CoCBuilds Award for Hope on Main

$9,228,186

One of only 13 projects selected nationwide

After HUD withdrew the earlier selection, we reapplied and secured funding for Hope on Main.
This funding will support Phase 2 of The Salvation Army's Hope on Main project, creating 160 new housing units, including 80 supportive housing beds serving people experiencing homelessness with a range of support needs.

Congratulations to The Salvation Army!
This award reflects the strong work of our CoC and community partners.

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CoC Funding: Litigation and HAWNY's Advocacy

Legal challenges continue: NAEH and a coalition of states challenged HUD's FY2026 CoC NOFO, including its shift toward transitional housing and supportive services at the expense of permanent housing.

HUD can proceed during its appeal: The appeals court temporarily allowed the competition to move forward. Other legal challenges remain unresolved.

Public comments address the proposed incentives: HUD requested feedback on the research supporting its proposed funding priorities.

HAWNY contributed local information and made public comments, highlighting the importance of permanent housing, local flexibility, and the potential impact of these changes on our community.

Our local experience helps inform the national effort to protect effective homelessness programs.

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FY2026 CoC Application Submitted: Awaiting Awards

HUD reopened the CoC NOFO on September 18, with a September 30 deadline, leaving only **eight business days** to complete and submit our application.

We continued the strategy developed before the competition paused: protecting as many permanent housing projects as possible in Tier 1 and prioritizing transitional housing in Tier 2.

Our submission included **37 projects requesting $27.26 million**.

Congress directed HUD to announce awards **by December 1, 2026**.

The competition is moving forward while litigation continues. Court decisions could still affect the award process. HAWNY will monitor developments and keep members informed.

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Key Changes in the FY2026 CoC NOFO

Funding priorities: A $1.3 billion set-aside for new projects prioritizes transitional housing and supportive services only.

Greater competition for renewals: Tier 1 covers only 60% of Annual Renewal Demand, placing more existing projects in the competitive Tier 2 pool.

Service participation agreements: Scoring rewards housing projects that incorporate service participation requirements based on individual needs and consistent with applicable regulations.

Stronger emphasis on employment and public safety: Scoring rewards workforce partnerships and coordination with law enforcement and first responders.

Broader CoC board representation: Scoring encourages elected officials and representatives from business, law enforcement, recovery housing, healthcare, workforce development, and specialty courts, alongside people with lived experience.

Coordinated Entry
HAWNY First Year Implementation

September 1, 2025–August 31, 2026

852
CE assessments completed
Representing **40.7%** of all VI assessments across the CoC

323
Housing referrals made
253 Erie County
28 Niagara County
42 Genesee, Orleans & Wyoming Counties

3981 clients were assisted and **1754** emergency care items were given away