



*Each person is a branch of
strength within the community.*

Strong branches make

SUMMIT COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (SCCoC)

Pre-application

U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

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PRE-APPLICATION

Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) Programs

Issued by the Akron/Barberton Summit County Continuum of Care (SCCoC)

Funding Source: HUD Continuum of Care Program

Funding Period: FY 25

RFP Release Date: 11/20/2025

Intent to Apply Form Due: 11/28/2025 by 5:00 PM

Proposals Due: 12/5/2025 by 5:00 PM

SCCoC MISSION, VISION, PURPOSE, & SCOPE

Mission Statement

The mission of the SCCoC is to engage community partners, public systems, and individuals in a collaborative effort to prevent and end homelessness for all people in Summit County.

Vision Statement

SCCoC envisions a community in which homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Every person has access to safe, affordable, and permanent housing with the supports necessary to thrive.

Purpose & Scope

- ▶ The SCCoC is established to fulfill the responsibilities of a HUD-recognized Continuum of Care as defined in 24 CFR Part 578 and the HEARTH Act of 2009. Its primary purposes are to coordinate a comprehensive system of care addressing homelessness in Summit County, operate and oversee the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), plan and submit the annual CoC consolidated application for HUD funding, and develop strategies to prevent and end homelessness. All activities shall comply with applicable laws governing nonprofit organizations and public funds.

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ The Summit County Continuum of Care, also known as the Akron/Barberton/Summit County Continuum of Care and abbreviated as SCCoC. SCCoC is organized as a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 1702 of the Ohio Revised Code and recognized as a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization by the Internal Revenue Service.

The SCCoC invites eligible nonprofit organizations, public agencies, faith-based organizations, and qualified partnerships to submit proposals to operate Transitional Housing (TH) and/or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects funded through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.

Proposals must demonstrate the capacity to deliver high-quality, HUD-compliant services that advance SCCoC's mission to prevent and end homelessness in Akron, Barberton, and Summit County.

This RFP includes two components:

1. **Transitional Housing (TH)** – short- to medium-term residential stabilization
2. **Supportive Services Only (SSO)** – non-housing services supporting homeless individuals and families, including Coordinated Entry (CE), outreach, and stabilization services.

Applicants may apply for one or both components.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- ▶ Eligible applicants include:
 - must submit a Letter of Intent within the designated time in order to be eligible for consideration.
 - 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
 - Units of local government

- Faith-based organizations
- Federally recognized tribes and tribally designated housing entities
- Public housing authorities
- Agencies with demonstrated experience serving people experiencing homelessness

Collaborative applications are encouraged.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- ▶ SCCoC will prioritize proposals that:
 - Expand stabilization capacity for youth, domestic violence (dv) survivors, medically vulnerable individuals, reentry populations, and people with mental health and/or substance use disorder challenges.
 - Strengthen coordinated entry, outreach, and housing navigation.
 - Demonstrate strong performance and low rates of returns to homelessness.

SCOPE OF WORK — TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

▶ Core Responsibilities

The TH program must:

- Provide time-limited residential housing (up to 24 months)
- Offer voluntary case management.
- Create individualized housing plans emphasizing rapid transition to stable, sustainable housing
- Ensure safety and security for vulnerable populations and the surrounding communities

- Deliver or coordinate supportive services including:
 - Life skills training
 - Employment and education support
 - Transportation assistance
 - Health and behavioral health connections
 - Legal/documentation support
 - Conflict resolution and tenancy skills
- Maintain utilization above **75%** at all times.
- Coordinate with SCCoC Coordinated Entry (CE) for referrals and prioritization.
- Ensure HMIS compliance, data quality, and recordkeeping requirements.

Population Priorities

- Youth and young adults (18–24)
- Survivors of domestic or sexual violence
- Individuals with behavioral health needs
- Households with significant challenges

Expected Outputs

- **of individuals/families enrolled**
- **of exits to permanent housing**
- % completing individualized service plans
- Length of participation (target: < 12 months unless clinically required)

SCOPE OF WORK — SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO)

► Applicants may propose one or more SSO types:

- **SSO–Coordinated Entry (CE)**
- **SSO–Street Outreach (SO)**
- **SSO–Housing Navigation/Stabilization**
- **SSO–System Support (case conferencing, DV coordination, youth CE, etc.)**

Core Responsibilities

SSO providers must:

- Deliver client-centered holistic trauma-informed engagement.
- Conduct CE assessments and prioritization using SCCoC-approved tools.
- Provide housing navigation, document readiness, and landlord engagement.
- Coordinate with shelters, outreach teams, healthcare providers, and PH providers.
- Participate in case conferencing, CE operations, and system-wide planning.
- Maintain HMIS data quality and adhere to SCCoC policies and standards.
- Track service utilization, connections to care, and housing placements.

Required Service Elements

- Engagement and problem-solving
- Diversion and rapid resolution (when appropriate)
- Safety planning

- Behavioral Health treatment, where appropriate
- Housing search and application support

Transportation and appointment support

- Benefits enrollment assistance
- Workforce Development
- Follow-up and stabilization services

HUD-COMPLIANT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

► For Transitional Housing (TH)

1. **Exits to Permanent Housing**
2. **Returns to Homelessness (6 & 12 months)**
3. **Length of Program Participation**
4. **Increased Income (Earned and Non-Earned)**
5. **Bed Utilization**
6. **Data Quality**

For Supportive Services Only (SSO)

1. **Successful Exits to Housing (via CE or Navigation)**
2. **Time from CE referral to housing placement**
3. **Engagement of unsheltered persons**
4. **Connection to Healthcare / Behavioral Health Services**
5. **Service Utilization**
6. **Data Quality / CE Participation**

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ▶ **Intent to Apply Form must be submitted timely using the link below, QR Code, or attached form**

- [Intent to Apply – Fill out form](#)



► **Proposals must be submitted timely and include:**

- **Applicant Organization Overview**
- **Project Description** (TH or SSO scope)
- **Population to be Served**
- **Staffing Plan & Organizational Capacity**
- **Partnerships & Coordination Plan**
- **Service Delivery Model**
- **Proposed Performance Outcomes**
- **Budget & Budget Narrative**
- **HMIS/Data Compliance Plan**

SCORING RUBRIC (100 Points Total)

► **A. Organizational Capacity – 20 points**

- Experience serving homeless populations
- Qualified staff/management
- Financial stability and audit history
- HMIS competence

B. Project Design & Service Model – 30 points

- Soundness of approach
- Appropriateness for target population

C. Performance Outcomes – 20 points

- Realistic but ambitious targets
- Evidence of past success

- Plan for continuous quality improvement

D. Partnerships & System Integration – 10 points

- Coordination with CE
- Collaboration with healthcare, DV, youth, and housing providers
- Participation in case conferencing

E. Budget & Cost Effectiveness – 10 points

- Clear and reasonable budget
- Maximizes direct service
- Leverages mainstream resources

F. Lived Experience Integration – 10 points

- Demonstrates commitment
- Includes representation of people with lived experience

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

► Awarded agencies must:

- Follow HUD HEARTH Act regulations.
- Adhere to SCCoC Written Standards, CE Policies, and HMIS Policies.
- Maintain insurance, audits, financial controls, and client confidentiality.
- Participate in system-wide initiatives and training.
- Submit APRs, monitoring reports, and performance data as required.

TIMELINE

- **Timeline subject to change based on operational need of SCCoC and prior notification- refer to website for changes and current information**

ACTIVITY	RELEASE DATE	DUE DATE
Ranking & Review-Scoring	11/21/2025	
Intent to Apply Form	11/21/2025	11/28/2025
Pre-application	11/21/2025	12/6/2025-5:00PM
Question Period	11/21/2025	12/4/2025
Applicant Presentations		12/9/25 & 12/10/25
Project Review		12/15/25 & 12/16/25
Ranking & Review-Scoring		12/23/25
Project Application Review		12/29/25
Board Application Review		1/5/2026
SCCoC eSNAPS Submission		1/9/2026
Award Notification	Anticipated 6/2026	

QUESTION PERIOD

- All questions regarding this pro-application must be submitted in writing within the designed timeframe (11/20/25-12/4/25) directed to:

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