



Housing and Homelessness Committee

Housing First Resources

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To support continued learning, we have compiled a list of resources on the Housing First model, including general housing information and federal updates. We strongly encourage you to review these documents in preparation for our upcoming meetings as this will help strengthen your knowledge base and enhance the work on the Housing and Homelessness Committee in 2026.

About Housing First

- [What Housing First Really Means](#)
Source: *National Alliance to End Homelessness* | **Year:** March 2019
- [Chronic Homelessness and the Housing First Program: Research Review of How Programs Have Worked](#)
Source: *Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center* | **Year:** August 2016
- [The Case for Housing First](#)
Source: *National Low Income Housing Coalition & National Alliance to End Homelessness* | **Year:** January 2020
- [Trump Says 'Housing First' Failed the Homeless. Here's What the Evidence Says.](#)
Source: *The New York Times* | **Year:** December 2025
This article covers the Trump administration's shift away from Housing First toward programs requiring treatment and work participation. It presents arguments from both supporters and critics.
- [Housing First for Homeless Persons with Active Addiction: Are We Overreaching?](#)
Source: *Center for Surgical, Medical Acute Care Research and Transitions at the Birmingham Veterans Affairs Medical Center* | **Year:** June 2009
This article reviews studies of Housing First and more traditional rehabilitative (e.g., "linear") recovery interventions, focusing on the outcomes obtained by both approaches for homeless individuals with addictive disorders.

Housing First in California

- [Guide to California's Housing First Law](#)
Source: *CA Interagency Council on Homelessness* | **Year:** October 2024
Answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the implementation of Housing First in state-funded programs.

- [Housing First: An Overview of Core Components and Principles](#)
Source: *CA Interagency Council on Homelessness* | **Year:** *March 2022*
This webinar provides an overview of the Housing First model and its implementation across California. It explains the core principles, such as immediate access to housing without preconditions, voluntary supportive services, and a focus on equity and client choice. The webinar also outlines California's statutory requirements and Cal ICH's role in monitoring compliance.
- [Housing First - What It Is & How It Is Implemented in California](#)
Source: *Corporation for Supportive Housing* | **Year:** *August 2024*
This webinar aims to educate participants on the Housing First model, its implementation across California, the evidence supporting its effectiveness, and the challenges faced by housing programs intended to offer a Housing First model.

Federal Resources

- [Executive Order 14321: Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets](#)
Source: *The White House* | **Year:** *July 2025*
This executive order seeks to address public safety concerns related to homelessness, substance use, and mental health by shifting federal policy away from "Housing First" approaches. The order directs federal agencies to support states in expanding civil commitment and institutional treatment for individuals who pose risks to themselves or others or cannot care for themselves, while increasing enforcement against street encampments and vagrancy. It also realigns funding priorities toward evidence-based treatment programs and imposes stricter accountability measures on homelessness assistance initiatives.
- [Continuum of Care NOFO 2025 Fact Sheet](#)
Source: *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*
The Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is HUD's annual competitive funding opportunity that supports local efforts to address homelessness. It provides grants to nonprofit organizations, local governments, and housing agencies to deliver services such as Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, transitional housing, and coordinated entry systems.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 COC NOFO signifies a significant shift in funding priorities, focusing on transitional housing and supportive services rather than traditional "Housing First" projects. It aims to ensure transparency and accountability in funding decisions, with approximately \$3.9 billion available to support individuals experiencing homelessness.

Key Dates:

- **November 13, 2025:** HUD released FY 2025 COC NOFO.
- **December 8, 2025:** HUD **withdrew** FY 2025 COC NOFO.
- **December 19, 2025:** HUD reissued the FY 2025 COC NOFO with significant changes for "public review," noting that HUD cannot implement or enforce the reissued NOFO until further court order.

- [FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Application Information](#)

Source: *National Alliance to End Homelessness* | **Year:** *December 2025*

On December 19, 2025, HUD reissued the FY 2025 COC NOFO with significant changes for public review. This document explains the key changes in HUD's 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) funding process. Changes have been made in blue for easy distinction.

General Housing Resources

- [Quality Supportive Housing Standards](#)

Source: *Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)* | **Year:** *October 2025*

This guide provides standards for supportive housing, a model that combines affordable housing with services to help individuals with complex needs live stably and independently. It provides guidance for diverse stakeholders, including tenant leaders, developers, landlords, property managers, service providers, and government officials, on implementing high-quality supportive housing across all settings.

- [California Tenants – A Guide to Residential Tenants' and Landlords' Rights and Responsibilities](#)

Source: *CA Department of Real Estate* | **Year:** *January 2025*

This guide provides an overview of the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants under state law. It explains key topics such as rental agreements, security deposits, habitability standards, repairs, privacy, and ending a tenancy, reflecting current legislation and case law. This resource is intended for informational purposes to help both parties understand and comply with California housing laws.

- [HCD's Programs: Active Webpage](#)

Source: *CA Department of Housing and Community Development*

HCD's 'Programs: Active' webpage lists state and federal housing programs currently accepting applications or expected to announce funding within 12 months. These programs provide grants and loans for affordable housing development, homeownership, homelessness prevention, disaster recovery, and community development.

- [Housing California Glossary](#)

Source: *Housing California*

- [Glossary of Housing Terms](#)

Source: *Generation Housing*