

# FY 2026 CoC NOFO

## Local Process Overview & Applicant Requirements

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### 1. Overview

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), Opportunity Number CPD-2600-DC-0025.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the San Diego City and County CoC (CA-601), RTFH will lead the local CoC process in response to the NOFO.

#### Key Resources

- [FY 2026 CoC NOFO \(HUD / simpler.grants.gov\)](https://www.hud.gov/simpler.grants.gov)
- [RTFH CoC NOFO Webpage – timelines, forms, scorecards & updates](#)
- [Approved Local Timeline \(PDF\)](#)

Renewal agencies and prospective new applicants should regularly review RTFH's CoC NOFO webpage for the approved local timeline, application materials, instructions, forms, and updates.

The local CoC process will require applicants to submit all project application materials, narratives, commitments, certifications, and required attachments through the CoC NOFO Dropbox or other RTFH-designated submission method by the local deadline. See Section 5 (Communication) for details on requesting Dropbox access.

### 2. Local Funding Overview

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National funding available through the FY 2026 NOFO is approximately **\$4.04 billion**. Local amounts below are planning estimates and should be verified against HUD's published Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), and grant inventory information before publication.

Category	Estimated Amount	Key Note for Applicants
<b>Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)</b>	<b>\$44,845,725</b>	Supports eligible renewal projects expiring in calendar year 2027.
Tier 1	\$26,907,435 (60% of ARD)	Tier 1 is significantly more competitive than recent competitions. All competitively ranked projects may be placed in Tier 1 based on local priorities.
Tier 2	\$27,938,290 (40% ARD + Bonuses)	Tier 2 projects are scored using CoC score, local project ranking, and supportive service participation can receive 10 points.
CoC Planning Grant	\$1,500,000	Available to the Collaborative Applicant; not included in ARD.

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CoC Bonus	\$5,000,000	San Diego CoC is capped at \$5 million (up to 15% of FPRN).
DV Bonus / DV Reallocation	\$5,000,000	May be used for new SSO-CE, PH-RRH, and Transitional Housing projects serving eligible DV survivors. DV Renewal projects with an SSO-CE component cannot be reallocated.
YHDP Renewal / Replacement	\$4,458,457 (Youth Restricted)	YHDP projects will be competitively renewed or replaced. Reallocated YHDP funds may only be used for youth projects.
Reallocation	TBD	Aligns with CoC funding strategy to align with HUD priorities.

## 2a. Local Funding Priorities

The CoC intends to prioritize system-level grants and existing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects in Tier 1 to protect housing resources that currently support clinical treatment, diagnosed disabilities and seniors. While a project may score well, it must also align with the priorities outlined in the NOFO.

Locally, a key priority is serving seniors. Nationally, there is increased emphasis on recovery, self-sufficiency, public safety and service participation. CoCs are expected to ensure that treatment and recovery remain central components of the community’s response to homelessness while also reducing unsheltered homelessness. The goal is to create new and additional capacity—not to replace or supplant existing beds.

### Project Types NOT Anticipated for FY 2026

The CoC does not anticipate accepting applications for:

- New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects
- New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects
- New Joint TH-RRH projects
- New youth-focused projects

## 3. Competition Information & HUD Priorities

The FY 2026 CoC local competition is expected to be highly competitive. During the FY 2025 NOFO process, the CoC received 60 new and renewal applications totaling \$98,171,135 in funding requests. Although the FY 2025 process was interrupted due to litigation and ultimately halted, the process provided important information about local project demand and funding needs. Applicants are encouraged to submit reasonable funding requests that reflect actual project need, as the CoC must maintain a fiscally balanced and regionally equitable competition.

### 3a. HUD NOFO Priorities

All applicants should ensure their projects address the following national priorities:

- Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
- Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency
- Advancing Public Safety for All

- Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
- Reducing Unsheltered

### 3b. Local Rating and Ranking

RTFH’s local review process will align with the FY 2026 NOFO, local system needs, and approved local priorities. Once approved, the FY 2026 CoC project rating and ranking tool will be published on RTFH’s CoC NOFO webpage.

## 4. Project Applicant Requirements

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All applicants must meet the following HUD threshold requirements. Failure to meet any threshold requirement renders the application ineligible.

### REQUIREMENT 1: HUD General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility

All project applicants must meet the HUD General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirement under this NOFO. Review the [General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements](#) before submitting.

### REQUIREMENT 2: New Project Threshold Requirements

HUD will review all new project applications against project quality threshold requirements. For projects created through reallocation or new projects, review pages 62–69 of the [NOFO](#).

### REQUIREMENT 3: Risk Review

Before making any awards—including renewals—HUD will evaluate each applicant’s likelihood of successfully carrying out the project. HUD will assess:

- Past Performance – general findings, government-wide performance data, past audits, misuse of federal funds, etc.
- Organizational Health – financial stability and capacity, compliance with 2 CFR Part 200 Subpart E, and quality of management systems.
- Results – ability to promote self-sufficiency and economic independence; number of people served.
- Compliance History – history of illegal discrimination; history of subsidizing or facilitating illicit drug use or activities that conflict with NOFO purposes.

*HUD may use risk review results as an independent basis to reject an award, apply special conditions, or reduce the award amount.*

## 5. Formal Call for Intent

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Applicants interested in submitting a project application must complete the Call for Intent by **Monday, June 15, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time.**

**Submit your intent here:**

[FY 2026 CoC NOFO Intent Form \(Google Form\)](#)

## 6. Communication & Resources

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Official NOFO notices, local timelines, forms, scorecards, FAQs, and other key information are posted on RTFH's CoC NOFO webpage. Applicants are strongly encouraged to check the webpage frequently for updates.

Contact Chief Program Officer Kathryn Durant at [kathryn.durant@rtfh.org](mailto:kathryn.durant@rtfh.org) for any of the following:

- Request a Dropbox Project Applicant folder setup
- Subscribe to the CoC distribution list for important NOFO updates
- Technical Assistance questions regarding the FY 2026 CoC NOFO