

FY26 HUD CoC NOFO Review – Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: June 17, 2026

Overview

The meeting reviewed the FY26 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), including funding levels, major changes from prior years, project evaluation decisions, and the Massachusetts Balance of State (BoS) CoC application process.

Key Funding Information

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$37.7 million
- Tier 1 funding set at 60% of ARD (reduced from 90% in prior years)
- Planning allocation: \$1.5 million
- Unified Funding Agency (UFA): \$1.13 million
- CoC Bonus funding: \$5.65 million
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus funding: \$5 million

Major NOFO Changes

- Tier 1 funding reduced to 60% of ARD.
- More stringent threshold, merit, and risk reviews.
- New Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects prioritized over renewals.
- Additional scoring criteria added to the CoC competition.

FY26 Strategy and Project Evaluation Decisions

- All Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) and TH-RRH projects will convert to Transitional Housing (TH).
- YHDP replacement projects will be placed in Tier 2.
- All Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects will be reduced by 20.03%. Please note this is a baseline and we are working with subrecipients to reduce this amount, allowing us to retain more PSH.

- HMIS will remain in Tier 1 with funding adjustments related to the FY25 COLA increase. A portion of HMIS staffing will now come out of Planning.
- One project will be reallocated to create a new SSO project.
- Restricted YHDP and DV Bonus SSO renewals will receive a 20.03% reduction and remain in Tier 1. (If the PSH % reduces, so will this.)
- Coordinated Entry (CE) funding will be split between Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- Renewal TH projects (YHDP Crisis TH and Shortstop) will remain in Tier 2 at full funding.

Questions and Answers

Question	Response
Will existing PSH projects only be renewed at 80%?	Yes. The remaining funding may be used to create a new TH project or contribute to a pool for new TH, Bonus, and DV Bonus projects.
Can HMIS funding straddle tiers like Coordinated Entry?	No. Only one project can straddle tiers. HMIS will remain entirely in Tier 1 due to regulatory requirements.
How should agencies implement the PSH reduction?	A 20.03% reduction applies to PSH funding. Agencies may distribute reductions across projects as they determine appropriate.
Can agencies receive examples of reduction calculations?	The reduction methodology is outlined in the reallocation policy and will be shared with meeting materials.
Should CoC staff submit applications without budget decisions?	No. Agencies should submit applications with their proposed funding reductions already reflected.

Will application training be offered?	Yes. Application training is planned and will include guidance on incorporating reductions into applications.
When will FR gain access to BoS in e-snaps?	CoC staff will monitor access once applications become available.
When will applicants hear about submitted NOFA proposals?	No timeline is available yet because ARD information has not been finalized. Reviews are underway so decisions can be made quickly once funding levels are confirmed.

Next Steps

CoC staff will distribute supporting materials, including the reallocation policy, provide application training, and communicate additional guidance once ARD figures and application timelines are finalized.