



Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants Competition

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NOTIFICATION OF INTERNAL COMPETITION FOR HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE AND YOUTH HOMELESSNESS DEMONSTRATION FUNDS

The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition (TX-604 Waco/McLennan County Continuum of Care) announces the internal competition for The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding.

This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued on November 13, 2025. Below is a list of resources for this NOFO competition.

- Complete information on the NOFO, including resources and instructions for the application process can be found [in this website](#).
- HOTHc guidance on the HUD NOFO can be found [here](#).

Applicants should review the information available in this Internal Competition Notification and the Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD. Please review those materials prior to starting the application or submit an inquiry to HOTHc. Inquiries are to be submitted to hothc@prosperwaco.org.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All organizations interested in obtaining funding through this competition – **including both new/expansion and renewal** project applicants – must submit their application in the e-snaps grant management system. Renewal, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, YHPD renewal, and YHDP replacement projects are due no later than **December 9, 2025, by 7:00am Central Standard Time (CST)**.

LETTER OF INTEREST & INQUIRIES

All organizations that intend to apply are **required** to fill out a Letter of Interest form that can be found at: <https://forms.gle/J1VthjhYMRMdZVhR8>.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Renewal Applications

- Only YHPD and CoC projects funded in FY 2024 or earlier with an expiration date in CY 2026 (January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026) and with an existing grant agreement with HUD are eligible for renewal.
- The renewal amount must be consistent with the Final Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the CoC. The renewal amount may not be exceeded, and the budget lines must conform to those indicated on the GIW.

- HUD has established a cap on the amount of CoC funds that can be used for Permanent Housing (PH) - Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing. Our CoC PH allotment is **\$894,615**.

New Project Applications

New project applications are requested from qualified nonprofit and local government organizations for the FY 2025 CoC Competition. Applications are sought for projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC and YHDP funds. New projects must meet threshold requirements laid out in the NOFO. All funded projects will be required to participate in the Heart to Home Coordinated Entry System (CE) and the Homeless Management and Information System (HMIS). Our CoC has been allotted \$596,615 in CoC Bonus and \$95,147 in Domestic Violence Bonus funds for FY 2025 funding process.

Allowable types of projects:

- **Supportive Services Only (SSO) (including Street Outreach (SO) or Standalone)**
 - Project applicants may apply for SSO projects 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.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Projects**
 - Priority will be given to projects that are designed to serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. The units will prioritize these populations.
 - Housing for homeless individuals and families in which the head or co-head of household is disabled.
 - Permanent supportive housing must be 100% dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals and families or meet qualifications as a “DedicatedPLUS” PSH project. DedicatedPLUS projects may serve the chronically homeless, and they may also serve a broader range of homeless people in need of PSH. Please refer to the HUD NOFO resources for detailed information on DedicatedPLUS PSH projects.
 - PSH may provide housing assistance through tenant, sponsor, or project-based rental assistance, through leasing, or by providing operating support to a PSH facility. Because Coordinated Entry emphasizes participant's choice in housing, tenant-based rental assistance is the preferred housing type.
 - Admissions must come from the CoC’s Heart to Home Coordinated Entry process.
- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects**
 - For individuals and families targeting households that are living in the following settings:
 - Residing in place not meant for human habitation,
 - Residing in emergency shelter,
 - Meet Domestic Violence (DV) criteria in homeless definition (Category 4),
 - Residing in Transitional Housing (TH) funded part of a joint TH PH-RRH project, and/or
 - Receiving assistance from a Veteran’s Affairs (VA) homeless program and met one of the above criteria on intake into the VA program.
 - RRH includes housing assistance through housing navigation, tenant based rental assistance (providing only on a short term or medium term – Not to extend past 24 months), and supportive services to assist participants secure housing, maintain housing and increase income and employment.
 - Admissions must come from the CoC’s Heart to Home Coordinated Entry process.

- **Transitional Housing Projects**

- Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to PH within 24 months of entering TH.
- The proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
- The proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week requirement does not apply to participants over the age of 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.
- For the TH component, housing assistance may be provided through operating support for existing facilities or leasing assistance.
- Eligible persons to be served in TH projects include:
 - Residing in place not meant for human habitation,
 - Residing in emergency shelter, and/or
 - Meet DV criteria in homeless definition (Category 4).

- **Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (CE) Expansion**

- Funding can be used to expand an existing CE project to operate a centralized or coordinated entry assessment system. These systems help communities assess the needs of program participants and effectively match individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the most appropriate resources available to address their supportive service and housing needs.

- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion Projects – Eligible for HMIS Lead Agency Only**

- Funding can be used to expand the HMIS system to include more providers, more analysis of data submitted to HMIS, more training and support to HMIS contributing agencies, further outreach to non-participating agencies, expansion of rural utilization of HMIS, or other services to improve data quality or utilization.
- Only the designated HMIS Lead Agency, the Prosper Waco, is permitted to apply for HMIS funding.

- **Planning Project – Eligible for CoC Lead Agency Only**

- Only the Collaborative Applicant, Prosper Waco, is permitted to apply for Planning funding, and funds may be used as described in 24 CFR 578.39.

Of the above project types, all qualify for funding through reallocation and/or through the CoC Bonus except for Planning Projects, which can apply for the maximum amount listed in the CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report from HUD.

CoC Expansion Projects

In the FY 2025 competition, HUD is allowing renewal projects to apply for a new project that will EXPAND an existing renewal project using CoC Bonus funds or reallocated CoC funds. To apply for an Expansion project, a grantee must have an eligible renewal project. Please see the NOFO for rules regarding Expansion Projects.

Consolidation Projects

In the FY 2025 competition, eligible renewal project applicants can consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects. See instructions in the NOFO.

Transition Grants

In the FY 2025 competition, eligible renewal projects can transition from one CoC Program component to another during the CoC Program Competition. See instructions in the NOFO.

Domestic Violence Bonus

In the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus to expand an existing DV Bonus funded project or a new DV bonus project for may only be used to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects. This project type is designated for HUD Homeless Category 4, which includes victim service providers who serve those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, and for those under twenty-five, fleeing any unsafe situation. Our CoC is allotted \$95,147 in DV Bonus funds for FY 2025. For more information, see the NOFO.

If CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation funding is used to expand a DV Renewal project, the entire expanded project must be 100 percent dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under paragraph (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless.

Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)

HUD will competitively award all YHDP projects, including renewal and replacement YHDP projects. CoCs may replace renewing YHDP project(s) to create one or more new YHDP Replacement projects, including YHDP Reallocation. YHDP projects may only reallocate to other youth projects. While YHDP projects can use the replacement process to consolidate projects, these projects cannot consolidate with non-YHDP projects. YHDP Renewal projects may apply to expand its current project through the YHDP Replacement process.

HUD will only fund new YHDP Reallocation projects through the YHDP Replacement process as described below:

- TH or Crisis Residential Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only Street Outreach
- Supportive Services Only - Host Home and Kinship Care

FUNDING PRIORITIES

Within FY 2025 NOFO, HUD has identified the following policy priorities applicable to our CoC:

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets

- Directing resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency.
- CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery

- CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.
- Diverting funds to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence.
- HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

3. Advancing Public Safety

- CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety.
- HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking.

4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency

- CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants.
- CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.

5. Improving Outcomes

- CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

6. Minimizing Trauma

- CoCs should encourage projects 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. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe, single-sex spaces and other considerations III. Program Description FR-6900-N-25 Page 13 of 128 I. Basic Information II. Eligibility III. Program Description IV. Application Contents and Format V. Application Review Information VI. Submission Requirements and Deadlines VII. Post-Award Requirements and Administration VIII. Contact and Support Appendix for personal privacy.

Application Submission

The application submission is a two-step process that requires applicants to create an electronic application and to submit a PDF version along with additional documentation via email.

e-snaps Application Instructions and Process

- Applications must be completed in the e-snaps grants management system by the specified deadline. Applications not completed in e-snaps will not be reviewed and will not be funded. Please reference instructions within the NOFO.
- When completing the application in e-snaps, applicants are required to use the following naming convention: FY25/agency name/project name. For DV or YHPD funded projects, add DV or YHDP after the project name. For example: FY25 HOTBHN DOBEY SSO-SO YHDP or FY25 FAC RRH DV.
- Once the application has been completed in e-snaps, **DO NOT HIT SUBMIT**. Instead, save the application (in e-snaps), download the pdf, and save (on your computer, etc.). Submission in e-snaps will occur after the

competition process if the application is accepted by the Scoring and Ranking Committee of the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care.

- A notification letter will be sent to all applicants notifying them of their acceptance or rejection and at what funding amount. Applications may require budget adjustments based on the outcome of the funding recommendation from the Scoring and Ranking Committee. If this occurs, the application will need to be adjusted to the amount in the notification letter before submission. Once the notification letter has been received, all applications that have been accepted are to be submitted in e-snaps within five business days.

Email Application Instructions and Process

All CoC renewal, expansion, and bonus projects-including YHPD renewals and replacement projects- are due on **December 9, 2025, by 7:00am (CST)**. Please submit the items below to the Scoring and Ranking Committee by the due date via email to hothc@prosperwaco.org.

Application Package Materials

- PDF Copy of Application from e-snaps
- Agency Financial Audit
- For renewal projects, Annual Performance Review from SAGE for the last closed grant term.
- For renewal projects, a screenshot from eLOCCS project portfolio budget tab showing the amount authorized versus amount disbursed for each budget line item for the grant for the last closed grant term.

Scoring and Ranking of Projects

All projects will be evaluated with a Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Board of Directors approved Scoring Tool, and ranking of the projects will follow the policies and procedures laid out in the CoC Competition Policies and Procedures Manual found in Appendix E of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition TX-604 Waco/McLennan County Continuum of Care Governance Charter & Policies and Procedures Manual.

The scoring tools and policies will be posted at the [FY 2025 CoC/YHDP NOFO – HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION](#). After scoring, the projects will receive a notification letter of project acceptance or rejection. If an agency wishes to file a grievance, this must be done so between January 1-8, 2026, prior to the submission of the Priority List Application to HUD by the CoC, which will be reviewed by the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Grievance Committee. To file a grievance, see instructions in the [TX-604 CoC Completion Policies and Procedures Manual](#).

FY 2025 CoC NOFO

Important Dates & Deadlines

