



(ARCH) — Collaborative Applicant, AL-507

FY 2026 CoC Program

Local Competition Application

AL-507 Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care

Rural Continuum of Care

A working tool to help you prepare your eSNAPS submission and document how your project meets FY 2026 NOFO expectations.

Key Date	Deadline
Local application materials released	June 19, 2026
Local application & e-snaps applications due to ARCH	July 23, 2026, 5:00 PM CST
Preliminary Priority List distributed	August 6, 2026
CoC Board approval of Final Priority List	August 14, 2026
YOUR final eSNAPS submission deadline	Date ARCH provides after 8/14/26 — always before 8/26
ARCH's Collaborative Applicant deadline to HUD (not an applicant deadline)	August 26, 2026, 8:00 PM EST

August 26 is ARCH's deadline as Collaborative Applicant. Your project must be fully submitted in eSNAPS earlier — see the companion AL-507 Local Competition Timeline and Review, Ranking & Appeal Procedures.

1. Overview of the FY 2026 CoC Competition

On June 2, 2026, HUD published the FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), making available approximately \$4.04 billion nationally. The application deadline to HUD is August 26, 2026 at 8:00 PM EST, submitted through eSNAPS. This local package governs AL-507's internal process for soliciting, reviewing, ranking, and selecting project applications before ARCH submits the CoC's Consolidated Application to HUD.

What is different this year

- **Funding priority shift:** Of the total, \$1.3 billion is reserved for new projects, with priority given to Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects paired with wraparound services, rather than the Housing First-centered new-project priorities of recent years.
- **Recovery and self-sufficiency focus:** HUD's stated priorities this year emphasize treatment, recovery, employment, and self-sufficiency strategies alongside housing. Program narratives should describe how supportive services connect participants to treatment, workforce, and income-growth resources.
- **New tier structure:** HUD has set Tier 1 at 60% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) — projects here need only meet quality/threshold standards. The remaining 40% (Tier 2) competes on merit score and ranking, meaning a larger share of renewal projects than in past years are at risk of not being funded if they rank poorly.
- **Higher-stakes performance accountability:** HUD describes this as the most competitive CoC funding round to date. Automatic renewal is not guaranteed — the local ranking process must prioritize the strongest-performing projects and be prepared to defend those decisions on appeal.
- **Expanded threshold/certification requirements:** applicants must affirm compliance items including non-discrimination and non-operation of illegal drug injection or "safe consumption" sites (see Section 2, Threshold Eligibility Requirements).
- **Documentation and appeal readiness:** HUD expects CoCs to maintain a clearly documented, publicly posted process for solicitation, review, ranking, selection, and applicant notification. This package, together with ARCH's published timeline, is intended to satisfy that expectation.

How to use this local application

- Use this application to gather and organize the information you will need for your project's eSNAPS application under the FY 2026 CoC Competition. Much of what you write below can be copied directly into the matching eSNAPS fields once your project is ranked for submission to HUD.
- Completing this application does not, by itself, submit your project to HUD. Only projects ranked and selected through AL-507's local competition (see the companion AL-507 Review, Ranking & Appeal Procedures) are included in the CoC's Consolidated Application.
- This is the application the Rank and Review Subcommittee (Task Group) uses to score and rank every project — see the companion AL-507 Rating & Ranking Manual for the scoring criteria that will be applied.
- Some questions below overlap with the Letter of Intent (LOI) you submitted by June 12, 2026 (or your CoC-approved extension date, if one was granted). The LOI captured short, checkbox-level responses so ARCH could plan for the competition; this local application asks for the fuller narrative, performance data, and supporting documentation HUD's FY 2026 merit review expects. Please answer every applicable section in full, even where you addressed it briefly in your LOI.

- Questions about this application, the local competition, or the FY 2026 NOFO? Visit ARCH's FY 2026 Competition page at archconnection.org and submit an Ask-A-Question (AAQ)/technical assistance request — see Contacts & Resources at the end of this document.

Rural CoC status: AL-507 is designated by HUD as a Rural Continuum of Care. This Local Application incorporates applicable rural accommodations identified in the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO where expressly provided by HUD. Unless the NOFO specifically provides otherwise, all HUD program and competition requirements apply to AL-507 in the same manner as any other Continuum of Care. Applicants remain responsible for complying with all applicable provisions of the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO (Funding Opportunity Number CPD-2600-DC-0025) and any subsequent HUD guidance.

HUD guidance: This Local Application is based on the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO (Funding Opportunity Number CPD-2600-DC-0025). Should HUD issue amendments, correction notices, FAQs, or other official guidance that affect the requirements contained herein, ARCH reserves the right to revise this Local Application and notify applicants accordingly.

2. Threshold Eligibility Requirements

Every applicant agency and project application must meet ALL of the following threshold requirements before the application will be scored by the Rank and Review Subcommittee. Threshold review is pass/fail. Failure to satisfy any threshold requirement may result in rejection of the application before merit scoring, subject to the appeal rights described in the companion AL-507 Review, Ranking & Appeal Procedures.

A. General applicant requirements

- Applicant agency is an eligible entity under 24 CFR 578 (nonprofit, state/local government, or instrumentality thereof) and is a current, dues-current member of the AL-507 CoC.
- Applicant has no outstanding, unresolved civil rights findings or violations and certifies non-discrimination in admission, services, and employment.
- Applicant participates in AL-507's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), or, for victim service providers, an HMIS-comparable database, and meets the CoC's data quality benchmarks.
- Applicant participates in and accepts referrals through AL-507 Coordinated Entry.
- Applicant has no material unresolved HUD monitoring findings, and prior CoC grants (if any) have been spent in a timely manner consistent with HUD expenditure deadlines.
- Applicant will submit a complete Annual Performance Report (APR) history for any currently operating renewal project, with no more than one APR currently overdue.
- Applicant's most recent independent audit (if required under 2 CFR 200 Subpart F) contains no unresolved material findings.
- Applicant certifies, consistent with FY 2026 NOFO requirements, that it will not: (a) operate a drug injection site or "safe consumption site" in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1); (b) knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under its control in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(2); or (c) knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 863. Per HUD's own clarification, this certification does not require program sobriety, mandatory treatment participation, or termination of a participant for a first-time drug-policy or lease violation.

B. Component-specific requirements

- Transitional Housing (TH): new TH projects must describe how individualized services, activities, and employment will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement for each participant. The 20 hours may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed, and does not apply to participants who are over age 62, meet the definition of "individual with handicaps" under 24 CFR 8.3, or have a developmental disability under 24 CFR 578.3. Eligible engagement includes case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community-building activities, and employment; describing this plan does not itself create a new reporting or documentation requirement. This is worth 2 of 8 total project-quality points HUD scores for new TH projects; HUD requires a minimum of 6 of 8 project-quality points or it will reject the project.
- Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach: applicant documents an existing partnership, or a written plan to partner, with local law enforcement and first responders for coordinated street outreach and encampment response.
- New projects (any component): applicant demonstrates the project addresses a documented gap identified in AL-507's most recent Gaps Analysis/Housing Inventory Count, and, where relevant, aligns with the NOFO's stated priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects with wraparound services.
- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH): no mandatory minimum service-participation hours apply, consistent with Housing First voluntary-services requirements under 24 CFR 578; applicant should still describe its voluntary services array.

C. Rural CoC accommodation — treatment and recovery access

AL-507 is designated by HUD as a rural CoC (confirmed on HUD's published List of Rural CoCs for the FY 2026 Competition). Unless the FY 2026 NOFO expressly establishes a rural alternative or accommodation, its requirements apply to AL-507 exactly as published — the same as any other CoC.

HUD scores AL-507's Consolidated Application on a 20-point Treatment and Recovery Services factor within CoC Coordination & Engagement. That factor includes numerous elements — treatment and recovery partnerships, crisis response, court/civil-commitment coordination, peer support, and service capacity among them. The rural accommodation applies specifically to one element of that factor: where most CoCs must demonstrate that on-site substance-use treatment is available in at least 30% of TH, RRH, and PSH projects, AL-507 may satisfy that specific element by identifying access to treatment rather than demonstrating on-site treatment at the 30% threshold. It does not waive the rest of the 20-point factor — every other applicable criterion within it remains subject to HUD review.

All other treatment and recovery expectations still apply and should be documented in Section C of the application (see Section 3), including:

- Outpatient mental-health and substance-use treatment partnerships
- Peer recovery support
- Connections for persons with serious mental illness
- Crisis-system partnerships
- Availability of 24/7 detoxification, residential, and inpatient treatment within the CoC geography
- A formal CCBHC, CMHC, PATH, GHBI, or comparable partnership
- At least one sober-housing project
- CoC-funded units requiring treatment engagement, at the ratios established in the NOFO

3. AL-507 Local Project Application

Complete this application in full for EVERY project (new or renewal) submitted into the AL-507 local competition, in addition to the project application in eSNAPS. Submit as a single PDF, per project, to arch@archconnection.org no later than July 23, 2026, 5:00 PM CST, together with a PDF export of the completed eSNAPS application. If additional space is needed to fully answer any question, attach additional pages, clearly labeled with the corresponding question number(s), to your submission.

Section A — Applicant & Organizational Information

A1. Legal name of applicant organization

A2. DUNS/UEI number and EIN

A3. Project name (as it will appear in eSNAPS)

A4. Authorized official — name, title, phone, email

A5. Project contact person (if different) — name, title, phone, email

A6. County/counties and community(ies) served within AL-507

Section B — Project Identification

B1. Project status: New or Renewal? If renewal, current HUD grant number.

B2. Project component (PSH, RRH, Transitional Housing, SSO, SSO–Coordinated Entry, HMIS, or Planning)

B3. Population(s) served (e.g., chronically homeless individuals, families with children, unaccompanied youth, veterans, survivors of domestic violence)

B4. Total number of units/beds and requested grant amount

Section C — Program Design & Alignment with FY 2026 Priorities

HUD's FY 2026 NOFO places new emphasis on treatment, recovery, employment, and self-sufficiency alongside housing stability. Answer the following even if your project is a Housing First PSH or RRH project with voluntary services — describe what is offered and how participants are connected to it.

C1. Describe how the project connects participants to substance use and/or mental health treatment, recovery supports, or health care (on-site, co-located, or through formal referral partnerships).

As a rural CoC, AL-507 is not required to demonstrate on-site treatment — identifying credible access is sufficient. Where they apply to your project, address: outpatient mental-health/substance-use treatment partnerships; peer recovery support; connections for persons with serious mental illness; crisis-system partnerships; 24/7 detox, residential, and inpatient access within the CoC geography; a formal CCBHC, CMHC, PATH, GHBI, or comparable partnership; sober-housing connections; and any treatment-engagement expectations for CoC-funded units.

C2. Describe how the project supports employment, job training, education, or income growth for participants.

C3. Describe the project's approach to helping participants achieve self-sufficiency (the participant's ability to maintain stable housing through employment, earned income, mainstream benefits, natural supports, or other long-term resources), including any milestones or step-down planning.

C4. Describe how the project advances housing stability for participants — for example, housing retention while enrolled, exits to and retention of permanent housing, and reduced returns to homelessness.

C5. For Transitional Housing projects only: describe how individualized services, activities, and/or employment will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement per participant, including which eligible activities (case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community-building, employment) will count.

Hours may be reduced proportionately for employed participants. This requirement does not apply to participants over age 62, individuals with handicaps as defined at 24 CFR 8.3, or individuals with developmental disabilities as defined at 24 CFR 578.3 — note any participants who will qualify for an exception.

C6. For Street Outreach/SSO projects only: describe your partnership (existing or planned) with local law enforcement and first responders, including data-sharing or joint-response protocols.

Section D — Renewal Project Performance (renewal projects only — skip if new)

Use your most recent HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) and HMIS data to complete this section.

D1. Occupancy/utilization rate over the most recent operating year (%)

D2. Percentage of leavers who exited to permanent housing

D3. Housing retention rate: percentage of participants who retained permanent housing during the reporting period (for PSH/RRH, or TH-to-PH projects), reported separately from exits above

D4. Percentage of participants who returned to homelessness within 24 months of exit

D5. Percentage of participants with new or increased income (employment and/or non-employment) during program participation

D6. Average/median length of time homeless prior to project entry, and any trend over the last two operating years

D7. HMIS data quality: current error/missing-data rate, and any corrective steps taken this year

D8. Spending: percentage of the most recently completed grant year's award drawn down by the grant end date

Section E — New Project Justification (new projects only — skip if renewal)

E1. What documented gap in AL-507's Housing Inventory Count / Gaps Analysis does this project fill?

E2. How does this project align with the NOFO's stated priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects paired with wraparound services?

E3. Staffing plan and organizational readiness to launch within HUD's required timeframe

E4. Budget justification narrative (see Section I for the line-item budget)

Section F — Coordinated Entry & System Integration

F1. Describe how the project accepts referrals through AL-507 Coordinated Entry, including any prioritization or eligibility screening specific to this project.

F2. Describe coordination with mainstream resources (e.g., public housing authorities, Medicaid/behavioral health providers, workforce boards, VA, schools/McKinney-Vento liaisons) relevant to this project.

Section G — HMIS Participation & Data Quality

G1. Confirm HMIS (or HMIS-comparable database for victim service providers) participation status and data-quality benchmark performance.

Section H — Racial Equity & Non-Discrimination

H1. Describe steps taken to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in access, screening, and outcomes within this project.

Section I — Budget Summary

Complete the line-item budget below for the requested grant term. Totals must match the eSNAPS project budget.

Eligible Cost Category	Requested Amount (\$)
Rental assistance / leasing	
Operating costs	
Supportive services	
HMIS	
Project administration (≤10%)	
Other (specify)	
TOTAL REQUEST	

Section J — Organizational Capacity & Compliance History

J1. Summarize your organization's history managing federal grants, including years of experience with HUD CoC funding.

J2. List any monitoring findings, audit findings, or corrective action plans from the last three years, and their current status.

J3. Describe your organization's financial management systems and internal controls for federal grant compliance.

J4. Describe staff turnover for this project's key positions (e.g., program manager, case managers) over the last two years, and your plan to maintain implementation capacity if turnover occurs.

Section K — Attachment & Documentation Status Checklist

For each item below, check the column that applies. If an item was already sent to ARCH with your Letter of Intent (due June 12, 2026, or your CoC-approved extension date if one was granted), you do not need to resend it — just note that it was previously submitted. Items marked "Pending" must be received by ARCH before your application will be forwarded to the Rank and Review Subcommittee for scoring.

Required Attachment / Item	Submitted w/ LOI	Attached with This Application	Pending
Conflict of Interest Policy	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Code of Conduct	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
SAM.gov Registration Verification	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Certificate of Good Standing (AL Secretary of State)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Most Recent Audit, Management Letter, Single Audit, or IRS Form 990	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Monitoring Documentation (if applicable)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Most Recent APR (renewal projects only)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
HMIS or Comparable Database APR	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Coordinated Entry Participation Documentation and/or MOU	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Project Budget and Budget Narrative	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Organizational Chart	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Board of Directors Roster	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Non-Discrimination / Equal Opportunity Policy	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Written Certification — No Illegal Drug Injection/Safe Consumption Sites (21 U.S.C. §§ 856, 863)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Match Documentation (cash and/or in-kind commitment letters)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Site Control Documentation (new projects, if applicable)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Transitional Housing Service-Participation Policy (TH projects only)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Law Enforcement / First-Responder Partnership Documentation (Street Outreach/SSO only)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____
Completed eSNAPS Project Application (PDF export)	☐	☐	☐ Expected date: _____

Section L — Certification & Signature

By signing below, the authorized official certifies that the information in this application, and in the corresponding eSNAPS project application, is true, accurate, and complete to the best of their knowledge; that the applicant organization will comply with all applicable HUD CoC Program requirements (24 CFR Part 578) and FY 2026 NOFO threshold and certification requirements, including non-discrimination and the certification that the applicant will not operate a drug injection or safe consumption site (21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(1)), knowingly permit illicit drug use or distribution on property under its control (21 U.S.C. § 856(a)(2)), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia (21 U.S.C. § 863); and that the applicant accepts AL-507's local ranking and appeal process described in this package.

Authorized Official Name (print): _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

4. Contacts & Resources

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Questions & technical assistance

Have a question about this application, the AL-507 local competition process, or how to interpret any part of the FY 2026 NOFO? Visit ARCH's FY 2026 Competition page at archconnection.org and submit an Ask-A-Question (AAQ) / technical assistance request. ARCH's NOFO Team and consultants will respond directly and, where the answer is useful to other applicants, will share the question and answer on the Competition page so everyone is working from the same information.

HUD resources

- FY 2026 CoC Program Competition NOFO (Funding Opportunity Number CPD-2600-DC-0025) — hud.gov/hud-partners/coc-program-competition
- eSNAPS portal — esnaps.hud.gov
- FY 2026 CoC Geographic Code Report and List of Rural CoCs — hud.gov (CPD documents)

Document history

Prepared July 14, 2026, based on the FY 2026 CoC NOFO (released June 2, 2026) and ARCH's board-approved FY 2026 NOFO Timeline. Local rating categories, weights, and threshold language should be reviewed and formally adopted by the AL-507 CoC Board before release to applicants on June 19, 2026.