



RHODE ISLAND CONTINUUM OF CARE

2026 Request for New Project Proposals

Background

The Rhode Island Continuum of Care ([RICoC](#)) is seeking proposals from qualified nonprofit organizations and local government agencies for new projects under the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. Proposed projects must meet eligibility requirements for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC funding and demonstrate the ability to use these funds effectively.

In response to this issuance, the RICoC anticipates selecting multiple new project proposals for Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only projects (including enhanced services for program participants), Street Outreach, DV Rapid Rehousing projects, and Permanent Supportive Housing. This will be the only RFP issued to solicit new RICoC projects for the FY2026 competition; therefore, interested applicants must submit proposals by the stated deadline to be considered for funding.

The RICoC encourages applications from nonprofits and local government entities serving people experiencing homelessness, including organizations new to CoC funding. HUD is specifically encouraging participation from faith-based organizations. With new eligibility to fund Transitional Housing (TH), the RICoC also encourages applications from organizations with experience in TH and/or residential treatment. Informational webinars will be available for new applicants.

Organizations may also apply for new DV Bonus Projects dedicated to serving individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with paragraphs (1) or (4) of the homeless definition under 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Eligible DV Bonus project types include Rapid Rehousing and Transitional Housing.

Any organization eligible to receive CoC funds may apply for eligible new project types, regardless of whether the organization currently receives CoC funding.

Information for Existing RICoC and Youth Homeless Demonstration Projects (YHDP) Recipients:

While the FY2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) does not include the 30% cap on Permanent Housing (PH) project renewals that HUD previously forecasted, the 60% limitation on Tier 1 funding, combined with the 1.3 billion set aside for new transitional housing projects and new SSO projects, creates a functional cap on the amount of PH projects that will be able to renew. This means that renewal grants placed in Tier 2 are unlikely to be selected for funding by HUD. Because of this, we strongly encourage existing grantees who are unsure whether their renewal grant(s) will score high enough for Tier 1 placement to consider applying through this RFP to transition their existing grant(s) to transitional housing or supportive services only project types.

Existing CoC and YHDP grantees may submit

- New project applications
- Expansion applications, which must add housing units and/or increase services to current participants, remain within the same program component (e.g., RRH, PSH), and identify the existing grant being expanded and the rationale for expansion.
- Transition applications, which allow an existing CoC project to shift from its current program component to a new one over the course of a program year (e.g., converting an RRH project to TH). YHDP recipients seeking to transition must use the YHDP Replacement process.

Changes to the CoC program in FY2026

HUD released its [FY2026 Continuum of Care NOFO](#) on June 1, 2026. In this competition, HUD has made significant changes to the CoC program.

Major changes include:

- Adding two eligible new project types: Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, including but not limited to those focused on Street Outreach.
- Setting Tier 1 funding (funding which is not subject to competition) at 60% of annual renewal demand.
- Establishing a \$1.3 billion dollar set aside for new TH and SSO projects.
- Ending the Housing First model and implementing service participation requirements.
- Requiring Transitional Housing projects to provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 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
- Increased competition in Tier 2 and expanded bonus funding. Scoring will emphasize administration priorities such as immigration, encampments, and the use of national databases. CoCs that scored well in prior competitions may be at a disadvantage under the new scoring system.
- Rejection of applications submitted by organizations that operate “illegal drug injection sites” or “safe consumption sites,” in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856.

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[Timeline for this RFP](#)

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| May 11, 2026 | CoC Releases New CoC Projects Request for Proposals (RFP) |
| May 19 | Click the following link to access the recording: RFP Information Session 1: 1:30 – 3:00 pm |
| May 20 | Click the following link to access the recording: RFP Information Session 2: 10:30 – 12 pm |
| May 28 | RFP Office Hour, 12 pm – 1 pm. This session was not recorded. Please visit the FAQ document for more information. |

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| May 29 | HUD Forecast Date to Release NOFO |
| June 1 | HUD released FY26 CoC NOFO |
| June 9 | RICoC releases updated RFP in response to items in the NOFO that differ from what HUD forecast and extends proposal submission deadline to (Insert Date) |
| Friday, June 12 | Information Session for Updated RFP June 12 from 9:30 am to 11 am Zoom Link Meeting ID: 879 1071 2088 Passcode: 877919 |

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| Monday, June 22 | <u>Deadline to submit proposals to the COC Planning Staff for consideration by 12 pm Eastern Time.</u> Applications are reviewed by the CoC’s Funding Committee. Applicants may be asked to answer questions from the Committee |
| July 9 | Anticipated announcement of selected new project proposals |
| July 31 | Selected new project proposals must submit project applications in E-snaps, |
| August 10 | CoC Application and Project Priority list completed in draft |
| August 26 | Final HUD NOFO deadline |

Timeline for Funding

The performance period for RICoC-awarded projects depends on each organization’s status. For existing grantees transitioning a non-renewable grant to a new project type, the new project will begin the day after the earliest ending FY25 grant that cannot be renewed.

Projects not connected to a non-renewable existing grant may begin as early as January 1, 2027.

Request for Proposals (RFP) Information Sessions & Office Hours

RICoC hosted two Information Sessions and one Office Hour for this local funding competition before HUD released the FY2026 CoC NOFO. The Information Sessions were recorded and posted on our YouTube channel. Those recordings are linked above. RICoC also created a FAQ document based on questions asked by grantees and potential applicants at the Information Sessions, Office Hour, and other conversations. That can be found [here](#).

RICoC will host an additional information session webinar focused on the updates made to this RFP, on Friday, June 12, at 9:30 am. Any staff responsible for program oversight and proposal submission are strongly encouraged to attend this session. Below is the link to join the [remote](#) information session. This session will be recorded and posted on our YouTube channel.

Information Session for Updated RFP

June 12 from 9:30 am to 11 am

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 879 1071 2088

Passcode: 877919

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a non-profit organization, a unit of local government, or a Public Housing Authority (PHA)
- Have capacity to administer federal funding and secure required matching funds (25% of awarded funds, excluding leasing dollars).
- Have experience administering programs and services that assist people experiencing homelessness and/or housing crises

Eligible Project Types

It is estimated that the RICoC will have approximately \$12,300,000 available to fund new projects. The actual availability and amount of funds are contingent upon available funding issued through the FY2026 CoC NOFO. The table below shows the eligible project types for new projects by funding stream. Funding types include CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Domestic Violence Bonus, and Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP)

DV Bonus funding must be used to serve individuals and families that meet HUD’s Category 4 definition of homelessness. YHDP funding must be used to serve people ages 16–24 who meet HUD’s definition of homelessness under Categories 1, 2, and 4, depending on the project type.

| Eligible Project Type | Funding Type |
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| Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing | DV Bonus |
| Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing | Reallocation and CoC Bonus |
| Supportive Services Only – Enhanced Support Services, Street Outreach, HMIS Expansion, and CES Expansion projects | Reallocation and CoC Bonus |
| Supportive Services Only and Transitional Housing | YHDP |

The following chart provides additional information on these eligible project types:

| Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | |
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| <p>Overview: PSH is a non-time-limited, permanent housing subsidy combined with a high level of supportive services. It is designed for people with the highest needs, long experiences with homelessness, and is headed by a household member with a disability. Although the FY2026 NOFO does not include a set aside for new PSH projects, the RICoC invites applicants to submit project applications for new PSH projects.</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Households pay a percentage of their income towards rent for an indefinite period. There is no minimum income requirement. ● Units can be site-based (e.g., lease up a bunch of units in an apartment complex) or scattered site. ● Eligible populations: Individuals experiencing Category 1 or Category 4 homelessness who |

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| | <p>have a disability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chronic homeless or Dedicated PLUS definition applies. |
| <p>Rapid Rehousing (RRH)-DV Bonus Only</p> | |
| <p>Overview: RRH is a supportive housing program where a household may receive up to 24 months of rental assistance and supportive services, with up to six months of case management available once the rental assistance ends. Supportive services often focus on income maximization and housing stability planning. The participant enters a lease directly with the landlord. It is expected that HUD will limit participation in all permanent housing to disabled households.</p> <p>Because RRH is a time-limited resource, it is essential that programs begin clear, direct conversations with participants early on about how they will maintain their housing once rental assistance ends. It is important to begin these conversations early, so participants are not surprised and unprepared as the end of their rental assistance gets closer.</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rental assistance models are flexible and should align with CoC’s written standards for administering RRH. ● Households can choose their own units in the community/private market. Funded agencies must assist participants in locating and securing housing. ● Participants will be expected to participate in supportive services. ● Individuals experiencing Category 4 homelessness who also have a disability. ● While it is a time-limited resource, there are no indicators for who will succeed in RRH - it is a resource that can work for anyone. |
| <p>Transitional Housing Projects</p> | |
| <p>Overview: Transitional Housing (TH) provides up to 24 months of housing and supportive services to people experiencing homelessness. Housing can be provided at a single site location or in scattered sites in the community. HUD expects TH programs to deliver individualized, intensive services focused on increasing income and supporting long term housing stability.</p> <p>HUD further expects TH programs to be service intensive, offering supports such as case management, substance use disorder treatment,</p> | <p>Key Elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HUD expects that programs will offer 20 hours/week of structured services for participants ● HUD has also indicated that at least some of those hours must include access to clinically driven treatment with medical supervision. ● Participant engagement in services, including clinical supports, will be required. ● Nonprofit applicants can provide housing assistance using leasing or operating costs. |

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| <p>mental health treatment, employment assistance and job training, and outpatient healthcare. These services may be provided directly by the TH program operator or through formal partnerships with specialized service providers.</p> | <p>Due to statutory limitations, nonprofits cannot administer rental assistance for transitional housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expectations are that applicants will focus on assisting participants in obtaining employment and addressing barriers to steady employment and housing stability. • Eligible populations: Individuals experiencing categories 1, 2, or 4 homelessness. |
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Supportive Services Only/Enhanced Services

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| <p>Overview: HUD is emphasizing the need for programs to deliver robust supportive services and to require participant engagement in those services to promote housing stability and increase income. Eligible applicants may propose projects that expand the level and intensity of services available to CoC program participants, particularly those that support HUD’s key outcomes: sustaining housing, preventing returns to homelessness, and increasing earned income.</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed services are focused on key HUD goals of maintaining housing stability, preventing returns to homelessness, and increasing employment income. • Applicants must specify the services to be provided and indicate how they will assist in achieving the key HUD outcomes. • Applicants must describe how the services will be coordinated with those provided by the housing provider. • Applicants should describe any non-CoC resources that will be available to support the proposed project. |
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Supportive Services Only/Street Outreach

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| <p>Overview: Street outreach programs should target eligible program participants with a history of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage in supportive services. Applicants for street outreach should have a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living unsheltered.</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses urgent immediate needs of people living unsheltered. • Proactive and persistent efforts are made to engage participants. • Outreach teams are coordinated with other providers of this service. • Expected to coordinate with law enforcement and other local agencies. |
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| <p>In addition to meeting the immediate needs of people who are unsheltered, street outreach efforts should focus on assisting individuals in obtaining vital documents and other eligibility materials so they are prepared to access housing opportunities when made available to them.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible populations: Category 1 |
| <p>Supportive Services Only/Coordinated Entry Expansion</p> | |
| <p>Overview: Coordinated access/assessment must be easily accessible to all persons within the CoC, including standardized assessment, access for people with disabilities, and direct referral to appropriate housing and services.</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessible to all persons needing homeless assistance in the CoC • Designed to reach those with the greatest barriers to accessing services • Accessible to people with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency • Only the CoC-designated CE Lead may apply for CE expansion funds |
| <p>HMIS Expansion</p> | |
| <p>Overview: HMIS presents a critical opportunity to coordinate and track resources invested in ending homelessness, and to help the wider community of stakeholders working to end homelessness make critical decisions</p> | <p>Key Elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects must add capacity, including improvement in data quality, data visualization, increased training for agencies using HMIS, increased training for those using data for system-wide decision making, and increased reporting capacity • Project must outline how their new project fits within the RICoC’s overall strategies to build HMIS capacity • Only the CoC-designated HMIS Lead may apply for HMIS expansion funds |

Threshold and Scoring Criteria

Applicants must demonstrate that all threshold and scoring criteria are met in their proposal for it to be considered.

Threshold Criteria for Housing Projects (RRH, PSH, and TH): Project must demonstrate its ability to pass **all** the threshold criteria for the project to be reviewed and scored by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee.

- a) Certify the project will use HMIS. For DV providers, certify use of RI's comparable database for survivors of domestic violence.
- b) Certify the project will follow Coordinated Entry (CE) policy and procedure. CE policies and procedures for transitional housing projects are currently in development. Applicants should expect CE policies and procedures for transitional housing projects to closely align with existing CE policies and procedures.
- c) Certify that the applicant will use the service participation agreement developed by the CoC.
- d) The applicant certifies that it does not operate illegal drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 u.s.c. 856.
- e) Certify the applicant has no outstanding delinquent federal debts; no debarments and/or suspensions from doing business with the federal government.
- f) Certify the applicant has 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.
- g) Certify the applicant has an accounting system that meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302
- h) Target population must meet HUD homeless definition of Category 1, 2 or 4. Identify which target and priority population(s) will be served by the project.
- i) Applicant must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85.
- j) Demonstrate in the project budget that no more than 10% of the total COC program budget is for administrative costs
- k) Demonstrate in the project budget that all COC funds requested are matched with an amount that is at least 25% of the COC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Demonstrate clearly that all cash matching funds are spent on COC eligible expenses and all activities used as in kind matching funds are CoC eligible activities.
- l) Non-profit organization must have an active Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to be eligible. A UEI functions as a means of entity identification for federal awards. For more information, visit SAM.gov's UEI Registration page. Applicants without a UEI, or with an expired UEI, will not be considered.

Scoring Criteria for Housing Projects (RRH, PSH, and TH): A project will be awarded points up to the maximum amount listed below. A total of 100 points, plus bonus points, are available. Projects with higher scores relative to other project proposals of the same type will be prioritized for CoC funding.

- a) The applicant presents a clear, person-centered approach to meeting HUD's service participation requirements, with an emphasis on supporting housing stability. For transitional housing projects, the applicant outlines a comprehensive process for developing individualized service plans that include goals and timelines related to improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income to promote financial stability and self-sufficiency. Each service plan should specify the services to be provided, the frequency and method of service delivery, and the staff or partners responsible for providing the services. Services may include

- clinically driven, medically supervised treatment. For transitional housing projects, the applicant also describes a plan to implement the required 20 hours per week of services, except for program participants who are over age 62, individuals with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3, or individuals with developmental disabilities as defined in 24 CFR 578.3. **(10 points)**
- b) Applicant has experience with the proposed project type and homeless population or other relevant/related supportive service expertise, with demonstrated positive outcomes in similar projects in terms of housing stability and increases in earned income (when available, applicants should include program data backing these positive outcomes). For Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects, applicants must have a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination (preferably permanent housing) within 24 months and that at least 50 percent exit with employment income. **(10 points)**
 - c) Applicant demonstrates the capacity to appropriately manage state/federal funds and to leverage other funding **(5 points)**
 - d) Applicant demonstrates that they have the organizational infrastructure and administrative/financial capacity to deliver the project as proposed **(5 points)**
 - e) Applicant clearly describes their collaboration with other community partners to supplement resources available to clients within the program from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP **(10 points)**
 - f) Program design includes provision of appropriate housing, and the type, scale, and location of the housing are adequate to meet the needs of the program participants described to be served. Application includes meaningful evaluation of the need for the project they are proposing, clearly mentions if housing units are already secured or not, and outlines their cultural/linguistic competency to serve the proposed population. Program design is fully described, accessible, and appropriate to the project proposed, and fits the needs of the target population. Core outcomes are discussed (examples: stable housing, employment, and preventing returns to homelessness). **(10 points + an additional 5 bonus points if the units are demonstrated within this section to already be secured)**
 - g) Applicant describes how the project will incorporate people with lived experience of homelessness in organizational governance, as well as in program design, implementation (including staffing), and evaluation/improvement. Includes discussion of compensation for expertise if that is applicable within the program. **(10 points)**
 - h) There is a reasonable timeframe to plan and implement the project and a quality staffing plan sufficient to implement proposed activities; includes justification of caseload range for each direct services position and description of strategies to ensure staff have lived experience of homelessness and/or reflect the identities of prioritized populations **(10 points)**
 - i) Proposed Supportive Services are adequate to support the target population; the strategies and level of focus on priority subpopulations are described. **(10 points)**
 - j) Costs are reasonable, competitive, and activities listed are eligible. **(10 points)**
 - o NOTE: the Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee may tentatively approve a project with suggested budget changes

- k) Letters of support from at least one collaborating agency are submitted at the time of proposal submission (these letters are excluded from page count requirements and should be attachments separate from the proposal). No letters will be accepted after the proposal deadline. **(10 points)**

Threshold and Criteria for New Supportive Services Only Project Applications

Threshold Criteria for Supportive Services Only Project (including Enhanced Services and Street Outreach projects) Applications: Project must demonstrate its ability to pass **all** of the threshold criteria in order for the project to be reviewed and scored by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee.

- a) Certify that the applicant will use the service participation agreement developed by the CoC.
- b) The applicant certifies that it does not operate “illegal drug injection sites” or “safe consumption sites” in violation of 21 u.s.c. 856.
- c) Certify the applicant has no outstanding delinquent federal debts; no debarments and/or suspensions from doing business with the federal government
- d) Certify the applicant has 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. Certify the applicant has an accounting system that meets federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302
- e) Target population must meet HUD homeless definition of Category 1, 2 or 4. Identify which target and priority population(s) will be served by the project.
- f) Applicant must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85.
- g) Demonstrate in the project budget that no more than 10% of the total COC program budget is for administrative costs
- h) Demonstrate in the project budget that all COC funds requested are matched with an amount that is at least 25% of the COC funds requested (excluding any amount in the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources. Demonstrate clearly that all matching funds are COC eligible expenses.
- i) Non-profit organization must have a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) to be eligible. A UEI functions as a means of entity identification for federal awards. For more information, visit SAM.gov’s UEI Registration page. Applicants without a UEI will not be considered.

Scoring Criteria for Supportive Services Only Project Applications: A project will be awarded points up to the maximum listed below for its ability to meet the expectations outlined in the scoring criteria. A total of 110 points, plus bonus points, are available. Projects with higher scores relative to other project proposals of the same type will be prioritized for CoC funding.

- a) For enhanced services projects, the applicant has a strategy to implement the required supportive services agreement and to coordinate with housing providers. For street outreach projects, the applicant has a strategy for providing outreach services that are consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e) and has a plan for helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing, or permanent housing

- programs. **(10 points)**
- b) Experience with proposed project type and homeless population or other relevant/related supportive service expertise, demonstrated outcomes in similar projects in terms of housing stability and increases in earned income **(10 points)**
 - c) Demonstrate the capacity to appropriately manage state/federal funds and to leverage other funding **(5 points)**
 - d) Demonstrate that applicant has the organizational infrastructure and administrative/financial capacity to deliver the project as proposed **(5 points)**
 - e) Describe collaboration with other community partners to supplement resources available to clients within the program from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP **(10 points)**
 - f) For street outreach projects, the applicant demonstrates a plan to partner with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for habitation and connect them to emergency shelter, treatment programs, family reunification, transitional housing, or independent living. The applicant must cooperate with local law enforcement and first responders, avoid impeding enforcement of local laws, and be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. The purpose of this partnership is to provide education and support that encourages law enforcement to prioritize helping people access services rather than criminalizing homelessness while also supporting public safety. **(10 points)**
 - g) Program design is fully described, accessible, and appropriate to the project proposed and fits the needs of the target population. Core outcomes are discussed (examples: stable housing, employment and preventing returns to homelessness). **(10 points)**
 - a) Describe how the project will incorporate lived experience of homelessness in organizational governance, as well as in program design, implementation (including staffing) and evaluation/improvement. Includes discussion of compensation for expertise if that is applicable within the program. **(10 points)**
 - b) There is a reasonable timeframe to plan and implement the project and a quality staffing plan sufficient to implement proposed activities; includes justification of caseload range for each direct services position and description of strategies to ensure staff have lived experience of homelessness and/or reflect the identities of prioritized populations **(10 points)**
 - c) Proposed Supportive Services are adequate to support the target population; the strategies to engage and level of focus on priority subpopulations is described. **(10 points)**
 - d) Costs are reasonable, competitive, and activities listed are eligible.
NOTE: the Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee may tentatively approve a project with suggested budget changes **(10 points)**
 - e) Letters of support from at least one collaborating agency is submitted at the time of proposal submission (these letters are excluded from page count requirements and should be attachments separate from the proposal). No letters will be accepted after the proposal deadline. **(10 points)**

Threshold and Criteria for Expansion Coordinated Entry Project Applications

Threshold Criteria for Coordinated Entry Project Applications: Project must demonstrate its ability to pass **all** of the threshold criteria in order for the project to be reviewed and scored by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee.

- a) Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project
- b) Describe how the additional funding requested will result in increased efficiency in the coordinated entry process including, but not limited to:
 - a. Reduction in time from referral to housing provider to placement in housing
 - b. Reduction in number of referrals from coordinated entry to housing providers that do not result in a housing placement (either the referral is not accepted by the housing provider, or the provider is not able to house the referred household)
 - c. Increased training or support to agencies participating in coordinated entry
 - d. Increased access to the coordinated entry system throughout the RICoC
- c) Describe what the additional funding requested will be used for and why you believe it will result in the improvements identified above
- d) Provide a detailed budget showing both current funding and additional funding requested and how the total funding for the new/expanded project would be expended.

Scoring Criteria for Coordinated Entry Project Applications: A project will be awarded points up to the maximum listed below for its ability to meet the expectations outlined in the scoring criteria. There are 100 points available in total. Projects with higher scores relative to other project proposals of the same type will be prioritized for CoC funding.

- a) Experience and Effectiveness (50 points total):
 - a. Applicant has experience operating coordinated entry, including conducting a standardized assessment process, and demonstrates ability to promptly make referrals to available housing interventions – 20 points
 - b. CE: Applicant has a strategy to increase efficiency and speed of the CE process – 20 points
 - c. CE: Applicant provides a strategy for increasing access to the CE system that includes, but is not limited to, advertising CE that is specifically designed to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs – 10 points
- b) Financial (20 points total):
 - a. Audit – no issues or findings with most recent audit – 5 points
 - b. Match – source of match is documented and realistic – 5 points
 - c. Costs requested are reasonable, allocable, and allowable – 10 points
- c) Timeliness (10 points total):
 - a. Project plan demonstrates that the project and/or expansion can be rapidly implemented - 10 points
- d) Meeting Federal Requirements (20 points total):
 - a. At least 95% of prior grant funds expended – 10 points
 - b. No unresolved monitoring findings from HUD or the RICoC – 10 points

Threshold and Criteria for HMIS Expansion Project Applications

Threshold Criteria for HMIS Project Applications: Project must demonstrate its ability to pass **all** the threshold criteria in order for the project to be reviewed and scored by the Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee.

- a) Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project
- b) Describe how the additional funding requested will result in:
 - a. Improvements in data quality
 - b. Improvements in data visualization
 - c. Increased training or support to agencies providing data in HMIS
 - d. Increased training or support to the RICoC in utilizing data to inform decision-making
 - e. Increased capacity to provide reporting to system stakeholders
- c) Describe what the additional funding requested will be used for and why you believe it will result in the improvements identified above
- d) Provide a detailed budget showing current funding and additional funding requested, and how the total funding for the new/expanded project would be expended.

Scoring Criteria for HMIS Project Applications: A project will be awarded points up to the maximum listed below for its ability to demonstrate the expectations of the scoring criteria. There is a total of 105 points available. Projects with higher scores relative to other project proposals of the same type will be prioritized for CoC funding.

- a) Experience and Effectiveness (55 points total):
 - a. Experience in operating HMIS, ability to meet HUD deadlines – 15 points
 - b. HMIS Universal Data quality in HMIS (systemwide UDEs null/unknown error rate of less than 10% (systemwide UDEs null/unknown error rate of less than 10% = 10 points; less than 15% = 5 points) – up to 10 points
 - c. Chronic Homelessness data quality in HMIS (systemwide error rate of less than 10% = 10 points; less than 15% = 5 points) – up to 10 points
 - d. HMIS score on HMIS-related factors in 2024 CoC Application (85%-100% of possible HMIS points = 10 points, 60-84% = 5 points, less than 60% = 0 points) – up to 10 points
 - e. Does the proposed project build HMIS reporting capacity across the system-wide agencies involved in the RICoC, specifically the HMIS Lead, the Executive Office of Housing, and the Collaborative Applicant – 10 points
- b) Financial (20 points total)
 - a. Audit – no issues or findings with most recent audit – 5 points
 - b. Match – source of match is documented and realistic – 5 points
 - c. Costs requested are reasonable, allocable, and allowable – 10 points
- c) Timeliness (10 points total)
 - a. Project plan demonstrates that project and/or expansion can be rapidly implemented – 10 points
- d) Meeting Federal Requirements (20 points total)
 - a. At least 95% of prior grant funds expended – 10 points

- b. No unresolved monitoring findings from HUD or the RICoC – 10 points

Submission Instructions and Deadline

Deadline: Monday, June 22, at 12:00 pm Eastern Standard Time

The proposal must be submitted electronically to the CoC Planning Staff at ssaintlaurent@rihousing.com and rfelix-pichardo@rihousing.com on or before **12 pm** Eastern Daylight Time. PDF format is preferred. Please take note of the page limits listed below.

Instructions: A successful proposal will not exceed 10 pages (does not include budget worksheets or letter(s) of support) with 1-inch margins and 12-point font and contain the four sections outlined below. Each proposal should include:

1. **Introduction page** (1 page limit)

- (a) Organization name, name, and contact information for the staff member most familiar with the application
- (b) Confirmation of [eligible COC applicant](#) type, [type of project](#) being applied for in this proposal
- (c) [UEI number](#), and [EIN Number](#). If the agency has an approved federal [indirect cost rate](#), or plans to use the [15% de minimis rate](#) that should be identified here.

NOTE: Indirect costs are not the same as direct administrative costs charged to the Administration (“Admin”) BLI in CoC projects. For more information on the differences please click here: [CoC and ESG Financial Management - Direct vs. Indirect Costs - HUD Exchange](#)

- (d) A brief introduction to the organization(s), including subrecipient(s)

2. **Demonstration of [Threshold Criteria](#)** (3-page limit)

Applicants should **letter each Threshold criteria** in accordance with the lettering convention used in the [Threshold Criteria](#) section of this RFP.

Additionally, for new CoC applicant agencies who are nonprofit agencies, please include documentation demonstrating 501c3 status (this documentation will not be included in the 3-page limit).

3. **Response to the [Scoring Criteria](#)** (6-page limit)

Applicants should **letter each Scoring Criteria** in accordance with the lettering convention used in the [Scoring Criteria](#) section of this RFP.

4. **CoC Project Budget** (not included in 10-page limit for the narrative)

A complete/total project budget, with clear delineation of CoC costs and matching costs, should be submitted using the CoC budget tool provided. Administrative costs are capped at 10% of total project costs; applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for the 10% admin costs although they could manually adjust the budget form to decrease that budget line item. Please submit the budget as an attachment. (Excel format preferred for this attachment only).

NOTE: Admin Costs charged to the Administration (“Admin”) BLI in CoC projects are **not** the same as indirect costs. For more information on the differences please click here: [CoC](#)

and ESG Financial Management - Direct vs. Indirect Costs - HUD Exchange

If an agency already has a federally approved indirect cost rate, please include that documentation along with the budget form. If an agency is using the 15% de minimis rate for indirect costs (NOT admin) please use the budget form with “de minimis” in the title. All other applicants without an indirect cost rate and who are not using the “de minimis” rate should use the budget form that says “no indirect” in the title.

Award Notifications and Appeal Process

All applicants will be informed via email if their project was selected to be submitted as part of Rhode Island’s Collaborative Application for CoC funding or rejected in accordance with the project [timeline](#). Accepted/selected email notifications will include a total approved project budget authority. All project selections are pending final approval from HUD and may be amended per feedback from the CoC’s Recipient Approval and Evaluation (“Funding”) Committee, the RICoC, and from HUD.

Applicants with projects that are rejected for funding may appeal the decision by submitting an appeal in writing to the CoC Planning Staff at ssaintlaurent@rihousing.com on or before the appeals deadline in the [timeline](#). Appeals will be considered by unconflicted members of the RICoC Board of Directors. The decision of the Board is final.

Additional Resources

- The RICoC website: [Homepage | RI Continuum of Care](#)
Resources specific to FY2026 Competition will be in the Funding Section under the **FY2026 RICoC Competition** heading
- [Budget Line-Item Eligible Costs](#) this chart shows what is eligible under each of the eligible supportive service costs (case management, education services, outreach, etc.)
- HUD’s definitions of homelessness [At a Glance Criteria and Recordkeeping Requirements for Definition of Homeless \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- Continuum of Care Interim Rule: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/part-578>