



Continuum of Care Board Meeting

February 19, 2026



Zoom - Meeting

Today's CoC Board Meeting is using Zoom Meeting, instead of our usual Webinar format. It 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
20 min	Update on 2025 HUD CoC NOFO and looking ahead to 2026 NOFO	HSD Staff
5 min	Feedback from "De-Constructing Anti-Blackness & Misogynoir" training	HSD Staff & CoC Board Members
5 min	Break	
20 min	Charter review	CoC Board Co-Chairs
20 min	CoC Board terms and Co-Chair discussion	CoC Board Co-Chairs
5 min	Closing and next steps	CoC Board 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

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Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) Appropriations Bill - signed into law February 3rd, the bill provides funding for key housing programs for the remainder of the fiscal year. The bill includes:

FY 2025

- HUD must immediately, non-competitively renew grants that expire in Q1 for 12 months
- If awards not made prior to April 1, HUD must non-competitively renew grants that expire in Q2 for 12 months, phased approach that will also apply to grants in Q3 and Q4
- Grants awarded in this way cannot be penalized under any 2025 or 2026 NOFO

FY 2026

- \$4.417 billion (\$290m for ESG; \$4.010b for CoC)
- Lowest HUD can take Tier 1 in the CoC FY2026 NOFO is 60%
- Requires NOFO to be published by June and awards made by December
- New NOFO and will impact local programs starting FY 27-28

2025 CoC NOFO Update

Last winter, the National Alliance to End Homeless (NAEH) sued to stop HUD from the irreparable harm that the previous NOFO would cause, such as drastically cutting permanent housing funding and delayed funding.

- HUD has filed an emergency motion to dissolve the December preliminary injunction.
 - HUD arguing the preliminary injunction (lawsuit) is no longer justified.
- HUD is arguing they cannot meet the deadlines the Congress set in the 2026 THUD bill because the court's order blocks them from implementing their new funding notice
- Dissolving the injunction would allow HUD to proceed with a new FY2025 NOFO (likely the version from December 19, 2025).
- HUD believes that Congress has addressed the immediate concerns and the bill ensures that all projects expiring in the first half of 2026 will automatically receive funding renewals, this eliminates any immediate harm to Plaintiffs, and now there's enough time left to implement HUD's December 2025 funding notice for projects expiring in quarter 3 and 4, making that funding competitive.

2025 CoC NOFO Update

- We submitted our response to HUD based on the guidance HUD released in January
- HUD processing renewals for FY 26-27
- Working with Homebase to prepare for potential NOFO scenarios
- Continuum of Care Community of Practice Monthly Meetings
 - Debriefing the previous NOFO process
 - Discussing Coordinated Access referrals
 - Proposing a Working Group, we know that some communities (i.e., undocumented, LGBTQIA+, other intersectional groups) are more deeply impacted by this administration's policies
 - Discuss emerging issues with the CoC program, understanding the impact on marginalized groups and recommendations for mitigating harm
 - Meet monthly

Report back: De-Constructing Anti-Blackness & Misogynoir workshop



Key takeaways:

- Anti-Blackness is a specific kind of racial prejudice against Black diasporic communities
 - It is global, yet is the root of all oppression in the US
 - Generational; trauma gets passed on
 - Symptom of white supremacy
- Contributes to Black Fatigue, the ongoing pain, anguish and exhaustion of ever-present supervision, surveillance and judgement
- Misogynoir - term coined in 2008 to describe the specific combination of misogyny and anti-blackness experienced by Black women/femmes

Relevance to CoC Board:

Given past and ongoing experiences with the CoC Board...

- How does the Board work to dismantle Anti-Blackness and other forms of oppression?
- Whose responsibility is it to lead this work?
- What support is needed to confront this head on?
- How do we ensure this work is part of every meeting/all we do?

We'll have a more thorough and structured discussion about this at an upcoming meeting

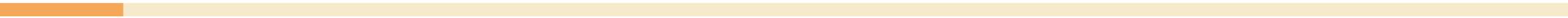
CoC Board Charter Review





Discussion: CoC Board Terms & Co-Chairs





Thank you.