



CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD MEETING

September 24, 2026

AGENDA

1. **Call CoC Meeting to Order** – Cait Woodward, Chair
2. **Determination of Quorum** - Sam Shoukas, Program Director
3. **Approval of the September CoC Board Agenda (ACTION ITEM)**
4. **Approval of Minutes of the August CoC Board Meeting (ACTION ITEM)**
5. **Public Comment** - *Comments and questions from members of the public are welcome at this time. Please keep comments to 3 minutes.*

The CoC Board provides this opportunity for each regular meeting for comments from the public who wish to speak to the Board. Upon speaking, please identify yourself by name and address, including zip code. To be fair to everyone, please observe the five-minute time limit and yield the floor when staff indicate that your time has expired. Decorum will be maintained. Comments that are not relevant to CoC business and behavior that is disruptive are inappropriate and out of order.

6. **New Member Application (ACTION ITEM)**
 - a. **Rally Point Homes, LLC**
7. **CoC Provided Letters of Support**
 - a. **Housing Trust Fund**
 - i. **Micah RRH**
 - ii. **Micah PSH**
 - iii. **Micah HealthBridge (UPIP)**
 - iv. **Loisann's Hope House Transitional Youth (UPIP)**
 - v. **Loisann's Hope House RRH**
 - vi. **Empowerhouse RRH**
 - b. **Community Benefit Fund (MWHC)**
 - i. **Fredericksburg Christian Health Center**
8. **Funding Update**
 - a. **Upcoming Jurisdictional Application (ACTION ITEM)**
 - b. **HUD CoC Program NOFO**
 - c. **Letter to DHCD on Housing Trust Fund Administration (ACTION ITEM)**

9. Voucher Discussion
 - a. Letter of Intent (ACTION ITEM)
 - b. Letter of Support (ACTION ITEM)
10. Upcoming CoC Events
 - a. CoC Board Meeting Date
11. Adjourn

Next Meeting: TBD



CoC Board Meeting

Date: August 4, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: George Washington Regional Commission Office

MEETING CALLED BY	Cait Woodward (Loisann's Hope House)
TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
NOTE TAKER	Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ATTENDEES	Members Craig Graziano (Central Rappahannock Regional Library) Jill Clare (Micah Ecumenical Ministries) Kristen Corrie (Individual) Jennifer Dudley (Stafford County DSS) Bailey Thompson (City of Fredericksburg) Chris Ryder (University of Mary Washington) Joseph Lyttle (FAHASS) (virtual) Moe Petway (Spotsylvania NAACP) Christen Gallik (Fredericksburg DSS) Cait Woodward (Loisann's Hope House) Sarah Walsh (United Way of Virginia) Ely Younger (Virginia Works) Lytesha Smith (Smithly Housing) (virtual) Sam Shoukas (GWRC)
ABSENT MEMBERS	Barzel McKinney (Haven 4 Heros) Betsy Mason (FXBG PD) Nancy Price (Rappahannock Area Community Services Board) Tammy Torres (Empowerhouse)
DISCUSSION	
Call to Order Sam Shoukas called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Determination of Quorum CoC staff determined that a quorum was present.	

Approval of August CoC Board Agenda (ACTION ITEM)

Bailey Thompson made a motion to approve the August 2026 agenda. Moe Petway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of July CoC Meeting Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Craig Graziano motioned to approve the July 2026 CoC Board meeting minutes. Christian Gallik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Involvement

No public comment was provided.

Funding Update

Sam Shoukas provided funding updates on federal, state and local funds to CoC Board members.

HUD CoC Program NOFO

Sam Shoukas provided general updates to board members.

Approval of the FY26 Priority Lising (ACTION ITEM)

Christian Gallik made a motion to approve the FY26 Priority Listing. Jennifer Dudley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Sam Shoukas discussed next steps.

GWRC/CoC Scope of Work (ACTION ITEM)

Bailey Thompson made a motion to approve the GWRC/CoC Scope of Work. Chris Ryder seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FY27 CoC Annual Calendar

Sam Shoukas discussed the FY27 CoC annual calendar with board members.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjourn CoC Meeting

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Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care Membership Form

Organization Name: Rally Point Homes LLC

Primary Representative's Name: Jonathan Cruz

Address: 1320 Central Park Blvd Suite 200 Fredericksburg VA 22401 United States

Phone # (540) 227-4116 Fax # _____ Email: Info@rallypointhomes.org

Alternate Representative's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____ Fax # _____ Email: _____

Each organization will be represented by one voting member. The primary representative will have the primary authority to vote. In their absence, the alternate representative can vote on behalf of the organization. If neither will be present at a meeting where a vote is scheduled, please contact the Chairperson to designate a representative in their absence.

Organizational Information

Please list the type of services your organization provides related to homeless needs and services:

RPH is a Virginia-based Veteran owned housing provider that offers stable shared-living for independent adults

Including Veterans and individuals experiencing homelessness or housing instability. RPH manages residential home:

provides furnished private or shared-room housing options, and works with community organizations, veteran services

Providers and other housing programs. RPH does not provide medical treatment/care or case management.

Will your organization participate in the annual Point-In-Time Homeless Census held in January? x Yes _____ No

Is your organization willing to be a member of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)? _____ Yes x No

By signing below, each representative acknowledges that they have read and understand the responsibilities set forth in the attached **Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures**.

Primary Representative's Signature:  Date: 15 September

Alternate Representative's Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care

Monthly Funding Update

Report Date: September 18, 2026

Federal Funding Updates

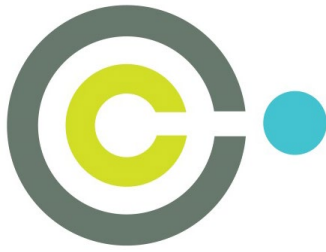
Funding Source	Status	Update	Action Needed?
HUD CoC Program	Vacated	On Friday, August 7, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island vacated the FY26 CoC Program NOFO. Due to the court's order, the application submission deadline are no longer in force as HUD is unable to accept applications at this time. HUD filed the appeal on August 13, 2026. HUD also asked the First Circuit to stay the district court's decision. This was granted on September 16, 2026 allowing HUD to go forward with the HUD NOFO during the appeal. The application is expected to be released soon and deadline to be imminent.	None
CoC Builds	Submitted	CoC Application was submitted for Jeremiah Communities on 7/23/2026.	None
Rural Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO)	Closing	These funds will expire in February 2027.	None
Youth Homeless System Improvement	Submitted	CoC Application was submitted for \$1,000,000.00 to focus on 1) Creation of Youth Advisory Board, 2) Formalizing partnerships with youth organizations and schools, 3) Improving data collection, and 4) creating youth center coordinated entry processes. Application was submitted on 8/10/2026.	None
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	Active	Awaiting release of nation board and State Set Aside locality awards. Preparing for forecasted reporting at end of the summer.	None
Other Federal Opportunities	Monitoring	Staff continue to monitor federal notices for new housing and homelessness funding opportunities	None

State Funding Updates

Funding Source	Status	Update	Action Needed?
Virginia Homeless Solutions Program (VHSP)	Active	FY27: Awaiting information on how state will distribute the additional RRH funds allocated in the FY27 state budget. FY28: No preliminary formula-based funding award was provided (forecasted for July) and still awaiting additional information on when and how that will be distributed.	None
CoC Capacity Building	Awaiting Allocation	FY27: Additional funds were allocated in the FY27 state budget. Still awaiting information on allocation per CoC and the grant eligible items/agreements of those funds. FY28: Not currently included in the budget.	None
Housing Trust Fund	Submitted	Applications were submitted 9/18.	None.
Virginia Housing Capacity Building – Strategic Planning	Deferred/Not Available	Have been monitoring the Virginia Housing Capacity Building Grant as a potential resource to support strategic planning process. Virginia Housing has indicated that a strategic planning round is not anticipated in the upcoming year.	None

Local & Regional Funding

Funding Source	Status	Update	Board Action Needed?
Unsheltered Homeless Initiative	Active	Application due 10/21.	None
Community Benefit Worker	Active	Mid-year report submitted. Transferring to Fredericksburg Christian Health Center for CY27.	None



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August 21, 2026

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 2321

RE: Request for CoC Planning and Administrative Support within the Housing Trust Fund Process

Dear DHCD Leadership:

On behalf of the Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care (CoC), we would like to thank the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for their continued partnership and investment in affordable housing and homelessness response through the Virginia Housing Trust Fund. This fund is an important resource for communities working to expand housing opportunities and reduce homelessness.

We also want to applaud DHCD for intentionally incorporating Continuums of Care and Local Planning Groups into the HTF process. In particular, the requirement for CoC/LPG support and coordination recognizes the important role these entities play in ensuring that HTF-Homeless Reduction Grant investments are aligned with local homelessness response strategies and integrated into the broader system of care. It is also because of the established CoC/LPG coordination as a required component of the HTF-HRG process, we respectfully request that DHCD establish an eligible planning and administrative cost allocation for CoCs to support the capacity necessary to fulfill these responsibilities.

The CoC's involvement in HTF-HRG projects is not limited to providing a letter of support. The CoC serves as a critical connection between state housing investments and the local homelessness response system. As part of the HTF-HRG application process, the CoC may be responsible for convening and supporting the appropriate CoC committees, reviewing application materials, communicating with applicants, evaluating system alignment, and developing formal recommendations or letters of support. This work requires meaningful staff capacity. Importantly, this role exists because the HTF-HRG process recognizes the CoC as an essential local partner in determining how homelessness-focused housing investments fit within the community's overall response.

In addition, the CoC's role does not end when an HTF-HRG project receives an award. Once funded, projects become part of the region's broader housing and homelessness response system and require ongoing coordination and system-level support. CoC Lead activities may include:

- Providing technical assistance and implementation support to project sponsors;
- Supporting coordination between HTF-funded projects and other homelessness response resources;
- Assisting with connections to Coordinated Entry and other system-level processes;
- Monitoring system-level performance and identifying barriers to successful implementation;
- Participating in ongoing communication and problem-solving with funded organizations;
- Supporting connections among housing providers, local governments, and community partners;
- Helping projects remain aligned with regional homelessness response priorities; and
- Identifying system-level gaps or challenges that may affect the effectiveness of HTF investments.

We recognize that DHCD retains its formal contractual and programmatic monitoring responsibilities for HTF-funded projects. But the CoC's role is complementary: providing system-level coordination, oversight, technical assistance, and implementation support to help ensure that funded projects function effectively within the local homelessness response system.

The Fredericksburg Regional CoC Board believes that the capacity required to perform these responsibilities should be recognized as part of the infrastructure supporting HTF-HRG investments. The Commonwealth has established a process in which CoCs and LPGs are expected to contribute to the identification, review, coordination, and integration of homelessness-focused housing investments. That expectation creates a corresponding need for sufficient planning and administrative capacity at the local level. Our intent is not to divert resources from housing development, housing operations, or direct services. Rather, we believe that a modest, planning and administrative allocation would strengthen the state's investment by ensuring that the local infrastructure necessary to coordinate, support, and sustain those investments is adequately resourced and, by supporting this capacity, can improve the effectiveness, coordination, and sustainability of HTF-HRG investments.

We, therefore, respectfully request that DHCD consider establishing a dedicated CoC planning and administrative allocation within the HTF-HRG funding structure to support eligible activities associated with the CoC's role. The Fredericksburg Regional CoC Board would be interested in an opportunity to discuss this proposal with DHCD leadership and explore an appropriate mechanism for incorporating CoC planning and administrative support into the Housing Trust Fund process. We appreciate DHCD's continued partnership and leadership in addressing Virginia's affordable housing and homelessness challenges. We look forward to working collaboratively to strengthen the connection between state housing investment and effective local homelessness response systems.

Sincerely,

On behalf of the Fredericksburg Regional Continuum of Care Board