



Competition Terms and Definitions

Used in the 2026 BCCCC Competition Notice of Opportunity (NOO) for CoC Funding

- **Administrative costs:** Costs related to the execution of funded activities exclusive of staff, overhead, and operating costs as defined at [24 CFR 578.59](#).
- **Case Management:** Case management is a collaborative process that assesses, plans, implements, coordinates, monitors, and evaluates the options and services required to meet the client's needs.
- **Chronically Homeless:** (1) A “homeless individual with a disability,” who lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and has been homeless continuously for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions must total at least 12 months, and where occasions are separated by a break of at least seven nights. (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.
- **Continuum of Care (CoC):** A regional or local planning body composed of representatives of organizations, including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate.
- **Coordinated Entry:** Coordinated Entry (CE) helps communities assess the needs of program participants and effectively match individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the most appropriate resources available to address their supportive service and housing needs. It is a process developed by the CoC to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have access to CoC resources and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred to, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.
- **Domestic Violence Victim, Victim of Domestic Violence, Survivor:** For purposes of the CoC Program, section 605 of the [Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) (VAWA 2022) amended [section 103\(b\) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) to require HUD to consider as homeless:

Any individual or family who...

- (1) is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or

a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;

(2) has no other safe residence; and

(3) lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

- **Homeless** (for the purposes of this 2026 local Notice of Opportunity [NOO] for CoC Funding):
 - Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; or a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution. OR
 - Any individual or family who is 1) fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence; 2) has no other residence; and 3) lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing. Individuals who are “doubled-up” or couch surfing, as well as individuals who may be housed but struggling to cover housing costs, are not considered homeless for the purpose of these funds.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):** The local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Comparable Database:** Victim Service Providers (VSPs), as defined below, are prohibited from entering participant-level data into the CoC’s designated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Funded Victim Service Providers, instead, must procure an HMIS Comparable Database, which meets all of the HMIS requirements set forth by HUD, in which to collect and enter participant-level information into and provide aggregate data to the Continuum of Care (CoC). This is an eligible cost under [24 CFR 578.57](#).
- **Household:** A household is comprised of one or more people who choose to reside together. They may live in the same housing unit as another household and still be considered a single household if the members choose to reside together in all living situations.
- **Housing Search:** a set of services that include helping homeless persons identify their housing needs and desires and then supporting them as they work to fulfill them. It may include help finding apartments, assistance in accessing housing subsidies, advocating with landlords, coaching clients in tenancy interviewing skills, or aiding in returning to living situations with family or friends. Often done in parallel with case management, but for the purpose of the 2026 NOO, it is being considered separate from case management.
- **Individual:** for the purposes of this NOFA, “Individual” shall mean any single person or a household in which all members are at least 18 years old.
- **Leasing:** Leasing of property, or portions of property, not owned by the recipient or project sponsor involved, for use in providing transitional or permanent housing or providing supportive services. The recipient/subrecipient cannot own the property. Leasing costs are eligible under

the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Transitional Housing (TH), and Supportive Services Only (SSO) components.

- **Notice of Opportunity (NOO) for CoC Funding:** Notice issued specific to the BCCC prior to the HUD NOFO Competition soliciting proposals for new projects and/or expansions to renewal projects in 2026.
- **Operating costs:** Costs of day-to-day operation of housing in a single structure or individual housing units as defined at [24 CFR 578.55](#).
- **Permanent Housing (PH):** Community-based housing without a designated length of stay; and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Permanent housing in which housing assistance (e.g., long-term leasing or rental assistance) and supportive services are provided to assist tenants in achieving housing stability. For the purposes of the 2026 NOO, PSH refers to housing with supportive services for individuals who were formerly homeless.
- **Principal Lease (formerly Master Lease) :** A recipient or subrecipient leases housing units from property owner(s) and in turn subleases the units to the program participant. In some cases, the principal lease will be for individual units and in some cases the principal lease will cover multiple properties or units from a single landlord or property manager. All properties within the principal lease have a single rent payment, lease terms, and renewal schedule.
- **Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA):** As defined in [24 CFR 578.51\(e\)](#), the recipient or subrecipient contracts for a particular unit or property and the participant then enters a lease with the landlord. If the participant moves, the PBRA stays with the unit for the next eligible client. This mechanism can also be used for “Principal Leasing” (formerly Master Leasing).
- **Rapid Rehousing:** Rapid rehousing (RRH) is an intervention connecting families and/or individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. RRH is a rental assistance program.
- **Rental Agreement:** Lease or rental agreement between the tenant and the landlord or between the tenant and the project sponsor. Rental agreements for tenants in this procurement must afford full tenancy rights.
- **Respondent:** Agency submitting a proposal to the 2026 NOO.
- **Rental Assistance:** Provision of funds to pay part of the rent for a unit in which a homeless person will reside. It can provide transitional or permanent housing to eligible persons and is sponsor-based, tenant-based and project-based assistance.
- **Supportive Services:** Services that address the special needs of program participants as defined in [24 CFR 578.53](#).
- **Supportive Services Only project:** Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects allow recipients to provide supportive services—such as conducting outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services—to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. The recipient may only assist program participants for whom the recipient or subrecipient of the funds is not providing housing or housing assistance.

- **Tenant:** Formerly homeless unaccompanied individual or family households who are now participants in projects funded under this NOFA. The tenant shall have full tenancy rights and shall have either a lease directly with the landlord, or a tenancy agreement with the sponsor that affords them full tenancy rights.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA):** Housing program type defined in [24 CFR 578.51\(c\)](#) where the tenant is able to choose their own unit and has a lease directly with the owner / property manager of the unit. In TBRA, the program participants locate housing in the private rental market and enter into a lease with the property owner. Recipients/subrecipients may require participants to live in a specific structure for the first year, or a specific geographic area for the remainder of their participation to facilitate services.
- **Transitional Housing:** Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects can cover housing costs and accompanying supportive services for program participants for up to 24 months.
 - Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:
 - An initial term of at least one month
 - Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
 - A maximum term of 24 months
- **Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing Project:** A project that includes both the transitional housing and rapid rehousing components (TH-RRH) to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. A project participant is not required to use both components, but both components must be available for all project participants.
- **Victim Service Provider (VSP):** A private nonprofit, nongovernmental or tribal organization or rape crisis center, including a State or tribal coalition, whose primary mission is to provide direct services to victims of domestic violence. This term includes permanent housing providers, including rapid re-housing, domestic violence programs (shelter and non-residential), domestic violence transitional housing programs, dual domestic violence and sexual assault programs, and related advocacy and support services programs.