071626-CoC FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition
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Addendum Number Two (2)
Request for Application - RFA#071626 - FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition

Addendum Number Two (2) Explanation:

This addendum is to add the FY2026 CoC Pre-Application Workshop Questions and Answers. Questions were received during and after the pre-application workshop. The questions were due into COC@leegov.com by July 1, 2026, and responses will be posted to 7, 2026.

This addendum also revises the point values assigned to the scoring criteria in Section VI, Application Form, and the corresponding Appendix 3, Project Ranking Tool. This adjustment was made to ensure Lee County's local scoring criteria comply with the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO (#CPD-2600-DC-0025), which requires that at least 50% of the local ranking score be based on objective criteria and at least 25% be based on system performance measures. The total points possible for each project type remain unchanged at 100. The specific point value changes are outlined below:

Questions and Answers:

Q1: Are there word limits for the local application given that e-snaps has character/word limits?

A1: The RFA establishes character limits where they apply: responses to the Project Type Specific Questions (Section VI, Item 11) are limited to 2,500 characters including spaces, and the Quantity AND Description fields on the budget forms are limited to 400 characters. No other word or character limits are imposed on the local application.

Because HUD's e-snaps system is not yet open for the FY2026 competition, HVS does not yet know the character limits HUD will apply to project applications. As stated in the RFA, HVS may update the RFA and/or request additional information or revised responses from conditionally selected applicants as needed to complete project applications in e-snaps by the NOFO submission deadline.

Q2: In the HUD NOFO there appears to be the ability to take an existing project and reallocate it as a new project. How do we show that on the application? This is different than a Transition grant that allows a year to move to the new model.

A2: Submit a new project application, completing Section 3 (Project Information) and the CoC Bonus Project section of the application form, indicating the new project type. Separately, notify HVS in writing of your intent to voluntarily reallocate, identifying the renewal project name, grant number, and amount being reallocated. Note that reallocated ARD dollars are added to the pool of funds available for new projects, along with CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funds. The new project application will be competitively scored and ranked alongside all other applications.

Q3: If we are applying for multiple projects, do we need to submit sets of attachments for each, even if the attachment is universal across applications?

A3: No. If you are submitting multiple project applications, universal organizational documents (e.g., proof of 501(c)(3) status, evidence of legal formation, financial statements, CPA Peer Review Letter, audited financial statements) may be attached to your first application only. For each subsequent application, note on the Application Checklist (Section 6) that these attachments are included with your first application, for example, "See [Project Name] application" in the Page # column, so it is clear the application is not incomplete. Project-specific attachments (e.g., match commitment letters, MOUs, supportive service agreements, budget documents) must still be submitted with each individual application.

Q4: Will you be sharing the CoC local priorities prior to application deadline?

A4: Yes. Updated CoC priorities are contained in Appendix I to the CoC Written Standards, which is scheduled for approval at the July 8, 2026, CoC Governing Board meeting. Once approved, the Written Standards will be updated to include this appendix. The RFA contains a link to the CoC Written Standards (Section III, Coordinated Entry Participation, and Section IV, Additional Federal, State and County Requirements), which will direct applicants to the current version of the document once it is posted. Applicants are encouraged to review the updated Written Standards prior to the July 16, 2026, application deadline.

Q5: Is a Peer Review Letter required because there is a cost to it or can it just be the management review letter in the Independent Certified Audit or Single Audit?

A5: Yes, a current CPA's Peer Review Letter is required and cannot be substituted with the management letter from your Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement or Single Audit. These are two distinct documents: the Peer Review Letter is issued to your CPA firm through the AICPA Peer Review Program and reflects the quality of the firm that performs your audit, while the management letter addresses your organization's internal controls. Both are required attachments, and the absence of either is a fatal flaw under

Section V of the RFA. If you are applying for multiple projects, the same Peer Review Letter may be used for each application.

Q6: How should an agency engage with law enforcement/public safety partners for purposes of this application?

A6: Applicants are responsible for establishing their own partnerships, but the RFA identifies where these relationships are evaluated. For SSO-Street Outreach projects, applicants must describe their history of, or plan for, partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation, and must demonstrate that the project will cooperate with, and not interfere with or impede enforcement of local laws, including public camping and public drug use ordinances (Section VI, Item 11.C.c). For all project types, "Advancing Public Safety for All" is one of the eight HUD Goals and Objectives that applicants must address in question 7c. Engagement may be demonstrated through MOUs, written agreements, or letters of support with agencies such as local police departments, first responders, or specialty court programs, submitted in Section 13: Required Attachments. Applicants without existing relationships may describe a concrete plan for establishing coordination, including the specific agencies to be engaged, the referral or co-response protocols proposed, and how the project will assist first responders in their efforts to engage individuals experiencing homelessness.

Q7: If we want to apply to do both street outreach and standalone, do we need to submit two separate applications or can we submit one?

A7: You must submit 2 separate applications.

Scoring Criteria Changes:

Section VI, Item 7 – Project Summary (points decreased):

- 7a. Summary of Project: 5 → 4 points
- 7b. Statement of Need: 5 → 4 points

Section VI, Item 8 – CoC System Performance (points increased):

- 8a. Returns to Homelessness: 12 → 13 points
- 8b. Employment Income: 12 → 13 points

Section VI, Item 9 – Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness (mixed changes):

- 9a. Management Capacity: 5 → 4 points
- 9b. Financial Capacity: 5 → 4 points
- 9c. Cost Effectiveness: 12 → 14 points

Appendix 2 – Project Ranking Tool: The identical point-value changes above were carried through in every version of the scoring grid, Renewals/New/CoC Bonus, Transitional Housing, SSO-Standalone, SSO-Street Outreach, PH-PSH, PH-RRH, and both DV Bonus (TH and RRH) scoring tables so the tool stays consistent with the RFA text.