

RNCoC Lightning Training

**NOFO Readiness Kickoff:
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24 CFR § 578.9**

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NOFO Readiness:

What Steering must be able to do fast

Why this matters now

- HUD can open the CoC competition on a short runway.
- Steering Committee may have weeks—not months—to act.
- Clear roles make fast decisions safer and easier.

Lightning outcome

A simple map of our local NOFO process:

- who drafts
- who reviews
- who approves
- what needs votes

Key message: Steering Committee does not need to write the NOFO. Steering Committee needs to understand the process well enough to move decisions quickly, lawfully, and clearly.

What HUD says the CoC must do

- Use a collaborative local process to build the application.
- Set local funding priorities.
- Decide who is applying for funding.
- Name the collaborative applicant, if needed.
- Approve what gets submitted to HUD.

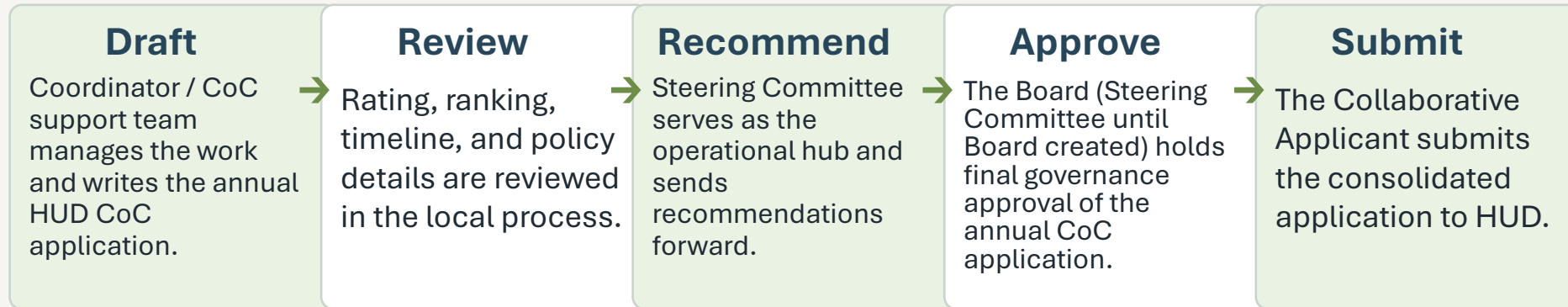
In plain English

HUD expects the CoC to have a fair local process, make priority choices, decide which projects move forward, and formally bless the package before it is sent in.

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This is why governance readiness matters before NOFO season starts.

Our local process: who drafts, reviews, and approves



One thing to Note

The governance language points to Steering Committee as the review-and-recommend body and the Board as the final approval body. There is no Board in place. Until that happens governance allows for Steering Committee to approve final CoC project applications.

Steering Committee's job during NOFO season

Be ready to do this fast

- Review the local competition timeline.
- Review the rating and ranking process.
- Raise issues early while they can still be fixed.
- Make recommendations
- Meet quickly if deadlines move or guidance changes.

And follow the rules

- Document votes and meeting decisions.
- Track recusals when conflicts exist.
- Use special meetings or electronic voting if urgent action is needed.
- Bring emergency decisions back for ratification.

Plain-language summary: Steering Committee is the working hub. It keeps the local process moving and makes for timely, decision-ready recommendations.

What needs a vote — and what the guardrails are

Quorum

Steering Committee can act only when 50% + 1 of voting members are present. No quorum = no formal decision.

Recusal

Members with a real or perceived conflict must step out of the discussion and the vote.

Urgent action

If time-sensitive action cannot wait, co-chairs may act in rare cases — but the decision must be documented and ratified.

Common vote items in NOFO season can include the rating and ranking process, policy/process changes, and time-sensitive competition decisions within the Steering Committees' authority.

Key takeaway for Steering Committee

Steering Committee does not need to write the NOFO.

Steering Committee needs to understand the process well enough to make decisions quickly, lawfully, and clearly.

Before the NOFO opens, confirm the approval chain in one plain-language workflow and use the same answer in training, agendas, and votes.

Discussion prompt

If the NOFO opened tomorrow, what would this committee need in hand within 72 hours?