

December 4, 2025

The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20410

Dear Secretary Turner:

As bipartisan Mayors representing communities across the nation and millions of American households, we write to express our deep distress regarding the new fiscal year 2025 (FY25) notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care (CoC) grant program. The changes and timeline proposed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would upend years of progress made by our communities against homelessness. We respectfully urge you to renew all CoC grants under the requirements of the previous Fiscal Year 2024 NOFO for an additional 12-month period and remove funding caps on permanent supportive housing (PSH) when issuing the next NOFO.

For nearly three decades, our cities' housing and homelessness departments have worked closely with local organizations and HUD to administer CoC funding and address the critical needs of housing-insecure Americans. These services include counseling, substance abuse treatment, and, in many cases, providing PSH. While CoC allows many activities, providing housing for those on the verge of homelessness or facing extraordinary personal circumstances has been its most impactful use. Capping CoC funding for PSH at 30% would devastate local programs, leaving many without a place to call home.

The historic two-year timeline for CoC funding also provides crucial stability for planning and execution. We share the sentiment of Congressional Democrats and Republicans who wrote to the Department requesting that you renew all existing Continuum of Care (CoC) grants expiring in calendar year 2026 for one additional 12-month period. Abrupt changes to the CoC funding cycle will disrupt cities' ability to respond to the homelessness crisis and weaken local processes.

We appreciate when the administration focuses on mental health and substance use issues, particularly for homeless populations. However, ending this critical lifeline will only exacerbate these challenges, leaving countless Americans without housing, making them vulnerable to drugs, gangs, and exacerbating many of their existing mental health issues.

Housing affordability and homelessness remain salient issues for the American people. With housing costs at near record-highs, low-income Americans are struggling to put food on the table and pay rent. Rather than imposing new funding requirements, the administration should take an all-of-the-above approach to this issue. Red and blue communities have made their voices heard that they need more tools and flexibility to address homelessness and the cost-of-living crisis.

We want to work with the administration and Congress to increase and stabilize CoC funding and provide communities with new tools to address substance abuse and mental health while continuing to stably house thousands of Americans.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely:

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