



**June 16, 2026**

**The Kanawha Valley Collective is seeking Letters of Intent to apply for the 2026 CoC Competition NOFO.**

**This is an overview, and based upon the information received as of the writing of this document. This information is superseded by any information in the HUD FY2026 NOFO or any HUD announcements.**

**Links to apply for this opportunity are:**

**Project Information:** [FY 2026 Letter of Intent to Apply - Google Forms](#)

**Threshold Questions:** [Kanawha Valley Collective CoC FY 2026 Threshold Assessment - Google Forms](#)

This funding opportunity under the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Due to a significant change in federal policy priorities, there has been a shift in HUD funding priorities, so please read this document carefully to be prepared for these changes. The new HUD funding policy priorities are as follows:

1. Reducing unsheltered homelessness and promoting long-term self-sufficiency for individuals and families.
2. Encouraging innovation, effectiveness, and accountability through increased competition and performance-based outcomes.
3. Expanding eligible program components beyond permanent housing to include transitional housing and supportive services.
4. Strengthening connections to treatment and recovery resources for individuals experiencing homelessness.
5. Promoting economic self-sufficiency through access to childcare, healthcare, employment, and other supportive services.
6. Enhancing coordination with law enforcement agencies in responding to unsheltered homelessness.
7. Minimizing trauma and improving service delivery for vulnerable populations.
8. Expanding access to funding opportunities through demonstrated merit and performance.

See Section III.B. of the FY26 CoC NOFO for additional details on each of these goals and objectives.



As previously discussed, this year’s NOFO includes significant changes to funding priorities, program requirements, and policy. Applicants should review the NOFO for full details. In summary, the key changes include:

- Tiering structure amounts have changed to move a higher percentage of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) into Tier 2. HUD is setting Tier 1 at 60% (previously 90%) and competing 40% of CoC ARD on the basis of merit between geographic areas. Tier 2 scoring criteria has also been revised.
- In addition to Permanent Housing (PH) resources, this NOFO prioritizes investments in Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) for non-Coordinated Entry System (CES) projects that demonstrate strong coordination with behavioral health systems. Applicants should document formal partnerships that support participants in achieving and maintaining safe, stable housing. Behavioral health treatment and recovery organizations are also encouraged to apply. All projects funded through this NOFO must serve individuals and families who meet the eligibility requirements under Categories 1, 2, or 4 of HUD’s definition of homelessness.
- HUD’s selection of all PH, TH, and SSO non-CES projects will be more closely tied to the partnerships with law enforcement, treatment, recovery, child care, and employment programs. These partnerships must be outlined in your agency’s full application and a formal MOUs of these partnerships must be provided at the time of Project Application submission.

As of June 16 2026, HUD has not released the FY2026 COC Program Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report. Based on FY2024 funding, the Kanawha Valley Collective is estimated to be \$1,543,880. According to the language of the FY2026 NOFO, the COC Bonus is up to 15% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need, or \$500,000 whichever is higher and the DV Bonus is up to 15% of the PPRN. Because HUD has not yet announced the PPRN, the Bonus Amounts will be estimated based on the KVC FPRN in 2024.

COC Bonus Amounts - \$ 500,000 (estimated)

DV Bonus Amounts - \$ 516,711 (estimated)

Projected KVC CoC Funding Availability by Tier:

Tier 1 (estimated): 60% ARD (\$1,543,880) = \$926,328

Tier 2 (estimated): Remaining 40% ARD (\$617,552)+ CoC Bonus (\$500,000)+ DV Bonus (\$516,711) = \$1,634,263

All DV Bonus Projects must be dedicated entirely to serving individuals and families who are fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Participants must qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homelessness at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Projects must also meet all DV project requirements outlined in CPD-2600-DC-0025



**Eligible Applicants and Important Dates:** Eligible Applicants for the FY2026 CoC NOFO funding (Project Applicants) are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, and faith-based organizations. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds. To be considered for funding, Project Applicants must:

- Complete and submit one Threshold Form per project applicant via Google Form at [Kanawha Valley Collective CoC FY 2026 Threshold Assessment - Google Forms](#) and submit a Letter of Intent via Google Form at [FY 2026 Letter of Intent to Apply - Google Forms](#) for each proposed project due by 5:00pm on June 30th. Upon receipt of a Threshold Form and LOI(s), the CoC Staff will review the need for each project in the given community and review (All Project Applicants) and agency capacity (New Project Applicants Only).
- Complete the information required by HUD in the CoC FY26 Project Application in e-snaps due to the Kanawha Valley Collective CoC for review at 5:00pm on July 14th. Applications requiring edits will be amended back to the applicant to revise and resubmit in e-snaps. Final Project Applications are due in e-snaps at 5:00pm on July 21st.

**Project Applicants may apply for the following project types under the FY26 CoC NOFO:**

1. Renewal Permanent Housing (PH), including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): These project types include leasing (PSH scattered-site only), rental assistance (RRH), operations (PSH site-based and scattered site), and supportive services costs (PSH and RRH).
2. Renewal Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH component: These project types include leasing (TH), rental assistance (RRH), operations (TH), and supportive services costs (TH and RRH).
3. New Transitional Housing: These project types include leasing (TH scattered-site only), operations (TH site-based and scattered site), and supportive services costs (TH).
4. New Supportive Service Only Standalone or specifically for Street Outreach: For a dedicated SSO non-CES grant, applicants may apply for an SSO standalone project consistent with 24 CFR 578.37 and 578.53, including projects with the outreach service activity described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation. CoC eligible Supportive Services costs are detailed in Subpart D of the CoC Interim Rule.
5. Supportive Service Only (SSO) – Coordinated Entry System: For a dedicated SSO-CES grant, the application must be from the CES Lead Agency (KVC) that will be the grant recipient.
6. Homeless Management Information System: For a dedicated HMIS grant, the application must be from the HMIS Lead Agency (KVC) that will be the grant recipient.

The Kanawha Valley Collective will not accept applications for new or expansion PSH or RRH projects

**Other Items of Importance**

The completed Letter of Intent is required. Any project completing an application without an Letter of Intent will not be prioritized for inclusion in the FY2024 NOFO

An Esnaps account is required for Project Application submission. [e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange](#)



By submitting a Letter of Intent and working towards completing a project application, you are also agreeing to take part in scheduled NOFO meetings. These meetings are where the COC works together to complete the Consolidated Application. These generally take place either weekly or twice weekly through NOFO submission.

All COC grants (except for leasing costs) require 25% match. Match is a requirement for new and renewal projects. More information can be found <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2012-07-31/pdf/2012-17546.pdf>

For up to date info on the NOFO process, bookmark and check for updates [CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](http://HUD.gov)

Centralized Assessment. All projects funded by the COC NOFO must follow the KVC Centralized Assessment and Prioritization protocols. This includes participation in our By Name List process.

#### **FY2026 Kanawha Valley Collective NOFO Schedule**

**June 17, 2026 – Letter of Intent Released**

**June 24, 2026 – Informational meeting for interested agencies**

**June 30, 2026 - Intent to Apply / Threshold requirements due to KVC via Google Docs**

**July 14, 2026 – Project Applications due in Esnaps**

**July 21, 2026 – Final Project Applications due in Esnaps**

**July 23, 2026 – August 6<sup>th</sup> (exact date TBD) – COC Prioritization Committee Meets**

**August 10, 2026 - Prioritization Results Announced to applicants**

**August 21, 2026 – COC Steering Approved Prioritization List**



Several preliminary steps must be accomplished immediately for new and current CoC/-funded projects:

1. Bookmark and continually check the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition: Funding Opportunity Resource Page. Agencies intending to apply for this funding opportunity (as a new or renewal project) should read the FY25 CoC NOFO in its entirety. It is the responsibility of each agency to understand and adhere to all HUD guidelines and regulations.
2. Review the CoC Program Start-Up Training Webinars (for grants from FY2013 to current under the CoC Interim Rule) found on the HUD Exchange prior to submitting a LOI.
3. Visit [www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info) to sign up for the HUD Exchange program mailing list for the CoC Program.
4. For agencies choosing to participate in this year's application as a New or Renewal Project Applicant under the FY26 CoC NOFO, one Threshold Form per project applicant must be submitted via Google Form at a [Kanawha Valley Collective CoC FY 2026 Threshold Assessment - Google Forms](#) and a Letter of Intent for each proposed project must be submitted via Google Form at [FY 2026 Letter of Intent to Apply - Google Forms](#) by 5:00pm on June 30th. Please ensure you get an email receipt confirmation that your materials are received. If you do not receive an email receipt confirmation by the next business day following submission of your LOI, please immediately email [tstrickland@kvccoc.org](mailto:tstrickland@kvccoc.org). If an agency is requesting funding for two or more separate projects, the organization must complete a LOI for each project and/or program that they are requesting funding for.
5. An agency applying for Kanawha Valley Collective CoC funding should be fully participating in the process of developing a CoC-wide plan to prevent and end homelessness and implementing the Coordinated Entry System in your community. Participation in the CoC Initiatives is a HUD requirement for all currently funded agencies and expected for new projects if selected for funding.
6. If awarded, agencies should be prepared to participate in the HUD-mandated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or, for domestic violence providers, a comparable database. HMIS is administered by the West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness. Agencies funded under the CoC program are responsible for managing the technological requirements for participation and reporting through HMIS or a comparable database.
7. Match Requirements – Applicants should start to plan for and secure commitments of match sources. A 25% cash or in-kind match is required for all program components except leasing and the source(s) must be documented. Match is required for both new and renewal projects. Projects awarded must demonstrate match is spent on CoC eligible activities and incurred within the grant period. Project applicants that intend to use program income as match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for the match on CoC eligible costs. HUD will not require Renewal or replacement projects to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness.



Match documentation can be in the form of signed letters, Memoranda of Understanding, or other written evidence of a commitment and must be turned in with the application. This documentation will be reviewed by COC Prioritization Committee. At a minimum, they must:

- be on letterhead stationary from the organization providing the funds
- be signed and dated by an authorized official
- contain the name of the organization providing the contribution
- contain the type of contribution (cash, child care, case management, mental health services, etc.)
- contain the monetary value of the contribution
- contain the name of the applicant agency and the name of the project to which the contribution will be given
- contain the date that the contribution will be available

Commitments of land, building and equipment are one-time only and cannot be claimed in more than one competition. For example, the value of donated land or donated computers claimed in previous CoC competitions by a project cannot be claimed as match by that project or any other project in subsequent competitions.

8. Leveraging Healthcare, Mainstream Housing, and Mainstream Benefit Resources – Applicants should also start to plan for how they will leverage healthcare and housing resources to support their project, if awarded. Projects awarded FY26 CoC funding should work to leverage support from both healthcare (e.g., primary care, health department, behavioral health provider, etc.) and other housing resources (excluding ESG and CoC funded housing projects) through a written commitment of value, dates of service, and the number of units or type of service provided. This NOFO places a significant emphasis on HUD’s priority of strengthening partnerships between homeless service providers and treatment and recovery programs. Projects that dedicate units or beds to serving individuals engaged in treatment or recovery may receive additional points during the application review process. Applicants are encouraged to consider and describe these partnerships and service strategies in their proposed projects. In addition, applicants will also be required to describe how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

9. **\*\*NEW\*\*** Partnerships with law enforcement, employment, child care, and treatment/recovery programs – The FY25 CoC NOFO details significant changes in policy priorities, system performance, and regulatory requirements. HUD will prioritize funding for CoC projects that currently or plan to implement the following:

- a. Service participation standards for all projects and documentation of these standards in an occupancy, service, or mutual expectations agreement. While providers are required to make supportive services available, set participation standards, and actively offer them to participants, continued access to housing is not contingent upon participation in services.
- b. 20-hours a week service provisions per participant residing in a TH project, excluding those who are employed, meet the definition of disability under the ADA not chronically homeless definition, or over the age of 62.
- c. Coordination requirements with employment and childcare agencies for all project types to support participant economic stability. With specific criteria outlined for TH and PH projects below:
  - i. Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects should show current performance or a plan to ensure that at least 50% of participants exit to



- permanent housing within 24 months and that at least 50% exit with employment income, as documented in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- ii. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects will be evaluated on their current efforts or plans to connect participants to behavioral health resources (preferably on-site), as well as the existence of formal policies for assessing participants for higher levels of care and facilitating move-on opportunities when appropriate.
  - d. Coordination with law enforcement, specifically for SSO- Street Outreach programs, to offer services to unsheltered individuals.
  - e. Coordination with behavioral health providers to provide SUD treatment, recovery, and mental health services to all eligible participants. For TH project specifically, indicate the availability of 24/7 access to detox, residential, and inpatient behavioral health treatment within the geographic area of the CoC. These partnerships with SUD treatment and recovery providers and mental health agencies should be documented in a written formal agreement.

**\*\* APPLIES TO CURRENTLY FUNDED CoC PROJECTS ONLY –**

Application options for Existing CoC -funded PH and Joint-PH Projects:

**CoC Renewal:** Renewal is a process where projects that are already funded under the CoC/ from a prior grant period are applying to continue that funding for another cycle.

**CoC Expansion:** Expansion is the process where an agency submits a new grant application tied to an existing renewal project that increases capacity, services, or efficiency within the same program type. It must be the same project type as the existing project and serve more people, expand services, or improve operations without simply replacing existing non-federal funding.

**CoC 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.

**CoC Transition:** Transition is the process where an agency chooses to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation. Transition grant applications awarded FY 2026 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.