

Notification of Funding Opportunity: Local Competition for HUD Continuum of Care TX-611 **November 24, 2025**



The Amarillo TX-611 Continuum of Care announces the competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding. This opportunity is available to CoC TX-611 agencies along with other nonprofit and faith-based organizations in Amarillo that have never applied for or received CoC funding.

This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD Continuum of Care Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued on November 13, 2025. The FY 2025 CoC Funding Notice is authorized by Title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

***Deadline to submit a complete application packet is December 10, 2025, at 12 p.m. CST (noon).**

HUD has made available extensive resources to support applicants. These can be found here:

- Complete information on the HUD NOFO can be found at this location:
[FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO](#)
- The CoC Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guides can be found at this location:
[CoC Application Detailed Instructions \(Coming Soon\)](#)
- Additional information can also be found in the HUD's CoC Virtual Binders at this location:
[CoC and ESG Virtual Binders - HUD Exchange](#)

Notice of Intent to Apply

Please submit a letter of interest if your organization intends to apply. Letters should provide a brief project description, indicating the project type for which the applicant intends to apply and the population the project will serve. Applicants should review the information available in this Internal Competition Notification and the Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD. Please review those materials prior to starting the application or submitting an inquiry to the City of Amarillo TX-611 CoC no later than **December 2, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.** Letters of Interest and Inquiries shall be submitted to: CoCTX611@amarillo.gov

ALL project applications are required to submit Intent to Apply to be eligible for the local competition.

Application Deadline

All organizations interested in obtaining funding through the HUD NOFO – **including both new and renewal** project applicants – must submit their completed project application packet in the eSNAPS grant management system no later than **December 10, 2025, at 12 p.m. Central Standard Time (noon)**. [Accessing the CoC Program Project Application in e-snaps \(hudexchange.info\)](https://hudexchange.info) Application packets must also be submitted to the Community Development office by this deadline.

CoC NOFA Workshop

All organizations interested in obtaining funding through the HUD NOFO – **including both new and renewal** project applicants – are encouraged to attend the workshops provided by Community Development Staff at the Simms Municipal Building located at 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 208, second floor at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on **November 25, 2025**. A second workshop will be held at the Simms Municipal Building located at 808 S. Buchanan St., room 208, at 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and room 203, at 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on **December 2, 2025**.

Throughout the competition, applicants may receive additional technical assistance by contacting Shaira Joyce at [806-378-6451](tel:806-378-6451) or Nohely Paine at [806-378-9319](tel:806-378-9319) Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. In addition, applicants may email CoCTX611@amarillo.gov with any questions.

An all-day TA workshop will be held on **December 9, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** at the Simms Municipal Building, located at 808 S. Buchanan St., Room 275, to review applications for completeness.

Eligible Projects

Renewal Applications

Only existing HUD CoC grants are eligible for renewal. The only eligible renewal grants are those with an expiration date within Calendar Year 2026 and that were listed in the Grant Inventory Worksheet received by the CoC Lead Agency. Projects renewed under the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO are renewable as set forth in 24CFR 578.33 to continue ongoing leasing, operating, supportive services, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administrative costs. Renewal applicants are required to submit an Applicant Profile and Project Application as downloaded pdfs from eSNAPS; Annual Progress Report (APR); most recent independent audit; commitment letters for Match and Leveraged support of the project; and YTD financial statements.

- The renewal amount must be consistent with the Final Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the CoC. (TX-611). The renewal amount may not be exceeded, and the budget lines must conform to those indicated on the GIW. *Note: The 2025 GIW for CoC TX-611 is posted on the CoC webpage.*

New Project Applications

New project applications for the FY 2025 Continuum of Care Program Competition are requested from CoC TX-611 members and non-member, nonprofit or other faith-based organizations that have never applied or received CoC funding. Applications are sought for projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) funds. New projects must meet new threshold requirements laid out in the NOFO. All funded projects should prioritize treatment and recovery, providing robust wraparound supportive services, promote self-sufficiency, improve outcomes, minimize trauma, and utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). All new applicants are required to submit an Applicant Profile and Project Application as downloaded pdfs from eSNAPS; a completed CoC 2025-2026 Application for New Projects; commitment letters for Match and Leveraged support of the project; and YTD financial statements.

Please review pp. 55-64 of HUD's FY 2025 NOFO to understand HUD's Project Rating Factors, outlining eligible projects.

There are three allowable types of housing projects:

- ***Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Projects- Cannot Exceed 30% of Annual Renewal Demand or \$132,162***
 1. Housing for homeless individuals and families in which the head or co-head of household is disabled.
 2. Permanent supportive housing must be 100% dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals and families or meet qualifications as a "Dedicated PLUS" PSH project. Dedicated PLUS projects may serve the chronically homeless and they may also serve a broader range of homeless people in need of PSH. Please refer to the HUD NOFO resources for detailed information on Dedicated PLUS PSH projects.
 3. PSH may provide housing assistance through tenant, sponsor or project based rental assistance, through leasing, or by providing operating support to a PSH facility. Because coordinated entry emphasizes participant choice in housing, tenant based rental assistance is the preferred housing type.
- ***Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Projects- Cannot Exceed 30% of Annual Renewal Demand or \$132,162***
 1. For individuals and families targeting households that are living in the following settings:
 - a. Residing in place not meant for human habitation,
 - b. Residing in emergency shelter,
 - c. Meet Domestic Violence (DV) criteria in homeless definition (Category 4),
 - d. Residing in Transitional Housing (TH) funded part of a joint TH PH-RRH project, and/or
 - e. Receiving assistance from a Veteran's Affairs (VA) homeless program and met one of the above criteria on intake into the VA program.
 2. RRH includes housing assistance through housing navigation, tenant based rental assistance (providing only on a short term or medium term – Not to extend past 24 months), and

supportive services to assist participants secure housing, maintain housing and increase income and employment.

3. Admissions must come from the CoC's coordinated entry process.

- ***Transitional Housing (TH) Projects***

1. Eligible persons to be served in TH projects include:
 - a. Residing in place not meant for human habitation,
 - b. Residing in emergency shelter, and/or
 - c. Meet DV criteria in homeless definition (Category 4).
2. Transitional housing facilitates the movement of homeless individuals and families to Permanent Housing within 24 months of entering TH.
3. The proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
4. The proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week requirement does not apply to participants over the age of 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.
5. For the TH component, housing assistance may be provided through operating support for existing facilities or leasing assistance.

- ***Supportive Services Only (SSO), including Street Outreach (SO) or Standalone***

1. Project applicants may apply for SSO projects consistent with 24 CFR 578.37 and 578.53, including projects with the outreach service activity described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation.
2. Projects should demonstrate that the applicant has a history of 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. The applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws.

- ***Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Expansion Projects***

Funding can be used to expand the HMIS system to include more providers, more analysis of data submitted to HMIS, more training and support to HMIS contributing agencies, further outreach to nonparticipating agencies, expansion of rural utilization of HMIS, or other services to improve data quality or utilization. Only the designated HMIS lead is permitted to apply for HMIS funding.

- **SSO-CE project** to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- **Planning Project** Only the Collaborative Applicant is permitted to apply for Planning funding and funds may be used as described in 24 CFR 578.39.

Of the above project types, all qualify for funding through reallocation and/or through the CoC bonus with the exception of Planning Projects.

Threshold Requirements

All eligible projects must meet the threshold requirements outlined in the NOFO:

1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
2. Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate 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. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources.
3. Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in this NOFO.
4. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and section III.G.10 of HUD's NOFO.
5. Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC Planning costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
6. Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:
 - a. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
 - b. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

New projects will be rated using project quality criteria that will assess factors such as the reasonableness of costs and the leveraging of mainstream programs like Medicaid and SSI as well as the following:

- New transitional housing projects will be required to provide 40 hours of customized services per program participant (except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment).

- New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for street outreach will be required to demonstrate that the project applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will cooperate with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use.
- New Permanent Supportive Housing projects must be designed to serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment (not including substance use disorder) and require participation in supportive services.
- New Rapid Rehousing projects must demonstrate that the project applicant has previously operated a project with higher-than-average outcomes on increasing employment income and will require participation in supportive services.

Project Quality Threshold Requirements

Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

For new permanent supportive housing projects, applicants must receive at least 4 of 6 possible points outlined by HUD (listed below):

1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants.
2. 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 (e.g. transportation, safety planning, enhanced case management). If the applicant is proposing to expand an existing PH project, it must demonstrate how they are expanding supportive services to program participants, including where appropriate, on-site supportive services.
3. The project will be designed to serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. The units will prioritize these populations.
4. Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, life skills, substance use treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
5. The average cost per household served is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.
6. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)

For new rapid re-housing projects, applications must receive at least 6 out of 8 possible points outlined by HUD (listed below).

1. The provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 3 months or up to 24 months. (1pt)
2. The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness. (2pts)
3. The applicant has previously operated homelessness projects where outcomes for employment income were improved compared to the average project in the CoC. (2pts)
4. Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent). (1pt)
5. The average cost per household served is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve. (1pt)
6. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1pt)

Transitional Housing (TH)

For new transitional housing projects, applications must receive at least 7 out of 10 possible points outlined by HUD (listed below).

1. Demonstrate that the 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. (2pts)
2. The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months. (1pt)
3. The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project or has a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. (1pt)
4. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1pt)
5. Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent). (2pts)
6. Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a

physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. (2pts)

7. Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1pt)

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

For new Supportive Services Only- Street Outreach (SSO), applications must receive at least 5 out of 6 possible points. Quality threshold factors include that:

1. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1pt)
2. The proposed 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. (2pts)
3. Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of 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. The applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws. (1pt)
4. The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs. (1pt)
5. The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1pt)

Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)

For new Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects for centralized or coordinated assessment systems, applications must receive at least 3 out of 4 possible points. Quality threshold factors include that:

1. The Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
2. There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs.
3. There is a standardized assessment process.
4. The project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

CoC PLANNING- Collaborative Applicants Only

For new CoC Planning projects, applications must receive at least 3 out of 5 possible points to be funded. Quality threshold factors include that:

1. Governance and Operations: The CoC conducts meetings of the entire CoC membership that are inclusive and open to members and demonstrates the CoC has a written governance charter in place that includes CoC policies. (1pt)
2. CoC Committees: The CoC has CoC-wide planning committees, subcommittees, or workgroups to address the needs of persons experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area that recommends and sets policy priorities for the CoC. (1pt)
3. The proposed planning project that will be carried out by the CoC with Planning grant funds are compliant with the provisions of 24 CFR 578.7. (2pts)
4. The funds requested will improve the CoC's ability to evaluate the outcome of both CoC Program-funded and ESG-funded projects. (1pt)

Expansion Projects

In the 2025 competition, HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project [see section IV.D.1.j of this NOFO] through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

In order to request an expansion for a current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit two project applications.

- The renewal project application that will be expanded; and
- A new project application with just the expansion information (that meets project eligibility and quality thresholds, is for the same component type, and request 1 year of funding).

Consolidation Projects

In the 2025 competition, eligible renewal project applicants intending to use the consolidation process to combine two or more eligible renewal projects, but no more than 10 projects, may do so through the renewal project application. See instructions in the NOFO.

Domestic Violence Bonus

In the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) or Transitional Housing (TH). This project type is designated for HUD Homeless Category 4, which includes victim service providers who serve those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, human trafficking, and for those under 25, fleeing any unsafe situation. For more information see the NOFO.

Match Requirements

In addition to the required Match for the CoC program grants, it is critical that applicants make a maximum effort to leverage other resources to support their application, as it is a significant factor in the CoC's overall rating in the national competition. "Leverage" refers to funds used in the project (other than the McKinney grant itself), including "in-kind" contributions (please see attached sample).

New this year, projects should demonstrate adequate investment in supportive services by showing either:

- Proposed CoC funding, leveraging, match, and other formal partnerships, the CoC is providing supportive services with a value of 50% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand; or
- 30% of proposed CoC funding on the Priority Listing is used for supportive services relative to their Annual Renewal Demand.

Match: All eligible funding costs, except leasing, must be matched with no less than 25 percent of cash or in-kind contribution. No match is required for leasing.

Funding Priorities

Within the NOFO, HUD has identified the following policy priorities applicable to our CoC:

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets.

HUD encourages CoCs to direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency and address unsheltered homelessness. Consistent with Executive Order 14321 "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

2. Prioritize Treatment and Recovery

HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only project should have the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

3. Advance Public Safety

HUD encourages the incorporation of law enforcement to advance public safety for communities impacted by homelessness. No one should be sleeping outside especially women, youth and victims of sexual assault and trafficking. First responders are critical to engage people in treatment and services. In *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

4. Promote Self-Sufficiency

Self-sufficiency is one of the primary purposes of the CoC Program. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness through partnerships with workforce development centers, employers, child care, and other service providers to increase employment income.

5. *Improving Outcomes*

HUD encourages CoCs to prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

6. *Minimizing Trauma*

One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness. CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe, single-sex spaces and other considerations or personal privacy (24 CFR 578.93(b)).

Application Submission Through eSNAPS

Applications must be submitted via the eSNAPS grants management system by the specified deadline. Applications not developed or submitted through eSNAPS will not be reviewed and will not be funded. Once the application has been completed in eSNAPS, **DO NOT HIT SUBMIT**, instead, save the application (in eSNAPS), download the pdf and save (on your computer, etc.). Submission in eSNAPS will occur after the competition process if the application is chosen for submission by the Scoring and Ranking Committee of the City of Amarillo TX-611 Continuum of Care.

Applications are due in person and through eSNAPS by December 10, 2025, at 12 p.m. Central Standard Time (noon). Applications received after the due date and time will not be reviewed or considered for funding opportunity.

All applicants must submit one electronic copy of the following items for a complete application:

Application Format for PDF Submission:

1. Completed Applicant Profile (download pdf from eSNAPS)
2. Completed Project Application (download pdf from eSNAPS)
3. Most recent APR—Only for Renewal Project Applications
4. Most recent HUD audit/monitoring findings
5. 2025 CoC project leverage documentation (this should include cash/in-kind commitment letters for each leveraged resource reported on the 2025 Project Application)
6. Most recent Independent Audit Report
7. Year-to-Date Financial Statements
8. MOU's and/or service contracts with healthcare, behavioral health resources, substance use treatment services, and law enforcement agencies,
9. Submission of policies and procedures outlining agency's requirement of participants to engage in supportive services.
10. Submission of policies and procedures outlining agency's utilization of HMIS for current programs.

In addition to the required Match for the Continuum of Care program grants, it is critical that applicants make a maximum effort to leverage other resources to support their application, as it is a significant

factor in the CoC's overall rating in the national competition. "Leverage" refers to funds used in the project (other than the McKinney grant itself), including "in-kind" contributions.

Scoring and Ranking of Projects

All projects will be evaluated with a Board-approved Scoring Tool. Ranking of the projects will follow the policies and procedures laid out in the Policies and Procedures manual. The scoring tools will be posted at [Continuum of Care — CoC | City of Amarillo, TX](#). All applicants will be notified of action, no later than December 18, 2025.

For all scoring measures that require HMIS data reports, the HMIS lead agency will generate and provide these reports to meet the Scoring and Ranking requirements. If the organization utilizes a comparable database, the HMIS lead will provide support generating the correct reports required for the application.

Notice to New project applicants:

Many of the scoring criteria require specific documentation. Please review the approved CoC FY 2025 Scoring and Ranking tool to review required documentation and substitutions if applicable.