisiana.

#### *Definitions*

HUD considers the following project types to be permanent housing:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist households with at least one member (adult or child) with a disability in achieving housing stability.
- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH):** RRH is permanent housing that provides short-term (up to three months) and medium-term (4-24 months) tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.

#### *HUD Requirements and Priorities*

Whereas previously the Northwest Louisiana CoC funded a majority of permanent housing projects, **HUD has limited permanent housing projects to 30% of ARD, or a cap of \$1,225,719 million for Northwest Louisiana.**

Additionally, HUD requires that new PSH must serve elderly or physically disabled individuals (not including substance use disorder) with required services.

#### *Applicant Eligibility*

- **Renewal Applications (projects funded in FY 24):** Providers may submit renewals for permanent housing. However, awards will be **significantly limited** compared to prior years.
  - It is strongly advised that PSH and RRH providers consider submitting **transition** project applications for Transitional Housing.
  - Certain renewal PSH projects will be prioritized at the 30% cap and RRH is **very unlikely** to receive funding

## TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROJECTS

*Summary:* The FY 25 CoC Program Competition is open to **new** TH projects, and applications are strongly encouraged as project submissions.

### *Definition*

Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.

Review [24 CFR 578.37\(a\)\(2\)](#) and the [CoC Program Interim Rule](#) for more information on Transitional Housing requirements and eligibility.

### *HUD Requirements and Priorities*

HUD encourages creation of new Transitional Housing projects and has not placed a cap on use of funds for TH.

### *Applicant Eligibility*

- **New Applications:** TH projects will be accepted.

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) PROJECTS

*Summary:* The FY25 CoC Program Competition is open to new and renewal SSO projects.

### *Definition:*

Supportive Services Only projects allow recipients to provide supportive services—such as conducting outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services—to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. The recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient or subrecipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance.

In the FY 25 NOFO, HUD distinguishes between three different types of SSO projects, however, our CoC is only accepting SSO Street Outreach and SSO Standalone projects.

HUD has established a distinct threshold scoring criteria for SSO projects.

- **Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach):** An SSO project primarily dedicated to outreach service activity described in [24 CFR 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation.
  - [24 CFR 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#) describes outreach services as “activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants...” and includes “initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries; actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services.”
- **Supportive Services Only (Standalone):** This project type covers all other SSO projects types that are not primarily dedicated to Coordinated Entry or Street Outreach, as described in 24 CFR [578.37\(a\)\(3\)](#). Eligible supportive services are listed in the CoC Interim Rule and are listed on the [HUD website](#). Examples include case management, education services, employment assistance, legal services, outpatient health services, and utility deposits.

#### *Applicant Eligibility*

New Applications: New SSO Street Outreach and SSO Standalone projects will be accepted.

#### **New Project Priorities**

Given the shift in HUD priorities for funding, and the CoC’s local priorities and needs the Northwest Louisiana CoC is focused on the following types of new project applications:

- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach Projects
- Supportive Services Only - Standalone

## **APPLICATION TYPE OVERVIEW**

### **Renewal vs. New Projects**

#### **Renewal Applications**

The changes in the FY 25 NOFO will have significant impact on providers with current PSH and RRH projects. Providers with permanent housing projects that currently receive CoC funds are encouraged to consider applying for a new project as a Transition Grant.

Renewals applications are for projects that were previously funded, expiring in calendar

year 2026, and are applying under the same project type. Apply using the “Renewal Application” template. Renewals applications must:

- Apply for the same project type (e.g.: PSH re-applying as PSH, SSO reapplying as SSO; HMIS)
- Request the same amount of funding
- Request only non-significant changes (less than 10% of funds from one activity to another)
- CoC projects originally funded in FY 2024 or earlier
- Projects has an expiration date between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026

Whereas previously Northwest Louisiana CoC primarily funded permanent housing projects PSH and RRH, HUD has limited permanent housing projects to 30% of ARD, or a cap of \$1,225,719 million for Northwest Louisiana.

### **New Applications**

All other projects that do not meet the above description should apply as new projects using the “New Applicant” form.

### **Transition Grants**

A Transition Grant is a new type of application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project with an expiration date between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026 from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period. The primary advantage is that the operating start date for the new project type would be aligned with the end date of the prior grant. Review p. 44-45 of FY 25 HUD NOFO for more information.

Transition grants require applications using the “New Applicant” form, being sure to fill out the “Transition Grant” section.

The following is required of transition grants:

- The transition grant’s operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term.
- For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application.
- Transition grants will be evaluated by HUD using the threshold quality criteria of new grants.

### **CoC Bonus Projects**

The CoC Bonus allocation allows CoCs to use up to 20 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications (\$865,124 for Northwest Louisiana CoC). New projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD (p.35 of FY25 CoC NOFO).

As determined by the CoC Planning Committee, applicants may apply for the following types of new CoC projects through the CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation processes (p. 37 of the FY25 CoC NOFO):

- Transitional Housing Projects
- SSO Street Outreach Projects
- SSO Standalone

## PROJECT RANKING PROCESS

Tier 1 projects are now limited to 30% of ARD or \$1,225,719 million for Northwest Louisiana. The CoC Competition Committee has approved scored projects to be ranked in the following order:

1. Renewal projects
  - a. Renewal HMIS
  - b. Renewal Coordinated Entry - Support Services Only
  - c. Renewal Permanent Housing (PSH), up to the \$1,225,719 million cap, ranked in order of highest to lowest percentage score
2. New projects via Reallocation and CoC Bonus
  - a. Transitional Housing
  - b. Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach

New projects will be ranked in such a way to (1) maximize the CoC's overall application score; (2) maximize the score of Tier 2 projects and ensure the highest possibility of having projects funded; (3) increase the CoC's system performance; and (4) effectively meet HUD policies and priorities.

### 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. Given the 30% of ARD cap on permanent housing, permanent housing applications that are NOT selected for renewal will be reallocated for the CoC to use for new TH and SSO project types.

### Renewal Project Scoring

Renewal projects approved by the CoC Scoring and Ranking Sub-Committee for inclusion in the CoC project ranking will be scored according to an objective scoring tool based on their individual project performance, alignment with HUD and CoC policy priorities, and compliance. Performance and HMIS elements are heavily weighted measures used by HUD in determining the overall CoC score for the NOFO. Data used in the project scoring tool comes largely from the project's most recently submitted Annual Performance Report

(APR), project compliance and monitoring reports, and HMIS data. Scoring tools are provided in the Appendix.

### **New Project Selection**

New project applicants will be assessed on the following: project design, how the project addresses local priority needs, how the project aligns with local strategies and HUD's Policy Priorities, budget appropriateness and accuracy, project match, leveraging, CoC participation, community collaboration, organizational capacity, implementation timeline, and HUD Threshold Requirements. There may be new projects that fail to score well enough to be included in the NOFO submission, or there may not be enough new project funding to fund all requests. New project applicants are highly encouraged to review the new project application guide and instructions while preparing their application, which provide a wealth of resources on best practices, policies, procedures, and requirements. Scoring tools are provided in the Appendix.

## **REALLOCATION PROCESS**

For several years, HUD has emphasized the importance of reallocating funding from underperforming projects, projects that are underspending, or projects that no longer meet the CoC needs or aligns with HUD Priorities. For FY 2025, HUD has communicated that in order to receive bonus project funding, communities must be able to demonstrate allocation decisions are made based on performance and/or that they can successfully reallocate funding from lower-performing projects.

The Resource Allocation Committee has reviewed HUD guidance, previous NOFO results, project performance, and program guidelines to develop the following factors that will be used to determine whether full or partial reallocation of funds from a project may be necessary. The Resource Allocation Committee will notify renewal projects of their reallocation status and rationale in writing.

If a renewal project would like to appeal the reallocation decision, a formal letter must be sent to [hopeconnections@nwlahope.org](mailto:hopeconnections@nwlahope.org) by the designated deadline above. Appeal requests will be reviewed by the CoC Board of Directors. Projects may be asked for additional information to substantiate their appeal. The CoC Board will review all appeals and communicate a final decision to the renewal project in writing. However, because of the 30% cap on permanent housing projects, the CoC Board may be limited on the ability to accommodate appeal requests.

### **Spending History**

Projects with a history of returning funds to HUD will be considered for a partial or full reallocation of funds. Three completed years of spending history will be reviewed to show historical trends. Please note that any organization found to have less than 100% of their

grant expended will be required to provide an explanation why funds were recaptured. HUD expects programs to spend 100% of the funds they are allocated—if projects are chronically underspending but are included in the ranking without a reallocation, HUD may reject a funding request for that project.

### **Client Outcomes**

Renewal projects will be reviewed to determine whether the project is satisfactorily meeting performance outcomes related to permanent housing stability, income growth, connection to mainstream benefits, and other outcomes as measured in the Annual Performance Report submitted to HUD.

### **Program Compliance and Monitoring**

Projects with unresolved monitoring findings or are in non-compliance for the CoC Program regulations (including participant eligibility), Fair Housing, HUD regulations, Coordinated Access, HMIS participation, and other applicable regulations and laws may have funds partially or fully reallocated.

## **FY 2025 HUD NATIONAL SCORING**

### **About the NOFO Submission**

The NOFO submission to HUD from HOPE will consist of three parts:

- *CoC Application* –This is the CoC’s overall application primarily focuses on the CoC’s progress on ending homelessness, strategic initiatives, and adoption of HUD’s funding and policy priorities. It is a combination of narrative questions and data tables.
- *Project Ranking (p.92 of FY 25 CoC NOFO)* — This is an ordered ranking of all renewal and new projects the CoC is submitting in the application for funding. The project ranking should reflect HUD funding priorities, local need, and a data-driven process for evaluating individual project performance. Prior to the ranking process, the CoC completes a full performance evaluation of all renewal projects and determines whether to include each individual project in the ranking.
  - Tier 1. Tier 1 is equal to 30 percent of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). HUD will conditionally select project applications in Tier 1 from the highest scoring CoC application to the lowest scoring CoC application and according to the rank assigned by the CoC on the CoC Priority listing, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold.
  - Tier 2. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC’s ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus. HUD will evaluate project applications placed in Tier 2 for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements and project renewal threshold requirements, if applicable; and HUD will determine funding using the CoC Application score as well as the

CoC project ranking.

- HUD will award a point value to each ranked new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale, and conditionally select applications in Tier 2 using this point value from the highest scoring project application to the lowest:
  - CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application, e.g., if a CoC received 65 out of 130 points on the CoC Application, the project application would receive 25 out of 50 points for this criterion.
  - CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoCs ranking of projects, HUD will assign point values directly related to the CoCs' ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity  $(1-x)$  where  $x$  is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2 for the CoC.
  - Service Participation. Up to 10 points for projects that have or will incorporate supportive service participation requirements in their program design, based on individual need and evidenced in an occupancy agreement or equivalent document
- *Project Applications* – Each project approved for inclusion in the local project ranking is included in the CoC's submission to HUD. Each project application must meet HUD's threshold review in order to receive funding in addition to undergoing the competitive scoring process.

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

### Eligible Organizations

- Applicant has a valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number. This is the identifier assigned by SAM to uniquely identify business entities for Federal awards government-wide.
- Applicant is a non-Profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization or city government agency. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.
- Financial and Management Capacity: Project applicants and subrecipients demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Applicants should understand that there may be up to 5 months of delayed reimbursement in any given year as awards are announced and contracts are signed. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the



applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of ESG, CoC, or other federal funds.

- Population Served - The population to be served meets program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and the HUD NOFO.
- Applicant must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
- Applicant must document at least a 25% cash or in-kind match for the amount of funding requested.

### **Submission Requirements**

Please note: Applicants must submit all application materials and supporting documents via email to [hopeconnections@nwlahope.org](mailto:hopeconnections@nwlahope.org). Review HUD New and Renewal instructions on the HOPE website at [www.nwlahope.org](http://www.nwlahope.org)

All project applications must be received **by 5:00pm on December 14, 2025**

Applicants are highly encouraged to review and understand the accompanying local competition process and timeline, which includes further instructions, requirements, and resources that ensure your project will meet the eligibility criteria.

Questions regarding the NOFO process, application templates, and instructions can be directed to [hopeconnections@nwlahope.org](mailto:hopeconnections@nwlahope.org).