



NYC Continuum of Care Special Grantee Meeting – August 2025

2-3pm | Zoom

NYC Department of Social Services - Federal Homeless Policy & Reporting Unit

August 6th 2025

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Ground Rules



-  One mic/refrain from speaking while someone else has the mic
-  Speak/engage in first draft
-  Respect differences in experience and understanding
-  Hold questions until the presenter(s) open(s) the conversation
-  Share ideas and resources

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Agenda



-  Welcome
-  What is the NYC CoC doing?
-  Federal Funding FY26
-  Litigation
-  Recent Executive Order
-  2025 CoC Program NOFO
-  The Annual Evaluation
-  How to Stay Connected
-  Open Discussion

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Welcome



Overview:

Grantee meetings provide an opportunity for projects funded through the CoC Program NOFO to receive technical assistance around the operation of their contracts, local and national updates from the CoC, and to participate in a Q/A session with the CoC and our partners.

Speakers:

- **Kristen Mitchell** | Associate Commissioner, NYC DSS/CoC Steering Committee Co-chair
- **Jonathan Martinez** | Director of CoC Engagement & Project Oversight, NYC DSS
- **Jayme Day** | Director of Homeless Management Information System, NYC DSS
- **Rebecca Zangen** | Chief Policy Officer, The Network

Team Shoutouts:

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Team
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Team
- Steering Committee Members

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What is the NYC CoC doing?



Local – New York City (NYC)

- Engaging local government agencies, direct service providers, coalitions, and advocacy groups
- Consulting with DSS Legal and the NYC Law Department
- Hosting special and quarterly grantee meetings
- Holding quarterly public meetings

State – New York State (NYS)

- Participating in monthly meetings with CoC leaders across NYS
- Partnering with local advocacy organizations

National – United States

- Collaborating with national organizations such as:
 - National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH)
 - National Homelessness Law Center (NHLC)

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Federal Funding FY26



Background:

- CoC funding comes from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), specifically through Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG).
- The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) subcommittees in both the House and Senate Appropriations Committees determine how much funding is allocated to CoC annually.

CoC Takeaways:

- Presidents bill (signed July 4th)
 - Included cuts to mandatory spending programs including Medicaid and SNAP (why keeping SOAR going is important!)
- FY26 Appropriations (Discretionary Spending)
 - So far House and Senate have not opted to block grant CoC funding or time-limit housing as was proposed in the President's budget
 - Proposed funding from House and Senate are level or higher

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Litigation



King County v. Turner

- **May 2** – NYC joins litigation (press release issued)
- **May 7** – Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) granted
- **June 3** – Preliminary Injunction officially granted
- **June 10** – Defendants appeal to Ninth Circuit
- **June 10-11** – Lawsuit expanded to 60 local governments and HHS grants
 - **August 15** – Answering brief due
 - **September 12** – Optional reply brief due

State of New York v. U.S. Department of Justice

- **July 11** – Department of Justice (DOJ) issues memorandum on Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) exemptions
- **July 21** – NY State Attorney General files lawsuit challenging the memo
 - Potential outcome: injunction restoring original 2001 DOJ guidelines
 - Enforcement is stayed until September 3

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Recent Executive Order



EO - Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets

Signed July 24th

Provisions of Focus:

- **Public Safety and Enforcement**
 - Mandates enforcement of anti-vagrancy laws
 - Expands civil commitment policies
 - Redirects federal funds
- **Homelessness and Health Programs**
 - Ending housing-first programs (to extent permitted by law)
 - Permits and requires data-sharing
 - Restricts certain service models – including harm reduction

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2025 CoC Program NOFO



- **June 18th** - HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) issued the FY 2025 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Due July 29th
 - The GIW is used to record all grants within a CoC's geographic area that are eligible for renewal funding in the upcoming CoC Program Competition.
- **July 3rd** - Continuums of Care's (CoC) were informed that HUD intends to publish a NOFO for 2025 CoC awards. CoC's were instructed to prepare for an application focused on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and increasing the earned income of participants.

How to Get Ready!

1. Ensure your Unique Entity ID (UEI) is up to date in SAM.gov
2. Identify your **e-snaps** users & ensure access to the system **by August 15**
3. Communicate any concerns about your renewal right away!

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The Annual Evaluation



IT'S HAPPENING!

This year's annual evaluation will be based on calendar year **2024**

HMIS team held info sessions on Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29

What do you need to do?

- All data from HMIS participating providers will be pulled **this Friday, August 8** at 5pm
- All CoC-funded projects not participating in the HMIS warehouse must email their 2024 APR to the HMIS team by this Friday, August 8 by 5pm.

Need Help?

- More information can be found on our website (www.nyc.gov/site/nyccoc/providers/annual-evaluation)
- Contact us with or for assistance
 - HMIS Team (dsshmish@dss.nyc.gov)
 - Tori Morris (morristo@dss.nyc.gov)
 - Charlie Winkler (winklerc@dss.nyc.gov)

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How to Stay Connected



- **NYC Continuum of Care Mailing List**
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/nyccoc/index.page>
- **HUD Exchange**
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/>
- **National Homelessness Law Center (NHLHC)**
 - <https://homelesslaw.org/subscribe/>
- **National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) Mailing List**
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/>
- **National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC) Mailing List**
 - <https://nlihc.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=e702259618becdc3f0451bd5d&id=e090383b5e>
- **SHNNY Newsletter**
 - <https://shnny.org/>
- **NYU Furman Center**
 - <https://furmancenter.org/signup>
- **The City of NY**
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/connect/newsletter-sign-up.page>

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Public Meeting



Join us for a light breakfast and networking session followed by presentations from the NYC Continuum of Care and our partners.

Location: The LGBTQ Center - 208 West 13th Street, Room 101

Date: Tuesday, September 9th, 2025

Networking: 9:30 am - 10:00 am

Event Time: 10:00 am - 12:00pm



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Grantee Meeting



Join us for an opportunity to receive technical assistance around the operation of your contract, local and national updates from the CoC, and to participate in a Q/A session with the CoC and our partners.

Location: Zoom

Date: Wednesday, September 17th, 2025

Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm



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Open Q/A

PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND OR PLACE YOUR QUESTION IN THE CHAT

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