

**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**RESOLUTION URGING FEDERAL ACTION TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF CONTINUUM OF CARE  
HOMELESSNESS ASSISTANCE FUNDING IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION**

**WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) is comprised of the 24 jurisdictions of the National Capital Region's local governments and their governing officials and provides a forum for coordinated regional action on issues of shared concern, including housing stability and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than two decades, COG and its member jurisdictions have addressed homelessness as a regional challenge through collaboration in its Homeless Services Committee, recognizing that homelessness crosses jurisdictional boundaries and requires coordinated, system-level responses; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2021, the COG Board of Directors adopted a regional compact to expand cross-jurisdictional coordination to prevent and end homelessness, reaffirming a shared, client-centered approach and a commitment to improved data, system alignment, and accountability for outcomes across the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 regional Point-in-Time Count identified 9,659 people experiencing homelessness across metropolitan Washington, underscoring the continued scale and persistence of housing instability and the ongoing need for stable, coordinated system capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, COG's Homeless Services Committee is comprised of nine Continuums of Care (CoCs), which serve as the primary federally recognized planning and coordinating bodies for homelessness response and are fundamental to regional efforts by coordinating planning, data collection, and the delivery of federally funded homelessness assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, in partnership with local governments and providers, the CoCs function as core regional infrastructure for the homelessness response, supporting coordinated entry, housing placements, supportive services, and data systems, and linking federal homelessness funding to local systems of care and service delivery; and

**WHEREAS**, continuity of CoC funding is essential to maintaining current permanent housing beds and services, sustaining provider capacity, preserving coordinated regional systems, and preventing avoidable disruptions for households currently housed or actively being served; and

**WHEREAS**, HUD issued a Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity in November 2025 and subsequently withdrew the NOFO on December 8, 2025, stating its intent to revise and reissue a modified NOFO, resulting in a departure from the typical timing and sequencing of the CoC funding process; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 23, 2025 (following a December 19 hearing), a federal court issued a written preliminary injunction staying HUD's rescission of the FY 2024–FY 2025 NOFO and staying the FY 2025 NOFO and related conditions/deadlines; the court directed HUD to take steps to process eligible FY 2025 renewals under the FY 2024–FY 2025 rules, but did not require HUD to obligate funds; and

**WHEREAS**, although Fiscal Year 2025 CoC funds may ultimately be obligated later in the fiscal cycle, the timing of awards, grant execution, and fund availability is critical for local homelessness response systems, as many existing CoC-funded projects have grant terms expiring during calendar year 2026, including as early as January 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, even short delays or uncertainty in Continuum of Care funding can interrupt services, destabilize existing housing placements and weaken coordinated homelessness response systems, with increased pressure on emergency shelter and local government resources and leading to more people experiencing homelessness; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS THAT:**

1. The Board urges the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to implement a time-limited continuity measure that noncompetitively renews or extends all eligible Continuum of Care renewal grants expiring during calendar year 2026 for one additional 12-month period, at base renewal levels, to prevent avoidable disruptions to housing and services while the Fiscal Year 2025 Continuum of Care funding process is completed.
2. The Board further urges Congress to take immediate, time-limited action, including through appropriations or other legislative vehicles, to support and, as appropriate, provide direction to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to maintain continuity of existing Continuum of Care-funded housing and services during the Fiscal Year 2025 transition.
3. The Board directs COG staff, in coordination with the Homeless Services Committee and the region's Continuums of Care, to continue advancing a coordinated, data-informed regional homelessness response that centers housing stability, system performance, and continuity of care for people currently housed or being served.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT Resolution R11 -2026 was approved by the COG Board of Directors on January 14, 2026

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