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## Contra Costa County CoC: Funding Committee NOFO Work Group

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# Today's Agenda

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- Welcome & Introductions
- Recap
- NOFO Funding Allocation Structure
- Approach to Potential 2026 NOFO Tiers & PH Cap
- Approach to 2026 Policy Revisions
- Closing & Next Steps

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# Introductions

## CoH Members

**Name, pronouns, Council seat, organization**

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

## Community Members

**Name, pronouns, organization**

# Funding Committee Overview

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Committee Purpose

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# Overview

## Committee Purpose

- Directing the community input process for federal and state funding streams as needed
- Primary focus is the Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

## NOFO Work Group

- Work group of the Funding Committee that meets annually to revise scoring tools and policies for the CoC NOFO competition

# Funding Committee

## Tentative Schedule

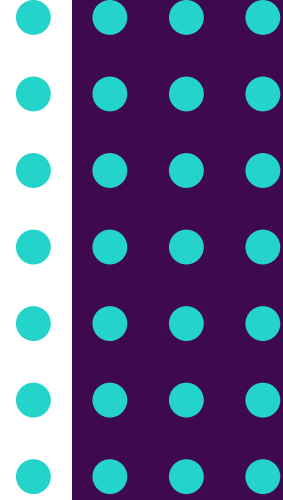
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# Recap

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# 2025 was NOT a Routine Year

- **July 2024** – HUD announced that CoC NOFO was moving to a 2-year cycle (next NOFO would be 2026)
- **Nov 13, 2025** – HUD unexpectedly released FY 2025 CoC NOFO
- **Dec 8, 2025** – HUD withdrew FY 2025 CoC NOFO (due to ongoing litigation)
- **Dec 12, 2025** – Contra Costa CoC paused the local competition
- **Dec 19, 2025** – HUD released v.2 of FY 2025 CoC 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 6, 2026** – Contra Costa CoC submitted package of renewal and projects per re-released FY 2024 – 2025 CoC NOFO

# 2026: What We Know

- Highlights from the FY 2026 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development, and Related Agendas (THUD) Appropriations for Homeless Assistance Grants:
  - The lowest HUD can set Tier 1 at is 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (it was 30% in the FY 2025 CoC NOFO which was unprecedented)
  - HUD is required to publish the FY 2026 NOFO by June 1, 2026 with awards made by December 1, 2026

# 2026: What We Expect (1 of 2)

- **Limited funding for permanent housing (PH) projects, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**
  - Prior to 2025, the CoC program had been primarily focused on PH
  - V. 1 of 2025 CoC NOFO capped PH (renewal & new) at 30% of ARD
  - V. 2 of 2025 CoC NOFO capped renewal PH at 30% of ARD, no cap on new PH
- **New eligible project types**
  - Prior to 2025, the primary eligible project types in Contra Costa were PSH, RRH, Coordinated Entry (CE), and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
  - The 2025 CoC NOFO included new eligible project types: Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), and Street Outreach

# 2026: What We Expect (2 of 2)

- **New program requirements and emphases**

- Prior to 2025, the CoC NOFO competition prioritized projects that were low-barrier, accessible, and that advanced racial equity
- The 2025 CoC NOFO included changes such as requiring service participation and that projects **not** conduct activities that facilitate racial preferences, use a definition of sex other than as binary in human, or operate certain programming under “harm reduction”

# 2026: What We Don't Know

- What other requirements or changes HUD will make to the CoC program (besides what was in the 2025 CoC NOFO)
- When HUD will release the 2026 CoC NOFO
- How much time communities will have for the competition

# So, What Do We Do?

- Take heed of the changes introduced with the rescinded 2025 CoC NOFO
- Utilize the time leading up to a potential June release to prepare
- Plan for different scenarios, particularly the most potentially challenging ones
- Be ready to quickly make additional changes once the 2026 CoC NOFO is released

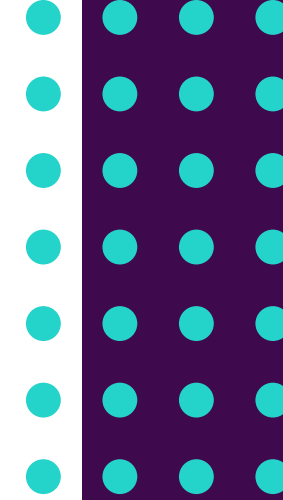
# 2026 Approach

- We will use conditional language to allow flexibility for potential scenarios
- Over the next 3 meetings, we will focus on each of these competition components one at a time:
  - **Competition policies** – This can cover how projects are prioritized regardless of their application scores, criteria for appealing decisions, and the application process. **(TODAY!)**
  - **Renewal scoring tool** – This is the rubric for scoring renewal projects.
  - **New scoring tool(s)** – This is the rubric for scoring new projects. There may be multiple tools developed per new project type.



# NOFO Tiers & 2025 Permanent Housing Cap

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# Tiers – What are they?

Projects requesting CoC funding are categorized into Tier 1 and Tier 2

- **Annual Renewal Demand (ARD):** Total funding needed to renew all existing CoC-funded projects eligible for renewal in a given year
- **Tier 1 (Typically Guaranteed Funding)**
  - Typically includes the majority of renewal projects
  - HUD sets the Tier 1 funding amount as a percentage of the CoC's ARD
  - Projects in Tier 1 are very likely to be funded if they meet eligibility and threshold requirements
- **Tier 2 (Competitive Funding)**
  - Typically includes at least a few renewal projects and the majority of new projects
  - Tier 2 funding amount is CoC Bonus plus any reallocated renewal project funds
  - Funding is less certain and depends on how the CoC application ranks compared to others nationwide

# 2024 Priority Listing

Rank Score Applicant Project Type Request Amount

Tier 1					
1	100.00	Hope Solutions	*ACCESS	PSH	\$ 1,649,824
2	99.86	Hope Solutions	*Garden Park Apartments Community	PSH	\$ 353,714
3	99.25	CCHS (H3)	*Destination Home	PSH	\$ 451,544
3	99.25	Hope Solutions	*Families in Supportive Housing	PSH	\$ 1,135,449
5	96.00	HACCC	*Lakeside	PSH	\$ 389,423
6	95.75	SAHA	*Tabora Gardens Senior Apartments	PSH	\$ 275,955
7	95.38	HACCC	*Contra Costa Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	PSH	\$ 7,206,039
7	95.38	CCHS (H3)	*Permanent Connections	PSH	\$ 288,406
9	92.25	SHELTER, Inc.	*Project Thrive	PSH	\$ 1,310,511
10	91.25	Hope Solutions	*Richmond Hacienda	PSH	\$ 150,220
11	**	CCHS (H3)	Contra Costa Coordinated Entry	SSO	\$ 1,217,035
12	**	CCHS (H3)	Contra Costa HMIS	HMIS	\$ 175,596
13	**	SHELTER, Inc.	New Pathway (Renewal DV)	RRH	\$ 552,915
14	**	SHELTER, Inc.	Planting Roots (Renewal DV)	RRH	\$ 584,259
15	89.75	CCHS (H3)	*High Utilizers of Multiple Systems ( <i>Straddling Tiers</i> )	PSH	\$ 872,019

Tier 2					
15	89.75	CCHS (H3)	*High Utilizers of Multiple Systems ( <i>Straddling Tiers</i> )	PSH	\$ 1,092,779
16	82.38	Hope Solutions	*Project Home SAFE (Renewal DV)	RRH	\$ 641,100
17	---	SHELTER, Inc.	***Planting Roots Expansion (New Project) (DV Reallocation)	RRH	\$ 100,000
18	99.20	Hope Solutions	El Portal Place (New Project)	PSH	\$ 339,686
19	94.40	Hope Solutions	YOUTH Hope (New Project)	RRH	\$ 1,523,769
20	93.60	Eden Housing	Riveter (New Project)	PSH	\$ 363,600
21	87.60	SHELTER, Inc.	****Helping Hands (New Project) (DV Bonus)	RRH	\$ 1,037,892

# 2025 Tiers & PH Cap

- **Tier 1 was reduced to 30%** of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs 90% in 2024 = **less guaranteed/protected funding**
  - 2025 \$6,468,928 = 30% ARD Tier 1 (ARD \$21,563,095)
  - 2024 \$16,612,909 = 90% ARD Tier 1 (ARD \$18,458,788)
- **New cap on Permanent Housing (PH)** - No more than 30% of a CoC's ARD could fund PH projects, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) = **existing Permanent Housing projects would either have significantly reduced CoC funding or no CoC funding**
  - 2025 PH Cap \$6,468,928 = 30% of ARD
  - 2024 Total Awarded PH Funding \$19,930,965

# 2025 Process for 30% Permanent Housing (PH) Cap

- Once the NOFO was released, H3 (Collaborative Applicant) held discussions as a group and individually with renewal providers to develop a community strategy for how to fund renewal projects given the PH cap
  - Prioritized preserving permanent supportive housing
  - Brainstormed strategies for projects who could fully reallocate funding
  - Assessed projects that could convert to Transitional Housing
  - Prioritized projects that had economies of scale and could continue operating with a 25% or more reduction in funding
  - Committed to supporting providers in identifying alternative housing resources for all participants in programs facing a loss of funding.
- All CoC projects have high rates of housing retention and generally perform well, making these decisions even more challenging

# 2025 PH Cap Shortlist

**All of these PSH projects would have reallocated at least 25% of their 2024 funding amounts to fit in Tier 1 (30% of ARD)**

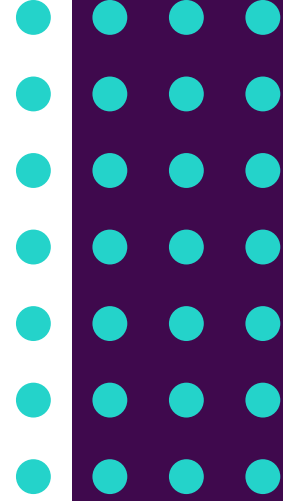
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- GPAC\*
- HUMS
- Lakeside
- Project Thrive
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

# 2026 Tiers and PH Cap

- Tier 1 likely won't be 90% of ARD (from 2024)
  - At minimum it will be 60% of ARD (per 2026 T-HUD bill)
- Expected PH Cap but amount is unknown
  - Version 1 capped PH funding at 30% of ARD for both renewal and new projects
  - Version 2 of the 2025 CoC NOFO capped PH funding at 30% of ARD for projects renewal while there was no cap on new PH projects

# Approach to 2026 Policy Revisions

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# 2024 Adopted Competition Policies

- Policy prioritizing renewal projects over new projects regardless of local application score when those renewal projects meet 3 performance measures or demonstrate extenuating circumstances
  - All renewal projects met this criteria in the 2024 competition

# 2025 Adopted Competition Policies

1. \*Due to the PH cap, the CoC Lead Agency will meet with each renewal PSH provider to develop a 30% PH cap shortlist aligned with the CoC's overall strategy
2. \*Renewal projects cannot appeal the following decisions: 1) reallocation amounts for projects included in the 30% PH cap shortlist, and 2) renewal projects excluded from the 30% PH cap shortlist
3. Funding Committee can approve revisions to scoring tools and competition policies
4. Council designee (Chair or Vice Chair) can approve competition priority listing

*\*#1 and #2 were not implemented since the 2025 CoC NOFO was rescinded*

# Recommended 2026 Policies (1 of 2)

## **If the CoC NOFO includes a cap on PH funding:**

1. Remove policy adopted in 2024 prioritizing renewal projects over new projects regardless of local application score
2. The CoC Lead Agency will meet with each renewal PSH provider to develop a PH cap shortlist aligned with the CoC's overall strategy of prioritizing permanent supportive housing projects
3. Renewal projects cannot appeal the following decisions: 1) reallocation amounts for projects included in the PH cap shortlist, and 2) renewal projects excluded from the PH cap shortlist.
4. Prioritization of renewal PH projects applying for a transition grant to convert to a Transitional Housing project over new projects

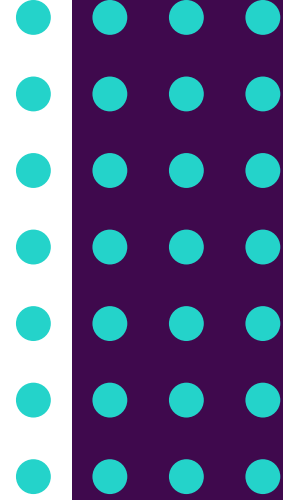
# Recommended 2026 Policies (2 of 2)

**If the timing of the CoC NOFO does not allow for the full Council on Homelessness to approve revisions to competition documents:**

1. The Funding Committee can approve revisions to scoring tools and competition policies
2. A Council designee (Chair or Vice Chair) can approve the competition priority listing

# Next Steps

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# Funding Committee Schedule

## Upcoming meetings

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