

## Advocacy Tips

### FY2025 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (UPDATED 9/30/2025)

Advocates may use the Alliance's tools to complete the current advocacy action "[ACT NOW: Hold HUD Accountable and Protect CoC Program Funding.](#)" You may also choose to email your lawmakers' offices directly or reach out by phone to the Congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121. In addition to contacting your lawmakers' offices in Washington, D.C., you are also highly encouraged to contact their district offices, which you can find on each Representative's or Senator's webpage.

Regardless of which method you choose, use the following information to strengthen your outreach.

## Background

Since July 3, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has continued to be vague about its plans for a new FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program competition. HUD has signaled its intentions for the CoC Program through the President's FY2026 budget request, Executive Orders, and the latest re-issuance of HUD's CoC Builds NOFO. But [new reporting from POLITICO](#) largely confirmed that this NOFO will include sweeping changes that will quickly and irresponsibly upend homelessness response systems.

The language in section 166 of [the Continuing Appropriations and Extensions and Other Matters Act, 2026](#) (S. 2882, H.R. 5450), a short-term funding measure recently introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-CT-03 (House Appropriations Committee – Ranking Member) and Sen. Patty Murray, D-WA (Senate Appropriations Committee – Vice Chair) **would require that HUD renew all existing Continuum of Care (CoC) grants** expiring during calendar year 2026 for one 12- month period.

## Implication

HUD's changes to this CoC Program NOFO will result in **significant funding delays, loss of housing for more than 170,000 people nationwide, and critical resource gaps in communities all across the country**, no matter their political inclination. It will impact all kinds of communities, with a greater impact on rural areas that have fewer resources to offset federal funding cuts.

## The Ask

**Ask your Representative and both Senators to please protect homelessness funding for our state/district by including section 166 from S. 2882/H.R. 5450 in the continuing resolution.** Include the following details in your advocacy:

- Section 166 is a no-cost provision. It abides by past Congressional direction in FY2024 authorizing HUD to issue a two-year NOFO process for FY2024 and FY2025 funds for the CoC program.
- Congress universally rejected the President's FY2026 Budget Proposal for the Homeless Assistance Grants programs. Please do not let HUD succeed in dismantling the CoC Program and homelessness response systems across the country via this NOFO.
- Include a link to the Politico article: <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/09/29/trump-admin-looks-at-deep-cuts-to-homeless-housing-program-00585770>
- Detailed information about what a 30 percent cap on permanent housing would mean in your specific district/state:

- Number and type of permanent housing projects
  - Number of people that will lose assistance, including demographic information
    - Especially highlight impact on people with disabilities, older adults, veterans, and families with children
  - Number of landlords and property owners impacted
- Any information about the impact in your specific district/state if FY2025 COC Program funds **are not awarded until April or May**. For example:
- Projects that will expire January through May
  - Number of beds and people that would be impacted
  - Amount of funding at risk
  - Number of landlords that would not get paid
- Use the [CoC Builds NOFO: Exclusionary Criterion Analysis](#) to identify how your state would be impacted by certain existing criteria in the **CoC Builds** NOFO; HUD may use similar criteria for the **CoC Program** NOFO. This may include:
- If your jurisdiction and state do not ban public camping
  - If your organization receives other federal funding that does not align with these criteria, but you are required to comply with it for this other funding.

This NOFO will have far reaching consequences beyond the organizations that will lose funding or the people that are at risk of losing their housing. **Now** is the time to reach out to other stakeholders to raise the alarm so they can contact your lawmakers, too. This should include:

- Landlords
  - Property owners
  - Business that could be impacted
  - Partners that will be impacted such as PHAs, healthcare providers, etc.
  - State and local officials who will be unable to absorb the anticipated losses
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