

Date: January 21, 2026.

To: Daniella Levine-Cava
Mayor

From: Manny Sarria, Asst. Executive Director
Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust

Subject: HUD Continuum of Care Collaborative Application

On November 21, 2025, the Homeless Trust Board approved the issuance of a Request for Applications (RFA) to solicit new and renewal project proposals for inclusion the FY 2025 US HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition, also known as the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The NOFO, initially released by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on November 13, 2025, is the main source of federal funding for the Homeless Trust, which is the lead agency for Miami-Dade County's homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Collaborative Applicant leading the submission of the NOFO on behalf of the CoC. Miami-Dade County, through the Homeless Trust, receives in excess of \$63 million in federal funding for homeless housing and services, through the NOFO process.

The FY 2025 NOFO ushered in sweeping changes in federal homelessness policy, including capping spending on Permanent Housing (PH) to 30% of the Homeless Trust's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). ARD is the total dollar amount needed to renew all eligible Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Projects. More than 85% of the CoC's HUD Permanent Housing portfolio is PH. The release of the FY 2025 NOFO also effectively rescinded a two-year NOFO, which required that CoC's only submit one application for FY 2024 and 2025. The NOFO changes prompted lawsuits from a coalition of 20 states, plus advocacy groups. On December 8, 2025, HUD withdrew the November 13 issued NOFO and released a revised NOFO on December 19, 2025, which addressed some of the lawsuits' concerns. Shortly thereafter, a judge issued a preliminary injunction, which temporarily blocked HUD from canceling the two-year FY 2024-2025 NOFO. As a result of the injunction, HUD has outlined steps to allow CoC's to renew existing Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) and Unsheltered Special NOFO (S-NOFO) projects that were not part of the FY 2024 and 2025 competition. Our CoC received both YHDP and S-NOFO funding and is working to submit those projects for renewal by the HUD deadline of February 9, 2026. HUD expects to make awards in late March.

However, HUD announced that if it prevails in court, it intends to return to the December 19 NOFO, a two-track process, which limits *renewal* Permanent Housing (PH) to 30% of the Trust's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as part of a Normal Track, but also allows an additional 30% of the Trust's ARD in *new* PH projects to be submitted in a separate category called the Extended Track. With so much uncertainty, the Homeless Trust proceeded with its local solicitation in the event HUD prevails in court.

The local funding opportunity was posted on the Homeless Trust's website, advertised in English, Spanish and Creole newspapers, and via email to stakeholders currently serving or seeking to serve homeless and formerly homeless households. On November 21, 2025, a pre-application workshop was held to explain the available funding opportunities to interested applicants.

As part of the local solicitation, 59 applications (21 renewals, 27 new, 8 PH Bonus, 3 DV Bonus) were received by the due date of December 14, 2025 and found to be responsive. All 21 *renewal* project applications were rated by staff, including Coordinated Entry (CE), inclusive of youth focused CE projects, Street Outreach (SO), and 13 renewal Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) applications that met the stringent solicitation requirements for renewal. Staff proposed twelve (12) renewal PSH projects be advanced in the Collaborative Application. These 12 projects will make up Tier 1 of the CoC's Collaborative Application and will not subject to a national competition. As requests for renewal PSH exceeded 30% of our ARD (Tier 1), the #12 ranked project was reduced to achieve the 30% cap for PH renewals. The balance of the #12 ranked PSH project and the 13th PSH renewal application will be treated as *new* PSH bonus for inclusion in HUD's Extended Track.

A Selection Committee appointed by the Mayor convened on January 9 and January 21, 2026, and approved staff recommendations for the ranking of *renewal* PSH, CE and SO projects. The Selection Committee also rated and ranked 30 *new* Transitional Housing (TH), Street Outreach (SO) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) proposals, including projects for survivors of domestic violence. The Selection Committee recommended 24 *new* TH, SO and SSO projects be included in the Collaborative Application to HUD. The committee gave staff the discretion to work with respondents to amend project proposal amounts and number of persons served, when appropriate. In the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus category, the Selection Committee recommended funding the top two applicants, reducing each proposal to achieve the amount allowed through DV Bonus. A third DV bonus application was rejected as the CoC's capacity for DV Bonus projects is capped at \$3,588,855, per the HUD CoC Program Competition.

The Selection Committee recommended the Homeless Trust rank *new* TH proposals immediately after renewal PSH, SO and CE projects, followed by *new* SO and then SSO projects. Using this prioritization, projects were ranked by their score, with two exceptions where the committee directed staff to rank projects in a different order. As a result, all TH and SO projects, but only a select number of SSO projects, could be recommended for funding in the Normal Track without exceeding the CoC's ARD.

The Selection Committee will rate and rank the eight (8) new bonus PSH project applications for inclusion in the Extended Track at a later date. These *new* applications will be ranked below the two (2) *renewal* PSH applications that were considered but unable to be funded as part of the Normal Track. If the CoC advances all the new PSH applications for inclusion in the Extended Track it will still be able to submit an additional application for approximately \$3.7 million of Permanent Housing. Therefore, the Homeless Trust intends to submit its own new Rapid Re-Housing proposal at the end of the Extended Track for which it will competitively solicit a provider(s) to administer, should HUD award this project.

Attached please find a list of scoring, funding and ranking recommendations for the Normal Track and a portion of the Extended Track should the December 19 NOFO move forward. We appreciate the Selection Committee's participation and diligence throughout this process.

These recommendations will be considered by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust's Board members on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require additional information.

Attachment

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RFA Selection Committee Members & Respondents