

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Semi-annual Meeting

May 16, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Group Agreements for Meetings
- Adopt April Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- Federal Updates
- Opening Doors Fairfield County Presentation
- Break Out Groups
- System Performance Measures
- 2025 Renewal Evaluation Results
- 2025 Corrective Action Threshold
- Data Strategy Board (DSB) Updates
- Partner Announcements & 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



Approve April Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



[CT BOS Draft April 2025 SC Minutes](#)

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!



Consolidations, Reallocations & YHDP Replacements



Notify [CT BOS](#) if you want to do any of these:

Consolidations

- Must be same component type (e.g. PSH), type of rent (FMR) and grant recipient
- Benefits:
 - Single Grant Renewal, APR, HMIS project
 - More flexibility with budgets

Reallocations – “give back” all or a portion of a project’s funding; decision is permanent

- Consider if you are having consistent trouble spending all grant funds
- Youth Housing Demonstration Project (YHDP)
Replacements = YHDP’s version of reallocation



**Opening
Doors**



**United Way
of Greater Waterbury**

Landlord Learning Series

Learning Objectives:

- How to take advantage of rental subsidies
- Better understand tenants who have experienced homelessness
- Hear from landlords who have experience with at-risk populations

June 13, 10 – 11: Understanding Your Tenant

July 11, 10 – 11: Peer-to-Peer Landlord Learning Session



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[LINK TO REGISTRATION](#)

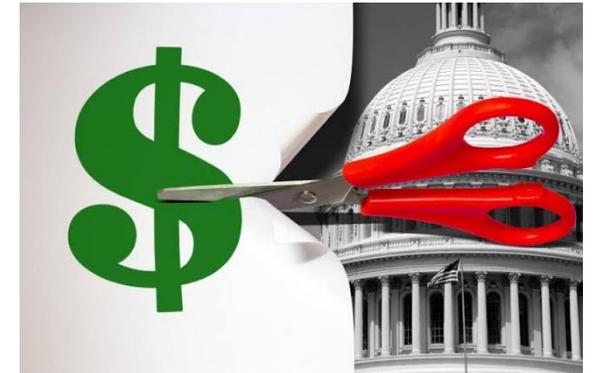


Updates from HUD Field Office

- 2024 CoC Grant Agreements being processed in batches:
 - Batch 1 Completed: Renewal grants that started Jan-April 2025
 - Batch 2 Processing Begun: Later starting renewals, new grants, planning
 - Batch 3 Processing Begun unless being held by HUD: Most expansions
 - Batch 4 Awaiting Resolution: UEI Issues, Project Appeals
- Fiscal Year 2025 allocations for Community Planning and Development (CPD) formula programs.
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Updates

- President's budget proposal for Congressional consideration
- For 10/1/25-9/30/26 - funds the 2026 CoC Competition
- Congress must pass a final budget.
- Signals administration's policy & funding priorities:
 - Reduce funding for HUD Homeless Assistance Grants by \$532M
 - Consolidate CoC and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) into Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)



Federal FY 2026 Budget Updates (2)

- Eliminate Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Coordinated Entry and Planning Grants
- Shift CoC funds from a competitive application to a block grant
 - Formula does not account for renewal demand.
 - Puts renewal projects at risk
- 2-year cap on rental assistance (RA) for all CoC programs and for other RA for able-bodied adults
- Cut \$40B from other key programs (Rental Assistance, Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership, etc.)



Budget Advocacy -

- Take Action to Protect HUD Homelessness Funding

Other Advocacy:

- Protect Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Protect Other Affordable Housing
- Protect Medicaid



Apply to Join

National Low Income Housing Coalition's Collective Cohort

- People with lived experience of housing instability
- Work towards housing justice and racial equity
- Program runs August 2025 to June 2026
- Members receive two stipends of \$575
- Application period: 5/15/25-6/6/25

[Application Guide](#)



CoC Contract Conditions: King County v. Turner

- Filed on 5/2/25 by King County, Pierce County, Snohomish County, City and County of San Francisco, County of Santa Clara, City of Boston, City of Columbus, & City of New York
- On 5/8/25 judge issued a two-week restraining order pending argument for a preliminary injunction – applies only to jurisdictions included in the filing
- Case challenges new CoC contract terms, including those related to:
 - Diversity Equity & Inclusion (DEI)
 - “Gender ideology”
 - Immigration eligibility and enforcement





King County v. Turner (2)

- Claims terms are vague, unauthorized by the FY 24-25 NOFO or Congress, unenforceable and illegal.
- Seeks judicial intervention to:
 - Declare the new grant conditions unlawful, void, and unenforceable
 - Prevent the federal government from imposing or enforcing those conditions

CoC Contract Conditions

National Homelessness Law Center



- Contract terms that are ambiguous may not be enforceable.
- Generally, courts interpret ambiguous terms against the party that drafted the contract.
- Terms apply to the specific activities funded in CoC grants – not all agency activities.
- Shall not use funds to promote “gender ideology”
 - “Promote” is not defined.
 - [EO 14168](#) directs federal agencies to do specific things (e.g., use only male and female on forms).
 - Grantees are not federal agencies.

CoC Contract Conditions

National Homelessness Law Center - 2

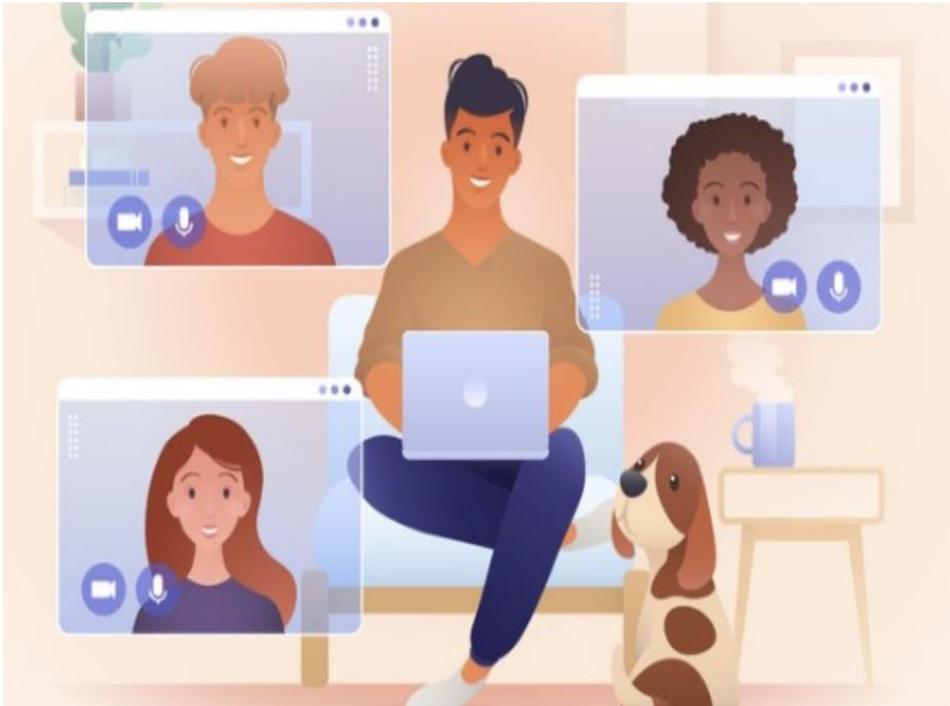
PRWORA (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act)

- This guidance still applies: [HUD PRWORA Fact Sheet.](#)
- Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing using a scattered site leasing approach, Safe Havens, & Rapid Rehousing determined by HUD to be **not subject to the immigration-based restrictions in PRWORA**
- The exemption from verification requirements for nonprofit organizations is still law.



Placeholder for ODFC Presentation

Discussions



- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today: What is an ODFC activity/policy that you think BOS might take on or adopt?

Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation. Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.

SPMs



2025 Renewal Evaluation Performance Results

[Performance Report Summary](#)

[Spending Reports](#)

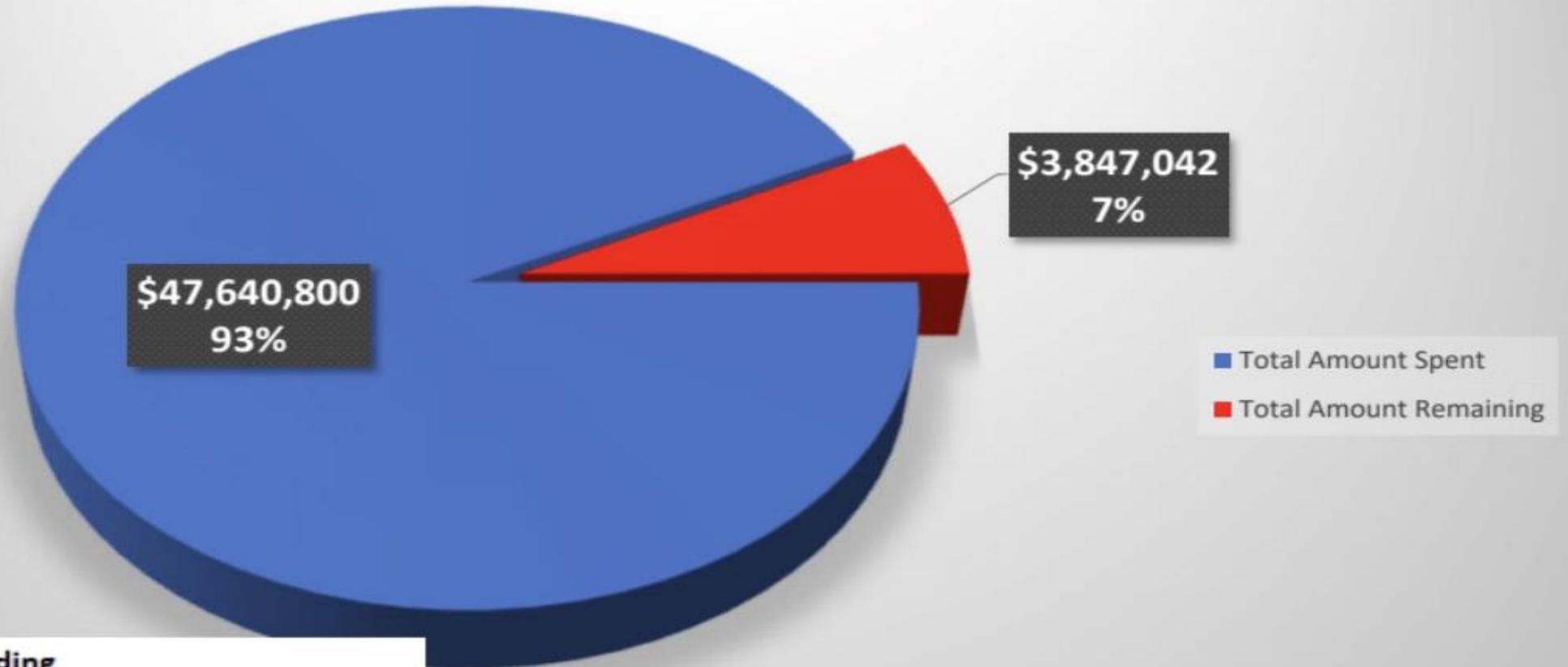
Renewal Evaluation Highlights



- 134 projects were scored
- Average Score was 82
- 35 projects scored 100
- 7 projects scored 45 or below
- Scoring factor with the highest score was Participant Survey response
- Scoring factor with the lowest score was Increased Earned Income
- Participants indicate a high level of satisfaction
 - Survey results to be discussed in an upcoming meeting

2025 Renewal Evaluation Results -- Spending

105 HUD Grants



2024 Underspending

Amount Spent	\$	44,036,057	93%
Amount Remaining	\$	3,251,066	7%

Spending Results by Program Type

- Standard Varies by Project Size
- 76% of projects met the standard
- 100% Spent: Adult TH, HMIS, Planning
- PSH: 96%
- RRH (Adult & Youth) & TH (Youth) 89%
- Joint TH/RRH: 87%
- Youth Navigators: 84%
- Coordinated Entry: 56%





Met or Exceeded Standards Adult Programs -1

- Occupancy (All) – 90%; 90%*
- Occupancy (PSH) – 90%; 93%
- Consumer Survey Response rate – 35%; 60%
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):
Percentage of participants remaining in or
exiting to permanent housing – 95%; 97%

*1st number is standard, 2nd is performance



Met or Exceeded Standards Adult Programs - 2

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH): Percentage of participants housed within 30 days – 50%; 54%
- RRH: Percentage of leavers who exited to permanent housing– 95%; 97%
- Transitional Housing (TH): Participants with non-cash benefits excluding health insurance – 76%; 100%

*1st number is standard, 2nd is performance

Performed Below Standards - Adult Programs

- Occupancy – 90%; TH-69% & RRH-77%
- All adult participants with NON-CASH benefits excluding health insurance – 95%; 85%*

*1st number is standard,
2nd is performance





Performed Below Standards - Adult Programs -2

Not Scored:

- Percentage of participants who increased earned income from entry to exit/follow-up
 - PSH: 25%; 6%*
 - RRH: 25%; 15%
 - TH: 40%; 18%
- PSH: Percentage of participants housed w/in 30 days – 85%; 71%
- RRH: Length of stay for participants is 6 months or less – 40%; 35%

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Vote on Corrective Action Threshold



- Eligible Voters:
 - Community Reps: Tania Banks, Angel Morrison, Danielle Guy, Melissa Dzierlatka, Sandra Cobbs, Theresa Miles, Jayse Frost, Cami Hawkins
 - CT Department of Labor: Robert Bongiolatti or Heriberto Cajigas
 - CT Department of Social Services: Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson or Theresa Rivera
 - CT Department of Education: Louis Tallerita
 - CT Department of Correction: Joy Zavarella
 - CT Department of Children and Families: Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez or William Seals
 - U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen Pasko or Jen Moriarty
 - Partnership for Strong Communities: Danielle Hublely or Carline Charmelus



Data Strategy Board Updates



Partner Announcements

Other Business?



Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings

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

- June 13, 2025 – note new date!
- July 18, 2025
- August 15, 2025
- September 19, 2025
- October 17, 2025
- November 21, 2025
- December 19, 2025



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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