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CoC NOFO

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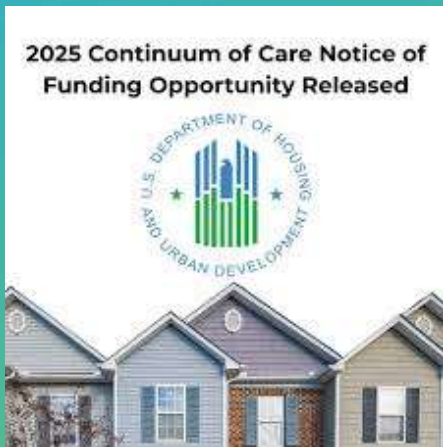
HUD CoC NOFO Updates

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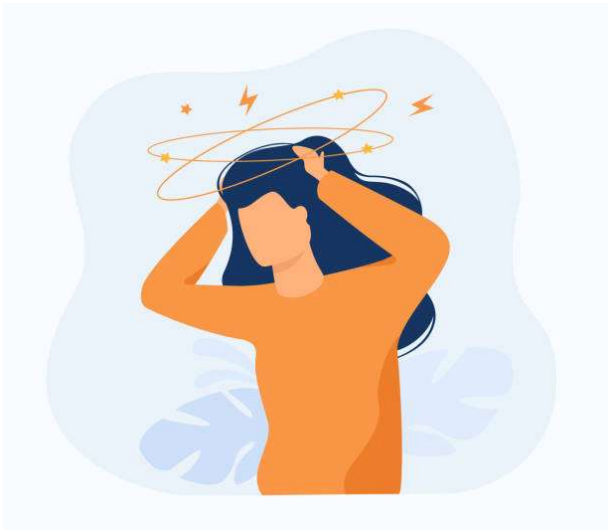
Q&A

Introductions

- Suzanne Wagner, Housing Innovations
 - Support to the Indiana BoS for 10 years from Howard Burchman
 - Did HOPWA TA previously in Indianapolis
- Who is in the room? Please raise your hand as many times as is applicable
 - Executive Directors, Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness, Agency Administrator, Program Managers, Front Line Staff, Advocate, Funder, Government, Business, Housing Authority, Street Outreach, Transitional Housing, PSH, Rapid Rehousing, Law Enforcement, University, HMIS, DV Agency, Youth serving agency, Veterans, Others?
- How long have you been in this field? Please raise your hand
 - Less than 1 year, 2-5 years, 6-10 years, 10-20 years, more than 20 years



Background and Key Recent Actions



- For almost two decades HUD's policies have been consistent in focus and emphasis
 - HEARTH Act 2009
 - Permanent Housing focus
 - HF as priority practice
 - Chronically homeless (CH) people as priority
- New Administration in 2025 has made significant and substantial changes to CoC Priorities and Requirements
 - HUD's FY25 NOFO was released twice. Radical changes
 - 2025 NOFO's halted by the courts
 - HUD rescinded the CH Prioritization Notice
 - HUD required by the THUD bill to issue all renewal funds over a period of months

Where is the Money?

- HUD is currently renewing grants expiring in 2026 through automatic process per the THUD Bill
 - Award letters issued this week in some jurisdiction for Q1 grants
 - Q2 awards should have been issued by 4/1. HUD representatives have indicated they have until 6/30 to award.
 - Q3 & Q4 awards must be issued by 7/1 (per Congress)
- [Grants.gov 2026 CoC NOFO Announcement](#)
 - 2026 NOFO will be issued May 29, 2026 and will be due August 26, 2026
 - Renew grants expiring in calendar year 2027 (which are currently almost none!!)
- HUD representative have publicly stated that the 2026 NOFO will be substantially the same as the 2025 NOFO issued on December 19, 2025
 - [FY2025-Continuum-of-Care-YHDP-NOFO](#)



What we know - New HUD Policy Priorities



- From the 2025 NOFOs, shifts in policy & priorities
 - Shift away from housing first and permanent housing
 - Cap on Permanent Housing that would mean cuts to PH in most communities
 - Prioritize treatment and recovery
 - Resurgence of the Transitional Housing Model
 - Make supportive services a requirement of all CoC programs (except where conflicts with VAWA)
 - Provide 40 hours/week of customized services for each participant – reduced proportionately for those employed
 - Reduce unsheltered homelessness

What we know - HUD Policy Priorities (2)

From the 2025 NOFOs (cont.)

- Promote self-sufficiency by increasing employment income and accessing unsubsidized housing
- Partner with law enforcement & first responders & advance public safety
- Prohibitions on activities related to safe use
- Treatment, incarceration and/or containment for people with mental health, substance use and other issues who refuse services

Other HUD statements:

- Reintroduce competition into the NOFO, re-evaluate data – previous AHAR's and SPMs were inaccurate, bring in more faith-based groups, rebalance the system to 1/3, 1/3, 1/3



What to Expect in the 2026 NOFO

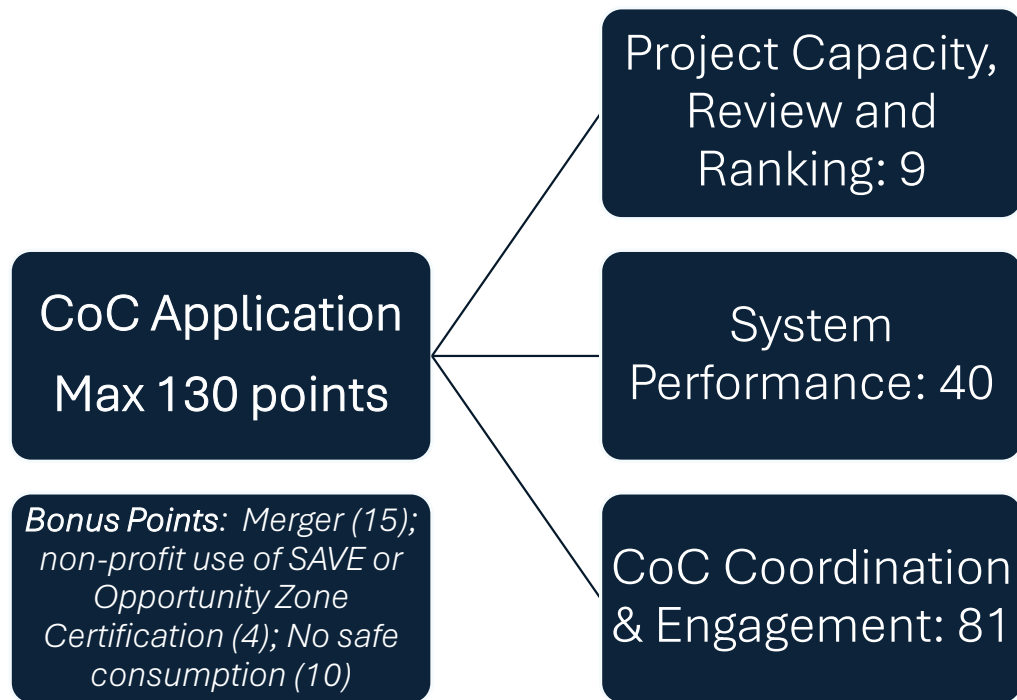


Focus on all of the above priorities and

From the Revised 2025 NOFO (Issued 12/19/2025)

- Permanent Housing (PH) renewals capped at 30% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - PH includes PSH, RRH and Joint TH RRH
 - Cap applies to renewals only (**not new projects**)
- Made a set-aside of 1/3 of funds for new PH projects (as required by HEARTH ACT – only for disabled participants)
- Likely there will similar funding available and similar PH cap

CoC Application Scoring



High Score Items – 51% of Points

- 17 points for decreases in the number of homeless people over the past 2 yrs
- 16 points for Treatment and Recovery –
 - on-site substance use treatment available for $\geq 30\%$ of projects;
 - maintains/creates 500 beds in treatment-focused projects
- 10 points for all projects requiring participation in services
- 10 points for reducing encampments
- 13 points for protecting public safety
 - State or local law/enforcement: drug use, camping, involuntary commitment, SORNA compliance, cooperation with law enforcement)

What to expect - Additional Project Requirements

From 2025 NOFO - Expanded HUD Project Risk Review for ALL Project Applications

Any project (new or renewal) may be rejected by HUD for:

- Using a definition of sex “other than binary”
- Engaging in racial preferences
- Operating safe injection sites or distributing drug paraphernalia
- Inability to produce positive outcomes/results
- History of activities that conflict with the goals of the NOFO

Action: Evaluate your agency against these criteria. Think about the web and social media



How to prepare?

- Build out employment services and connections to related resources
 - Look at performance on this measure
- Increase knowledge of and access to non-CoC housing resources
- Connect with substance use providers and create MOU's
 - On-site substance use treatment in 30% of CoC Projects (letters of agreement/commitment required)
- Ensure adequate services in projects
 - From the NOFO, “CoC is investing sufficiently in supportive services (either services value including match/leverage/formal partnerships $\approx$ 50% of total application amount (ARD) or $\geq$ 30% of proposed CoC funding is for services).”



How to Prepare? (2)



- Think through how you will handle service participation requirements
- Consider whether your project could convert to transitional housing (transition grant process)
 - Must make 40 hours per week of programming available (adjusted for employed participants)
- Since new funds for permanent housing may be available, consider new project ideas
- Review your agency's public facing information
- ESNAP Readiness
 - Make sure you are have at least two e-snaps users
 - Update Applicant Profile in e-snaps (only for grantees)
- **Collaborate and plan together**
- Take a breath.....now take another one