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Contra Costa County CoC – Funding Committee NOFO Meeting

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Staff Introductions



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Introductions

CoH Members

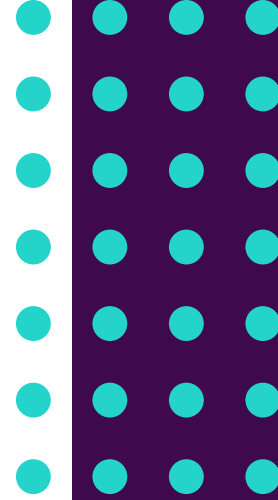
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3. Jared Murti
4. Juno Hedrick
5. Nicole Green
6. Sherina (Rina) Criswell
7. Wayne Earl

Community Members

Name, pronouns, organization

2025 NOFO Updates



2025 Process so far...

2025 has NOT been a routine CoC NOFO year

- **Nov 13, 2025** - HUD unexpectedly released FY 2025 NOFO
- **Dec 8, 2025** - HUD withdrew FY 2025 NOFO (due to ongoing litigation)
- **Dec 12, 2025** – Our CoC paused the local competition
- **Dec 19, 2025** – HUD released v.2 of FY 2025 NOFO, but was blocked from implementing it due to preliminary injunction
- **Jan 8-9, 2026** – HUD re-issued the two-year FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO (from July 2024)
- **Feb 9, 2026** – NOFO submission deadline (more on timeline later)

Where are we now?

We will move forward w/ NOFO process based on the two-year FY 2024 - 2025 NOFO (re-issued on 1/9/26)

- This process will focus largely on renewing existing CoC grants (renewals) in a non-competitive manner
- A very limited amount of reallocated funds will be available to new projects
- Scoring tools and application process will need to be quickly revised to align with new guidance (our goal today!)

The local competition launched in Nov 2025 (based on the FY 2025 NOFO) is indefinitely paused pending changes in the court case (which seems unlikely)

- HUD priorities reflected in the Nov 2025 NOFO no longer apply (e.g., 30% permanent housing cap, service participation requirements, etc.)
- A FY 2026 NOFO is expected to be released this summer which will likely mirror the FY 2025 NOFO and will have funding available for new projects

Key FY 2024-25 NOFO Dates

Date	Event
January 9, 2026	FY 2024 – 2025 NOFO re-issued
January 16, 2026	e-snaps opens (guidance to be provided)
February 9, 2026	HUD's application deadline
March 2026	Awards anticipated by

Key Local Competition Dates

Date	Event
January 22, 2026	Funding Committee revises scoring tools and competition policies
January 23, 2026	Local new project applications open for limited reallocated funding
January 30, 2026 (12pm)	Deadline for new project (for limited reallocated funds) local applications and e-snaps projects applications
February 3, 2026	Review and rank panel meeting, preliminary priority listing released
February 4, 2026	Priority listing approved by

Competition Document Revisions

Revision Goals

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Revision Goals

1. Streamline competition process given the abbreviated timeline
2. Align with federal policy expected in future CoC NOFO competitions
3. General clean up and updating of language

Revising “Application Process”

- The Application Process document that was approved on 12.2.25 was aligned with FY 2025 NOFO (which is now indefinitely paused)
- We propose reverting to the Application Process document from 2024 AND updating that document to align with the re-issued FY 2024 – 2025 NOFO

Proposed Revisions: Reallocation Policy

- Reallocation Policy:
 - For context, **only one renewal project is reallocating (\$299,247)**
 - Due to the abbreviated 2025 CoC Program competition timeline and the expectation of limited reallocation funds, **eligibility for reallocated dollars will be restricted.**
 - Reallocation funding in 2025 will be **limited to Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, specifically HMIS and Coordinated Entry (CE).**
 - The Collaborative Applicant, as the current HMIS and CE administrator, will be the **sole eligible applicant for the limited reallocated funding.**
 - Reallocated funds may only be applied toward eligible HMIS and/or CE projects

Proposed Revisions: Document Approval

Document	Current Approving Body	Proposed Approving Body
Scoring Tools	CoH	Funding Committee
Application Process	CoH	Funding Committee
Priority Listing	CoH	Designated Council Representative

Proposed Revisions: Other

- Removed language “compliance with Fair Housing and Equal Access rules and requirements.”
- Late applications will not be accepted
- Applicant interviews will not be conducted
- No appeals process for 2025 competition
 - Limited scope and abbreviated competition timeline

Revising “Scoring Tools”

- Revisions to the “Renewal Project Scoring Tool” and “New Project Scoring Tool” were approved on 12.2.25 in alignment with the FY 2025 NOFO (which is now indefinitely paused)
- We propose reverting back to the 2024 versions AND **updating the “New Project Scoring Tool” only** to align with the re-issued FY 2024 – 2025 NOFO
- The “Renewal Project Scoring Tool” does not need to be updated because existing projects will be renewed in a non-competitive manner

Proposed Revisions: Deletions

- 1B Project Impact & Responsiveness to Local Need
- 2B Services Capacity and Partnership
- 3E Housing First
- 3F Quality Assurance
- 3G Lived Experience Engagement
- 3H Racial Equity
- 4B Financial Management

red = federal policy alignment

Proposed Revisions: Retained

- **1A HUD and Local Priorities** – reduced PSH pts to 5, increased CE/HMIS pts to 10
- **2A Program Design** – streamlined, fed alignment
- **2C Expected Outcomes** – broadened language to be more inclusive of CE/HMIS projects, increased pt total
- **3A Agency Experience** – streamlined, increased pt total
- **3B Administrative Structure** – streamlined, increased pt total
- **3C HMIS Participation** – increased pt total, full pts for lead agency
- **3D CoC Participation** – increased pt total, full pts for lead agency
- **4A Budget** – increased pt total

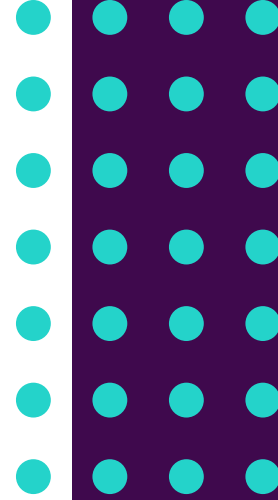
Action Item

- Approve revisions as discussed to the:
 - 2025 New Project Scoring Tool
 - 2025 Application Process

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Funding Committee Schedule

- We expect a FY 2026 NOFO to be released sometime **this summer**
- The FY 2026 NOFO will likely **look similar to the FY 2025 NOFO** (released in November 2025)
- To prepare for this, the Funding Committee will convene monthly starting in late February or March for several months to revise the scoring tools and competition policies accordingly