



**PA-511 Bristol/Bensalem, Bucks County
Fiscal Year 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition
Highlights, Process and Schedule**

FY2026 HUD NOFO: Eligible Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Project Applications include: CoC Planning Costs, Renewal Projects Eligible for 2026 Funds, and New or Expansion Projects created via reallocation, CoC bonus, DV Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and bonus.

PA-511's New Projects Created Through Reallocation or Bonus Funding: The CoC is eligible to apply for up to 15 percent of its Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), which is estimated to be \$521,420 for PA-511, to create one or more new CoC bonus projects. The CoC will be accepting new project applications through reallocation, the transition process, or as bonus projects for the following components:

- a) Transitional Housing (TH) projects: projects that provide 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. Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:
 - a. An initial term of at least one month
 - b. Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
 - c. A maximum term of 24 months
- b) Supportive Service Only (SSO) projects: projects that provide supportive services, such as conducting outreach to unsheltered or sheltered individuals and families experiencing homelessness and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services.
- c) Supportive Service Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) Expansion projects: projects to develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system.
Note this is for renewal expansion projects only. New SSO-CE non-expansion projects are not being accepted.
- d) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Expansion projects dedicated to serving families with children
Note this is for renewal expansion projects only. New RRH non-expansion projects are not being accepted.
- e) CoC Planning (Collaborative Applicants Only) projects

A Request for New Applications along with the CoC scoring criteria for new applications will be sent out via email and posted to the [CoC Housing Link](#) website.

Domestic Violence Bonus: The CoC may apply for up to 20% of its PPRN (Preliminary Pro Rata Need), which is estimated to be \$695,227 for PA-511, to create DV Bonus projects. Projects that want to be considered for the DV bonus must be 100% dedicated to serving

individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The CoC will accept DV bonus projects for the following component types:

- a) Transitional housing projects (TH): projects that provide 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. Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:
 - a. An initial term of at least one month
 - b. Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party
 - c. A maximum term of 24 months
- b) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) New or Expansion projects: permanent housing that provides short-term and medium-term tenant based rental assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.
 - a. Tenant lease with landlord must be for at least one-year
 - b. A maximum rental assistance term of 24 months. Supportive services can be provided for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends

Expansion Projects: This process can be used by eligible renewal project applicants to add funds to an existing CoC Renewal, or DV Renewal project to expand its current operations either through reallocation, DV Bonus, or a CoC Bonus project application. The new funding being added to the existing renewal must be submitted as a new project in e-snaps. New expansion projects must propose an increase in the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

Transition Grant: An application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation. Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of its CoC.

Match Requirement: Recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. See 24 CFR 578.73 for more information on matching requirements.

2026 Project Applications – Review, Ranking and Priority Listing: A 2026 Priority Listing will be created for all projects submitted – each project must be 1) Reviewed and accepted or rejected by the CoC, and 2) Accepted projects must be ranked as Tier 1 or Tier 2. Note that Tier 1 is equal to 60% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Detailed scoring criteria for new and renewal applications will be sent out via email and posted to the [CoC Housing Link](#) website.

CoC’s Local Program Competition Deadlines: Applications must be submitted to the CoC Collaborative Applicant by the established local deadline. Applicants will be notified of inclusion, rejection, or reduction no later than 15 days before HUD’s submission deadline of August 26th, 2026. If rejected, the project applicant will be notified in writing with a reason for the decision.

Considering these requirements, the following schedule shall apply to Bucks County CoC and be overseen by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development (HCD):

06/12/26 Bucks County's CoC NOFO Local Program Competition Deadlines are distributed via the CoC email distribution list and posted publicly to the CoC Housing Link website.

06/29/26 Request for New Applications, Reallocation Process, and detailed project scoring criteria for new and renewal project applications distributed via email and posted publicly to the CoC Housing Link website. CoC will be notified of any changes to scoring prior to the project applications submission due date.

06/30/26 @10AM Informational Session hosted by CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development (HCD), for potential applicants interested in new and renewal NOFO project funding.

07/10/26 Project Applicants must email Notice of Intent to Apply (with the subject line, "Notice of Intent to Apply – Organization Name") to hcdapplications@buckscounty.org

07/16/26 by 11:59PM Project Applications are due in e-snaps. *Applications submitted in e-snaps are automatically sent to the CoC Collaborative Applicant.*

07/20/26-07/31/26 CoC Project Review Committee reviews projects and scores new and renewal project applications.

08/07/26 The CoC Executive Committee completes review of scoring and ranking and votes on inclusion, exclusion, and ranking of Project Applications for Priority Listing.

08/10/26 CoC Collaborative Applicant, Housing & Community Development, notifies Project Applicants via email on inclusion or rejection in Bucks County CoC's Consolidated Application Priority Listing.

08/21/26 CoC Consolidated Application and Project Priority Listing posted to CoC Housing Link website.

08/24/26 Bucks County CoC Consolidated Application, inclusive of all Project Applications and Project Priority Listing, submitted to HUD via e-snaps.

Transparency: The CoC Consolidated Application, including all CoC Project Applications and CoC Priority Listing will be made available on the Housing Link website at least 2 days before the application deadline and will notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.

Certificate of Consistency with Con Plan: The Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (form HUD-2991), which certifies that the proposed activities or projects are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan will be submitted on behalf of all included project applications through one correctly signed and dated HUD-2991 and will include an attachment listing of all submitted project applications. The FY 2026 Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between December 10, 2025 and August 26, 2026 and attached to the FY 2026 CoC Priority Listing.