



This FAQ document is intended to provide general guidance regarding the **Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care (AL BoS CoC) FY 2026 local competition process**. Questions and answers will be added, revised, and updated throughout the competition period as additional guidance becomes available.

**Responses contained in this FAQ reflect local competition procedures established by the AL BoS CoC and should not be interpreted as official guidance from HUD.** Applicants remain responsible for reviewing the FY 2026 CoC Program NOFO, applicable federal regulations, and HUD-issued guidance.

**1. Is submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) required?**

Yes. Agencies interested in applying for FY 2026 CoC funding are required to submit an LOI by the published deadline.

**2. Does submitting an LOI guarantee funding?**

No. Submission of an LOI does not guarantee funding consideration or project selection.

**3. Can an agency submit more than one LOI?**

Yes. Agencies may submit multiple LOIs for different project concepts.

**4. What project types may be proposed?**

Eligible project types include TH, RRH, PSH, Joint TH-RRH, SSO, HMIS, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus projects, subject to HUD eligibility requirements.

**5. What if I am unsure whether my project is eligible?**

Submit the LOI and indicate that technical assistance is requested.

**6. Are faith-based organizations eligible to apply?**

Yes. Faith-based organizations may participate in the CoC Program consistent with HUD requirements and applicable federal law.

**7. What if my agency does not currently participate in HMIS?**

Indicate this on the LOI and request technical assistance. ARCH, as the HMIS Lead Agency, will provide guidance regarding HMIS requirements, training, and access procedures.

**8. My agency already uses HMIS. Do I need to do anything additional?**

Existing HMIS participating agencies should continue to maintain compliance with HMIS requirements, data quality standards, and training requirements.

**9. Is Coordinated Entry participation required?**

Most CoC-funded projects are required to participate in the Coordinated Entry System.

**10. What documentation should be submitted for Coordinated Entry participation?**

Agencies should provide documentation demonstrating participation in Coordinated Entry and/or any applicable agreements requested by the CoC.

**11. What if my agency does not have an MOU with a partner organization?**

The CoC has developed standard partnership agreement and MOU templates that agencies are encouraged to utilize for consistency.

**12. What types of partnerships are encouraged?**

Healthcare, behavioral health, workforce development, educational institutions, PHAs, law enforcement, street outreach providers, childcare providers, and faith-based organizations.

**13. What is considered match?**

Match may consist of cash contributions, in-kind contributions, or a combination of both, consistent with HUD requirements.

**14. Can a new agency apply for funding?**

Yes. New agencies may submit project concepts through the LOI process and are encouraged to request technical assistance early.

**15. Will ARCH provide technical assistance?**

Yes. Technical assistance opportunities, trainings, office hours, and competition updates will be provided throughout the local competition process.

**16. How will updates be communicated?**

Updates will be posted on the CoC website and distributed through the CoC listserv.

**17. Can I submit an LOI if I am still developing partnerships or finalizing project details?**

Yes. Project concepts may continue to be refined throughout the local competition process.

**18. Who should I contact with questions?**

Questions regarding the FY 2026 CoC Competition may be submitted to [arch@archconnection.org](mailto:arch@archconnection.org).

**19. Does my agency need an active SAM.gov registration?**

Yes. Agencies applying for CoC funding must maintain an active SAM.gov registration throughout the competition, application, award, and grant administration process. Applicants are encouraged to verify their registration status early and ensure that all information is current and accurate. Expired or inactive registrations may delay or impact funding eligibility.

**20. Who should sign the LOI and other competition documents?**

The LOI and all subsequent competition documents should be signed by an individual authorized to legally bind the organization, such as the Executive Director, Chief Executive Officer, Board Chair, Mayor, or other authorized official. The CoC may request documentation verifying signatory authority.

**21. Does my agency need a Code of Conduct?**

Yes. Applicants should maintain a current Code of Conduct consistent with federal requirements. Agencies that do not currently have a Code of Conduct may request a sample template from the CoC.

**22. Does my agency need a Conflict of Interest Policy?**

Yes. Applicants should maintain a current Conflict of Interest Policy that addresses organizational, board, staff, and procurement-related conflicts of interest. Agencies that do not currently have a policy may request a sample template from the CoC.

**23. Can the CoC provide templates for required documents?**

Yes. The CoC maintains several sample templates and resources, including:

- Partnership Agreements
- Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)
- Code of Conduct Templates
- Conflict of Interest Policies
- Supportive Service Agreements
- Match Documentation Examples

Applicants are encouraged to utilize these templates whenever possible to promote consistency across the Continuum.

**24. What happens if my agency does not have all required attachments available by the LOI deadline?**

Applicants should submit all available documentation by the deadline. The CoC may request additional documentation during the local competition process. Submission of an LOI does not guarantee that missing documents will be accepted after published deadlines.

**25. Will the CoC review my project concept before I submit a full application?**

Yes. The purpose of the LOI process is to help identify project concepts, assess technical assistance needs, and provide feedback regarding project eligibility, alignment with CoC priorities, and overall competition planning.

**26. Where can I find competition updates, forms, and resources?**

Competition updates, forms, templates, deadlines, FAQs, and technical assistance materials will be posted on the AL BoS CoC website. Applicants are encouraged to regularly monitor the website and CoC listserv for updates. [www.archconnection.org](http://www.archconnection.org)

**27. Can I change my project concept after submitting an LOI?**

Possibly. Project concepts may evolve during the local competition process. However, significant changes to project type, funding request, target population, or geographic area should be discussed with the CoC as early as possible.

**The Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care reserves the right to revise deadlines, requirements, guidance documents, forms, and procedures as necessary to comply with HUD requirements, NOFO updates, or local competition needs. Applicants are responsible for reviewing all updates distributed by the CoC throughout the competition process.**