



FY 24 & 25 YHDP NOFO Applicant Webinar

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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.



NOFO Purpose



Program Purpose

The YHDP/YHSI NOFO is designed to support communities in demonstrating that a comprehensive approach to serving homeless youth age 24 and younger can dramatically reduce youth homelessness: Two system-level improvements are eligible to be funded through this NOFO

YHSI: HUD will support communities in establishing, implementing, or improving their youth homelessness response system

YHDP: HUD will fund housing and supportive service projects that address youth housing needs as well as related needs such as physical and mental health, substance use, domestic violence or childhood abuse, employment barriers, education, and long-term self-sufficiency.



\$193M+

Annual Federal
Funding Available



Who Can Apply?



- State, county, city/township, and special district governments
- Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities
- Eligible nonprofit organizations
- Active SAM.gov registration and UEI required
- Selected applicants must complete required HUD forms and e-snaps materials

**Documentation to
attach**

Eligibility documentation, active SAM.gov registration, fiscal capacity evidence, and any other locally required materials.



Roles



HUD

- Provides Parameters of YHDP 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



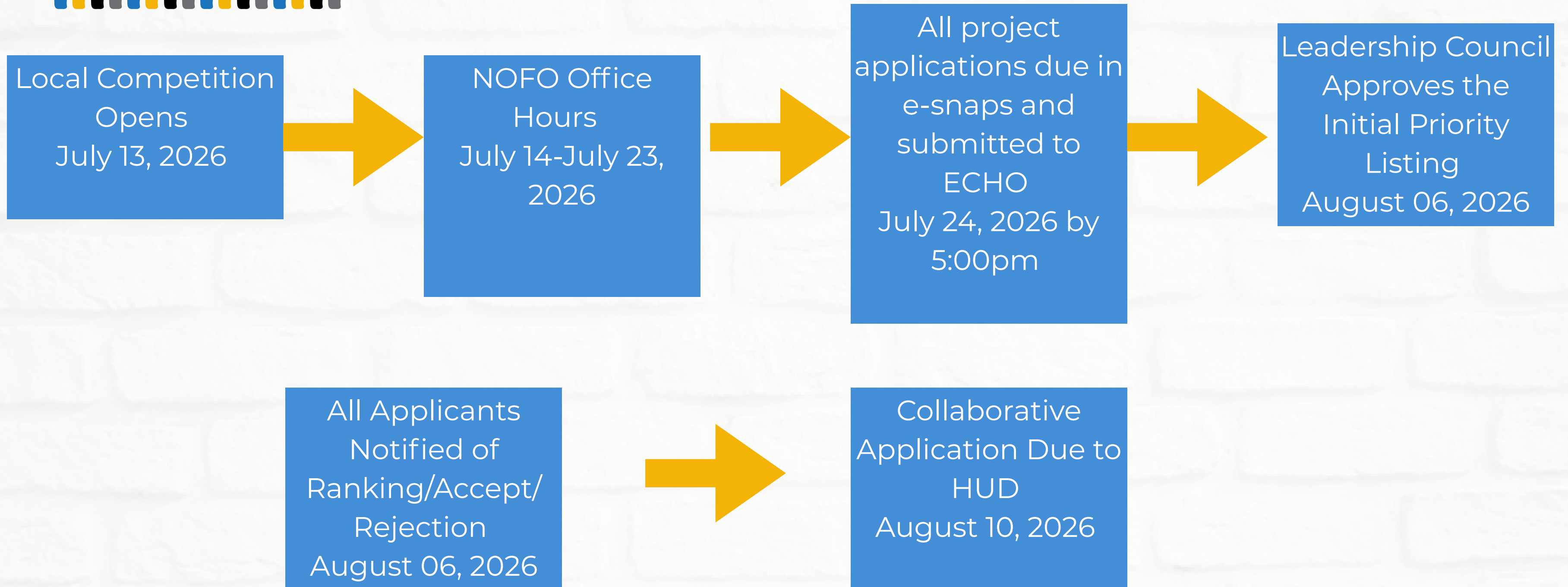
How the Annual Competition Works



Local Competition Basics



FY 2024 & 2025 YHDP NOFO Timeline



Eligible Project Type and Intervention Definitions - Review 24 CFR 578



- SSO Stand-Alone - Only services to people experiencing homelessness or in shelter (see 24 CFR 578.37, 578.53) - focuses on assisting people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers (i.e. workforce services, treatment, case management, childcare, etc), and increasing self sufficiency
- SSO - Coordinated Entry (CE) - Works to implement a CE system to reach people with the highest needs.
- Transitional Housing - temporary housing up to 24 months with services to help people exit out of homelessness.



Project Rankings



Projects will be ranked based on how well they:

- Create new or expanded capacity in the Homelessness Response System, rather than repackaging existing services.
- Demonstrate dedicated YHDP staffing and programming, with sufficient full-time capacity to launch and operate the project.
- Clearly identify the youth population served, the system need, and supporting evidence such as data, youth feedback, or provider experience.
- Present a clear, youth-centered, feasible project model that supports stable housing, education, employment, income, permanent connections, and social/emotional well-being.
- Provide a reasonable and aligned budget that supports the proposed model, staffing, services, and outcomes.
- Demonstrate capacity to manage federal funds, meet reporting requirements, hire and launch quickly, and address implementation barriers.
- Show strong coordination with the Austin/Travis County Homelessness Response System and youth-serving partners, including education, workforce, child welfare, justice, behavioral health, SUD, DV/trafficking, PHAs, and housing partners.
- Include meaningful input from youth with lived experience in project design, implementation, and continuous improvement.
- Align with HUD's YHDP priorities for community coordination, supportive services, youth safety, and long-term stability.



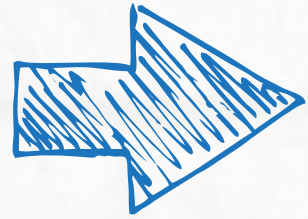
Project Threshold Requirements



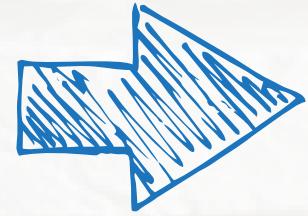
- *Eligible applicants*
- *Required certifications*
- *Coordinated Entry participation*
- *Eligible component type*
- *Match requirement (25%)*
- *Attestations regarding racial preferences and “safe drug consumption sites”*
- *Completed e-snaps application*



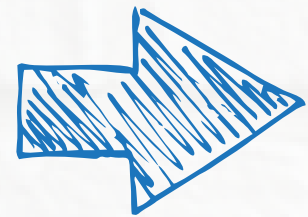
Local Competition Ranking Process



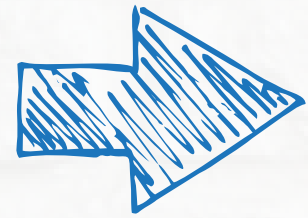
All project applications submitted through e-snaps and reviewed by an Independent Review Team (IRT) except for the CoC Planning grant.



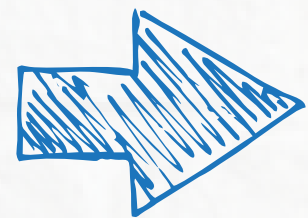
IRT reviews all project application submissions and scores projects based on Scoring Criteria.



ECHO provides project priority ranking according to YHDP NOFO policies, including the FY24 & 25 Review, Ranking, and Scoring Policy and FY24 & 25 NOFO requirements.



ECHO presents ranking recommendations to Leadership Council.



Leadership Council approves final ranking decision.



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