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Continuum of Care Board Meeting

September 17, 2026

Zoom - Meeting

Today's CoC Board Meeting is using Zoom Meeting, instead of the Zoom 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.

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Some tips for all to support ASL Interpretation

Draft… we're still developing these tips

- Make sure your microphone is muted when not speaking
- One person speaks/shares at a time
- Use the raise hand feature when you want to share something
  - Or, say your name to indicate you have something to share
- Say your name before you speak
- Check out Zoom features to:
  - Rearrange the speaker gallery
  - Pin and/or spotlight Interpreters, slides or other presenters

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Meeting Agenda

10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement	All Members
20 min	NOFO Updates: current state and review of CoC's response to potential impacts	HSD CoC Staff
15 min	CoC Board Response to NOFOs - review	CoC Board Co-Chair
5 min	Onboarding Update	HSD CoC Staff
5 min	Opportunities: Collaborative Applicant Committee and Board Co-Chair	CoC Board Co-Chair & HSD Staff
5 min	Closing and next steps	CoC Board Co-Chair

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Credit to:
Dr. Aileen Duldulao & Heather Heater, Multnomah County

https://native-land.ca/

Ecotrust - Going Beyond Land Acknowledgements

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Introductions

- Please share your name & pronouns

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NOFO Updates

Lawsuit: National Alliance v. HUD

On 9/16 the Circuit Court granted HUD's request for a motion for stay pending appeal in the lawsuit against the 2026 CoC NOFO. The court also stated, "HUD has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed on the merits of its challenge to the district court," meaning HUD is likely to win its appeal overall.

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What this means: The 2026 NOFO, in its original form, will be reinstated and we will continue with the competition as previously planned.

The Priority Listing published on August 5th contains the list of projects that Multnomah County, as the CoC's Collaborative Applicant, will put forward to HUD for funding.

We currently do not have a new deadline for when the NOFO will be due, but we anticipate that it will be a very short timeline.

HUD Releases Public Comment

In August, the District Court struck down the FY 26 NOFO because HUD did not carry out a public comment period around incentivizing communities to prioritize TH and SSO projects as part of the NOFO aka the $1.3B set aside.

- The District Court noted that HUD is only permitted to provide bonuses or incentives for strategies proven effective at reducing homelessness *other than permanent housing* when there is supporting evidence and an opportunity for public comment.

On 9/11/26 HUD published a Federal Register notice to solicit public comment. This notice seeks public comment on activities HUD proposes to incentivize through the Continuum of Care (CoC) program.

HUD Releases Public Comment

HUD is seeking comment on its determination that the following are "proven effective" strategies to be incentivized:

- Transitional housing paired with employment and behavioral health services;
- Supportive services focused on employment, health care, substance use and mental health treatment, self-sufficiency, and housing barriers;
- Supportive-service participation agreements;
- Treatment- and recovery-oriented housing, including drug-free and sober housing; and
- Coordination with law enforcement and first responders.

HUD Releases Public Comment

This is an opportunity for HUD to hear directly from communities around the changes they are trying to implement through the NOFOs. According to the National Alliance to end homelessness, it is "imperative" that HUD hears directly from communities about the claims they are making in this notice.

Options for making public comment:

- Can comment as individuals
- Can comment as an organization
- Can comment as the CoC board

All comments are due via the Federal Register by **10/13/26**.

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CoC Board Response to NOFOs

	2025 NOFO	2026 NOFO
Context	This CoC NOFO reversed course on HUD's previous commitment to prioritizing CoC funds for permanent housing (PH). HUD created a 30% housing cap, Multco could only apply for $10.8 Mil in PH funding Approximately 800 households were at risk of losing their housing starting in early 2026, including approximately 600 PSH households.	Similar to the previous 2025 NOFO, this NOFO also uplifts executive orders and the current administration's policy priorities Priority for new Transitional Housing (TH) projects and Supportive Services Only (SSO), increased competitiveness No formal permanent housing cap, but NOFO structure pushed communities towards capping permanent housing at 60% Tier 1 set to 60%, Multco protected funding is $24.6 Million (previous to 2025, Tier 1 typically set around 90%)

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CoC Board Response	Discussed and engaged multiple strategies at once: • Funding swap • Converting projects to TH • MultCo as Applicant for TH CoC Grant, we would apply as main TH provider *HUD withdrew NOFO based on NAEH's first lawsuit	CAC designed new scoring rubric to align with HUD expectations Priority Listing Tier 1 contains renewal PSH & TH with highest performance outcomes High scoring RRH projects invited to convert to TH (adjusted ranking policy) Collaborative Application had new questions to respond to such as: Treatment and Recovery, Investment in Supportive Services, Cooperating with law enforcement, and altering the CoC Governance Structure *NOFO set-aside, awaiting court decision on HUD appeal

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New Member Onboarding Update

Update on New Member Onboarding

- Second onboarding session set for September 28th (virtual)
  - Will focus on Equity at HSD as well as follow ups on other topics

- ***We hope to find an opportunity for the full CoC Board to meet in person in the near future***

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Opportunities: Collaborative Applicant Committee and Board Co-Chair

Thank you.

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