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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO CENTER ON HOMELESSNESS

**PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT SERIES: BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH SERVICES**

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# Meeting Objective and Goals

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## Meeting Objective

Explore how partnerships between homelessness response providers and other community-based organizations can strengthen services, improve participant outcomes, and support competitive CoC funding applications.

## Today's Goals

- Understand the CoC Program and the key federal priorities shaping the 2026 CoC NOFO competition.
- Identify opportunities for partnerships and project collaboration for the 2026 CoC NOFO competition.

# Meeting Agenda



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- I. Overview of the Continuum of Care (CoC Program)
    - I. Examples of competitive project types
    - II. Review of FY2026 CoC NOFO federal priorities and expected changes in project funding
  - II. Overview of what to expect for new partners and new project applicants
  - III. Open discussion of Partners

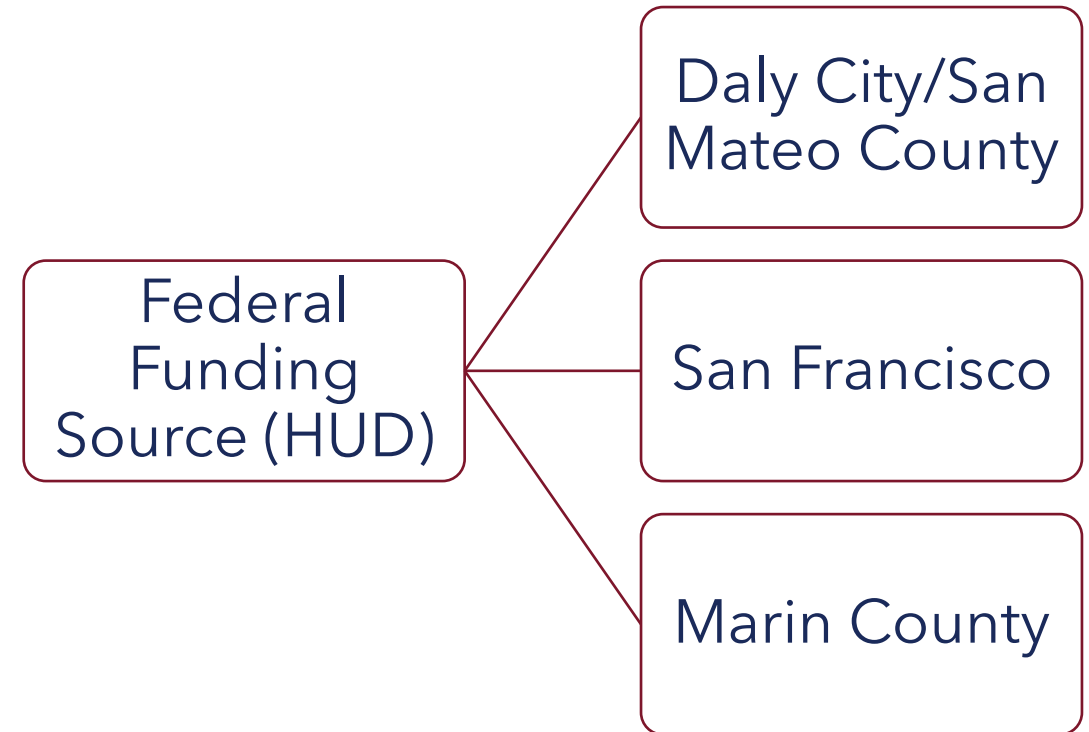


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# Overview of the Continuum of Care Program

# What is The Continuum of Care?

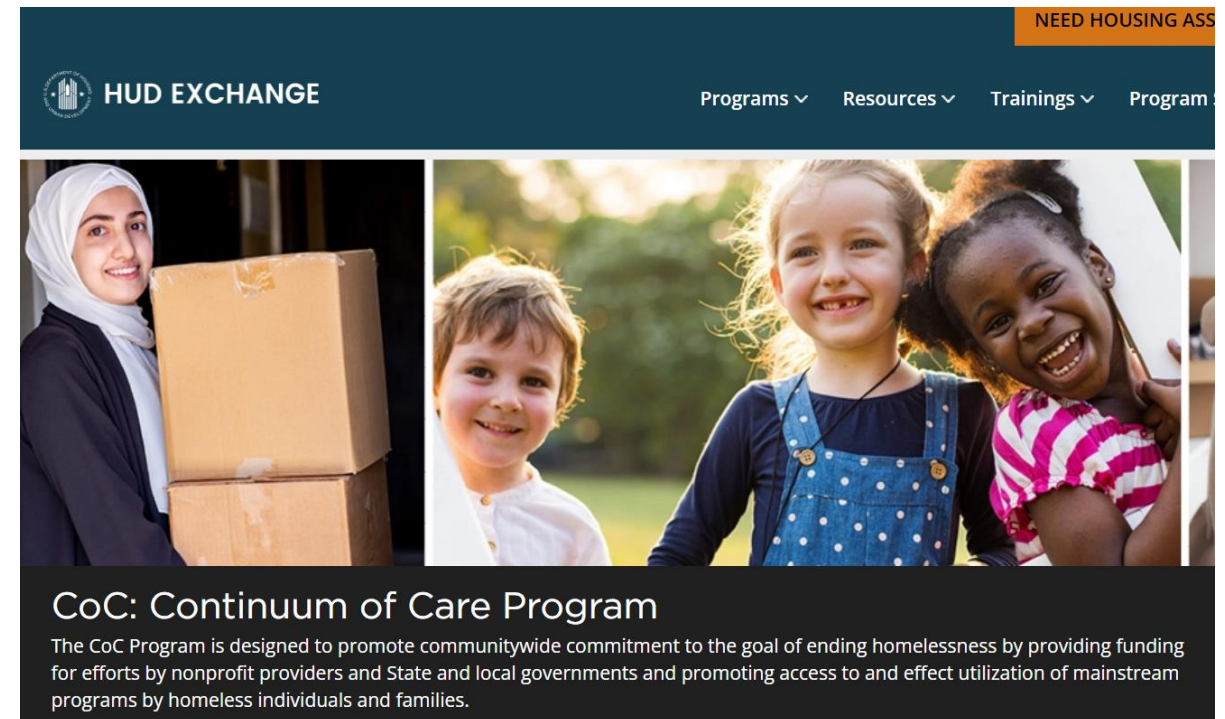
The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is a federal funding program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that **supports local communities in addressing homelessness.** It is a competitive grant program that funds local organizations to provide housing and services to people experiencing homelessness.



# What Does the CoC Program Do?

The CoC Program is designed to:


- **Support a community-wide response to homelessness**
- Help people quickly exit homelessness into stable housing
- Expand access to services, treatment, and mainstream resources for people experiencing homelessness
- Promote long-term stability and self-sufficiency for people experiencing homelessness



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**CoC: Continuum of Care Program**

The CoC Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness by providing funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and State and local governments and promoting access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.

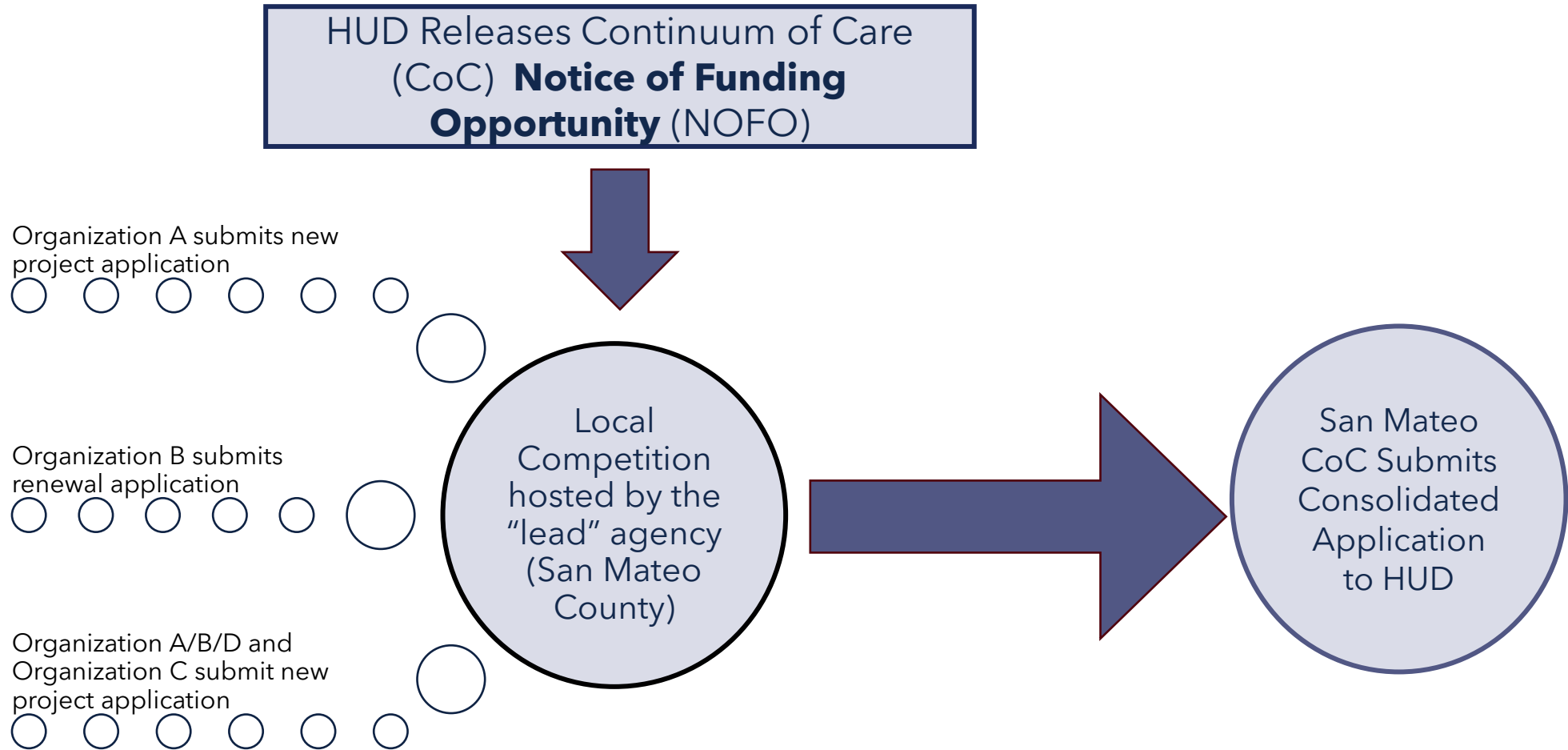
# Who Can Apply for CoC Funding?

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Eligible applicants typically include:

- Nonprofit organizations (including faith-based organizations)
- Local and state governments
- Tribal governments and organizations
- Public agencies and institutions
- **Existing and new providers may apply.** Eligible providers can apply together.

# How Does CoC Funding Work?



# What Types of Projects are Funded?

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CoC funding supports a range of housing and service models, including:

- **Transitional Housing (TH)\***. Time-limited housing (up to 24 months) with supportive services.
- **Supportive Services Only (SSO)\***. Services such as outreach, case management, recovery and substance use treatment services, workforce development services, and childcare.
- **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)**. Short-term rental assistance and supportive services.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)**. Long-term housing assistance with intensive services.

***\*Due to federal and local priorities, the CoC will only accept new applications for TH and SSO in the local competition.***

# What Types Of Projects Are Funded? (Continued)

*Examples of project concepts that could be eligible and competitive in 2026 CoC NOFO*

## Transitional Housing (TH)

- Transitional housing programs with enhanced on-site supportive services
- Transitional housing programs focused on recovery and substance use treatment support

## Supportive Services Only (SSO)

- Outreach and engagement with people experiencing homelessness who have mental health or substance use needs.
- Behavioral health staff embedded in shelters or on outreach teams to provide services to participants
- Intensive case management for people experiencing homelessness with behavioral health needs

# 2026 Federal Priorities for CoC Program Funding



## 01

Emphasis on **on-site** treatment, recovery, employment, and self-sufficiency services to address “root causes of homelessness.”<sup>1</sup>

## 02

Project designs highlighting **mandatory services and connections** to behavioral health care, employment, and other mainstream systems.

## 03

Emphasis on “rebalancing” the CoC Program to support a broader range of project types and interventions, including **Transitional Housing** and **Supportive Services Only** projects.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, *2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): Stakeholder Memo* (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2026), 1, [Stakeholder Memo](#).



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# What to Expect From the Local Competition as a New Partner or Applicant

# Estimated Available Funding



## Available Funding for San Mateo CoC

Total Funding the Community Received in <b>2025</b>	\$16,001,778
Estimated <u>minimum</u> available funding <b>for New Projects in 2026</b>	\$2,400,267
Estimated available funding for <b>Domestic Violence Bonus Funding in 2026</b>	\$827,676

# Important Requirements of CoC Funding: New Project Applicants



Providers applying for CoC funding must meet programmatic and administrative requirements associated with federal grant funding. New applicants can expect to:

Submit a **New Project Application**

Secure and document cash or in-kind **match contributions.**

**Register and maintain accounts** with SAM.gov and HUD's e-snaps system.

Comply with **federal reporting, monitoring, and grant management requirements**, including data entry in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

*Please note these steps will be covered in more detail in the Applicant Information Session on June 24, 2026.*

# Harm Reduction and the 2026 CoC NOFO



HUD has indicated that it is not aligned with some elements of Harm Reduction approaches including:

- Operating safe consumption sites/ supervised consumption sites
- Distribution of clean needles/syringes, smoking supplies, and other drug-use paraphernalia
- Voluntary services or programs that do not have service participation agreements



SAN MATEO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (COC) – CA-512  
**2026 COC REVIEW AND RANKING POLICY**  
DRAFT AS OF 06/04/2026

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# Ways to Apply for CoC Funding

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There are a few different ways that a new partner/ applicant can apply for CoC Funding:

- Apply as a **new applicant** with a new project application for a new project or expansion of an existing eligible project.
- **Partner** with an organization (such as one with CoC Funding experience) to submit a joint application, where one organization is a recipient and the other is a subrecipient or subcontractor.
- Provide **in-kind services** or resources (e.g., physical space, case management, substance use treatment services, etc.)

# Next Steps for Interested Partners and Applicants



## Stay Informed

- Check the Center on Homelessness Website for updated information, including local competition timeline and application materials.  
<https://www.smcgov.org/hsa/2025-continuum-care-nofanofa>
- Sign up for the CoC Email List by emailing [HSA\\_Homeless\\_Programs@smcgov.org](mailto:HSA_Homeless_Programs@smcgov.org) to request to be included.

## Prepare for the Competition

- Anticipate attending the Applicant Information Session on **June 24, 2026, 10:30AM-12:00PM.**
- Review the 2026 CoCNOFO  
<https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/18c6dc79-e5dd-42e9-aca5-b35c5d26eded>
- **Explore partnerships with other organizations to submit funding applications.**

# Questions

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# Open Partnership Discussion