# TX-503 ECHO Continuum of Care

FY 2025 NOFO Applicants' Conference (RENEWALS)



Tuesday November 25, 2025 09:00 - 10:30 AM

### **Fundamental Shift from Past NOFOs**

1	Tier 1: 30% cap - 70% is competitive in Tier 2
2	30% cap on Permanent Housing including PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH
3	YHDP Renewals are competitive and ranked
4	Service requirements
5	Expansion of TH and SSO-SO

# Renewal Projects



FY25 NOFO rescinds all FY25 funding promised under the two-year FY24–25 NOFO.



Any renewal projects must submit full competitive renewal applications.

# 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

### Tier 1 v. Tier 2

Tier 1

- Now 30% of ARD (was 90%)
- Not impacted by CoC Merit Review Score

Tier 2

- 70% of ARD
- Competitive nationally

# HUD's 30% Cap on PH - 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.

## PH Cap Impact

Total RRH	\$3,419,832
Total PSH (Site-Based & Scattered site)	\$8,063,215
Total Allowed for PH	\$4,028,310

\$7,454,737 must be reallocated from PH

# **Approved Policy Changes by Leadership Council**



RRH Projects must transition to TH



HMIS will not be placed in Tier 1



Renewal PSH projects must be aligned with the FY 2025 new PSH project requirements including the target population served



Site-based PSH renewal projects will be prioritized in Tier 1



No new PSH projects will be accepted in this competition

# Community Funding Priorities

The funding priorities of Austin/Travis County will mirror the funding priorities of the FY 2025 CoC NOFO.

Prioritizing
Treatment and
Recovery.

Advancing Public Safety

Promoting Self-Sufficiency. Improving Outcomes.

Minimizing Trauma.

## Eligible New Project Types

Transitional Housing

SSO-Street Outreach SSO-Supportive Services

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

# Renewal Project Threshold Requirements

#### Performance

- APR data
- Housing stability
- Exits to permanent housing
- Length of time homeless
- Returns to homelessness

### Capacity

- Quarterly drawdowns
- Timely reimbursements to subrecipients
- No unresolved findings
- Adequate financial management

### Timeliness (24 CFR 578.85)

- Project start and execution deadlines
- Quarterly drawdowns
- Closeout requirements

# Project Threshold Requirements New in FY 2025

**HUD Disqualifiers (New in FY25)** 

From Section V.A.4.b(5):

- No drug consumption sites
- No distribution of drug paraphernalia
- No racial preferences
- No non-binary definitions of sex
- No illicit drug use permitted on site

# Renewals Changing Project Design



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.

## Local Competition Ranking Process

1

All project applications submitted through e-snaps and reviewed by an Independent Review Team (IRT) except for the CoC Planning grant.

2

IRT reviews all project application submissions and scores projects based on Scoring Criteria.

3

ECHO provides project priority ranking (Tier 1 and Tier 2) according to NOFO policies, including the FY25 Review, Ranking, and Scoring Policy and FY25 NOFO requirements.

4

ECHO presents ranking recommendations to Leadership Council.

5

Leadership Council approves final ranking decision.

# Local Scoring Tool will be posted on the ECHO website this week

### FY25 NOFO CoC Timeline

Local Competition
Opens
November 25,
2025

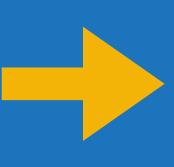
NOFO Office
Hours
Dec 3 & 4, 2025
9:00am - 3:00pm

Renewal
Applications or
Intent to
Reallocate or
Transition Due
December 05,
2025 by 5:00pm

Leadership
Council Approves
the Initial Priority
Listing
December 29,
2026

All Applicants
Notified of
Ranking/Accept/
Rejection
December 30,
2025

Applicant Appeals
Due
January 2, 2026
by 3:00pm



Leadership
Council Rules on
Any Appeals
January 5, 2026



Collaborative
Application Due
to HUD
January 14, 2026

### Appeals

#### 1. When Applicants May Appeal

Renewal applicants may file an appeal if they believe the CoC's local scoring or ranking decision:

- Contained a scoring error.
- Misapplied the CoC's published scoring criteria.
- Did not follow the CoC's publicly posted local competition process.
- Violated HUD requirements for transparency or fairness.

# 2. What Appeals Cannot Challenge

- HUD threshold failures (e.g., missing APRs, unresolved monitoring findings, ineligible costs).
- HUD's own scoring decisions.
- CoC policy decisions that were properly adopted and publicly posted.

### **Appeals Timeline**



# Appeals Due on January 02, 2026

Leadership Council Rules on Any Appeals
January 5, 2026

### Important Resources



Visit ECHO's website for current competition materials.



Schedule time during ECHO's Office Hours for more detailed questions.

### The Goal

Our CoC's goal is to remain competitve for CoC funding while partnering in solidarity to fill gaps created by these fundamental shifts to permanent housing opportunties for our community members experiencing homelessness

# Q8A

### **CoCNOFO Office Hours:**

December 3, 2025 / 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM December 4, 2025 / 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

### **Questions of Support:**

Email the ECHO CoC NOFO team: nofo@austinecho.org