



Summit County Continuum of Care

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Summit County Continuum of Care Announces Local Launch of New HUD NOFO , Highlighting Significant Challenges and Funding Shifts

Akron, OH — The Akron/Barberton Summit County Continuum of Care (SCCoC) announces the release of the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development's (HUD) new Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the opening of its local pre-application process for eligible housing and service providers. This year's NOFO includes substantial structural changes that will directly impact Summit County's homelessness response system, particularly the new 30% funding cap on Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

The SCCoC is made up of cross-sector partners, public agencies, nonprofit providers, and community advocates. The SCCoC will administer a competitive pre-application for Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) programs, including Coordinated Entry, outreach, and housing navigation services.

"This year's NOFO presents real challenges for Summit County," said Summit County CoC Executive Director, Christopher Richardson. "The 30% cap on Permanent Supportive Housing funding means that many long-standing, high-performing programs may face reduced resources despite serving our most vulnerable residents. This shift could directly impact medically fragile individuals, families with complex needs, and people who rely on PSH as the only stable housing option available. While we remain committed to adapting, our community must understand that these changes will have ripple effects across our entire system."

Richardson continued, "We are working to ensure that no one falls through the cracks, but the limitations imposed by this NOFO will require collective effort, creativity, and a clear understanding of the significant strain placed on local providers."

Key Local Priorities in the 2025 HUD NOFO

- Expanding stabilization services for vulnerable populations
- Strengthening Coordinated Entry, outreach, and housing navigation
- Reducing returns to homelessness across all project types
- Ensuring providers meet updated HUD performance and data standards



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The SCCoC will prioritize projects demonstrating strong outcomes, trauma-informed service delivery, system collaboration, and a commitment to equity and lived-experience leadership.

Application Timeline

- NOFO Released / RFP Opens: November 20, 2025
- Questions Accepted: November 21 – December 2, 2025
- Proposals Due: December 6, 2025, at 5:00 PM
- Committee Review: December 15–16, 2025
- Award Notification: June 2026 (upon HUD announcement)

Providers interested in applying must submit a Letter of Intent and complete the SCCoC pre-application process. The pre-application will be posted on the website beginning 11/21/25. [Summit County Continuum of Care |](#)

Strengthening Summit County's Homeless Response

The SCCoC emphasizes that although the new NOFO requires challenging adjustments, the CoC is committed to transparency, community engagement, and advocating system needs.

“We will continue fighting for the programs that keep our most vulnerable neighbors safely housed,” Richardson said. “This funding cycle will require difficult decisions, but we are determined to protect and strengthen the supports that prevent people from returning to homelessness.”

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