



**Meeting Agenda**  
**Continuum of Care (CoC) Board**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 2:00pm – 3:30pm**  
**Ventura County Office of Education**  
**Conference & Educational Services Center – Ventura Room**  
**5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo**

Zoom Meeting ID: 161 663 1166

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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:

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**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. Review and Approval of Ventura County CoC Board Minutes from December 19, 2025
6. Review and Approval of the Ventura County CoC Board Member Appointments to fill new Board seats in alignment with the amended 2026 Governance Charter *(presented by: Jenn Harkey)*
7. Review and Approval of the recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Interest funding for Homelessness Prevention – Eviction Prevention and Legal Services *(presented by: Alicia Morales-McKinney)*
8. Receive a Notice of an Unscheduled Board Member Vacancy and Approve the Oxnard Housing Director to Fill this Board Seat. *(presented by: Jenn Harkey)*
9. Receive an update on the FY25 HUD Continuum of Care Competition and anticipated FY26 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). *(presented by: Jenn Harkey)*



**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**Continuum of Care (CoC) Board**  
**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 10:00am – 11:30am**  
**Ventura County Office of Education**  
**Conference & Educational Services Center – Oxnard Room**  
**5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo**

1. **Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00am.  
**Board Members:** Dawn Dyer, Jeff Lambert, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Mara Malch, Juliana Gallardo, Manuel Minjares, Paul Drevenstedt, Michael Skinner, Stefany Gonzalez, Pauline Preciado, Carrie Sabatini, David Tovar (proxy representative for Pauline Preciado, non-voting), Ingrid Hardy (online, non-voting)  
**Absent:** Jack Edelstein  
**Staff:** Jennifer Harkey, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Felipe Flores, Morgan Saveliff
2. **Board Comments:** Dr. Johnson commended staff for their efforts navigating complex regulatory and funding changes to secure critical resources in service of the community. Dawn Dyer shared that Jenn Harkey, Jeff Lambert, and several other community members were invited by VCLA to speak on housing and expressed appreciation for the community’s engagement and interest in housing issues.
3. **CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey thanked the Board for their dedication, time, and active engagement in CoC work and service to the community. Jenn shared that we are currently waiting for clarification on the release of a new Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), noting that the previously issued 2025 NOFO was paused amid ongoing litigation challenging HUD’s proposed changes. Jenn shared that because the CoC NOFO process is on hold, staff cannot move forward with the application process at this time. HHAP 6 will remain on pause until the new CoC NOFO is released and additional information is available regarding potential funding gaps. Jenn clarified that all current homelessness programs funded through existing CoC funding remain active, and that potential impacts will be evaluated once further information is released.
4. **Public Comments:** None.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. **Approval of Board Minutes from November 12, 2025**  
Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Paul Drevenstedt was second; all in favor.
6. **Approval of Board Minutes from November 25, 2025**  
Dawn Dyer requested an amendment to item 5, changing “The balance of the Board was in favor” to “The motion was approved.”  
  
Manuel Minjares moved to approve the minutes with the recommended amendment; Jeff Lambert was second; all in favor.
7. **Review and Approval of Amended 2025 Ventura County CoC Written Standards to comply with U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Policy Changes.**  
The Board reviewed proposed amendments to the 2025 Ventura County Continuum of Care Written

Standards to ensure compliance with updated HUD and state requirements. Revisions include updates to CoC program goals, coordination among providers, policies and procedures, and eligible activities. Several sections were also amended to remove references to gender identity or sexual orientation to comply with HUD requirements. The full amended CoC Written Standards can be found on the CoC website.

CoC staff noted that, although the FY25 CoC NOFO was rescinded, the forthcoming modified NOFO will likely reflect these policy priority changes. Staff are updating the Written Standards to ensure alignment with the next application process.

Dr. Sevet Johnson moved to approve; Manuel Minjares was second; all in favor

**8. Review and Approval of Amended Ventura County CoC Alliance Governance Charter, Authorization to Solicit Nominations for New Board Seats, and Establish the Nominating Committee.**

The Board reviewed proposed amendments to the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance Governance Charter to align with anticipated HUD FY2025 policy priorities and evolving CoC leadership responsibilities. Amendments include expanding the Governance Board size, adding appointed elected official and law enforcement representatives with rotating jurisdictional seats, and updating committee structure. The amended Charter establishes six new rotating jurisdictional seats: three for elected officials (one County Supervisor, one West County official, and one East County official) and three for law enforcement representatives (one County Sheriff, one West County, and one East County law enforcement official). Seats will rotate based on jurisdictional homeless population, with the largest populations filling seats first and rotating to the next largest population after two-year terms. The Board also considered authorization to solicit nominations for six new Board seats and the establishment of a Nominating Committee to review and recommend appointments.

The Board discussed alternative options for rotating jurisdictional seats. Manuel Minjares moved to approve the Governance Charter with an amendment to the jurisdictional rotations, specifying that elected official seats begin with the jurisdiction with the largest homeless population and law enforcement seats begin with the jurisdiction with the smallest homeless population. The motion received no second and failed.

The Board approved the amended Governance Charter with the staff-recommended rotation of jurisdictional seats, authorized solicitation of nominations for new Board seats, and appointed Dawn Dyer, Jeff Lambert, and Paul Drevenstedt to the Nominating Committee. The motion was made by Jeff Lambert, seconded by Paul Drevenstedt, and approved.

**Additional items not on the agenda:** none

Next meeting set for February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

February 11, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Review and approve the VC CoC Board member appointments to fill new Board seats in alignment with the amended 2026 Governance Charter.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) Governance Board includes representatives of relevant stakeholders, private and public officials, philanthropic representatives, local business, service organizations, programs serving homeless populations, and those with lived experience in homelessness. Representation of a broad array of our community will enhance the capacity to coordinate and leverage resources from various sectors across the region.

On December 19, 2025, the VC CoC Board approved amendments to the Governance Charter to align with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) new federal priorities for Continuums of Care. There is an emphasis on partnerships with first responders, law enforcement, and local jurisdiction leadership. HUD proposed a structure to include three elected official Board seats and a minimum of two seats for law enforcement representatives. The newly approved VC CoC Governance structure includes the addition of three (3) appointed publicly elected officials or their alternates to include one (1) County of Ventura Board Supervisor, one (1) West County jurisdiction official, and one (1) East County jurisdiction official. Each jurisdiction will rotate to ensure broad geographic coverage. West County jurisdiction includes Camarillo, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, and Ventura. East County jurisdiction includes Fillmore, Moorpark, Santa Paula, Simi Valley, and Thousand Oaks. This increases the Board membership from thirteen (13) to nineteen (19) members.

VC CoC Staff reached out to each jurisdiction on January 2, 2026 to request the appointment of new members based on the rotation described in the amended Governance Charter. The following appointments have been made:

- **City of Thousand Oaks City Council Member Tie Gutierrez** (appointed on January 13, 2026)
- **City of Ventura Police Department Commander Edward Caliento** (confirmed on January 13, 2026)
- **County of Ventura Board Supervisor Vianey Lopez** (appointed on January 13, 2026)
- **City of Simi Valley Police Department Commander Daniel Frates** (confirmed on January 20, 2026)
- **Ventura County Sheriff's Office Captain John Hajducko** (confirmed on January 26, 2026)
- **City of Oxnard City Council Member** (*pending appointment on February 17, 2026*)

Board members will serve two-year terms. In January 2028, the elected official seats will rotate to the next largest homeless population in East County and West County, based on the 2025 Homeless Count. The elected seats will include the cities of Ventura and Simi Valley. The law enforcement representative seats will rotate to the next largest homeless populations in the cities of Camarillo and Santa Paula. This is described in the amended Governance Charter.

In addition to these Board appointments, proxy representatives are allowed for each member to have representation in their absence with the following criteria:

- 1) Board members are expected to attend at least 50% of the scheduled meetings during a calendar year.
- 2) Each Board member will designate one proxy representative with the eligibility to vote.
- 3) Changes in proxy representatives must be made in writing by the Board member with notice provided to the VC CoC Board Chair and VC CoC Staff.
- 4) Each proxy representative shall represent the same sector or organization as the Board member.
- 5) Board members or their designated proxy representatives must be present at the Board meeting to vote on items.
- 6) The VC CoC Nominating Committee will consider the attendance of Board members when considering applications to renew terms for Board membership annually.

An updated roster of VC CoC Board membership is attached with proxy representatives. Those without proxies may designate one by notifying VC CoC Staff to add to the roster.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the appointments of elected officials and law enforcement representatives to join the VC CoC Governance Board for a two-year term through December 31, 2027.

	Name	Title	Organization	Sector	Join Date	End Term 5
1	Paul Drevenstedt	Assistant Public Defender	VC Public Defender's Office	Criminal Justice	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>Andre Nintcheft</i>	<i>Chief Deputy Public Defender</i>	<i>VC Public Defender's Office</i>	<i>Criminal Justice</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
2	Jeffrey Lambert	CEO	Housing Authority of San Buenaventura	Public Housing	Jan-25	12/31/2034
	<i>Alice Villareal Redit</i>	<i>Community Services Director</i>	<i>Housing Authority of San Buenaventura</i>	<i>Public Housing</i>	<i>Jan-25</i>	<i>12/31/2034</i>
3	Dawn Dyer	Advocate	Housing Advocate	Advocate	Jan-18	12/31/2027
	<i>Paul Sheehan</i>	<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Housing Advocate</i>	<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Jan-18</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
4	Stefany Gonzalez	Person with Lived Experience	Person with Lived Experience	Formerly Homeless	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>No Proxy</i>				<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
5	Ingrid Hardy	Assistant City Manager	City of Thousand Oaks	Government	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>Melissa Hurtado</i>	<i>Deputy Community Services Director</i>	<i>City of Thousand Oaks</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
6	Dr. Sevet Johnson	County Executive Officer	County of Ventura	Government / Behavioral Health	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>Mike Petit</i>	<i>Assistant County Executive Officer</i>	<i>County of Ventura</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
7	Mara Malch	Vice President of Business & Administrative Services	Ventura County Community College District	Education	Jan-20	12/31/2029
	<i>No Proxy</i>				<i>Jan-20</i>	<i>12/31/2029</i>
8	Jack Edelstein	Board Member	Ventura County Community Foundation	Non Profit Provider	Jan-22	12/31/2031
	<i>Catherine Sepulveda</i>	<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Ventura County Community Foundation</i>	<i>Non Profit Provider</i>	<i>Jan-22</i>	<i>12/31/2031</i>
9	Manuel Minjares	Assistant City Manager	City of Fillmore	Government	Jan-19	12/31/2028
	<i>Angel Garcia</i>	<i>Senior Management Analyst</i>	<i>City of Fillmore</i>	<i>Government</i>	<i>Jan-19</i>	<i>12/31/2028</i>
10	Carrie Sabatini	Deputy Executive Director	Area Housing Authority of VC	Affordable Housing	Jan-25	12/31/2034
	<i>Dennise Avila</i>	<i>Director of Housing Programs</i>	<i>Area Housing Authority of VC</i>	<i>Affordable Housing</i>	<i>Jan-25</i>	<i>12/31/2034</i>
11	Juliana Gallardo	Associate Director	People's Self Help Housing	Non Profit Provider	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>Katherine Aguilar</i>	<i>Director of Multifamily Housing Department</i>	<i>People's Self Help Housing</i>	<i>Non Profit Provider</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
12	Michael Skinner	Homeless Programs Administrator	City of Oxnard Housing Department	Public Housing	Feb-25	1/31/2035
	<i>Brenda Lopez</i>	<i>Housing Director</i>	<i>City of Oxnard Housing Department</i>	<i>Public Housing</i>	<i>Feb-25</i>	<i>1/31/2035</i>
13	Pauline Preciado	Executive Director of Population Health and Equity	Gold Coast Health Plan	Healthcare	Jan-23	12/31/2032
	<i>David Tovar</i>	<i>Incentive Strategy Manager</i>	<i>Gold Coast Health Plan</i>	<i>Healthcare</i>	<i>Jan-23</i>	<i>12/31/2032</i>
	2 year terms					
	5 term maximum					

	Name	Title	Organization	Sector	Join Date	End Term 1
14	Vainey Lopez	County Supervisor	County of Ventura	Elected Official	Jan-26	12/31/2027
	<i>Matt Lavere</i>	<i>County Supervisor</i>	<i>County of Ventura</i>	<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
15			Oxnard City Councilmember	Elected Official	Jan-26	12/31/2027
			<i>Oxnard City Council member</i>	<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
16	Tie Gutierrez	Councilmember	Thousand Oaks City Councilmember	Elected Official	Jan-26	12/31/2027
	<i>No Proxy</i>		<i>Thousand Oaks City Councilmember</i>	<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
17	John Hajducko	Sheriff HLU Captain	County Sheriff	Elected Official	Jan-26	12/31/2027
	<i>No Proxy</i>		<i>County Sheriff</i>	<i>Elected Official</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
18	Edward Caliento	Police Commander	City of Ventura PD	Law Enforcement	Jan-26	12/31/2027
	<i>No Proxy</i>		<i>City of Ventura PD</i>	<i>Law Enforcement</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
19	Daniel Frates	Police Commander	City of Simi Valley PD	Law Enforcement	Jan-26	12/31/2027
	<i>Bryan Samples</i>	<i>Police Commander</i>	<i>City of Simi Valley PD</i>	<i>Law Enforcement</i>	<i>Jan-26</i>	<i>12/31/2027</i>
	2 year terms					
	1 term maximum					

February 11, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Review and Approval of the recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Interest Funding for Homelessness Prevention – Eviction Prevention and Legal Services.

**BACKGROUND:** On July 9, 2025, the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) authorized staff to release Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to utilize accrued interest from State Homeless Housing, assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program funds.

Since 2019, the VC CoC has been awarded five rounds of HHAP funding. As of June 23, 2025, these funds have generated \$666,753 in accrued interest. The VC CoC Board previously allocated \$392,265 of this interest through a prior RFP process. The remaining balance of \$274,488 in HHAP program interest is currently available to support eviction prevention activities.

In accordance with State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) requirements, all interest earned from HHAP funds must be used for HHAP-eligible activities and reported to the State as required.

**DISCUSSION:** The Ventura County Homelessness Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors in December 2023 and is organized around five action areas:

- **Action Area 1:** Housing Prioritization & Funding
- **Action Area 2:** Regional Coordination & Leadership
- **Action Area 3:** Outreach & Service Delivery
- **Action Area 4:** Data-Driven Decision Making
- **Action Area 5:** Representation & Inclusivity

To advance the goals within these action areas, the Board of Supervisors identified key next steps to ensure measurable progress in preventing and ending homelessness in Ventura County. Central to the Plan is the 1:4:10 framework, which prioritizes permanent housing and homelessness prevention. Under this framework, for every one unit of interim housing developed, the County aims to develop four units of permanent housing and serve ten households through homelessness prevention.

Achieving this goal requires meaningful investment in prevention strategies, including eviction prevention and legal services that help households maintain housing stability. This approach directly aligns with the VC CoC Board's priority to reduce the inflow of households into homelessness by targeting resources toward eviction prevention.

On November 14, 2025, an RFP for HHAP Program Interest funds was released. In response, two proposals were submitted requesting a combined total of \$489,000. Community Development staff evaluated the proposals using a standardized scoring rubric that included the following criteria:

1. Organizational Experience and Capacity
2. Service Plan and Approach
3. Cultural Competency and Community Ties
4. Budget and Cost Effectiveness
5. Innovation and Best Practices
6. References and Past Performance

Based on this evaluation, the proposal recommended for funding is shown in the chart below.

Eligible Activity	Funding Amount Up to <b>\$250,000</b>	Applications Received	
Eviction Prevention	Recommended funding Total: <b>\$250,000</b>	<b>Recommended For Funding</b>	<b>Recommended Amount</b>
		Ventura County Legal Aid	\$250,000
		<b>Not Recommended for Funding:</b>	
		Housing Rights Center	

Ventura County Legal Aid (VCLA) provides free civil legal services to low income, elderly, and disabled county residents. Priority is given to households with incomes at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In 2025, VCLA received over 350 landlord/tenant phone inquiries, 165 clinic inquiries, and opened over 100 housing cases for legal services.

The VCLA program has one full time, bilingual intake coordinator, two Senior Attorneys with landlord/tenant experience, one experienced housing Attorney, an Executive Director, as well as a Board of Directors. Private funding is donated by foundations, private trusts, corporate donors, local law firms, and individuals invested in this cause. VCLA staff will provide legal counsel, mediation services, assistance in completing legal forms, and referrals to other organizations and agencies.

The program will track data for HHAP reporting purposes. Services are offered by direct inquiry programs (online or telephone), walk-in clinic, and a partnership with the Family Justice Center.

VCLA has proposed an 18-month grant period with the following budget:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Months 13-18</u>	<u>Total</u>
<i>Attorney Salary &amp; Benefits</i>			
Attorney Salary	\$ 118,000	\$ 59,000	\$ 177,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 9,027	\$ 4,514	\$ 13,541
Attorney Medical	\$ 11,472	\$ 6,195	\$ 17,667
401(k) match (3%)	<u>\$ 3,540</u>	<u>\$ 1,770</u>	<u>\$ 5,310</u>
	\$ 142,039	\$ 71,478	\$ 213,517
<i>Direct Program Expenses</i>			
CMS license	\$ 900	\$ 936	\$ 1,836
Office Supplies	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,040	\$ 3,040
Printing & Postage	<u>\$ 4,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,080</u>	<u>\$ 6,080</u>
	\$ 6,900	\$ 4,056	\$ 10,956
Mgt/Fiscal/Data Oversight	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,200	\$ 15,200
Total	\$ 158,939	\$ 80,734	\$ 239,673

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the funding recommendation in an amount up to \$250,000 in California Homeless Housing & Assistance Program (HHAP) Program Interest for Homelessness Prevention – Eviction Prevention Rental Mediation to be provided by Ventura County Legal Aid (VCLA) with an 18-month grant term.

February 11, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive a Notice of an Unscheduled Board Member Vacancy and Approve the Oxnard Housing Director to Fill this Board Seat.

Current VC CoC Board member, Michael Skinner, has accepted a new position with the County of Ventura Community Development Division and is no longer employed with the City of Oxnard. The City of Oxnard has recommended the Oxnard Housing Authority Director, Brenda Lopez, to fill his seat through the end of Michael’s current term.

Brenda Lopez joined the City of Oxnard in 2016 and has years of service in the Oxnard community addressing housing and homelessness. Brenda oversees the City’s homeless services, grants management, economic development, rent stabilization, and tenant protection programs. She has more than 17 years of experience across both public and private sectors, with a strong background in finance, compliance, strategic planning, and organizational development. Brenda holds an MBA in Management and Organizational Behavior and a Bachelor’s in Business Administration from California Lutheran University.

New Board Member	Remaining Board Term	Term Year
Brenda Lopez	1/1/2025 – 12/31/2027	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year

Per the VC CoC Governance Charter section 6.07E: *Whenever an unscheduled vacancy occurs on the CoC Board whether due to resignation, death, termination or other causes, the Governing Board may appoint such a qualified person(s) necessary to fill the vacancy. The person(s) appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the previous Board Member and is subject to re-election by the Board and ratification by the full Alliance voting membership.*

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 1) Receive and file the unscheduled vacancy; and 2) Review and approve the appointment of the Oxnard Housing Authority Director, Brenda Lopez, to fill this vacancy.

February 11, 2026

VC CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive an update on the FY25 HUD Continuum of Care Competition and anticipated FY26 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

**Discussion:** The FY25 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program renewal funding has been authorized through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2026. The FY25 CoC renewals will be awarded based on the FY24 applications and will include increases to Fair Market Rent (FMR) for current leases in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and rental assistance for Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. The FY25 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) funding for Ventura County CoC is \$3,749,587. This grant funding is for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Coordinated Entry System (CES), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and the Safe Haven Shelter. These programs will receive renewal agreements for those expiring in 2026.

We anticipate HUD to release a new FY26 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) **by June 2026** with significant changes to align with the federal priorities and policies. Program funding available in Tier 1 (highest ranked projects) will most likely be limited to sixty percent (60%) of ARD. All projects not in Tier 1 must compete for funding nationally. We expect HUD to prioritize Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects which include street outreach. All new project applications will go through a competitive process, with review and ranking to be included in the VC CoC Consolidated Application. The new federal policy priorities in addressing homelessness include the following:

## NEW FY2025 POLICY PRIORITIES

<b>Ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets</b>	CoCs expected to direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance consistent with Executive Order on "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets."
<b>Prioritizing treatment and recovery</b>	CoCs expected to prioritize projects that provide treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency, including on-site treatment and participation requirements in services.
<b>Advancing public safety</b>	CoCs expected to cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety. HUD cited the Supreme Court decision in <i>Grants Pass v. Johnson</i> as upholding the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.
<b>Promoting self-sufficiency</b>	CoCs expected to prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families. This would allow them to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.
<b>Improving outcomes</b>	CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
<b>Minimizing trauma</b>	CoCs should encourage the use of trauma informed care, ensure safety of program participants, and access to 'safe, single-sex spaces' for women.

Source: National Alliance to End Homelessness Webinar 11.19.2025

One major shift from prior years is the supportive service participation requirements that must be included in the local ranking and review process. Service participation may be demonstrated by supportive service agreements across CoC projects. The availability of treatment and recovery services on-site must be available with 24/7 access to detox or inpatient treatment within the CoC geography. Formal partnerships with behavioral health clinics and recovery housing are preferred.

VC CoC Staff will notify the CoC Board once HUD releases the new FY26 HUD CoC NOFO. This will prompt a local Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to solicit renewal project applications and new project applications based on the HUD eligible activities for FY26 grant funding.