

IMPORTANT NOTICE
MS-503 CoC
- PUBLIC NOTICE -
FY 2026 CONTINUUM OF CARE APPLICATION
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM RENEWAL APPLICANTS AND NEW PROJECT
APPLICANTS

Open Doors Homeless Coalition, on behalf of MS-503 HUD Continuum of Care, applies for funds under the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity. The Continuum of Care (CoC) application includes a community strategy to prevent and ultimately end homelessness in the Gulf Coast region along with data and outcomes related to local initiatives. Open Doors Homeless Coalition submits renewal applications for existing high performing programs and new applications created by reallocation or bonus. Open Doors Homeless Coalition has approximately **\$3,959,899*** available for new and renewal funding allocated to the MS-503 geography through this NOFO (****this amount is preliminary and subject to change after HUD publishes the FY2026 Annual Renewal Demand Report***). **New and renewal applications are due no later than July 15, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.** Applications, as well as scoring rubrics, are available at <https://www.opendoorshc.org/continuum-of-care/> under 2026 CoC Documents. If you are unable to access this page, please contact Cathy Pitalo, at cpitalo@opendoorshc.org to request materials.

Open Doors Homeless Coalition seeks applications for new housing programs that will enhance the availability of housing and the delivery of services for individuals and/or families and/or youth who are homeless and/or fleeing domestic violence in the 6-County region. The region includes Harrison County, Hancock County, Jackson County, Pearl River County, Stone County, and George County. New Rapid Rehousing programs for individuals, families, and/or youth experiencing homelessness, new Permanent Supportive Housing programs for households where an adult member has a disability, Transitional Housing projects, and Supportive Services Only (Outreach or Stand Alone, as well as DV Coordinated Entry) projects will be considered.

The 2026 NOFO allows applicants to apply for up to **\$500,000*** for regular CoC Bonus project(s), as well as up to **\$365,495*** for a specific DV Bonus project (that serve those fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in the 6-County region), including expansions of existing renewal projects, which will compete against other projects, including renewals (***these amounts are preliminary and subject to change after HUD publishes the FY2026 Annual Renewal Demand Report***). The successful applicant for a DV Bonus project will meet threshold criteria, collaborate with other victim service providers, demonstrate the need for the project, their experience, their victim-centered practices, and inclusion of survivors with lived expertise in their policies and planning. Only one (1) DV Bonus project will move forward. **CoC Bonus transitional housing and DV Bonus transitional housing and/or Supportive Services Only project applications that demonstrate coordination with primary and behavioral healthcare systems (including substance abuse treatment) and resulting leveraging of those resources will be given preference.**

Area nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, public housing authorities, or units of local government may apply to be included in the MS-503 Continuum of Care application. The process is competitive. If selected for inclusion in the 2026 MS-503 CoC application to HUD, whether a renewal project or new proposed project, there is no guarantee that HUD will approve the project. Additionally, selected projects may be reduced by the MS-503 CoC review committee or by HUD. For more information, please visit www.opendoorshc.org under the Continuum of Care tab.

If a project is chosen for inclusion in the 2026 MS-503 CoC application, the nonprofit organization, public housing authority, or unit of local government applicant must complete a SAM registration, an electronic applicant profile on e-snaps, an electronic e-snaps application, and additional information, as required by HUD. Inclusion in the CoC application is not a guarantee of award. HUD makes the final decision on all awards. Applicants will be notified by **August 10, 2026** if their proposals were chosen for inclusion in the 2026 Continuum of Care application. If chosen, applicants may be asked to make minor changes to their proposals to strengthen the overall application.

Existing renewal projects may be reallocated by voluntary reallocation or by reallocation to a higher scoring new project. Additionally, existing renewal projects may also utilize the transition grant process to reallocate their current project and create a new one.

The MS-503 CoC reallocation policy is posted at <https://www.opendoorshc.org/continuum-of-care/#coc-documents>.

Proposal Requirements:

The new project proposal must create new Transitional Housing, new Permanent Supportive Housing for households with an adult member who has a disability, or Rapid Rehousing for individuals, families or youth, as defined in this notice, Supportive Services Only projects (Outreach or Stand Alone, or DV Coordinated Entry) or submit renewal applications for existing funding. Preference will be given to new Transitional Housing projects and Supportive Services Only projects. The proposal should leverage funds from other sources to create a program that meets the housing and services needs of the participants. New and renewal project applicants may request funds for leasing or tenant based rental assistance, operating costs, HMIS and VAWA costs, administrative costs up to 10%, and appropriate supportive services. A documented match of 25% (for all components except for leasing) is required. No guarantee of award is made as HUD makes the final decisions on funding.

Applicants who have not previously received Continuum of Care funds are encouraged to apply under this notice as long as the applicant has a current Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), is registered in the SAM registry, has experience with federal, state or local funds and has no unresolved audit findings. The link for the SAM registry follows: <https://governmentcontractregistration.com/sam-registration.asp>.

As the MS-503 Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicant, Open Doors Homeless Coalition will apply for CoC planning funds outside the rating and ranking, as described by the 2026 NOFO. As

the MS-503 Continuum of Care HMIS Lead and Coordinated Entry Lead, Open Doors Homeless Coalition intends to apply for HMIS funds (Homelessness Management Information System) and Coordinated Entry/Assessment funds for both adults and youth populations.

The current 2026 HUD Continuum of Care Program NOFO can be found at <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY2026-CoC-Program-NOFO.pdf>.

If you have questions regarding the 2026 MS-503 Continuum of Care local competition, please contact Cathy Pitalo at cpitalo@opendoorshc.org.