



# MA Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## FY2025 CoC NOFO Concept Paper

The Massachusetts Balance of State Continuum of Care, MA-516, (BoS CoC), has the opportunity to apply for new projects in our response to the FY25 Continuum of Care Competition. We are requesting concept papers from interested parties for new projects with these components: Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only Street Outreach, and Domestic Violence TH. **We strongly encourage concepts from entities that have not pursued funding with the BoS CoC before, including faith-based organizations.**

We will review the concepts and funding available to determine which will be included in the NOFO response due January 14, 2025. Depending upon how many concept papers we receive and available funding, these are the actions we may take.

- Create one or more new projects for which the subrecipients will be identified if the project(s) is funded
- Invite existing subrecipients to submit new project applications in e-snaps
- Invite new organizations to submit an application in e-snaps, in which case CoC staff will assist in the development of that application

In each of these scenarios, BoS CoC staff will work with the respondent to ensure the application is complete, accurate, and in compliance with the HUD FY25 CoC Competitive NOFO which can be found [here](#). Please note that per the Policy Priorities in the NOFO:

- All new TH projects:
  - Must demonstrate collaboration/partnership with other organizations to provide supportive services
  - Can demonstrate having successfully operated or currently operates a TH program and has a plan in place to ensure at least 50% of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months
  - Will be supplemented with public and private resources
  - Demonstrate that participants will take part in supportive services via a supportive services agreement
  - Demonstrate that the project will provide 40 hours/week of services for each participant (this may be reduced proportionally for participants who are employed, and does not apply to those over 62 or individuals who have a physical disability /impairment not including substance use disorder)

- Demonstrate that the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.
- New Street Outreach projects:
  - Will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources
  - Have a strategy for providing supportive services to those with histories of unsheltered homelessness who do not traditionally engage with supportive services
  - Will demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships
  - Have experience providing outreach services
  - Services are cost-effective per 2 CFR 200.404

The BoS CoC has defined additional criteria we would like to see:

- Ensure clients are enrolled in CE
- Address blind spots in the CoC BoS geography not covered by existing street outreach teams including Chelmsford, Tewksbury, Woburn, Billerica, Braintree, Newburyport, Salisbury, and Amesbury

Please note: submitting a concept paper is not a guarantee of funding in the event your concept is used to create a project application. We also reserve the right to adjust the requirements of this Concept Paper request should additional information be released by HUD that affects requirements in project applications.

Concept papers should be sent to Karen Byron [karen.byron@mass.gov](mailto:karen.byron@mass.gov) by **5:00 pm November 26, 2025**.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name and Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Component    ☐ TH    ☐ DV TH    ☐ SSO-Street Outreach

Population Served    ☐ Individuals    ☐ Families    ☐ Both

Proposed Number of Households \_\_\_\_\_ Proposed Number of Beds \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Proposed Project – Up to one page attached

Proposed Budget (must be scalable)

Leasing \_\_\_\_\_

Rental Assistance \_\_\_\_\_

Operating \_\_\_\_\_

Supportive Services \_\_\_\_\_

HMIS \_\_\_\_\_

VAWA \_\_\_\_\_

Administration \_\_\_\_\_

*Total Costs* \_\_\_\_\_

If this project is funded and your agency is chosen as the subrecipient during the procurement process how quickly do you anticipate being able to fully execute the project after receiving the grant award?

