



FY 2026 CENTRAL MS COC PROGRAM COMPETITION

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR NEW AND RENEWAL COC PROJECTS

DESCRIPTION

The CoC Program (24 CFR Part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, family, youth and persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to an effective utilization of mainstream programs by the homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

AUTHORITY

The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of the title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381-11389) (the Act).

SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition with approximately \$4.04 billion in funding available. Information and additional details about the HUD CoC NOFO is available at:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY2026-CoC-Program-NOFO.pdf>

Before the application is submitted to HUD, the Central MS CoC is required to hold a local competition to determine which projects will be included in the consolidated application, along with their relative priority. All applicants interested in applying for CoC Funding must participate in the local competition described herein.

*These guidelines have been developed in alignment with all applicable requirements outlined in HUD's FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program NOFO.

TIMELINE

June 1 - HUD released the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO

July 2 - Central MS CoC Application Announced

July 9-10 - Technical Assistance Period Offered to Applicants

July 24 - Applications Due (no later than 12:00 p.m. CST)

August 4 - Priority Listing Published

August 5 - Appeals Due

August 26 - Deadline for FY 2026 CoC Program Competition Consolidated

Application submission to HUD

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Applicants requiring any technical assistance with the application should send an email request to: tcollins@centralmscoc.org. Please do not wait until the last minute to request assistance.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One (1) original and three (3) hard copies of the application must be received in full no later than 12:00 p.m. Central Time on July 24, 2026. Complete applications will include the eSnaps project applications and have additional required documents attached. See “Documents Needed for CoC Applications” below for additional document requirements. Applications must be mailed or hand delivered to the Collaborative Applicant at the following address:

Timothy Collins

Mississippi Housing Partnership

1217 N West Street

Jackson, MS 39202

Eligible Applicants: Local Governments, Public Housing Authorities or Non-Profit organizations having 501(c)(3) status with the IRS for a minimum of two (2) years. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be sub-recipients of grant funds.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR COC APPLICATIONS

RENEWAL PROJECTS

Documents to be submitted include:

- ☐ SAMS Evidence of current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) including identification of the Authorized Entity Representative <http://www.sam.gov>.
- ☐ e-SNAPS Project Application – A copy of the e-Snaps application exported into a PDF file (Do NOT hit submit in e-SNAPS).
- ☐ AUDIT – A copy of the most recently completed agency Independent Financial Audit.
- ☐ HMIS Commitment – Signed commitment for each project's participation in the
- ☐ Homeless Management of Information System (HMIS) in accordance with HUD guidelines.
- ☐ CES – Signed commitment for each project's participation in the Coordinated Entry System (CES) in accordance with local guidelines.
- ☐ HOUSING FIRST – Copies of your program admissions and rules forms that reflect a Housing First Approach. These should be the documents your project provides to clients that explain expectations and rights.
- ☐ MATCH – Documentation of a minimum of 25% Match (cash or in-kind).
- ☐ HUD Form 2880 – Public and other resources form, found in E-Snaps Applicant Profile.
- ☐ HUD Form LLL – Lobbying Status Declaration, found in the E-Snaps Applicant Profile.
- ☐ Evidence of a project Environmental Review conducted within the past five (5) years.
- ☐ Copies of written agreements (a MOU, letter of commitment, or contract) with publically-funded employment or training organization if applicable.
- ☐ e-LOCCS – Copies of the last 3 drawdowns from e-LOCCS for each project that was in serve during the period from October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025.
- ☐ MONITORING – A copy of monitoring results from HUD and other funding sources for the project seeking funds or statement that monitoring has not occurred.

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NEW PROJECTS

Documents to be submitted include:

- ☐ SAMS Evidence of current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM) including identification of the Authorized Entity Representative <http://www.sam.gov>. The SAMSs registration should be valid through January 2027.
- ☐ e-SNAPS Project Application – A copy of the e-Snaps application exported into a PDF file (Do NOT hit submit in e-SNAPS) OR Completed fillable application.
- ☐ AUDIT – A copy of the most recently completed agency Independent Financial Audit.
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- ☐ MONITORING – A copy of monitoring results from HUD and other funding sources for the project seeking funds or statement that monitoring has not occurred.
- ☐ ELIGIBILITY – Evidence of agency eligibility 501(c)(3) determination, or evidence as a unit of government.

