FY2025 TPCH NOFO Pre-Proposal Webinar Frequently Asked Questions

If we're transitioning a project to a different project type, do we have to keep the same units we stated we'd have on the GIW?	No, a transition grant will be submitted as a new project, and will not be held to the same unit configuration on the GIW. More information on HUD Exchange here.
If applicant doesn't have an active SAM at this time, what is the deadline for having the SAM active?	A SAM registration is required to submit an application in eSNAPS for CoC funds. Specifically, anyone planning to submit applications on behalf of an organization must register at Grants.gov and be approved by the E-Biz POC in SAM to submit applications for the organization. So this would need to be completed by December 11.
Where does our CoC rank nationally?	Last year our NOFO was scored above the national median. But there isn't a number ranking of CoCs. Priorities were also vastly different last year, so we're unsure how that will impact our scoring this year.
Is the definition of harm reduction the same definition in the Executive Order (ending homelessness/safety)?	Harm reduction in this NOFO is specific to drug use. Here is the HUD language from the NOFO: The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."
Does our prior experience with TH need to come from HUD, or can we speak on other programs?	You can speak to other programs! Any TH experience is good, as well as other housing projects for people experiencing homelessness. Page 55 of the NOFO states: The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months.
If we are a Behavioral Health agency that provides our own support services, will that count as our threshold partnership with ourselves for the 2 pts?	Absolutely, this can be used to meet requirements for both service participation, contribute to the 40 hr. service participation requirements, and also serve as leverage (if AHCCCS or someone else would be paying for those services. Give an approximate value of the leverage). You could also offer services to other agencies via MOU to help them also meet these requirements.
Is a date set for eSNAPS to open?	No, HUD has not given us a specific date. We will let the community know when it has opened.
We have never "transitioned" a grant before. What will e-SNAPS look like for this? Where can we find information on how to properly submit this?	A transition grant is a type of reallocation. There is information in both the HUD NOFO and the local competition document. Further information specific to transition grants can be found here, on HUD Exchange. There should also be New Projects Detailed Instructions on the HUD webpage (https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc) coming soon, so check back for that.
For TH - if we're planning a scattered site model, are we able to have the leases in the participant's name or does the agency have to hold the lease, and have an occupancy agreement with the participant?	Leases may be in the participant's name for TH. Per the CFR: § 578.51 Rental assistance. (1) Grant funds may be used for rental assistance for homeless individuals and families. Rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is already receiving rental assistance, or living in a housing unit receiving rental assistance or operating assistance through other federal, State, or local sources. (i) The rental assistance may be short-term, up to 3 months of rent; medium-term, for 3 to 24 months of rent; or long-term, for longer than 24 months of rent and must be administered in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Continuum as set forth in § 578.7(a)(9) and this section.

	(ii) **The rental assistance may be tenant-based, project-based, or sponsor-based, and may be for transitional or permanent housing.** 24 CFR 578.7
Will Letters of support, that detail commitment to provide the services count as an Letter of agreement MOU?	A letter of commitment (commitment of services, funding, etc) is acceptable, but a letter of support (just voicing support for your application) is not adequate.
Can you explain the difference between transition vs reallocation please?	Transition grants are a type of project reallocation. Applying for a transition would allow up to 50% of the project budget to phase from one component to another in the first year, but you would be limited to only having a one-year grant term. Transition Grants would also mean that past project performance would be considered. If wanting to apply for a full reallocation to a new component, the project would need to fully change to the new component upon the new grant becoming active and would allow a grant term of more than one year. Past performance would not be considered for a full reallocation. In both cases (regular reallocation and transition grants) projects would be submitted as *new* projects.
For TH on-site treatment, does this mean on-site at the agency with self-serve or through MOU? On-site at TH property? On-site in-home if TH is scattered? All of the above?	If your agency doesn't provide treatment services, then contracting with another agency to come provide that is great. For a scattered site model, having it available at the agency would be "on-site," for a site-based model, then having the services at that housing property would be "on site"
Is there any ranking difference between transition grant, or regular reallocation grants?	Not inherently, they both count as reallocations, are submitted as new projects, and shouldn't have any impact on your scoring. However, for transition grants, past project performance would be considered.
Just to be clear, we cannot apply to reallocate from RRH to TH and also expand through DV Bonus?	That's incorrect, you can reallocate funding from your RRH project to a TH project. This would be submitted as a new project. If this project has a higher budget than your original project, then the DV bonus funds would be used to make up the financial difference. But this is essentially all submitted just one new project for the total budget amount, not a reallocation + expansion.
I know HUD said on their webinar that they do not have a preference for site based TH vs. scattered TH. Is there a local preference between these 2 models that we should be aware of?	No, though agencies would get additional [Opportunity Zone](#) points if a site-based project is in an OZ.
We have a project that just started on 10/1 . how would our performance be evaluated?	Past performance for this project would not be evaluated, as the Performance Score Card would cover July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
If an organization has been providing transitional housing, but without federal funds, what data system is the preferred to show performance data.	If that housing project is entering data into HMIS, that is the preferred system. If it is not, then exporting performance data from whatever database your agency uses to collect this data. This needs to be a system-generated export, it cannot be manual.
In regards to community partners such as healthcare agencies, employment assistance providers, faith-based orgs, etc, is there a comprehensive list of the organizations that are currently already engaged with TPCH?	Not explicitly, but we're working on getting partners organized for applicants to figure out MOUs together. Update: TPCH is holding NOFO Supportive Services Partnership Fair for NOFO applicants on December 5, [read more here](#).
If we are reallocating PSH to TH - is there a downside to choosing the "New application" path?	Both types of reallocation (regular or transition) would be submitted as new projects. Applying for a transition would allow more time to phase from PSH to TH, but you would only be able to have a one-year grant term. Transition Grant would also mean that past project performance would be considered. If wanting to apply for a full reallocation to a new component,

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Can an applicant submit more than one project?	Yes
How does the ranking in tier 2 work? If the score card is coming out on the 1st, but our apps are due on the 11th, I feel like I am missing something.	These are two separate processes. The performance scorecard releasing Dec. 1 is based on prior project performance from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The rating and ranking for *new* project applications will be done by an Independent Review Panel after applications are submitted on Dec 11. The preliminary ranking will be posted December 22nd.
In the past, we couldn't change our narrative in a renewal. Will that change?	You should be able to write a new narrative in eSNAPS if you do not choose "submission without changes." But unfortunately the application hasn't been released yet into eSNAPS so we don't know of any changes that may occur this year.
Do we need this participant agreement for SSO projects?	Per the HUD NOFO: SSO projects have to have a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services. But it does not specifically mention a participation requirement or agreement.
Who is in tier 1? Or, how do we get in there?	The TPCH board voted to prioritize HMIS, SSO-CE, and PSH projects that serve all ages for Tier 1 this year. All TH and other SSO projects will be in Tier 2. However, project ranking within each Tier will be done by the Independent Review Panels.
Would a shelter be eligible for SSO standalone with CoC Bonus funding?	Shelter isn't eligible, but SSO could potentially fund a program run out of a shelter. However, the TPCH board voted to only accept TH and SSO-Street Outreach components for new projects this year. So TPCH would reject shelter-based SSO projects.
Hi, forgive my confusion: How are we being ranked before we submit?	Ranking happens from a review panel and has not taken place yet. Each year the board votes to prioritize specific projects in Tier 1. But the order in which projects are ranked in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 will be determined by independent review panels.
What is the plan if e-SNAPS isn't open by the time applications are due?	That will likely require an extension to our local due date. However, HUD is requiring that all project applications must be submitted to the CoC no later than 30 days before HUD's CoC Program application submission deadline of 8:00 PM EST on January 14, 2026 (aka- around December 15th). CoCs that fail to establish this deadline for local project application(s) will receive 0 points under section V.B.1.a.(2) of this NOFO. Therefore, we're hoping it should be open by December 11, 2025.
Current RRH funded projects should do a transition to TH request?	Yes, they can either do a transition grant or a regular reallocation. They both count as reallocations, but function slightly differently.
Will the slides be posted along with the recording?	The recorded presentation will be "on demand" going forward, if someone goes to the registration link, they'll be able to see the recording. Slides are also available for all webinars are also available at tpch.net/fy25NOFO.
Does Neighborly send you a copy of your submission?	No, a copy is not sent to the applicant. However, you are always able to log in to Neighborly and print or save your application from there.
How do you open multiple applications in neighborly?	When creating an application you will be asked to give it a name in Neighborly. All applications will be listed by name as an "Application in Process."
Can you add the Neighborly link please?	https://portal.neighborlysoftware.com/tucsonaz/participant
Would any user under the same organization be able to see applications started by other members of the organization in Neighborly?	Yes, but the person creating the application would need to add others (both inside or outside your organization) as users for them to access the application. Go to the user section of your application, click "View Users" or "Add a User," and then enter the new user's email address and click

	"Add". The new user will receive an email with a link to create their own account and gain access to the application.
Can you clarify that the Letter of Intent for YHDP Special Activities is due 12/4, and the local app is due 12/11?	The letter for special activities for YHDP projects is due via email to tpch-nofo@tucsonaz.gov on December 4, 2025 by 11:59pm and is also due as an attachment to the local application on December 11, 2025 by 11:59pm. However, the letter is specific to innovative activities. Please read the Local TPCH Competition Overview Document, located at https://tpch.net/fy25nofo/ for more information.
NOFO says YHDP projects cannot be "transitioned", can we reallocate them the "new project" option?	YHDP projects specifically must use the replacement option to reallocate to a new project. Please see the FY 2025 HUD NOFO and the Local TPCH Competition Overview Document, located at https://tpch.net/fy25nofo/ for more information.
we have a YHDP SSO, has the board advised to keep that one?	Per the TPCH Local Competition Process and Overview document, yes, this project is an eligible renewal. Please be sure to reference this document for all project info, including allowable project applications and documentation requirements.
Is SNOFO the other one that is like YHDP in not allowing a Transition Grant?	SNOFO projects are eligible to transition. The only exceptions for transition grants are YHDP projects and DV projects. Please see the FY 2025 HUD NOFO for more information.
With the replacement option, that will be treated like a new project without the 12 months extra to transition the program change, is that correct?	Correct, YHDP projects are ineligible to transition, so they must be replaced by (reallocated to) a new project. This means the project would need be treated like a new project and would need to operate under the new project component upon the grant becoming active.
If we do Transition it is "renewal app in eSNAPS" do we have to follow the GIW? Whereas, if we choose a "New Project" to change our PSH to TH, then we can go outside the GIW amount?	All transitions are new projects, not renewals. Technically, even if you do a transition from a renewal, you do not need to have the unit composition match the GIW. Please see more information on the HUD Exchange here. If you are choosing a new project via reallocation NOT with the transition process, you can also change the bed and unit composition outlined in the GIW since this is for a new project.