

Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust
Request for Applications
Response to written questions

1. Q: Would an employment agency (to help homeless find employment) be eligible to apply to this RFP?
A: Yes, we want employment agencies to apply or partner with other applicants using Support Service Only (SSO) grants.
2. Q: Question about the RFA prioritization approach. Will Tier I include only NEW PSH and not existing PSH with financing commitments?
A: Tier 1 will include renewal PSH site-based projects with proof of financing commitments that prevent their conversion to TH; renewal Shelter Plus Care projects that only requested rental assistance and admin funds (no support services) last year; and new PSH projects that adopt the new HUD goals.
3. Q: Please share the latest Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW).
A: Please email Terrell Ellis at Terrell.Ellis@miamidade.gov for a copy of the GIW.
4. Q: In the materials shared, the deadline for NOFO grant was January 14th of 2026, but today in the public meeting you mentioned that the deadline was on December 14th. Can you please clarify.
A: The Homeless Trust is the Collaborative Applicant for the USHUD Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFO. The Homeless Trust's deadline to submit our collaborative application in response to U.S. HUD's NOFO is January 14th of 2026. However, as the Collaborative Applicant, the Homeless Trust is responsible for issuing a *local* solicitation (this RFA) to select projects for inclusion in our CoC Collaborative application to U.S. HUD *by a specific deadline set by USHUD*. The deadline for eligible applicants to apply to our local solicitation (this RFA) via email to Manny Sarria is **December 14, 2025 at 1 p.m.**
5. Q: In the manual we are supposed to submit the application on grants.gov, today you mentioned neighborly portal. We don't use grants.gov anymore?
A: As stated in the RFA, responses to this application are submitted via email to Manuel.Sarria@miamidade.gov by the deadline outlined in the solicitation document.
6. Q: The Standalone SSO section of the RFA states that "Only one SSO program application can be received from each sub-recipient." However, the SSO-Street Outreach section does not include a similar limitation. For clarification, may a sub-recipient submit both a Standalone SSO application and an SSO-Street Outreach renewal project application?
A: Yes, please refer to the Addenda 1 of the RFA, **SECTION III. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – "Recap of what is allowed for New and Renewal applications"** for a breakdown of how many applications can be submitted for each project type. As noted, you may submit one (1) application in each category.
7. Q: What are eligible budget line items (BLIs) for each program type?
A: See below chart. Please note that no new RRH or Safe Haven applications will be accepted, and that any Operating Costs for SSO projects would be included in the Supportive Services budget line item. As noted in the RFA, for a list of eligible costs applicants can also visit <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-eligible-activities/coc-eligible-activities-overview/list-of-coc-eligible-activities/>. and are encouraged to read the "Eligible Costs" section of the HUD NOFO starting on the bottom of page 26.

Project Type 	Eligible BLIs
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Leasing, Rental Assistance (long-term), Acquisition, Operating Costs, Supportive Services
Transitional Housing (TH)	Leasing, Rental Assistance (short/medium-term), Acquisition, Operating Costs, Supportive Services
Rapid Re-housing (RRH)	Leasing, Rental Assistance (short/medium-term), Operating Costs, Supportive Services
Supportive Services Only (SSO)	Leasing, Operating Costs (for the facility) , Supportive Services
Street Outreach (SO)	Supportive Services, Staff/Personnel, Other Operating Costs for outreach facilities
Safe Haven (SH)	Operating Costs, Supportive Services, Staff/Personnel

8. Q: We have three PSH programs. Are they eligible for renewal? Do we need to re-allocate funds from any of these programs?
- A: Please refer to the Addenda 1 of the RFA, *SECTION III. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – “What Can You Apply For” and “Recap of what is allowed for New and Renewal applications”* for information on eligible renewal and new projects. Per the RFA, the only PSH programs that are eligible for renewal are (1) legacy Shelter Plus Care programs that do not have supportive services in their HUD approved budget, and (2) site based PSH programs that can demonstrate current financing commitments that prevent them from transitioning to TH. If you don't know if your projects are legacy Shelter Plus Care, please email Terrell Ellis at Terrell.Ellis@miamidade.gov, copied here. Projects *not* eligible for renewal should be re-allocated and those re-allocated funds can be used for new eligible projects. Providers with PSH projects eligible for renewal may chose to re-allocate a portion of their grant funds, as well.
9. Q: Do we submit one renewal application with all of our site-based PSH that qualifies to submit as a renewal or do we submit several renewal applications for each of our current consolidated contracts?
- A: Please refer to the Addenda 1 of the RFA, *SECTION III. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – “Recap of what is allowed for New and Renewal applications”* for a breakdown of how many applications can be submitted for each project type. Please submit one new project application with multiple single site addresses. Submit separate renewal project applications matching the GIW for eligible renewal projects,
10. Q: Last year, renewal applications had a separate application form. For renewal applications this year, what parts of the application needs to be completed? It is not clear from the table of content. Do we need to complete an Attachment 4 project application as if it were a new project or will there be a renewal application similar to last year?

A: Last year renewal projects only had to certify their project aligned with the GIW. We are utilizing one project application for everyone because we suspect many applicants may want to change their responses to questions that haven't changed in several years.

11.Q: One of our PSH projects has two components, a site-based component and a scattered site component. The site-based component qualifies for a renewal PSH application because we have financial commitments requiring permanent supportive housing. Can we apply for just the site-based component as a renewal PSH application? Since we would only be applying for the site-based units in the renewal application, we would apply for less units and less funding thereby freeing up some of the funding attached to that grant, but want to confirm that we would still be eligible to apply as a renewal.

A: Yes. You can apply for renewal funding for just the site-based portion of the project, and re-allocate the funding from the scattered site portion of the project.

12.Q: Three of our legacy S+C long term rental assistance only grants have now been consolidated with services funding and with another project that is not a legacy S+C program. Would that consolidation be eligible as a renewal application?

A: No, we are only allowing legacy Shelter Plus Care renewals that do not have supportive services line items in the most recent GIW.

13.Q: We currently have new participants who began receiving Rapid Rehousing (RRH) assistance under our program in November 2025. We are following the FMR guidelines and conducting rent reasonableness assessments accordingly. With the release of the new NOFO, we are preparing to transition from RRH to Transitional Housing (TH) under the proposed project structure. My question is specifically about how this shift might affect the monthly payments for existing RRH participants. If funded for TH, would we be expected to continue paying the monthly rent for participants already enrolled under RRH through the duration of their leases, or would we need to fully expend the RRH funds by the grant expiration, before initiating TH operations?

A: You may consider doing a transition grant, see response to Q. 16 below. Otherwise, we have not received enough guidance from HUD to give you a definitive answer, so this response is meant to air on the side of caution but may change with additional HUD guidance. As we are requiring reallocation of RRH to create TH in this solicitation, your RRH program will not be able to continue rental assistance payments to existing program participants beyond your current RRH grant expiration date. Those participants may be able to live out last month's rent, and apply for homeless prevention if they receive a notice to vacate for failure to pay rent. We encourage current RRH providers with current program participants whose rent assistance would have extended beyond your grant expiration date to accelerate transition plans for those program participants now.

14.Q: Can you please confirm that site-based transitional housing does not have to include shared housing?

A: Please refer to the Addenda 1 of the RFA, *SECTION III. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – “What Can You Apply For”, New Projects, Transitional Housing* for clarification regarding shared housing. TH does not have to include shared housing, but bonus points are provided for TH that will include shared housing.

15.Q: Can The Homeless Trust reconsider their decision to only allow one application per category from each agency? I understand interest in consolidating contracts, but some are not the same. For example, the HUD NOFO lists several differences unique to YHDP renewal and replacement projects. The same seems to be true for DV projects. It would be difficult to combine these.

A: Please refer to the Addenda 1 of the RFA, *SECTION III. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY – “Recap of what is allowed for New and Renewal applications”* for a breakdown

of how many applications can be submitted for each project type.

16.Q: We have several scattered sites PSH leases for the next year that can't be broken. Would this situation fall under Renewal or do we need to apply as a New PSH?

A: A scattered site lease that cannot be broken is not the same as a financing commitment for a project-based development. However, we are amending the RFA (Addenda II) to allow for transition grants in cases where a non-profit provider can demonstrate, in writing, lease commitments that cannot be broken.

A transition grant is a new project application submitted by an applicant that is the recipient of a grant eligible to renew in the competition. The applicant would submit a new project application for a transitional housing (TH) project. The provider would have 12 months from the start date of that grant to fully transition from PSH to TH. During that transition period, leases should be finished out. It is believed that most Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) participants would not be eligible for the TH, but they would have until the end of the lease to develop a rehousing strategy. All new participants and those that can continue with TH would have to engage in services. In short, a transition grant would allow a provider to honor a lease during the "transition" grant term, and then continue as TH. Proof of lease commitments (at least 10% of the leases executed) for each scattered site will be a required attachment.

Scattered-site PSH projects that reallocate to new PSH would likely not be able maintain leasing commitments with existing tenants.

17.Q: We have asked this question previously, but have not gotten a clear answer. Given how late YHDP projects began, can the existing SHIFT 4 Youth and Rainbow Road contracts be extended (as opposed to re-applying in the current NOFO)? Can/should we uplift this to TA and/or Aretha at this time if needed?

A: We will not be seeking an extension for the YHDP grants.

18.Q: Are we putting together an entirely NEW application (with a new project name and identity), or is this automatically an application for a YHDP reallocation TH project?

A: You are doing a new project application and budget focusing on youth, you may chose to keep the name or rename it.

19.Q: What documentation, if any, is required as part of the RFA submission to reflect that the Rainbow Road contract is transitioning between providers? Is there anything we need to do to apply with the intention of combining these two awards into a singular TH reallocation project?

A: You may submit one new application for TH for the amount you need, you will not be restricted to the previous awards.

20.Q: Should reallocating YHDP projects omit all PH-RRH component descriptions from Attachment 4, or should the project narrative include the historical context of both components? What about our subpop focus?

A: Your application only needs to focus on your new TH strategy, your subpopulation focus must include youth but you may add other subpopulations focus.

21.Q: How will the two RRH units we currently have be affected? Is there anything we need to do at this time re: these two youth? Should we convert these two in anticipation of reallocating to TH? Would their 24 months of TH begin at that time?

A: See response to Q: 13 above.

22.Q: What about our TH units? If YHDP funding were to be lost, how would the Trust handle existing master leases under the current project? We currently have seven scattered site TH.

A: The Homeless Trust has not made any decisions about how we would handle the loss of renewal and new projects.

23.Q: For YHDP projects converting to TH through reallocation, does the Trust require any additional documentation to demonstrate CE participation beyond what will be written/included in Attachment 4? Should we provide a formal MOU?

A: A formal CES MOU is not required.

Q: Our S4Y YHDP project is currently subject to a match waiver (in theory, as is Rainbow Road). Is this still going to be attached to our project? How do we proceed with the match requirements outlined in the application checklist?

A: HUD is allowing the match waiver to continue for YHDP projects.

24.Q: If our project *requires* a matching commitment (i.e., the waiver will not apply), is the Trust (as the award Recipient) responsible for this match?

A: Subrecipients are responsible to match the funds they receive unless they have a waiver.

25.Q: Given that we have yet to finalize the assumption of the Rainbow Road contract, should the Attachment 5 budget reflect the combined total funding of both contracts in a single unified budget, or should two separate budgets be submitted to reflect the original awards?

A: Only one application with one budget should be submitted for the new TH project.

26.Q: Is there a specific ratio we need to maintain in our budget for the cost of leasing compared to supportive services?

A: No.

27.Q: Will all of our waivers remain intact with the new reallocation contract if awarded? Is there anything we need to do in this regard in the application process itself?

A: YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement including YHDP Reallocation projects may submit applications that include the following special YHDP activities, which are ineligible under the CoC Program, subject to the conditions specified in this section:

a. Recipients may carry out the activities below with written notice to the Director of HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), subject to the requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. HUD will consider the inclusion of these activities in the project application as notification to the Director of SNAPS.

(1) Housing projects may have leases for a minimum term of 1 month plus 1 day under rental assistance budget line items.

(2) Projects may use leasing, sponsor-based rental assistance, and project-based rental assistance in RRH projects.

(3) In addition to the eligible costs listed in 24 CFR 578.59(a), recipients may use project administration funds to support costs of involving youth with lived experience in project implementation, execution, and improvement.

(4) Recipient may use project administrative funds to attend conferences and trainings that are not HUD-sponsored or HUD-approved, provided that the subject matter is relevant to youth homelessness.

(5) Projects may employ youth who are receiving services, or housing assistance, from the recipient organization. Recipients that use this special YHDP activity must maintain documentation that discloses the nature of work that the youth performs, and that the youth is not in a position that creates a conflict of interest.

(6) Projects may use habitability standards in 24 CFR 576.403(c) rather than the housing standards in 24 CFR 578.75 for short- or medium-term (up to 24 months) housing assistance. Recipients implementing this special YHDP activity must keep documentation of which standards they apply to the units and proof that the units complied with standards before assistance is provided for every unit funded.

(7) Recipients may provide moving expenses to a program participant more than once.

(8) Recipients may provide payments of up to \$500 per month for families that provide

housing under a host home and kinship care model to offset the increased costs associated with having youth housed in the unit.

(9) YHDP recipients may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 12 months after the program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after the end of housing assistance.

(10) Projects using grant leasing funds may pay above the Fair Market Rent (FMR) for individual units as long as the amount paid is consistent with the reasonable rent standards at 24 CFR 578.51(g).

(11) Recipients may use grant funds for the following if they are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. Recipients and subrecipients must maintain records establishing how it was determined that paying the costs was necessary for the program participant to obtain and retain housing and must also conduct an annual assessment of the needs of the program participants and adjust costs accordingly:

(a) Security deposits for units in an amount not to exceed 2 months of rent.

(b) The costs to pay for any damage to housing due to the action of program participants, which may be paid while the youth continues to reside in the unit. The total costs paid for damage per program participant may not exceed the cost of 2 months' rent.

(c) The costs of providing household cleaning supplies to program participants.

(d) Housing start-up expenses for program participants, including furniture, pots and pans, linens, toiletries, and other household goods, not to exceed \$300 in value per program participant.

(e) The one-time cost of purchasing a cellular phone and service for program participant use, provided access to a cellular phone is necessary to obtain or maintain housing and the costs of the phone and services are reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.

(f) The cost of internet in program participants' units if the costs of the service is reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404.

(g) Payment of rental arrears consisting of a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rent in arrears, including any late fees on those arrears.

(h) Payment of utility arrears of up to 6 months per utility.

(i) Up to 3 months of utilities for a program participant, based on the utility costs schedule for the unit size and location.

(j) In addition to transportation costs eligible in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(15), recipients may pay gas and mileage costs for a program participant's personal vehicle for trips to and from medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.

(k) Legal fees, including court fees, bail bonds, and required courses and equipment.

(l) Program participant's past driving fines and fees that are blocking a young person from being able to obtain or renew a driver's license and impacting their ability to obtain or maintain housing. Additionally, recipients may pay for program participants' costs for insurance and registration for personal vehicles, if the personal vehicle is necessary to reach medical care, employment, childcare, or other services eligible under this section.

(12) Recipients of housing projects (RRH, TH, TH-RRH, and PSH) may use YHDP funds to pay for owner incentive and retention payments before occupancy of the unit, or at any point thereafter, provided that the overall amount paid with program funds per unit occupied by the program participant does not exceed three times the rent charged for the unit. These payments may include signing bonuses (a payment offered to an owner as an incentive for leasing a unit to be occupied by a program participant), repairs to bring the unit into compliance with program requirements, or holding fees to reserve a unit for an individual or family experiencing homelessness.

YHDP Exceptions. Under the conditions specified below, recipients may make use of the following built-in exceptions to this NOFO's requirements, subject to approval by the Director of SNAPs and requirements governing grant agreement amendments at 24 CFR 578.105. To expedite grant agreement processing, applicants should include as much information as possible as part of their project application to demonstrate they meet the conditions specified below.

(1) Projects may provide up to 36 months of RRH rental assistance to program participants if the recipient demonstrates: (1) the method it will use to determine which youth need rental assistance beyond 24 months and (2) the services and resources that will be offered to ensure youth are able to sustain their housing at the end of the 36 months of assistance.

(2) Projects may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 24 months after a program participant exits homelessness, transitional housing or after housing assistance ends if the recipient demonstrates: (1) the proposed length of extended services to be provided; (2) the method it will use to determine whether services are still necessary; and (3) how those services will result in self-sufficiency and ensure stable housing for program participants.

(3) Projects may continue providing supportive services to program participants for up to 36 months after program participants exit homelessness, if the services are in connection with housing assistance, such as the Foster Youth to Independence initiative, or if the recipient can demonstrate that extended supportive services ensures continuity of caseworkers for program participants.

(4) Rental assistance may be combined with leasing or operating funds in the same unit, provided that the recipient submits a project plan that includes safeguards to ensure that no part of the project would receive a double subsidy.

(5) Projects may provide payments of up to \$1,000 per month for families that provide housing under a host home and kinship care model, provided that the recipient can show that the additional cost is necessary to recruit hosts to the program.

(6) YHDP recipients may pay for short-term (up to three months) emergency lodging in motels or shelters as the transitional housing component in a Joint transitional housing-rapid rehousing (TH-RRH) project, provided that the recipient can demonstrate that use of the hotel or motel room is accessible to supportive services.

We will probably have to reapply for the waivers in eSnaps.

28.Q: Our existing award in Esnaps does not include an allocation for indirect costs (although this was included in our proposed budget). How can we ensure that indirect costs are applied to this new/reallocation project budget?

A: You can request indirect costs in your new application.

29.Q: For youth ages 18–24, will educational hours, internships, school attendance, or vocational activities count toward the 40-hour weekly service participation requirement? What about workforce readiness activities, mental health services, and life-skills sessions?

A: Yes to both.

30.Q: The RFA requires that all applicants submit a copy of the supportive service agreement that will be used for the proposed TH project (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent). S4Y currently uses a youth-specific participant obligations agreement. Should applicants (1) submit their existing participation agreement as-is, or (2) modify the document to reflect NEW requirements (e.g., participation requirements, 40 hours/week of services) before submitting it with the application?

A: Follow your suggestions in (2).

31.Q: Should the combined TH project maintain the total number of youth served across both

original awards, or may the caseload/unit count be adjusted based on TH cost structures? Additionally, given the RFA requirement that TH projects provide 40 hours per week of customized supportive services for each participant (with proportional reductions for those employed), can you provide guidance on how this expectation should inform staffing levels and caseload ratios for youth-focused TH programs?

A: This is a new application, you may structure as you see fit given the guidelines provided in the RFA, the HUD NOFO and the needs of YYA using a TH approach.

32. Q: Will the scoring rubric/process account for age-appropriate performance outcomes for youth-serving projects, given that youth outcomes are likely to differ from adult TH indicators?

A: The scoring rubric is a generic instrument for all applicants. The Trust will be seeking to submit applications that are youth and DV focused as part of our strategy, meaning applications proposing to serve YYA will be competing with other YYA project applications.

33. Q: Will interim or bridge funding be available to cover projects expiring in April–May until the new NOFO awards are issued and contracts are executed (potentially not until October)? We have two projects ending in that timeframe and expect a significant funding gap if awards/contracts are delayed, which our organization is unable to sustain.

A: There has been no discussion at the Board level to finance any part of a PSH program without a HUD award announcement. I would not depend on gap funding coming from F&B unless an item is taken up by the board and approved.

34. Q: If we are applying for new PSH by reallocating an existing PSH program, will there be a process that allows current PSH participants to remain enrolled/served without disruption under the newly awarded PSH project?

A: It's unclear. We do have a prioritization strategy that prioritizes people displaced by reallocated PSH, but HUD has specific eligibility criteria for new PSH so that will narrow who we can help. We asked HUD this questions but we don't have a clear response.

35. Q: Will PSH participants who lose their housing be eligible for TH placement?

A: See response to Q: 16 above.

36. Q: Will PSH participants from a program that is closing be eligible for transfer to an existing PSH?

A: Eligible yes, but it will be highly unlikely that we would have availability.

37. Q: Does Transitional Housing require the provision of meals to participants? If so, can some meals be provided as part of the required program activities?

A: It is recommended you budget for three meals per day. Meals will not count towards the 40 hours a week requirement, but participant volunteerism in preparing meals can.

38. Q: How will the 40 hours per week of required program participation/employment be verified?

A: You must develop written standards with a schedule of services. More standards may come out of the CoC Subcommittee in 2026 as we intend to develop TH standards of Care for the CoC.

39. Q: The 40 hour requirement includes having a full time job – correct?

A: any hours worked exempts you from doing the full 40 hours. If someone works 40 hours does not have to do any service hours, while someone who works 20 hours has to do 20 service hours.

40. Q: Page 6 of the NOFO states TH participants must participate in 40 hours per week of customized services (case management, employment training, substance abuse treatment, etc),

does that requirement include victims of domestic violence?

A: Yes

41.Q: Under the NOFO's eligibility definitions, does severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI) qualify as a physical disability? Mental illness as a qualifying disability is named repeatedly in 24 CFR 578.3 which is the referenced federal guideline, however, that specific language appears to be absent from the actual NOFO. Has there been or will there be any attempt to clarify if the omission of SPMI was intentional or an oversight?

A: Please submit these questions to HUD through CoCNOFO@hud.gov. We submitted a similar question and are waiting for a response.

42.Q: How will the Selection Committee score PSH projects that specialize in SMI, given the absence of mental illness as an explicit priority?

A: Please refer to the criteria embedded in the RFA and the score sheet.

43.Q: For the shared unit bonus points (both TH and PSH), can a single project include both shared and single-occupancy units and still qualify for the points?

Q.b.: If yes, is there a minimum percentage or threshold of shared units required to receive the bonus points ?

A: See response to Q:14.

A.b.: We have not established a minimum percentage.

44.Q: Can a stand-alone SSO project serve individuals in PSH?

A: No

45.Q: Should the budget submitted be for one year or multiple (how many) years?

A: All grants must be submitted for a 1-year term.

46.Q: If we are master leasing a complete hotel or a block of hotel rooms dedicated exclusively to the TH program, will the project be reimbursed for the full cost of all rooms/hotel each month, or only for rooms occupied by program participants? What if a room is partially vacant (only one bed occupied for a "x" period of time).

A: Leasing can pay for vacant units.

47.Q: Is capital investment allowed? i.e. buying a hotel and using it as a transitional housing setting?

A: No.

48.Q: If reimbursement is based on occupancy, how should programs cover vacancy costs inherent in a master lease?

A: See response to Q46.

49.Q: Is an occupancy agreement with the hotel acceptable, or is a full master lease required?

A: In a project that supports housing costs with leasing, the lease is between the CoC subrecipient and the landowner. Once a program participant is identified for the unit, the recipient or subrecipient then executes a sublease or an occupancy agreement with participant (§ 578.77(a)).

50.Q: Are weekly or monthly hotel contracts allowable if rooms are dedicated to the program?

A: Lease must be for a term of at least one year and renewed upon expiration.

51.Q: Does the Trust consider double-bed hotel rooms as meeting the shared housing criteria for scoring purposes?

A: Yes

52. Q: Could more than 2 people be occupying a room (related occupants i.e. family with minors) or is it max 2 heartbeats per room?
A: Two heartbeats per room is the local standard.
53. Q: May a single TH program serve adults, youth, and families together
A: Yes
54. Q: For 1-bedroom units/hotel room required to house at least two people, may occupants be unrelated adults, or must they be families/couples?
A: It can be a mix of households with and without children; related or unrelated households.
55. Q: Is there a standard required for the size of the room in a hotel setting?
A: 70 square feet for 1 person or Shared bedrooms must have at least 50 square feet per person
56. Q: For TH programs operating in hotels, are providers required to supply meals directly to participants?
A: Providing meals to participants is the standard for which we have operated TH until now. We will be developing TH standards after the NOFO, in the interim, please budget for three meals a day to be safe.
57. Q: Are meal vouchers, food delivery services, or partnerships with community kitchens acceptable ways to meet food access requirements?
A: Yes
58. Q: For participants with income or SNAP benefits, is it acceptable to meet food needs through benefits assistance rather than providing meals directly?
A: You may charge an occupancy of 30% of the participant income and reinvest it into the program, including buying meals. I don't know that you can collect food stamps, I believe they are for use of the participant and eligible household members. They may have to forfeit those benefits while in TH. Please do not plan on using food stamps to supplement your food budget.
59. Q: Are overnight staff or on-site security allowable TH operating expenses?
A: Yes
60. Q: Must programs have 24/7 on-call or on-site staff?
A: Not required but a good practice.
61. Q: Are Uber/Lyft rides, bus passes, taxi assistance, or gas cards allowable under TH supportive services?
A: Transportation is an eligible budget line item.
62. Q: May contracted clinical or behavioral health services be billed under TH supportive services?
A: Yes
63. Q: If contracting with an employment specialist agency is a specific legal agreement required?
A: Yes
64. Q: Could contacted employment and training services be billed under this grant proposal?
A: Yes
65. Q: What documentation is required to demonstrate collaboration with law enforcement (MOUs, letters, meeting logs)?
A: None for the local competition. We may request more information once HUD opens eSnaps.

- 66.Q: Are outreach teams expected to participate in all countywide encampment closures, or only the ones assigned per geography (HRT)?
A: We are currently using the HRT to assign encampment complaints to SO by geography.
- 67.Q: Does “speciated behavioral health services” require an on-staff clinician, or can these services be subcontracted or coordinated through partners?
A: You can do either.
- 68.Q: May contracted clinical or behavioral health services be billed under TH supportive services?
A: Yes
- 69.Q: Does behavioral health navigation and linkage qualify as meeting the requirement?
A: No, see response to Q: 38 above.
- 70.Q: Is there a preferred staffing model for integrating behavioral health into outreach teams?
A: No but the use of CIT and trauma informed care should be considered.
- 71.Q: Is nighttime or weekend outreach required or preferred?
A: Preferred.
- 72.Q: Could contacted employment and training services be billed under this grant proposal?
A: Yes
- 73.Q: Are additional insurance endorsements required for hotel-based TH or street outreach operations?
A: Vehicle insurance when vehicle costs are included in the budget line items.
- 74.Q: Can you clarify how renewals will be scored? Will you be using the posted scoring sheet included in this RFA or is that only for new projects?
A: Staff will be scoring renewal project applications using the score sheet posted on our website. The same score sheet will be used by Selection Committee members to rate new project applications.
- 75.Q: For attachment 5 budget, with programs that have rental assistance that is now being calculated as FMR, the total funds requested are more than what is listed in the GIW and on row #132 the matching funds required are more than the 25% of the GIW amount. Please advise on how much match we need on renewals
A: You must adjust the budget form to match the GIW for renewal project applications.
- 76.Q: What are the ADA requirements for New PSH programs?
A: New PSH has to follow the criteria outlined on the top of page 5 in the RFA document, after “What can you apply for.”
- 77.Q: What is the earliest date that new programs can start?
A: You can have a start date of January 1, 2026, but I highly discourage it because you will have to float the project without any cashflow for several months. This year HUD is anticipating announcements in May, meaning you won’t know if you were awarded until May and you are not likely to get a contract until July or later.
- 78.Q: What is the eligibility for families with the New PSH priorities?
A: See response to Q: 76.
- 79.Q: Could you also please clarify how the Indirect Costs are calculated in the budget sheet?
A: Indirect costs are calculated at the 15% de minimis rate for allowable budget line items. Some

budget line items do not show indirect costs because those activities would not be eligible. If your agency has an approved rate greater than 15%, you'll have to manually adjust the formula in the budget form, and attach the cognizant agency approval letter to the application.

80.Q: The Certificate of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan form included in the NOFO documents and on the Homeless Trust website is dated 3/98 and has a 2012 expiration date. A newer form is available via the HUD website that expires in 2027. Are we to use the new form or the one provided via the local CoC application?

A: Please use the latest form.