

Monmouth County Homeless System Collaborative

FY2026 Continuum of Care Funding Specifications

The Monmouth County HSC Executive Committee is now accepting Notices of Intent forms from all agencies interested in applying for FY2026 Continuum of Care funding administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Agencies interested in HUD CoC funding must submit a Notice of Intent form for each project which will be reviewed by a local selection committee appointed by the Monmouth HSC Executive Committee.

The HSC Executive Committee strongly encourages all agencies interested in serving those who have experienced homelessness, including agencies that have not previously received HUD CoC funding, to consider submission of a Notice of Intent. All Notices of Intent will be evaluated according to the scoring criteria attached.

The HSC Executive Committee strongly suggests all agencies interested in applying read the FY2026 CoC Funding NOFO due to significant changes in the CoC funding:

https://files.simpler.grants.gov/opportunities/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded/attachments/0ead4b33-e9a1-4934-92b3-65ed41847905/Foa_Content_of_CPD-2600-DC-0025.pdf

To help with any questions or technical issues, **there will be a technical assistance session held on Monday, June 15th at 2pm via Zoom.** Please use this link to register for the zoom:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/xHviw_1NT8yYAu_tIsiVjA

Application Process

- Any agency seeking to apply for new Continuum of Care funding **MUST** complete an application in SMAApply by 5pm on Wednesday July 8th, 2026. The SMAApply application may be accessed through the following link:
https://njcocmha.smapply.io/prog/monmouth_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 esnaps 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.**

Eligible Project Applications:

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

New Project Funding:

For FY2026, the CoC is estimating approximately \$2.5 million dollars in funding for new projects. Eligible projects that will be accepted for Monmouth County include:

- Transitional Housing Projects
- Supportive Services Only – Standalone
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach

New Domestic Violence Bonus Project Funding:

In FY2026, the CoC anticipates up approximately \$900,000 through this Domestic Violence 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 Monmouth County HSC through the DV Bonus Project funding include:

- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

As a note, if your agency is interested in applying for domestic violence bonus 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. 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.

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

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The following materials are available at the Monmouth HSC website for review:

- Project Scoring Tools
- Budget Worksheet

Monmouthhsc.org

Renewal Project Funding:

For FY2026, the CoC is estimating approximately \$2,900,000 dollars in funding for renewal projects. Eligible projects that will be accepted for ACC CoC include:

- Rapid Rehousing
- Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- HMIS

Transition Grants and Expansion Grants

- If an agency with an existing Monmouth HSC CoC project is interested in submitting for a program expansion, or a transition grant, those must be submitted as a new project application.
- Please note that due to the reduction in Tier 1 from previous cycles, renewal funding will be more competitive than ever, the HSC strongly recommends evaluating your agency capacity to shift to a new a project type if the renewal project is unable to be funded in its current project component.
- Agencies may submit both a renewal project application and a transition grant application. The transition grant application will only be considered for funding if the renewal project application is not approved for funding. If the agency only submits a transition grant application, but not a renewal grant application, only the transition grant application will be considered for funding.

Deadlines

Completed NOIs must be submitted via SM Apply by **July 8th, 2026 at 5pm.**

Questions

Any agency with technical assistance questions should reach out, in writing to Kasey Vienckowski, kvienckowski@monarchhousing.org and Emma Hess, emma.hess@co.monmouth.nj.us.