



FY2025

CoC NOFO

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*Understanding the FY 2025 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)*

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Who We Are



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ABOUT ECHO



The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is the **backbone of our community's Homelessness Response System**. As the lead agency for the Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care, **we lead and align a coalition responsible for planning and implementing community-wide strategies to end homelessness**. We work alongside people with firsthand experience of homelessness and nonprofit, government, and philanthropic partners to **build a future in which everyone in our community has housing of their choice that provides a foundation for optimal health, success, and stability**. Learn more: austinecho.org



Roles & Process



Austin/Travis County CoC Competition

HUD

- Provides Parameters of CoC Competition Requirements in NOFO
- Scores the collaborative application and reviews the project applications.
- Awards project applications based on a compilation of those reviews. Historically, highest ranked projects are more likely to get awarded

Leadership Council (local CoC Board)

- Creates local funding policies within the HUD NOFO parameters
- Decides who is submitted to HUD by ranking in order of priority for funding

ECHO

- Provides technical assistance to providers and Leadership Council, as well as administrative support for the competition
- Submits on behalf of the CoC the project applications and a collaborative application with narrative and data elements



New Policy Priorities

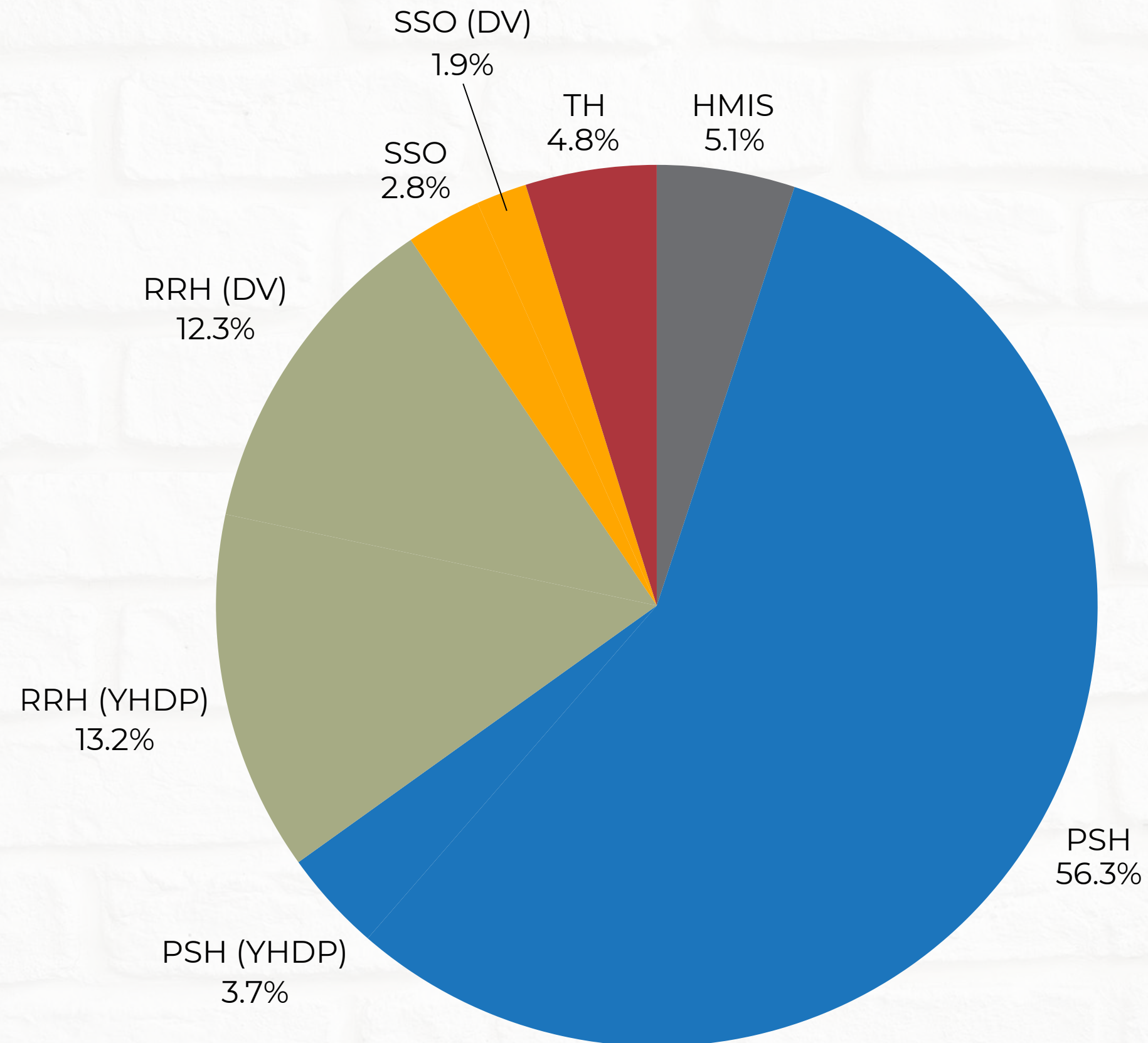


Federal Guidance for FY2025

Ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets	CoCs expected to direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance consistent with Executive Order on “Ending Crime and Disorder on America’s Streets.”
Prioritizing treatment and recovery	CoCs expected to prioritize projects that provide treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency, including on-site treatment and participation requirements in services.
Advancing public safety	CoCs expected to cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety. HUD cited the Supreme Court decision in <i>Grants Pass v. Johnson</i> as upholding the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.
Promoting self-sufficiency	CoCs expected to prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families. This would allow them to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.
Improving outcomes	CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
Minimizing trauma	CoCs should encourage the use of trauma informed care, ensure safety of program participants, and access to ‘safe, single-sex spaces’ for women.



Current Funding



Current Funding



Applicant Name	Project Name	Notes	Project Component	Restriction (DV or YHDP)	Total
ECHO	HMIS Consolidated Renewal FY2024		HMIS		\$679,306.00
Integral Care	CFIV PSH Program	New Project - no waiver yet, site-based	PSH		\$612,448.00
The SAFE Alliance	SAFE Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Site Based	PSH		\$700,000.00
Integral Care	Kensington PSH 2024	Site Based	PSH		\$297,685.00
Caritas of Austin	My Home	Tenant Based	PSH		\$2,309,606.00
HACA	Onward FY 2024	Integral Care - Service Provider Match, Tenant Based	PSH		\$993,620.00
HATC	Upward	Integral Care - Service Provider Match, Tenant Based	PSH		\$1,518,808.00
Integral Care	Fresh Start FY2024	Tenant Based	PSH		\$606,908.00
LifeWorks	YHDP PSH renewal yr. 2	Tenant Based	PSH	YHDP	\$500,460.00
LifeWorks	LifeWorks CoC PSH transition yr. 1	Tenant Based	PSH		\$523,680.00
The SAFE Alliance	DV Rapid Rehousing Project - Combined		RRH	DV	\$1,645,468.00
LifeWorks	Youth Rapid Re-housing Collaborative - renewal yr. 8		RRH	YHDP	\$1,774,364.00
The SAFE Alliance	SAFE SSO-CE Project		SSO	DV	\$249,761.00
Sunrise Community Church	Sunrise Citywide Coordinated Entry Renewal		SSO		\$370,040.00
The SAFE Alliance	SAFE Supportive Housing Program		TH		\$645,547.00
					\$13,427,701.00



Funding Available



Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)	\$13,427,701
CoC Planning Grant	\$671,385
CoC Bonus Amount	\$2,685,540
DV Bonus Amount	\$1,219,961
Tier 1	\$4,028,310
Tier 2 - (ARD + CoC Bonus and DV Bonus) minus Tier 1	\$13,304,892



New Requirements



**Historically 90% of our grant was safe and renewed by HUD.
This year, only 30% is safe.**

- 30% cap on Permanent Housing including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), and joint Transitional Housing-RRH (TH-RRH)
- CoCs will be forced to reallocate any permanent housing in excess of this limit to any other type of project
- New PH projects created through reallocation must still be within the 30% limit and meet new project quality and threshold criteria

Shift in federal priorities

- Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH) to serve ages 62+, individuals with a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (not including substance use disability or mental health diagnosis)



New Opportunities



New funding is available if we get awarded and can create projects in line with NOFO priorities.

- *\$2.7 million in new “Bonus” funds*
- *\$1.2 million in new “DV Bonus” funds*

We must create:

- *Transitional Housing*
- *Supportive Services Only (SSO)*
 - *Street Outreach*
 - *Coordinated Entry*
 - *SSO Stand Alone (can provide services for non-housing clients)*



Leadership Council Decisions



Leadership Council has decided to prioritize Site Based PSH over Tenant Based, which includes:

- SAFE - \$700K for two PSH sites
- Integral Care - \$298K at the Nellie
- Integral Care - \$612K at Community First! Village
- All RRH will be required to transition to Transitional Housing
 - SAFE - \$1.65M
 - LifeWorks - \$1.78M

Total RRH	\$3,419,832.00
Total PSH (tenant and site-based)	\$8,063,215.00
Site Based PSH Total	\$1,610,133.00
Tenant Based Total	\$6,453,082.00

30% Permanent Housing Cap	\$4,028,310.30
Total RRH and PSH	\$11,483,047.00
Total to Transition/Reallocate	\$7,454,736.70



Other Changes



- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) projects are competed
- Transitional Housing projects are required to provide 40 hours a week of supportive services
- Participants in housing programs must engage in supportive services

HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a project application for the following new reasons:

- Evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities to subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conducts activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of “sex other than as binary in humans”
- Evidence that the project operates drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”



Other Changes



Project Design Changes

- *New Transitional Housing Projects will be required to provide 40 hours of customized supportive services to participants (except for participants over age 62 or with a physical/developmental disability).*
- *New Supportive Services Street Outreach Projects will have to demonstrate a history of working with first responders and law enforcement.*



30% PH Cap



What to know

- HUD will remove or reduce PH projects if the 30% cap is exceeded
- Our CoC must reallocate a portion of existing PH renewal grants into new project types (TH, SSO-SO, SSO, SSO-SS)
- Some renewal projects will need to reapply as New/Transition Projects with a different intervention type to stay in the collaborative application.

Eligible new project types

- Transitional Housing
- SSO-Street Outreach
- SSO-Supportive Services
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Projects
- DV Bonus: new TH and SSO-CE/SSO-SO projects that meet DV Bonus criteria
- PH renewals converting to one of these eligible new project types



Current Efforts



ECHO staff have been educating and providing technical assistance to potential applicants that meet NOFO guidelines.

ECHO staff have been coordinating with the City and other system partners to strategize around maximizing funding gains while minimizing potential harm to our unhoused neighbors or housed in PSH or RRH.



Next Steps



Leadership Council

December 5

- **Due date for Renewals**
 - *Will decide PSH 30% Cap*
 - *RRH*

December 12

- **Due date for New Applications**
 - *All PSH and RRH not included in cap will either:*
 - *Apply for a Transition Grant for Supportive Services Only or Transitional Housing; or*
 - *Decide to Reallocate the Funding (give up the grant and will be available for other new project applications)*

January 14, 2026
Full Collaborative Application
due to HUD



Next Steps



HRS, Leadership Council, & ECHO

After January 14

- *For current PSH projects using the new HUD definition, coordinate to determine pathways for people who may no longer be eligible to stay in PSH*
- *Create plan for new Transitional Housing programs and determine community referral process*

May 2026 (anticipated)

- *HUD makes award decisions*
- *Work with Leadership Council, funders, and policy makers to support people in programs who are impacted; support agencies to shift program models as needed*



Q&A



Thank you!

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