



CITY OF
GRESHAM

Continuum of Care Board Minutes

1/15/2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Laura Golino de Lavato, Trevor Nissen, Christina McGovney, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Steven Gilbert, Mark Morford, Casady Monroe, Antoinette Pietka (PHB), Brandi Tuck, Kat Salas, Jamar Summerfield

HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Erin Pidot, Ryan Deibert

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Land & Labor Acknowledgment• Review Community Agreements• Review Racial Equity Lens Tool• Review Agenda	
Status update on 2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and CoP update	<p>HSD staff provided the CoC Board with the latest updates about the 2025 HUD CoC NOFO (see presentation slides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gave context and timeline for where the community is now and the lack of clarity in the 2025 NOFO process <p>Q&A</p> <p>Q: Assuming the court determines HUD's approach to the NOFO is not legal, all projects will get the second-year renewal; however, the funding bill passed last fall cut funding by 25% - does HUD have authorized funding to cover the second year ? A: Yes, there is funding approved by congress for the second year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shared remaining concerns, including gaps in funding, even if all projects are renewed<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ CoC providers have experienced delays/gaps before, but expect them to be more significant this time.◦ HSD continues to check in with providers about this.• HUD will release a NOFO later this year for 2026-2027 with similar impacts. <p>Q: Re: HUD appealing the current court's decision... what does it mean if we do get the renewal funding and then HUD wins and reinstates their 2025 NOFO? A: Seems now likely that we'll get the renewal grants; HUD has laid off a lot of staff and will have reduced capacity and may decide to focus on the NOFO they'll put out later this year. We'd just have to pivot back to the quick work we already put into the new NOFO.</p>	

	<p>Q: If HUD issues renewals, will the grant renewal date be retroactive to the end of the prior grant year (and will projects be able to retroactively bill to that date)? A: Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHB member shared that the HUD entitlement grants for the city went fine, and the city was recently awarded a \$7M prohousing grant that was approved last week. • HSD shared about conversation with CoC providers at the CoP meeting earlier this week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Providers want to be engaged in planning process soon for the next NOFO ◦ Providers concerned with the language in the NOFO coming back and certifications they'll be required to sign (ex: that they won't recognize gender outside the binary), and want to strategize together about that • HSD regrouping with Homebase next week about how to move forward and will keep CoC Board updated <p>Q: Regarding the providers applying for the first time, how disappointed are they that they won't be a part of this funding cycle? How do we make sure to engage them in the next round?</p> <p>A: Haven't heard much from them; sense is people are along for the unprecedented ride, and HSD will have an opportunity to reengage with them soon around the 2026 NOFO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC Board member said they just received an alert that Trump is stopping all funding to sanctuary cities on Feb. 1, which is illegal, will be litigated, and will be one more obstacle. 	<p>https://www.politico.com/news/2026/01/13/white-house-end-funding-sanctuary-cities-states-00726557</p>
Discussion: Amended CoC Charter review	<p>HSD proposed a pause on Charter amendments, given the current NOFO situation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reminded the board about the proposed charter amendments in response to/to be in compliance with the released 2025 NOFO • CoC Board agreed that the pause is appropriate 	
Discussion: the recent NOFO experience – what to know and how to engage going forward	<p>In preparation for further NOFO work, HSD suggested small groups of CoC Board members discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What did you not know about CoC funds or the NOFO process that you wished you knew before the NOFO was released? • How can the Board support our provider community to be prepared for the new standards that will likely show up in a future NOFO? These may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Emphasis on transitional housing and recovery ◦ New scoring priorities ◦ Program expectations, such as service requirements 	<p>NOFO Rating and Ranking Criteria: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sTDG2jC6MLs2QpVsRsrKyQkzcIPzHEaYkzGZGhSYkw/edit?gid=2022540954#gid=2022540954</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since HUD may no longer be a reliable and stable funding partner, what can help build community resilience to respond to the new HUD expectations while preserving our values and priorities? <p>Groups shared the following from their breakout discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want insight on HUD staff perspectives; will they look at websites and dig deep or just accept what's in the applications? Look at partnerships across cities and how they're framing things to get funding Need for large scale systems change as to how we approach housing (social housing, ex) how we use our \$ very strategically to max dwindling resources What is reasonable to expect of the board can do; for ex, comm engagement and outreach Have proactive stance over next few months regarding next NOFO 	
Closing and next steps	<p>Next meeting is February 19, 2026</p> <p>Next steps: HSD will keep the board updated re: NOFO and county budget, continue board conversations, do a general charter review</p>	