



## Request for New Project Applications

### Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local 2026 Competition

#### Overview

On June 1, 2026 HUD released the FY2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO which makes approximately \$4,040,000,000 available to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; promote access to, and effective utilization of, mainstream programs and programs funded with State or local resources; and optimize self-sufficiency among homeless individuals and families.

This year HUD is restoring the CoC program to its original goals of reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency by focusing on meaningful outcomes, expanding competition, prioritizing treatment, economic independence, and emphasizing law and order. The present-day homelessness assistance framework has incentivized the speed at which individuals receive subsidized housing rather than the quality of services individuals receive in order to reach self-sufficiency and independent living. This NOFO provides opportunities to restore a healthy balance of CoC-funded projects to further community-wide efforts to reduce homelessness.

To promote a “balanced continuum of assistance” HUD is prioritizing investment in Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects and has set-aside \$1.3 Billion of the total \$4.04 Billion available (32%) for *NEW* Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects.

#### Purpose of this Request

The Montana Statewide Continuum of Care (MT-CoC) is soliciting applications for new projects that will provide Transitional Housing and Supportive Services for individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness in Montana. The MT-CoC invites qualified nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, Public Housing Authorities, Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE) to submit applications.

The program must align with all applicable federal requirements, including those from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Projects that align with the priorities set by HUD and the MT-CoC have a better chance of being included in the MT-CoC Project Priority Listing, and of getting funded by HUD. MT-CoC will inform applicants whether their applications

will be included in the MT-CoC 2026 CoC Project Priority Listing by July 16, 2026. Final decisions on awards will be made and announced by HUD through the national CoC Program Competition, with an anticipated date of December 1, 2026. MT-CoC welcomes applications from both newcomers who have not received CoC funds before and those who have received them in the past. MT-CoC provides support to make the application process accessible to all.

## Eligible Applicants and Threshold Requirements

**Eligible applicants:** Nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, instrumentalities of State and local governments, Public Housing Authorities, Native American Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE). For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible.

**Experience:** Applicants must demonstrate a history of providing transitional housing and/or supportive services to people experiencing homelessness. Experience with people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, older adults, medical respite, behavioral-health services and working with law enforcement will be scored favorably.

**Geography:** Projects must operate exclusively within the State of Montana.

**Eligible Participants:** Transitional Housing Projects must serve participants who meet the HUD definition of homelessness under Categories 1, 2, or 4. Supportive Services Only Projects must serve participants who meet the HUD definition of homelessness under Categories 1 or 4. The priority target populations are people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, people aged 62 and older, and people who require medical respite services. Applications proposing an effective strategy to target those populations will be scored favorably.

**Coordinated Entry:** Projects must participate in and accept only referrals through the Montana Statewide Coordinated Entry System.

**Match:** Applications must meet HUD's 25% match requirement (*i.e., match must equal a minimum of 25 percent of the total grant request including administrative costs but excluding leasing costs.*)

Compliance with federal and CoC policies: Projects must operate in line with HUD's CoC program rules ([24 CFR 578](#)), the FY2026 Continuum of Care Program NOFO, MT-CoC Requirements and all existing subsequent guidance from HUD and MT-CoC. Applicants must agree to participate in the annual Point-In-Time Count, submit Annual Performance Reports (APRs) and other required data on time.

Data collection and coordination: Projects must participate in Montana's Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS), or, for Domestic Violence Service providers, a comparable database approved by the MT-CoC.

## Eligible Component Types

The Montana Statewide Continuum of Care (MT-CoC) is soliciting proposals for new projects of the following component types:

- a. Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.
- b. Transitional Housing (TH) projects.
- c. DV Transitional Housing (TH) projects (*for DV Bonus funding*)

## Grant Term & Eligible Expenses

**Term:** Projects may apply only for a one-year term. Projects are anticipated to be renewable on an annual basis through the HUD CoC Program Competition.

**Eligible Expenses:** Projects can request funds for the following [CoC Program eligible expenses](#) only: leasing of a structure and units and/or operating costs; short- or medium-term tenant-based rental assistance (Rental Assistance cannot be combined with operating costs); supportive services; HMIS; project administration; and/or VAWA.

*Project administration costs are capped at 10% of the total budget request.*

## Application Submission

All questions regarding this request must be directed, in writing via email, to [submit@mtcoc.org](mailto:submit@mtcoc.org) before the deadline specified below. Early submission of questions is encouraged.

There will be a virtual *Question and Answer Session* on June 18, 2026 @ 11am MDT which can be joined via the following link:

**Join:** <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27634972841427?p=jpi2AfqYq4E315OchB>

Meeting ID: 276 349 728 414 27

Passcode: 6SA3Cv7y

## Schedule and Submission Deadlines

Request for New Projects Released	June 12, 2026
<b>Deadline for Written Questions</b>	<b>June 15, 2026</b>
Virtual Q&A Session	June 18, 2026 @ 11am MDT
<b>Project Applications Due in e-snaps</b>	<b>June 26, 2026 by 5pm MDT</b>
Threshold Review Project Applications	June 29 – July 1
Applicants Notified of Threshold Status	July 2, 2026 ( <i>see below for more details</i> )
<b>Amended Project Applications Due in e-snaps</b>	<b>July 8, 2026</b>
Grants Review Panel Finalizes Project Selection	July 15, 2026
Applicants Notified of Selection Status	July 16, 2026
MT-CoC Project Priority List Submitted	August 24, 2026
HUD Announces FY2026 Project Awards	December 1, 2026 ( <i>anticipated</i> )
HUD Grant Start	January 1, 2027 ( <i>anticipated</i> )

## Evaluation of Applications

Only applications found to be responsive (that is, complying with all instructions and requirements described herein) will be reviewed. To be eligible for evaluation, applications must;

- a. Be from an eligible applicant.
- b. Be received in *e-snaps* on or before **5pm (MDT) June 26, 2026**
- c. Meet *ALL Threshold Criteria*.

*Applications that fail to comply with all instructions and minimum requirements will be rejected without further consideration.*

### Threshold Review:

MT-CoC staff will conduct a review of all project applications submitted to determine they meet *ALL Threshold Criteria*. Threshold Review will be completed on July 1, 2026 and applicants will be notified of their status on July 2, 2026. Threshold Review statuses are:

- a. Project Application meets *ALL Threshold Criteria* and will advance to the scoring and selection process.
- b. Project Application does not meet *ALL Threshold Criteria* due to **curable deficiencies** and will have **4 business days** to address deficiencies and resubmit project application. Resubmissions due in *e-snaps* **by 5pm MDT on Wednesday, July 8, 2026**. Resubmitted applications that meet *ALL Threshold Criteria* and will advance to the scoring and selection process. Resubmitted applications that still do not meet *ALL Threshold Criteria* **WILL NOT** advance to the scoring and selection process. Applicants will be notified of their updated status by July 10, 2026.
- c. Project Application does not meet *ALL Threshold Criteria* due to **w/ incurable deficiencies** and **WILL NOT** move forward to the scoring and selection process.

### Scoring:

Applications passing Threshold Review will be evaluated by the Grants Review Panel in accordance with the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Conflict of Interest Policy and will be scored utilizing the criteria below (*total of 10 points available*):

- a. Experience of Applicant, Subrecipient(s), and Other Partners – 2 points
- b. Project Description (Program and Service Expectations) – 3 Points
- c. Supportive Services for Participants (Scope and Expected Outcomes) –3 points
- d. Budget (1 point)
- e. Implementation Timeline (1point)

### Bonus Points:

Bonus Points will be given for projects that meet the following criteria:

- a. Supportive Services Only projects – receive 2 Bonus Points
- b. Sober Living Projects – receive 2 Bonus Points
- c. Projects with on-site Treatment Programs – receive 3 Bonus Points