

IMPERIAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES in collaboration with



IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL

Local Notice of Funding Opportunity FISCAL YEAR 2025

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM COMPETITION

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The Imperial County Department of Social Services (ICDSS), acting on behalf of the Imperial Valley Continuum of Care (IVCCC), is requesting proposals from nonprofit, tribal and local government organizations and faith-based organizations. Individuals are ineligible applicants aiding homeless populations within the County of Imperial. The County of Imperial is interested in receiving project applications that meet the requirements of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Expansion, and Reallocation Projects, as noted in the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). All project applications including applications for Renewal Projects must follow the timeline, eligibility threshold, and other requirements identified through this Local Notice of Funding Opportunity and the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO.

Deadline:

Applicants may refer to the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition <u>Timeline</u> for activities and deadlines provided in the Timeline/Important Dates section of this notice. Applicants are responsible for adhering to all applicable dates on the timeline.

HUD continues to upload and provide updates to the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO. Please ensure all of the e-snaps users in your organization have attempted to log in to the system. New security measures mean that many user accounts have been locked out due to inactivity.

Applicants must complete an application and upload the required attachments in e-snaps through the e-snaps portal. It is important that persons completing the application do **NOT** click the "SUBMIT" button in e-snaps. Export and save the application in PDF form and submit three (3) physical copies of the application and attachments to **Mr. Les Smith, IVCCC Executive Board Chair: 225 Wake Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243** for review by Monday, December 15, 2025, at 12:00 PM PDT. In addition to the physical copies, include an electronic copy of the entire application and attachments in a USB. Applications posted or updated at a later date and time will not be considered.

Please attach a copy of the organization's Code of Conduct along with all applications.

ICDSS will host a local FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Workshop for interested applicants on December 8, 2025, 2 p.m. via the following link: FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.

Addenda to this Notice:

Please note that the County of Imperial reserves the right to issue an addendum to this notice if it determines that additional clarifications are needed. Updates will be posted on the <u>IVCCC</u> website.

Background/Purpose:

HUD released the NOFO for the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition on November 13, 2025, announcing the availability of approximately \$3,918,000,000, including \$52,000,000 available as Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) funding. The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit, tribal, state and local government organizations to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

The FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO funds the renewal of existing CoC grants, including DV Renewal projects and projects originally funded under the Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness, and the competitive renewal or replacement of existing YHDP grants that are expiring in Calendar Year 2026. The FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO also provides funding for new projects, including those created with DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and the reallocation of existing renewal projects.

For FY 2025, HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all project applications, except for CoC Planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs project applications.

The FY 2025 CoC Program Competition applications are due to HUD by Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 8 PM Eastern Time.

Goals and Objectives of the HUD FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO:

- 1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets
 - a) CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency. Consistent with Executive Order 14321 "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.
- 2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
 - a) CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. The FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for the homeless. HUD

encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

3. Advancing Public Safety

- a) Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living unsheltered, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely. HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking. Unchecked public camping and public illicit drug use inhibit nonprofit providers and local government from effectively addressing homelessness.
- b) First responders are critical partners in engaging people into treatment and services and protecting public order and vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. In Grants Pass v. Johnson, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency

a) One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program is to optimize self-sufficiency. CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.

5. Improving Outcomes

- a) CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
- b) The FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to expand the pool of providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC.

6. Minimizing Trauma

a) One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness. CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe, single-sex spaces and other considerations.

Available Funding:

The FY 2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO potential funding for Imperial County includes:

- a) \$196,972 in Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- b) \$109,314 DV Bonus
- c) \$218,628 CoC Bonus

d) \$54,657 in CoC Planning

Match Requirement:

This Program requires cost sharing or matching, as described below:

a) 24 CFR 578.73 of the Rule requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources, (24 CFR 578.73). Project applicants that intend to use program income as a match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for the match.

Eligible Project Applicants (McKinney-Vento Act, 24 CFR 578.15, 24 CFR 5.100):

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at 24 CFR 578.15 and in the McKinney-Vento Act, and include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes, and TDHE [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)(TDHEs)]. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are ineligible to apply for grants and are prohibited from being subrecipients of CoC Program grant funds.

Participant Eligibility:

Participants should carefully consider the participant eligibility requirements of NOFO renewal project requirements, and new project eligibility requirements.

Eligible Project Applications:

Project applicants must comply with all FY 2025 CoC Consolidation Application requirements and all other respective Detailed Instruction documents. At this time, HUD has not posted the Detailed Instructions for any projects. Applicants should continue to monitor the <u>HUD CoC</u> competition page and the IVCCC website for the FY 2025 CoC Competition Detailed Instructions to be posted.

Applicants must meet the following HUD Threshold requirements to ensure that application is potentially eligible:

- 1. Recipients and applicants have Active SAM registration with current information and maintains an active SAM registration annually.
- 2. Recipients and applicant have Valid UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number.
- 3. COC Program Eligibility Project applicants, recipients and potential subrecipients meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
- 4. Financial and Management Capacity Project applicant, recipients and subrecipients demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.
- 5. Certifications Project applicants and recipients must submit the required certifications specified in the HUD FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO and this local NOFO.
- 6. Populations Served The population to be served is required to meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule and the HUD FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO and this local

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- 7. HMIS Participation Project applicants and recipients, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient may not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service provider must use a comparable database that captures the required HMIS data in addition to meeting the needs of the local HMIS.
- 8. HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition for the following reasons:
 - a) outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon;
 - b) audit finding(s) for which a response is overdue or unsatisfactory;
 - c) history of inadequate financial management accounting practices;
 - d) evidence of untimely expenditures on prior award;
 - e) history of other major capacity issues that have significantly affected the operation of the project and its performance;
 - f) history of not reimbursing subrecipients for eligible costs in a timely manner, or at least quarterly; and
 - g) history of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.
 - h) evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans.
 - i) evidence that the project operates drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."
- 9. Recipients and applicants have no Debarments and/or Suspensions In accordance with 2 CFR 2424, no award of federal funds may be made to debarred or suspended applicants, or those proposed to be debarred or suspended from doing business with the Federal government.
- 10. Pre-selection Review of Performance By applying, the recipient or applicant acknowledges if the organization has delinquent federal debt or is excluded from doing business with the Federal government, the organization may be ineligible for an award. In addition, before making a Federal award, HUD reviews information available through any OMB- designated repositories of government -wide eligibility qualification or financial integrity information such as Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), and the "Do Not Pay" website. HUD reserves the right to:
 - a) Deny funding, or with a renewal or continuing award, consider suspension or termination of the award; and
 - b) Required the removal of any key individual from association with management or implementation of the award; and
 - c) Make provision or revisions regarding the method of payment or financial reporting requirements.
- 11. Sufficiency of Financial Management system By applying, the recipient or applicant

- understands that HUD will not award or disburse funds to applicants that do not have a financial management system that meets Federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302. HUD may arrange for a survey of financial management systems for applicants selected for award who have not previously received Federal financial assistance where HUD officials have reason to question whether a financial management system meets Federal standards, or for applicants considered high risk based on performance or financial management findings.
- 12. False statements A false statement in an application is grounds for denial or termination of an award and may result in criminal, civil, and/ or administrative sanctions, including fines, penalties, and imprisonment. Recipient or applicant confirms all statements are truthful. By submitting an application, you acknowledge your understanding that providing false or misleading information during any part of the application, award, or performance phase of an award may result in criminal, civil or administrative sanctions, including but not limited to: fines, restitution, and/or imprisonment under 18 USC 1001, 18 USC 1012, 18 USC 1010, 18 USC 1014, or 18 USC 287; treble damages and civil penalties under the False Claims Act, 31 USC 3729 et seq.; double damages and civil penalties under the Administrative False Claims Act, 31 USC Sections 3801-3812; civil recovery of award funds; suspension and/or debarment from all federal procurement and non-procurement transactions, FAR Part 9.4 or 2 CFR Part 180; and other remedies including termination of active HUD award.
- 13. Mandatory Disclosure Requirement By applying, recipients or applicants understand and agree to disclosing in writing to the awarding program office at HUD, all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting the Federal award within ten days after learning of the violation. Recipients that have received a Federal award including the term and condition outline in Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200- Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters are required to report certain civil, criminal or administrative proceedings to SAM. Failure to make required disclosure can result in any of the remedies described in § 200.338 Remedies for noncompliance, including suspension or debarment (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and S.C. 2313.).
- 14. Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities Recipients and applicants are subject to the provisions of Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, 31 U.S.C 1352, (the Byrd Amendment), and 24 CFR part 87, which prohibit recipients of federal awards from using appropriated funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the Federal government in connection with a Federal award. All applicants submit with their application the signed Certification Regarding Lobbying included in the Application. In addition, applicants disclose, using Standard Form LLL (SFLLL), "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," any funds, other than federally appropriated funds, that will be or have been used to influence federal employees, members of Congress, or congressional staff regarding specific awards. Federally recognized Indian tribes and tribally housing entities (TDHEs) established by federally recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage of the Byrd Amendment, but state-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established only under state law shall comply with the requirement. Applicants submit the SFLL if they have used or intend to use non-federal funds for lobbying activities.
- 15. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities

- consistent with 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; 24 CFR 5.109; and Executive Orders 14202, *Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias* and EO 14205, *Establishment of the White House Faith Office*.
- 16. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters By applying, recipients and applicants understand that outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission deadline. Project applicants, who after review are confirmed to have civil rights matters unresolved at the application submission deadline will be deemed ineligible.

The following types of project applications will be eligible for completion and submission in the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.

1. CoC Planning Projects:

All Collaborative Applicants are eligible and encouraged to apply for CoC Planning funds which they may use according to 24 CFR 578.39. CoC Planning project applications must be submitted by the CoC-designated Collaborative Applicant and the Collaborative Applicant organization must match the organization listed as the Collaborative Applicant in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Planning projects will not affect CoC's available amount for new and renewal project applications because it is not included in the CoC's ARD calculation. Collaborative Applicants must not rank Planning project applications in the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.

2. <u>Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus or DV Reallocation):</u>

A new project that is dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under the paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As described in section 2.b.(5) of the Appendix, survivors of human trafficking may also qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, however a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking. CoCs may apply for DV Bonus projects where the total amount for one year of funding for all DV Bonus applications is up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN); however, this amount is limited to:

- a) A minimum of \$50,000 if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than \$50,000; or
- b) A maximum of \$5 million if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than \$5 million.

3. Expansion Project:

The process used by eligible renewal project applicants to add funds to an existing CoC Renewal, DV Renewal or YHDP Renewal project to expand its current operations either through reallocation, DV Bonus or a CoC Bonus project application. The new funding being added to the existing renewal must be submitted as a new project in e-snaps. This portion of the project is known as new expansion project. HUD will allow project applicants to apply for new expansion projects to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

The new expansion project applications must meet the project eligibility and project quality thresholds in V.A.4.a, and V.A.4.b of the FY 2025 Continuum of Care

Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO and must be for the same component as the project being expanded. Additionally, the renewal project being expanded must have an expiration date in CY 2026.

If a project application does not meet the requirements, or if the renewal project the new project application is proposing to expand, is not selected for award, HUD will review the new expansion project and will consider it as a standalone project during the selection process provided that the project is feasible on its own with its requested funding and provided it passes project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.

4. CoC Bonus:

The CoC Bonus allows CoCs to use up to 20 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications. New projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections V.A.4.a and V.A.4.b of the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO. To be eligible to receive a CoC Bonus project, the Collaborative Applicant must demonstrate its CoC evaluates and ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in section V.B.1.a.(1) of the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO.

5. <u>Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Renewal Projects</u> (DV Renewal Projects):

DV Renewal Projects Are eligible renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding or were at some point expanded using DV Bonus funding to continue serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homelessness at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

6. CoC Renewal Projects

CoC projects originally funded in FY 2024 or earlier, including projects originally funded under the Special NOFO or DV Bonus are eligible to renew under the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, provided the projects have an expiration date in CY 2026 (between January 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026). Renewal project applications must be submitted by the recipient currently under grant agreement to operate the project. See section IV.D.2 for more information on renewal project requirements.

Submission Requirements:

- 1. New or renewal applicants must complete a project proposal in e-snaps following HUD guidelines. The e-snaps system may be accessed at: e-snaps portal.
- 2. The applicants must **NOT** select the "submit" button for the initial submittal. This process will be completed after the local scoring and ranking of all projects.
- 3. Applicant will provide the most current information pertaining to any current awarded grants financial audit and any findings related to said audit. Specifically, whether there were any exceptions found to standard practices.
- 4. Provide Annual Performance Report (APR) for your agency for performance period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

- 5. FY 2025 Project Application will include:
 - a) Charts, narrative responses, and attachments.
 - b) Documentation of applicant and subrecipient eligibility nonprofit project applicants must attach eligibility documentation to the Project Applicant Profile. If nonprofit subrecipients are included in a project application, subrecipient eligibility documentation must be attached to the project application.
 - c) Applicant code of conduct project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2CFR part 200 and is on file with <u>HUD</u>. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in e-snaps.
 - d) HUD required forms (e-snaps) The following forms are built into e-snaps and must be fully completed and electronically signed before project applicants have access to the project application:
 - 1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
 - 2. HUD 424-B Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications;
 - 3. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Update/ Disclosure;
 - 4. Certification Regarding Lobbying (if applicable);
 - 5. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying activities (if applicable);
 - 6. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace;
 - 7. Assurances for Construction Programs, if applicable (SF-424D)
 - 8. Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards, if applicable
 - 9. Certification of Opportunity Zone Preference Points, if applicable (HUD 2996)
 - 10. Indirect Cost Rate Certification (HUD-426)
 - e) The following forms are not built into e-snaps but are required to be submitted by Collaborative applicants with the CoC Priority listing:
 - 1. Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan Form HUD-2991.
 - 2. Tribal Resolution for Projects on Trust Land or Reservations, if applicable.
 - 3. Certification and Submission Form signed by Executive Director or authorized representative.
- 6. All other attachments requested for the project application in the e-snaps system must be attached to the application in the order listed on the summary page.

Application Review, Scoring and Ranking:

The IVCCC utilizes a Scoring and Ranking Committee to review, score, establish funding allocations, and rank order project applications for submittal under the CoC Competition. Elements considered during the process include CoC threshold requirements, performance measures, experience, design of housing and supportive services projects, timeliness, financials, and local and HUD principles and prioritization criteria.

Technical Assistance:

Agencies interested in applying are strongly encouraged to attend the local FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Workshop hosted by ICDSS on December 8, 2025, at 2 p.m. via the following link: FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Workshop.

Applicants are advised to review the guides located on <u>HUD's CoC Competition website</u> and Grants.gov to include the following:

- a) FY 2025 CoC Competition NOFO
- b) Applicable Detailed Instructions based on application/project type (pending HUD posting)
 - 1. New Projects Detailed Instructions
 - 2. Renewal Projects Detailed Instructions
 - 3. CoC Planning Detailed Instructions

*Please refer to HUD's website for additional information: <u>Continuum of Care Program</u> Competition

Appeals of the Scoring and Ranking Committee:

- 1. The CoC Executive Board will appoint an Appeal Committee, and it will consist of two (2) to three (3) members who may not be members of the Scoring and Ranking committee.
- 2. Applicants may appeal if the applicant can prove the score is not reflective of the application information provided or if a scoring factor was missed or omitted.
- 3. Ineligible Appeals
 - a) Applicants found not to have met the threshold requirements are not eligible for an appeal.
 - b) Appeals cannot be based upon the judgment of the scoring and ranking committee.
 - c) Applicants may not attempt to assert influence or pressure on the Appeals Committee.
- 4. All notices of appeal must be based on the information submitted by the application due date.
- 5. No new or additional information will be considered. Omissions to the application cannot be appealed. The decision of the appeal committee will be final.

The Appeal Process:

- 1. Any and all appeals must be received in writing within three (3) business days of the notification of project ranking, which will be posted on the <u>IVCCC</u> webpage.
- 2. A notice of appeal must be submitted to the IVCCC Executive Board Chair within 48 hours of the project priorities being announced on the <u>IVCCC</u> webpage. An email submission is acceptable.
- 3. The notice of appeal must include a written statement specifying in detail the grounds asserted for the appeal and must be signed by an individual authorized to represent the sponsoring agency (i.e., Executive Director).
- 4. The notice of appeal is limited to one page, single-spaced, in 12-point font.
- 5. The appeal must include a copy of the application/ proposal and accompanying materials submitted to the Scoring and Ranking Committee; no additional information can be submitted.
- 6. The appointed Appeal Committee will read, review, and evaluate all valid appeals.
 - a) All applicants will be invited to attend any appeal and make a 10-minute statement regarding the appeal.
 - b) The Appeal Committee will review the rankings made by the Scoring and Ranking Committee only on the basis of the submitted project application, the one-page appeal, any statements made during the appeal process, and the material used by the Scoring and Ranking committee members; no new information can be submitted by the applicant or reviewed by the Appeal Committee.
 - c) A simple majority vote must support the decision of the appeal process committee.
- 7. The appealing agency will be issued the Appeal Committee's decision in writing within 2

business days of the Appeal Committee Meeting; the decision of the Appeal Committee will be final.

Appeals through HUD

Solo Applicants

Per the Act, "A solo applicant may submit an application to the Secretary for a grant under subsection (a) and be awarded such grant on the same basis as such grants are awarded to other applicants based on the criteria described in section 427, but only if the Secretary determines that the solo applicant has attempted to participate in the continuum of care process but was not permitted to participate in a reasonable manner. The Secretary may award such grants directly to such applicants in a manner determined to be appropriate by the Secretary."

To apply as a solo applicant, the project applicant must submit a Solo Applicant Project Application in e-snaps by the application submission deadline of January 14, 2026 at 8:00 PM EST. Additionally, the solo applicant, Collaborative Applicant, and HUD must take the following steps (See 24 CFR 578.35 for more information):

- a. Written Notice of Intent to Appeal. The solo applicant must submit a written notice of intent to appeal, with a copy to the CoC, with their funding application.
- b. No later than 30 days after the date that HUD announces the awards, the solo applicant shall submit in writing, with a copy to the Collaborative Applicant, all relevant evidence supporting its claim. The submission shall be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov.
- c. The CoC has 30 days from the date of its receipt of the solo applicant's evidence to respond to HUD in writing, with a copy to the solo applicant. The submission must be emailed to snapsappeals@hud.gov.
- d. HUD will notify the solo applicant and the CoC of its decision within 60 days of receipt of the CoC's response.
- e. e. If HUD finds that the solo applicant was not permitted to participate in the Continuum of Care planning process in a reasonable manner, then HUD may award a grant to the solo applicant when funds next become available and may direct the Continuum of Care to take remedial steps to ensure reasonable participation in the future. HUD may also reduce the award to the Continuum's applicant(s).

Denied or Decreased Funding.

Eligible applicants, including project applicants and Collaborative Applicants, that submitted an application to HUD in response to the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, that were either not awarded funds by HUD, or that requested more funds than HUD awarded, may appeal HUD's decision within 45 days after the final funding announcement. HUD will only consider for funding or additional funding applicants the CoC ranked within the CoC's maximum amount available. Collaborative Applicants that submitted CoC planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs project applications can appeal decreased funding if they can demonstrate HUD decreased the submitted project application's funding request to less than 5 percent of the CoC's FPRN or \$1,250,000; whichever is less. To appeal HUD's decision, the applicant must submit a written appeal to HUD, with a copy to the authorized representative from the CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant. The written appeal must include evidence demonstrating HUD error and follow the instructions in this section. The applicant must submit its written appeal by email to snapsappeals@hud.gov, from the organization's email address on the organization's

letterhead and signed by the authorized representative-electronic signatures are acceptable.

Consolidated Plan Certification

A process for eligible applicants whose jurisdiction refused to provide a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2990).

Timeline/Important Dates: Applicants are responsible for adhering to all applicable due dates on the following timeline.

FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Timeline					
Due Date	Activity				
December 5, 2025	Release of Notice for 2025 CoC Competition and YHDP Program Request for Proposals (RFP) on the IVCCC website.				
December 8, 2025	Technical Assistance Microsoft Teams Link: FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Workshop Workshop Time: 2 p.m.				
December 15, 2025	Applications Due by 12:00 p.m.				
	Deliver to: Les Smith, IVCCC Executive Board Chair at 225 Wake Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243				
December 17, 2025	Project Reviews, Scoring and Ranking of All Projects and Determine Surplus or Reallocation of Funds (Tier 1 & 2)				
December 29, 2025	IVCCC Executive Board takes action on recommendations				
December 30, 2025	Post and Send Notice to Agencies of Recommended or Rejected Applications and Allocations on the IVCCC website				
January 9, 2026	FY 2025 CoC Application, Priority Listing and Notification to the Community				
January 14, 2026	HUD Deadline Via e-snaps is 8:00 p.m. ET				