



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care FY2026 HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Letter of Interest (LOI) Information Document

May 8, 2026-The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is charged by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit a community-wide application for homeless assistance funds.

This announcement serves as notification to agencies to submit a [Letter of Interest \(LOI\) form](#) (linked here) to express their interest in submitting new or renewal projects as part of the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants competition. Submission of a Letter of Interest does not constitute an application, nor does it constitute approval for funding by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC or by HUD. There is no official due date for LOIs. **Agencies are encouraged to submit LOIs by May 28, 2026**, to maximize time available for review. LOIs will continue to be open to ensure the CoC has enough eligible projects to put forward to HUD for funding.

Information about Continuum of Care program activities and requirements can be found at HUD Exchange, Continuum of Care Program (<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>). HUD's Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be posted [here](#) when available.

Agencies considering submitting a Letter of Interest form must be able to clearly demonstrate their ability to successfully meet CoC program outcomes in one or more of the activity areas as outlined in the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing: Continuum of Care Program; Interim Final Rule ([24 CFR Part 578; Docket No. FR-5476-I-01](#)). Please reference the CoC Written Standards [here](#) for information about how each project type must operate. To ensure that proposed projects align with HUD's eligible activities, agencies submitting a NEW project application must attend a mandatory meeting with the Ranking committee members to discuss your proposed project prior to being invited to submit a full application. A link to sign up for a meeting will be provided upon approval of your LOI.

The Continuum of Care program is a national competition (42 U.S.C. 11386a). The estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC is \$7,599,490 based on funding available in FY25. Final amount available will be communicated when confirmed by HUD. Bonus funding may be available based on the community's Collaborative Application score.

CoC Governing Board Project Priority Ranking (subject to change after the release of the NOFO):

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is required to prioritize and rank projects applying for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding in the CoC competition. Projects seeking renewal or new funding in the FY2026 CoC competition will be prioritized and ranked as follows.

1. **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects** ranked by overall percentage scored on the renewal application, from highest to lowest. PSH projects that score lowest may be placed

below CoC Infrastructure projects

2. The CoC’s **renewal infrastructure projects**. Infrastructure projects are defined as dedicated HMIS grants and Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only (CE-SSO) grants. Renewal CE-SSO project may be ranked above renewal HMIS project as CE-SSO project provides direct services to people experiencing homelessness
3. **New**, created via CoC Bonus, ranked by overall project score (not in this order of project type):
 - a. New Transitional Housing projects
 - b. New Standalone Supportive Services Only projects
 - c. New or expansion Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry projects
 - d. New or expansion dedicated HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) projects
4. **New Domestic Violence Bonus projects** ranked by overall project score:
 - a. Transitional Housing projects
 - b. New Coordinated Entry-Supportive Services Only projects
New or expansion CE-SSO projects
5. **Renewal Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects and Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing projects may be ranked lower than renewal PSH, renewal infrastructure & new projects** ranked by overall project score.

New projects must be ready to begin in calendar year 2027.

CoC Projects are designed to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness.
- Fund efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments to quickly house or rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.
- Promote access to and utilization of mainstream benefits by homeless individuals.
- Provide supportive services that are flexible and consumer driven.

NC-505 Local Competition Timeline

(timeline subject to change based on actual release date of NOFO)

Date	Activity
May 8, 2026	LOI period opens—LOIs will be reviewed as received
May 15, 2026	CoC NOFO Info Session #1
May 28, 2026	CoC Board finalizes ranking priorities
May 29, 2026	Anticipated NOFO released by HUD
May 26, 2026-July 25, 2026	Mandatory meetings with ranking committee members and applicants applying for new projects
June 4, 2026	CoC NOFO Info Session #2
June 5, 2026-July 27, 2026	Project application period open
June 23, 2026	Application TA Session #1
July 8, 2026	Application TA Session #2
July 27, 2026	Project Applications Due to CoC by 11:59PM
July 30, 2026	Ranking Committee receives applications & materials as received. Last batch will be sent by 7/30/26.
August 3-4, 2026	Ranking Committee meets to review applications & rank projects

August 6, 2026	CoC Board votes to approve Ranking Committee recommendations & approves submission of collaborative application
August 6, 2026	Agencies notified of Board decision & Appeals opens
August 13, 2026	Appeals due to CoC
August 17, 2026	Ranking Committee reviews appeals received & updates ranking priority list
August 18, 2026	Board approves changes, if any & new priority list posted to the CoC website; Board approves application submission
August 21, 2026	Collaborative Application & Priority Ranking posted to CoC website
August 25, 2026	Submit FY 2026 application to HUD
August 26, 2026	FY 2026 application due to HUD

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