Continuum of Care NOFO 2025



Overview

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) competition is the largest single federal homelessness program, providing **\$3.9 billion** in funding.
- The 2025 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is monumental, making the most significant policy reforms and changes in the program's history, and implementing President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order <u>Ending</u> <u>Crime and Disorder on America's Streets</u>.
- HUD is shifting the focus to treatment and recovery, better outcomes, increased accountability, and promotion of self-sufficiency, rather than how many people can become dependent on the government.

HUD will support homeless populations through common sense solutions to:

Increase Competition

- The NOFO is **competitive.** Under the Biden administration, there was no competition. Funding was **automatically renewed for 90% of projects**.
- This new NOFO caps automatic renewals at 30% of projects, with the remaining 70% directly tied to CoC performance.
- This will ensure transparency, accountability, and end the slush fund that fueled our nation's homelessness crisis, and failed our most vulnerable.

Shift Resources Away from Failed "Housing First" Projects

- The NOFO redirects funding to transitional housing and supportive service projects and away from "Housing First" projects.
 - Under the Biden administration, roughly 90% of funding went to permanent supportive housing projects (ie. "Housing First"), and only 1% went to transitional housing.
 - This NOFO invests record funding into transitional housing and supportive service projects, such as job training and child care.

Bring Our Faith-Based Partners to the Table

• This NOFO creates opportunity for faith-based participation as a result of increased competition, record investment in transitional housing to promote long-term economic independence.

HUD Is Advancing:

- Treatment beds and recovery housing
- Program participation requirements
- Partnership with HHS-funded behavioral health services
- Partnership with law enforcement to prevent public camping and public illicit drug use
- Participation requirements coupled with all assistance
- Street outreach
- 40 hrs/week of individualized services in housing
- Projects in opportunity zones
- Serving veterans
- Permanent housing for individuals and families with disabilities

- Elected officials on CoC governing boards
- Outcomes for employment and employment income
- Outcomes for reducing unsheltered homelessness and encampments
- Outcomes for moving individuals into un-subsidized housing

HUD Will No Longer Support:

- Harm reduction activities such as so-called "safe drug consumption sites"
- Illegal discrimination, including against faith-based organizations

Biden Administration v. Trump Administration

Biden Administration CoC NOFOs	Trump Administration CoC NOFOs
Pushed entitlement, not competition. 90% of projects were automatically renewed in 2024 regardless of outcomes.	Creates true competition by setting automatic renewals at 30% and opening the door for new projects based on outcomes.
Mandated adherence to "Housing First" ideology.	Puts people first by promoting treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency.
Restricted transitional housing to 1-2% of the national award.	Restores balance by investing more funding than ever before in transitional housing and supportive service projects. Creates a more balanced distribution between transitional housing, supportive service projects (like street outreach or childcare), and permanent supportive housing.
Silent on taxpayer-funded distribution of drug paraphernalia, and subsidized addiction under the guise of "harm reduction."	Prohibits violation of Federal "crackhouse" statute. Promotes and provides resources for treatment and recovery.
Excluded and penalized faith-based organizations.	Welcomes faith-based organizations to compete on equal footing and be incentivized, not penalized for advancing accountability and self-sufficiency.
Denigrated law enforcement.	Promotes the vital role of law enforcement and partnership between social services and law enforcement.
Ignored biological truth and forced DEI extremist ideology.	Protects women and prohibits racial preferences.
Minimized the elderly and physically disabled by prioritizing people with substance use disorder for housing without treatment.	Insures that there are no preferences or exclusions of one protected disability over another.