



# GA 505 Continuum of Care Competition

## Technical Assistance Workshop Materials

Section I.

Technical Assistance

Workshop

PowerPoint

## FY2026 Continuum of Care Technical Assistance Workshop

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 10 am – 12 noon  
United Way 1005 Front Ave

Tuesday, June 16, 2026 4 pm- 6 pm

Via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945779769?pwd=ZlVprGvTcZD6Nb8rK3KdONcMWN0dzs.1>

Meeting ID: 869 4577

# Welcome and Agenda

- What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?
- Competition
- Funding Availability
- Application
- Priorities
- Scoring
- Deadlines

# What is a Continuum of Care?

- The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is a Federal funding program designed to promote a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness.
- The CoC Program:
  - Provides funding for non-profit agencies, State and local governments to quickly re-house people experiencing homelessness
  - Promotes access to mainstream programs for people experiencing homelessness
  - Optimizes self-sufficiency among people experiencing homelessness
- A Continuum of Care is the diverse, local group of people who undertake the CoC Program responsibilities.



# Local Committees: It's All About the Work!

- Steering Committee
  - Set agendas for Board meetings and carry out the work of the CoC between monthly meetings. Committee make-up:
    - Representative from Home for Good (the CoC Collaborative Applicant, who is the point of contact with the Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which administers the program)
    - CoC Officers including Chair, Vice-Chair & Secretary, and up to three additional members of the Board
- Performance & Outcomes Committee
  - Works with Home for Good to set CoC/Project performance goals as well as review and evaluate the performance of the CoC and individual agencies.
  - Works to provide a gaps analysis

# Local Committees: It's All About the Work!

- CoC Application Committee  
Works in coordination with Home for Good to create a collaborative process for local agencies to apply for CoC funding. CoC NOFO Application Scoring Committee Reviews and scores project applications.
- Mainstream & Outreach Committee  
Works with allied partners to develop strategies to increase outreach to all persons experiencing homelessness within the CoC geographical areas and improve linkages to mainstream services for the homeless community.
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) / Data Committee  
Reviews CoC data and recommends operational changes based on the data. Provides input regarding the functionality of the HMIS system.



# Local Committees: It's All About the Work!

- Coordinated Entry Committee  
Oversees implementation and monitoring of Coordinated Entry System.  
Provides recommendations regarding system gaps.
- Point-In-Time Count Committee  
Works closely with CoC membership to plan for and conduct the annual sheltered and unsheltered counts.
- Landlord Engagement  
Oversee the recruitment and collaboration of landlords with community service providers to increase the availability of safe affordable housing.  
Improve tenant landlord relationships. Increase the landlord knowledge of rental assistance and homelessness prevention programs



# Local Committees: It's All About the Work!

- Lived Experience Committee  
Oversees and use their unique expertise to support planning and implementation efforts to strategically target resources to increase housing placements, prevent homelessness, and improve our homeless system by advancing equity throughout.



# Board of Directors

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Agency</b>
Jennifer Lowman	Phenix City Government
Vacant	Law Enforcement
Seth Brown	Columbus Consolidated Government
Adrian Chester	Faith Community
Jon than Evans	Housing Authority of Columbus
Dr. Lakeita Arrington-Judkins	Urban League
Dr Trikella Nelson	Muscogee County School District
Vacant	Landlord
Kristin Barker	Better Work Columbus
Pat Frey	Home for Good (Ex- Officio)

# Two Tiered Competition

- There are approximately 400+ CoCs vying for funding from the federal government.
- To be competitive in the [national competition](#), CoCs must have a fair, objective, performance-based [local competition](#) to determine the local funding priority among submitted project applications.
- CoCs are scored based on performance, planning, community engagement, data collection and other similar factors. Higher score = more funding for our community.
- Each CoC ranks the housing and services project applications submitted for funding according to priorities and recommends that ranked list to HUD.



# Key Requirements *continued*

Things to keep in mind:

1. Ensuring your application is competitive in the local competition
2. Ensuring your project is eligible for HUD funding
3. Ensuring your application is filled out properly and completely



# Key Requirements for CoCs

Once the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), the competitions begin.

The FY 2026 CoC Competition applications will consist of:

1. The CoC Application
2. The CoC Project Listing
3. A number of Project Applications



# Available funding for FY2026 based on 2025 data (ARD Not yet published)

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Annual Renewal Demand Funding  | \$ 1,960,086        |
| Of this amount: Anticipated Tier 1 amount is \$1,176,052  |                     |
| Anticipated Tier 2 amount is \$784,034  |                     |
| 2. Domestic Violation Bonus Funding   | \$ 392,017          |
| <b>Eligible Uses of DV Bonus:</b> Supportive Services Only, Transitional Housing , Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, HMIS, Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry      |                     |
| 3. CoC Bonus  | \$ 500,000 **       |
| <a href="#">Continuum of Care Program Competition   HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</a><br>See page 11   |                     |
| 4. Reallocation   |                     |
| <b>Eligible Uses of Reallocation -</b> Supportive Services Only, Transitional Housing , Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, HMIS, Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry |                     |
| 5. CoC Planning   | \$ 115,554          |
| <b>Total Available</b>  | <b>\$ 2,967,657</b> |



# 2026 Funds are NOT available for:

- Emergency shelter
- Homelessness prevention projects



# NOFO Homeless Policy and Program Priorities

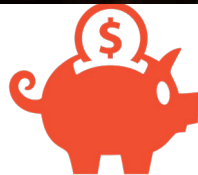
1. Improving Outcomes
2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency
5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
6. Advancing Public Safety for All
7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology

<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>

Pages 29-34



# Local Ranking Process Renewal Projects - undergoing updates to align with NOFO Priorities



# Local Ranking Process New Projects- undergoing updates to align with NOFO Priorities



# How do I apply?

**NATIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION:** Prior to beginning, go to <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition> for training modules, application instructions and helpful tips.

All HUD applications must be submitted through the web-based e-snaps system at [Grantium™ \(hud.gov\)](https://www.hud.gov/e-snaps)

Complete the Applicant Profile first. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR PROJECT APPLICATION.

Once you have completed the Applicant Profile, you can begin your Project Application.

- Follow the steps for the application, referring to the training modules as needed
- **COMPETITION INFORMATION:** <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition>
- **See for information to access applications via e-naps:** [e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange](#)

# How can we use this funding?

- Permanent Housing

New construction   Leasing   Rental assistance   Acquisitions   Rehabilitation

- Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
- Transitional Housing or Supportive Service Only Grants
- Supportive Services Only
- Supportive Services Only Street Outreach
- Supportive Services for Coordinated Entry



# Resources

[CoC: Continuum of Care Program - HUD Exchange](#)

[e-snaps Navigation and Application Resources](#)

[e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange](#)

CoC Program Competition questions must be submitted to the following HUD.gov email addresses:

- [cocnofo@hud.gov](mailto:cocnofo@hud.gov) for questions about the NOFO, competition, and applications.
- [e-snaps@hud.gov](mailto:e-snaps@hud.gov) for questions about *e-snaps* technical issues.

# Resources

[Continuum-of-Care-FAQ.pdf](#)

# HUD Timeline and Deadlines

- ❑ **June 1** 2026 CoC NOFO was released.
- ❑ No later than **August 24<sup>th</sup>** Each CoC must post the CoC Consolidated Application (i.e. the CoC Application and CoC Priority Listing) on its website (or a partner website) and notify community members and key stakeholders that it is available, in a manner that is accessible for persons with disabilities and persons with limited English proficiency.
- ❑ **August 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. EDT** Deadline for submission. Winter/Spring HUD to issue up to two conditional funding announcements for all projects.
- ❑ **September 30, 2027, Statutory deadlines for obligation of grant funds.**

# • Our Timeline and Deadlines

**June 16, 2026**

Release of information about priorities and NOFO information is given to all interested parties at **10am EDT** at

United Way 1005 Front Ave

or via Zoom

**Tuesday, June 16 2026, 4 pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945779769?pwd=ZlVprGvTcZD6Nb8rK3KdONcMWN0dzs.1>

Meeting ID: 869 4577 9769

Passcode: 749642



# • Our Timeline and Deadlines

- **July 20** Rank and Review Panel training takes place at 9am at United Way
- **June 1** - Application is divided among Application Committee members and project leaders  
**Aug 24** and the CoC application is written collaboratively.
- **July 23** Project Applications are due to be submitted in ESNAPS no later than 12 noon EDT.



# Our Timeline and Deadlines

**July 23** - Rank & Review Panel reads and scores proposals individually.

**July 27**

**July 27** Rank and Review Panel meets at **10 am EDT** at United Way to discuss rankings.

**July 27** Preliminary priority list is emailed to all agencies.

**July 28** Applicant appeals are due by **5 pm EDT** and emailed to [pfrey@unitedcv.org](mailto:pfrey@unitedcv.org)

**July 30** Appeals Committee reviews appeals and recalculates scores at **9 am EDT** at United Way

**July 30** Priority List after Appeal 1 emailed to agencies

**Aug 3** Applicant appeals are due by **5 pm EDT** and emailed to [pfrey@unitedcv.org](mailto:pfrey@unitedcv.org)



# Our Timeline and Deadlines

**Aug 4** Appeals Committee reviews appeals and recalculates scores at **9 am EDT** at United Way

**Aug 4** Priority List after Appeal 2 emailed to agencies

**Aug 4** The Final Priority List is presented to the CoC Board.

**Aug 6** CoC Board approved priority list is emailed to the agencies and posted on the CoC website.

**Aug 21** CoC consolidated application is posted to the CoC Website.

**Aug 24** Application is submitted to HUD.





THANK YOU



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[unitedwayofthecv.org](http://unitedwayofthecv.org)

# Section II.

## 2026 GA 505 NOFO Process and Timeline

## 2026 GA 505 Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Grant Competition Process and Timeline

Event/ Activity	Responsible	Date/Time	Place	Notes
NOFA released	HUD	06/01/2026	HUD	HUD releases the Notice of Funding Availability
Collaborative and Project Applications Release	HUD	TBD	ESNAPS HUD Exchange	Hud releases Collaborative and Project Applications the Collaborative and Project Applications have not yet been posted to the Continuum of Care Competition Page. Interested parties are encouraged to regularly check the Competition Page at this link for updates: <a href="https://www.hud.gov/continuum-of-care-program">Continuum of Care Program   HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</a>
Organizations wishing to submit a project application in the 2026 CoC Competition must attend the Technical Assistance Workshops. Applications will not be accepted from organizations who did not attend a Technical Assistance Workshop				
Technical Assistance Workshop <b>MANDATORY for New and Renewal Applications</b>	Application Committee	06/16/2026 <b>10am-12 noon</b>	United Way	Release information about local priorities and HUD guidelines for proposals. Agencies will be given an electronic proposal package and training on how to complete the application.
Technical Assistance Workshop <b>MANDATORY for New and Renewal Applications</b>	Application Committee	6/16/2026 <b>4 PM-6 PM</b>	ZOOM (LINK IN NOTES COLUMN)	Release information about local priorities and HUD guidelines for proposals. Agencies will be given an electronic proposal package and training on how to complete the application.  <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945779769?pwd=ZlVprGvTczD6Nb8rK3KdONcMWN0dzs.1">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945779769?pwd=ZlVprGvTczD6Nb8rK3KdONcMWN0dzs.1</a>  Meeting ID: 869 4577 9769 Passcode: 749642
Agencies write project proposals	Agencies	06/01/2026 to 07/23/2026	Various	All agencies seeking CoC funding must have applications submitted to CoC via ESNAPS by <b>12 noon</b> on 7/23/2026
Rank & Review Panel Training	Collaborative Applicant	07/20/2026 9 AM	United Way	Rank & Review Panel receives training for scoring projects.
Community's CoC Application is written	Application Committee/ Project Leads	06/01/2026 to 08/24/2026	Various	Application committee as well as project leads will divide application and write it collaboratively
Project proposals are due in ESNAPS	Agencies	07/23/2026 <b>NOON</b>	ESNAPS	See Proposal Submission Checklist for list of required documents and information about where and how to turn in documents.
Rank & Review Panel reviews project proposals	Review and Rank Panel	07/23/2026 to 07/27/2026	Various	Rank & Review Panel reads and scores proposals independently.
Rank & Review Panel meets	Collaborative Applicant	07/27/2026 <b>10 AM</b>	United Way	Rank & Review Panel meets to discuss proposals and determine how projects will be ranked in the 2024 application.
Posting of Preliminary Ranked List	Collaborative Applicant	07/27/2026	Email and HFG/CoC website	Preliminary priority list emailed to agencies and posted to website

Applicant Appeals due	Agencies	07/28/2026 <b>5PM</b>	Email to HFG	Agencies may inspect their scores and formulate a written appeal based on appeal policy.
Appeals Reviewed as needed	Review and rank Panel	07/30/2026 <b>9 AM</b>	United Way	Review appeals and recalculate scores, if necessary.
Posting of Ranked List After 1 Appeal	Collaborative Applicant	07/30/2026	Email and HFG/CoC website	Priority list after appeal 1 emailed to agencies.
Applicant Appeals due	Agencies	08/03/2026 <b>5PM</b>	Email to HFG	Agencies may inspect their scores and formulate a written appeal based on appeal policy.
Appeals Reviewed as needed	Review and rank Panel	08/04/2026 <b>9 AM</b>	United Way	Review appeals and recalculate scores, if necessary.
Posting of Ranked List After 2 Appeal	Collaborative Applicant	08/04/2026	Email and HFG/CoC website	Priority list after appeal 2 emailed to agencies.
Final ranked list is distributed to applicants	Collaborative Applicant	08/04/2026	Email and HFG/CoC website	Final priority list to be emailed to CoC Board for approval and emailed to applicants.
CoC Board Vote to Approve Ranking	Collaborative Applicant & CoC Board	08/04/2026 Vote Due <b>08/05/2026 5 pm</b>	Via email	Final Priority List recommendation is sent to CoC Board for approval.
CoC Board Vote to be posted	Collaborative Applicant & CoC Board	08/06/2026	Via Email and HFG/CoC Website	Final Priority List published on HFG/CoC website and emailed to applicants
CoC Consolidated Application Posting	Application Committee	08/21/2026	Email and HFG/CoC website	CoC consolidated application is posted on CoC website
CoC Consolidated Application <b>Local Deadline</b>		08/24/2026	ESNAPS	Application is packaged and submitted to HUD.
Application is due to HUD		08/26/2026 <b>8 PM</b>	ESNAPS	APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 8 PM

Meetings/Trainings, Project Deadlines, Community Deadlines

06/02/2026

# Section III

## 2026 Continuum of Care Scoring Sheet



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# Section IV

## Financial Statements

### Declaration

### Statement



## *2026 Muscogee/Russell Continuum of Care*

### *Notice of Funding Opportunity*

### **Financial Statements Declaration Statement**

Falsification or omission of true and correct documentation will result in immediate denial of Project Application. I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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**Project Name**

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**Organization Seeking Funding**

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**Authorized Representative (Print)**

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**Authorized Representative (Signature)**

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**Date**

# Section V

2026

# Application Appeals Process

## GA 505 Columbus Muscogee/ Russell County 2026 Application Appeals Process

If an applicant organization feels it was denied the right to reasonably participate in the local application process or has been unfairly eliminated from the competition, or that a decision made by their local Continuum of Care governing board regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, or in violation of the 2026 Continuum of Care Guidelines, the applying organization may file an appeal to be re-considered for inclusion in either the local competition or federal competition.

A written appeal request must be submitted to the collaborative applicant, United Way-Home for Good [pfrey@unitedcv.org](mailto:pfrey@unitedcv.org) by **5 pm on July 28, 2026**. The Collaborative Applicant and the CoC Board will hear all appeals. It is the responsibility of the Applicant to address each area (s) identified as a factor(s) of the funding decision in a manner that could result in a more favorable decision. You will be notified of the appeal decision on **July 30, 2026**. Should there be further need for reconsideration, the final appeal is due at **5 pm on August 3, 2026**. The final appeal decision and notification of all project applicants will be made on **August 4, 2026** which is more than 15 days before the FY 2024 application deadline of August 26, 2026 as stipulated in the 2026 NOFO.

Notification Date : June 16, 2026

United Way- Home for Good  
Attention: Pat Frey  
1005 Front Ave  
Columbus, Ga 31901

Section VI.  
Certificate of  
Consistency

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I/We, the undersigned, certify that the proposed activities/projects in the application are consistent with the jurisdiction's current, approved Consolidated Plan. (Complete the fields below.)

Applicant Name:

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Project Name:

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Location of the Project:

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Name of the Federal Program to which the applicant is applying:

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Name of Certifying Jurisdiction:

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Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name:

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Title:

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Signature:

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Date:

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# Section VI

# CHECKLIST

**2026 GA 505 NOFO Competition  
Project Application Checklist  
New or Renewal & Project Name**

	Project Application Completed in ESNAPS
	ESNAPS Attachments Uploaded
	Client intake packet for project seeking funding
	YTD Financials
	IRS 990
	Independent Audit (if applicable)
	Match Letter
	Signed Financial Declaration Statement
	Certificate of Consistency