

Stark Housing Network, Inc.

Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) Collaborative Applicant

FY2026 CoC Application Workshop
June 18, 2026

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is a national competition between geographic areas designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, local governments and Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)) 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 and programs funded with State or local resources; and to optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Funding Competition

- HUD is providing an annual national funding program competition to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency
- HUD releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that outlines how much funding is available, what project types have been prioritized, competition guidelines, and application processes
- Project type funding opportunities identified in the FY 2026 NOFO and applicable to Stark County/HCCSC applicants:
 - CoC Planning Project
 - Renewal Projects (including Domestic Violence projects)
 - New Projects Created with CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation
 - New Projects Created with DV Bonus
 - Expansion Projects
 - Consolidation Projects
 - Transition Grant

HUD Competition Requirements

CoC's implement a review and ranking process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications

Local prioritized project applications approved by the local CoC Board are submitted to HUD

Collaborative Applicant is responsible for submitting the local priority listing CoC Application to HUD as a part of the *Consolidated Application*



Collaborative Applicant that oversees the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County activities

Oversees projects' compliance with HUD and HCCSC regulations

Completes and submits the *Consolidated Application*, to HUD during the HUD CoC Program competition

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CoC Program Competition

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the CoC Program competition was released by HUD on June 1, 2026

Competition documents and process are posted by HUD to [Continuum of Care Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)

Additional resources related to eSNAPS are available on the [e-snaps page on the HUD Exchange](#)

HUD's Consolidated Application



The Consolidated Application consists of three different areas:

1. CoC Application
2. Project Applications
3. Priority Listing

Project Priority Listing (or project rank) is determined through the eSNAPS Application (project application) and Local Application

FY 2026 Funding Opportunities

OH-508 (Canton, Massillon, Alliance/Stark County)

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) - \$4,026,651
- Estimated Bonus funding - \$603,998
- Estimated DV Bonus funding - \$805,330
- Reallocation funding - \$1,014,681 (included in ARD)

Estimated amounts above are based on the FY2025 HUD CoC Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW).

Final Amounts to be determined when HUD releases the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)
CoC Bonus-15% of PPRN, DV Bonus-20% of PPRN

HUD – Goals and Objectives (NOFO pages 28-34)

Improving Outcomes

**Creating
Competition to
Improve Innovation
and Accountability**

**Restoring Balance
to the
Continuum of Care**

**Prioritizing
Treatment and
Recovery as a Means
to Self-Sufficiency***

**Promoting Economic
Self-Sufficiency***

**Advancing Public
Safety for All**

**Minimizing Trauma
for Vulnerable
Populations**

**Expanding Access
Based on Merit, and
Not Ideology**

*Self-sufficiency. Consistent with the purposes of the McKinney-Vento Act, 42 U.S.C. § 11381(4), means the ability to meet basic needs, including a place to live, without public or private assistance. (NOFO page 126)

FY2026 NOFO

- Makes approximately \$4.04 billion available nationally to support nonprofits, local governments, states, and tribes working to reduce homelessness through coordinated community responses
- Represents a significant policy shift, as HUD is placing greater emphasis on transitional housing, service participation requirements, and treatment and recovery-oriented approaches, while moving away from the Housing First framework that guided prior competitions
- Applicants should carefully review the NOFO and consider how these changes may impact project design, performance expectations, and funding priorities
 - Refer to the rating factors/points per project and overall CoC points on NOFO pages 63-84

[FY 2026 CoC NOFO](#)

[2026 CoC NOFO Factsheet](#)

Threshold Criteria

HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard as outlined in the NOFO (pages 59-66)



New Opportunity – Transition Grant



Allows a CoC renewal project to shift to a new eligible component over a **1-year transition period**, with the original project fully eliminated through reallocation.



Renewal grants **expiring in CY 2027** may apply in FY 2026; the new project starts **the day after** the previous grant term ends.



Transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be **the day after** the end of the earliest expiring grant term



Applicants must have **CoC consent** and meet HUD's project eligibility and quality thresholds; the applicant must be the **current recipient** of the project(s) being replaced.



Applicant must attach a copy of the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition e-snaps project application.



If HUD determines the submission does not qualify as a transition grant, it may still be funded as a **new non-transition project**.

Eligible Components

- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only- Street Outreach
- Supportive Services – Stand Alone
- PH - Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information System



New Project Quality Threshold Criteria (NOFO pages 63-68)

Transitional Housing (TH)

- Project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing
- Applicant has experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months
- Applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project where at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income
- Project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources
- Project will assess the service needs of program participants and provide individualized services that result in 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with **handicaps* as defined in 24 CFR 8.3** or with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3
- Project demonstrates the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable

*This definition of handicap is narrower than what is permissible in the McKinney-Vento Act for “homeless individual with a disability” and would exclude people with HIV/AIDS and many people whose primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder.

New Project Quality Threshold Criteria (NOFO pages 63-68)

Supportive Services Only (SSO) – Standalone

- Project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants
- Project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services
- Project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources
- Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants
- Project demonstrates the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable

Supportive Services Only (SSO)- Street Outreach

- Project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources
- Project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services
- Applicant has a history of, or a plan for, partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.
- Applicant must cooperate and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.
- Applicant has experience providing outreach services and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation
- Project demonstrates the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable

New Project Quality Threshold Criteria (NOFO pages 63-68)

Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)

- Project design including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants
- The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain and retain permanent housing and in a manner that fits their needs including where appropriate, on-site supportive services
- Project will serve homeless individuals or families with a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i).
- Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable.
- Project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources

Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)

- The provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self sufficiency within 24 months
- The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness.
- Applicant has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness project where, or has a plan in place to have, at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income
- Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable
- Project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources

New Project Quality Threshold Criteria (NOFO pages 63-68)

Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)

- CE system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance and accessible for persons with disabilities
- There is strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs
- There is a standardized assessment process
- Project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

- Funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation
- Collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.
- Has the ability to un-duplicate client records
- Produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting

FY2026 CoC NOFO

HUD Funding Process– Tier 1 & Tier 2

Tier 1 -60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

- FY 2026 Estimated Annual Renewal Demand = \$4,026,651
- Estimated Tier 1=\$2,415,991

Tier 2- difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's remaining ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.

- Estimated Tier 2=\$3,019,998

DV Bonus projects will be selected using Tier 1 and Tier 2 selection process

HUD will post a report that lists the available amounts for each CoC's PPRN, estimated ARD, Tier 1, CoC Planning, estimated CoC Bonus amounts, and estimated DV Bonus amounts on HUD's website

Required certifications specified in the NOFO (page 60)

- ✓ The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
- ✓ 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 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.

ALL APPLICANTS

Before you begin register in the required systems and review the application materials. If you are already registered, confirm that your information is current and active-(NOFO Page 3)*

1. UEI Number Requirement (Unique Entity ID)

Project applicants must provide a valid UEI number registered and active at [SAM.gov | Home](https://sam.gov)

2. System for Award Management (SAM)

Project applicants must also complete or renew their registration with SAM

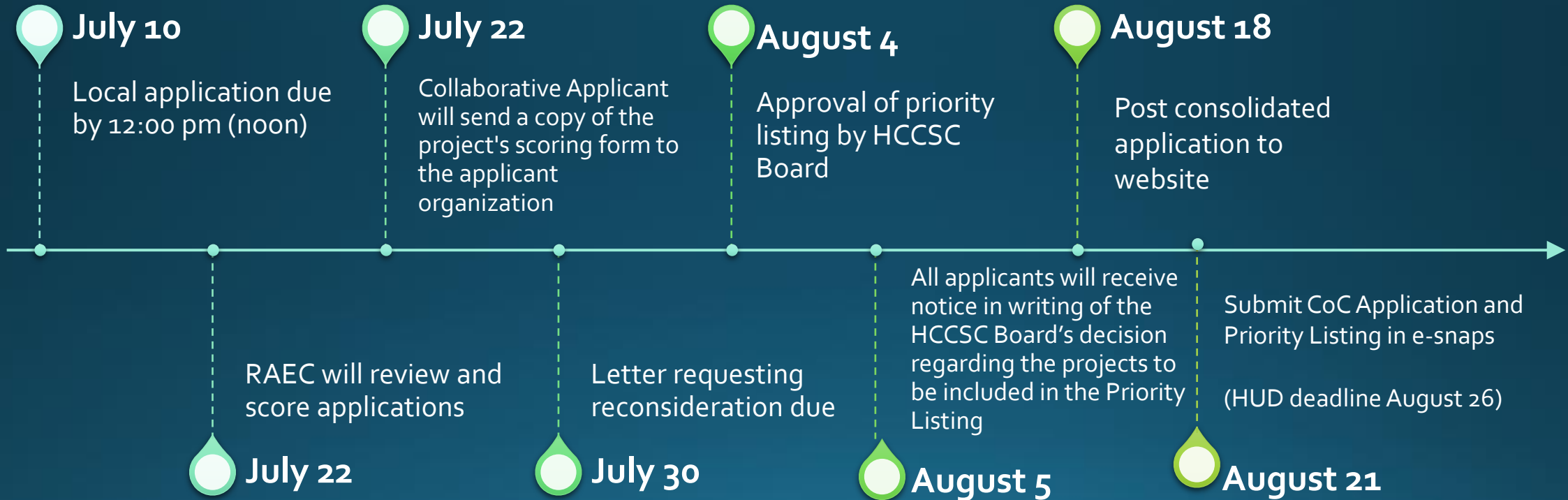
3. Employer Identification Number (EIN)

4. Active e-snaps account

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>

** For additional requirements refer to the Before You Begin Section of the NOFO (page 3)*

HCCSC Competition Local Timeline



FY2026 HCCSC Funding Priorities

In order of priority:

- 1) Transitional Housing (TH)
- 2) Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone or Street Outreach
- 3) PH – Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing
- 4) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO - CE)
- 5) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

FY 2026 CoC Local Application



The local application, scoring form, timeline and application workshop posted on starkcountyhomelessness.org



There is **one local unified application** and **one scoring form** for all project types.
All applicants must also submit an application in HUD's e-snaps.*
(*not yet released by HUD)



The content of the scoring form and application closely aligns with the NOFO and, in most cases, is identical.

Application Guidance

- **Section 1 – Project Eligibility Threshold** : Complete this section for **all** projects.
- **Section 2 – Project Type**: Only complete the subsection that corresponds to the **specific project type** you are applying for.
- For transition projects, submit an application **only for the project type you are requesting to transition to.**
- **Section 3 – Overall Budget & Cost per Participant**: This section applies to **all** projects.
- **Section 4 – Required Attachments**: Requirements vary depending on whether your agency is a **current CoC-funded agency** or a **non-CoC-funded agency**.
- Project applications must include required Supportive Service Agreements (PH-PSH & RRH, TH).



Budget Table

- Budget line items should reflect eligible expenses for the type of project applied for
- Transition Grants-budget line items should reflect eligible expenses for the type of project applied for
- Transitional Housing- Non-profit organizations as recipients of funds for transitional housing **cannot administer rental assistance.**
 - 24 CFR 578.51(b) states-*rental assistance must be administered by a State, unit of general local government, or a public housing agency ;*
 - the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-76, approved January 17, 2014) authorized nonprofit organizations to administer rental assistance only for permanent housing under the CoC Program. HUD Exchange.
- Program funds may not be used for rental assistance and operating costs in the same project 24 CFR 578.55

Outcome Data

If your agency utilizes HMIS, ensure your response reflects the outcomes reported in your most recent APR submitted to and accepted by HUD in the SAGE HMIS Repository

*If your agency does not use HMIS, please attach outcome data from a *comparable database*

** database used by the applicant*

HCCSC Project Application Due Date

- Submit completed application including all required attachments to the Stark Housing Network, Inc. by email to:
mbragg@starkhousingnetwork.org
- Due on or before July 10, 2026, by 12:00 pm (noon)



Helpful Tips



Complete a comparison review of the application and scoring criteria form before submission



Double check all attachments to ensure all the required information including your response can be read



Use the detailed instruction guide when completing the application in **e-snaps**



Complete applications require the submission of an **e-snaps** application, HCCSC Local Application (including required attachments)



e-snaps application due date will be communicated once the application is released by HUD

Application Questions

Please submit questions to
lwarden@starkhousingnetwork.org and
mbragg@starkhousingnetwork.org with a subject heading
"FY 2026 CoC Questions"

To allow adequate time for staff review and response, all application-related questions must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 6. Questions received after this deadline may not receive a response before the application due date.



Resources



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



[HUD Continuum of Care-NOFO](#)



[Continuum of Care Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)



[HUD Exchange](#)



[Home - Stark Homeless Continuum \(\[starkcountyhomeless.org\]\(http://starkcountyhomeless.org\)\)](#)

Additional resource links found in the local project application

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Thank you!