



2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

THE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR, CHANGE IS NEEDED

- Since 2013, homelessness has increased 27%, **while funding has doubled.**¹
- **75%** of unsheltered homeless are addicted to drugs. **78%** of unsheltered homeless suffer from mental illness. More than half have both.²
- Almost **20% of “exits” in Permanent Supportive Housing are from deaths.**³
- The problem and the solution are clear. **Focus on recovery and self-sufficiency, not warehousing.**

WHAT’S NEW

Increased Funding Targeted at Root Causes of Homelessness: The NOFO makes available **\$4.04 billion**, the most funding in the history of the program.

Advancing Competition: The NOFO restores the CoC program to its original requirements by advancing a historic level of competition.

Investment in Transitional Housing and Services: The NOFO sets aside **\$1.3 billion** for new projects, with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only, to provide behavioral healthcare, job training, education, case management, childcare, and more.

Double Funding for DV Projects: The NOFO makes **\$104 million** available for new DV projects, including Transitional Housing, by utilizing FY25 DV funding.

Reforms to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse: HUD has built out its risk reviews, certifications, and other processes to detect and prevent the misuse of federal funds.

Engaging the Faith Community: HUD welcomes faith-based organizations to engage in local CoC efforts to help deliver effective solutions for individuals experiencing homelessness.

THE BOTTOM LINE: HUD is Funding Results. HUD’s philosophy for addressing homelessness is not defined by dollars spent or units filled, but by how many people achieve self-sufficiency. By implementing President Trump’s Executive Order: *Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets*, HUD is focused on recovery, public safety, and funding based on merit and outcomes.

¹ 2025 AHAR

² [Health Conditions Among Unsheltered Adults in the US](#)

³ HUD Data



REFORMING THE STATUS QUO

“Housing first” policies have failed Americans:

- Perpetuated a never-ending cycle of government dependency and enabled addiction at the cost of taxpayers.
- Excluded faith-based organizations.
- Forced law enforcement to the sidelines.

Since 2013, when HUD first transitioned to a 100% Housing First mandate:

- Homelessness has increased 27%.
- Unsheltered homelessness has increased 36%.
- Chronic homelessness has increased 81%, despite the fact that taxpayer funded beds have increased 151% and CoC spending has increased 111%.

Biden Administration NOFOs	Trump Administration 2026 CoC NOFO
5-10% of funding was competitive. 90-95% “automatic renewal”	40% of funding is competitive, tied directly to merit score
3.5% of funding went to <u>new</u> projects and 1% of funding went to Transitional Housing.	\$1.3 billion (32%) set-aside for <u>new</u> projects with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services
Turned a blind eye to CoC projects operating drug dens and distributing drug paraphernalia	Invests in treatment and recovery for addiction
Mandated adherence to “Housing First”	Puts people first by promoting treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency
Focused on funding and filling units	Focused on helping Americans get back on their feet
Villainized law enforcement	Pro-law enforcement and first responders
Mandated shelters to admit biological men to women’s shelters and pushed LGBTQ advocacy and racial “equity”	Focus on families, youth, children, Veterans, DV and trafficking victims
“Automatically renewed” the same projects every year	Ensures accountable use of taxpayer dollars by checking for fraud, waste, and abuse