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

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# Framing the Conversation

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2025 HUD CoC NOFO Updates

HUD CoC Policy Shifts

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# NOFO Updates

- In 2024, HUD announced that the NOFO was moving to a 2-year cycle (next competition was set for 2026)
- A couple months ago HUD announced that a **2025 NOFO was on the horizon**
- **NOFO was released on November 13, 2025.**
- Deadline to submit applications to HUD is **January 14, 2026**
- Significant changes to NOFO – which means shifts and impacts to CoC funding policies and priorities



# 2025 HUD CoC Policy Priorities

Ending the crisis  
of homelessness  
on our streets

Prioritize  
treatment and  
recovery

Advance public  
safety

Promote self-  
sufficiency

Improve  
outcomes

Minimize  
trauma

# Today's Goals

- **Review 2025 NOFO Changes**
- **Review proposed revisions to Scoring Tools**
- **Review proposed revisions to Application Process**

## Reminder:

- Scoring tools and competition policies are revisited every year
- The Funding Committee will convene early in 2026 to plan more strategically for future NOFOs

# 2025 NOFO Changes

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## 2025 NOFO Notable Changes

# FY2025 CoC NOFO Notable Changes

- **Tier 1 is smaller** (30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) vs. 90% in 2024)
- **CoC Bonus amounts are higher** for new projects (20% of Final Pro Rata Need vs. 12% in 2024)
- **New cap on Permanent Housing (PH).** No more than 30% of a CoC's ARD can fund PH projects, including PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH.
- **New eligible project types:** Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), and Street outreach
- Projects with **service participation requirements** will be scored higher in Tier 2
- All projects must **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"

# Takeaways from Policy Shifts



# What this means for us...

- There are only 60 days for the competition (usually it's 90 days) which includes several big holiday weeks
- NOFO changes will considerably impact everyone: people experiencing homelessness, people in housing, providers, staff, and the overall homeless system of care
- We are working hard to both streamline the competition process where possible and to thoughtfully work with providers and the Council to make strategic shifts that help to preserve as much funding for housing and support for people in our community

# FY2025 Local Competition Changes

- **Scoring Tools:**

- Removal of certain scoring factors that don't align with HUD priorities (i.e., housing first, racial equity, , etc.)
- Addition of scoring factors to reflect new HUD priorities (i.e., service participation requirements, majority of services provided in an opportunity zone, etc.)
- Emphasis on objective, data-driven factors for renewal projects

- **Application Process:**

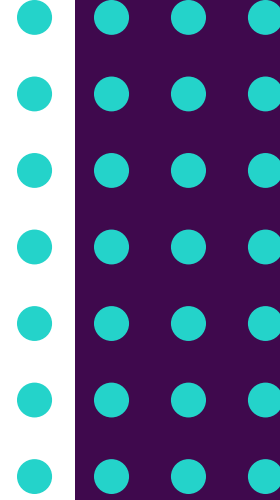
- Adjust language to reflect NOFO priorities (i.e., engaging new providers and faith-based providers)
- HMIS and CE projects will be auto-ranked at the top of Tier 2
- Ranking process mirrors NOFO requirements (i.e., permanent housing projects won't exceed 30% of funding on priority list)

# 30% Cap on Permanent Housing

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Review HUD's 30% Permanent Housing Cap

Review 30% Permanent Housing Shortlist



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# 30% Permanent Housing Cap

## What is it?

- HUD has imposed a **30% cap on permanent housing**
  - PH includes both PSH and RH.
  - **No more than 30%** of the CoC's ARD can be used for permanent housing
- Tier 1 can only include up to **30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)**
  - In previous years, Tier 1 covered 90% or more of ARD

# 30% Permanent Housing Cap

## How does this impact our community?

- Funding
  - 2024 Tier 1 Awarded: \$16,612,909
  - 2025 30% PH Cap: \$6,468,929
- To preserve as much PH as possible under these new rules, the **CoC will prioritize a shortlist of renewal permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects in Tier 1.**
- Renewal PSH projects not included in Tier 1 and all renewal RRH projects must reallocate or transition their projects to eligible project types (TH, SSO, Street Outreach)
- Once the NOFO was released, H3 (Collaborative Applicant) has outreached and discuss to develop a strategy

# 30% PH Cap Shortlist

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

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

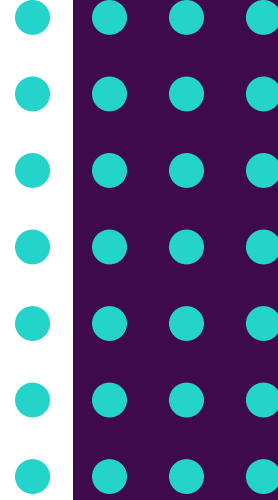
# Scoring Tools

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Renewal Project Scoring Tool

New Project Scoring Tool



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# Goals & Previous Meetings

## Goals

- **Federal alignment** - Align scoring and application with HUD and NOFO priorities to score high and sustain funding in our community
- **Streamline** - Reduce burden for applicants and panelists by simplify the scoring process where possible.

**Previous Funding Committee meetings (Aug and Sep)** - before the 2025 NOFO was released, this committee preemptively discussed several factors to possible remove or revise (e.g., housing first, racial equity, lived experience engagement, etc.)

# Renewal Tool – Proposed Revisions

- 1. Removed threshold criteria** – program policies and procedures, equal access/fair housing, housing first, lived experience satisfaction surveys, involving people with lived experience in program development, public commitment to address racial inequities
- 2. Removed qualitative factors** – project impact and responsiveness to local need, housing stability, HMIS data quality, CoC mandatory training participation, lived experience engagement, racial equity

# Renewal Tool – Proposed Revisions

3. **Edited factors** – reallocation bonus (per project, at least 25% reallocation)
4. **Added factors** – **returns to homelessness** (per NOFO, was removed in 2024 competition)
5. **Adjusted point values** – to offset for deleted factors, to align with NOFO (e.g., 25% of total pts account for returns to homelessness, employment income, and supportive services requirement), edited some scoring scales

# New Project Tool – Overview

- Tool is significantly different from 2024
- Eligible new project types: transitional housing (TH), supportive services only (SSO), street outreach
- Different scoring criteria for each new project type, with some similar or recurring factors
- Each project type is worth a max of 100 points (same as renewal tool)



# New Project Tool – TH

- A. Agency Experience** – experience with project type, handled federal grant, HMIS participation/capacity, outstanding HUD/financial audit findings, HUD deobligated funds
- B. Assisting Program Participants to Obtain & Maintain Housing** – provide and/or partner to provide eligible supportive services
- C. Employment Income** – experience, plan to ensure at least 50% of participants exit with employment income
- D. Mainstream Resources** – project supplemented with public/private resources
- E. Supportive Services** – which supportive services, requiring services, substance use treatment, if treatment is on-site, agreement/letter

# New Project Tool – TH

- F. 40 Hours of Customized Services** – providing 40 hours per week of customized services, may be reduced proportionately for employed participants
- G. Cost Per Household** – cost is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404
- H. Alignment with HUD and NOFO** – leveraging non-CoC or ESG housing and/or healthcare funding, providing majority of services in an opportunity zone

# New Project Tool – SSO

- A. Agency Experience** – experience with project type, handled federal grant, HMIS participation/capacity, outstanding HUD/financial audit findings, HUD deobligated funds
- B. Necessity of Project** – project is necessary to assist participants, conduct annual assessment of service needs
- C. Supportive Services** – strategy for providing supportive services to eligible participants including those with history of unsheltered homelessness, description of services
- D. Employment Income** – experience, plan to ensure at least 50% of participants exit with employment income

# New Project Tool – SSO

- E. Mainstream Resources** – project supplemented with public/private resources
- F. Assisting Program Participants to Obtain & Maintain Housing** – experience providing eligible supportive services and demonstrated effectiveness
- G. Cost Effective** – cost is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404
- H. Alignment with HUD and NOFO** – providing majority of services in an opportunity zone

# New Project Tool – Street Outreach

- A. Agency Experience** – experience with project type, handled federal grant, HMIS participation/capacity, outstanding HUD/financial audit findings, HUD deobligated funds
- B. Supportive Services** – strategy for providing supportive services to eligible participants including those with history of unsheltered homelessness, description of services
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# New Project Tool – Street Outreach

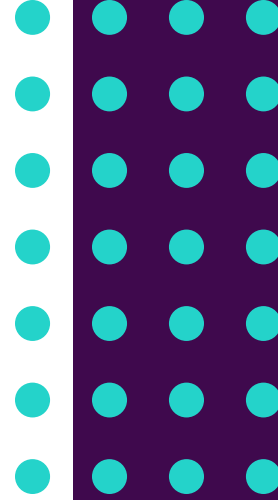
- E. Partnering with Law Enforcement** – history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement
- F. Assisting Program Participants to Obtain & Maintain Housing** – experience providing outreach services and demonstrated effectiveness
- G. Cost Effective** – cost is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404
- H. Alignment with HUD and NOFO** – providing majority of services in an opportunity zone

# Competition Policy Revisions

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# Revision Goals

## 1. Federal Policy Alignment

- Align with new NOFO Competition rules

## 2. Streamlining Application Process

- Reduce time constraints and increase efficiency based on shortened timeline

## 3. General Clean-up

- clean-up for accuracy, grammar errors, etc.



# HUD's 30% ARD Cap & 30% Permanent Housing Cap

## Federal Policy Alignment

**ADD** HUD's Tier 1 30% ARD cap AND 30% permanent housing (PH) cap

- Tier 1 can only include up to 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- No more than 30% of the CoC's ARD can be utilized for permanent housing which includes both PSH and RH.
- To preserve as much PH as possible under these new rules, the CoC will prioritize renewal permanent supportive housing (PSH) in Tier 1.
- Because RRH also counts towards the PH cap. Tier 1 will focus solely on PSH renewals.
- Renewal PSH projects not included in Tier 1 and all renewal RRH projects must reallocate or transition their projects to eligible project types (TH, SSO, Street Outreach)

# Review & Rank Process Methodology

## Federal Policy Alignment

**Current Policy:** The ranked list is created by the following procedures:

- Applications are evaluated based on the scoring tools. Applications that do not meet certain threshold requirements will not be included on the ranked list.
- Projects are ranked based on their application score.
- HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects are automatically raked at the bottom of Tier 1 along with renewal projects with less than 12 months of data.
- Based on community priorities as defined in the scoring tools, the CoC Review and Rank panel may determine whether any renewal project should be decreased or reallocated.

# Review & Rank Process Methodology

## Federal Policy Alignment

### REPLACE LANGUAGE:

- **Step 1:** Individual renewal project consultations to develop community strategy
  - 30% permanent housing cap shortlist development based on provider intent
  - Partial reallocation requirement for 30% PH cap shortlist projects

# Review & Rank Process Methodology

## Federal Policy Alignment

**Step 2:** Inform renewal projects whether they are or are NOT on the 30% PH cap shortlist, and inform renewal projects NOT on the shortlist of the following options:

- Reallocate funding and not submit a new project application,
- Reallocate funding and submit a new project application, or
- Apply for a transition grant to convert their current project to another eligible project type (e.g., TH, SSO, Street Outreach)
- Projects and dollar amounts not included in the 30% PH cap shortlist are not eligible to submit a renewal application, and this determination is not subject to appeal.

# Review & Rank Process Methodology

## Federal Policy Alignment

**Step 3:** Hold a non-conflicted R&R Panel to score projects and determine ranked order of projects in Tier 2. The following will be applied:

- HMIS and CES will be auto-ranked at the top of Tier 2
- New project apps will be scored using corresponding scoring tool (TH, SSO, Street Outreach)
- Different project types will be compared to one another – R&R panelists should use discretion, reviewing the score in addition to: 1) number of people experiencing homelessness that will benefit from the service or project, 2) existing need in the community for the project, 3) project alignment with HUD and community priorities.
- Renewal projects seeking a transition grant to convert their current project type will receive priority over completely new projects
- New PH projects will not be accepted in this year's competition

# General HUD policies

## Federal Policy Alignment

- Removed language “compliance with Fair Housing and Equal Access rules and requirements.”

# Appeals

## Federal Policy Alignment

To ensure the CoC is aligned with HUD's new 30% PH cap, and to preserve as much permanent housing under this rule, in the 2025 competition the following decisions are final and not eligible for appeal:

- reallocation amounts for projects included in the 30% PH cap shortlist
- renewal projects excluded from the 30% PH cap shortlist

# Approval of Documents

## Streamlining Application Process

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



# Other Items

## Streamlining Application Process

- Late applications will not be accepted
- Applicant interviews will not be conducted

# Language & Grammar Corrections

## General Clean-up

- Update CoC/ESG Committee to Funding Committee
- Update NOFA to NOFO
- Correction of grammatical errors

# What's Next

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# 12/2 Meeting Preview

- Complete presentation of proposed revisions and discussion
- Summarize any additional revisions discussed at the 12/1 and 12/2 meetings
- Action item for Council Members – approve revisions to:
  - 2025 Renewal Housing Project Scoring Tool
  - 2025 New Housing Project Scoring Tool
  - 2025 Application Process

# TA Workshop Preview

## Who? What? When? Where?

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**WHAT:** This workshop will provide an overview of the local application process, including instructions for completing both the local application and the e-snaps project application.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 3, 2025, 1:00 - 3:30pm

**WHERE:** Virtual only

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# Summarize Additional Revisions

- Per discussions at the 12/1 and 12/2 Funding Committee Meetings

# Action Item

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