

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Steering Committee
Meeting

April 17, 2026



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Announcements
- CT Department of Housing (DOH) Updates
- Break Out Groups
- CoC Competition and Lawsuit Updates
- CT BOS Governance/Elections
- Partner Announcements & Other Business
- Steering Committee Meeting Schedule



Welcome New BOS Steering Committee Members!

Elected Official:

- Nick Menapace, State Representative, 37th District

Law Enforcement:

- Brian Wright, Chief of Police, New London Police Department



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



Approve March Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



DRAFT BOS March 2026 Steering Committee

Announcements



Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.
- As always, questions/comments can also be sent CTBOSCoC@gmail.com or call a team member any time!





- Funded by the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the CT Department of Housing.
- Collaboration of Advancing CT Together, CT Coalition to End Homelessness, Housing Innovations, Nutmeg Consulting, and solutions4community.
- The LMS was established to provide a wide array of trainings and professional development resources for individuals working within the housing and homeless services sector.



- Currently 30 courses on the LMS:
 - Client Choice
 - Motivational Techniques
 - Substance Abuse in Supportive Housing
 - Quality Supervision
 - Working in Supportive Housing
 - Older Adults in Housing Programs
 - And more!
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- Variety of formats: Self-paced, previous recorded, animated videos, interactions
 - Each course includes a quiz at the end
 - Certificates are provided upon passing the course and sent via email.
 - Participants and managers are also able to view completed courses, transcripts, and assign courses to staff.
 - Next steps: Training curriculums with frequency of trainings

REGISTER NOW



To begin using the platform click on REGISTER NOW and follow these steps:

- On the welcome screen, click “Need Access?”
- On the next page, complete the form and click “Request CT LMS Access”
- You will receive a welcome email, click the link provided to set your password
- Access your training by logging in at cthousingacademy.myabsorb.com

Webinar: Administration & Indirect Costs Training


Webinar: 4/22: 10 - 11:30

- [Zoom Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 824 3955 8723; Passcode: 997663; Phone: 309-205-3325

Audience: Program Directors, Finance Staff, Staff responsible for overseeing compliance

Content: Documenting staff time, Direct vs Indirect, de minimis rates, Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), and Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements (NICRA), project admin costs and more



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Eligibility Documentation Training

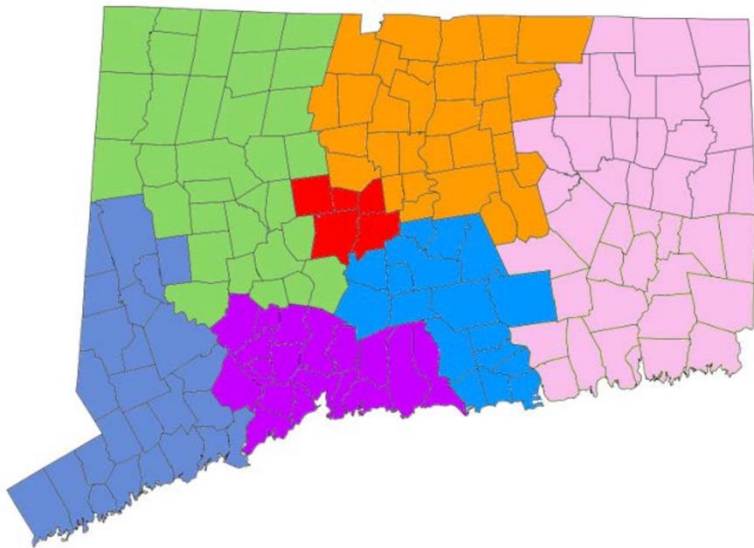
Webinar: May 6, 2026 | 10:00 - 12:00

[Zoom Link](#) - Meeting ID: 823 6890 1012 | Passcode: 476140 | Dial-in: 309-205-3325

What We'll Cover:

- HUD eligibility requirements for all CT BOS CoC & YHDP program types
- Types of documents meeting each requirement
- Using the New HMIS Homelessness Verification View
- Other Tools and templates to fulfill requirements
- Safety considerations
- Question and answer

CT BOS Geography



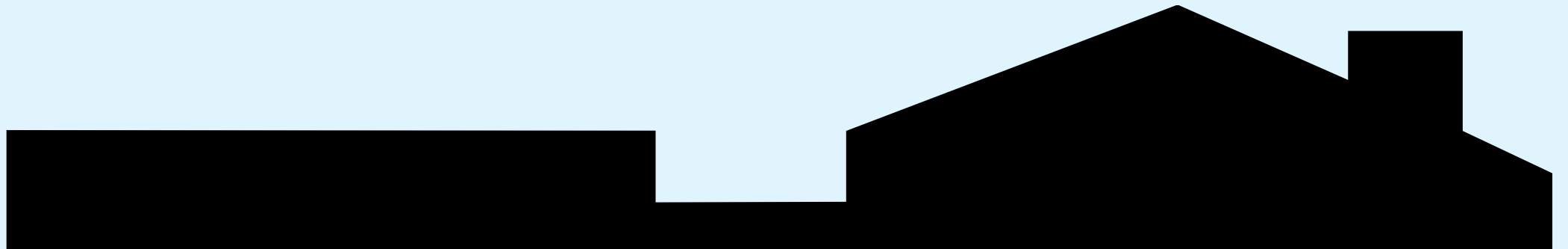
- ODFC has started discussions about transfer of NW CAN grants from CT BOS to ODFC CoC
- Meetings are in progress and NW CAN is currently voting on this
- Process:
 - CT BOS CoC, ODFC CoC and the NW CAN all need to vote to agree to change in geography
 - The NW Council of Governments would also need to support the change
 - Would move all direct HUD grants in the NW to ODFC
 - Would require 2-year NOFO process to move NW funding in statewide grants
 - HUD confirmation needed to ensure transfer of all funds is allowable
- NW CAN is currently voting on this. ODFC has voted to approve this transfer.
- More discussion will be had at future BOS SC meetings



CT Department of Housing (DOH) Updates

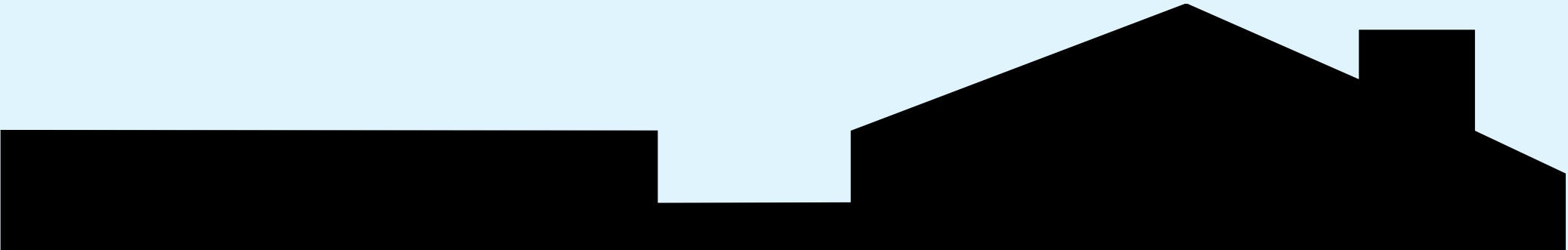
**State of Connecticut
Department of Housing**

**2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for Housing
and Community Development**



2026-2027 Action Plan: Anticipated Timeline

Timeline		
Public Input (Pre-Plan)	Community Input	3/17/2026 – 4/1/2026
	Public Meeting	3/17/2026
	State Round Table	3/18/2026
	Community Round Table	3/19/2026
Public Input (Draft Plan)	Community Input	4/7/2026 – 5/7/2026
	Public Meeting	4/7/2026
	State Round Table	4/15/2026
	Community Round Table	4/16/2026
Legislative Hearing		Anticipated May 2026
Final Submission		Anticipated May 15, 2026

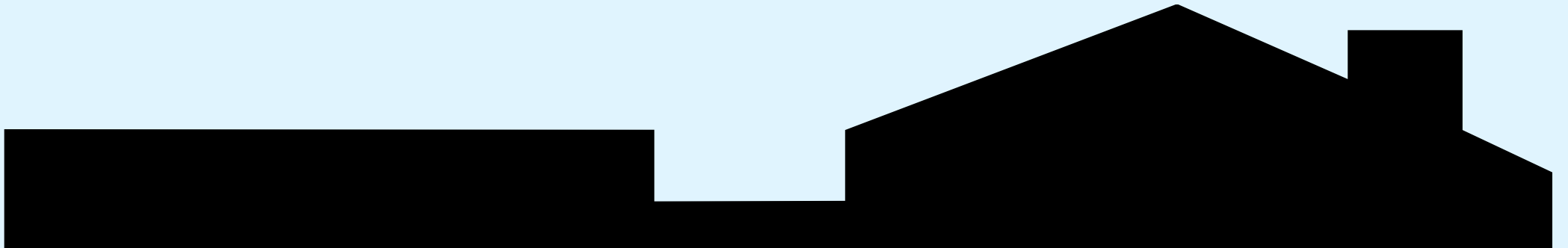


2026-2027 Action Plan: Anticipated Federal Funding

Anticipated Federal Funding for Development and Housing Support			
Housing (DOH)	HUD FY 2024-25	HUD FY 2025-26	HUD FY 2026-27
RHP	\$ 1,209,615	\$ 1,205,697	\$ 938,224
HOME	\$ 11,932,147	\$ 10,505,134	\$ 10,257,272
SC/CDBG	\$ 13,912,108	\$ 13,960,891	\$ 13,902,275
Housing Trust Fund	\$ 4,510,425	\$ 3,134,373	\$ 3,134,373
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$ 2,257,349	\$ 2,398,279	\$ 2,383,432
Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids	\$ 312,736	\$ 294,456	\$ -----
TOTAL	\$ 34,134,380	\$ 31,498,831	\$ 30,615,577

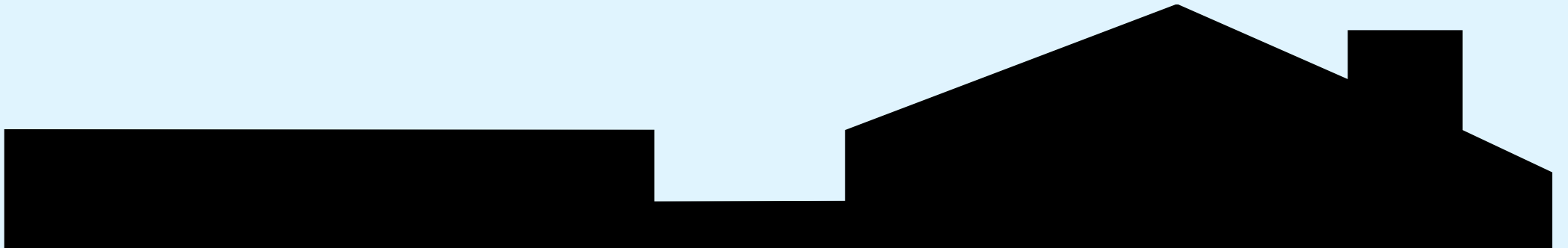
Priority Needs: 2026-2027 Action Plan

- Development of Affordable Housing
- Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing for
Special Needs Populations
- Homelessness Prevention
- Non-Housing Community Development
- Eliminating Lead Based Paint Hazards
- Fair Housing and Housing Choice



**State of Connecticut
Department of Housing**

Email: ct.housing.plans@ct.gov





Rental Terms Summary Form

- Complete Rental Terms Summary Form and include as first page of any new or renewed lease
- Form is required for any written lease entered into on or after April 1, 2026

Standardized Rental Terms Summary Form

Discussions



- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
 - What comments do you have on the CT DOH Plan?
 - Please record and submit to: ct.housing.plans@ct.gov



CoC Competition and Lawsuit Updates

CoC Builds Ruling



- Court found that HUD:
 - Unlawfully changed CoC Builds funding rules last minute
 - Had already reviewed applications and selected projects before changes
 - Had no good reason for adding immigration, drug, homelessness, & sex/gender requirements
 - Was not allowed to deny funding based on local government policies
 - Must follow established legal processes when making policy changes
- Court ruled:
 - To void the September 2025 CoC Builds NOFO and all newly added rules
 - CoC Builds funds remain available until lawful decisions are made by HUD

CoC FY25 NOFO Appeal Ruling

2025 CoC Competition NOFO

- Lawsuits filed to stop FY25 CoC NOFO
- Federal District Court in Rhode Island blocked HUD from implementing FY25 CoC NOFO
- HUD appealed

Appellate Ruling

- 4/1/26, the U.S. Court of Appeals declined HUD's request to undo the district court decision
- HUD cannot move forward with FY25 NOFO while the case continues

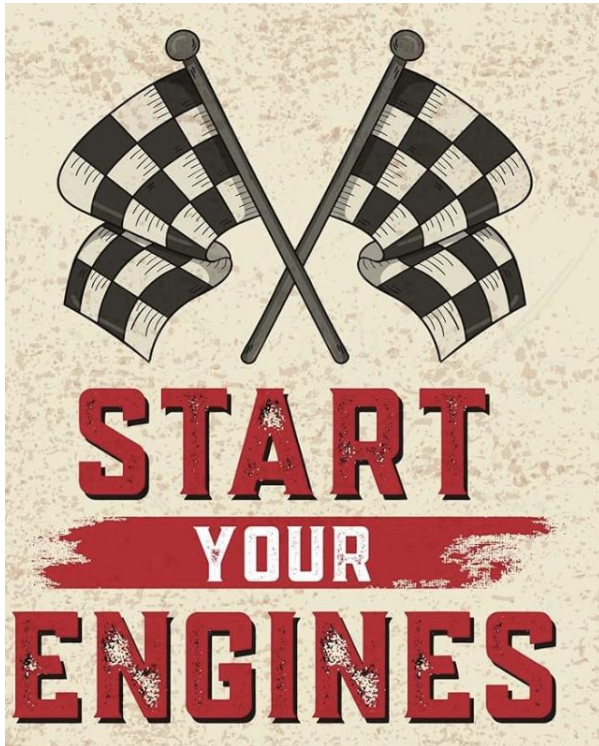


CoC FY25 Awards



- HUD announced \$349,205,436 in FY 2025 CoC Program renewal funding for projects that expired in the calendar year **quarter 1** of 2026
- Reminder: if HUD does not conclude the FY2025 CoC Competition and announce awards:
 - Prior to April 1, 2026, HUD must renew grants that expire in **quarter 2** of Calendar Year 2026 (4/1 – 6/30)
 - HUD representative has indicated they have until 6/30 to get grants out
 - Prior to July 1, 2026, HUD must renew grants that expire in **Quarters 3 and 4** of Calendar Year 2026 (7/1 -12/31)
 - Recent appeals decision increases likelihood all FY25 projects will be renewed non-competitively

CoC FY26 Competition



What we know

- HUD is required to release 2026 NOFO by June 2026
 - Have said will be identical to Dec FY25 NOFO
- CoC Program Registration is open and due 4/23/26 – this is first step of competition

I'm a provider, how can I get ready?

- Ensure you have at least two e-snaps users
- Update Applicant Profile in e-snaps (only for grantees)
- For PH projects slated to convert to TH:
 - COMING SOON – Updated PH to TH conversion guidance

Reminders: Previous Steering Committee Decisions

- Engagement Principles
- Guiding Principles for FY2025 CoC Competition Track Decisions
- Permanent Housing Retention Guiding Principles





CT BOS Governance Votes

VOTE TODAY! ALL STEERING
COMMITTEE REPS CAN VOTE.

Vote - Governance Proposal: YAB Rep on Steering Committee

Motion: The Youth
Action Board (YAB)
designates one person
to the Steering
Committee to represent
them as a voting
member



Vote on Steering Committee Nomination



Vote: To accept the nomination of Michelle Anderson, Director of Early Childhood and Family Programs, McKinney-Vento Liaison, EdAdvance Early Childhood, to the BOS Steering Committee




Data Strategy Board Updates

Data Strategy Board Updates- April 2026

- RFP for HMIS software vendor
 - Received 5 proposals
 - Meeting with vendors in the new few weeks for demc
 - Scoring criteria created
- KPI subcommittee
 - Focusing on inflow/outflow dashboard
 - Scope of work will be sent to BOS co-chairs and CCEH
 - Will be presenting at the ATI (in addition to a short session on HMIS reporting)





Data Strategy Board Updates- April 2026

- HMIS compliance monitoring starting in early May
- Review of HMIS Disaster Recovery Plan is in process
- Vacant DSB slots: 1 homeless service provider, 1 ODFC or CAN backbone org
 - You can apply here:
<https://forms.gle/9EuxMHZ2eo5sNkwA7>



Partner Announcements

Other Business?



Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



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

- May 15, 2026-
Semi-annual (11-1)
- June 12, 2026
- July 17, 2026
- Aug 21, 2026
- Sept 18, 2026
- Oct 16, 2026
- Nov 20, 2026
- Dec 18, 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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