

**2026 VENTURA COUNTY  
HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE  
NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY  
(VC COC NOFO)**

**REQUEST FOR RENEWAL, TRANSITION,  
AND NEW PROJECTS**

**JUNE 12, 2026**

Completed Applications due by 5pm on **July 17, 2026**.  
Must be submitted in HUD e-Snaps system: [e-snaps](#) with Supplemental  
Questions and PDF of e-snaps application submitted by Email to  
[VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov)

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## OVERVIEW

A **mandatory** VC CoC NOFO Workshop for all new and renewal applicants will be held on **June 15, 2026, at 9:00am via Microsoft Teams**. Meeting access information is available here:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22050065898285?p=Om3RIABxR0TsFgQ>

Workshop details are also available on the VC CoC website calendar: <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(HUD CoC NOFO\)](#) to support programs ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets. HUD has implemented new policy priorities in this new round of funding for Fiscal Year 2026. These priorities emphasize the need to expand transitional housing and street outreach projects with service participation requirements. CoCs must prioritize projects that provide treatment and recovery services, as well as highlight the promotion of self-sufficiency and improve outcomes.

The Ventura County CoC's estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for FY 2026 is **\$3,749,587** (subject to HUD confirmation). The local VC CoC NOFO is being released to maximize funding for the region to address homelessness.

### Tier 1 Funding

Tier 1 is limited to 60% of the ARD, or \$2,249,752, and must include the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) project, budgeted at \$429,370 to meet HUD requirements.

- After accounting for HMIS/CES, the remaining Tier 1 funding available for projects is \$1,820,030 (projects total).

### Tier 2 Funding

Tier 2 represents the remaining 40% of the ARD, totaling \$1,499,834. All projects not ranked in Tier 1 will compete nationally, with HUD reviewing applications for alignment with federal priorities, required service participation, and the ability to improve system performance.

- HUD has designated approximately 30%\* of nationally available funding for new projects, prioritizing Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects. As a result, most Tier 2 projects submitted locally are expected to be reviewed under this national set-aside.
- Additionally, approximately \$798,000 is available through HUD CoC Reallocated or Bonus funding for new projects, and roughly \$1,000,000 is available for Domestic Violence (DV) new or expanded bonus projects.

### Planning Grant Funds

The VC CoC Planning Grant is estimated at \$321,110. These funds are **not** ranked and are not included in the Tier 1 or Tier 2 calculations. All amounts are subject to change based on HUD's final ARD report and subsequent HUD clarifications.

Final amounts are subject to change based on the HUD Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) report and any further clarifications by HUD.

FY 2026 Estimated Funding Summary

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| <i>Annual Renewal Demand</i>   | \$3,749,587 |
| <i>Tier 1 (60%) less HMIS/CES:</i>   | \$1,820,030 |
| <i>Tier 2 National Competition (Remainder of ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus)</i> | \$3,297,834 |

\*HUD’s FY 2026 CoC NOFO includes a national \$1.3 billion set-aside for NEW projects, with priority given to Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects. CoCs may use the Transition Grant process (HUD NOFO Sec. II.B.3.k) to convert eligible renewal projects into new project types. HUD also notes that individuals living in Permanent Housing may qualify for Transitional Housing and encourages CoCs to assess and match assistance to the unique needs of individuals and families.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Ventura County CoC, the County of Ventura’s County Executive Office will accept renewal project applications, proposals for new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, as well as new Domestic Violence (DV) bonus projects with Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Please note that the current FY 26 HUD CoC NOFO contains critical changes to funding priorities and overall processes. **The scoring methodology for this funding competition has been significantly revised to meet the new criteria established by HUD and to maximize the retention of local funding.** Scoring criteria also reflect HUD and VC CoC prioritized subpopulations. We anticipate further changes by HUD during this HUD NOFO process which may impact scoring criteria and thresholds. VC CoC Staff will communicate any changes to the full VC CoC Alliance and post on the VC CoC website at <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>



## 2026 VC CoC NOFO TIMELINE

| DATE                            | RESPONSIBLE   | ACTION   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| June 1, 2026                    | HUD   | FY26 <a href="#">HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (HUD CoC NOFO)</a> released to all Continuums of Care   |
| June 10, 2026                   | VC CoC Board  | CoC Board Approval to release VC CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (VC CoC NOFO) for new and renewal applications  |
| June 12, 2026                   | Collaborative Applicant                               | Release NOFO to seek applications for new projects, renewal projects, and transition projects.   |
| June 15, 2026<br>9 AM-10:30 AM  | Collaborative Applicant<br>/ New & Renewal Applicants | Mandatory NOFO Applicant Workshop & Technical Assistance. Teams link posted <a href="https://coc.venturacounty.gov/">https://coc.venturacounty.gov/</a>                        |
| July 17, 2026<br><b>By 5 PM</b> | All Applicants  | All new & renewal applications due in <a href="#">e-snaps</a> and emailed to Collaborative Applicant. Late applications will not be accepted.                                  |
| July 28, 2026                   | VC CoC Data & Evaluation Committee                    | Review and rank new, renewal, and reallocation projects; Provide recommendations for CoC Board to review and approve for the Consolidated Application                          |
| July 29, 2026                   | Notification  | Notify project applicants of the recommendations for inclusion, reduction or rejection   |
| July 31, 2026<br><b>By 4 PM</b> | New & Renewal Applicants                              | Appeals must be submitted in writing via email to the VC CoC Board by 4 pm on July 31, 2026, to <a href="mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov">VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov</a> |
| August 6, 2026                  | VC CoC Board  | Approval of the ranking of projects to be included in Collaborative Application  |
| No Later than August 11, 2026   | Collaborative Applicant                               | Post CoC Priority Listing on CoC website   |
| No Later than August 22, 2026   | Collaborative Applicant                               | Post CoC Consolidated Application on <a href="https://coc.venturacounty.gov/">https://coc.venturacounty.gov/</a>   |
| No Later than August 26, 2026   | Collaborative Applicant                               | Submit CoC Consolidated Application to HUD via <a href="#">e-snaps</a>   |
| December 1, 2026                | HUD   | Anticipated Award date   |

## FY 2026 HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Competition Goals

The VC CoC is soliciting proposals that address priorities established by HUD’s updated national policy objectives, with a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, veterans, 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 and programs funded with State or local resources; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

**Agencies or entities that have not previously submitted a proposal are strongly encouraged to apply for funds including faith-based providers with experience transitioning persons out of homelessness.**

HUD has established the following goals and objectives, which must be incorporated into all applications and will be used as rating factors in the awarding of funds pursuant to 2 CFR 200.211(c)(1)(ii). Descriptions below are included directly from the NOFO published by HUD on June 1, 2026.

1. **Improving Outcomes:** 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.
2. **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability:** Competition drives outcomes, effectiveness, innovation, and accountability, and 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.
3. **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care:** Moving away from a "one size fits all" response to homelessness by investing in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects, HUD intends to restore the "continuum" to the Continuum of Care Program to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency.
4. **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency:** Encourages investments in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers. 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.
5. **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency:** Recovery and self-sufficiency are through supportive service participation requirements that meet individual needs and advance individual progress towards self-sufficiency and independent living goals and prevent future returns to homelessness.

6. **Advancing Public Safety for All:** Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living on the streets and in encampments, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and minimizing trauma to individuals, families, and communities. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely.
7. **Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations:** 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.
8. **Expanding Access Based on Merit and Not Ideology:** HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination. Part of this commitment is recognizing that faith-based providers deserve a level playing field to compete for CoC funding and participate in the community-wide efforts of their local CoCs.

## **NEW AND RENEWAL PROJECT TYPES (TIER 1, SET-ASIDE and COC BONUS)**

CoC projects must meet the project eligibility and quality threshold requirements established by HUD. The following project types are eligible for applications in Ventura County CoC:

1. **New Transitional Housing (TH)** projects provide temporary housing for up to 24 months and require a signed lease or occupancy agreement. Sober living and recovery housing can be considered TH when it meets all HUD CoC program criteria. TH projects must require participants to engage in supportive services—such as case management, employment training, or substance use treatment—and must provide customized, individualized services implemented consistent with 24 CFR 578, Fair Housing, VAWA, Equal Access requirements, reasonable accommodations, and participant rights. This includes opportunities interpreted locally as volunteer activities, work-readiness, and other supportive service options. TH projects are expected to demonstrate strong employment outcomes, except for participants over age 62 or those with a physical disability or impairment. More details can be found in CFR 578.37(a)(2) or in the HUD definition: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/transitional-housing/>
2. **New Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach projects** that focus on providing supportive services to eligible program participants experiencing unsheltered homelessness and demonstrate that program participants are required to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching supportive service agreements



(contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) implemented consistent with 24 CFR 578, Fair Housing, VAWA, Equal Access requirements, reasonable accommodations, and participant rights.. Cooperation with first responders and law enforcement is strongly encouraged and scored favorably. More details in CFR 576.101 or see the HUD definition here:<https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/esg-eligible-activities/street-outreach/>

3. **New Supportive Services Only (SSO)** including, but not limited to, housing search and placement services or case management. 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**.
4. **Renewal Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects** that require supportive services for program participants to retain permanent housing. PSH projects that serve elderly 55 and older and/or those with physical disability/impairment or developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5), not including substance use disorder, will be prioritized. PSH projects must be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs. More details in CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i) or see the HUD definition here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-program-components/permanent-housing/permanent-supportive-housing/>
5. **Renewal Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects** provide tenant based rental assistance at a reasonable cost to achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. Project must include supportive services and emphasize employment outcomes. HUD has set new performance measure goals for PH-RRH projects, 50% of participants exiting to permanent housing and 50% exiting with employment income.
6. **Renewal Safe Haven** (single local renewal project only) are renewal projects that were eligible under predecessor programs, specifically Safe Haven projects, will continue to be eligible under the CoC Program and will continue to be eligible for renewal of leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs under 24 CFR 578.33(d)(1) so long as the project continues to serve the same population and the same number of program participants or units in the same type of housing as identified in their most recent grant agreement, or amended grant agreement, signed before August 31, 2012. No new Safe Haven projects will be funded.
7. **Dedicated HMIS projects** for costs to be carried out by the selected HMIS program.



8. **Transition Grants** to fund a new CoC project by transitioning an eligible CoC renewal project (including a DV Renewal project) from one program component to a new eligible component over a one-year period. PH grants that are considering transitioning to another component type will need to show how all current residents will retain housing.

Table 1: National Alliance to End Homelessness Summary of HUD New Project Threshold Criteria (please consult [HUD CoC NOFO](#) for clarifications)

| NEW PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD CRITERIA   |   |
|--|---|
| <i>Minimum score to be awarded. If awarded, must meet <u>all</u> of the criteria listed.</i> |   |
| Project Type   | Key Criteria  |
| <b>Transitional Housing (TH)</b><br>Min: 6/8   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will partner with other organizations to provide supportive services, supplement with resources from public/private resources, and demonstrate costs are reasonable</li> <li>Experience operating a TH in which households exited hmlss within 24 months and at least 50% with employment income</li> <li>Participants will engage in at least 20 hours/week of services, activities, or employment (except ppl &gt; 62 or who are "handicap" (24 CFR 8.3) or have a developmental disability</li> </ul> |
| <b>Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Standalone</b> Min: 4/5                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will assist sheltered and unsheltered persons exit homelessness by increasing self-sufficiency</li> <li>Will supplement with resources from public/private resources and demonstrate costs are reasonable</li> </ul>   |
| <b>SSO- Street Outreach</b> Min: 5/6   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to criteria for standalone SSO, applicant must have experience providing outreach services and demonstrate a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will not interfere with enforcement of public camping and drug use laws</li> </ul>  |
| <b>SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)</b> Min: 3/4   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Available and reachable for all in geographic area and a strategy for reaching households with highest needs</li> <li>Standardized assessment used to ensure participants directed to housing and services that meet their needs</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)</b> Min: 3/5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services and demonstrate costs are reasonable</li> <li>Housing will fit needs of program participants and services will ensure that participants can obtain and remain in permanent housing</li> <li>Must serve households with a disability</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Rapid Rehousing (RRH)</b><br>Min: 4/6   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project will leverage other public/private sources to provide supportive services and demonstrate costs are reasonable</li> <li>Will require participation in services</li> <li>Applicant has previously operated a project where employment incomes were improved</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)</b><br>Min: 3/4                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used as a proactive case management tool to promote treatment and recovery</li> <li>Collects all UDE and has the ability to unduplicate client records</li> <li>Produces all HUD reports</li> </ul>  |
| <b>CoC Planning</b> Min: 3/5   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CoC membership is open and inclusive and there is a written governance charter in place</li> <li>CoC-wide planning committees</li> <li>Funds will be compliant with 24 CFR 578.7 and will improve CoCs ability to evaluate CoC and ESG projects</li> </ul>   |

This year, the HUD CoC NOFO provides a set-aside of \$1,300,000,000 for *NEW* projects with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects. CoCs may use the Transition Grant process described in the HUD CoC NOFO to create new projects. HUD reminds CoCs that individuals living in Permanent Housing *may* be eligible for Transitional Housing ([PH-to-TH-guidance.pdf](#)) and encourages CoCs to assess the unique needs of individuals and families to provide appropriate assistance to meet their needs.

The VC CoC may include up to approximately \$798,000 (subject to release form HUD) in projects for CoC Bonus Funding. The projects being solicited must be highly effective and align with HUD's policy priorities.

Priority will be given to project proposals that leverage mainstream supportive services, behavioral health and healthcare resources. Applicants should demonstrate through written commitments with the types of services and dollar value of services committed, project name, number of units or number of program participants in the proposed project, date the units will

be available for program participants consistent with the New Project’s period of performance, and source of commitment:

- Private organizations;
- State or local government;
- Public Housing Agencies, including using a set aside or limited preference;
- Faith-based organization; and
- Federal programs other than the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

The letters of support must also demonstrate:

- Direct contributions from public or private organization;
- Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through CoC or ESG programs;
- Eligibility for the project must comply with [HUD Fair Housing requirements](#);
- Provision of health care services tailored to the program participants; and
- Supportive services must be required.

CoC Bonus funding will come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, as amended under the HEARTH Act and the CoC Program Interim Rule. The availability and priorities for any funding for new projects is articulated in [the HUD CoC NOFO](#).

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS FUNDING**

VC CoC may apply for DV Bonus projects up to an amount that equals 20 percent of the posted Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), approximately \$1,000,000 (subject to HUD release of PPRN).

DV Bonus projects include the following project types and now includes Transitional Housing:

1. **New or Expanded DV Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)** projects dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services that will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within three (3) to twenty-four (24) months. The average cost per household served must be reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. More details on HUD definition here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5851/applying-for-dv-bonus-projects-during-the-coc-program-competition/>



2. **New DV Transitional Housing (TH)** projects dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. TH projects must require program participants to take part in supportive services implemented consistent with 24 CFR 578, Fair Housing, VAWA, Equal Access requirements, reasonable accommodations, and participant rights. TH projects need to prioritize participant exits to permanent housing within 24 months with employment income. TH projects must supplement with resources from other public or private sources. More details on HUD definition here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5851/applying-for-dv-bonus-projects-during-the-coc-program-competition/>
  
3. **New DV Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)** projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry system to better meet the needs of individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. More details on HUD definition here: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Coordinated-Entry-and-Victim-Service-Providers-FAQs.pdf> The VC CoC does not intend to apply for this project type.

## PROJECT CRITERIA

*Please note that the current HUD CoC NOFO contains major changes to funding priorities and overall processes. [The scoring methodology for this funding competition has been significantly revised to meet the new criteria established by HUD.](#) VC CoC will rank projects in order to maximize local funding to address homelessness. This may include ranking a lower scoring project to meet HUD priorities for Collaborative Application points or that serve priority populations.*

This VC CoC NOFO is being released in support of the FY26 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (HUD CoC NOFO) released on June 1, 2026. A single, consolidated submission of all selected projects in Ventura County will be submitted to HUD by the Collaborative Applicant (County Executive Office). VC CoC must submit the application to HUD no later than August 26, 2026. Funding will be derived from Federal Fiscal Year 2026 allocations of HUD funds and is subject to funding approval by HUD.

HUD’s highly competitive application requires the Continuum of Care (CoC) to rank, score, and select new and renewal projects based on HUD's updated funding priorities and project performance. This VC CoC NOFO details the submission timeline, outlines how the CoC will

evaluate renewal projects for potential reallocation, explains the scoring and ranking process for all projects, and ensures the application is made accessible to the community.

Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH) scoring includes the following criteria:

- At least 90 percent of project participants either remained in permanent housing or exited to another PH.
- At least 60 percent of project participants increased their total employment income in a given operating year.
- Fewer than 5% of participants return to homelessness within a year of exiting from PH/RRH program).
- Supportive Service Participation Requirements for each participant with additional 5 points of copies of standard, written Service Participation Agreements/Milestones.

Safe Haven (renewal only) scoring includes the following criteria:

- At least 85 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination).
- Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from SH program.

New Transitional Housing project scoring includes the following criteria:

- Operated or currently operates TH or another homelessness project.
- At least 80% of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months.
- At least 60 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- Supportive Service Participation Requirements for each participant with additional 5 points of copies of standard, written Service Participation Agreements/Milestones.
- Reduce overall length of stay and progression toward stability.

New Supportive Services Only including Street Outreach project scoring includes the following criteria:

- Exits to positive destinations are more than 50%.
- At least 60% of participants increase their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income, and progress toward self-sufficiency.

Other notable changes to best align the local selections process with the HUD goals and objectives are included below:

1. **60 percent of a CoC's current funding is protected in Tier 1, down from 90 percent in past years.** This is the most significant structural change in a decade with 40 percent of

funding now fully competitive and tied to threshold review, merit review, risk review and project ranking.

2. **HUD CoC Merit Review replaces previous Collaborative Application CoC scoring.** The 200-point system includes 14 points for Project Capacity/Ranking, 64 for System Performance, and 122 for Coordination & Engagement. **Fifty percent of Tier 2 project application scoring is based on the CoC Collaborative Application Score.**
3. **Tier 2 scoring now favors new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects with required services.** Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only Street Outreach Projects will be prioritized in order to maximize awards for the funding set-aside by HUD.
4. **HUD has set priority subpopulations;** children and youth, families with minor children, Veterans, Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence Sexual Assault and Stalking, High Utilizers of Healthcare systems, Aging and Elderly, Permanent Supportive Housing for Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness. In order to maximize Collaborative Application points, projects serving priority populations may be prioritized for ranking.
5. **All projects except for CoC Planning must compete, including a DV Bonus project.** These projects will be ranked and scored with no special protection.
6. **New risk review can reject any project even projects ranked in Tier 1.** Risk review includes assessment of past performance and organizational health. (see pg. 86 of HUD CoC NOFO for further description). HUD’s expanded Risk Review may increase likelihood of project rejection. HUD may consider media reports, Inspector General and Government Accountability Office findings, public complaints, or an organization’s “history of subsidizing activities that conflict with the NOFO” as grounds for funding denials.
7. **HUD elevates “public safety” as a major scoring factor.** The CoC must demonstrate or provide laws prohibiting camping and illicit drug use, enforcement protocols, cooperation with law enforcement and first responders, use of involuntary commitment standards, including Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) implementation.
8. **Project requirements reshape TH, RRH, and Street Outreach.** New transitional housing must provide proof of services provided for participants; RRH must show strong employment and placement outcomes as well as require supportive services; and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships.

**Selection Process:** Projects responding to this VC CoC NOFO will be reviewed and ranked by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee on July 28, 2026, and recommendations will be forwarded to the VC CoC Board for approval on August 6, 2026. Projects will be reviewed in reference to the 2026 Ranking and Selection Policy, which includes organizational capacity, project design approach, past performance including employment income, supportive service requirements, HUD set rating factors based on program type and cost effectiveness. VC CoC will rank projects in order to maximize local funding to address homelessness, this may include ranking a lower scoring project to meet HUD priorities for Collaborative Application points or that serve priority populations.

**Applicants who voluntarily reallocate HUD CoC renewal funding (do not re-apply with a comprehensive plan of how they will keep current residents permanently housed) will receive 5 bonus points on other renewal or new applications.** VC CoC Data, Performance and Evaluation Committee is comprised of formerly homeless persons, community professionals, service providers, veterans and supported by VC CoC Staff. The committee will review and rank proposals for recommendations to the VC CoC Board.

**Competitive Proposed Projects Will:**

- Assist VC CoC in maximizing funding for the region to address homelessness by meeting HUD’s established threshold, merit and risk reviews.
- Leverages mainstream health, social and employment programs.
- Clearly meet the CoC Program funding goals and objectives of HUD and the Ventura County CoC.
- Have a clear plan for acquiring dedicated housing units for the project (PH-PSH; PH-RRH; TH).
- Work effectively with the [Ventura County Coordinated Entry System, Pathways to Home](#).
- Be based upon best practices and the most effective, evidence-based, culturally competent, and individualized client models possible.
- Include plans to successfully meet HUD and local performance measures.
- Be administered by organizations that have demonstrated experience providing similar services and serving the proposed population (all project types) with successful outcomes.
- Require program participation in supportive services.

**Eligible Applicants:** Applications will only be accepted from eligible nonprofit agencies, private nonprofit organizations, units of government, and public housing agencies. New applicants who have not previously received CoC grant awards are encouraged to apply. Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization. HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations.

**Match Funding Requirements:** 25% match funds are required. As described by HUD: “Match and leverage are two distinct categories of program funds that are acquired from other sources not associated with this grant request (24 CFR 578.73). Match funds must be used for program eligible costs only and must be equal or greater than 25 percent of the total grant request for all eligible costs with the exception of leasing costs.”

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

1. HUD funds cannot be used to supplant current existing funds for an existing program.
2. Projects must be able to meet timeliness standards. The applicant is expected to initiate approved projects promptly in accordance with the requirements that are specified in the FY26 HUD CoC NOFO. Grant terms and associated grant operations may not extend beyond the availability of funds. Applicants must plan accordingly and only submit applications that can achieve project goals and outcomes within the specified grant term.
3. Applicants must meet HUD recipient and/or sub-recipient eligibility requirements.
4. Participation in the [Homeless Management Information System](#) (HMIS) is required of all HUD grant recipients.
5. Participation in the Coordinated Entry System, [Pathways to Home](#), in Ventura County is required including filling units with referrals from Pathways to Home and prioritizing resources for the most vulnerable persons and households.
6. Projects must provide documentation of 25% match of eligible funds or in-kind services. An MOU is required with submission if applicant is fulfilling match with in-kind services.
7. Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing and Transitional Housing projects must provide on-site supportive services or have an agreement for a partner agency to do so.
8. 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. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements in sections I.B.3.a, III.B.4.a.(3), (4) and (5), and the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established in sections III.C.4.a. and b. of the HUD CoC NOFO. CoCs may only reallocate eligible renewal projects so long as the renewal project being reduced

or eliminated has a current grant agreement with an expiration date in calendar year 2027.

9. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing. Projects that provide the treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements will be prioritized.
10. Updated HUD Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B) that includes a certification that the applicant will not use federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws.
11. New Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards in which the Collaborative Applicant must certify a demonstrated need for all PH projects included in the Renewal Project Listing and that they all comply with program requirements, including HQS or Habitability Standards (whichever is applicable).
12. New Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points for new projects applying within an Opportunity Zone.

In addition to these general requirements and the changes noted in the Overview, the following threshold criteria will also be applied by HUD for new and renewal projects:

Page 60 of HUD CoC NOFO includes the following chart:

Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:

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| <p>The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).</p>   |
| <p>The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B above and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).</p> <p>This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.</p> |

For the project quality threshold, new or expanded project applications must meet the following criteria:

1. Whether the type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the program participants;
2. Whether the type and scale of the supportive services fit the needs of the program participants—this includes all supportive services, regardless of funding source;
3. Whether the specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants;
4. Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs;
5. Whether the cost is reasonable per household according to 2 CFR 200.404.

## **SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Please use the HUD e-snaps system to prepare and submit a project proposal. Be certain to answer all questions and reference the 2026 VC CoC Rank and Review Policy for scoring of project proposals.

E-snaps can be accessed at: <https://esnaps.hud.gov>

**In addition, email one PDF copy of the complete e-snaps project application, supplemental questions with a cover letter signed by the organization’s authorized representative to [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov) upon e-snaps submittal. This must include a PDF copy of the attachments and supplemental questions.**

## **EVALUATION and PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS**

The VC CoC Data, Performance and Evaluation committee will review submissions and make scoring and ranking recommendations. Committee members will be unbiased and cannot have a personal or financial interest in final recommendations to the VC CoC Board. The VC CoC Ranking and Selection Policy and scoring tool is posted at <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>.

The successfully ranked projects will be recommended for selection based on the following criteria:

1. Cost effectiveness
2. Leveraging of mainstream resources (e.g. Medicaid and SSI)
3. System Performance Data (project contribution)

4. Annual Performance Report (APR) outcomes, including returns to homelessness, employment income performance, supportive services engagement participation requirements
5. Population served
6. Projects require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching supportive service agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) implemented consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h), 578.91, Fair Housing, VAWA, and Equal Access.
7. Availability of substance use disorder treatment or recovery-oriented services
8. Financial commitment (25% match)
9. CoC participation/VC CoC Partner Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Recommendations from the VC CoC Data Performance and Evaluation Committee for ranking and inclusion of projects in the Collaborative Application will be considered and finalized by the VC CoC Board on August 6, 2026. Proposals will be reviewed in reference to past performance, organizational capacity, project approach, design and cost effectiveness, as outlined in the VC CoC Rank and Review Policy.

Please note that the CoC will rank projects into two tiers. Projects ranked in Tier 1 will be renewals that preserve housing opportunities and system requirements. Projects ranked in Tier 2 are competitively awarded at the national level and based on the CoC Collaborative Applicant score, the local project ranking and implementing service participation requirements.

HUD will still review, after submission as part of the CoC Collaborative Application, for threshold, merit and risk.

Solo applications (individual agency) may be submitted directly to HUD in e-snaps if HUD determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the local Continuum of Care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. HUD may award such solo grant projects to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the HUD Secretary.

Applicants will be notified by July 29, 2026, of the VC CoC Data Committee's recommended priority project ranking. Appeals based on specific criteria must be submitted in writing via email to the VC CoC Board by 4pm on July 31, 2026, to [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov)

Appeals will be reviewed and considered by the VC CoC Board on August 6, 2026 for the final priority ranking. Applicants may appeal any of the following decisions of the VC CoC:

- 1) Placement of project into Tier 2
- 2) Reduction in funding
- 3) Project not included in final FY26 VC CoC consolidated application.

Appeals may be made **ONLY** on the following basis:

- Inaccuracy in information provided to the Review and Rank Panel (by entities other than the applicant) resulting in a reduced score; or
- A failure of CoC staff or the VC CoC Data Performance and Evaluation Committee to follow the Review and Rank process resulting in a reduced score

NOTE: Appeals based on policy considerations, funding priorities, or other subjective criteria will not be considered and are not eligible for technical appeal.

## **REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS in e-SNAPS:**

Please visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
2. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application required for nonprofit applicants only where completion and submission of this survey is voluntary;
3. HUD-424B – Form  
 Applications must include this form which includes assurances and certifications regarding civil rights and other Federal requirements.
  - a. SF-424B Assurances for Non-Construction Programs OR;
  - b. SF-424D Assurances for Construction Programs  
 The NOFO may require you to submit the SF-424B form in addition to the HUD-424B. If your project involves construction, you must submit the SF-424D form in addition to the HUD424B.
4. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report;
5. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
6. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;
7. Applicant Code of Conduct that complies with 2 CFR part 200;
8. Demonstration of nonprofit status, via IRS or CA State tax exemption certificate, or copy of certificate of incorporation;
9. SF-424A – Form (Application budget must support your project activities and it should specify annual allocations to each activity, 2 CFR 200 Cost Principles);
10. Match commitments for a minimum of 25%;
11. Formal letter of commitment for leveraging Non-CoC/ESG funded housing units/subsidies. Commitment must include details of number of units/subsidies and funding sources;

12. **Formal letter of commitment for leveraging behavioral health and/or healthcare resources to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Formal agreement must include the project name, value of commitment and specific dates the resources will be provided;**
13. Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards; and
14. Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference, if applicable.

## DEADLINE

Proposals must be submitted via e-snaps and emailed to [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on July 17, 2026, by 5pm. Submission procedures are described starting on page 13 of this VC CoC NOFO.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by VC CoC staff and then reviewed and ranked by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee on July 28, 2026, for recommendations to be forwarded to the CoC Board on August 6, 2026. Please note that HMIS reports will be pulled by VC CoC staff for the prior grant reporting period as part of this review process. Proposals that are approved to move forward to be submitted in the Consolidated Application will work with VC CoC staff to revise applications to be most competitive in the national HUD CoC application process.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The regulations for the Continuum of Care program may be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/>

A **mandatory** VC CoC NOFO Workshop for all new and renewal applicants will be held on **June 15, 2026, at 9:00am via Microsoft Teams**. Meeting access information is available here:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/22050065898285?p=Om3RIABxR0TsFggQ>

Workshop details are also available on the VC CoC website calendar: <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>

All parties intending to apply for funding are strongly encouraged to review the program regulations. Proposals which do not conform to the regulations will not be considered for funding. VC CoC NOFO related questions should be sent via email to the VC CoC team at [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov).

For general HUD CoC questions, please contact Kimberlee Albers, Homelessness Solutions Director at 805-654-2455, or [kimberlee.albers@venturacounty.gov](mailto:kimberlee.albers@venturacounty.gov).

Additional supportive documentation may be requested by VC CoC staff of new applicants.

## **AWARDING OF FUNDS**

Please be aware that project applications need to be finalized in the HUD e-snaps system by 5:00pm on July 17, 2026 with supplemental questions emailed to [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov). The projects recommended by the VC CoC Data, Performance and Evaluation Committee will be notified no later than July 29, 2026 and then recommendations will be finalized by the VC CoC Board on August 6, 2026.

If the funding is awarded by HUD, grant funds are estimated to be made available by HUD by **January 1, 2027**. The timing of awards and agreements by HUD is outside of the control of the County of Ventura or VC CoC. Agencies seeking and receiving new funding must be aware of all operating year start and end dates and must make arrangements to cover any period of which a HUD funding award is pending, delayed, or not awarded.

**Further changes to this VC CoC NOFO may be required as HUD amends the FY26 HUD CoC NOFO or when the E-snaps application opens. A notice will be issued widely and posted on the VC CoC website as changes are made.**