



# HUD FY2026 CoC NOFO Info Session

Tuesday, June 23 from 11:30a – 12:30p

Microsoft Teams

# Agenda

- Overview of Funding Competitions
  - Focus for today: FY26 CoC Program NOFO
- Process and Timeline
- Project Application Review
- Q&A



# Overview

# Active Funding Opportunities



| Youth* Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)                                                                                                                                                                         | HUD Continuum of Care Program (FFY26)                                                                                                                                                                                      | NC Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| \$500,000 to \$15,000,000<br>(Wake CoC: ~\$6,000,000)                                                                                                                                                                    | \$4,040,000,000<br>(Wake CoC: ~\$8,000,000)                                                                                                                                                                                | Wake CoC Fair Share: \$392,309                                                                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transitional Housing</li> <li>Supportive Services: Outreach, Case Management</li> <li>Coordinated Entry, HMIS, CoC Planning</li> </ul> <i>*Limited to young households 18-24.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent Housing*</li> <li>Transitional Housing</li> <li>Supportive Services</li> <li>Coordinated Entry, HMIS, CoC Planning</li> </ul> <i>*incentives to shift from PH to SSO.</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Services (Shelter, Street Outreach)</li> <li>Housing Stability (Prevention, Rapid Rehousing)</li> </ul> |
| Wake CoC is not a current YHDP community. This would be new funding to support scale of youth dedicated resources.                                                                                                       | Currently 9 permanent housing projects serving ~245 households and 3 CoC Lead grants                                                                                                                                       | Currently 9 projects serving ~700 households annually                                                                                                    |



For details on the local competition visit [www.wakenc507.org](http://www.wakenc507.org).

# FY26 NOFO: Overview

- HUD released the FY2026 HUD CoC NOFO on June 1, 2026
  - The deadline for the CoC Consolidated Application is 08/26/2026.
  - Requirements limit time allowed for project applications (due 30 days before HUD deadline) and notice requirements (15 days before HUD deadline).
- Wake CoC published local notice 06/15 (website top menu bar).
- HUD has not yet published the project or Consolidated Application details, questions or navigational guide.
  - Details on future slides for what to focus on in the meantime!

# Annual Renewal Demand & Tier Breakdown

HUD has not yet issued the CoC Grants Inventory Worksheet (GIW) or otherwise confirmed ARD for FY26.

## FY24

|          | Total ARD   | Tier 1 (90% of ARD) | Tier 2 (Remain. 10%) | Planning Grant (Lead Agency Funding) |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| FY24 ARD | \$4,385,167 | \$3,946,650.30      | \$438,516.70         | \$323,424                            |

## FY26 (*estimated based on FY25 ARD*)

- Tier 1: 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

| <b><u>ESTIMATED</u></b>             | Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) | Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) | Tier 1 (60% of ARD) |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>*FY2025 ARD (NOFO Rescinded)</b> | \$6,096,728                      | \$5,856,357                           | \$3,513,814         |

# FY26 NOFO: HUD Priorities (1-4)

- **Improving Outcomes (pg. 29):** “This NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness...rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled...NOFO focuses on reductions in unsheltered homelessness and encampments.”
- **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability (pg. 29-30):** “Consistent with FY26 appropriation bill, HUD is setting Tier 1 at 60% and competing 40% of CoC ARD on the basis of merit between geographic areas...brings...back to its original intent as a competitive program, not an entitlement program or block grant....ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.”
- **Restoring Balance to CoC (pg. 30):** To the extent permitted by law, HUD is shifting its focus from awarding nearly 90% of CoC funding to Permanent Housing to expand opportunities for other components of the CoC Program.
- **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery (pg.31):** The NOFO encourages investment in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers.

# FY26 NOFO: HUD Priorities (5-8)

- **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency (pg.31-32):** prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.
- **Advancing Public Safety (pg.32-34):** CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness.
- **Minimizing Trauma (pg.34):** 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.
- **Expanding Access Based on Merit, Not Ideology (pg.34):** HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs, recognizing all relevant protections provided by subsection c of HUD's Equal Participation Rule, 24 CFR § 5.109, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the First Amendment. Promoting equal access for faith-based organizations directly advances the goals of the CoC program by increasing the number and diversity of program providers and increasing overall competition for CoC funds.

# HUD Project Types: Permanent Housing

## § 578.37(a)(1)(i) and (ii)

- **Description:**

- PSH with permanent 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.
- 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.

- **Eligible Activities:** leasing/rental assistance and supportive services.
- **Rating Factors from NOFO:** PSH (3/5), RRH (4/6), TH-RRH (N/A – no Wake Projects)

# HUD Project Types: Transitional Housing

## § 578.37(a)(2)

- **Description:** Temporary housing with supportive services to households experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to move to and maintain permanent housing.
- **Eligible Activities:** Can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.
- **Rating Factors from NOFO:** New TH projects must receive at least 6 out of 8 points available for this project type.
  - Emphasis on supportive services, partnership agreements and case management support to connect with employment and treatment.
  - HUD point criteria found on page 63-64 of NOFO.

# HUD Project Types: Supportive Services Only

## § 578.37(a)(3)

- **Description:** SSO 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.
- **Eligible Activities:** Standalone (employment, case management, etc.) or Street Outreach.
  - The recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient or subrecipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance. (i.e. cannot have a PSH grant + SSO grant for the case management portion of that PSH)
- **Rating Factors from NOFO:** SSO-Standalone projects must receive at least 4 out of 5 points available for this project type. SSO-Street Outreach must receive at least 5 out of 6 available points for this project type.
  - HUD point criteria found on page 64-66 of NOFO.
  - [SSO or Housing Tool and Checklist](#)

# DV Bonus

- DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects.
- Wake CoC will **likely not be able to** prioritize new PH (PSH, RRH, TH-RRH) for the CoC Bonus projects given the volume of renewing PH projects and HUD's Tier 2 scoring criterion, where PH projects are low priority (pg90-91)

# CoC Bonus

- CoCs may apply for the following types of new CoC projects through the CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation processes:
  - SSO projects
  - TH projects
  - PH-PSH projects
  - PH-RRH projects
  - HMIS Expansion
  - SSO – Coordinated Entry
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# Reallocation

- Renewal project applicants may elect to reallocate their funds either whole or in part → project would have a reduced amount or elimination of the grant.
- Surrendered funds are then utilized by the CoC for the creation of new projects and/or the expansion of existing renewal projects.
- DV Bonus Reallocation is only to be used for new SSO-CE, PH-RRH, and TH (pg12).

# Transition Grant

- A Transition Grant allows an eligible renewal project to shift from one program component (like PSH) to another eligible new component (as specified through the NOFO).
- A transition grant is still a reallocation of funds since it requires the current/previous project to end or be reduced, and HUD would issue a new grant number if awarded.
  - So, for the purposes of ranking, review and applications through the NOFO process, transition grants are considered new projects.

# Additional Changes

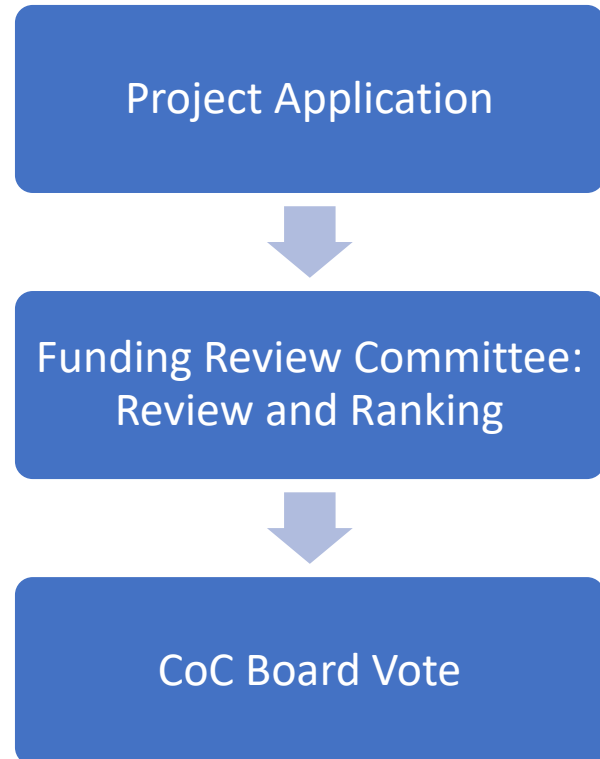
- **Disability:** NOFO seems to include substance use disorder in disability definition (different than initial FY25 NOFO language) Statute still stands (24 CFR 582.5) and includes “physical or mental impairment...”
- **Supportive service participation** requirements as condition of enrollment.
- **Certifications:** Will not engage in racial preferences and will not operate drug injection, safe consumption sites, distribute drug paraphernalia or conduct activities under pretext of harm reduction.
- **Risk Review:** in addition to previous year criteria, adds two new criteria – public sources (newspapers), history of subsidizing or facilitating activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO.
- **Overall CoC:** *SORNA, SAVE, laws prohibiting public drugs use and camping.*



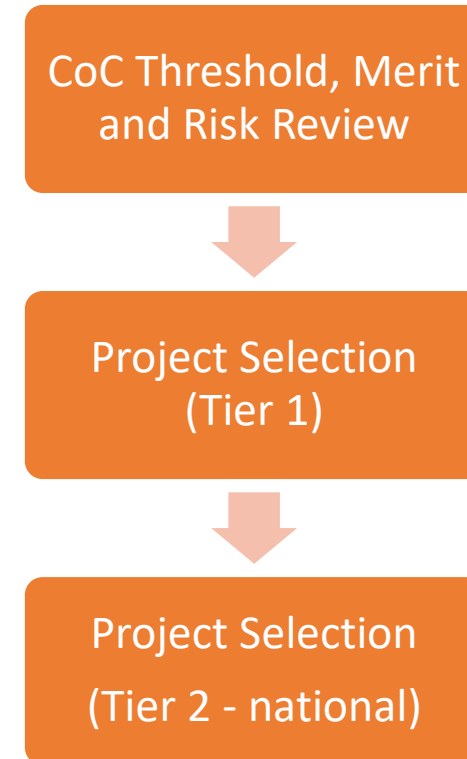
# Process and Timeline

# Local and HUD Review & Award Making Process

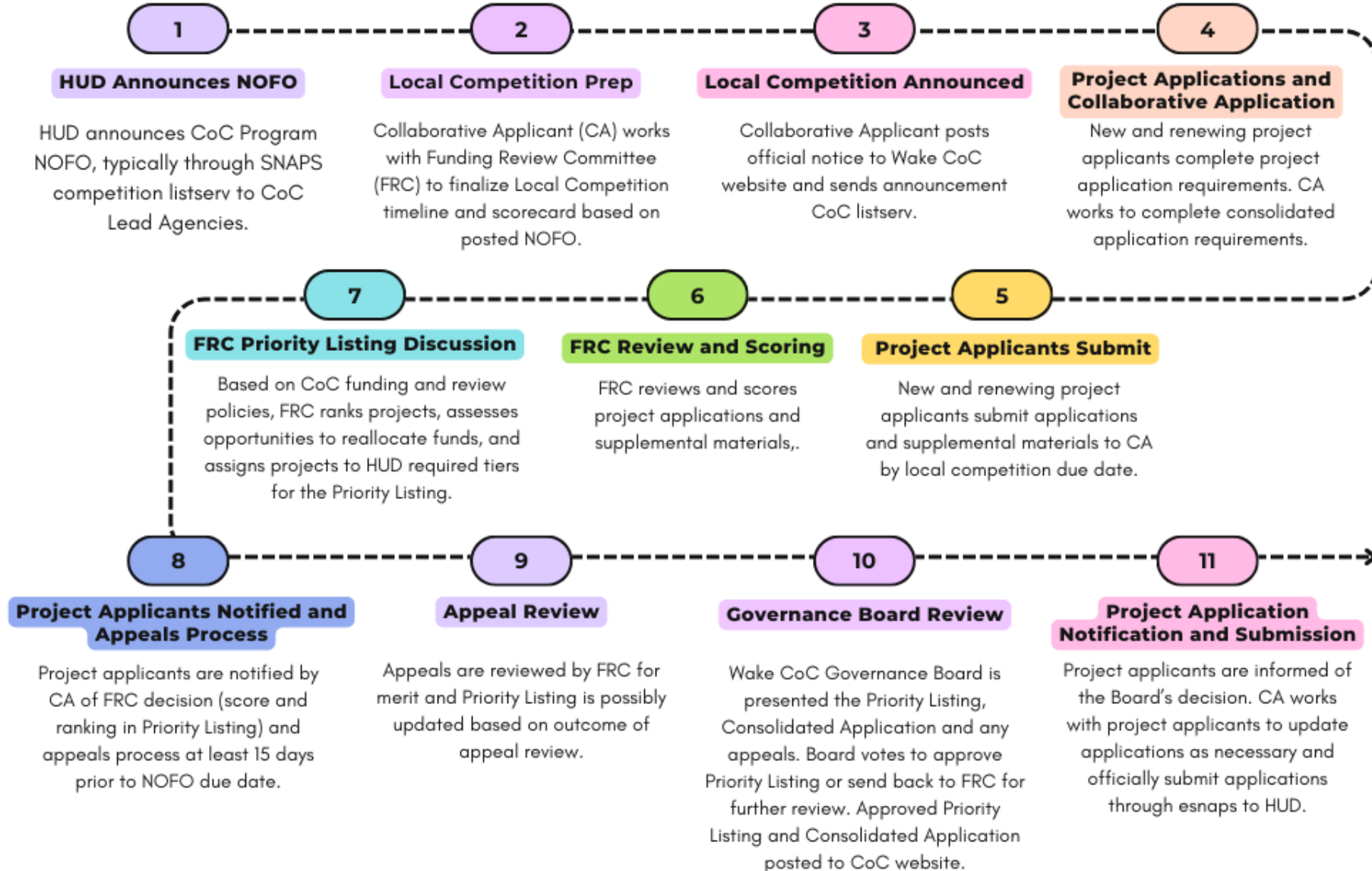
## Local Competition



## HUD Review



# Local Competition Steps



# FY26 Local Competition Timeline

| Task                                                                                                                               | Who                              | Date*                                          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Letter of Interest (LOI) Posting to Wake 507 Website and Newsletter                                                                | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | Friday, May 29, 2026                           |
| Letter of Interest Due to CoC Lead/Regional Applicant                                                                              | Applicants                       | Friday, June 5, 2026, 5pm                      |
| Public Notice of Wake CoC Local NOFO Competition                                                                                   | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | Monday, June 15, 2026                          |
| Wake CoC Informational Session                                                                                                     | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | Tuesday, June 23, 2026 from 11:30am-12:30pm    |
| All Project Applications Due to Smartsheets Form                                                                                   | Applicants                       | Friday, July 10, 2026 at 11:59pm               |
| Funding Review Committee (FRC) completes review of project applications                                                            | Funding Review Committee         | Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 31, 2026        |
| Written Notice to Applicants accepted, rejected or reduced and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listing (outside of e-snaps) | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | No later than 5pm on Friday, July 31, 2026     |
| Final date for applicants to submit appeals                                                                                        | Applicants                       | No later than 5pm on Wednesday, August 4, 2026 |
| Wake CoC Governance Board Vote on Priority Listing                                                                                 | Wake CoC Governance Board        | Thursday, August 6, 2026                       |
| Notice of outcome of appeals                                                                                                       | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | No later than 5pm on Friday, August 7, 2026    |
| Publication of Final New and Renewal Priority Listing                                                                              | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | Friday, August 7, 2026                         |
| Approved Collaborative Application and Priority Listing posted to CoC website                                                      | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | No later than Monday, August 10, 2026          |
| HUD FY2026 CoC NOFO - Consolidated Application Due                                                                                 | Wake CoC Collaborative Applicant | Wednesday, August 26, 2026                     |
| *subject to change                                                                                                                 |                                  |                                                |

# Wake CoC Local Competition Ranking and Review Policy and Procedure

**Ranking and Review Policy and Procedure** - Projects are ranked according to their assigned score in the Priority Listing in two Tiers. CoCs are limited by the % of ARD allowed in the NOFO for amount placed in Tier 1. To maximize funding received and/or create new projects, the Wake CoC may undertake Reallocation of Renewal projects. Project Ranking is then determined as outlined in the Ranking and Review policy:

- Tier 1 Project Ranking
- Tier 1 Tie-Breaking
- Tier 1/Tier 2 Straddling
- Tier 2 Project Ranking
- Tier 2 Tie-Breaking

# Priority Listing Demo



| FY24 Competition         |           |                     |                                                   | FY26 Competition         |                  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                          | Project   | Amount              | Project Component                                 |                          | Project          | Amount                                   | Project Component                                            |                                                    |
| Tier 1                   | A         | 90% of ARD          | Renewals by performance based score               | Tier 1                   | A                | 60% of ARD                               | Aim to preserve PH renewals, based on performance            |                                                    |
|                          | B         |                     |                                                   |                          | B                |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | C         |                     |                                                   |                          | C                |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | D         |                     |                                                   |                          | D                |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | E         |                     |                                                   |                          | E                |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | F         |                     |                                                   |                          | F                |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | G         |                     |                                                   |                          |                  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | H         |                     |                                                   |                          | Straddle Project | G                                        | \$3,513,814                                                  | Tier 1 ARD Subtotal + project spanning both tiers  |
|                          | I         |                     |                                                   |                          | Tier 2           | H                                        | 40% of ARD                                                   | renewals, new, reallocated and transition projects |
|                          | J         |                     |                                                   |                          |                  | I                                        |                                                              |                                                    |
| Straddle Project         | J         | \$3,946,650         | Tier 1 ARD Subtotal + project spanning both tiers | J                        |                  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | K         |                     |                                                   |                          |                  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | L         |                     |                                                   | \$2,342,543              |                  | Tier 2 ARD Subtotal                      |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | M         | CoC Bonus           | new, reallocated and transition projects          | L                        | CoC Bonus        | new, reallocated and transition projects |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          | N         |                     |                                                   |                          |                  |                                          | M                                                            |                                                    |
|                          | O         |                     |                                                   |                          |                  |                                          | N                                                            |                                                    |
|                          |           |                     |                                                   |                          |                  | \$1,219,346                              | CoC Bonus Subtotal                                           |                                                    |
|                          |           |                     | \$776,216                                         | CoC Bonus Amount         | O                | \$609,673                                | DV Bonus Subtotal                                            |                                                    |
|                          | P         | \$970,271           | DV Bonus Amount                                   | P                        | \$304,836        | CoC Planning Amount                      |                                                              |                                                    |
| Q                        | \$323,424 | CoC Planning Amount |                                                   | \$4,476,398              | Tier 2 Subtotal  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |
|                          |           |                     |                                                   | Total Available to Apply |                  |                                          | 24% increase in max funds eligible for Wake CoC to apply for |                                                    |
| Total Available to Apply |           | \$6,455,079         | Tier 1 ARD + Tier 2 Subtotal                      |                          |                  |                                          |                                                              |                                                    |

# Overview of Applicant Requirements

## Pre-Application:

- Conflict of Interest/Code of Conduct on file with HUD
- Active in SAM.gov (System for Award Management) registration
  - cannot be suspended, inactive, or barred
  - Have a Unique Entity Identifier
- Drug Free Workplace policy

## If Awarded:

- HMIS or Comparable database usage/complete data entry for project
- Active participation in the CoC (membership, attendance requirements, etc.)
- Participation in Coordinated Entry (CE) system of CoC and CE policies
- Meet all Federal reporting requirements (Annual Performance Report, HIC/PIT)
- Must adhere to the HUD regulations and Wake CoC's Written Standards
- Have applicable Environmental Review completed before start of project.

# Disclaimer: Project Applications

- HUD has not yet released Detailed Instructions, Project Application or CoC Consolidated Applications.
- If HUD releases detailed instructions and project application before or by the local project application deadline of July 10<sup>th</sup>, Wake CoC will extend the deadline for project applications to allow time for responses to the new/different HUD project application questions.
  - Wake CoC will publish the project application scorecard prior to application deadline.
  - Scorecard will include a HUD specific portion that will only be scored if HUD releases the project application before the initial deadline.
  - CoC must still abide by general competition deadlines (i.e. 30-day project application date, notice to applicants, etc.)



# Project Application Review

# General Application Guidance

- **Project Name:** Do not recommend it include grant award number or FY since this changes annually.
- **Project Details:** Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. Limit of 2,500 characters (including spaces).
- **Budget:** Ensure you have a detailed project budget and description.
- **Risk Review:**
  - Ensure organizational website and materials do not include information that conflicts with HUD priorities and language.
  - (5) HUD reserves the right to verify past performance and evaluate the eligibility of a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition for the following reasons:
    - (a) evidence that 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 humans.
    - (b) 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.”

# Match Documentation

- 24 CFR 578.73 of the Rule requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. 24 CFR 578.73.
  - Written documentation of the donation of in-kind goods and/or equipment must be provided on the source agency's letterhead, signed, and dated by an authorized representative of the source agency, and must, at a minimum, include the following:
    - **Value** of donated goods to be provided to the recipient for the project
    - **Specific date** the goods will be made available
    - The actual grant and fiscal year to which the match will be contributed
    - Time period during which the donation will be available
    - **Allowable activities** to be provided by the donation
    - Value of commitments of land, buildings, and equipment – the value of these items is one-time only and cannot be claimed by more than one project or by the same project in another year.
  - When the source is cash, written documentation should be provided on the source agency's letterhead, signed, and dated by an authorized representative, and, at a minimum, should include the following:
    - **Amount** of cash to be provided to the recipient for the project
    - **Specific date** the cash will be made available
    - The actual grant and fiscal year to which the cash match will be contributed
    - Time period during which funding will be available
    - **Allowable activities** to be funded by the cash match



Q&A



Have more questions about eligible costs and project types? Visit the [Wake CoC's NOFO Informational Sessions webpage](#)

# Next Steps & Contact Info

Questions/concerns call or email Eileen and Erin!

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# FAQs

Developed from questions received during CoC Info Sessions.

# FAQs

- **Is there a prediction or deadline for when HUD will release project applications?**
  - Currently, no. HUD has not alluded to when project applications will be released. They do plan to send out the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) after all FY25 Renewals are made, which is estimated for end of June. The assumption is once the GIW is completed, the Annual Renewal Demand will be released and \*hopefully\* project applications.
- **Can transition grants be used to convert Permanent Housing (PH) projects to Transitional Housing (TH) projects?**
  - Yes, current grantees can transition their grant from a PH project to a TH project. However, clients currently housed in PSH programs may not be eligible to transition from a PSH program to a TH program. HUD has issued guidance on this topic available [here](#).
- **For a new project, will the first draw still be the first day of the month of the new grant?**
  - Yes, new projects are only able to draw down for activities during the Period of Performance (POP). Historically, renewal grants can draw down for activities incurred before the new grant agreement is signed.

# FAQs

- **Can you share more about the 20 hours of case management required for TH?**
  - From the criteria laid out in the NOFO (pg. 63-64) applicants will be required to:
    - Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 20 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.).
  - The 20 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed.
  - The 20 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.

# FAQs

- **Can you confirm if Supportive Services Only (SSO) grants can only provide 6 months of case management once a household is permanently housed?**
  - Supportive services are eligible costs under the PH, TH, and SSO program components or as standalone project (NOFO pg 64). The CoC Program [interim rule](#) specifies all eligible services and clarifies that any cost not listed in the rule is ineligible.
  - SSO Standalone projects (NOFO pg 64):
    - The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency.
    - The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
  - Services may be provided to formerly homeless individuals for up to six months after their exit from homelessness, including the six months following exit from a transitional housing project. Recipients and subrecipients are required to perform an annual assessment of the service needs of their program participants and adjust services accordingly. Eligible costs include the cost of providing services, the salary and benefits of staff providing services, and materials and supplies used in providing services.