Continuum of Care General Body Meeting

June 25, 2026

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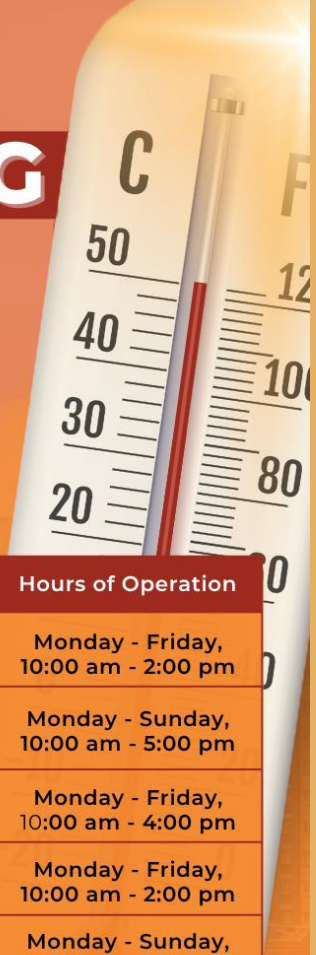
Welcome

Mayor's Office of Homeless Services Updates

Code Red Briefing

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MOHS COOLING CENTERS ARE OPEN



The following Continuum of Care (CoC) providers are operating as cooling centers for people to seek relief from the heat.

Organization	Address	Hours of Operation
Manna House	435 E. 25th St., Baltimore, MD 21218	Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
My Sister's Place Women's Center - women & children	17 W. Franklin St., Baltimore, MD 21201	Monday - Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Beans & Bread	400 S. Bond St., Baltimore, MD 21231	Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Franciscan Center	101 W. 23rd St., Baltimore, MD 21218	Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Weinberg Housing & Resource Center (WHRC)	620 Fallsway, Baltimore, MD 21202	Monday - Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

For additional Extreme Heat Alert Information, visit
https://www.baltimorecity.gov/homeless/code-red-resources

Current Grant Competition Highlights

FY 2026 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION

Local Application Deadline: **Friday, July 15, 2026 at 5:00 pm**

Presented by the Mayor's Office of Homeless Services on behalf of the Baltimore City Continuum of Care

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What is the CoC Program Competition?

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Notice of Funding Opportunity from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

In FY 2024, Baltimore CoC received over $31M for homeless services

CoC ranks, scores, and selects renewal and new projects

MOHS serves as Collaborative Applicant and submits the consolidated application.

FY 2026 Projected Available Funding – Baltimore City CoC

Amount	Type	Description
$31,655,924	The Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for Baltimore City (Projected)	The ARD is the base amount for which the CoC is eligible to apply, and includes the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program funds.
$6,359,215	CoC Bonus Funding Available (FY 25 Funded Amount)	This is the maximum amount of bonus funding for which the CoC is eligible to apply (does not include any reallocation).
$3,142,356	Domestic Violence Bonus Project Funding Available (FY25 Funded Amount)	This is the maximum amount of domestic violence project bonus funding for which the CoC is eligible to apply.
$1,500,000	CoC Planning Grant Funds (Projected)	This is the amount for staffing support and funding for the Collaborative Applicant in addition to operations costs for HUD-required CoC activities.
$42,657,495	Total Amount of Funding Available (pending HUD approval)	

Average 84 day Timeline



Side by Side Comparison

HUD Goal and Objectives CoC FY 2026

(P. 28 CoC NOFO)

1. Improving Outcomes
2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability
3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care
4. Prioritize Treatment and Recovery as a means to Self-Sufficiency
5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency
6. Advancing Public Safety for All
7. Minimize Trauma for Vulnerable Populations
8. Expanding Access Based on Merit and Not Ideology

HUD Homeless Priorities CoC FY24-25

1. Ending Homelessness for all persons
2. Use Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving Systems Performance
5. Partnering with Housing, Health and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ + Individuals
8. Persons with Lived Experience/Expertise
9. Building an Effective Workforce
10. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

Changes to Project Types and Priorities

- Tier 1 projects are capped at 60% of ARD, or $18,993,554 (in FY24 & FY25 Tier 1 projects were capped at 90%)
- Local Decision to cap Permanent Supportive Housing at 55% of ARD, or $17,410.758.00 million
    - PSH is the priority to sustain housing for our most vulnerable clients being served
- Emphasis on Transitional Housing & Supportive Services Only Project types
- All projects except for CoC Planning must compete, including Youth Homelessness Demonstration Projects (YHDP) renewals and Domestic Violence projects

Project Ranking Process

RAC Approved Ranking Methodology

- **Renewal projects**
  - HMIS
  - Renewal Coordinated Entry
  - Renewal Permanent Housing up to $17,410,758 dollars. Priority is PSH
    - Ranked in order of highest to lowest percentage score
- **New projects via reallocation**
  - Transitional Housing
  - Supportive Services Only
- **New project applications submitted through CoC Bonus and DV Bonus**

Reallocation

Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD.

Given the 60% cap on Tier I project, the CoC has determined it would allocate 55% of the ARD towards permanent supportive housing programs. Permanent housing applications that are NOT selected for renewal will be reallocated for the CoC to use for new TH and SSO project types.

Project Rankings

TIER 1

- Determined by local rank of projects
- Considered relatively "safe" for renewal – **but now only limited to $17, 410,758 dollars**

TIER 2

- Scored by HUD based on the basis of merit between geographic areas.
- Bonus Funds:
  - Must compete nationally for funding

New Criteria for HUD Project Review

New HUD Threshold Criteria [added to Neighborly Certification page]

- "The project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination"
- "The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia
- New HUD Threshold Criteria by Project Type [added to New Application Narrative]
- New PSH must prioritize older adults and people with physical and developmental disabilities
- New TH must offer 20 hours of services and require participation in supportive services
- New Street Outreach must demonstrate law-enforcement partnerships

HUD Risk Review

- HUD can deny applicants for evidence (including previous application materials, websites, public sources, or complaints) of "a history of subsidizing or facilitating activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO."

HUD reserves the right to re-evaluate project eligibility if there is evidence the project has previously or currently conducted activity related to "racial preference," "use a definition of sex other than as binary," and operates "safe consumption sites."

New Rating Criteria for CoC Application

The CoC Rating Factors are the evaluation criteria HUD uses to assess the CoC's overall application:

- Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services (ex: substance use treatment available onsite for at least 30% of projects)
- Participation requirements for services (max points for 100% of projects require services; ½ points if 50% of projects require services)
- Local demonstration of reduction in encampments
- Leveraging healthcare and housing resources

Several of these questions have been added to renewal and new application templates and scoring

What happens after the RFP deadline?

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01

MOHS screens projects against HUD & local threshold criteria

02

Renewal & New Projects are scored by the RAC

03

Project Ranking publicly posted by **August 7th**

04

CoC/MOHS submits application to HUD **August 24th**

FY 27 Assistance in Community Integration Services RFP

About ACIS

Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS)

- Authorized under Maryland's Section 1115 Medicaid (HealthChoice) Waiver Demonstration
- Provides housing and tenancy-based case management to eligible Medicaid participants
- Serves people experiencing homelessness with chronic health conditions or frequent ER use

Expansion in Baltimore City

- MOHS has served as Baltimore City's **Lead Entity** since 2017, with Healthcare for the Homeless as the **Participating Entity**
- Made possible through investments from hospitals and other healthcare partners
- **300 → 850 participant enrollment spaces** through this RFP
- ACIS is expanding in scope and seeking new Participating Entities through this RFP
- Deadline to apply is **July 31, 2026**; applications reviewed on a rolling basis

92% **achieved housing stability**

ACIS participants served by Healthcare for the Homeless
Hilltop Institute Study (2018 –2021)

Who Is Eligible?

Health Criteria

- Enrolled in HealthChoice MCO or Fee-for-Service Medicaid

AND one of the following:

- 4+ ER visits or hospital admissions per year

OR

- 2+ chronic health conditions

(mental health, SUD, asthma, diabetes, heart disease, obesity)



Housing Criteria

- Currently homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of homelessness

OR

- At risk of institutional placement



Participants must meet both health and housing criteria.

ACIS Eligible Services

Housing & Tenancy Supports 🏠

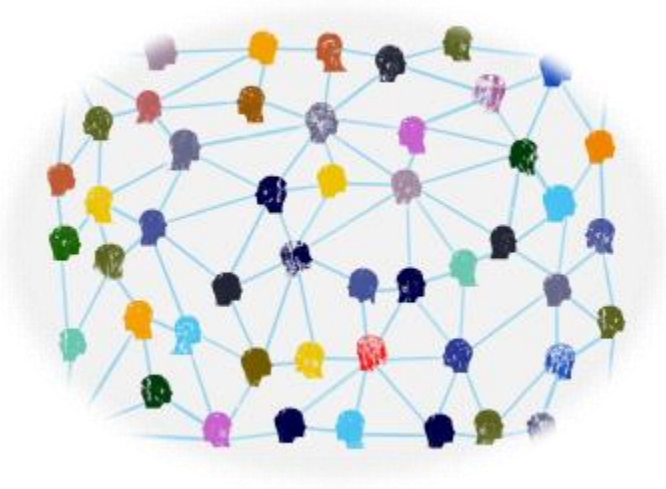
•Housing search
•Landlord communication
•Tenancy supports

Care Coordination & Navigation 🤝

•Health and social services coordination
•Transportation assistance
•Entitlement benefits

Community Integration Supports 👥

•Assessments
•Life skills supports



ACIS services are designed to support housing stability, community integration, and long-term health outcomes.

Fee-for-Service Model

How Billing Works

- MOHS submits Medicaid claims on behalf of Participating Entities (PEs)
- Billing occurs monthly; reconciliation may take up to 90 days

What to Expect

- Enrollment and billable utilization vary monthly
- Participants may remain enrolled even if monthly billing thresholds are not met
- MOHS cannot guarantee monthly enrollment volumes due to participant choice

Required Cash Reserves

Requested Enrollment Spaces × $652 × 3 Months

Reimbursement rate of **$652** per participant per month when **billing criteria** are met:

- Participants enrolled in ACIS and Medicaid
- Participant receives at least 3 ACIS-eligible services on 3 different days per month
- Each service is documented in HMIS

ACIS Program Pathways

Pathway 1: Project-Based Supportive Housing

- **~247** monthly enrollment spaces
- ACIS enrollment linked to affordable housing developments through Coordinated Access



Pathway 2: General Supportive Services Pool (Scattered Site)

- **~114** monthly enrollment spaces
- Participants receive ACIS case management AND a rental subsidy through Coordinated Access
- Must demonstrate ability to help people identify housing



Pathway 3: Intensive Street Outreach

- **~189** monthly enrollment spaces
- Serves individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness or exiting institutions
- Housing placement is not attached at enrollment
- Must demonstrate ability to deliver services on street settings and help people find housing that meets their needs



Pathway 1 & 2

ACIS Case Management

- Case Management
- Engagement
- Supportive Services



Housing Resources

- Housing Plus
- Tenant-based
- Project-based
- Other subsidies



Housing Stability

- Stable Housing
- Improved Health
- Long-term retention



Proposal Timeline & Service Team

Date	Milestone
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	ACIS Expansion RFP released
Thursday, May 28, 2026	Bidder's Conference Webinar at 1:00 pm. Link, recording and slide deck will be posted on the MOHS Grants Competition page.
May 26 – July 31, 2026	Application window open. **Applications are reviewed and scored on a rolling basis as they are received.**
Friday, July 31, 2026	**Application deadline at 5:00 pm. All submissions must be sent to** ACIS@baltimorecity.gov
May 22 – August 26, 2026	Conditional awards issued on a rolling basis as applications are reviewed.
Upon award – September 1, 2026	Contract approval and new provider onboarding.
July 1 – September 1, 2026	Grant term begins. Estimated earliest start date: July 1. Estimated latest start date: September 1.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligibility Requirements

✓ Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

✓ 3+ years serving people experiencing homelessness

✓ Demonstrated financial & management capacity

✓ Ability to operate under fee-for-service reimbursement

Cash Reserve Requirement

- Applicants must demonstrate cash reserves equal to: Requested enrollment spaces x $652 x 3

- **Example:**
  100 monthly enrollment spaces = $195,000 in cash reserves

  Cash reserves must align with requested nrollment capacity

- Cash reserves must be proportionate to the number of enrollment spaces requested and reflect the organization's ability to manage variable monthly reimbursements

Open Floor for Member Announcements, Comments, and Questions

THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SAUNDERS FAMILY



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Elder DUANE M. SAUNDERS, SR.

DECEMBER 20, 1973

MAY 10, 2026

A DREAMER AND PRODUCT OF GRACE

Closing – Thank you!