

Southern NJ Continuum of Care

FY2026 Continuum of Care Funding Specifications for New and Renewal Projects

Available Funds

The Southern New Jersey Continuum of Care is a collaborative of relevant and interested organizations and stakeholders whose purpose is to coordinate the housing and service programs available to the homeless and at-risk populations within Camden, Cape May, Cumberland and Gloucester Counties. This includes applying for funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care program.

In response to the release of HUD's NOFO, the Southern NJ Continuum of Care is now accepting applications from all agencies seeking new and renewal Continuum of Care funding for the FY2026 cycle. For FY2026, the Southern NJ CoC is eligible to apply for approximately **\$7,500,000** for new and renewal projects that work towards the goal of ending homelessness (final amount will be verified upon release of HUD's ARD report). Specifications for eligible project submissions are outlined below. Please make sure that you review all information below before submitting an application.

There have been substantial changes to the CoC Funding NOFO for FY2026. For this reason, all agencies are strongly encouraged to review the NOFO for additional guidance linked below:

<https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded>

Application Process

- Any agency seeking to apply for either new or renewal funding **MUST** complete the appropriate application **in SMapply by 4pm on Wednesday, July 8th, 2026**. The SMapply application may be accessed through the following link:
https://njcocomha.smapply.io/prog/snj_continuum_of_care_funding
- If an agency intends to apply for multiple projects, separate applications must be submitted for each.
- Any nonprofit organization, state or local government and instrumentalities of local government may apply for new CoC funding, even if they haven't received funding in the past.
- All agencies that receive funding approval from this local process must then submit an application in E-snaps to be included in the final submission to HUD.
- **Please remember, receiving funding approval through the local process does not guarantee an agency will receive funding, all final funding comes directly from the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development based on the CoC's full submission.**

Technical Assistance Session

To help with any questions or technical issues, there will be a technical assistance session held on Monday, June 15th at 10am via zoom. Please use this link to register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AjOoMLB9QZCL8avnrk50tA>

Eligible Project Applications:

There are three categories of funding that are available through this competition.

Renewal Project Funding:

The only projects that may apply as a renewal are projects that currently receive SNJ Continuum of Care funding and have an operating year that ends in 2027.

Renewal project applications cannot request more than was awarded in their most recent contract, and changes to a program's budget line items cannot be done through the competition, unless it is a decrease in the overall budget. If any renewal program has identified unspent funds they are willing to reallocate voluntarily, please submit your budget with the lower amount requested.

Expansion and Transition Grants

Agencies may submit for a program expansion or transition grant, but that must be done as a new project submission. Agencies may submit a project renewal application and a transition grant application for the same grant through this application process. The review committee will then decide which application will be recommended to HUD for funding. If the agency only submits a transition grant application, but not a renewal application, only the transition grant will be considered for funding.

New Non-Domestic Violence Project Funding:

For FY2026, the CoC is estimating approximately \$3,000,000 in funding for new non-domestic violence projects. Eligible projects that will be accepted for SNJ CoC include:

- Transitional Housing Project
- Supportive Services Only – Standalone
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- Dedicated HMIS Project for costs that are carried out by the HMIS Lead. *Note only the current HMIS lead may apply for these funds.
- Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing – see note Tier 1 Reduction and Prioritization on New Applications below

New Domestic Violence Bonus Project Funding:

In FY2026, the CoC anticipates approximately \$1,100,000 through this DV Bonus Project category.

All projects funded through this category must be dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence as defined by HUD in 24 CFR 578.3 which includes any individual or family who:

- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or family member, including a child, that has either taken place

within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence;

- Has no other residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g. family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing

Eligible project types that will be accepted for SNJ CoC through the DV Bonus Project funding include:

- Rapid rehousing projects
- Transitional Housing
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

As a note, if your agency is interested in applying for this funding, there will be a requirement to include specific data detailing the need for the project, which will be included in the CoC's application to HUD. In addition, all projects funded through the DV Bonus must ensure the program will utilize trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches for services.

Resources

If your agency is interested in applying for any of the funding outlined above, please be sure you understand both the project type, and eligible population for the project as is required under this funding source. Also, please ensure the application that is submitted does not exceed the allowable amount the CoC can apply for. Agencies can find more information about the project types, eligible budget line items and eligible populations through the CoC regulations and by reviewing the FY2026 NOFO and HUD CoC regulations.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-24/subtitle-B/chapter-V/subchapter-C/part-578>

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Tier Reduction and Prioritization on New Applications

In the FY2026 NOFO, HUD has established a 60% threshold for Tier 1, a 30% reduction from previous years. This, in addition to HUD's priority on funding NEW applications, specifically new transitional housing and supportive services only projects means there will likely be cuts to existing housing programs in the CoC. For this reason, funding for any new permanent housing projects will be extremely limited, if funded. Renewal projects can also expect funding to be more competitive than in prior years. Renewal projects are eligible to submit new transition grant applications as outlined above.

Questions

Any agency with technical assistance questions should reach out, in writing, to Katelyn Ravensbergen at kravensbergen@monarchhousing.org