

# Glossary

This glossary provides definitions for the terms that are used throughout the *Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Series for Tribal Communities and Organizations New to the CoC Program.*

**Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)** – ARD is a dollar amount based on the budgets for each existing project. The CoC's ARD is calculated by adding together the budgets in the group of grants eligible to renew. Nearly all existing CoCs have grants that renew each year.

**Appropriations Act** – The Appropriations Act is passed by the U.S. federal government annually. It identifies the total amount of funding available for the CoC Program for a particular year. It provides the budget for the federal government and its programs for the upcoming fiscal year.

**CoC Bonus Funds** – CoC bonus funds are additional funds available during the CoC Program competition. Any CoC may submit applications for a new project funded with bonus funds, but the project needs to meet specific eligibility criteria identified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

**Continuum of Care (CoC)** – A CoC is a group of organizations that agree to work together to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in a community.

**CoC Board** – A CoC Board is responsible for the overall direction of the CoC and is the decision-making body for the CoC. The CoC Board is comprised of community members elected by the CoC.

**CoC Planning Funds** – CoC Planning funds are awarded to Collaborative Applicants only. They cover staffing and other costs related to establishing and operating the CoC.

**CoC Program Interim Rule** – The [CoC Program Interim Rule](#) contains the regulations that CoCs and recipients must follow in the implementation of the CoC Program.

**Collaborative Applicant** – A Collaborative Applicant is the entity that applies for CoC Program funds on behalf of the community, receives the CoC Planning funds, and generally staffs and operates the administrative aspects of a CoC.

**Coordinated Entry System (CES)** – A Coordinated Entry System is a set of processes designed to intake, assess, prioritize, and refer program participants to a community's housing and/or homeless services programs.

**Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funds** – DV bonus funds are additional funds available during the CoC Program competition. Any CoC may submit applications for a new project funded with DV bonus funds, but the project needs to meet specific eligibility criteria identified in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). DV bonus funds must specifically support survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

**Eligible Activities** – The [CoC Program Interim Rule](#) identifies [CoC Program eligible activities](#) that can be paid for using CoC funds. These activities include acquisition, rehabilitation, and construction (housing units); leasing and rental assistance (rent subsidies); supportive services; operating costs for units/structures; HMIS data collection and reporting; and project administrative costs for a particular grant.

**Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)** – FPRN is the term used for a CoC’s maximum award amount. FPRN is either the same as the Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) or the estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), *whichever is higher*.

**Homeless Information Management System (HMIS)** – HMIS is the information system used to collect data on clients and data on the provision of housing and homeless services for the CoC Program.

**HMIS Lead** – An HMIS Lead is responsible for the management and operation of the HMIS and is selected by the CoC Board to serve the CoC.

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** – A NOFO announces the availability of funds for a specific HUD program. The annual CoC Program NOFO publication indicates the CoC Program competition is open. The NOFO contains information about applicant eligibility, project eligibility, HUD policy priorities, program requirements, application review information, project review and selection process, award information, and more.

**Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)** – PPRN refers to an amount of funds assigned by HUD and available to a CoC. It is calculated using a formula that includes factors related to population size and poverty. A CoC’s PPRN amount is the total of the PPRN amounts for each geographic area (code) in a CoC.

**Project Applicant** – A project applicant is an organization that intends to apply for CoC Program funding.

**Recipient** – A recipient is an organization that applies for and is awarded CoC Program funds and executes a grant agreement with HUD. Recipients operate housing and homeless services programs and participate in CoC-related activities.

**Unified Funding Agency (UFA)** – A UFA is a type of Collaborative Applicant that meets certain requirements related to financial management. A Collaborative Applicant can apply to HUD for UFA designation. Similar to CoC Planning funds, UFA costs are set aside for UFA activities.