



**Supplemental Special Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 10am – 11am
Ventura County Community Foundation
Board Room
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd, Camarillo**

Zoom Meeting ID: 160 034 5884
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1600345884>

1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: An opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person during the opening part of the meeting and per item. The time allotment can be increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

Email in advance of the meeting: If you wish to make a written public comment, the comment must be submitted via email no later than 4:30pm on the day prior to the Board meeting. Send emails to: venturacoc@ventura.org Please indicate the agenda item you would like to speak on if relevant and whether you would like your message read by staff or if you will be participating in person.

During the meeting: Participants attending online may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Participants attending in-person can complete a public comment card indicating which item they would like to comment on and submit to the Board Chair. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific items following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval to Release a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for New Project Applications, Renewals, Transition Grants, and Reallocations in the FY25 HUD Continuum of Care Competition; and Approval of the 2025 VC CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Calendar (*Presenter: Jenn Harkey*)
 - **Supplemental Exhibit Attached: DRAFT Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)**
6. Approval of the 2025 Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Rank and Review Policy for the FY2025 Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Funding Competition (*Presenter: Alicia Morales*)
 - **Supplemental Exhibit Attached: DRAFT Project Application Threshold and Scoring Sheets**
7. Approval to Reschedule the December 2025 CoC Board Meeting (*Presenter: Jenn Harkey*)



VENTURA COUNTY
**CONTINUUM OF
CARE ALLIANCE**

ENDING HOMELESSNESS
IN VENTURA COUNTY

2025 VENTURA COUNTY HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE (VC COC) NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA)

REQUEST FOR RENEWAL, TRANSITION, AND NEW PROJECTS

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Completed Applications due by **December 15, 2025**

Must be submitted in HUD eSnaps system: [e-snaps](#)

COUNTY OF VENTURA CEO
VC COC ADMINISTRATIVE ENTITY
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OVERVIEW

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support programs ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets. HUD has implemented new policy priorities in this new round of funding for Fiscal Year 2025. These priorities emphasize the need to expand transitional housing and street outreach projects with service participation requirements. CoCs must prioritize projects that provide treatment and recovery services, as well as highlight the promotion of self-sufficiency and improve outcomes.

Currently, the estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) funding for our Ventura County CoC is \$3,749,587. Tier 1 is limited to 30% of the ARD or \$1,124,876 which will need to include the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES) project at \$429,370 to meet our HUD requirement to maintain HMIS/CES. Based on these factors, the program funding available in Tier 1 (highest ranked projects) is \$695,506. All projects not ranked in Tier 1 must compete for funding nationally with HUD reviewing for alignment with their stated priorities, service participation and ability to improve system performance. In addition, HUD has placed a cap of 30% of funds being used for Permanent Housing projects (PSH and RRH). **Most current CoC funded projects will not be part of the funding application to HUD.** \$1,284,442 is available for HUD CoC Bonus funding to apply for new projects. \$642,221 is available for Domestic Violence (DV) new or expanded bonus projects. The VC CoC Planning grant funds are limited to \$321,110 and are not ranked or included in the previous calculations. Final amounts are subject to change based on the HUD Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) report and any further clarifications by HUD.

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Ventura County CoC, the County of Ventura's County Executive Office is now accepting renewal project applications for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), proposals for new Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach) projects, as well as new Domestic Violence (DV) bonus projects with Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Please note that the current HUD NOFO contains critical changes to funding priorities and overall processes. This edition rescinds and supersedes the previous two-year program and because of these changes, [the scoring methodology for this funding competition has been significantly revised to meet the new criteria established by HUD](#) and to maximize the retention of local funding.



2025 VC CoC NOFA TIMELINE

DATE	RESPONSIBLE	ACTION
November 13, 2025	HUD	FY25 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released to all Continuums of Care
November 25, 2025 10am to 11am	VC CoC Board	CoC Board Approval to release Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for new and renewal applications
November 26, 2025	Collaborative Applicant	Release NOFA to seek applications for new projects, renewal projects, and reallocations (transition grants)
December 4, 2025 10:30am to 12pm	Collaborative Applicant / New & Renewal Applicants	NOFA Workshop & Technical Assistance for e-snaps
December 15, 2025 By 5pm	All Applicants	All new & renewal applications due in e-snaps to Collaborative Applicant
December 17, 2025 9am to 10:30am	VC CoC Data & Evaluation Committee	Review and rank new, renewal, and reallocation projects; Provide recommendations for CoC Board to review and approve for the Consolidated Application
December 19, 2025 10am to 11:30am	VC CoC Board	Approval of the ranking of projects to be included in Collaborative Application
December 30, 2025	Collaborative Applicant	Notify all respondents of funding recommendations & post CoC Priority Listing on CoC website
No Later than January 13, 2026	Collaborative Applicant	Post CoC Consolidated Application on www.venturacoc.org
No Later than January 14, 2026	Collaborative Applicant	Submit CoC Consolidated Application to HUD via e-snaps
May 1, 2026	HUD	Anticipated award date and estimated performance period start date



HUD CoC 2025 AVAILABLE FUNDING

The VC CoC is soliciting proposals that address priorities established by HUD's updated national policy objectives, with a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, veterans, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Agencies or entities that have not previously submitted a proposal are strongly encouraged to apply for funds.

The following goals, which reflect HUD's updated priorities, must be incorporated to be considered for the awarding of funds (2 CFR 200.211(c)(1)(ii):

- **End the crisis of homelessness on our streets** – and direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency.
- **Prioritize Treatment and Recovery** – to provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.
- **Advance Public Safety** – to work with First Responders, law enforcement and homelessness liaisons as critical partners in engaging people into treatment and services and protecting vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness.
- **Promote Self-Sufficiency** – with projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.
- **Improve Outcomes** - to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency.
- **Minimize Trauma** - to encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

PROJECT TYPES

CoC projects must meet the project eligibility and quality threshold requirements established by HUD. The following project types are eligible for new applications in Ventura County CoC:

1. **Transitional Housing (TH) projects** that require service participation (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment) and provide 40 hours/week of customized services for each participant this is being interpreted as volunteer and works opportunities as well as services) and shows strong employment outcomes (except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment).
2. **Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach projects** that focus on providing supportive services to eligible program participants experiencing unsheltered homelessness and demonstrate that program participants are required to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching supportive service agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent). Cooperation with first responders and law enforcement is required.
3. **Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) renewal projects** that require supportive services for program participants to retain permanent housing. PSH projects that serve elderly 62 and older and/or those with physical disability/impairment or developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5), not including substance use disorder, will be prioritized. PSH projects must be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs.
4. **Dedicated HMIS projects** for costs to be carried out by the selected HMIS program.
5. **Transition Grants** to fund a new CoC project by transitioning an eligible CoC renewal project (including a DV Renewal project) from one program component to another eligible component over a one-year period.

HUD has imposed a 30% cap on permanent housing and therefore, PSH projects NOT ranked within the 30% will not be included in the VC CoC Consolidated Application. The remaining ARD funds will be prioritized for new TH and SSO projects that can be competitive nationally to retain local funding.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE FUNDING

The following list is prioritized based on current needs in the Ventura County CoC service system for New or Expanded Projects created through DV Bonus funding:



1. **New or Expanded DV Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects** dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Provide tenant based rental assistance and supportive services that will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within three (3) to twenty-four (24) months. The average cost per household served must be reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.
2. **New DV Transitional Housing (TH) projects** dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. TH projects must require program participants to take part in supportive services. TH projects need to prioritize participant exits to permanent housing within 24 months with employment income. TH projects must supplement with resources from other public or private sources.
3. **New DV Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects** to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry system to better meet the needs of individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety, related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

DV Bonus funding may also be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking 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, so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

The projects being solicited must be innovative, highly effective, align with HUD's policy priorities and increase housing resources for vulnerable populations or build capacity within Pathways to Home, the local coordinated entry system. Projects are encouraged to show collaboration among providers and leverage mainstream resources to support highly vulnerable chronically homeless individuals and those who qualify under 24 CFR 578.3.

Priority will be given to project proposals that leverage supportive services, behavioral health and healthcare resources. Applicants should demonstrate through written commitments with the types of services and dollar value of services committed, project name, number of units or number of program participants in the proposed project, date the units will be available for program participants consistent with the New Project's period of performance, and source of commitment:

- Private organizations;
- State or local government, including using HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan;



- Public Housing Agencies, including using a set aside or limited preference;
- Faith-based organization; and
- Federal programs other than the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Programs.

The letters of support must also demonstrate:

- Direct contributions from public or private organization;
- Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through CoC or ESG programs;
- Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD fair housing requirements;
- Provision of health care services tailored to the program participants; and
- Supportive services must be required.

CoC Bonus funding will come from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, as amended under the HEARTH Act and the CoC Program Interim Rule. The availability and priorities for any funding for new projects is articulated in HUD's CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): [FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition \(hud.gov\)](https://www.hud.gov/nfo/2025-co-c-program)

PROJECT CRITERIA

Please note that the current HUD CoC NOFO contains major changes to funding priorities and overall processes. This edition rescinds and supersedes the previous two-year program and because of these changes, [the scoring methodology for this funding competition has been significantly revised to meet the new criteria established by HUD.](#)

This NOFA is being released in support of the 2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released on November 13, 2025. A single, consolidated submission of all selected projects in Ventura County will be submitted to HUD by the Collaborative Applicant (County Executive Office). VC CoC must submit the application to HUD no later than January 14, 2026. Funding will be derived from Federal Fiscal Year 2025 allocations of HUD funds and is subject to funding approval by HUD.

The most notable changes to the FY25 HUD CoC NOFO include:

1. **Only 30 percent of a CoC's funding is protected in Tier 1, down from 90 percent in past years.** This is the most significant structural change in a decade with 70 percent of funding now fully competitive and tied to Merit Review scores and project ranking.
2. **Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH) is capped at 30 percent of ARD.** This will result in a funding shift from existing permanent housing projects toward new projects that are aligned with the current administration's priorities, particularly transitional housing with high service requirements. New Joint TH-RRH projects are no longer eligible.
3. **All projects except for CoC Planning must compete, including DV Bonus.** These projects will be ranked and scored with no special protections.



4. **New prohibitions can disqualify any project.** HUD may reject projects in Tier 1 or 2 for engaging in racial preferences, using a definition of sex “other than binary,” or conducting activities viewed as “harm reduction.”
5. **HUD’s new national priority centers on treatment, recovery, and required services.** HUD favors projects with onsite substance use treatment, required service participation, sufficient treatment bed capacity, and 24/7 detox or inpatient access.
6. **HUD elevates “public safety” as a major scoring factor.** The CoC must demonstrate or provide laws prohibiting camping and illicit drug use, enforcement protocols, cooperation with law enforcement and first responders, use of involuntary commitment standards, including Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) implementation.
7. **New project requirements reshape TH, RRH, PSH, and Street Outreach.** New transitional housing must provide proof of 40 hours/week of services for participants; new RRH must show strong employment outcomes and require services; new PSH must serve elderly or physically disabled individuals (not including substance use disorder) with required services; and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships.
8. **HUD Merit Review replaces previous CoC scoring.** The 130-point system includes 9 points for Project Capacity/Ranking, 40 for System Performance, and 81 for Coordination & Engagement, plus 19 bonus points.
9. **Tier 2 scoring now favors projects with required services.** Tier 2 projects may receive up to 110 points based on Merit Review scores, local ranking, and up to 10 points for requiring services.
10. **HUD’s expanded Risk Review may increase likelihood of project rejection.** HUD may consider media reports, Inspector General and Government Accountability Office findings, public complaints, or an organization’s “history of subsidizing activities that conflict with the NOFO” as grounds for funding denials.

HUD’s highly competitive application requires the Continuum of Care (CoC) to rank, score, and select new and renewal projects based on HUD’s updated funding priorities and project performance. This NOFA details the submission timeline, outlines how the CoC will evaluate renewal projects for potential reallocation, explains the scoring and ranking process for all projects, and ensures the application is made accessible to the community.

Competitive Proposed Projects Will:

- Leverage shelter, supportive services and healthcare resources as outlined on page 1;
- Clearly meet the CoC Program funding priorities of HUD and the Ventura County CoC;
- Have a clear plan for acquiring dedicated housing units for the project (PH-PSH; PH-RRH; TH);
- Work effectively with the [Ventura County Coordinated Entry System, Pathways to Home](#);

- Be based upon best practices and the most effective, evidence-based, culturally competent, and individualized client models possible;
- Include plans to successfully meet HUD and local performance measures;
- Be administered by organizations that have demonstrated experience providing similar services and serving the proposed population (all project types);
- Require program participation in supportive services.

Selection Process: Projects responding to this NOFA will be reviewed and ranked by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee on December 17, 2025 and recommendations will be forwarded to the VC CoC Board for approval on December 19, 2025. Projects will be reviewed in reference to the 2025 Ranking and Selection Policy, which includes organizational capacity, project design approach, past performance, design and cost effectiveness. Prior to the full HUD application process, proposals will be reviewed for basic eligibility and other HUD and local threshold criteria by the VC CoC Data, Performance and Evaluation Committee. The committee is comprised of formerly homeless persons, community professionals, service providers, veterans and supported by VC CoC Staff. The committee will review and rank proposals for recommendations to the VC CoC Board.

Eligible Applicants: Applications will only be accepted from eligible nonprofit agencies, private nonprofit organizations, units of government, and public housing agencies. New applicants who have not previously received CoC grant awards are encouraged to apply. Faith-based organizations may apply on the same basis as any other organization. HUD does not engage in any unlawful and improper conduct, policies, or practices that target faith-based organizations.

Match Funding Requirements: 25% match funds are required. As described by HUD: “Match and leverage are two distinct categories of program funds that are acquired from other sources not associated with this grant request (24 CFR 578.73). Match funds must be used for program eligible costs only and must be equal or greater than 25 percent of the total grant request for all eligible costs with the exception of leasing costs.”

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Funds cannot be used to close a funding gap or replace lost funding in an existing housing project or service program. Project applicants must demonstrate that they are not replacing other funding sources. The population to be served must be homeless or chronically homeless as defined by HUD. The final definition for chronically homeless can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4847/hearth-defining-chronically-homeless-final-rule/>
2. Projects must be able to meet timeliness standards. The applicant is expected to initiate approved projects promptly in accordance with the requirements that are specified in the FY25 HUD CoC NOFO. Grant terms and associated grant operations may not extend beyond the availability of funds. Applicants must plan accordingly and only submit applications that can achieve project goals and outcomes within the specified grant term.
3. Applicants must meet HUD recipient and/or sub-recipient eligibility requirements.



4. Participation in the [Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\)](#) is required of all HUD grant recipients.
5. Participation in the Coordinated Entry System, [Pathways to Home](#), in Ventura County is required including filling units with referrals from Pathways to Home and prioritizing resources for the most vulnerable persons and households.
6. Projects must provide documentation of 25% match of eligible funds or in-kind services. An MOU is required with submission if applicant is fulfilling match with in-kind services.
7. Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing and Transitional Housing projects must provide on-site supportive services or have an agreement for a partner agency to do so.
8. Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. New projects created through reallocation must meet the requirements in sections I.B.3.a, III.B.4.a.(3), (4) and (5), and the project eligibility and project quality thresholds established in sections III.C.4.a. and b. of this NOFO. CoCs may only reallocate eligible renewal projects so long as the renewal project being reduced or eliminated has a current grant agreement and has renewed under the CoC Program at least once. First time renewals are not eligible for reallocation.
9. Project proposals that facilitate immigration status verification before distribution of benefits to all recipients using SAVE directly or in coordination with a governmental entity will receive preferential points/scoring from HUD.
10. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing. Projects that provide the treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements will be prioritized.
11. Updated HUD Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B) that includes a certification that the applicant will not use federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws.
12. New Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards in which the Collaborative Applicant must certify a demonstrated need for all PH projects included in the Renewal Project Listing and that they all comply with program requirements, including HQS or Habitability Standards (whichever is applicable).

13. New Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points for new projects applying within an Opportunity Zone.

In addition to these general requirements and the changes noted in the Overview, the following threshold criteria will also be applied by HUD for new and renewal projects:

1. Project applicants will be required to affirm that they will (1) not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination and (2) not engage in any activities under the pretext of 'harm reduction'. HUD may also reduce or reject applications in which project applicants have previously or currently engaged in these activities.
2. Renewal projects could also be reduced or rejected if there is evidence that the project has previously or currently conducted activities that rely on or otherwise use "a definition of sex other than as binary in humans."
3. New projects will be rated using project quality criteria that will assess factors such as the reasonableness of costs and the leveraging of mainstream programs like Medicaid and SSI as well as the following:
 - New transitional housing projects will be required to provide 40 hours of customized services per program participant (except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment).
 - New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for street outreach will be required to demonstrate that the project applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will cooperate with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use.
 - New Permanent Supportive Housing projects must be designed to serve elderly individuals and/ or individuals with a physical disability/impairment (not including substance use disorder) and require supportive services participation.
 - New Rapid Rehousing projects must demonstrate that the project applicant has previously operated a project with higher-than-average outcomes on increasing employment income and will require participation in supportive services.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

For the project quality threshold, new or expanded project applications must meet the following criteria:

1. Whether the type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the program participants;
2. Whether the type and scale of the supportive services fit the needs of the program participants—this includes all supportive services, regardless of funding source;



3. Whether the specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of the program participants;
4. Whether program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs;
5. Whether at least 75 percent of the proposed program participants come from the street or other locations not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters, safe havens, or fleeing domestic violence.

System Performance Threshold Data Requirements:

1. Housing Stability: 85% of CoC program participants remain in permanent supportive housing or exit to another permanent destination;
2. Jobs and Income Growth: At least 55% of CoC program adult participants gain or increase their income from employment and other sources;
3. Mainstream Benefits: 56% of CoC program participants obtain or retain non-cash mainstream benefits.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURE

Please use the HUD e-snaps system to prepare and submit a project proposal. Be certain to answer all questions and reference the 2025 VC CoC Rank and Review Policy for scoring of project proposals.

E-snaps can be accessed at: <https://esnaps.hud.gov>

In addition, email one PDF copy of the complete e-snaps project application with a cover letter signed by the organization's authorized representative to VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov upon e-snaps submittal. This must include a PDF copy of the attachments.

EVALUATION and PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

The VC CoC Data, Performance and Evaluation committee will review submissions and make scoring determinations. Committee members will be unbiased and cannot have a personal or financial interest in final recommendations to the VC CoC Board. The VC CoC Ranking and Selection Policy and scoring tool is posted at <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>.

The successful ranked projects will be recommended for selection based on the following criteria:

1. Meets HUD threshold criteria
2. Demonstrates alignment with HUD priorities
3. Experience and Capacity of the Applicant

4. Project/Program Features
5. Vulnerabilities of target population
6. Past or current system performance and plans to achieve performance aligned with HUD expectations
7. Applicant Readiness to Submit Full Application with the CoC Consolidated Application
8. Meets HUD and Ventura County Continuum of Care Priorities

Projects responding to this NOFA will be reviewed and selected by the VC CoC Board on December 19, 2025. Proposals will be reviewed in reference to past performance, organizational capacity, project approach, design and cost effectiveness, as outlined in the VC CoC Rank and Review Policy.

Please note that the CoC will continue to rank projects into two tiers. Projects ranked in Tier 1 are required to meet the project quality and project threshold requirements. Projects ranked in Tier 2 are competitively awarded at the national level and based on the overall CoC score, as well as subject to strict HUD project quality/threshold requirements.

- **Tier 1 is set at 30% of overall funding (compared to 90% in 2024)**
- **Tier 2 is set at 70% of overall funding (compared to 10% in 2024)**

In addition, no more than 30 percent of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) can be used to fund Permanent Housing projects, including both PH-PSH and PH-RRH projects. This means that most current PSH and RRH CoC funded projects will need to seek alternate funding.

Solo applications may be submitted directly to HUD in e-snaps if HUD determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the local Continuum of Care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. HUD may award such solo grant projects to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the HUD Secretary.

Applicants will be notified by December 17, 2025 of the VC CoC Data Committee's recommended priority project ranking. **Appeals must be submitted in writing via email to the VC CoC Board by noon on December 18, 2025 to VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov.** Appeals will be reviewed and considered by the VC CoC Board on December 19, 2025 for the final priority ranking. 24 CFR 578.35 provides the HUD appeal process options for applicants with denied or decreased funding.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS in e-SNAPS:

Please visit: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
 2. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application required for nonprofit applicants only where completion and submission of this survey is voluntary;
 3. HUD-424B – Form
- Applications must include this form which includes assurances and certifications regarding civil rights and other Federal requirements.



- a. SF-424B Assurances for Non-Construction Programs OR;
 - b. SF-424D Assurances for Construction Programs
The NOFO may require you to submit the SF-424B form in addition to the HUD-424B. If your project involves construction, you must submit the SF-424D form in addition to the HUD424B.
4. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report;
 5. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
 6. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;
 7. Applicant Code of Conduct that complies with 2 CFR part 200;
 8. Demonstration of nonprofit status, via IRS or CA State tax exemption certificate, or copy of certificate of incorporation;
 9. SF-424A – Form (Application budget must support your project activities and it should specify annual allocations to each activity, 2 CFR 200 Cost Principles);
 10. Match commitments for a minimum of 25%;
 11. Formal letter of commitment for leveraging Non-CoC/ESG funded housing units/subsidies. Commitment must include details of number of units/subsidies and funding sources;
 12. **Formal letter of commitment for leveraging behavioral health and/or healthcare resources to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Formal agreement must include the project name, value of commitment and specific dates the resources will be provided;**
 13. Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards; and
 14. Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference, if applicable.

DEADLINE

Proposals must be submitted via e-snaps and emailed to VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov by 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025. Submission procedures are described starting on page 13 of this NOFA.

Applications will be reviewed and scored by VC CoC staff and then reviewed and ranked by the VC CoC Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee on December 17, 2025 for recommendations to be forwarded to the CoC Board on December 19, 2025. Please note that HMIS reports will be pulled by VC CoC staff for the prior grant reporting period as part of this review process. Proposals that are approved to move forward to be submitted in the Consolidated Application will work with VC CoC staff to revise applications to be most competitive in the national HUD CoC application process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The regulations for the Continuum of Care program may be found at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/coc/coc-program-law-regulations-and-notices/>

A **mandatory** VC CoC NOFA Workshop for new and renewal applicants will be held at **10:30 am on December 4, 2025** on Zoom. Log in data and session information will be made available via email and published on the CoC website calendar: <https://coc.venturacounty.gov/>

All parties intending to apply for funding are strongly encouraged to review the program regulations. Proposals which do not conform to the regulations will not be considered for funding. NOFA related questions should be sent via email to the VC CoC team at VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov.

For general HUD CoC questions, please contact Jennifer Harkey, VC CoC Program Director at (805) 658-4342, or at jennifer.harkey@venturacounty.gov.

Additional supportive documentation may be requested by VC CoC staff of new applicants.

AWARDING OF FUNDS

Please be aware that project applications need to be finalized in the HUD e-snaps system by 5:00pm on December 15, 2025 to submit the VC CoC's Consolidated Application. The projects selected by the VC CoC Board will be notified no later than December 30, 2025. If the funding is awarded by HUD, grant funds are estimated to be made available by HUD by **May 1, 2026**. Award funds have an estimated expiration date of December 31, 2027. The timing of awards and agreements by HUD is outside of the control of the County of Ventura or VC CoC. Agencies seeking and receiving new funding must be aware of all operating year start and end dates and must make arrangements to cover any period of which a HUD funding award is pending, delayed, or not awarded.

Further changes to this NOFA may be required if HUD amends the FY25 HUD CoC NOFO. A notice will be issued widely and posted on the VC CoC website if any changes are made.

Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) Projects: Applicant: _____
Project: _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	<p>Annual Performance Report, HUD monitoring, eLOCCS, and close-out certificates submitted timely (up to 3 pts)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to 2pts)</p> <p>100% expenditure of grant funds (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>HUD findings within the past 3 years (-2 pts)</p>	10	
Supportive Services	<p>Supportive services will be required for participation (form must be attached) (up to 4 pts)</p> <p>All participants are assessed regularly for workforce development needs (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan, consistent with and local prioritization standards (<i>serving the most vulnerable</i>), filling vacancies through coordinated entry (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumptions sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-2pts from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (-2pts)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-2 pts)</p>	10	
Eligible Populations	<p>For PSH, serve older adults 62 and over and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. (PSH up to 5 pts)</p> <p>For RRH, provide tenant-based rental assistance to help individuals and families</p>	10	

	<p>achieve self-sufficiency within 3 months or up to 24 months (RRH up to 5 pts)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conducts activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of “sex other than as binary in humans” (up to 5 pts)</p>		
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 2pts)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 3 pts)</p>	5	
Project Performance	<p>Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 10 points),</p> <p>HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element (up to 10 points)</p>	20	
System Level Performance	<p><5% Returns to Homelessness within the prior grant term of 12 months (up to 20 points),</p> <p>55% of participants Increase Total Income and demonstrate ways in assisting participants with employment to increase earned income (up to 10 points),</p> <p>85% of participants either maintained their permanent housing or had successful exits to Permanent Housing (up to 10 points)</p>	40	
Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements	<p>Verification of Immigration Status Participation (- 2.5 pts.)</p> <p>Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (- 2.5 pts)</p> <p>(zero points will be awarded if not complied)</p>	5	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	<p>Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and rental assistance/subsidy divided by the number of households served (up to 10 points)</p>	10	
TOTAL		110	

New Transitional Housing (TH) Project _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	<p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Applicant demonstrate experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to 2pts)</p> <p>100% expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, sound financial management structure (up to 4 pts)</p> <p>HUD findings within the past 3 years (-2 pts)</p>	10	
Supportive Services ** (These are threshold questions that HUD will use when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD**)	<p>Project will provide 40 hours of customized services. Project includes a robust plan to offer work, volunteer, and service opportunities for this requirement (up to 10 pts)</p> <p>Supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (SS form must be attached) (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services as necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency, and will conduct annual assessments (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not engage with supportive services (up to 1 pt)</p> <p>All participants will be assessed regularly for workforce development needs (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan (up to 2 pts)</p>	20	

	<p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumptions sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to 1 pt)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-2pts from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (-2pts)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-2 pts)</p>		
Eligible Populations	<p>Experience working with proposed homeless population, such as families, youth, veterans, elderly, or unsheltered individuals, and in proving supportive services similar to that proposed in the application (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conducts activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of “sex other than as binary in humans” (up to 2.5 pt)</p>	7.5	
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 2pts)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 3 pts)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to 2.5pts)</p>	7.5	
Project Performance	<p>Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 5 points),</p> <p>HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element (up to 5 points)</p>	10	
System Level Performance	<p>At least 80 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 pts).</p>	40	

	<p>At least 55 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income (up to 10 pts).</p> <p>Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness at exit from TH program (up to 10 pts).</p> <p>Average length of stay <180 days (up to 10 pts) or detailed description on how provider will reduce length of stay</p>		
Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements	<p>Verification of Immigration Status Participation (2.5 pts.)</p> <p>Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (2.5 pts)</p> <p>(zero points will be awarded if not complying or agreeing to this HUD preference)</p>	5	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	<p>Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and operating expenses divided by the number of households served (up to 10 points)</p>	10	
TOTAL		110	

New SSO-Street Outreach: _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	<p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to 2pts)</p> <p>100% expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, sound financial management structure (up to 4 pts)</p> <p>HUD findings within the past 3 years (-2 pts)</p>	10	
Supportive Services ** (These are threshold questions that HUD will use when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD**)	<p>Proposed applicant has a history of and provides a detailed plan of how they will partner with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification, TH or ILP (up to 15 pts)</p> <p>Supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (SS form must be attached) (up to 15 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services as necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency including earned income, and will conduct annual assessments (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not engage with supportive services (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private</p>	40	

	<p>sources (mainstream health, social, employment programs (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan, (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumptions sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-2pts from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (-2pts)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-2pts)</p>		
Eligible Populations	<p>Experience working with proposed population and in providing services similar to that proposed in the application (up to 2.5 pts)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conducts activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of “sex other than as binary in humans” (up to 2.5 pt)</p>	5	
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 1 pt)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 1 pt)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to 3 pts)</p>	5	
Project Performance	<p>Exits to positive destinations is more than 40% (up to 10 points),</p> <p>HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element and how applicant will ensure Current Living</p>	20	

	Situation is captured in HMIS at every contact (up to 10 points)		
System Level Performance	<p>< fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from program to permanent housing (up to 5 points),</p> <p>At least 55 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways in assisting participants with employment to increase earned income (up to 5 points)</p> <p>At least 80 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 points).</p>	20	
Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements	<p>Verification of Immigration Status Participation (2.5 pts.)</p> <p>Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (2.5 pts)</p> <p>(zero points will be awarded if not complying or agreeing to HUD preference)</p>	5	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and operations divided by the number of people served (up to 5 points)	5	
TOTAL		110	

Safe Haven (SH) Project _____

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
Compliance with Grants and Financial Management	<p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Applicant demonstrate experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to 2pts)</p> <p>95% or greater expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, sound financial management structure (up to 4 pts)</p> <p>HUD findings within the past 3 years (-2 pts)</p>	10	
Supportive Services ** (These are threshold questions that HUD will use when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD**)	<p>Supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (SS form must be attached) (up to 3 pts)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services as necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency, and will conduct annual assessments (up to 1pt)</p> <p>Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not engage with supportive services (up to 1 pt)</p> <p>All participants will be assessed regularly for workforce development needs (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan, (up to 2 pts)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumption sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of</p>	10	

	<p>these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to 1pt)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-2pts from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (-2pts)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-2 pts)</p>		
Eligible Populations	<p>Experience working with proposed population and in providing services similar to that proposed in the application (up to 5 pts)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conducts activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of “sex other than as binary in humans” (up to 2.5 pt)</p>	7.5	
CoC participation, HEARTH compliance	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to 2pts)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to 3 pts)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to 2.5pts)</p>	7.5	
Project Performance	<p>Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to 10 points),</p> <p>HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 10% of any missing data element (up to 10 points)</p>	20	
System Level Performance	<p>At least 80 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 pts).</p> <p>At least 55 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income (up to 10 pts).</p> <p>Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness at exit from TH program (up to 10 pts).</p>	40	

	Average length of stay <180 days (up to 10 pts) or detailed description on how provider will reduce length of stay		
Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements	Verification of Immigration Status Participation (2.5 pts.) Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (2.5 pts) (zero points will be awarded if not complied)	5	
Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and operating expenses divided by the number of households served (up to 10 points)	10	
TOTAL		110	