# FY2025 CoC Technical Assistance Session

MORRIS CONTINUUM OF CARE

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# What is the CoC?

o Continuum of Care (CoC) is both:

   o A funding source through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist in efforts to end homelessness

       **AND**

   o The local planning group organized to carry out the requirements of receiving the CoC funding

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# CoC Background

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to:

o The goal of ending homelessness

o To provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness

o To promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families

o To optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness

# Eligible Entities

**ELIGIBLE PROJECT APPLICANTS INCLUDE:**

o Non-profit organizations

o State and Local Governments

o Public Housing Agencies

**INELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:**

o Individuals

o For-profit entities

# CoC FY2025 NOFO Overview

## Different Tier 1/Tier 2 process

- Tier 1 is set at 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- Morris CoC that would be $645,554.70

## Implemented a new Permanent Housing Cap

- CoCs cannot receive more than 30% of their current ARD in permanent housing programs including permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing and joint transitional/rapid rehousing
- 66.2% of Morris' current ARD is used for permanent housing – over an $800,000 reduction in permanent housing

## Adjusted eligible program types

## Change in scoring to merit review

# Types of Funding

**Renewal Project Funding**

o Projects that have received CoC funding in the past that are looking to continue operating their projects

**New Project Funding (Anticipated)**

o Reallocation

o CoC Bonus Project Funding

o Domestic Violence Bonus Project Funding

# HUD CoC Priorities

Prepare for an application focused on:

- **Treatment and recovery**
- **Reducing unsheltered homelessness**
- **Reducing returns to homelessness**
- **Increasing the earned income of participants**

The NOFO will seek to provide opportunities for new types of projects including street outreach and transitional housing programs.

- HUD encourages CoCs to evaluate the effectiveness of their projects at contributing to the community-wide goals above and to ensure that the most effective partners, including faith-based organizations, are involved.

# Area to Evaluate potential for scoring increases

o **Participation requirements for supportive services** – projects require program participants to take part in supportive services

- o 100% of CoC projects have participation agreements (10 pts)
- o 50% of CoC projects have participation agreements (5 pts)

o 30% of ARD to Supportive Services only projects

# Eligible Program Components

o Permanent Supportive Housing

o Rapid Rehousing

o Transitional Housing

o Joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing (Renewals only)

o Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

o Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

o SSO-Coordinated Entry

o HMIS

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# New Renewal Project Threshold Criteria

HUD reserves the right to reduce or reject a project application submitted for the following reasons:

❑ Evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans

❑ Evidence that the project operates drug injection site or "safe consumption sites", knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permits the use of or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their controls, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

# New Transitional Housing
*Must receive at least 7 of 10 project points*

Project provides supportive services needed for clients to obtain or maintain housing (2 pts)

Applicant has prior experience operating TH or other housing with a 24 month time limit (1 pt)

Applicant operates another TH project or has a plan in place to ensure 50% participants exit to PH with employment income (1 pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1 pt)

Program participants will be required to participate in supportive services (2 pt)

Project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services (exception for 62+ or those with specific disabilities) (2 pts)

Demonstrate average cost per household is reasonable (1 pt)

# Transitional Housing

**Transitional Housing is:**

◦ Temporary housing for an individual or family (with or without a disability)

◦ Housing unit is located in an agency owned or leased property where the client may have an occupancy agreement

◦ Time limited – **Maximum 24 months** – with the goal of the participant identifying and moving into their own housing at the end

**Eligible Budget Categories:**

◦ Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction

◦ Leasing, Rental Assistance, and/or operating for housing

◦ Supportive Service Funding

◦ Administrative Funds

# New Supportive Services Only Standalone
*Must receive at least 4 of 5 project points*

Project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency (1 pt)

Project has strategy for providing services to eligible participants including unsheltered (2 pts)

Services provided are cost effective (1 pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1 pt)

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# New Supportive Services Only –Street Outreach

*Must receive at least 5 of 6 project points*

Project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible households including those unsheltered (2 pts)

Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and must cooperate with law enforcement to enforce local laws (1 pt)

Applicant has experience providing outreach services (1 pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1 pt)

Services provided are cost-effective (1 pt)

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# New Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

*Must receive at least 3 of 4 project points*

Coordinated Entry is easily available and reachable for all persons within the geographic area (1 pt)

There is a strategy for advertising that is designed to reach those with the highest need (1 pt)

There is a standard assessment process (1 pt)

Project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs (1 pt)

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# Supportive Services Only

**Supportive Services Only is:**

◦ Funding that may be used for acquisition, rehabilitation, relocation costs or leasing of a facility from which supportive services will be provided

◦ Funding for providing supportive services to unsheltered and sheltered homeless persons for whom the recipient is not providing housing assistance

◦ Examples of services only can include street outreach, housing search and navigation and coordinated entry

**Eligible Budget Categories:**

◦ Supportive Service Funding

◦ Administrative Funds

# New Permanent Supportive Housing
*Must receive at least 4 of 6 project points*

Type and configuration of program will fit need of program participants (1 pt)

Supportive services will ensure participant is able to obtain and retain permanent housing (1 pt)

Project will be designed to serve elderly individuals and/or those with physical or developmental disability (1 pt)

Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1 pt)

Program participants will be required to participate in supportive services (1 pt)

Demonstrate average cost per household is reasonable (1 pt)

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# Permanent Supportive Housing

**Permanent Supportive Housing is:**

o Housing for individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability

o Long term voucher program, not time restricted

o Must provide supportive services designed to meet the need of the program participants

o In the past has been restricted to households experiencing chronic homelessness

**Eligible Budget Categories:**

o Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction

o Rental assistance, leasing, and/or operating of housing

o Supportive Service funding

o Administrative Funding

# New Rapid Rehousing
*Must receive at least 6 of 8 project points*

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| Provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help households achieve self-sufficiency (1 pt) | Supportive services provided will ensure the participant obtains self-sufficiency (2 pts) | Applicant has previously operated homelessness project where outcomes for employment were improved compared to the average (2 pts) |
| Project is supplemented with resources from other public or private sources (1 pt) | Program participants will be required to participate in supportive services (1 pt) | Demonstrate average cost per household is reasonable (1 pt) |

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# Rapid Rehousing

**Rapid Rehousing is:**

o Permanent housing for an individual or family (with or without a disability)

o Housing unit is located in the community through an apartment where the client has the lease with the landlord directly

o Time limited – **maximum 24 months** – with the goal of the participant retaining the unit after assistance ends

o Must include monthly case management meetings with program participants

o Allows for full range of supportive services to be provided for up to 6 months after rental assistance ends

**Eligible Budget Categories:**

o Rental Assistance for Housing

o Supportive Service Funding

o Administrative Funds

# Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

**HMIS is:**

o A local information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families

o Funds may be used by HMIS Leads to operate and expand the HMIS capabilities in the CoC

**Eligible Budget Categories:**

o HMIS

o Administrative Funds

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# Transition Grants: *Existing projects that are changing their program type*

Allows applicants to create a new project that has a different program component and enables recipients ease to transition its activities from the former project to the new project

Transition projects can use no more than 50% of funds to "wind down" the project (keep 50% of PSH funds and clients housed) and the remaining funds to "ramp up" the new project.

**Application submission requirements:**

- One or more projects must be wholly eliminated through the reallocation process to create a new project.
  - No partial reallocation

- Must meet the eligibility and threshold requirements for new project application

- Grant term must be for only 1 year
  - The operating start date will be the date after the end of the previous grant term for expiring component

# NOFO Impacts

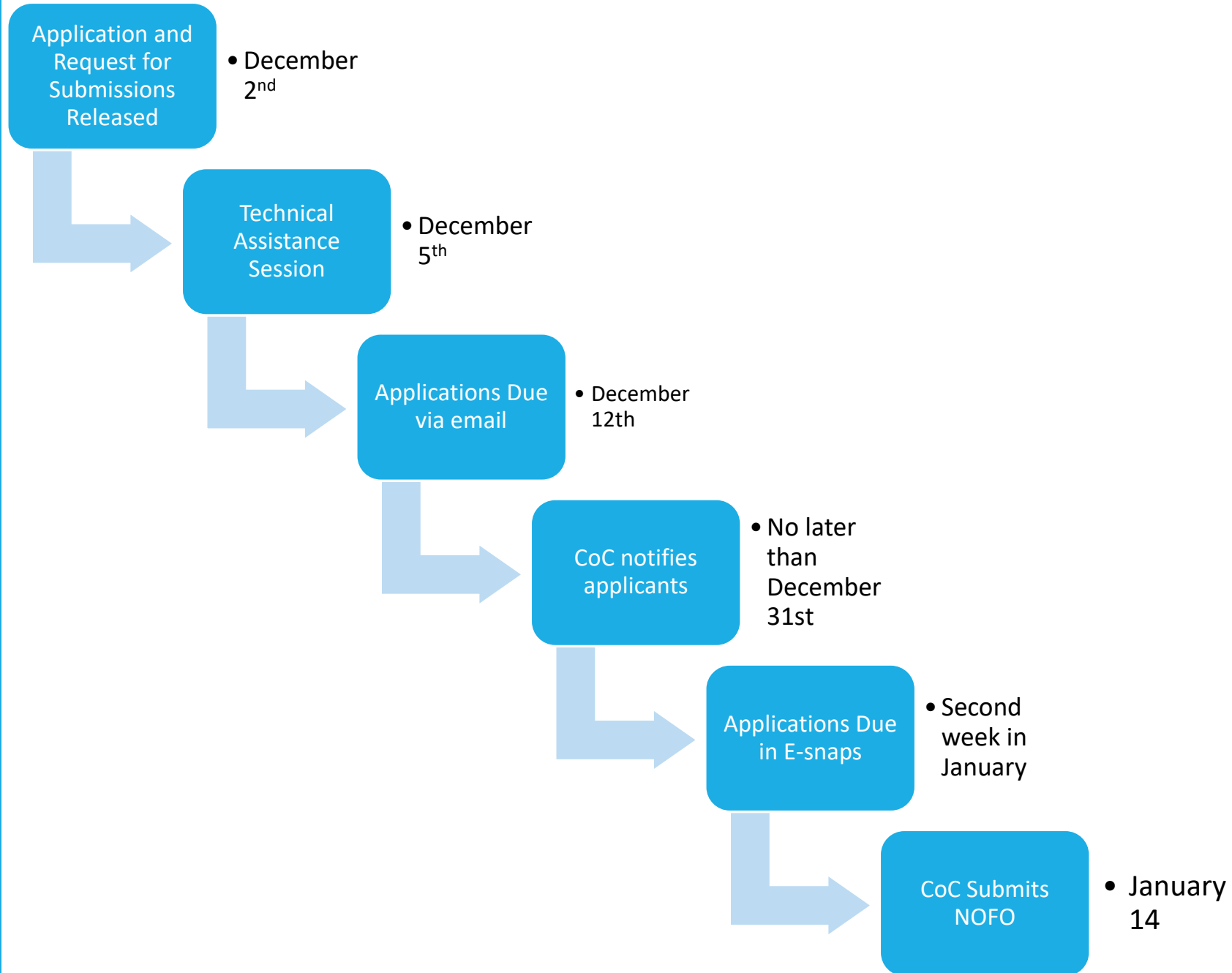Immediate loss in the number of permanent housing opportunities available in the County

Destabilization of non-profits throughout the CoC

Weaken the relationships and structure of the CoC as a planning body

Fundamentally shift the priorities and underlying principals the CoC has been operating under

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# Timeline

Awards will be announced early May

**Application and Request for Submissions Released**
- December 2nd

**Technical Assistance Session**
- December 5th

**Applications Due via email**
- December 12th

**CoC notifies applicants**
- No later than December 31st

**Applications Due in E-snaps**
- Second week in January

**CoC Submits NOFO**
- January 14

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# Questions?

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