

Subject: CORRECTION: FY2026 CoC – New / Renewal Project(s) Call for Letter of Intent

Please disregard release from 7/29/2026.

This is to inform you that the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released its FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition Program Grant Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) application. This is part of a competitive application process that is due to Washington, DC on **Wednesday, August 26, 2026** (at this time).

The Elizabeth/Union County Continuum of Care (CoC) is accepting applications for agencies seeking ***new and renewal*** for FY2026 CoC funding cycle.

~ Please note that this is a new process for the FY2026 application.

For the FY2026 HUD CoC Competition, the Union County CoC is eligible to apply for new and renewal projects that work towards the goal of ending homelessness. Through the FY2026 CoC Competition, the Union County CoC is eligible to apply for:

1. Renewal CoC Projects
 - a. Tier 1 funding is in the amount of \$3,511,042.00*
 - i. Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is \$5,851,737.00. Tier 1 is 60% of the ARD.
2. New Continuum of Care Bonus Project(s) in the amount of \$1,042,356.00*
 - a. Priority: Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (SSO)
3. New Domestic Violence Bonus Project(s) in the amount of \$1,389,809.00*

****All funds requested would be required to meet the 25% match, with the exception of leasing budget category, per HUD regulations.***

For FY2026, HUD is prioritizing

- **Permanent Housing projects that serve families with children (under the age of 18).**
- **Transitional Housing projects**
- **Supportive Services Only projects**
- **Projects that prioritize both voluntary and involuntary participation in treatment services for all program participants.**

There have been substantial changes to the CoC Funding NOFO for FY2026. For this reason, all providers are ***strongly encouraged*** to review the full FY2026 application for additional guidance: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/360861> and <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>

Any provider that submits a Letter of Intent for the FY2026 HUD CoC Competition must comply with the details outlined in the application released by HUD.

In order to have a ***new / renewal project(s)*** considered in the consolidated application for funding, we are inviting the ***Executive Directors*** of homeless assistance provider agencies and faith-based organizations to submit a Letter of Intent ***no later than 4pm EST on Tuesday, August 4, 2026 12pm EST on Wednesday, August 5, 2026*** to the attention of:

Navin K. Singh, Office Director
Union County Office on the Homeless & Housing Continuum of Care
ohhcoc@ucnj.org

CORRECTION: Deadline extended to no later than 12pm EST on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

- **The Union County CoC is seeking providers that meet the application criteria whom would like to apply for either a new or renewal project. All interested applications ***MUST*** provide**

the County a Letter of Intent.

- The Letter of Intent should include the following:
 - Name of Main Point Person for the proposed new/renewal project
 - Point Persons Telephone Number
 - Point Persons Email address
 - Complete Projection Application form for proposed new/renewal project

Every project is required to submit a Letter of Intent, Projection Application Form and Proposed Detailed Budget.

Please make sure that you thoroughly review all information submitted with your Letter of Intent to ensure compliance to all that outlined in this notice and the full FY2026 application posted by HUD.

The Union County CoC will only accept the submission of all Letters of Intent to the email noted above+.

All providers that receive funding approval from this local process must work with the County team on the full application in eSNAPS to be included in the final submission to HUD. Please remember, receiving funding approval through the local process does not guarantee an agency will receive funding. All final funding awards come directly from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development based on the CoC's full submission.

Eligible Project Applications:

Specifications for eligible project submissions are outlined below:

- The categories of funding that are available through this competition.
 - Renewal Project Funding: The only projects that may apply as a renewal are those currently receiving Continuum of Care funding for Union County and have an operating year that ends in 2027.

New for FY2026: A renewal application must not exceed the average amount of funds actually spent in the three previous years. If a renewal application is submitted without making a reduction, the CoC will automatically adjust any project that is applying for Rental Assistance or Leasing funds, due to the large amount of unexpended balances in recent Fiscal Years.

- For example:
 - FY2025 award \$500,000.00
 - Average unexpended balance \$125,000.00
 - FY2026 Proposed Application should not exceed \$375,000.00

Please note that a renewal project application cannot request any line item changes through this competition.

- New CoC Bonus Project Funding: For FY2026, the CoC is eligible to apply up to \$1,042,356.00 in bonus project funding for new projects. Eligible bonus projects that will be accepted for Union County include:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH): please note that this project type will only be approved if the permanent housing cap has not been met by the CoC's renewal project applications
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO)-Coordinated Entry
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO)
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
 - Dedicated HMIS: for costs that are carried out by the HMIS Lead. *Note only the current HMIS lead may apply for these funds.

If your agency is interested in applying for this funding, please be sure you understand the project type, and eligible population as required under this funding source. Also, please ensure the application that is submitted does not exceed the allowable amount the CoC may apply for.

- New Domestic Violence Bonus Project Funding: In FY2026, the CoC is eligible to apply up to \$1,389,809.00 through this DV Bonus Project category.

All projects funded through this category must be dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence as defined by HUD in 24 CFR 578.3 which includes any individual or family who:

- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;
- Has no other residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing

DV Bonus funds can only be used for an application to expand an existing renewal project if the new expansion project is dedicated to individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Eligible project types that will be accepted for Union County CoC through the DV Bonus Project funding include:

- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing

If your agency is interested in applying for any of the funding outlined above, please be sure you understand both the project type, and eligible population for the project as is required under this funding source.

In order to expedite this technical application process, upon review of your Letter of Intent the County will email interested providers further instructions. ***All interested applicants (new and renewal) will be asked to attend a Technical Assistance Meeting (present-August 6th: to be determined).***

The County is asking that ***Project applicants for new / renewal projects be vigilant in submitting all requested information accurately and timely as requested by the County. With HUD's tight time frame there will be no room for extensions. Please be advised it is the responsibility of the proposing organization to ensure all information listed in the prepared application is accurate and complete as the County will be submitting the proposal on behalf of your organization.***

Again, this year all projects will be ranked (new & renewal).

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out our office:

➤ Phone: (908) 527-4842

➤ Email: ohhcoc@ucnj.org

Full application process and details are available on the County's CoC webpage: <https://ucnj.org/dhs/coc>. The County's CoC webpage includes the complete FY2026 project competition procedures, including the project review process, scoring methodology, conflict of interest policy, ranking procedures, and project selection appeal process. Applicants are responsible for reviewing these materials prior to submitting an application.

The Union County CoC looks forward to working with you and thank you for your efforts in providing quality homeless assistance services.