North Dakota-500
Statewide Continuum of Care

HUD Continuum of Care Program Application

2026 Local Competition Packet

Local Competition Materials for Agencies Applying for CoC Funding

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INTRODUCTION

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is a national competition between geographic areas designed to:

- promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)], and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and homeless youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and
- optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) supports the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness, and to sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities across the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth ages 24 and younger, including unaccompanied youth and pregnant or parenting youth.

The FY 2026 ND CoC Program Competition Packet is intended to provide project applicants with an overview of the ND-500 Continuum of Care local competition process, ND CoC requirements, and select HUD funding requirements for the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition.

This packet is intended to supplement, not replace, the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (FY 2026 NOFO), HUD regulations, and other HUD guidance. Project applicants are responsible for reviewing the FY 2026 NOFO, applicable federal regulations, and all HUD guidance documents.

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The CoC Program Competition occurs annually through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Each Fiscal Year (FY) competition process begins with the registration of Continuums of Care (CoCs) by the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicants, followed by the review of Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIWs) and release of the annual CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The competition process concludes when HUD releases final award announcements.

To be eligible for CoC Program funding, each CoC must submit a Consolidated Application to HUD by the established deadline. The Consolidated Application includes:

1. A CoC Application describing the CoC's governance structure, system performance, strategic planning efforts, and coordination of housing and services within the geographic area.
2. Project Applications submitted by eligible entities seeking funding for new or renewal projects.
3. The CoC Priority Listing, which establishes the CoC's local funding priorities, ranks all project applications, and identifies any projects rejected through the local competition process.

HUD requires CoCs to rank all project applications except CoC Planning projects and, if applicable, Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Costs projects. To be considered for inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application, project applicants must participate in the ND CoC local competition process.

Projects rejected through the local competition process may submit a Solo Application directly to HUD, consistent with HUD requirements.

FY 2026 NOFO Information
Funding Opportunity Number: CPD-2600-DC-0025

Federal Assistance Listing: 14.267

HUD Deadlines
Consolidated Application Due Date: August 26, 2026, 7:00 p.m. CST

Note: Project applications must be submitted to the ND CoC by the ND CoC-established project application deadlines, not the HUD Consolidated Application deadline.

HUD Anticipated Award Date
December 1, 2026

New projects conditionally awarded through the FY 2026 CoC Competition are generally anticipated to begin operating in calendar year 2027 following HUD award announcements and grant agreement execution. Actual project start dates and grant terms are determined by HUD and may vary by project type and funding source.

Available Funding
Approximately $4.04 billion is available through the FY 2026 NOFO. HUD expects to make approximately 7,000 awards through this competition.

At least $52.0 million is available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

Estimated funding available within the ND-500 CoC will be determined by HUD through the FY 2026 NOFO Registration process, including the release of the FY 2026 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) and Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Report.

Funding anticipated to be available may include:

- Annual Renewal Demand
- Tier 1 Funding
- Tier 2 Funding
- CoC Bonus Funding

- DV Bonus Funding
- CoC Planning Funding

HUD has established Tier 1 funding at 60% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for the FY 2026 NOFO. Projects ranked outside of Tier 1 may be subject to increased competition and funding risk based on HUD scoring and funding determinations.

The ND CoC will update funding amounts and competition materials once HUD releases the FY 2026 GIW and ARD Report.

KEY DATES AND COMPETITION TIMELINE

The following dates apply to the FY 2026 ND CoC local competition process. Project applicants are responsible for monitoring all ND CoC communications for updates or revisions to competition timelines and requirements.

- June 1, 2026 – FY 2026 Program Competition NOFO published by HUD
- June 17, 2026 – Intent to Apply and Threshold Requirements due to ND CoC
- June 30, 2026 – NOFO Application Lab: New Projects
- July 1, 2026 – NOFO Application Lab: Renewal Projects
- July 15, 2026 – Project Applications and required documentation due to ND CoC
- August 5, 2026 – Rating and Ranking Committee review meeting
- August 5, 2026 – Project applicants notified of inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application
- August 12, 2026 – Project responses and appeals due to ND CoC
- *August 14, 2026 – Appeals review meeting, if necessary*
- *August 14, 2026 – Project applicants notified of appeal outcome and amended rankings/scores, if applicable*
- August 14, 2026 – Final project application revisions due to ND CoC
- August 19, 2026 – Recommended ND CoC Consolidated Application posted on ND CoC website
- August 20, 2026 – ND CoC Membership vote on ND CoC Consolidated Application
- August 20, 2026 – Approved ND CoC Consolidated Application posted on the ND CoC website
- August 24, 2026 – ND CoC Consolidated Application and CoC Priority Listing submitted to HUD
- August 26, 2026 – HUD Competition deadline

HUD GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition emphasizes projects and system strategies that align with HUD's goals and objectives, including:

Goal 1: Improving Outcomes
Emphasizes projects and system strategies that improve housing outcomes, reduce homelessness and unsheltered homelessness, promote self-sufficiency, minimize the trauma caused by homelessness, and strengthen overall CoC system performance through effective and housing-focused project design and service delivery.

Goal 2: Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
Emphasizes a competitive, performance-based process that promotes accountability, innovation, effective project performance, and strategic investment in projects and system strategies that improve housing outcomes, reduce homelessness, and strengthen overall CoC system performance.

Goal 3: Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
Emphasizes a balanced continuum of housing and service interventions, including Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing, Supportive Service Only, and HMIS projects, to support community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness, improve self-sufficiency, and expand access to a broader range of housing and supportive service options.

Goal 4: Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency
Emphasizes projects and system strategies that support long-term housing stability, self-sufficiency, treatment and recovery services, behavioral health partnerships, and access to supportive services that assist individuals and families in achieving and maintaining stable housing.

Goal 5: Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
Emphasizes projects and system strategies that promote economic self-sufficiency, employment, income growth, supportive services, and long-term housing stability to help individuals and families exit homelessness and reduce future returns to homelessness.

Goal 6: Advancing Public Safety for All
Emphasizes projects and system strategies that reduce unsheltered homelessness and encampments, promote community safety and housing stability, minimize trauma associated with homelessness, and support collaboration among service providers, first responders, law enforcement, and community partners to connect individuals and families to housing and supportive services.

Goal 7: Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
Emphasizes projects and system strategies that minimize trauma associated with homelessness, promote participant safety, and support trauma-informed approaches for vulnerable populations, including youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Goal 8: Expanding Access Based on Merit and Not Ideology
Emphasizes equal access, nondiscrimination, fair and competitive funding processes, and participation by eligible providers, including faith-based organizations, in community-wide efforts to address homelessness in accordance with applicable HUD requirements and federal law.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for funding, applicants must meet all ND CoC and HUD statutory, regulatory, threshold, and project quality requirements. Project applicants must comply with ND CoC deadlines, request eligible activities, adequately answer all application questions, and submit all required documentation to be considered eligible for funding.

Eligible Applicants
Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are identified at 24 CFR 578.15 and in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and include:

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities and Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Other entities identified in the FY 2026 NOFO

Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization.

Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible to apply for CoC Program funding. Additionally, for-profit entities may not serve as subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.

Federal Requirements
To be eligible for funding under the FY 2026 NOFO and YHDP Grants NOFO, project applicants must meet all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements contained in:

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389)
- The CoC Program Rule (24 CFR part 578)
- The FY 2026 NOFO
- Applicable HUD guidance and notices

Restrictions
Applicants must meet the current General Statutory and Regulatory Eligibility Requirements for HUD Competitive Grant Programs. HUD will review eligibility requirements before issuing an award.

Applicants with outstanding unresolved civil rights matters may be determined ineligible for funding.

Applications must satisfy all applicable HUD application review requirements identified in the FY 2026 NOFO.

Registration Requirements
Before submitting a project application through e-snaps, project applicants must have the following:

- SAM.gov Registration
  Applicants must maintain an active registration in SAM.gov before submitting an application and throughout the application and grant term.
- Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
  Applicants must provide a valid UEI number registered and active in SAM.gov. DUNS numbers are no longer accepted.

Because registration and renewals may take several weeks, project applicants are strongly encouraged to begin the registration or renewal process as early as possible.

Match Requirements
CoC Program recipients must match all grant funds, except leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent cash or in-kind contributions from other sources, in accordance with 24 CFR 578.73.

Project applicants intending to use program income as match must provide an estimate of the amount of program income to be used as match.

HUD will not require YHDP Renewal or Replacement projects to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant demonstrates it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available to youth experiencing homelessness.

For complete eligibility, threshold, and project quality requirements, applicants should review the FY 2026 NOFO, applicable federal regulations, and all HUD guidance documents.

Indirect Costs
Project applicants intending to charge indirect costs to a CoC Program grant must comply with HUD indirect cost requirements and include all required indirect cost documentation in the e-snaps application, as applicable.

Project applicants should review the FY 2026 NOFO and applicable federal requirements for complete indirect cost requirements and allowable documentation.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES

The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO allows eligible applicants to apply for renewal, new, expansion, consolidation, replacement, and transition grants, subject to HUD eligibility requirements and funding availability.

Project applicants are responsible for reviewing the FY 2026 NOFO for complete project eligibility, funding requirements, project component eligibility, funding limitations, allowable activities, project quality threshold requirements, and grant term eligibility requirements.

Grant terms are determined by HUD and may vary by project type and funding source.

Planning Projects
CoC Planning funds may only be requested by the ND CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant in accordance with HUD requirements. CoC Planning projects are not included in the local competition ranking process.

Renewal Projects
Eligible renewal project types may include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (Joint TH/RRH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) *
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) projects

Renewal projects must meet all HUD eligibility, performance, and threshold requirements to be considered for renewal funding.

Eligible renewal project applications must have an existing grant agreement with an expiration date in Calendar Year 2027, consistent with HUD requirements.

* *Dedicated HMIS projects may only be operated by the ND CoC HMIS Lead Agency.*

New Projects
HUD allows new projects through:

- CoC Bonus funding
- Reallocation funding
- DV Bonus funding
- YHDP replacement funding, as applicable

Eligible new project types may include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) *
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

New Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing (Joint TH/RRH) projects are not eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO.

The ND CoC reserves the right to establish local priorities regarding the types of new projects accepted during the local competition process.

New project applicants must demonstrate the ability to timely implement and operate the proposed project in accordance with HUD requirements.

Certain new project types may be eligible for extended initial grant terms to allow for project startup and implementation activities, consistent with HUD requirements.

The ND CoC does not anticipate accepting new project applications requesting new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation costs during the FY 2026 local competition process.

** The ND CoC currently operates a statewide SSO-CE project through the ND CoC HMIS Lead Agency. New SSO-CE applications will generally only be considered if the proposed project demonstrates a clear need to expand or enhance Coordinated Entry coverage, access, or capacity within the ND CoC geographic area.*

Domestic Violence Renewal Projects
Eligible DV Renewal projects previously funded through DV Bonus funding may apply for renewal funding through the FY 2026 NOFO, subject to HUD eligibility, threshold, and performance requirements.

Domestic Violence Bonus (DV Bonus) Projects
HUD allows DV Bonus funding for projects dedicated to serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness and fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Eligible DV Bonus project types may include:

- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)

DV Bonus project applicants must demonstrate experience serving individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, consistent with HUD requirements.

DV Bonus projects may only request 1 year of funding, consistent with HUD requirements.

Expansion, Consolidation, and Transition Grants
HUD allows eligible projects to apply for expansion, consolidation, replacement, and transition grants in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Expansion project applications must meet applicable HUD eligibility and threshold requirements and must expand an eligible renewal project in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Consolidation projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component type.

Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of the ND CoC.

Project applicants considering these project types are strongly encouraged to consult with the ND CoC prior to submitting a project application.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)
YHDP renewal and replacement projects are eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO, subject to HUD eligibility and YHDP requirements. Under the FY 2026 NOFO, HUD will competitively award all YHDP projects, including renewal and replacement YHDP projects.

HUD will only fund new YHDP Reallocation projects through the YHDP Replacement process. Eligible project types may include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)

- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- HMIS

YHDP projects may only be reallocated or replaced with other eligible YHDP project types, consistent with HUD requirements.

YHDP projects may only serve eligible youth populations in accordance with HUD YHDP requirements.

ND COC LOCAL COMPETITION PROCESS

The ND CoC local competition process is designed to ensure all project applications are reviewed consistently and in accordance with HUD requirements, ND CoC policies and procedures, and local funding priorities.

All project applicants seeking funding through the FY 2026 NOFO must comply with all ND CoC deadlines, policies, procedures, and submission requirements.

Intent to Apply and Threshold Review
Project applicants must complete the ND CoC Intent to Apply and Threshold Requirements process by the established ND CoC deadline to be invited to continue in the local competition process. The ND CoC will review submitted materials to determine whether project applicants meet applicable HUD and ND CoC threshold requirements.

The Intent to Apply and Threshold Review process is used to:

- Determine project eligibility
- Confirm project type eligibility
- Verify threshold requirements
- Identify required application materials

Project applicants who fail to complete the Intent to Apply and Threshold Requirements process by the established deadline will be ineligible to apply for funding through the ND CoC local competition.

Invitation to Apply
Project applicants meeting threshold requirements will be invited to submit a full project application for consideration in the FY 2026 ND CoC local competition.

Invited project applicants are responsible for ensuring they have active access to HUD's e-snaps system to complete and submit required project application materials.

Local Competition Process
The ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee will review project applications for eligibility, threshold compliance, project quality, organizational capacity, performance, and consistency with HUD and ND CoC priorities.

Project applicants are responsible for:

- Completing all required application materials
- Submitting accurate and complete information
- Attaching all required supporting documentation
- Following all ND CoC submission instructions and deadlines
- Ensuring consistency between all submitted application materials

Incomplete applications, inaccurate information, late submissions, or submissions that do not follow ND CoC instructions may negatively impact project scoring or result in the application not being reviewed, ranked, or included in the ND CoC Consolidated Application.

Project Ranking and Priority Listing
The ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee will review, evaluate, score, and rank all eligible project applications in accordance with:

- HUD requirements
- The FY 2026 NOFO
- ND CoC policies and procedures
- ND CoC-approved scorecards

The ND CoC will rank projects within HUD-established Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding levels in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO. Projects may partially fall within both Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding levels based on

HUD-established funding limits. In these cases, a portion of the project may be placed in Tier 1, with the remaining balance placed in Tier 2 on the CoC Priority Listing.

The local competition review process includes:

- Project scoring
- Performance review
- HMIS and data quality review
- Financial and grant management review
- Review of project capacity and system participation

The ND CoC Board of Directors and ND CoC Membership will review and approve the final CoC Priority Listing prior to submission to HUD.

Projects rejected through the local competition process may submit a Solo Application directly to HUD, consistent with HUD requirements.

Appeals Process
Project applicants may appeal project scoring, ranking, rejection, or reduction decisions in accordance with the ND CoC Ranking and Review Policy and established ND CoC competition timelines.

Collaborative Application Submission
The ND CoC will prepare and submit the FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing, to HUD by the established HUD deadline following completion of the local competition process and required ND CoC approval processes.

Project Notifications
The ND CoC will notify project applicants in writing regarding project ranking, rejection, reduction, inclusion in the CoC Priority Listing, and appeals outcomes in accordance with HUD requirements and ND CoC timelines.

Technical Assistance
The ND CoC will provide technical assistance opportunities during the local competition process. Additional information regarding Application Labs and technical assistance expectations is outlined in the Technical Assistance section of this packet.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Project applicants are responsible for completing and submitting all required HUD and ND CoC application materials in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO, ND CoC policies and procedures, and established competition deadlines.

E-snaps Application Requirements
Project applicants must complete all required HUD application components in e-snaps.

Project applicants are responsible for:

- Maintaining an active e-snaps account
- Maintaining an active SAM.gov registration
- Maintaining an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)
- Ensuring consistency between the e-snaps application and ND CoC local application materials

Project applicants are responsible for completing and submitting all HUD-required forms, assurances, certifications, and attachments required through e-snaps and identified in the FY 2026 NOFO. Applicants should review the FY 2026 NOFO for complete application form, certification, and submission requirements.

HUD Forms, Assurances, and Certifications
Project applicants are responsible for completing and submitting all HUD-required forms, assurances, certifications, and attachments identified in the FY 2026 NOFO and required through e-snaps, as applicable. Project applicants must ensure all required forms, certifications, and attachments are complete, accurate, and submitted by all applicable deadlines.

Local Application Submission Requirements
Project applicants invited to continue in the local competition process will receive submission instructions and a secure link for submitting ND CoC local competition materials.

Required Submission Materials
Project applicants are responsible for submitting complete and accurate application materials by all established deadlines. Late submissions or submissions that do not follow ND CoC submission instructions will not be considered. Failure to comply with ND CoC submission requirements or deadlines may result in the application not being reviewed, ranked, or included in the ND CoC Consolidated Application or CoC Priority Listing.

Required materials may include:

- Intent to Apply and Threshold Requirements documentation
- Local application forms
- HUD application exports
- APR reports, including agency-wide APRs for new project applicants and project-specific APRs for renewal project applicants
- Match documentation or verification, as required by HUD or the ND CoC
- Financial documentation
- Required certifications and attachments
- Additional supporting documentation requested by the ND CoC

The ND CoC reserves the right to request additional information, clarification, or supporting documentation during the local competition process to verify threshold eligibility, project readiness, project performance, or compliance with HUD and ND CoC requirements.

Submission of an application does not guarantee inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application or funding from HUD.

Renewal Project Requirements
Renewal project applicants must ensure:

- APR data is complete and accurate

- HMIS data quality requirements are met
- Expenditures and drawdowns are current
- Project performance information is accurate
- Required monitoring or corrective action responses have been submitted, if applicable

Renewal projects must demonstrate compliance with HUD and ND CoC requirements to be considered for renewal funding.

New Project Requirements
New project applicants must clearly demonstrate:

- Project eligibility under the FY 2026 NOFO
- Organizational capacity to operate the proposed project
- Financial management capacity
- Operational readiness and implementation capacity
- Alignment with ND CoC priorities and community needs
- Ability to meet HUD performance and reporting requirements

Projects lacking sufficient demonstrated operational readiness, implementation capacity, staffing, or program infrastructure may be determined ineligible or may not be recommended for inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application.

Submission Standards
Project applicants must:

- Follow all ND CoC formatting and submission instructions
- Submit applications and attachments by the established deadlines
- Respond to ND CoC requests for clarification or corrections, if applicable

Failure to comply with ND CoC submission requirements or deadlines may result in the application not being reviewed, ranked, or included in the ND CoC Consolidated Application.

Applicant Responsibility
Project applicants are responsible for reviewing:

- The FY 2026 NOFO
- Applicable federal regulations
- ND CoC policies and procedures
- ND CoC competition materials
- HUD guidance and notices
- e-snaps instructional materials

Project applicants are encouraged to maintain copies of all submitted application materials for their records.

Budget Requirements
A project budget must be completed in e-snaps and align with the proposed project activities and narrative responses. Project applicants are responsible for ensuring all requested costs are eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO and applicable HUD regulations.

Funding requests for ineligible costs or activities identified by HUD may result in the project application being rejected, reduced, or determined ineligible for funding.

Project applicants should review the FY 2026 NOFO for complete information regarding eligible costs, allowable activities, and budget requirements.

Narratives and Attachments
Narrative responses and required attachments must be completed and uploaded in e-snaps, as applicable. Project applicants are responsible for providing complete and accurate narrative responses

that demonstrate project eligibility, organizational capacity, and compliance with HUD and ND CoC threshold requirements.

Technical Difficulties
Project applicants experiencing technical difficulties with e-snaps are responsible for contacting HUD immediately, documenting all attempts to obtain technical assistance, and notifying the ND CoC, as applicable.

Code of Conduct
Project applicants are responsible for ensuring their organization maintains a current Code of Conduct, as required by HUD.

HUD & ND COC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

All project applications submitted through the ND CoC local competition process must meet HUD and ND CoC threshold requirements to be considered for review, ranking, and inclusion in the ND-500 CoC Consolidated Application.

Threshold review is a **pass/fail** review conducted prior to project scoring and ranking.

Projects that fail to meet threshold requirements may be rejected from the local competition process and may not be reviewed, ranked, or included in the ND CoC Consolidated Application.

HUD Threshold Requirements
Project applicants must meet all HUD threshold requirements identified in:

- The FY 2026 NOFO
- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- The CoC Program Rule (24 CFR part 578)
- Applicable HUD notices and guidance

HUD threshold requirements may include, but are not limited to:

- Eligible applicant status
- Eligible project type and activities
- Required registrations and identifiers
- Match requirements
- Financial and grant management capacity
- Compliance with federal requirements
- Project quality requirements
- Timely and complete application submission

HUD Risk Review
HUD may conduct a risk assessment or review of project applicants before issuing an award, consistent with the FY 2026 NOFO and applicable federal requirements.

ND CoC Threshold Requirements
In addition to HUD requirements, project applicants must meet ND CoC local threshold requirements established through:

- ND CoC policies and procedures
- Intent to Apply and Threshold Requirements process
- ND CoC application instructions
- ND CoC-approved competition materials

ND CoC threshold review may include, but is not limited to:

- Timely submission of required materials
- Completion of all required local application documents
- Participation in the ND CoC Coordinated Entry (CARES) system, as applicable
- HMIS participation and data quality compliance, as applicable
- Review of project expenditures and drawdowns
- Outstanding monitoring findings or corrective actions
- Compliance with ND CoC policies and procedures
- Consistency between local application materials and e-snaps submissions

All CoC-funded projects must participate in the ND CoC Coordinated Entry (CARES) system, as applicable, and consistent with HUD and ND CoC requirements.

Threshold Review Process
The ND CoC will conduct a threshold review of all submitted project applications prior to project scoring and ranking.

During threshold review, the ND CoC may:

- Request clarification or additional documentation
- Identify technical deficiencies
- Establish correction deadlines for curable deficiencies, when permitted

Failure to respond to ND CoC requests for clarification or correction by the established deadline may result in the project being determined ineligible for review or ranking.

Threshold Determinations
Projects determined to meet threshold requirements will proceed to the local review, scoring, and ranking process.

Projects determined not to meet threshold requirements may:

- Be rejected from the local competition process
- Be removed from consideration for inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application
- Be subject to appeal in accordance with the ND CoC Ranking and Review Policy, when applicable

Project applicants are responsible for reviewing all HUD and ND CoC threshold requirements and ensuring all application materials are complete, accurate, and submitted by the established deadlines.

RANKING & SCORING

The ND CoC conducts an annual local review, scoring, and ranking process to evaluate project applications submitted for inclusion in the ND-500 CoC Consolidated Application to HUD.

All eligible project applications will be reviewed and ranked in accordance with:

- The FY 2026 NOFO
- HUD regulations and guidance
- ND CoC policies and procedures
- ND CoC-approved scorecards
- ND CoC local priorities

The local competition process is intended to support a fair, transparent, and objective evaluation of project applications based on project quality, system performance, organizational capacity, and alignment with HUD and ND CoC priorities. The ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee will review project applications for completeness, eligibility, project quality, performance, and compliance with HUD and ND CoC requirements.

HUD will independently review and score project applications in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Project applicants should review the FY 2026 NOFO for HUD funding priorities, goals, and policy objectives that may impact project review, scoring, ranking, and funding determinations.

Rating and Ranking Committee
The ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee is responsible for reviewing, scoring, and ranking eligible project applications.

Committee members must comply with all ND CoC conflict-of-interest and recusal requirements. Individuals with an actual or perceived conflict of interest related to a project application may not participate in the review, scoring, ranking, or discussion of that project.

Scoring Process
Project applications will be evaluated using ND CoC scorecards and supporting documentation submitted through the local competition process.

Scoring may include review of:

- Project performance outcomes
- Housing stability and positive exits
- HMIS participation and data quality
- Financial management and grant expenditures
- ND CoC Coordinated Entry (CARES) system
- Organizational capacity
- Project design and implementation
- Implementation of housing-focused and low-barrier practices consistent with HUD and ND CoC priorities
- Alignment with HUD and ND CoC priorities
- Participation in ND CoC activities and local planning efforts

Renewal, new, DV Bonus, HMIS, and other project types may utilize separate scorecards or scoring criteria.

Review Factors
The ND CoC may consider additional factors during the review and ranking process, including:

- HUD monitoring findings
- Outstanding corrective actions
- Timeliness of expenditures and drawdowns
- Project utilization

- Audit findings
- Compliance with ND CoC policies and procedures
- Performance trends
- Community and system impact

Tier 1 and Tier 2 Funding
HUD requires CoCs to rank projects within Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding levels established through the CoC Program Competition process.

The ND CoC will rank projects in accordance with HUD requirements and available funding levels identified through the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and HUD funding calculations.

The ND CoC will rank projects within the HUD-established Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding levels in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Projects may partially fall within Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding levels based on HUD-established funding limits. In these cases, a portion of the project may be placed in Tier 1 with the remaining balance placed in Tier 2 on the CoC Priority Listing.

Priority Listing
Following completion of the local competition process, the ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee will recommend a final project ranking and CoC Priority Listing to the ND CoC Board of Directors and ND CoC Membership for review and approval.

The approved CoC Priority Listing will be included in the ND-500 CoC Consolidated Application submitted to HUD.

Appeals
Project applicants may appeal project ranking or rejection determinations in accordance with the ND CoC Ranking and Review Policy and applicable HUD requirements.

Final Funding Determinations
HUD retains sole authority for final funding determinations. Inclusion in the ND CoC Consolidated Application or placement on the CoC Priority Listing does not guarantee funding.

HUD may adjust funding amounts, project awards, and budget line items consistent with the FY 2026 NOFO.

HUD will issue award notifications to the authorized official identified in the project application and will notify unsuccessful applicants in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Post-Award Requirements and Administration
Projects conditionally awarded funding from HUD through the FY 2026 NOFO remain subject to all applicable HUD requirements, grant agreement requirements, ND CoC policies and procedures, monitoring requirements, reporting requirements, expenditure deadlines, and federal regulations following award notification and grant execution.

Project recipients are responsible for complying with all applicable post-award requirements identified in the FY 2026 NOFO, 24 CFR Part 578, and related HUD guidance.

REALLOCATION

HUD allows Continuums of Care (CoCs) to reallocate funding from existing renewal projects to create new projects that better align with HUD priorities, improve system performance, and address community needs.

The ND CoC may consider reallocation as part of the annual local competition process in accordance with:

- The FY 2026 NOFO
- HUD regulations and guidance
- The ND CoC Reallocation Policy
- ND CoC local priorities and system needs

Purpose of Reallocation
Reallocation is intended to:

- Improve system performance
- Reallocate funding from lower-performing projects
- Support projects that better address current community needs
- Increase alignment with HUD and ND CoC priorities
- Improve housing outcomes and system effectiveness

Eligible Reallocation Activities
HUD allows CoCs to reallocate eligible renewal funding to create new projects consistent with the FY 2026 NOFO.

Eligible new project types created through reallocation may include:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO)
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Only eligible renewal projects with grant agreements expiring in Calendar Year 2027 may be considered for reallocation.

Project applicants are responsible for reviewing the FY 2026 NOFO for complete eligibility requirements related to reallocation.

ND CoC Reallocation Review
The ND CoC may consider the following factors when evaluating projects for potential reallocation:

- Project performance outcomes
- Housing stability and positive exits
- HMIS participation and data quality
- Utilization rates
- Expenditures and drawdowns
- Financial management capacity
- Compliance with HUD and ND CoC requirements
- Participation in ND CoC Coordinated Entry (CARES) system, as applicable
- Monitoring findings or corrective actions
- Alignment with ND CoC priorities and community needs

The ND CoC may consider whether reallocation would improve overall system performance, address identified service gaps, or increase access to housing resources.

Reallocation Process
Projects identified for potential reallocation will be reviewed in accordance with the ND CoC Reallocation Policy and applicable HUD requirements.

The reallocation process may include:

- Review of project performance and compliance information
- Communication with affected project applicants
- Opportunity for project improvement or corrective action, when applicable
- Review and recommendation by the ND CoC Rating and Ranking Committee
- Review and approval by the ND CoC Board of Directors

New Projects Created Through Reallocation
New projects created through reallocation funding must:

- Meet all HUD eligibility requirements
- Meet ND CoC threshold requirements
- Demonstrate organizational and financial capacity
- Align with HUD and ND CoC priorities
- Participate in ND CoC Coordinated Entry (CARES) system and HMIS, as applicable

Applicant Responsibility
Project applicants are responsible for reviewing the ND CoC Reallocation Policy, the FY 2026 NOFO, and all applicable HUD regulations and guidance related to reallocation.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The ND CoC will provide technical assistance throughout the FY 2026 local competition process related to local competition requirements, HUD requirements, ND CoC policies and procedures, and e-snaps.

Application Labs
The ND CoC will host two optional Application Labs during the local competition process. Application Labs are intended to assist project applicants with:

- Accessing and navigating e-snaps
- Reviewing application requirements
- Understanding local competition requirements
- Addressing technical application questions

Application Lab dates, times, and participation information will be distributed separately by the ND CoC.

ND CoC Communication
Project applicants are responsible for monitoring ND CoC communications throughout the competition process, including:

- Email announcements
- Competition guidance documents
- Updated forms or instructions
- Deadline reminders
- Clarifications or corrections

The ND CoC reserves the right to issue additional guidance, clarifications, or revised instructions throughout the competition process.

Applicant Responsibility
Technical assistance provided by the ND CoC does not replace the responsibility of project applicants to review applicable HUD and ND CoC requirements, complete required application materials, and comply with all competition deadlines and submission requirements.

The ND CoC will not complete, draft, prepare, or advise project applicants on how to answer application questions or narrative responses. The ND CoC may complete certain standardized application sections using data or information submitted by project applicants as part of the local competition process.

Technical assistance provided by the ND CoC does not guarantee project funding or scoring outcomes.

Competition Questions and e-snaps Assistance
Questions regarding the FY 2026 ND CoC local competition process, application requirements, or competition timelines should be directed to the ND CoC.

Contact Information:
Shawnel Willer, ND CoC Coordinator, smwiller@nd.gov

The ND CoC may provide general guidance regarding e-snaps navigation and competition requirements during scheduled Application Labs; however, the ND CoC cannot access, edit, complete, or troubleshoot individual e-snaps project applications on behalf of project applicants.

Project applicants experiencing technical difficulties related to e-snaps should contact HUD directly at CoCNOFO@hud.gov and document all attempts to obtain technical assistance.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A - ACRONYMS

APR	Annual Performance Report
ARD	Annual Renewal Demand
CARES	Coordinated Access, Referral, Evaluation, and Stabilization
CE	Coordinated Entry
CoC	Continuum of Care
DV	Domestic Violence
ESG	Emergency Solutions Grant
FPRN	Final Pro Rata Need
GIW	Grant Inventory Worksheet
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
NDHG	North Dakota Homeless Grant
PPRN	Preliminary Pro Rata Need
PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
RRH	Rapid Re-Housing
SSO	Supportive Services Only
SSO-CE	Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
TH	Transitional Housing
UEI	Unique Entity Identifier
YHDP	Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

APPENDIX B – ND COC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REFERENCE LIST

The following ND CoC policies and procedures may apply to project applicants participating in the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition:

- ND CoC Governance Charter
- ND CoC Written Standards
- ND CoC Ranking and Review Policy
- ND CoC Reallocation Policy
- CARES Policies and Procedures
- ND CoC Monitoring Plan
- ND CoC Emergency Transfer Plan
- ND CoC HMIS Policies and Procedures
- ND CoC Lived Experience Compensation Policy

Project applicants are responsible for complying with all applicable ND CoC policies and procedures. Applicants should contact the ND CoC for the most current versions of applicable policies and procedures.