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# March Agenda

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Welcome/Sign in the chat

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Group Agreements

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CoC Updates

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Service Provider Updates

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Housing Updates

# Group Agreements

- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.

# CoC Updates



# CoC Updates

CoC Staff: CoC Director will be out of office March 13 through March 31. HMIS Systems Administrator will be out of office March 20 and 26-31.

Welcome Kelsey Staton! Kelsey will be providing administrative support to the CoC as a Kalamazoo Office Assistant.

RentAble will accept applications April 7th at 9am.

Plan to End Homelessness Update – Draft will be available to community in April/May. There will be a comment period. Be on the lookout for additional updates.

# HUD CoC Competition Update: Timeline of Events

- 2024: A two-year 2024/25 CoC Program Competition NOFO was released following years of advocacy.
- Summer 2025: HUD provided notification of their intent to release a new NOFO for 2025. No other information was provided.
- November 13th 2025: A new 2025 CoC NOFO was released with major programmatic changes, including a 30% cap on permanent housing and a 30% cap on tier 1 protections.
- Nov/Dec 2025: Two lawsuits were filed challenging this NOFO
- December 8th 2025: HUD rescinded the 2025 NOFO
- December 19th/23rd 2025: The court granted a preliminary injunction. A new version of the 2025 NOFO was released for public review but is currently enjoined.
- February 3 2026: THUD Bill passed
- June 2026: 2026 CoC NOFO expected

# HUD CoC Competition Update

## Litigation - HUD Plan

It is a plan that provides a way forward if HUD loses the lawsuit

Reinstates the 24/25 NOFO

Re-opened the portal for renewals and reallocations pursuant to the 24/25 NOFO (January 9th)

Information submitted to HUD February 9th; no reallocations

Awards expected Spring 2026 If HUD does NOT win litigation/appeals.

# HUD CoC Updates

In response to the Congressional direction provided in the final FY2026 appropriations bill, HUD filed an emergency motion asking the court to dissolve the preliminary injunction from December, suggesting that recent Appropriations language eliminates the urgency under which the Preliminary Injunction was granted. In this motion, they requested for the injunction to be dissolved so that they can move forward with issuing a new FY2025 NOFO (presumably the one issued on December 19, 2025) to make awards for grants expiring in Q3 and Q4.

A written order was released on February 27th that denied HUD's motion. HUD is currently appealing this order.

FY26 HUD CoC NOFO must be released in June – HUD has a history of issuing a NOFO past the deadline

# Re-issued FY 25 NOFO (currently enjoined)

- The FY 25 NOFO initially being challenged in Court was rescinded on 12/8.
- HUD notified the court directly before the 12/19 hearing that they intended to release a revised NOFO. The text of this NOFO was released, but it is enjoined due to the preliminary injunction.
- HUD has stated their intent to implement this NOFO if the Preliminary Injunction order is no longer in effect. Future NOFOs (including 2026) may look similar.
- Two Track Application Process
  - 30% of CoC's funding on normal track is protected in tier 1. Permanent housing is capped at 30% of Annual Renewal Demand.
  - Extended track is for new permanent housing projects, ranked on a separate priority listing.

# 26 Federal Budget

Although [President Trump's FY2026 budget](#) proposed significant reductions in Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, the final appropriations reflect strong bipartisan support for existing federal housing programs.

The enacted THUD bill provides \$77.3 billion to HUD in FY2026, a [\\$7.2 billion increase](#) from FY2025. Appropriators maintained or increased funding for some of HUD's largest programs, including a \$2.4 billion boost for tenant-based rental assistance and a \$1.7 billion increase for project-based rental assistance.

Other Notable provisions:

- A \$366 million increase for homelessness assistance grants
- Level funding for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program
- \$3.6 billion in congressionally directed spending, or earmarks, which were not funded in FY2025
- \$6.7 billion in offsetting receipts from the Federal Housing Administration and Ginnie Mae, down from \$8.6 billion in FY2025
- Directives for HUD to report more frequently to Congress on funding and agency staffing

# 26 Federal Budget

## **Homeless Assistance**

Homeless Assistance Grants (including the Emergency Solutions Grant, Continuum of Care, and Youth Homeless Demonstration programs, and the National Homeless Data Analysis Project):

- \$4.4 billion, a \$366 million increase from FY2025
  - Level funding for ESG
  - Increase of \$466 million for CoC
- Includes language to ensure that FY2025 renewal projects for continuums of care are awarded expeditiously

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS:

- \$529 million, a \$24 million increase from FY2025

# CoC Grant renewal process in THUD bill

1. HUD must non-competitively renew all projects expiring during the first quarter of CY 26 for a period of 12 months. This must be done prior to awarding any amounts through a NOFO.
2. If awards have not been made under a FY25 NOFO prior to April 1, all projects expiring in the second quarter of CY26 must be renewed.
3. If awards have not been made under FY25 NOFO prior to July 1, all projects expiring in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter must be renewed.

# References to FY2026 NOFO in THUD bill

2026 NOFO must be released by June 1. Awards must be made by December 1.

NOFO must allocate at least 60% of CoC funds to tier 1 projects

# Winter Shelter Update

Temporary Warming Shelter (12/1 through 3/31)

Ministry with Community, Dignity in Motion, HRI

CoC, City, County working together for next steps for current shelter guests. More information to be shared soon.

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# Resources

# Upcoming Events & Happenings

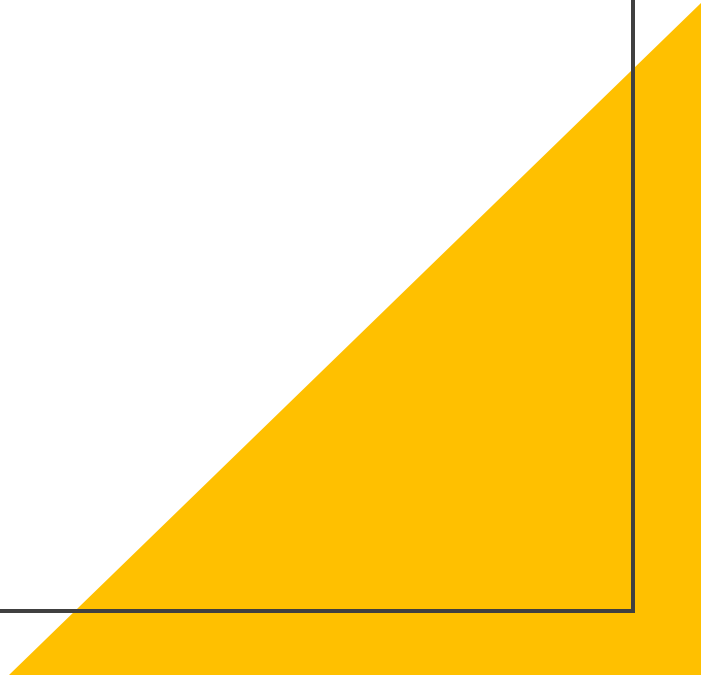
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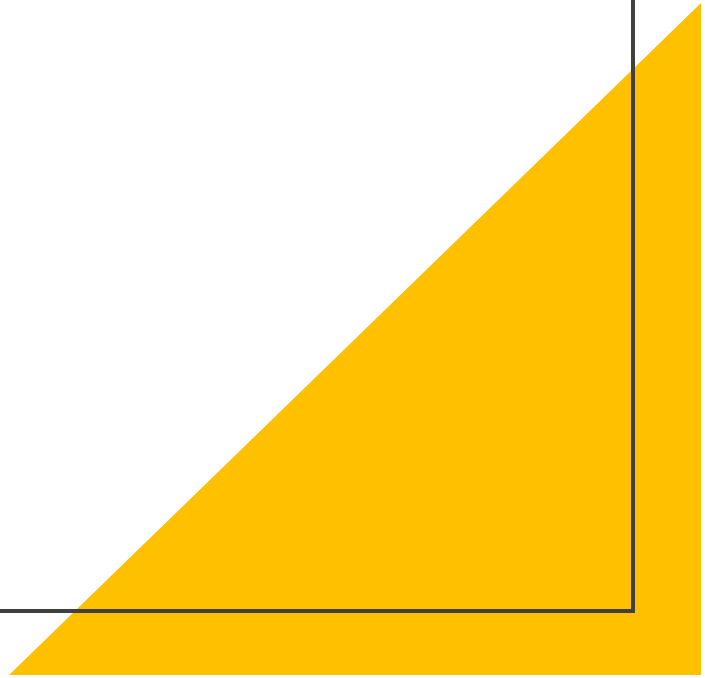
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# **Service Provider Updates**



# **Housing Provider Updates**



**Thank you for your  
partnership.  
Next meeting: Tuesday  
April 21st, 1pm**

