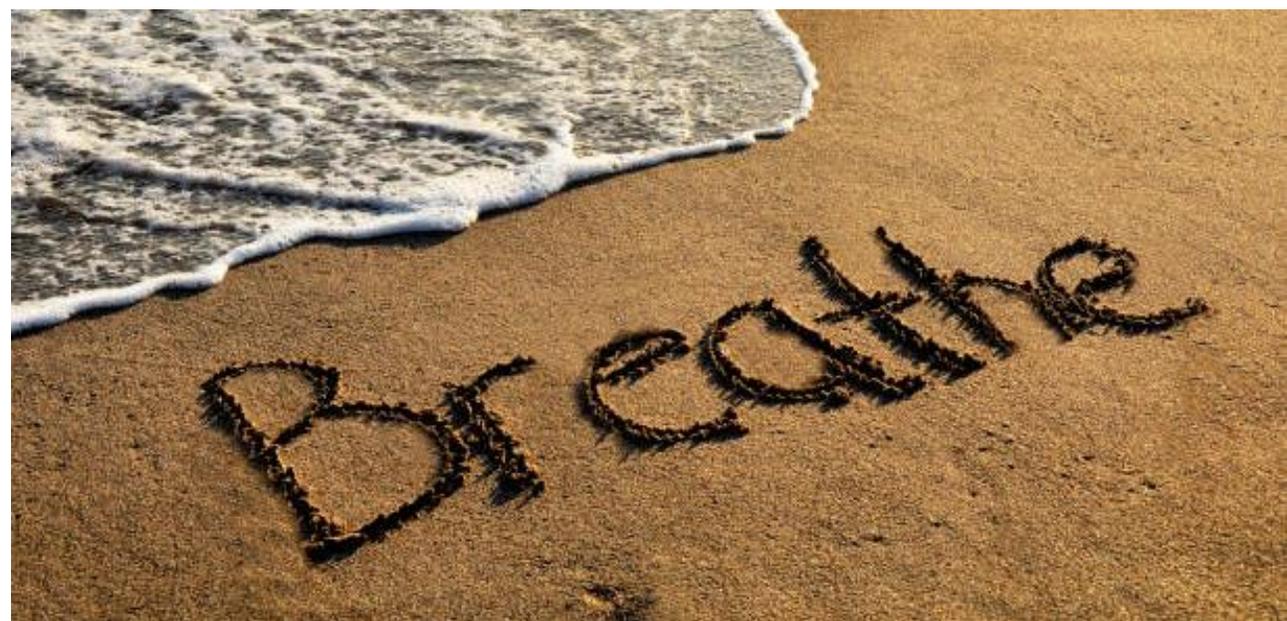
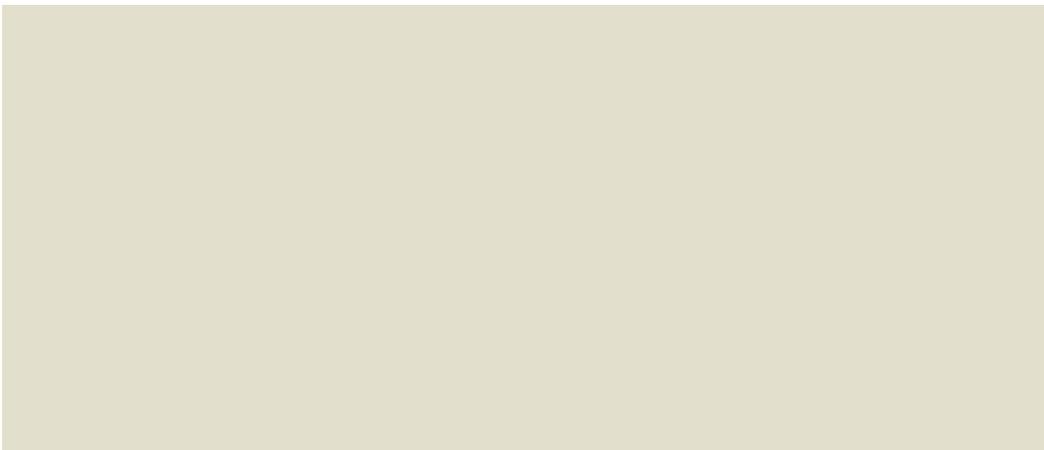


CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Special NOFO
Meeting

December 2, 2025





Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Group Agreements for Meetings
- Washington State v. HUD
- Key Changes in 2025 NOFO
- Discussion of Votes & Next Steps
- Resources and Additional Supports Needed
- Other Business



CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy



Lawsuits on CoC NOFO (1)F



- CoCs must proceed to prepare applications as though 2025 NOFO will remain unchanged.

Washington State vs. HUD

- Filed on 11/25/25 by a coalition of states including CT
- Argues NOFO imposes unlawful, ideologically driven conditions
- Alleges HUD exceeded its authority since Congress did not approve changes
- Claims new rules violate civil and state's rights
- Relief sought includes halting implementation of 2025 NOFO & reinstating 2024-2025 two-year NOFO

Lawsuits on CoC NOFO (2)

NAEH vs. Turner, et al

- Filed on 12/1/25 by the National Alliance to End Homelessness and a coalition of 10 other cities/counties/organizations
- The NAEH brings the suit on behalf of members in all 50 states.
- Argues that HUD unlawfully rescinded the FY24-25 NOFO
- Alleges that the FY205 NOFO imposes unlawful and unconstitutional conditions and contracts HUD's own regulations
- Relief sought includes vacating the 2025 NOFO, reinstating 2024-2025 two-year NOFO, and blocking the challenged program changes.

Important Dates

- NOFO is Due to HUD on **1/14/2026**
- HUD requires that all project applications (both new and renewal) be submitted to the CoC by **12/15/2025**
 - 30 days before HUD deadline of 1/14
- All projects must be notified whether they have been accepted, rejected or reduced by **12/30/2025**
 - 15 days before the HUD deadline of 1/14



Decisions Needed – Discuss Today, Vote by Email



- Adding Seats to Steering Committee (All)
- Require Participation in Supportive Services (All)
- Permanent Housing Retention Guiding Principles (Non-Conflicted SC Members only)
- Adjustments to Renewal Evaluation Criteria (Non-Conflicted)
- New Bonus Project Application Types (Non-Conflicted)
- Ranking Policy (Non-Conflicted)



Ideas compiled
here are
preliminary to
start discussion

NEW IDEAS ARE WELCOME!



Brief Overview Key Changes 2025 CoC NOFO

FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS SEE:

- [11/21 SEMI ANNUAL MEETING SLIDES](#)
- [CONVERTING PH TO TH WEBINAR SLIDES](#)
- [WEBINAR RECORDING: TRANSITION OF COC PROJECTS FROM PH TO TH](#)

Funding Levels

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) - \$73,664,203
(amount needed to fund existing renewal projects)
- Tier 1 (30% ARD) - \$22,099,261
- Permanent Housing (PH) capped at 30% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - *PH includes PSH, RRH and Joint TH- RRH*
- CoC Bonus for New Projects – \$14,732,841
- DV Bonus for New Projects - \$2,643,572



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Delayed 2025 Awards

- HUD anticipates announcing awards in May 2026
- Grantees should not expect grant agreements until at least June 2026
- Cannot draw down funds until grants are executed
- Contingency Planning: plan for managing delays in funding

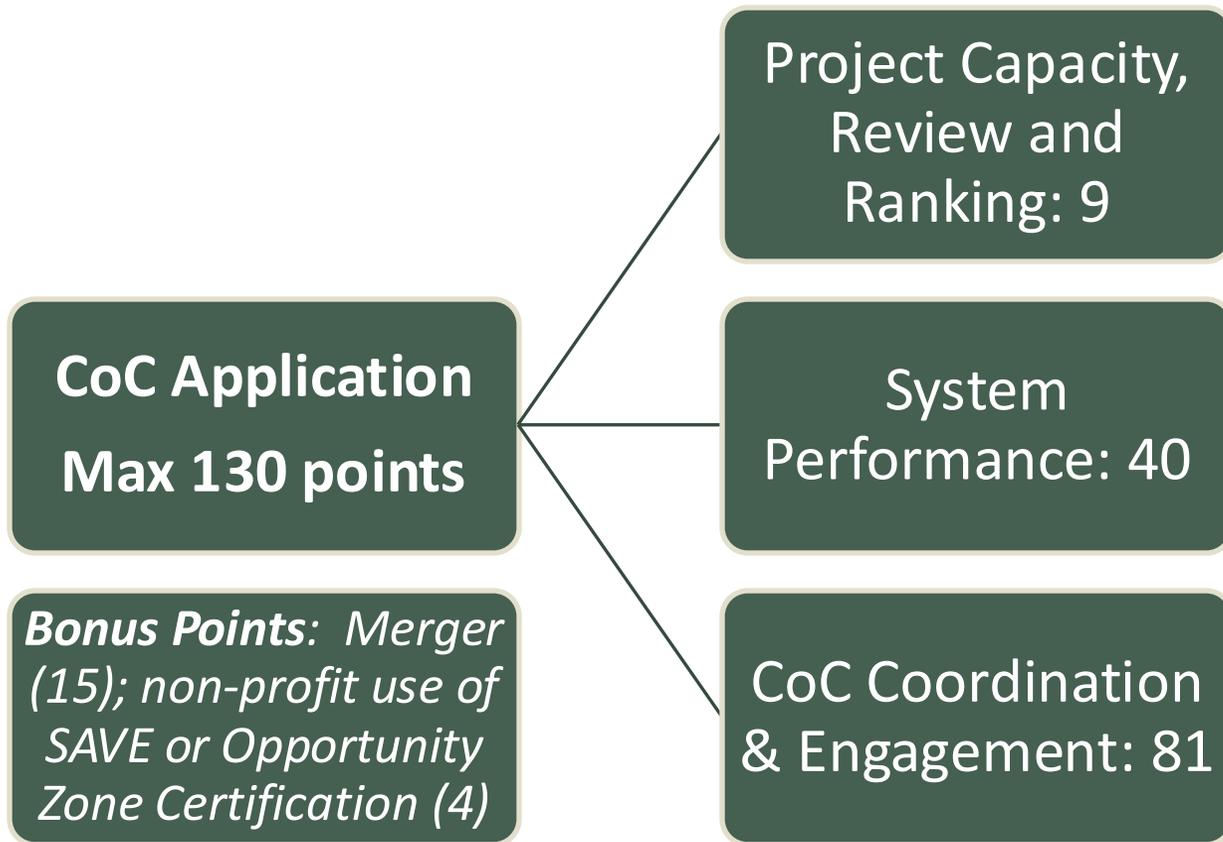


Actionable Items - Increase CoC Application Score

- These actions would help increase the CoC's Application score and increase the likelihood of retaining/expanding funding:
 - Total possible score on the CoC Application is 130 points
 - Many points already lost due to increases in homeless counts and SPM performance
 - Goal is to obtain as many points as possible
 - Proposals:
 - Add new members to Board as needed: 3 Elected Officials, 2 Law Enforcement, 1 Business (4 points on CoC Application)
 - Ensure 100% of projects require service participation (10 points CoC application)
 - New TH projects likely cannot get funded without this requirement
 - Adjust Renewal Evaluation Scoring Criteria - Of total evaluation score 50% is based on objective Criteria, 25% on employment income increase and 25% based on service participation requirement (5 points on CoC Application)



Reminder: CoC Application Scoring



High Score Items – 40% of Points

- 17 points for decreases in the number of sheltered & unsheltered homeless people over the past 2 yrs
- 16 points for Treatment and Recovery – on-site substance use treatment available for $\geq 30\%$ of projects; maintains/creates 500 beds in treatment-focused projects
- 10 points for all projects requiring participation in services
- 10 points for reducing encampments

Proposed Vote: CT BOS SC Governance Change Proposal

Proposal:

*“Add the following members to the
CT BOS Steering Committee:*

- *3 Elected Officials*
- *2 Law Enforcement*
- *1 Business Community
representative”*

*Next Step if Adopted: Nominations
and Elections for New Seats*





Proposed Vote: Service Participation Requirement

Proposal to adopt the following CoC Policy:

“All CoC-funded projects must require participation in supportive services as a condition of applying for new and renewal funding.”

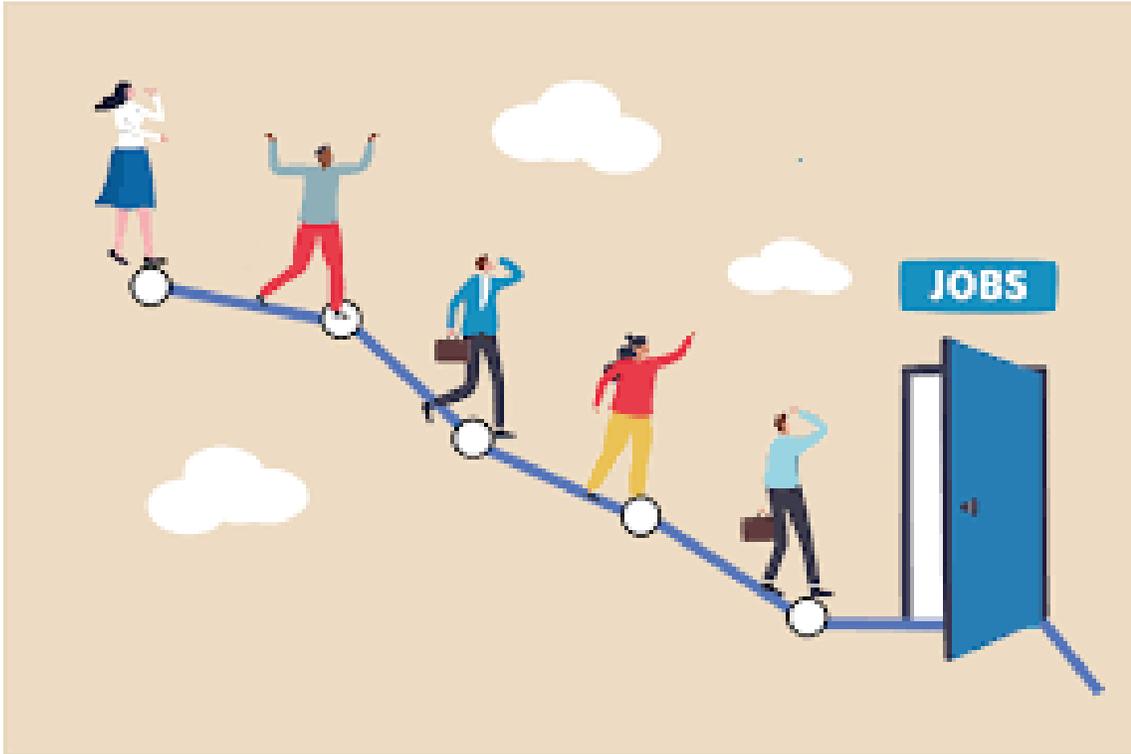
Next step if adopted:

- [Sample Service Agreement](#)
- All projects to attach a project specific agreement to project applications

Proposed Vote: Adjust Renewal Evaluation Criteria & Rescore for use in 2025 Ranking

Proposal for Renewal Evaluation Scoring:

- *Add a threshold criterion for adopting a service participation requirement for all CoC funded projects (projects that do not do so will get zero points)*
- *Adjust Renewal Evaluation Criteria to score increases in earned income and set associated points at 25% of total points*
- Draft Updated Criteria – changes highlighted in yellow



Proposed Renewal Evaluation Scoring Changes

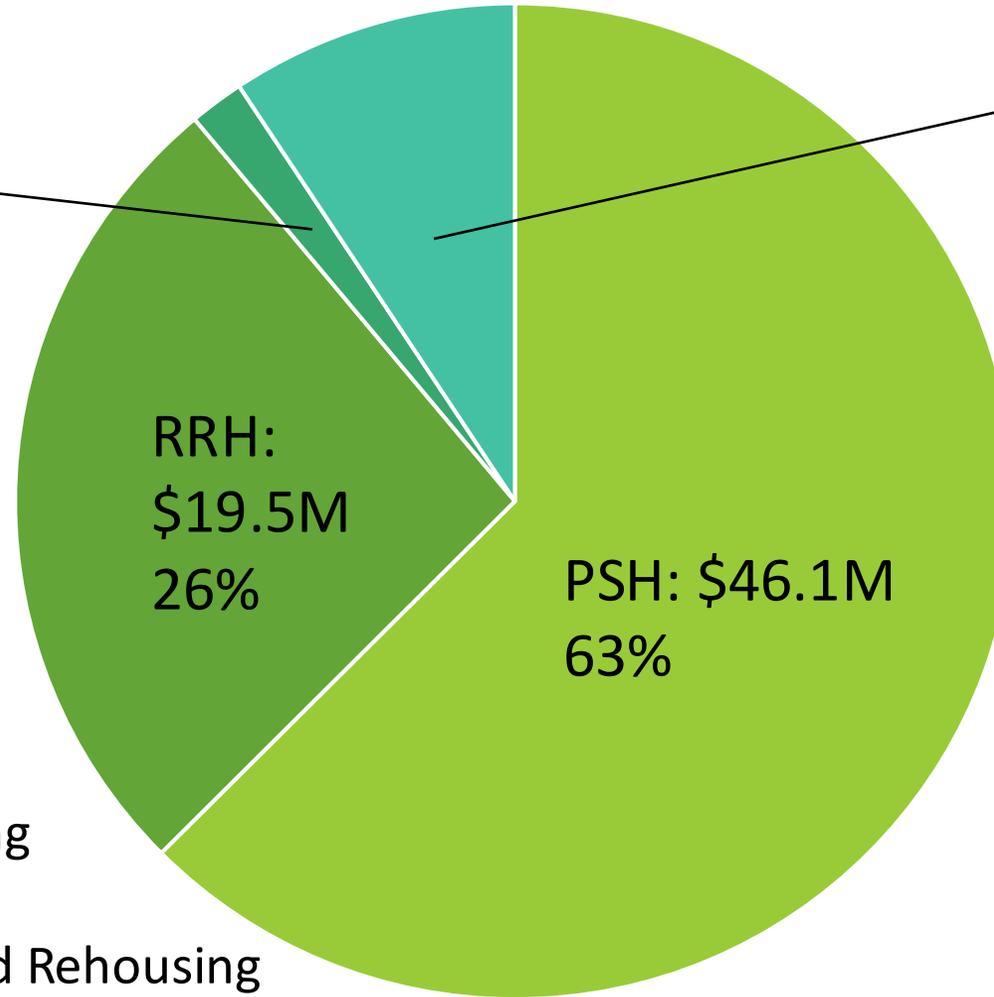
Project Type	Original Maximum Points	Original Points for Employment	Proposed Points for Employment	New Maximum Points*
Adult PSH	100	0	34	134
Adult RRH	100	0	34	134
Adult TH	110	0	37	147
Youth PSH	95	15	27	107
Youth RRH	105	15	30	120
YHDP RRH	105	15	30	120
YHDP RRH RE/Div	90	N/A	NA	90
Youth TH	125	15	37	147
YHDP Crisis TH	115	15	34	134
YHDP Youth Navigators	N/A	N/A	NA	N/A

*Final scores for all projects are converted to a percentage based on total points available.

CT BOS FUNDING: \$74M

Joint TH-RRH:
\$1.3M
2%

Other funding
(Coordinated Entry,
Transitional Housing,
Street Outreach, etc.):
\$6.9M, 9%



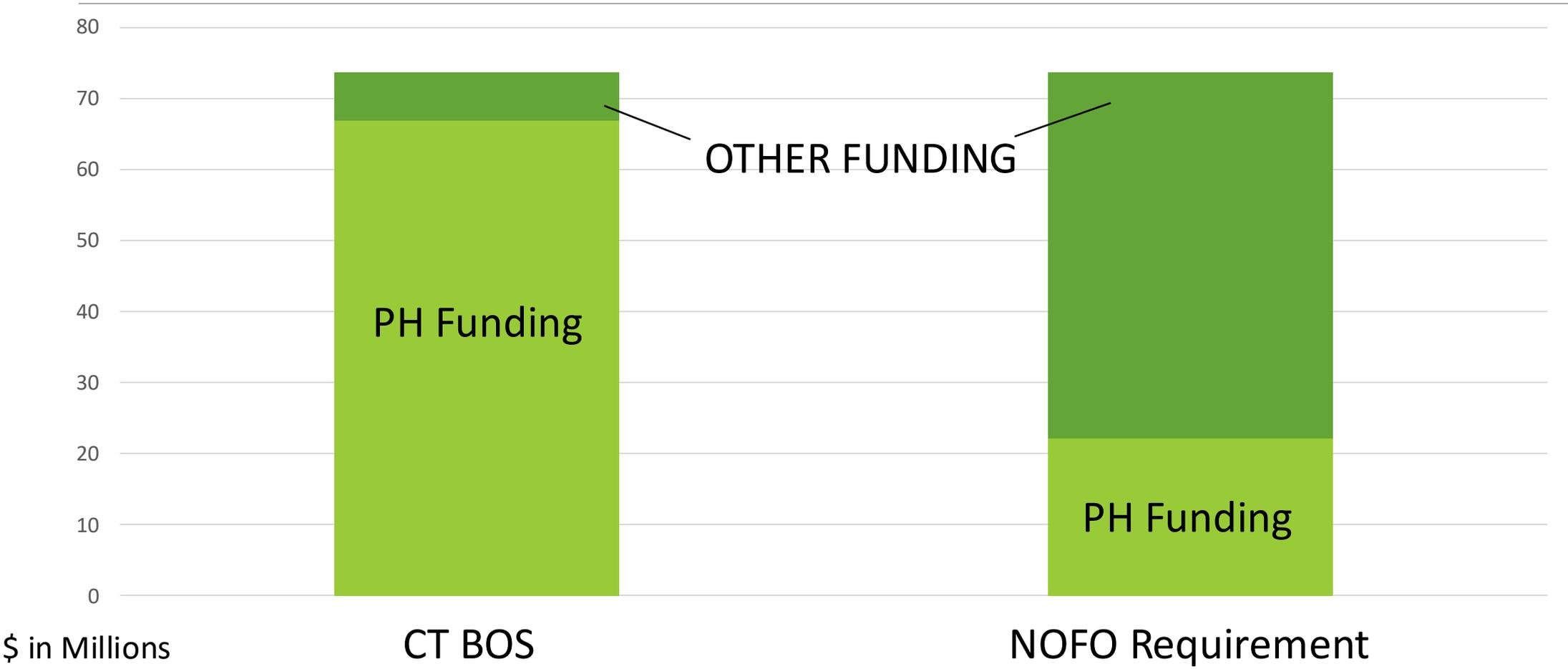
RRH:
\$19.5M
26%

PSH: \$46.1M
63%

PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing
RRH: Rapid Rehousing
TH-RRH: Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing

■ PSH ■ RRH ■ Joint TH-RRH ■ Not PH

CT BOS Funding vs. NOFO Requirement



PH Reduction Target

Current PH Amount: \$66,808,126

- PSH Amount: approx. \$46 million
- RRH Amount: approx. \$20 million

Max PH Amount: \$22,099,261

Reduction Target: \$44,708,865



Transitioning PH to Transitional Housing (TH)

- Goals



- Comply with funder requirements while retaining as much PH as possible
- Reduce risks of returns to homelessness
- Reduce risks of funding loss
- Assist as many households as possible to exit homelessness & achieve housing stability
- Support increased self-sufficiency

Transition Grant Applications

- Renewal project is reallocated by the CoC and a “Transition Grant New Project” application is submitted
 - Recipient of the renewal being reallocated is the only eligible applicant
 - Start date of transition project is day after the end of the grant term for the expiring renewal
 - No lag time during which funding is not available
 - [PH to TH Transition Webinar Slides](#)
 - [PH to TH Transition Webinar Recording](#)



Transition Grant Applications (2)

- Transition grant required to fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term
 - Amount cannot exceed Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) of reallocated grant(s)
- YHDP Grants must use a Replacement Project application
- DV Bonus Grants must use a regular new project application





Vote: PH Retention Guiding Principles

Proposed principles for determining priorities for Permanent Housing funding in the 2025 CoC NOFO :

- Be strategic regarding HUD priorities
- Retain as many Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units as possible
 - *Move supportive services out of retained PSH and into Homeless to Housing (H2H) model SSO grants where services follow eligible CoC participants across projects*
 - *Don't retain PSH units that have an alternative source available to fund the CoC funded activities*
- Transition all Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing (TH)/RRH projects to TH
- Provide PSH grantees the opportunity to convert to TH (any grantee that wants to can convert)
- Use transition grant applications whenever feasible.

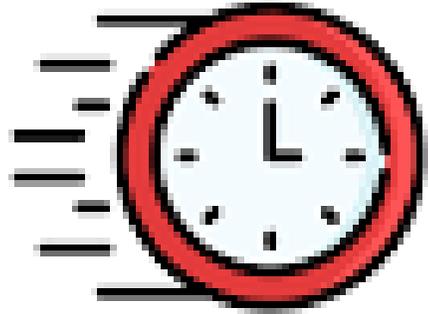
Vote: PH Retention Guiding Principles (2)

Proposed Principles for PH retention in 2025 CoC NOFO (cont.)

- Retain project-based and sponsor-based rental assistance subsidies (PRA and SRA) for PSH units in tax credit and congregate projects
- Retain PSH SNOFO units for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
- Retain PSH Units in each Coordinated Access Network (CAN)
- Protect scattered site PSH units with a non-profit recipient
- Use Renewal Evaluation scores to rank within prioritized buckets



Comments/Questions on the Principles?



coming soon!

Next Step: PH Retention

Vote on *PH Retention Guiding Principles*

If approved:

- CT BOS Team will notify all PH projects of whether they are retained as PH or must convert to TH and any other next steps

Proposed Vote: New Bonus Project Application Types

Proposal:

The CoC will accept the following New Project Application Types for Submission to HUD:

- TH/Interim Housing (Scored by Committee)
- HMIS (HMIS Lead is only eligible applicant)
- SSO-CES (DOH is applicant)
- Other SSO Grants (applicant(s) TBD)
- DV Bonus (SSO-CES and TH only, any eligible applicant can submit a project application in Esnaps; scoring TBD)



Next Step If Adopted: New Bonus Project Applications



Committee meets to score TH/Interim Housing applications



CT BOS Team alerts applicants if approved to submit a new project application in Esnaps

Tiers



- Tier 1 is more or less guaranteed if the CoC and applicants submit responsive applications
 - 30% of CoC's Renewal Demand (ARD) (90% last year)
- Tier 2 projects are scored individually - every project competes with others across the country based on project score
 - Projects that score above a threshold are funded (threshold TBD by HUD)
 - The amount of funds in Tier 2 is the difference between max available funds (including bonus) and Tier 1 amount
- CoC required to rank all projects in both Tiers

Vote: Proposed Ranking Policy



The CT BOS CoC will rank projects as follows:

1. Tier 1: Retained PSH housing subsidies – ensure PSH in all CANs; ranked in order of adjusted renewal evaluation score
2. Tier 2: Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects reallocated from retained PSH ranked with the best mathematical advantage
3. Other Projects in Tier 2 - ranking adjusted as needed to ensure the best mathematical scoring advantage to maximize funds received
 - i. Renewal HMIS
 - ii. Renewal SSO Coordinated Entry
 - iii. Renewal SSO Street Outreach and Youth Navigator
 - iv. Renewal TH

Vote: Proposed Ranking Policy (2)



- vi. Former PSH, RRH and Joint projects transitioned to TH that have been evaluated in order of adjusted renewal evaluation score
- vii. Remaining Former PSH, RRH and Joint projects transitioned to TH (unscored)
- viii. New TH CoC Bonus Projects (order based on project application scores)
- ix. New SSO-Coordinated Entry
- x. New HMIS
- xi. Other New SSO projects to reach maximum bonus request
- xii. New DV Bonus Projects



Votes due 12/4/2025

Reminder that HUD requires:

- Submission of all project applications to CoC by no later than 12/15
- CoC reviews all applications and notifies applicants of whether project was accepted and ranked, reduced or rejected by no later than 12/30
- Watch for an email with link to cast your votes



Reminders

Notify ctboscoc@gmail.com by 12/3 if:

- You have a PSH project that you want to transition to TH
- You have any type of renewal project that you are opting not to renew

Reminder: Additional Requirements in the NOFO

- All **applicants** must certify that:
 - The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”
- Requirement for sub-recipients on this certification is not addressed in the NOFO
- But any project may be rejected by HUD for:
 - Evidence that the project is operating safe injection sites or distributing drug paraphernalia
- Please **contact us immediately** if you are an applicant or sub-recipient that will not be able to make this certification



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Thank You For
Your Patience

Project Applicant & Subrecipient Questions

CT BOS team is gathering
questions and will post FAQ

Please submit all questions to
ctboscoc@gmail.com



Save the Dates!*

Applicant
Webinar:
12/5 – 12-2pm
OR
12/9 1:00-2:30

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 820 8259 7875

Passcode: 051575

*date is dependent upon when HUD releases the Project Applications

Other Resources & Supports Needed

- [Sample Service Schedule](#)
- Other Supports needed
 - ✓ Speak up now
 - ✓ Put in chat
 - ✓ Email us at CTBOSCOG@gmail.com

**HOW CAN WE
HELP YOU?**

Other Business?



Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



STAY TUNED – ADDITIONAL SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE NECESSARY

Meetings are from 11:00-12:30 unless otherwise noted

- December 19, 2025
- January 16, 2026
- February 20, 2026
- March 20, 2026
- April 17, 2026
- May 15, 2026
- June 12, 2026

Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

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