

FY2026 TX-600 COC PROGRAM RANKING POLICY

Effective Date: 06/25/2026

Background

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition. CoCs are required to evaluate, score, and rank all project applications and determine which projects will be included in the community’s Consolidated Application. Each CoC is required to determine how they will rank new and renewal projects in alignment with HUD and CoC goals:

- Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream, local, and state programs; and
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Federal and Local Policy Priorities:

HUD’s FY 2026 NOFO outlines national policy objectives to support HUD’s goal of ending homelessness, which informs the local competition. CoC Consolidated Applications are scored by HUD based on the extent to which they demonstrate alignment with these areas.

1. Promoting Outcomes and Performance-based Competition
2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
3. Advancing Public Safety
4. Addressing Street Homelessness and Unmanaged Mental Health
5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
6. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations

Since 2021, the CoC has been transforming its response to homelessness by reorganizing around these objectives to ensure our community remains vibrant and safe for everyone, while delivering an effective response to street homelessness.

CoC Annual Priorities:

Each year, the CoC undertakes systemwide planning with public, private, and nonprofit partners to maximize available resources, implement high impact strategies, and remain accountable for results. The CoC has adopted the following annual priorities with the goal of eliminating and preventing street homelessness. CoC Program funding will be targeted to effectively fill system needs and gaps and leverage commitments from state, local, and mainstream partners. Priorities include:

1. Integrated street response, combining mental health and treatment services, outreach, and law enforcement to provide immediate relief on the ground.
2. Shelters and transitional housing are equipped to bring people inside, wrap individuals in services and navigate them into treatment and recovery, including effective coordination of institutional care when needed.
3. Pathways to stable living—supporting households to regain self-sufficiency, turning over beds so more people can come inside.

Funding Available

Funding Type	Amount	Description
Tier 1	TBA	60% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) Protected from cuts, if projects meet threshold requirements
Tier 2	TBA	Total remaining ARD (TBA), plus annual CoC Bonus (\$5.0 M) and DV Bonus (\$5.0 M) funding. Projects must compete nationally for funding.

CoC Planning	\$1,500,000	Funding available to the HUD-designated Collaborative Applicant to complete CoC planning activities, coordinate the CoC Consolidated Application for funding, and administer the annual Point in Time count.
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In addition to project tiering, HUD will conditionally award projects based on the following process:

1. Domestic Violence Bonus Projects up to \$104M (not including DV Reallocation or DV Renewal projects)
2. Permanent housing projects for Families with Children up to a \$430M
3. New Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects up to 1.3B

New project applications can be funded through bonus funding, as well as reallocation of renewal projects.

Ranking Policy:

All projects applying for Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding will be reviewed to ensure they meet HUD’s Project eligibility and quality threshold requirements as outlined HUD’s FY 2026 NOFO (CPD-2600-DC-0025).

Projects will be reviewed and ranked by the Independent Review Committee (IRC).

Ranking will be completed through a combination of factors including the Project Scorecards (which rate Projects objectively based on performance data and alignment with HUD and CoC Priorities), HUD priorities, and CoC Annual Priorities. All project applications must be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before HUD’s CoC Program application submission deadline, and projects must be notified in writing of the ranking decisions at least 15 days prior to the HUD deadline for submission.

The IRC has the discretion to reject Project that scores in the lowest 50% of all Projects from the CoC Consolidated Application. Projects ranked beyond the level of funding available will be rejected from the CoC Consolidated Application.

Ranking Priorities:

Tier 1 Ranking Priorities

1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) renewal projects will be prioritized and ranked in Tier 1 in accordance with the CoC Reallocation Plan, as funding availability allows.
 - a. To be ranked, Projects must meet Project eligibility and quality threshold requirements as outlined in Section V.A.4 of HUD’s FY 2026 NOFO (CPD-2600-DC-0025).
 - b. Projects will be ranked highest to lowest in order of the Project score and based on alignment with community needs and gaps, and alignment with HUD’s policy objectives.
 - c. First year PSH renewal projects will be ranked at the bottom of scored PSH projects in Tier 1.
2. Safe Haven Renewal Project
3. Rapid Rehousing Projects will be ranked in Tier 1 in accordance with the CoC Reallocation Plan, as funding availability allows.
 - a. To be ranked, Projects must meet Project eligibility and quality threshold requirements as outlined in Section V.A.4 of HUD’s FY 2026 NOFO (CPD-2600-DC-0025).
 - b. Projects will be ranked highest to lowest in order of the Project score and based on alignment with community needs and gaps, and alignment with HUD’s policy objectives.
4. Projects deemed essential to the CoC, including Coordinated Entry and HMIS Renewal Projects will be ranked at the bottom of Tier 1.

Tier 2 Ranking Priorities

The following projects will be prioritized for funding in Tier 2 in alignment with the CoC reallocation plan, as funding availability allows:

1. New Domestic Violence Bonus Expansion project
2. Renewal Rapid Rehousing projects for Families with Children
3. New Centralized Transitional Housing: The CoC Lead Agency will apply for new Transitional Housing to broaden the applicant pool and consolidate service partnerships in alignment with HUD and communitywide priorities to prevent street sleeping, and promote treatment, service participation, and self-sufficiency. Subrecipients for this Project will be selected through local competition.
4. New Supportive Services Only (SSO): The CoC Lead Agency will apply for new Supportive Services Only to broaden the applicant pool and supplement outreach with other public and private sources. Subrecipients for this Project will be selected through local competition.
5. New Transitional Housing Projects
6. New Supportive Services Only Projects

Other considerations for ranking projects include the following:

Preventing returns to homelessness: CoC Project ranking reflects continuity of assistance for tenants.

CoC Needs Assessment: Community needs are assessed through examining homelessness trends, continuous feedback from CoC Leadership Workgroups, Annual CoC Priorities, and current program investments.

Strategies to Eliminate and Prevent Street Homelessness: TX-600 has set out a system vision and priority strategies to ensure no one must sleep outside in our community, including veterans, youth, families, and single adults.

Alignment with HUD Policy Objectives: The IRC may consider the extent to which a Project aligns with HUD's national policy objectives outlined above.

Geography: TX-600 covers the entire geographic area of Dallas and Collin County. The IRC may consider geographic diversity to ensure that CoC programs are available to all people experiencing homelessness through the entire geography of the CoC.