



Call for Projects FY2024-25 Year Two

& Notice of Proposal Submission Requirements

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This Call for Projects advises all potential project applicants of the general requirements that must be met for selection through the River Valleys Continuum of Care (CoC) Local Competition and submission to HUD for funding. Technical assistance is available to aid applicants in preparing materials and meeting competition due dates.

E-snaps applications are due by 11:59:59pm Monday, January 26, 2026 for all projects required by HUD to submit in e-snaps. Final e-snaps revisions are due by 11:59:59 on February 4, 2026.

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This document and all information for the River Valleys CoC Local Competition is posted on the CoC website at <https://www.rivervalleyscoc.org/hud-coc-program-competition.html>.

A. Background

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is a federally funded program designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, and local governments 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 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued its CoC Registration Notice for the FY2024 Continuum of Care Program Competition and is anticipated to formally open the national competition with a Notice of Funding Opportunity in the coming weeks.

River Valleys Continuum of Care (Rochester/Southeast Minnesota CoC, MN-502) is registered as a CoC applicant for HUD Continuum of Care Program FY2024 competitions. The CoC's designated Collaborative Applicant to submit funding applications is Institute for Community Alliances.

As a registered CoC applicant, River Valleys CoC is seeking project applicants for FY2024 funding in the following geographic areas of Minnesota: Blue Earth County, Brown County, Dodge County, Faribault County, Fillmore County, Freeborn County, Goodhue County, Houston County, LeSueur County, Martin County, Mower County, Nicollet County, Olmsted County, Rice County, Sibley County, Steele County, Wabasha County, Waseca County, Watonwan County, Winona County, City of Mankato, and City of Rochester. (This does not include the geographic area of Prairie Island Indian Community in Minnesota.)

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The River Valleys CoC Contact Person for this Call for Projects is Jennifer Prins, CoC Coordinator jennifer.prins@rivervalleyscoc.org.

B. Funding Available

Funding will be available for new and renewal projects in River Valleys CoC through Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and reallocation only. No bonus funding is available.

1. Renewals: Annual Renewal Demand funds

Projects applicants seeking renewal funding within the Continuum of Care Program may request up to the current approved funding amount posted on the CoC's Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). The GIW is posted on the [RVCoC Local Competition site](#).

All renewal funding is for grant terms of one year unless otherwise instructed by HUD.

Projects seeking renewal funding may not exceed the allowed funding levels by line item or in total. Projects may reduce budget line items, which would be considered voluntary reallocation and made available for other projects in the region. The RVCoC may also reduce funding for renewal projects (involuntary reallocation) in accordance with the RVCoC's reallocation policy. Any full or partial reduction in renewal project budgets creates a reallocation fund which can be used to fund certain types of new projects.

2. River Valleys CoC Local Pool Funds (Reallocated Funds)

Within the CoC Competition process, HUD allows local CoCs to redirect funds from existing projects to new projects based on voluntary budget reduction, performance, unspent funding awards, and other reasons. This process is called reallocation. River Valleys CoC uses the reallocation process to create Local Pool Funds available during the competition.

As a result of reallocation during year two of the FY2024-2025 competition, up to \$386,510 is available for new expansion projects for CoC system support: HMIS or SSO-CE. Grant terms and other requirements set in the NOFO will apply to projects receiving CoC Local Pool Funds.

C. Threshold Requirements for Applicants and Projects

Applicant and project thresholds apply for the Local Competition and the HUD national CoC Program Competition.

1. Applicant Eligibility

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are, under 24 CFR 578.15, nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, Indian Tribes, and TDHEs (as defined in Section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103)). For-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

As required in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 2 CFR 25.200 and 24 CFR Part 5 Subpart K, all applicants for financial assistance must have an active Unique Entity ID (UEID) and have an active registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) (www.sam.gov) before submitting an application.

Per HUD's most recent Notice of Funding Opportunity for Discretionary Programs, applicants must submit application(s) in English and funding requests in U.S. dollars. Applicants must also ensure that the applicant's financial management system is sufficient to meet Federal standards as described at 2 CFR 200.302, resolve any outstanding civil rights matters and outstanding delinquent Federal debt, and disclose all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations. No award of Federal funds may be made to debarred to suspended applicants or those proposed to be debarred or suspended. False statements made in an application are grounds for denial or termination of an award and possible punishment.

Further details and additional rules that apply to applicants selected for award are described in detail on [HUD's Funding Opportunity Page](#) (click on Eligibility Requirements for Applicants of HUD Grants Programs - 2024).

2. Project Eligibility & Quality Thresholds

In accordance with the applicable Appropriations Acts for this program, CoCs must make project selection decisions based on how projects improve system performance in the CoC region. As such, projects must meet both eligibility and quality thresholds for the HUD CoC Program national competition as well as the Local Competition. At a minimum, all applicants must ensure that:

- All proposed program participants will be eligible for the program component type selected,
- All information provided in the project application and proposed activities are eligible and consistent with program requirements at 24 CFR 578,
- Each project narrative is fully responsive to the questions being asked and that it meets all the criteria for that question as required by HUD and the local CoC,
- All data provided in various parts of the project application are true and consistent, AND
- All required attachments correspond to those required by the CoC and/or HUD and must contain accurate, complete information dated within the allowable period.

Please review the HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO and the River Valleys CoC Local Competition Guide for further details.

D. Eligible Project Types and Activities

All projects selected by the CoC must advance the CoC's Plan to end homelessness and be an eligible project type within the competition. CoC priorities are addressed in Section E of this document. Eligible project components depend on the source of funds for the project, as detailed below. Eligible activities and expenses within each component type are defined in 24 CFR 578 and summarized in the [HUD Exchange Virtual Binders for CoC](#).

1. Renewal projects

Eligible project component types are those defined for each renewal project through contracts with HUD and summarized in the Grant Inventory Worksheet process. Projects seeking renewal funding may not change project component type or exceed the allowed funding in total or by line item.

Eligible activities and expenses within each component type are defined in [24 CFR 578](#) and summarized in the [HUD Exchange Virtual Binders for CoC](#).

2. New projects created from CoC Local Pool Funds (Reallocated Funds)

New projects in this category may be proposed as expansions of existing CoC-funded projects seeking renewal in the current funding round. These projects have one-year terms unless otherwise allowed in the NOFO.

Expansion applications may include funding requests for any eligible activity allowed for the project component type, including the following:

- Eligible activities and expenses as defined in 24 CFR 578 and summarized in the HUD Exchange Virtual Binders for CoC.
- VAWA compliance activities. Section 605 of the VAWA 2022 reauthorization act has expanded the definition of homeless as applicable to projects created with these funds and has established new categories of eligible expenses related to VAWA compliance. Review the HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO for details.
- Rural housing activities. Section 5707 of the James M Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 amended the authorizing legislation for the Continuum of Care program to include activities that address barriers to housing in rural areas. Review the HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO for details application to this funding round.

E. Allowed and Prioritized Project Types and Activities

Due to the extremely short timeline for the FY2025 process, the CoC has determined the following project types are allowed and prioritized in year two of the FY2024-2025 competition.

1. Renewal projects that are listed on the GIW, in good standing with the CoC, and have submitted notice of intent to seek renewal.
2. New projects proposed as expansions of existing CoC-funded projects providing system support services: HMIS or SSO-CE.

Renewal projects will be prioritized in the same order as in the FY2024 competition or prior competition year if not renewed in FY2024. New expansion projects will be prioritized and ranked along with their associated renewal project.

F. Matching Funds

HUD homeless program funding through the CoC Program Competition is limited and can provide only a portion of the resources needed to successfully address the needs of homeless families and individuals. HUD requires recipients or subrecipients to use supplemental resources as match to address homeless needs. Documentation of match commitment is required at application.

Under the HEARTH Act, projects funded through the CoC Program competition follow a simplified match requirement that includes both cash and in-kind contributions. All eligible funding costs except leasing (which requires no match) must be matched with no less than a **25% cash or in-kind match**. Match must be used for eligible activities as defined by the CoC Program Interim Rule, 24 CFR Part 578, subpart D. Match excludes direct-to-participant mainstream benefits.

G. Project Applicant Submissions

1. Notice of Intent to Apply

Notification of intent to apply is required for new project applications, including expansion applications. For all applicants, notifications of intent to apply must be submitted before the CoC-established deadline and in accordance with the method or format defined by the CoC.

All notices of intent to renew and application materials received during the rescinded stand-alone FY2025 NOFO are accepted as submissions for this competition. Due to changes in allowed activities between the stand-alone FY2025 NOFO and reissued FY2024-2025 NOFO, renewals that did not submit intent to renew are allowed to indicate intent [via email](#) by **January 14, 2026**.

2. Project Application

Applicants that submitted notice of Intent to Apply are invited to submit a project application. Project applicants are required to submit project application materials for review to be selected for inclusion in the CoC funding request to HUD. For all project applicants, application materials must be submitted before the CoC-established deadline and in accordance with the method or format defined by the CoC.

Process for renewals with no changes

Projects seeking renewal without changes are not required to submit applications in e-snaps. HUD has indicated that instructions for notifying HUD will be published soon. (CoC review for these projects occurred in year one of the FY2024-2025 competition, and no additional review will occur in year two.)

Process for renewals with changes or seeking first-time renewal (did not renew in year 1 of the FY2024-2025 competition).

Projects seeking renewal for the first time or which are proposing changes must submit application in e-snaps to describe changes and confirm renewal status. CoC review for these projects will assess progress to full implementation and threshold requirements for the project component.

Process for new projects, including expansions

Projects seeking new expansion funding must submit application in e-snaps to describe expansion activities and expected impact. CoC review for these projects will assess threshold requirements for the project component and applicant capacity to implement expansion activities to the same level as the associated renewal project.

E-snaps is available at <https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>. See the resources section for further guidance. Project applications with all attachments must be submitted electronically in *e-snaps* for consideration for year two of the FY2024-2025 CoC Program national competition. Applicants must keep a copy of the Submission Summary form from the CoC Project Application before closing their internet browser after the CoC Project Application has been submitted in *e-snaps*. This is the Applicant's receipt of submission and proof of compliance with the application deadline.

The CoC may not give funding consideration to any project whose application is determined to be late and that is unable to provide the CoC with a record of submission that verifies the Project Application was submitted prior to the application deadline date and time.

Submittals

Submit via email to River Valleys CoC by December 12, 2025

- Signed Project Applicant Assurances
- Preparation and Performance Narrative
- New Project Impact Statement, with attachments
- DV Narrative Supplement, if applicable to the project

Submit via e-snaps (HUD online application system) by January 26, 2026

- Applicant profile, with attachments
- Complete project application, with attachments

Timeline

New Project Applications are due in *e-snaps* by **11:59:59 on January 26, 2026**. Applicants with extenuating circumstances must communicate with the CoC Coordinator as early as possible before the deadline to request a 24-hour extension.

Please review Section H to identify timelines for making application final corrections in *e-snaps* after project selections.

H. Selections and Award Notifications

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The River Valleys CoC Performance Review and Rating Committee (or a non-conflicted subset of the Committee) will review project capacity and performance data and documentation in accordance with the CoC Project Rating Tool.

On or before January 23, 2026, applicants will be notified in writing of project acceptance/rejection, project score, project rank, Tier 1/Tier 2 status (if applicable). All projects accepted will be ranked in the CoC's project list and submitted to HUD for possible funding.

By January 30, 2026, applicants will be notified of any recommended and required changes applicants must make in *e-snaps* to meet project quality thresholds. All corrections in *e-snaps* must be made and the *e-snaps* project application resubmitted by 11:59:59pm on

February 4, 2026. This final e-snaps deadline also serves as the final deadline for letters of commitment described in the New Project Impact Statement.

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After receiving all CoC-level applications for the NOFO, HUD will conduct a threshold review of ranked projects for all CoCs that submit the CoC Consolidated Application by the application deadline. Projects and applicants that do not meet threshold eligibility and capacity requirements will be rejected. HUD may issue more than one conditional funding announcement, which generally occurs between January and March following the CoC Consolidated Application deadline. HUD will score the CoC Application portion of the CoC Consolidated Application as well as individual project applications in accordance with the criteria set forth in the applicable NOFO.

Projects with rental assistance, leasing, or operations may be adjusted by HUD during the review process to reflect changes in Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for the project area.

Following the evaluation process, HUD will notify successful applicants of their selection for funding. Notification of project awards will be posted on the HUD website and distributed via the HUD Homeless Assistance Listserv. The CoC will re-post this notification using the CoC email listserv. HUD will notify all other applicants, whose applications were received by the deadline, that have not been chosen for award by email. Award information will be sent by mail to the authorized representative(s) named in *e-snaps*.

I. Resources & Support

Resources are available to assist project applicants with both Local Program Competition and national competition processes. These resources include:

1. River Valleys Continuum of Care Resources and Technical Assistance

All Local Competition guidance and materials are posted on the [CoC Local Competition page](#) of the website. Applicants will receive direct email communications about the competition after submitting Notice of Intent to Apply. General notifications are distributed via the CoC list serv as well. [>> Sign-up for the CoC listserv.](#)

Scheduled times for applicant assistance may include:

- New Project Information Session
- New Project Open Q&A Times
- E-snaps Lab Times
- 1:1 Sessions via Zoom

For other questions regarding this Call for Projects, please contact CoC Coordinator Jennifer Prins at jennifer.prins@rivervalleyescoc.org.

2. HUD Resources and Technical Assistance

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity for FY2024 HUD CoC Program Competition](#)

- [HUD CoC Program Rule \(24 CFR 578\)](#)
- [HUD E-snaps guides](#). Guides are available for adding users, completing the applicant profile, and accessing the application. Application specific guides are also available to navigate the software and provide detailed instructions for each application question.
- Other Training and Resources. Project applicants that need additional assistance competing the applications in *e-snaps* or understanding the program requirements under the CoC Program may access program resources via the [HUD Exchange](#).
- HUD Homeless Assistance Listserv. HUD may provide Collaborative Applicants and Project Applicants with additional information through HUD websites located at www.hud.gov and www.hudexchange.info and via the CoC Program email-based listserv. To join the listserv, visit www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist. The additional information provided will not change the selection criteria or selection process in this NOFO but may include items such as updates on the status of *e-snaps* and reminders of impending deadlines. NOTE: This listserv will also include information only applicable to Collaborative Applicants (not to project applicants), and project applicants are encouraged to contact Jennifer Prins if questions arise from list serv posts.
- Other resources will be posted to the [CoC Competition page](#) as they become available.