

2025

Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care

**Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
Development (HUD)
Fiscal Year 2025
Continuum of Care (CoC) Program**

RENEWAL & NEW PROJECTS

The NOIA including all required documentation must be received by
December 15, 2025 by 4:30 p.m.

On behalf of the Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care (CoC) and as the designated Collaborative Applicant, the City of Trenton is publishing the Notice of Intent to Apply (NOIA) for new and renewal applications for the local review and decision-making process,. The City reserves the right to publish additional information subject to the NOFO publication.

A single, consolidated CoC Program application will be submitted by the City of all selected projects in Trenton/Mercer County. Funding will be derived from HUD Fiscal Year (FY)25 allocation and is subject to funding availability under the NOFO. The City reserves the right to request that applicant organizations submit adjusted projects budgets based on the amount of available funding indicated by HUD. HUD will review the Consolidate Application and make the final award determination.

BACKGROUND

On November 14, 2025, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released the Fiscal Year 2025, Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The purpose of CoC Program is to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding to states, local governments and nonprofit providers to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access and effective utilization of mainstream programs and program funded with State or local resources; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

HUD has established six goals that are consistent with national policy objectives which must be incorporated into the awarding of funds (2CFR 200.211(c)(1)(ii)).

1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets
2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery
3. Advancing Public Safety
4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency
5. Improving Outcomes
6. Minimizing Trauma

According to the HUD NOFO, Tier 1 is set at 30 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). No more than 30 percent of the a CoC's ARD under the HUD NOFO will fund Permanent Housing projects.

Additional NOFO in information can be found here:



FR-6900-N-25_FY25-C
oC-NOFO-TC2.pdf

LOCAL PROCESS

The Trenton/Mercer CoC will be accepting applications for:

- Renewal Projects
 - Permanent Supportive Housing Only
 - Coordinated Entry
 - HMIS

- New Projects for:
 - Transitional Housing
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) -Standalone
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) -Outreach
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) -Treatment and Recovery
 - Domestic Violence Bonus
 - CoC Bonus
 - Transition Projects (TH or SSO) for renewal projects only

APPLICANTS MUST USE THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION FOR THE PROJECT THAT THEY ARE APPLYING FOR AND CAREFULLY READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FOR EACH PROJECT TYPE.

DEADLINE

Applications must be submitted through Survey Monkey by **Monday, December 15, 2025 by 4:30 p.m.** **See attached link.** (Late applications will not be accepted).

ELIGIBILITY

Non-profit agencies are eligible to apply. Any agency with a 501 (c)(3) designation must provide proof on this status as well as include a copy of the agency's Certificate of Incorporation and list of the Board of Directors. This Notice is open to new proposals for reallocation and bonus funding and to new agencies not receiving CoC Program funding including victim service providers.

Notice of Intent to Apply for **Renewal** Projects

HUD Fiscal Year 2025 CoC Program

INTRODUCTION

As the Collaborative Applicant for the Trenton/Mercer Continuum of Care, the City of Trenton is requiring agencies interested in renewing projects for funding in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Consolidated Application to submit a renewal application for each project.

Due to the significant policy and funding shift outline in the HUD NOFO, on November 24, 2025, the CoC Executive Committee prioritized Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) only for Tier 1 funding. The amount available for Tier 1-Permanent Housing is capped at \$1,782,445.00.

Renewal applicants are required to complete this application by answering all questions and providing the required documentation. The Evaluation Committee, selected from the CoC Executive Membership will review the applications and the Ranking and Review. Projects will be scored and ranked through the local CoC process.

The CoC reserves the right not to renew grants that have not complied with the local CoC policies and data requirements, exhibited project capacity issues, low performance and fiscal issues in prior grants and any project that will not meet the HUD's project renewal thresholds.

Reallocation-the CoC may reallocated funding from any eligible renewal grant. Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible CoC renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. CoCs can create a Transition Grant through the reallocation process.

THE NOIA IS REQUIRED FOR ALL RENEWAL PROJECTS AND A SEPARATE APPLICATION IS NEEDED FOR EACH PROJECT. The submission of an application is the first step in a competitive, yet collaborative, application process.

PROJECT RATING PROCESS

Upon receipt of your agency's application, a Performance Outcome's Report Card will be generated from HMIS data by the Systems Monitor for review and evaluation by the CoC Evaluation Team. Attached is a copy of the Performance Measures. For questions regarding HMIS data, please contact Joanne Locke, System Monitor at jlocke@merceralliance.org.

The project applicant must adhere to the following federal requirements:

- The project applicant will not engage in racial references or other forms of illegal discrimination
- The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, per the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

Notice of Intent to Apply for **NEW** Projects

Including Reallocation, DV & CoC Housing Bonus

HUD Fiscal 2025 CoC Program

On behalf of the Trenton/Mercer CoC, the City of Trenton is seeking applications for:

Transitional housing means housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Treatment and Recovery are to provide treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavior health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services and participation requirements.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach consistent with 24 CFR 578.37 and 578.53 and outreach service activity described in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation.

Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry use of the centralized or coordinated assessment system established by the CoC

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is used to collect all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standard. The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG and other reports required by other federal partners)

Supportive Services Only Standalone

Eligible Costs Summary

Supportive Services

- Case management
- Childcare
- Education services
- Employment assistance and job training
- Food
- Housing search and counseling services including mediation, credit repair, and payment of rental application fee
- Legal services
- Life skills training

- Mental health services
- Moving costs
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment services
- Transportation
- Utility deposits

Case Management: The costs of assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to meet the needs of the program participant(s) are eligible costs. Component services and activities consist of:

- (i) Counseling;
- (ii) Developing, securing, and coordinating services;
- (iii) Using the centralized or coordinated assessment system as required under §578.23(c)(9).
- (iv) Obtaining federal, state, and local benefits;
- (v) Monitoring and evaluating program participant progress;
- (vi) Providing information and referrals to other providers;
- (vii) Providing ongoing risk assessment and safety planning with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
- (viii) Developing and individualized housing and services plan, including planning a path to permanent housing stability.

Housing Search and Counseling Services: Costs of assisting eligible program participants to locate, obtain, and retain suitable housing are eligible.

Outreach Services: The costs of activities to engage persons for the purpose of providing immediate support and intervention, as well as identifying potential program participants are eligible.

(i) Eligible costs include the outreach worker's transportation costs and a cell phone to be used by the individual performing the outreach.

(ii) Component activities and services consist of initial assessment; crisis counseling; addressing urgent physical needs, such as providing meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries; actively connecting and providing people with information and referrals to homeless and mainstream programs; and publicizing the availability of the housing and/or services provided within the geographic area covered by the Continuum of Care.

OTHER ELIGIBLE COSTS for PH

Project Administration-These costs include expenses related to the overall administer of the grant (24 CFR Part 578.59), such as management, coordination, monitoring, and evaluation activities and environmental review. Projects are allowed to request up to 10% of their requested supportive services budget amount for administrative expenses (Admin). Eligible costs are described in § 578.59 of the Interim Rule. The City reserves the right to award a lessor or greater amount of admin funding than requested.

DEADLINE

Monday, December 15, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

GRANT TERM AND GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The City of Trenton is the collaborative applicant and direct recipient of CoC Program grants and will sub-contract in whole or part as deemed necessary. Sub-recipients must participate in the Coordinated Entry (CE) process, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), submit data for required Annual Performance Reports (APR) and be in compliance with all other relevant sections of the Interim Rule, as well as any policies and procedures or guidance set by HUD, and the Trenton/Mercer CoC.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Applicants must submit a proposed budget and budget narrative. Applications should include all costs associated with operating a project for the intended target population. (See attached)

Annual Assessment of Service Needs of Program Participants: The costs of the assessment required by § 578.53(a)(2) are eligible costs.

MATCH

Cash or In-kind Match in the amount of 30% is required for all projects except leasing. Sub-recipients will be required to spend match funds in accordance with § 578.73 of the Interim Rule.

APPLICATION EVALUATION

See Attached Scoring and Performance Key