



Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RI-500)

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Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RiCoC) Local Competition is Open

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care (RiCoC) announces the start of the local competition for HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding. This competition is to award funding made available through the [2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) that was issued on November 13, 2025

Any eligible Rhode Island Continuum of Care applicant—including nonprofit organizations, local government agencies, public housing authorities, and faith-based organizations—may apply for new projects using bonus or reallocated funds. The RiCoC welcomes and encourages a strong response to this local competition from current recipients, previous recipients, and organizations that have not previously received RiCoC project funding.

RiCoC grants expiring in 2026 will only be able to continue if they submit a new or renewal project application in this competition. The 2025 NOFO is significantly more competitive than prior NOFOs issued by HUD, and there is a strong probability that multiple existing RiCoC grants will not be renewed in this competition. Please review this solicitation and make plans to submit new or renewal project applications.

In the 2025 competition, all grants that are listed on the FY2025 RI-500 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). MUST submit either a renewal project or a new project application in E-SNAPS. Failure to submit an application in the format and schedule stated in this announcement could result in the permanent elimination of funding for the project. This includes regular Rhode Island Continuum of Care grants, Youth Homelessness Demonstration Projects (YHDP) grants, and Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus grants. All new and renewal RiCoC grants must be ranked in this competition, and all grants that are not ranked in Tier 1 will be competitively awarded.

There is significant information in the following link, including some changes from prior CoC competitions. HUD is periodically updating the information at the link below, so check it regularly for updates and additional instructions:

[HUD webpage for 2025 NOFO Competition](#)

Changes Include:

- The amount of funding now allowed to be placed in Tier 1 is now only 30% of the community's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). This is a dramatic increase in the level of competition. Furthermore, HUD has capped the amount of funding allowed to be spent on permanent housing (PH) projects (which HUD defines as Permanent Supportive Housing projects [PSH], Rapid Rehousing projects [RRH], and Joint

Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing [TH/RRH] projects) at 30% of ARD. Any grant that will increase the total amount funded for PH above 30% will be automatically rejected by HUD. **30% of the RICoC's ARD is \$4,975,784.**

- The amount of CoC bonus funds available has increased from 12% of the final pro rata need to 20% of the final pro rata need. **The total potential CoC bonus funds Rhode Island may apply for this year will be approximately \$3,360,845.**
- There is a DV bonus again this year. The allowable bonus amount that a CoC can apply for is 10% of the preliminary pro-rata need. **The maximum amount for DV Bonus for RICoC is \$1,680,423.** Unlike all prior years, there are no separate scoring factors for DV Bonus grants. If ranked in Tier 2, DV Bonus grants will be scored the same as all grants ranked in Tier 2.
- New Joint TH/RRH projects are NOT permitted in this competition.
- New PSH projects may only serve the elderly and physically disabled.
- All new project applications (Permanent Supportive Housing projects [PSH], Rapid Rehousing projects [RRH, Transitional Housing [TH], and Supportive Services Only [SSO] projects) may serve category 1, 2, or 4 of the homeless definition. Category 2 is a household at imminent risk of homelessness. Any new PH project submitted will count towards the 30% cap.
- Transitional Housing (TH) is allowed as a new project type.
- HUD has established Project Quality Threshold review factors for new projects. These start on page 55 of the NOFO. Please carefully review these factors before starting a new project application and ensure that your project will meet the minimum requirements specified.
- Multiple DV Bonus RRH or TH Projects may be submitted. As noted, HUD will count DV Bonus RRH project(s) submitted toward the 30% funding cap on PH projects.
- Current DV Bonus projects can be expanded, meaning projects that were funded other than as DV bonus projects can apply to expand their projects using DV Bonus funds, however, the expansion may only serve survivors in the DV program expansion.
- Grants previously awarded under DV Bonus or YHDP must continue to serve survivors or youth, respectively, and cannot be reallocated to serve different populations.
- Renewal grants will automatically receive a cost-of-living adjustment to the following budget line items: supportive services and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- Renewal grant applications can make minor budget changes (moving less than 10% of any current budget line to another budget line) as part of their renewal application.

Additionally, HUD is continuing to offer some opportunities that began in prior competitions. These opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- **Expansion Projects** – new project applications that add to existing CoC projects by serving more people, providing new or additional supportive services, or both.

- **Consolidation** of 2-10 grants into one project to streamline grant administration. To consolidate renewal grants, the grants must be to the same recipient organization and be for the same program component, e.g., RRH, PSH, Joint TH/RRH.
- **Transition grants** that allow an existing CoC grant to change components (i.e., shift from PSH or RRH to TH or SSO) over the course of the next program year. These are considered new project applications.
- **Opportunities to submit** new project applications for new PSH, RRH, TH, HMIS, SSO and/or Coordinated Entry-SSO grants.
- **DV Bonus** applications for RRH and TH.

RICoC Projects submitted through the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) **MUST** submit **renewal applications** as part of this competition. YHDP grants will be competitively awarded.

YHDP grantees may make **significant changes** to YHDP grants being renewed by using the YHDP **replacement process**. YHDP grants may make **minor changes** to a project including adding or modifying Special YHDP activities or making non-significant budget changes through the **YHDP renewal** process. The recipient of a YHDP grant can be changed through the YHDP reallocation process. In a YHDP reallocation, YHDP funds awarded to a CoC can be reallocated to create one or more new YHDP projects.

Supportive Materials

Review the FY25 NOFO carefully and take full advantage of the hyperlinks included within the NOFO that link to a vast amount of HUD-supportive documentation and resources.

Review the HUD-issued Detailed Instructions for the applicable project type(s) being applied for. HUD CoC Competition Materials are found here: [Continuum of Care Program | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/continuumofcare). Materials for the 2025 competition are still being developed and will be released on the HUD website when completed. This information and other RICOC resources related to the FY25 Local Rhode Island CoC Competition are located on the [RICOC website](https://www.ricoc.org), under the Funding Opportunities tab. Please refer to the website routinely throughout the local competition for immediate access to the latest information on the competition.

Deadlines and Training Information

Please take careful note of the following deadlines and training dates.

New and renewal project applications submitted after the deadlines listed below may not be considered for funding in the FY2025 Rhode Island COC competition.

Renewal and New Project Applicants:

New, Renewal, YHDP renewal, YHDP replacement/reallocation and DV Bonus renewal applications must ALL be submitted in the eSNAPS grants management system no later than **December 12, 2025, at 3 pm** Eastern Time.



The RICOC will offer a remote video webinar to support both renewal and new project applications. This session will provide an overview of the FY2025 NOFO requirements for all applicant types, include training on using eSNAPS, and allow time for questions and discussion. The webinar will cover all categories of new project applications, including those applying under the DV Bonus, the CoC Bonus, reallocated funding, and proposals to transition, expand, or consolidate existing renewal projects.

New and Renewal Project webinar for CoC grants details follow:

- **Tuesday, November 25, 2025, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm**

Join Teams Meeting here: [Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 284 644 634 969 61

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New Project Applicants:

There will be many more new project applications for the 2025 competition than in previous years. The cap on permanent housing will force many current grantees to forego renewing their existing grants and instead apply for funding under a new program component (TH or SSO). Additionally, the increased possibility of CoC Bonus funding will likely result in additional new project applications.

We will prioritize PSH projects that include budget line items for rental assistance and/or leasing within the \$4,975,784 now available for eligible PH projects. However, this amount is still insufficient to support all currently funded PSH projects with rental subsidies. As a result, only a portion of these projects will be able to continue. When determining which PSH projects to prioritize within the 30% PSH funding cap, the following factors will be considered: project performance scores, geographic area served, populations served, past performance, and current utilization and capacity. PSH projects weighing whether to submit a standard renewal or apply for a transition grant should consider these factors carefully. If existing projects are still unclear on which kind of application to submit after considering these factors, the RICoC Planning Team is available to provide guidance. All grantees are encouraged to contact the Planning Team for support.

All RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects must apply for a transition grant to convert to Transitional Housing or to SSO project types if they wish to remain eligible for funding. The exception to this is YHDP grants – they must use the YHDP Replacement Application to change project types.

PH project types that do not include budget line items for rental assistance or leasing must apply for a transition grant to convert to an SSO project type if they wish to be considered for funding.

Method for Submission of Applications

All applications must be submitted in the eSNAPS grants management system operated by HUD



by the project deadline listed above (Friday, December 12, 2025, at 3 pm). Project applications submitted in e-snaps are received and reviewed by the RICoC. All renewal applications will be scored and ranked using the Performance Evaluation Standards and Scoring Criteria for Renewal Projects FY 2025.

Applicants for all new and renewal projects will be notified in writing, outside of the eSNAPS system, on or before December 30, 2025, as to whether their project(s) will be denied or accepted and included in the RICoC's Collaborative Application to HUD.

Please direct all questions surrounding this opportunity to:

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