

Continuum of Care Board Meeting

January 15, 2026



Zoom - Meeting

Today's CoC Board Meeting is using Zoom Meeting, instead of our usual Webinar format. This will allow us to use breakout rooms later in the meeting. It also allows the public to be in the meeting with the same access as Board members.

Non-CoC Board member are welcome to observe this meeting. We do not take public comments during CoC Board meetings. Members of the public are welcome to enter questions using the chat. CoC Board members and HSD staff may not be able to respond, but HSD staff will attempt to follow up if you include your email/contact info with your question.

Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement & Quick update on calendars	All Members
35 min	Status update on 2025 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and CoP update	HSD Staff
20 min	Amended Charter review	HSD Staff
5 min	Break	
45 min	Discussion: the recent NOFO experience – what to know and how to engage going forward	Co-Chairs
5 min	Closing and next steps	Co-Chairs

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Credit to:

**Dr. Aileen Duldulao &
Heather Heater,
Multnomah County**

<https://native-land.ca/>
Ecotrust - Going
Beyond Land
Acknowledgements

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River.

This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Community Agreements (1/3)

- Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work. Make every effort to share power by actively listening to input from all members, particularly those who may be marginalized or underrepresented, and committing to following up on input provided or seeking further input from communities not in this space.
- Approach discussions with empathy and respect, allowing space for vulnerability.
- Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not override impact.
- Be accountable and transparent. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.

Community Agreements (2/3)

- Be mindful of privilege, historical and current structures of oppression, specifically anti-blackness and Indigenous erasure. Approach the work with a shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
- Strive for resolution, while also expecting and accepting non-closure.
- Honor the diversity in the room. Stay open to different perspectives and alternative approaches.
- Language matters. Use intentional, direct, compassionate language. Speak your truth in a way that respects all of our community agreements. Offer content warnings if appropriate.

Community Agreements (3/3)

- Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
- Maintain confidentiality. Share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
- Meet folks where they are. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, patient, and transparent in our dialogue.
- Use people-first language and refrain from stigmatizing language.
- Listen to understand, don't listen to rebut.



**Homeless Services
Department**

2025 CoC NOFO Update

2025 CoC NOFO Journey

- **Nov. 13:** NOFO released
- **Dec. 8:** HUD withdraws NOFO, local application deadline extended
- **Dec. 19:**
 - Local CoC application due date
 - Court issues preliminary verbal order providing relief (HUD ordered to resolve issues identified in lawsuit)
 - HUD issues new NOFO in draft form (NOFO did not resolve all issues identified by judge, so unable to officially release it)
- **Dec. 23:** Court issues written order for HUD to reinstate FY24/25 NOFO and begin process of renewing existing grants
- **Jan. 9:** HUD reopens the FY 24/25 NOFO
- **Feb. 9:** FY 24/25 NOFO applications due in e-snaps (*renewal projects not required to submit a renewal application*)

Remaining Concerns

- **Funding gaps:** The current HUD funding timeline, which they released under court order, will cause significant funding gaps for programs with operating end dates between January and May 2026.
- **HUD Appeal/2025 NOFO reinstatement:** HUD may appeal the court's order to reinstate the FY24/25 NOFO, and the possibility remains a higher court allows them to reinstate their original NOFO.
- **FY2026 NOFO:** We anticipate that HUD's NOFO for the next year of funding will look similar to the two NOFOs HUD has released in 2025 that were revoked by the court. This would result in similar difficult decisions around existing CoC funding.

CoC Charter Amendments: new proposal to delay any action



[reminder] New Requirements for CoC Governance

The CoC must demonstrate it has a decision-making governance board that includes:

- At least 1 person with a former experience of homelessness
- At least 3 elected public officials
- At least 1 representative of the business community
- At least 2 representatives of law enforcement

[reminder] CoC Governance Recommendation

Amend CoC Charter to meet new requirements during the CoC NOFO process with a commitment to work on a longer term strategy after the NOFO closes

- Work with Homelessness Response System (HRS) to identify 3 elected officials to serve as ex officio members in liaison roles between the HRS Steering and Oversight Committee (SOC) and the CoC Board
- Work with HRS to identify 1 representative of the business community who can serve as ex officio members in liaison role between the HRS SOC and the CoC Board
- Work with the Portland Police Department and/or Sheriff's Department to identify ex officio members, and engage with outreach providers to inform this

CoC Charter Amendments: Review and Vote

- Goal: minimal changes to CoC Charter to comply with likely HUD expectations in the eventual re-release of the NOFO around CoC Board membership
- Review proposed amendments to CoC Charter & discussion
- PROPOSAL: given the current status of the CoC NOFO, HSD recommends postponing any amendments to the charter

Discussion: the recent NOFO experience – what to know and how to engage going forward



Breakout Group Questions

1. What did you not know about CoC funds or the NOFO process that you wished you knew before the NOFO was released?
2. 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:
 - Emphasis on transitional housing and recovery
 - New scoring priorities
 - Program expectations, such as service requirements
3. 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?

Thank you.