

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	26-283	Meeting:	August 3, 2026
	Agenda Item:	32	Roll Call:	26-0897
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of the 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) grant program competitive application to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

SYNOPSIS:

The CoC Program Competition occurs annually. Each Fiscal Year (FY) Competition process begins with the release of the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$8,693,569

Funding Source: Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating Budget; Neighborhood Services Department; Special Revenue and Other Funds; Homeless Grants; p. 154.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The CoC program is a competitive, federal funding source under the HUD and is designed to:
 1. Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
 2. Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness;
 3. Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
 4. Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- The NOFO was published by HUD on June 1, 2026, and applications are due August 26, 2026.
- An annual local competition is coordinated by Homeward staff. Volunteers from other funding agencies and City staff evaluate and score applications, and those applications are then ranked. The rankings, as noted below, then are submitted together as a comprehensive application that HUD will evaluate and score as well.

- In the past years, the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), which is a subset of CoC funds designed to prevent and end youth homelessness, was non-competitive. In the recent NOFO, however, the YHDP funds are now included with the competitive pool of funding.
- Funding recommendations from the Homeward grant committee and Homeward Board of Directors are as follows:

Ranked Applicants	Program Component	CoC or YHDP	Amount
Tier 1			
Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	CoC	\$119,869
Iowa Homeless Youth Center (IHYC)	Supportive Services Only, Mental Health Drop-in	YHDP	\$168,150
IHYC	Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing	CoC	\$347,319
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing (HOP Consolidated)	CoC	\$1,442,214
Primary Health Care (PHC)	Rapid Rehousing, Consolidated	CoC	\$485,528
Anawim	Permanent Supportive Housing, Families	CoC	\$1,272,244
Children and Families of Iowa (CFI)	Rapid Rehousing	CoC	\$154,097
PHC	Centralized Intake	CoC	\$163,500
ICA	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	YHDP	\$41,502
PHC	Supportive Services Only, Housing Navigator	YHDP	\$89,800
CFI	Transitional Housing (Replacement)	YHDP	\$62,562
Tier 1 Subtotal			\$4,346,785
Tier2			
CFI	Transitional Housing (Replacement)	YHDP	\$179,441
CFI	Transitional Housing (Reallocation)	YHDP	\$178,772
IHYC	Transitional Housing (Replacement)	YHDP	\$337,341
IHYC	Transitional Housing (Reallocation)	YHDP	\$75,774
CFI	Transitional Housing (Domestic Violence Bonus)	CoC	\$573,354
Catholic Charities	Supportive Services Only, Community Navigator	CoC	\$90,000
PHC	Supportive Services Only, Street Outreach	CoC	\$430,232
Salvation Army	Supportive Services Only, Housing Navigator	CoC	\$123,200
PHC	Centralized Intake, Expansion	CoC	\$160,481
JOPPA	Supportive Services Only, Street Outreach	CoC	\$589,778
IHYC	Transitional Housing	CoC	\$178,772
Free Up Foundation	Transitional Housing	CoC	\$1,067,407

<i>Tier 2 Subtotal</i>			<i>\$3,984,552</i>
Non-Competitive Grant			
CoC Planning Grant	Not applicable	CoC	\$362,232
Total Request			\$8,693,569

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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