



Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, Inc. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Fiscal Year FY 2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition

Link to the Overall FY2026 Competition NOFO:



HUD NOFO June 1
2026.pdf

The Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama has received notice of funding available from HUD for the Fiscal Year 2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition. It is **strongly suggested** that any eligible agency wishing to apply for any of the projects, renewal or new, read the NOFO in its **entirety**. The link to the complete FY 2026 CoC NOFO is above. If you have questions about whether your proposed project is eligible to be funded in this FY2026 Competition, please contact Ashley Smith, Executive Director of the Homeless Care Council, at hccnwal@gmail.com before making any project plans. The HUD competition is very specific about what type of projects can be funded and the process that must be followed for consideration before submission.

Active members, in good standing of at least one year, of the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama are invited to submit applications for funding under the HUD NOFO for the Continuum of Care Program Competition. If your agency plans to submit a proposal, you MUST submit your intent to apply, project proposal, and required documents to Ashley Smith, Executive Director of the HCCNWAL, hccnwal@gmail.com no later than 4 pm on Friday, June 19. See the Submission Schedule at the end of this notice for a calendar of dates regarding the submission process. You will be notified by Friday, June 26 via email if your proposal meets the criteria for application.

Completed FY 2026 CoC Project applications- either through fillable Word documents provided by HCCNWAL, or through eSNAPS, dependent upon when eSNAPS opens, will then be due by Friday, July 10, by 4 pm to the Homeless Care Council Office, at hccnwal@gmail.com or printed documents delivered to our office.

Applications will then be reviewed and ranked during the week of Monday, July 20, 2026. If your application is approved for submission, you will receive notification of your application being approved and its rank for submission no later than Wednesday, July 22, 2026. The same notification will apply to any applications rejected or reduced as well. Your final application is then due to the HCCNWAL, as well as in eSNAPS, by Monday, July 27, 2026 (this date is dependent upon when HUD opens eSNAPS).

The Homeless Care Council will submit the collaborative and complete application to HUD no later than Monday, August 24, 2026. The application is due Wednesday, August 26, 2026. Awards will be announced by December 1, 2026.

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, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. The Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama will serve as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care, which serves Lauderdale, Colbert, Franklin, Marion, Winston, and Lawrence counties.

Projects Available for Funding

Please read through the FY 2026 NOFO in its entirety.

Please refer to the NOFO for all project consideration guidelines. The four components that will be funded through this CoC Program Competition are: Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, Permanent Housing, and HMIS. The Continuum of Care is required to rank all renewal projects, and HUD will consider these rankings when making renewal awards. Renewals will be judged based on past performance.

In the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition, in addition to requests for renewal projects and CoC planning, CoCs may submit requests for new projects through the process of expansion of an existing project, reallocation of existing projects, or a CoC bonus. The types of projects that are permitted in this grant award are defined in the NOFO. Further clarification about what those projects represent is detailed in the attached 24 CFR 578 Regulations.

Carefully read the NOFO released by HUD (General and Program sections). In addition, be familiar with the 24 CFR Regulations for CoC Competition Funding.

The timeline for the FY2026 NOFO is below:

TIMELINE for FY2026 NOFO Competition

Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama— (AL-502)

HUD No. 26-031 | Awards Expected: December 1, 2026

Please note that this Timeline is subject to change because of unforeseen circumstances. Dates marked [DATE] will be confirmed once the competition schedule is finalized. Updates will be posted on the HCCNWAL Website and social media, as well as emailed to all of membership.

Important: HUD is often late in publishing application instructions (e-snaps guidance, collaborative applicant instructions, etc.) after the NOFO drops. Those instructions may contain additional deadlines not reflected in this timeline. HCCNWAL will communicate any such deadlines immediately upon receipt. Agencies should monitor the HCCNWAL website and distribution lists closely throughout the competition period.

	PRE-NOFO WORK, RESEARCH, MOUS, ETC
NOFO PUBLICATION	
Confirmed: June 1, 2026	FY2026 CoC NOFO published on grants.gov. HUD No. 26-031 (April 2026) confirmed the NOFO would publish by June 1, 2026, with HUD awards expected by December 1, 2026.
TBD - Determined by HUD	HUD opens CoC Registration in e-snaps and posts the draft Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for AL-502. HCCNWAL reviews the GIW for accuracy — expiring grants, renewal amounts, and the CoC planning line.
TBD - Determined by HUD	Corrected GIW due back to HUD. The final GIW sets each renewal project's eligible renewal amount and establishes the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
June 8, 2026	NOFO published on HCCNWAL's website and social media.

June 8, 2026	Full competition timeline posted on the HCCNWAL website and distributed through email to membership.
SCORING AND APPLICATION PREPARATION	
Friday, June 19, 2026 4:00PM CT	Simple proposal, intent to apply, and requested documents due to HCCNWAL at hccnwal@gmail.com . (for a list of requested documents, email hccnwal@gmail.com)
Friday, June 26, 2026	Notifications sent by HCCNWAL to agencies if your proposal is accepted or rejected. Fillable word forms will be sent at this time as well, or email hccnwal@gmail.com for specific forms.
July 10, 2026 5:00 PM CT	New project AND renewal applications (HCCNWAL’s fillable Word forms) due to hccnwal@gmail.com . Keep your completed file as your own copy. This local deadline lets the CoC score and rank projects before e-snaps opens. PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE. Renewal projects submitted after the deadline will not be forwarded to the Scoring and Ranking Committee and will not be considered for funding in this competition. ***If e-snaps is open before this deadline, all projects must be submitted through e-snaps.***
TBD - Determined by HUD	HUD publishes detailed Collaborative Applicant and e-snaps instructions (CoC Registration, CoC Application, Project Priority Listing, and Project Application guides). These often arrive late and may contain additional deadlines, which HCCNWAL will communicate immediately.
SCORING, RANKING, AND NOTIFICATIONS	
[DATE]	ARD confirmed from the final GIW. Tier 1 (60% of ARD) and Tier 2 funding amounts are set; these position the ranking cut line.
Monday, July 20, 2026	CoC Board Scoring and Ranking Committee meets to finalize project scoring and ranking, both renewal and new proposed projects. This process includes participation from individuals who are currently or were recently experiencing homelessness.

Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Applicants will be notified outside of e-snaps regarding whether their projects will be included in the CoC competition and the ranking of each project.
Wednesday, July 22, 2026	Draft Certifications of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and narratives sent to each municipality.
On or before July 24, 2026	Letters of appeal must be submitted to hccnwal@gmail.com by 5:00 PM CT to contest ranking or rejection from the competition submission. If a Letter of Appeal is not received by the deadline, the Scoring and Ranking Committee's decision stands and will be submitted to HUD as published to applicants on the notification date.
Monday, July 27, 2026 4:00PM CT	Corrected applications are due back to the office as well as submitted to eSNAPS for final submission.
FINAL APPLICATION SUBMISSION	
August 14, 2026	Certifications of Compliance with the Consolidated Plan due to HCCNWAL from each municipality.
On or before August 24, 2026	Collaborative application submitted, and to be posted on the HCCNWAL website. Must be posted before the HUD deadline; a dated screenshot (CoC Public Notice) is required for the CoC Application.
TBD - Determined by HUD	Ranked project applications entered and submitted by applicants in e-snaps. HUD sets this deadline once e-snaps opens; HCCNWAL confirms each submission before assembling the CoC Consolidated Application.
August 26, 2026 by 7:00 PM CT (8:00 PM ET)	Complete application due to HUD. Awards expected by December 1, 2026 per HUD No. 26-031.