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November 18, 2025

The Honorable Scott Turner
Secretary
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
451 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20410

Secretary Turner:

I write to you as a Member of Congress, former Mayor of Phoenix and former Chair of the Maricopa Continuum of Care to urge you to rescind the recent Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) changes to Continuum of Care (CoC) grantmaking and return to previous parameters.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) published by your department on November 13, 2025, diverts critical resources away from permanent supportive housing (PSH) programs. PSH is a proven Housing First model—providing housing along with supportive services like substance use and mental health treatment. One study published in 2020 found that Housing First decreased homelessness by 88% compared to Treatment First programs.¹

HUD's new guidance limits funds for permanent supportive housing to just 30% of our total award. **This sweeping change would cut federal support for Maricopa County, Arizona by more than half.** 81% of the \$53 million Maricopa County Continuum of Care goes towards permanent supportive housing. **With this shift, the Trump administration is abandoning decades of evidence-based policy.**

Maricopa Association of Governments, which administers the Continuum of Care for Maricopa County, has already calculated that if they are unable to transition and meet the needs of these new grant parameters in the time allotted, **they risk losing \$32 million in federal assistance and up to 1,388 housing units.**

In addition, CoCs across the nation depend on stable, multi-year funding streams to keep people housed. Under this new guidance, that guaranteed baseline funding, "Tier 1", would drop from 90% to 30%. It is unclear how many beds and how much funding Maricopa County stands to lose given HUD's changing priorities.

¹ <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8513528/>

Moreover, the way in which these changes were announced will be deeply destabilizing. **The sudden and significant changes to longstanding federal policy represent a near-unworkable challenge to local governments, as well as housing developers and investors.**

The mid-year change has sent CoCs scrambling – and experts are warning bureaucratic delays could compound the challenge. The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CHS) has sounded the alarm, saying: “While awards are expected May 1, 2026, funds are typically accessible 30 to 90 days after grant agreements are finalized, which could delay funding until August in some instances. **Communities will begin running out of funding as early as this year’s holiday season, putting close to 170,000 households, many with disabilities, at risk of losing housing and services that support mental health, recovery, and long-term stability.**”

CSH also warns that, “developers and investors who layered CoC funding with Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other capital now face financial instability and compliance risks. **Thousands of private market leases supported by CoC rental assistance would be terminated . . . further strain[ing] housing availability and affordability.**”²

Behind every number in a grant line item is a human being, someone who has overcome great adversity to achieve stability. These vulnerable Americans now risk eviction and a slide back into homelessness, undoing years of hard-won progress. They deserve far better from their government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Stanton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greg Stanton
Member of Congress

² <https://www.csh.org/2025/11/csh-response-to-huds-coc-nofo-whats-at-stake/>