

TO: KANE IL 517 HOMELESS CONTINUUM MEMBERS and STAKEHOLDERS

FROM: KANE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, Collaborative Applicant

RE: 2025 Continuum of Care NOFO Notification of Local Competition

DATE: November 19, 2025

HUD published the FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Funding Notice for Homeless Assistance Grants on November 13, 2025. Approximately \$3.918 billion is available. Of this, \$52 million is available for Domestic Violence bonus projects. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition (NOFO) has been posted on <u>Grants.gov</u> and is available on the <u>Funding Opportunities</u> page on HUD's website. Additional resources are available on the <u>Continuum of Care Program Competition</u> page of HUD's website. The CoC Consolidated Application, CoC Priority Listing, and Project Applications will be available in <u>e-snaps</u>. Collaborative Applicants and project applicants will access the applications to review, update, and enter required information for the application process. Additional guidance is posted on the <u>CoC Program Competition</u> page of HUD's website. The HUD deadline date is January 14, 2026.

KANE COUNTY COC DEADLINES

November 20, 2025 – Kane CoC opens its local competition and posts deadline dates. Project renewal and new project templates will be sent once the applications have been posted by HUD. December 4, 2025 – New and Renewal projects will submit a CoC project template for evaluation. December 11, 2025 – Kane CoC Board committee ranks all new and renewal projects. December 13, 2025 – The Kane CoC Local Competition is complete. Each project application must be submitted in *e-snaps* for final CoC review.

December 30, 2025 – Each project applicant is notified in writing if their project is accepted, rejected, reallocated or reduced on the CoC Project Priority Listing.

Esnaps submission of projects may be no later than 30 days before the HUD deadline of 1/14/26. The Kane CoC will notify all project applicants no later than 15 days before the application deadline of January 14, 2026 whether their project application will be accepted and ranked, rejected or reduced as part of the CoC Consolidated application and of their number ranking. Project application deadlines and materials will be posted on kanehealth.com/Pages/HousingCoC.aspx.

Project submission instructions for esnaps will be reviewed at a virtual APPLICATION WORKSHOP scheduled for December 1, 2025 from 1:30 pm. – 3:00 pm. This is a Zoom meeting. Advance registration is required. The registration link is below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/SipBlmXCSbCPs fP1dgKcg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

FUNDING AMOUNTS

ANNUAL RENEWAL DEMAND (ARD) –The total amount for all projects eligible for renewal in the 2025 competition based on the HUD approved Grants Inventory Worksheet. The Kane CoC Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) amount approved was \$3,079,941.

NEW PROJECTS

New projects may be created through CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC reallocation and DV reallocation. Reallocation and bonus funds may be combined to funds new projects. This includes reallocation of grants that have not yet been renewed. There is an amount allocated to each CoC for bonus projects that is equal to 20% of the Final Pro Rata Need. This amount is \$615,988. Multiple projects are allowed. All New project applications are included in the project tiering except Planning. New Projects include expansion of existing renewal projects. Renewal of Joint TH-RRH projects is allowed but no new projects.

6 types of new projects are allowed:

- SSO Supportive Services Dedicated
- Transitional Housing
- PH-PSH -Permanent supportive housing.
- PH –RRH Rapid Rehousing projects.
- Dedicated HMIS (only by the current HMIS Lead).
- SSO-CE -Coordinated Entry to develop or operate a coordinated entry system.

NEW PROJECTS CREATED THROUGH DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS FUNDS

There is an additional amount allocated to each CoC for projects dedicated to victims of domestic violence. This amount is estimated to be 10% of Preliminary Pro Rata Need or \$141,960. Projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The eligible population is survivors of domestic violence who are defined as homeless at 24CFR 578.3 (4). All DV projects must be for a grant term of 1 year. These projects will be selected by HUD within the CoC tiering selection process. There is no separate scoring of DV bonus projects this year. CoCs may reallocate DV renewals to new DV projects. CoCs may create any of the following project types if the amount is at least \$50,000:

- Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH);
- Transitional Housing (TH)
- Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry * (SSO-CE) that targets victims of domestic violence. * Only one Coordinated Entry application is allowed

NOTE: Expansion of any existing RRH renewal that is non-DV can use DV bonus funds if the expansion exclusively serves persons experiencing domestic violence. DV reallocation funds used for expansion require the entire project to be exclusively DV.

<u>COC PLANNING COSTS</u> – Eligible costs are related to the collaborative process for an application to HUD, evaluating the outcomes of projects, and participating in the jurisdiction's consolidated planning process. The total amount available for this year is \$153,997 (5% of ARA).

PROJECT TIERING – The CoC will submit a Priority Listing that lists the new and renewal projects that are being applied for. All projects that are approved for inclusion will be prioritized in a two tier approach. The tiers are financial thresholds. Tier 1 is 30% of the Annual Renewal Amount for current projects. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the sum of Annual Renewal Demand, Bonus funds and DV Bonus funds. The CoC Planning project is excluded from tiering.

Tier 2 project-level scoring has 3 criteria – CoC Application score, ranked position of the project application in Tier 2, and the project application's commitment to Service Participation Requirements. Up to 50 pts CoC Score + 40 pts Rank number in Tier 2 + 10pts. Service Participation Requirements documentation. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2 HUD will select Tier One projects in order of CoC total score provided the projects pass threshold review. HUD will select Tier Two projects in order of individual project scores. This will include CoC Bonus and DV

bonus new projects. The purpose of this two-tiered approach is for CoCs to notify HUD which projects are prioritized for funding based on local needs and gaps.

CHANGES/HIGHLIGHTS IN 2025!

- The amount available for CoC new projects is \$861,175 that includes \$245,187 from Leasing added to the CoC bonus amount of \$615,988.
- The amount available for DV Bonus is \$141,960. DV Bonus funds are 5% of the Preliminary Pro Rata Need.
- Tier One decreases from 90% to 30% of Annual Renewal Amount. Tier One is the protected funding. The Tier One amount is \$923,982.
- There is a cap of 30% of the Annual Renewal Amount for Permanent Housing projects. Permanent Housing includes PSH, RRH and Joint TH-RRH. This amount for PH in Kane CoC cannot exceed \$923,982. (same amount as the Tier One amount).
- Transitional Housing is allowed as a new project type. Joint TH-RRH is not allowed as a new project type.
- Bonus projects funds are 20% of the CoC Annual Renewal Amount.
- CoC renewal projects may apply as a Transition grant to change to a different project component, i.e. PSH to TH, Joint TH-RRH to TH, etc. The applicant must remain the same.
- All projects compete in the ranking including DV bonus, renewals and new projects. No special scoring for DV bonus.
- The CoC applications score changes from 200 points to 130 points.
- Tier Two scoring formula replaces 10 points for Housing First to 10 points for Service Participation requirements (with documentation). Mandatory services are an advantage.
- The CoC application has new scored sections including substance use treatment and services, public safety, law enforcement coordination,
- Cost of Living Adjustments. HUD will adjust amounts for the supportive services and HMIS Costs budget lines for renewing projects based on the most recent three-year average of changes in State Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEQ) for the category Social Assistance. Also increases for rent assistance, leasing and operating costs.
- CoCs are required to have leveraging agreements with housing providers and health care organizations for at least one new project. (same as last year).

Questions regarding the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition process must be submitted to <u>CoCNOFO@hud.gov</u>. Questions related to *e-snaps* functionality (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to <u>e-snaps@hud.gov</u>.