



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. 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:

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 between 50-75% of CoC's Tier 1 amount. 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 projects by overall project score:**
 - a. New Transitional Housing projects
 - b. New Supportive Services Only Standalone projects
 - To serve clients who are moving into housing without supportive services attached
 - To serve clients between Coordinated Entry and a housing solution (system navigation)
 - c. New Supportive Services Only Street Outreach projects
 - 2nd & 3rd shift & weekends system navigation/street outreach response
 - d. New Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry projects
 - e. New or expansion dedicated HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) projects
 - f. New Permanent Housing projects, if eligible
4. **New Domestic Violence Bonus projects** that increase the number of subsidies available by overall project score in the following order by overall project score:
 - a. New Transitional Housing projects
 - b. New Permanent Housing projects, if eligible
 - c. New Coordinated Entry-Supportive Services Only 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 percentage scored on the renewal application from highest to lowest.

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
June 1, 2026	HUD releases NOFO
May 26, 2026-July 20, 2026	Mandatory meetings with ranking committee members and applicants applying for new projects
June 29, 2026	CoC NOFO Info Session #2
June 29, 2026-July 27, 2026	Project application period open
June, 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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