

Southern NJ Continuum of Care

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2026 CoC
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What is the CoC?

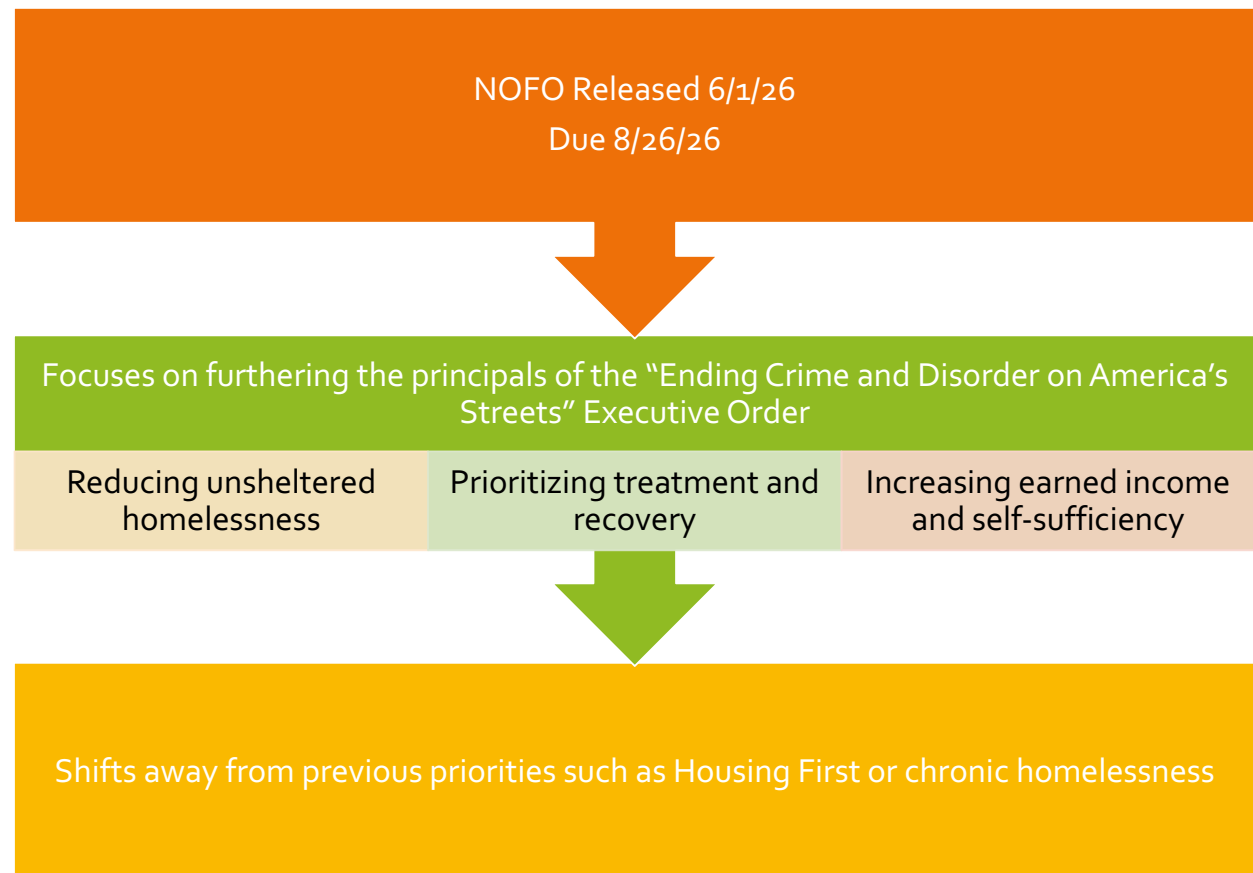
Continuum of Care (CoC) is both:

- A funding source through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in efforts to end homelessness

AND

- The local planning group organized to carry out the requirements of receiving the CoC funding (SNJ CoC)

CoC FY2026 NOFO Overview



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Same Tier 1/Tier 2 process as previous years

- Tier 1 is set at 60% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – SNJ ARD is \$5,603,718
- Tier 1 for SNJ would be approximately \$3,362,231

Implemented new funding priorities

- focused on funding new TH and SSO projects

Adjusted Eligible program types

Change in Scoring to Merit Review

Eligible Applicants

- Eligible Project Applicants Include:
 - Nonprofit organizations
 - State and Local Governments
 - Public Housing Agencies
 - Faith-based organizations
- Ineligible Applicants:
 - Individuals
 - For-profit entities

Three Categories of Funding

Renewal Projects

Projects that currently receive SNJ Continuum of Care funding

Have an operating year that ends in 2027

Eligible Project Types:

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- SSO - Coordinated Entry
- HMIS

New Non-DV Projects

Approximately \$3,000,000 available

Eligible Project Types:

- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only – Standalone
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- HMIS
- Permanent Supportive Housing*
- Rapid Rehousing*

*indicates extremely limited funding, if any

New DV Bonus Projects

Approximately \$1,100,000 available

Project must be dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence

Eligible Project Types:

- Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only – coordinated entry

New/ Renewal Project Threshold Criteria

HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a project applications submitted for the following reasons:

- Evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans
- Evidence that the project operates drug injection site or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use of distribution of illicit drugs on property under their controls, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing is:

- Housing for individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability
- Long term voucher program, not time restricted
- Must provide supportive services designed to meet the need of the program participants
- Typically assists Chronically Homeless Households

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction
- Rental assistance, leasing, and/or operating for housing
- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funding

New Permanent Supportive Housing

Must receive at least 3 of
5 project points

Type and configuration
of program will fit need
of program participants
(1pt)

Supportive services will
ensure participant is
able to obtain and
retain permanent
housing (1pt)

Project will be designed
to serve homeless
individuals or families
with a disability(1pt)

Project is
supplemented with
resources from other
public or private
sources (1pt)

Demonstrate average
cost per household is
reasonable (1pt)

Rapid Re-Housing

Rapid Rehousing Is:

- Housing for an individual or family (with or without a disability)
- Time limited – Maximum 24 months – with the goal of the participant retaining the unit after assistance ends
- Must include monthly case management meetings with program participants
- Allows for full range of supportive services to be provided for up to 6 months after rental assistance ends

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Rental Assistance for Housing
- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funds

New Rapid Rehousing

Must receive at least 4
of 6 project points
Must be dedicated to
DV Survivors and/or
Families

Provision of tenant-based
rental assistance will help
households achieve self-
sufficiency (1pt)

Supportive services provided
will ensure the participant
obtains self-sufficiency
(2pts)

Applicant has previously
operated homelessness
project where outcomes for
employment were improved
compared to the average
(1pt)

Project is supplemented
with resources from other
public or private sources
(1pt)

Demonstrate average cost
per household is reasonable
(1pt)

Transitional Housing

TH is:

- Provides temporary housing with supportive services to households experiencing homelessness for up to 24 months
- Goal is interim stability and support to then successfully move and obtain/maintain permanent housing

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, new construction
- Rental Assistance, leasing and/or operating to assist with the transitional housing costs
- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funds

New Transitional Housing

Must receive at least 6 of 8 project points

Project provides supportive services needed for clients to obtain or maintain housing (2pts)

Applicant has prior experience operating TH or other housing with a 24 month time limit (1pt)

Applicant operates another TH project or has a plan in place to ensure 50% participants exit to PH with employment income (1pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1pt)

Project will provide 20 hours per week of customized services (exception for elderly or those with specific disabilities) (2pts)

Demonstrate average cost per household is reasonable (1pt)

Supportive Services Only – Stand alone

SSO – stand alone is:

- Allows recipients to provide supportive services to households experiencing homelessness with the goal of assisting them to obtain housing
- Examples: housing navigation, drop in center, child care services
- Cannot provide services to households that are also receiving housing assistance

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funds

New Supportive Services Only Standalone

Must receive at least 4 of 5 project points

Project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency (1pt)

Project has strategy for providing services to eligible participants including unsheltered (2pts)

Services provided are cost effective (1pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1pt)

Supportive Services Only – Street outreach

SSO – street outreach is:

- Allows recipients to provide supportive services, primarily street outreach, to households experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funds

New Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach

Must receive at least 5
of 6 project points

Project has a strategy for
providing supportive services to
eligible households including
those unsheltered (2pts)

Demonstrate that the applicant
has a history of partnering with
first responders and law
enforcement and must
cooperate with law enforcement
to enforce local laws (1pt)

Applicant has experience
providing outreach services (1pt)

Project is supplemented with
resources from other public or
private sources (1pt)

Services provided are cost-
effective (1pt)

Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

SSO – coordinated entry is:

- A centralized or coordinated process designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. The system must be easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services and must use an agreed upon standard assessment tool

Eligible Budget Categories:

- Supportive Service Funding
- Administrative Funds

New Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

Must receive at least 3 of
4 project points

Coordinated Entry is
easily available and
reachable for all persons
within the geographic
area (1pt)

There is a strategy for
advertising that is
designed to reach those
with the highest need
(1pt)

There is a standard
assessment process (1pt)

Project will ensure
program participants are
directed to appropriate
housing and services
that fit their needs (1pt)

HMIS

HMIS is:

- The Homeless Management Information System is a local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families
- Funds may be used by HMIS leads to operate and expand the HMIS capabilities in the CoC

Eligible Budget Categories:

- HMIS
- Administrative Funds

HMIS

Must receive at least 3 of
4 project points

HMIS funds will be
expended in a way that
furtheres the CoC's
HMIS implementation
(1pt)

HMIS collects all
Universal Data
Elements as set forth
in the HMIS Data
Standards (1pt)

HMIS has the ability to
un-duplicate client
records (1pt)

HMIS produces all
HUD-required reports
and provides data as
needed for HUD
reporting (1pt)

Renewal Projects - Transition Grants

Budgets must match the GIW

The reduction in Tier 1 to 60% & prioritization of new TH and SSO will impact renewals

- One full year to shift the program from current program component to new, first day of FY27 grant must be fully operational as the new program component
- 50% of the project budget may be used under the original program model, 50% must be used under the new program model
- Apply as a new application and indicate the program is a transition grant
- Can apply for both a new- transition grant and a renewal grant

Common Project Set Up Issues

- Leasing and rental assistance cannot be used in the same project
 - If using leasing funds, the lease needs to be in the agency's name
- Rental assistance and operating funds cannot be used together
- All projects must submit budgets using the full FMR if applying for leasing or rental assistance
- Administrative funds cannot exceed 10% of the budget's subtotal

CoC Funding Requirements

- Projects Must:
 - Accept referrals through the coordinated entry system
 - Serve the full CoC jurisdiction (with the exception of SSO standalone and SSO – street outreach)
 - Enter information into the CoC's HMIS or comparable system and maintain good data quality
 - Provide a 25% match requirement

Match Requirement

- There is a 25% match requirement for all funds with the exception of leasing
 - For example, a \$100,000 grant requires a \$25,000 match
- Matching funds consist of CoC eligible services or activities dedicated to the project that are not paid for out of the grant
- Match is based on the overall grant not each budget category
- Match can be either through services or funding from within your agency or can be a partner agency's services, but an MOU must be in place with that partner agency to count their services as match

Local Selection Process



Resources

- HUD Regulations: <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578>
- FY2026 CoC NOFO: <https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded>



Questions?