



FY2026 HUD Continuum of Care Local Competition

Pre-Application Meeting

Presented by Human & Veteran Services

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BACKGROUND

What is the CoC Program?

- Congress passed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to address homelessness nationwide. The CoC Program is one of the main funding streams that it created, and it's the funding we're competing for through this RFA.
- Designed to promote community-wide commitment to ending homelessness.
- Provides funding to rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Lee County HVS serves as Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant for the FL-603 Continuum of Care.
- HVS submits a single Consolidated Application to HUD, including all ranked local projects.

FY2026 National Funding

~\$4.01 Billion

Available nationally — Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026 (P.L. 119-75), signed February 3, 2026. Includes at least \$104M for DV Bonus projects.

FL-603 Estimated Funding

~\$3,869,888

Based on FY 2025 funding levels. Actual FY2026 amounts will be released once HUD publishes them.

Funding Opportunity: #CPD-2600-DC-0025

HUD CHANGES & PRIORITIES FOR FY2026



Key Changes from Prior Competitions

Increased Competition

Tier 1 = 60% of ARD. Tier 2 competes nationally. Renewal funding is NOT guaranteed.

New Goals & Objectives

8 new goals including Treatment & Recovery, Economic Self-Sufficiency, Public Safety, and Merit-Based Access.

Priority for TH & SSO Projects

Up to \$1.3B nationally for NEW projects; HUD selection priority given to Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only.

CoC Bonus

CoCs may apply for bonus projects up to 15% of Final Pro-Rata Need (FPRN).

TH Added to DV Bonus

Transitional Housing is now an eligible DV Bonus project type, alongside RRH, for DV survivor projects.

Reallocation Emphasis

HUD prioritizes CoCs that reallocate from: lower-performing to higher-performing projects, projects not aligned with HUD's priorities and regulations, and projects that are not spending down all their funds.

HUD GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1 Improving Outcomes

2 Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability

3 Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care

4 Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency

5 Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency

6 Advancing Public Safety for All

7 Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations

8 Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE



	Step	Date	Time	Additional Details
1	HVS releases RFA for FY2026 CoC Competition	Tuesday, June 23	5:00 pm	leegov.com/dhs/funding
2	Pre-Application Workshop Meeting	Friday, June 26	9:00 am	Microsoft Teams - See RFA for link
3	RFA Questions Due	Wednesday, July 1	5:00 pm	coc@leegov.com
4	RFA Question Responses Posted	Tuesday, July 7	5:00 pm	leegov.com/dhs/funding
5	APPLICATIONS DUE	Thursday, July 16	12:00 PM	coc@leegov.com
6	PERC Scoring & Ranking Meetings	July 28–29, 2026	9:00 am - 4:30 pm	Housing Authority of Fort Myers 4224 Renaissance Preserve Way

Notice: Application steps are subject to change. Applicants must monitor leegov.com/dhs/funding for updates.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE (cont.)



	Step	Date	Time	Additional Details
7	CoC Governing Board Final Approval of Priority Listing	Friday, July 31	11:00 am	Microsoft Teams — See RFA for link
8	Notice of Conditional Selection or Non-Selection Sent to Applicants	Friday, July 31	5:00 pm	Sent via email to Application contact
9	Deadline for Applicants to Appeal Conditional Non-Selection	Wednesday, August 5	5:00 pm	coc@leegov.com
10	HUD FY2026 CoC NOFO Submission Deadline	Wednesday, August 26	8:00 pm	esnaps.hud.gov

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FUNDING AVAILABLE



FL-603 Estimated Funding — Total Maximum Available: \$3,869,888*

Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

\$2,573,903

Tier 1 = 60% of ARD ≈ \$1,544,342
Tier 2 = 40% of ARD ≈ \$1,029,561

CoC Bonus (up to 15% of FPRN)

\$966,089

New projects only — TH, SSO, PSH, or RRH eligible. Current & new orgs may apply.

DV Bonus (up to 20% of PPRN)

\$483,045

New TH or RRH for DV survivors. Applicants must demonstrate DV experience.

Minimum Funding Request: \$150,000 | Maximum: ARD up to \$2,573,903 | CoC Bonus up to \$966,089 | DV Bonus up to \$483,045

**Amounts based on FY 2025 funding levels; actual FY2026 amounts pending HUD release.*

ELIGIBLE PROJECT TYPES



PSH

PSH: Permanent housing without a designated length of stay, paired with supportive services including treatment, recovery, and employment supports, for persons experiencing homelessness with a qualifying disability (McKinney-Vento §401(9)). Drug use/distribution on premises prohibited. Beds dedicated to chronically homeless persons must continue to serve that population. Must serve persons under 24 CFR §578.3 (1), (2), or (4).

RRH

Rapid Re-Housing RRH: Short/medium-term tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) plus housing relocation and stabilization services. Participants select their own unit (TRA only, no project-based or sponsor-based assistance). Drug use/distribution on premises prohibited. Must serve persons under 24 CFR §578.3 (1), (2), or (4); paragraph (3) if CoC-approved.

TH

Transitional Housing (TH) Time-limited housing up to 24 months with behavioral health, recovery, and employment services. Participants must engage in services or employment **at least 20 hours/week**. Drug use/distribution on premises prohibited. Must serve persons under 24 CFR §578.3 (1), (2), or (4). **Priority project type for FY2026 - eligible for CoC Bonus and DV Bonus.**

SSO Street Outreach

SSO – Street Outreach: Field-based outreach serving unsheltered individuals in places not meant for human habitation (streets, encampments, vehicles, abandoned buildings). Outreach workers engage people where they are to connect them to emergency shelter, treatment, transitional housing, or permanent housing. Must serve persons qualifying under 24 CFR §578.3 paragraphs (1), (2), or (4). Projects must cooperate with first responders and not impede enforcement of local laws.

SSO Standalone

Services without housing to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness obtain and maintain housing and increase self-sufficiency. Services may be delivered at a site or in the community and include case management, employment, job training, legal, health, education, life skills, housing search, and utility deposits. Must serve persons qualifying under 24 CFR §578.3 (1), (2), or (4). Annual assessment of participant service needs required.

ELIGIBLE PROJECT CATEGORIES

What kind of application are you submitting?

Renewal

Continue an existing CoC-funded project expiring in CY 2027. Same org, same project type, same population, same funding amount (unless reallocating).

Expansion

Add new funding to an existing renewal - more units, beds, people, or services. Submit two applications: one renewal + one new project application.

Transition Grant

Convert an existing renewal from one project type to another (e.g., RRH → TH). One-year transition period to wind down old and stand up new type.

Consolidation

Combine 2–10 existing grants of the same type into a single grant agreement. All must be same org, same type, same population, expiring CY 2027.

CoC Bonus - New Project

Brand-new project using bonus funding above the ARD. Open to new and existing orgs. Eligible types: TH, SSO, PSH, or RRH.

DV Bonus - New Project

Brand-new project for DV/DV+stalking survivors. Eligible types: DV-TH or DV-RRH. Must demonstrate experience serving survivors.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Entity Types

- Nonprofit organizations with 501(c)(3) status (excluding institutions of higher education)
- County Government
- City or Township Government
- Public Housing Authorities

HVS encourages applications from:

- *Organizations that have NEVER received CoC funds*
- *Organizations currently receiving or that have previously received CoC funds*
- *Faith-based organizations (eligible on same basis as any other org)*

Required Application Eligibility Criteria

1. Application submitted by July 16, 2026, 12:00 PM
2. Organization NOT listed on SAM.gov excluded parties list
3. Legally formed entity, authorized to do business in Florida
4. IRS 501(c)(3) determination documentation (or gov/PHA equivalent)
5. Continuous direct services for at least 12 months prior to deadline
6. Most recent Form 990 or Board Chair attestation letter
7. Monthly Financial Statements (within last 60 days)
8. Current CPA Peer Review Letter
9. Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement
Signed by authorized official (must match Sunbiz records)
10. All required attachments submitted in PDF format
11. Project aligns with NOFO #CPD-2600-DC-0025

RANKING PROCESS

Performance Evaluation and Ranking Committee (PERC)

1

Threshold Review

Applications meeting all eligibility criteria are forwarded to the PERC for scoring and ranking.

2

Written Application Review

PERC members independently review each eligible application using the Project Ranking Tool (Appendix 3 of RFA). Applications are scored based on project quality, HUD alignment, and system performance.

3

PERC Scoring

Each PERC member independently scores applications. Scores are normalized and projects ranked by total score. The highest score does not guarantee a funding recommendation — final rankings are subject to CoC Governing Board approval.

4

Priority Listing

Projects ranked in priority order — Tier 1 (top 60% of ARD) and Tier 2 (next 40%) — plus Bonus projects.

PERC Meetings: Tue July 28 & Wed July 29, 2026 | Housing Authority of Fort Myers, 4224 Renaissance Preserve Way

COORDINATED ENTRY PARTICIPATION

Required for All Funded Projects — 24 CFR 578.23(c)(9) and (11)

Accept CE Referrals

All funded projects must accept program referrals through the Lee County CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) system and fill all project vacancies through CE.

Apply CoC Prioritization Criteria

Projects must apply the CoC's prioritization criteria when accepting referrals, consistent with the CoC Written Standards.

Connect List Meetings

Staff from all funded projects are required to attend Connect List meetings as outlined in the CoC Written Standards.

DV Provider Protocols

Projects serving DV/stalking survivors must follow CE protocols applicable to victim service providers, consistent with VAWA confidentiality requirements.

LEEding THE WAY HOME



Community Driven, Housing Focused | FL-603 Lee County Continuum of Care



A NEW UNIFIED COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK

LEEding the Way Home is FL-603's initiative to build a more unified, collaborative system of care through shared language, coordinated action, and measurable results.

Shared Language

Common definitions, values, and messaging across all partner organizations and programs

Common Goals

Unified priorities and shared values that align partner efforts toward reducing homelessness

Baseline Metrics

Consistent performance standards across funded projects to measure system-wide progress

Consistent Messaging

Coordinated public communication that reinforces the community's collective commitment

OTHER KEY REMINDERS

Before You Apply — Important Compliance Requirements

1. All contracts are on a cost reimbursement basis. You must pay project costs BEFORE requesting reimbursement from HVS. No advance payments.
2. All subrecipients must match grant funds (except leasing) with at least 25% cash or in-kind contributions. Match must be documented in writing.
3. Project must be operational within six (6) months following the award of HUD funding.
4. All applications and attachments must be submitted in PDF format via email to coc@leegov.com. ZIP files are NOT accepted.
5. Applications received after 12:00 PM on July 16, 2026 will be returned and NOT considered.
6. Records and staff must be available for internal, state, or federal audits.
7. Monthly pay requests are required with detailed, auditable backup documentation.
8. Answer ALL application questions, complete ALL required forms, and include ALL required signatures.

DOUBLE & TRIPLE CHECK YOUR APPLICATIONS BEFORE SUBMITTING!

UPCOMING CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS



With Ann McCreedy | Every 3rd Wednesday | Via Microsoft Teams

May 27 (Completed)

CoC 101

10:30 – 11:30 am

June 17 (Completed)

HMIS Data Entry

10:30 – 11:30 am

July 1 ♦ NEXT UP

SSO Best Practices

10:30 – 11:30 am

July 22

TH Best Practices

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

August 12

Grants Administration

10:30 – 11:30 am

Note: The July 1 SSO Best Practices workshop falls on the same day as the RFA Questions deadline. Submit questions to coc@leegov.com by 5:00 PM that day.



Questions?

Submit written questions to: coc@leegov.com by Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Applications Due: Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 12:00 PM | **Submit to: coc@leegov.com**

For RFA updates: leegov.com/dhs/funding

