IMPERIAL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
in collaboration with
IMPERIAL VALLEY CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL
Local Notice of Funding Opportunity
FISCAL YEAR 2026
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. The IVCCC is interested in receiving project applications that meet the requirements of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, and Expansion, Projects, as noted in the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2026 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 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO.

Deadline:
Applicants may refer to the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Timeline 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 may continue to provide updates regarding the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO. Please ensure to monitor the HUD Coc Competition website and the IVCCC CoC local competition page for any updates regarding the FY 2026 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.

Organizations that wish to apply should complete a Notice of Intent to Submit an Application Form no later than July 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. via email to: IVCCCInquiries@co.imperial.ca.us.

Applicants must complete an application and upload the required attachments in e-snaps through the e-snaps portal. At this time, HUD has not opened the FY 2026 project applications in e-snaps or provided detailed application instructions. As such, the Administrative Entity on behalf of the IVCCC is providing an application template outside of e-snaps to assist in project planning and preparation to submit the application within e-snaps, once the e-snaps application is opened. The finalized application will be required to be completed in e-snaps. It is important that persons completing the e-snaps application do **NOT** click the “SUBMIT” button.

Export and save the application in PDF form and submit the application, application template and attachments to **Mr. Les Smith, IVCCC Executive Board Chair and the IVCCC at the following email addresses** for review by Friday, July 24, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT):

Mr. Les Smith, IVCCC Executive Board Chair	deserttrails@hotmail.com
Imperial Valley Continuum of Care Council	ivcccinquiries@co.imperial.ca.us

Applications, application templates and attachments emailed 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 Thursday, July 16, 2026, 2:00 p.m. via the following link: FY 2026 CoC Program Competition workshop.

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 IVCCC website.

Background/Purpose:
HUD released the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO on June 1, 2026, announcing the availability of approximately $4,040,000,000, 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 rehouse 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 2026 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 2027. The FY 2026 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 2026, HUD requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all project applications, except for CoC Planning, and if applicable, UFA Costs project applications.

The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition applications are due to HUD by Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time.

This NOFO institutes a different approach to homeless response. Housing First is no longer prioritized in this CoC competition NOFO.

The goals and objectives of the HUD FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO are as follows:

1. Improving Outcomes
   a) CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under the FY 2026 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 2026 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 successful providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC.
2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovations and Accountability
   a) CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO to determine their effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.
3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
   a) The FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Demonstration Program Grants NOFO provides opportunities to restore a healthy balance of CoC-funded projects to further community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness. By investing in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects, HUD intends to restore the "continuum" to the Continuum of Care Program to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency.
   b) To the extent permitted by law, HUD is shifting its focus from awarding nearly 90% of CoC funding to Permanent Housing to expand opportunities for other components of the CoC Program.
4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self- Sufficiency
   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 2026 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.
   b) 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.
5. Promoting Economic 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 to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.

6. Advancing Public Safety for All
    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. First responders and law enforcement are often the first to encounter our most vulnerable members of society and should be aware of the available services to triage individuals into safe and appropriate services, ideally alongside non-law enforcement service providers in the Continuum of Care. CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments and public drug use in order to address barriers to self-sufficiency.
7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
    a) 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.
8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology
    a) To the fullest extent permitted by law, HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs, recognizing all relevant protections provided by subsection c of HUD's Equal Participation Rule, 24 CFR § 5.109, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, and the First Amendment.
    b) The FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO prohibits the use of federal funds being used for any type of racial preferences, even under the guide of “diversity, equity, and inclusion.” HUD wants to increase access to homelessness relief for all individuals and families.

Available Funding:
The FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO potential funding amounts for Imperial County is anticipated to be released once the Annual Renewal Demand report is issued by HUD.

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

> 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 the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO renewal project and new project eligibility requirements.

Eligible Project Applications:
Project applicants must comply with all FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO application requirements and all other respective Detailed Instruction documents. At this time, HUD has not posted the Detailed Instructions for any projects, and the project applications are not accessible in e-snaps.

Imperial County on behalf of the IVCCC is providing an application template outside of e-snaps to assist in project planning and preparation to submit the application in e-snaps, once the application has been opened in e-snaps. The finalized application will be required to be completed in e-snaps. Applicants should continue to monitor the HUD CoC competition page and the IVCCC website for the FY 2026 CoC Competition Detailed Instructions to be posted.

Applicants must meet the following HUD Threshold requirements and any additional requirements in the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO 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 must have a 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 must 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. Forms – Project applicants and recipients must submit the required certifications specified in the HUD FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO and this local NOFO.
6. Populations Served – Project applications must include the population(s) and subpopulation(s) they will serve. The population to be served is required to meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule and Section III.G. 11of the HUD

FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO and this local NOFO.

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 (but not limited to):
   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.
9. Debarments and/or Suspensions – Except as otherwise provided by 2 CFR part 2424, no award of Federal funds may be made to applicants that are debarred; suspended; proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4; or voluntarily excluded from doing business with the Federal government.
10. Pre-selection Review of Performance – In accordance with 2 CFR 200.206(a), before making an award, HUD reviews eligibility information for applicants and financial integrity information available through any OMB- designated databases per the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 (Pub. L. 116-117), the "Do Not Pay Initiative" (31 U.S.C. 3354), and 41 U.S.C. 2313. HUD also reviews the responsibility and qualification records available through SAM.gov and other OMB-designated databases about the applicant and any immediate highest-level owner, predecessor (i.e., an organization that is replaced by a successor), or subsidiary, identified for that applicant in SAM.gov.
    If and as HUD determines appropriate, based on this risk assessment and application Federal law, HUD may:
    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; or
    d) Impose other specific conditions as provided by 2 CFR 200.208
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 – 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 287, 1001, 1012, and 1014; 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 under 2 CFR Parts 180 and 2424; and other remedies including termination of award under 2 CFR 200.339 and 200.340.
13. Mandatory Disclosure Requirement – By applying, recipients or applicants understand and agree to promptly disclose whenever, in connection with the Federal award (including any activities or subawards thereunder), it has credible evidence of the commission of a violation of Federal criminal law involving fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, or gratuity violations found in Title 18 of the United States Code or a violation of the civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. 3729-3733). The disclosure must be made in writing to the Federal agency, the agency's Office of Inspector General, and pass-through entity (if applicable). Recipients and subrecipients are also required to report matters related to recipient integrity and performance in accordance with Appendix XII of Part 200. Failure to make required disclosures can result in any of the remedies described in § 200.339. (See also 2 CFR part 180, 31 U.S.C. 3321, and 41 U.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 (SF-LLL), "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 SF-LLL 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 -A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections for religion in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42

U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12113(d)).

16. Resolution of Civil Rights Matters – By applying, recipients and applicants understand that outstanding civil rights matters must be resolved before the application submission. Project applications with unresolved civil rights matters won't be scored and applicants will not receive funding from HUD.
17. Certifications- Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:
    1. The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
    2. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B above and is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).

       This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

The following types of project applications will be eligible for completion and submission in the FY 2026 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 2026 CoC Program Competition.
2. **CoC Bonus Project:**
   The CoC Bonus allows CoCs to use up to 15 percent of their Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) to create one or more new project applications. The CoC Bonus for a CoC that is neither a Split CoC nor a Merged CoC will be no less than $500,000 and no more than $5,000,000. New projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in sections V.4.c of the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO.

   CoCs may apply for the following types of new CoC projects through the CoC Bonus process:
   (1) SSO projects.
   (2) TH projects.
   (3) PH-PSH projects.

(4) PH-RRH projects.
(5) Dedicated HMIS projects for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that may only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in e-snaps. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead, or subrecipient, may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
(6) SSO-CE projects to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system.

3. **Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus):**
   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.

   New projects or expansion projects created with DV Bonus or DV Reallocation funding must meet DV Bonus and DV Reallocation project requirements. Additionally, the sum of all DV Reallocation applications must be for the same amount of funding made available from the DV Renewal funding being reallocated.

   DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects.

   CoCs may apply for DV Bonus projects where the total amount for one year of funding for all DV Bonus applications is up to 20 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN); however, this amount is limited to:
   - A minimum of $50,000 if 20 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than $50,000; or
   - A maximum of $5 million if 20 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than $5 million.

4. **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.c of the FY 2026 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 2027.

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.

5. **Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Renewal Projects (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 2025 or earlier, including projects originally funded under the Special NOFO or DV Bonus are eligible to renew under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, provided the projects have an expiration date in CY 2027 (between January 1, 2027, and December 31, 2027). Renewal project applications must be submitted by the recipient currently under grant agreement to operate the project. See section I1.B.4 of the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO for more information on renewal project requirements.

Submission Requirements:

1. New or renewal applicants must complete a project application template outside of e-snaps and proposal in e-snaps once HUD has opened the application, following HUD guidelines. The e-snaps system may be accessed at: e-snaps portal. As HUD has not released the e-snaps application as of the posting of this local NOFO, the application template has been developed to assist applicants in planning their project proposal.
2. Upon entering their official application in e-snap, 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. Applicants 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, 2025, through June 30, 2026.
5. FY 2026 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 the most current Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD. 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 Disclosure/ Update Report;
   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 Form SF-424D (if applicable)
   8. Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards (if applicable)
   9. Form HUD 2996 Certification of Opportunity Zone Preference Points (if applicable)
   10. Indirect Cost Rate Certification HUD-426 (if applicable)

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.
   4. All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200, as may be amended from time to time, and is included on HUD's website. 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.
   5. Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points (HUD 2996), if applicable. The HUD-2996 form is not built into e-snaps and must be submitted as an attachment to the CoC application in e-snaps on the Attachment screen if the CoC is requesting Opportunity Zone Preference Points.

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 2026 CoC

Program Competition Workshop hosted by ICDSS on July 16, 2026, at 2 p.m. via the following link: FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Workshop.

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

a) FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO (this NOFO will also be posted on the IVCCC website)
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: Continuum of Care Program 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 forty-eight (48) hours of the notification of project ranking, which will be posted on the IVCCC webpage. An email submission is acceptable.
2. 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).
3. The notice of appeal is limited to one page, single-spaced, in 12-point font.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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

You may appeal an application decision or a HUD funding decision. Email your appeal to snapsappeals@hud.gov. The subject line of your email must include the CoC Number, "Appeal Notice," and type of appeal, i.e., Participation, HUD Error, or Consolidated Plan Certification. A sample email Subject Line is, Subject: XX-500 – Appeal Notice–Consolidated Plan Certification.

24 CFR 578.35 provides the appeal process options. Sections 578.35(b)(3), (b)(4), (c)(1), and (d)(2) authorize HUD to establish requirements for the form and manner of submissions for appeals by Solo Applicants, applicants with denied or decreased funding, and from competing CoCs. For HUD to consider an appeal under 24 CFR 578.35(b) or (c), the solo project applicant must follow the applicable application process set forth in the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO. The NOFO also provides guidance to CoCs and applicants regarding appeals of a jurisdiction's refusal to sign the Consolidated Plan certification for a project under 24 CFR 578.35(c).

Additionally, HUD has clarified the impact that Solo Applicant appeals will have on HUD signing grant agreements for funds awarded under this NOFO. If HUD receives one or more Solo Applicant appeals from a CoC, HUD will determine the amount of funding the Solo Applicant(s) have requested which may delay signing grant agreements for the awarded project(s) listed at the bottom of the CoC's Priority Listing that has requested funding under this NOFO equal to double the amount requested by the Solo Applicant(s).

Types of Appeals.
The provision at 24 CFR part 578 sets forth the following types of appeals:

- **Solo Applicants**. A process for eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in their CoC planning process and believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner.
- **Denied or Decreased Funding**. A process for eligible applicants that are denied fund by HUD or that requested more funds than HUD awarded to them.
- **Consolidated Plan Certification**. A process for eligible applicants whose jurisdiction refused to provide a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD 2990).
- **Competing CoCs**. A process when more than one CoC selects the same geographic area, for eligible applicants of lower-scoring CoCs, to appeal to HUD's decision to fund the competing CoC. Should two or more CoCs select the same geographic codes associated with formula areas during the CoC Program Registration process, HUD will use the competing CoC process provided by 24 CFR 578.35(d).

An applicant who intends to submit an appeal to HUD, must follow the steps outlined in the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, section VIII, Part D, Debriefing and Appeals.

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

FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Timeline	
Due Date	**Activity**
June 1, 2026	HUD released the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO
July 13, 2026	Release of Notice for 2026 Local CoC Competition and YHDP Program Notice of Funding Opportunity on the IVCCC website.
July 16, 2026	Technical Assistance Microsoft Teams Link: FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Workshop Workshop Time: 2:00 p.m.
July 17, 2026	Notice of Intent to Submit a FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Application for New or Renewal Projects form due by 4:00 p.m. via email: IVCCCInquiries@co.imperial.ca.us
July 24, 2026	Applications Due by 5:00 p.m. Deliver by email to: Les Smith, IVCCC Executive Board Chair at deserttrails@hotmail.com and IVCCC at ivcccinquiries@co.imperial.ca.us
July 29, 2026	Tentative Date for Project Reviews, Scoring and Ranking of All Projects and Determine Surplus or Reallocation of Funds (Tier 1 & 2)
August 5, 2026	IVCCC Executive Board takes action on recommendations.
August 7, 2026	Post and Send Notice to Agencies of Recommended or Rejected Applications and Allocations on the IVCCC website.
August 11, 2026	FY 2026 CoC Application, Priority Listing and Notification to the Community
August 26, 2026	HUD Deadline Via e-snaps is 8:00 p.m. ET