

**TX-503 Austin/Travis County CoC
Renewal Project Application
FY26 Continuum of Care NOFO Competition**

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Introduction

The Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking applications for housing projects for inclusion in our Collaborative Application for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Continuum of Care program, also known as the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Each year the Austin/Travis County CoC competes with other CoC’s across the country to secure federal funds to help end homelessness through HUD’s CoC Program NOFO.

All projects applying for renewal funding for the FY26 Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO Competition must complete this application. All CoC grants listed on the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) developed by HUD with an expiration in calendar year 2026 must submit renewal applications to retain funding unless a project is transitioning to a new project type or reallocating their funding. Failure to submit a renewal application may lead to a permanent loss of funding. ECHO recommends applicants review the accompanying Scoresheet for reference of how answers will be reviewed and scored.

Please note that this request for applications is based on the best information that is currently available, and ECHO staff may need to revise requirements described herein and/or request additional information based on additional guidance received from HUD

and/or policy decisions made by Leadership Council. ECHO staff will disseminate all information about this funding opportunity as it becomes available.

Applicant Information

- Agency Name:
- Project Name:
- HUD Expiring Project Grant Number:
- Grant Start Date:
- Grant End Date:
- UEI Number:
- Does the project have a current SAM Registration? (Y/N)

Primary Contact Information:

- Contact Name:
- Title:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

Secondary Contact Information:

- Contact Name:
- Title:
- Email Address:
- Phone Number:

What is your Annual Renewal Demand? _____

Attach Copy of *e-snaps* Application:

Complete & submit the project application in [e-snaps](#). Once the application is completed in *e-snaps*, applicants should save a copy of the *e-snaps* application for their records. Projects are expected to review all information entered in *e-snaps* and confirm consistency with the local application.

Program Changes and/or Amendments

Question 1.1 *e-snaps* Submission completed

Has the applicant completed their *e-snaps* application?

- Yes
- No

Question 1.2 Project Expires in CY 2027

Confirm the project has a grant expiration date in CY 2027

Question 1.3 Acceptable Past Performance

No unresolved HUD findings, No outstanding overdue obligations to HUD, No major financial management issues, No unresolved construction or program-delivery issues and No history of low occupancy or chronic underperformance. In our CoC, this means your project is being audited by HUD or under Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). If so, you need to indicate that and provide the last audit/PIP report

- Yes
- No

NARRATIVE BOX:

Attachments:

- PIP documentation (if applicable)
- HUD Monitoring Notification Letter
- HUD Monitoring Report (indicating findings or lack thereof)
- HUD Monitoring Closeout Letter (indicating resolution of findings)

Were any findings resolved? (Y/N)

Explain all resolved and unresolved findings.

NARRATIVE BOX (500-word limit):

Question 1.4 Significant Amendments

Describe any changes and/or amendments made to this project during the last 12 months. Examples include adjustments to budget, target population, service delivery, subrecipient/partner roles and responsibilities (500-word limit). (*If no changes and/or amendments were made during the last 12 months, please put “N/A”.)

Attachments:

- Please provide supporting documents (emails with the field office and/or copies of change forms)

NARRATIVE BOX (500-word limit):

**Optional – Only needed for program changes and/or amendments*

Question 1.5 Required Service Engagement (Housing projects only)

Has the applicant attached a copy of their program participant agreement requiring participants to engage in services as a condition of remaining in the program? **(Required for Housing project types only)**

Attachment: Participant Service Agreement

Question 1.6 Not Engaging in Racial Preferences

Has the applicant affirmatively attested to not engage in racial preferences or racial discrimination?

- Yes
- No

Question 1.7 Not Engaging in “Safe Injection Sites”

Has the applicant affirmatively attested they will not engage in harm reduction practices such as “safe injection sites.”

- Yes
- No

Agency Characteristics & HUD Standards

Question 2.1 Annual Agency Financial Audit

Please attach a copy of your agency's most recent financial audit.

For financial reporting purposes, every organization has a 12-month fiscal year. A fiscal year can coincide with the calendar year but may also be any 12-month period that is selected by the organization. Audits are performed during the organization's fiscal year. The only exception to a 12-month audit occurs if the organization has changed its fiscal year during the audit period. This will require an audit for less than or more than 12 months for the year of change.

Attachments:

- Most recently completed audited financial statement for your *agency* (Not program/project)
- The auditor's communication with agency's governance board

Question 2.2 Unspent Grant Funds/Recaptured Funds

Have any funds related to the Renewal Project request been recaptured by HUD for the most recently expired grant term? (Y/N)

Attachments:

- Please provide official grant documentation showing (1) the percentage of overall project budget recaptured, and (2) total dollar amount recaptured.
- *If Applicable:* Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Agreement

Question 2.3 Match Documentation

- Yes, match documentation is provided
- No, match documentation is not provided

Minimum 25% match identified through Cash Letter, In-Kind Letter, or In-Kind MOU.

Attachment:

Please attach your match documentation

Project Type

Complete the following section with the same information entered in *e-snaps*. This section will be verified by ECHO staff for accuracy with project applications in *e-snaps*. Details provided below may be used by the IRT to supplement their knowledge of the programs.

Please note: Applicants are unable to change the items in this section without a grant amendment unless otherwise allowed through the HUD FY26 CoC NOFO Competition materials.

Question 3.1 Project Component Type

Select the project renewal component type:

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Re-Housing (Joint TH-RRH)
- Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE)
- HMIS
- YHDP Renewal

Question 3.2 Number of Units – PH-PSH, PH-RRH, TH, and Joint TH-RRH only

What is the total number of units (if applicable)? What is the total number of beds? Of the total number of beds, what are the total number of beds dedicated to clients who meet the HUD definition of chronic homelessness or DedicatedPLUS?

N/A if not a housing project type

Question 3.3 Subpopulation Focus – PH-PSH, PH-RRH, TH, and Joint TH-RRH only

Do you have eligibility criteria for new clients to be referred into your program? (Y/N)

If yes: What is the specific population focus for eligibility for this project?

N/A for non housing project types

Project Narrative (All Project Types)

Question 4.1 Project Narrative

For PSH renewal projects likely to be prioritized according to the [FY 2026 CoC Review, Scoring, and Ranking Policy](#), you may use your Project Narrative used in the preliminary PH cap competition held prior to the NOFO being released on 6/1/2026.

For all other renewal projects please demonstrate how this project aligns with the [FY 2026 CoC NOFO Community Funding Priorities \(2,000-word limit\)](#)

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.2 Performance Improvement & Evaluation

Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. (*First-time renewals which do not have 12-month worth of program performance, please put N/A.) **(500-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.3 Returns to homelessness

Pulled from Performance Scorecard Q4 2024 – Q3 2025

First time project renewals will receive full points on this measure.

Question 4.4 Addressing Identified System Gaps and Target Population

Demonstrate how the project's proposed activities address a documented community need such as, but not limited to: **(500-word limit)**

- Unsheltered homelessness.
- Transitional housing needs.
- Recovery-oriented housing needs.
- Outreach capacity.
- Access to supportive services.
- Subpopulation-specific needs identified by the FY2026 CoC NOFO.

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.5 Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Economic Mobility

Demonstrate how the project leverages partnerships and strategies to improve participants' ability to achieve long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency. **(500-word limit)**

- Employment opportunities.
- Workforce development.
- Income growth.
- Access to education and training.
- Mainstream benefit enrollment.
- Financial stability and economic mobility.

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.6 Supportive Service Participation Requirements

Describe your project's approach to requiring supportive services for participants to remain in your program. How will you engage participants and keep them engaged? **(200-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.7 Cost Effectiveness

Describe the cost per participant or unit depending on the project type. The Project should provide services that are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

To demonstrate cost effectiveness, make sure to

- Provide a realistic and transparent budget that clearly ties resources to project activities.
- Justify all costs and show efficient use of funds; emphasize leveraging other public or private resources.

Demonstrate value for money by showing how the project maximizes impact relative to investment.

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 4.8 Connecting to Mainstream Benefits

Describe how your project has a comprehensive strategy for connecting participants to mainstream benefits that support long-term stability, economic mobility, and improved health.

HMIS Project Renewal Question Only

Question 5.1 Performance Improvement

Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. (*First-time renewals which do not have 12-month worth of program performance, please put N/A.)

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 5.2 Furthering HMIS Implementation

Describe how the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation. **(500-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 5.3 Confirm All Universal Data Elements

Confirm the HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.

- Yes
- No

Question 5.4 Un-duplicating Records

Confirm the ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.

- Yes
- No

Question 5.5 Confirm All Reports Submitted on time

Confirm the HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain:

NARRATIVE BOX: (200-word limit)

SSO-Coordinated Entry Renewal Questions Only

Question 6.1 Performance Improvement & Evaluation

Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. **(500-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 6.2 Availability and Accessibility

Describe how the Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all people within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. Describe how the system is accessible for people with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area. **(500-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX:

Question 6.3 Standardized Assessment

Confirm there is a standardized assessment process.

- Yes
- No

Question 6.4 Reaching People with the Highest Needs

Describe the strategy for advertising designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs. **(500-word limit)**

NARRATIVE BOX: