

On June 1st, HUD released information for the FY26 CoC NOFO Competition. This competitive process determines how federal funds are allocated across the country to address homelessness. This year, HUD has made approximately \$4.04 billion available nationwide. On July 1st, the Heartland Continuum of Care launched the NOFO Competition for IL-513 and made applications, scoring tools, and other resources available.

Funding Available:

Tier 1: \$382,616 (60% of Annual Renewal Demand)

Tier 2: \$913,936 (40% of Annual Renewal Demand + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus)

Total: \$1,296,552

DV Bonus Amount: \$158,848

CoC Bonus Amount: \$500,000

CoC Planning Amount: \$50,000

By the July 29th deadline, the Heartland Continuum of Care received 2 renewal PSH applications, 2 transition project applications seeking to transition to new Transitional Housing projects, 2 new Transitional Housing projects, and one new Supportive Services Only project totaling a request of \$1,051,657. The HCoC Lead Agency requested \$120,000 for a SSO-CE project to improve System Performance related to Coordinated Entry that would be placed at the bottom of Tier 2.

The HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee met on Thursday, August 30th to review and begin scoring projects. Due to the requests from all projects not totaling the full amount available for the HCoC to apply for, all new project applicants were given an opportunity to request supplemental funding to increase the size and scope of their new project. Applicants increased requests by \$185,618.

On Wednesday, August 5th, the Rating and Ranking Committee met to score projects to develop a recommended ranked list along with funding levels and recommended reallocations.

The Rating and Ranking Committee's FY26 HUD CoC NOFO Recommended Ranked List (copied below) was presented to the Heartland Continuum of Care Board of Directors and approved on Thursday, August 6th. All organizations were made aware of recommended funding amounts and placement on August 6th and no organizations appealed results.

On August 7th, the District Court of Rhode Island issued summary judgment in National Alliance to End Homelessness' lawsuit against HUD regarding the FY 2026 NOFO. Although the Court declined to issue a permanent injunction, the FY 2026 NOFO itself and its deadlines are vacated in full. As a result, the local FY2026 HUD NOFO Competition was paused.

Following an appeal from HUD, on September 17th, the 1st Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the district court's ruling to vacate the NOFO. This paused the district court opinion that struck down the NOFO and allowed for HUD to proceed with its NOFO while the circuit court hears both sides during the appeal.

On September 18th, HUD updated the deadline for the NOFO Collaborative Application, Project Applicants, and all supplemental materials to September 30th. In response, the Heartland Continuum of Care resumed our local process and Collaborative Applicant development to ensure all materials are submitted to HUD by the deadline.

Score	Rank	TIER 1 Project Name	Project Type	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Reallocated Funds
82	1	M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Permanent Supportive Housing for Families	Renewal PSH	\$230,491	\$204,416	\$26,075
70	2	Helping Hands Park PSH	Renewal PSH	\$239,378	\$178,200	\$61,178
			TOTAL	\$469,869	\$382,616	
		TIER 2 TRANSITION Project Name	Project Type	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Reallocated Funds
84	3	MERCY Communities Transitional Living Program for Families	Transitional Housing	\$75,985	\$75,985	\$0
67	4	Transitional Housing for Families Headed by Youth Ages 24 and Under	Transitional Housing	\$37,453	\$37,453	\$0
		TIER 2 New Project Name	Project Type	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding	Supplemental Request
81	5	FSR HUD Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing	\$209,604	\$304,240	\$94,636
67	6	Transitional Housing for Families Headed by Youth Ages 24 and Under 2.0	Transitional Housing	\$38,846	\$129,828	\$90,982
62	7	Contact Ministries: Transitional and Emergency Housing Supportive Services	Supportive Services Only	\$219,900	\$87,582	
				\$581,788		
NA		Heartland HOUSED Coordinated Entry Staff	Supportive Services Only-CE	\$120,000	\$120,000	
			TOTAL	\$581,788	\$755,088	
		Projects without Rank/Score	Project Type			
NA		Heartland HOUSED CoC Planning	Planning	\$50,000		