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# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



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## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### Homeless Shelter Facilities and Homeless Services Facilities Capital Improvement Funds

**Issuing Agency: State of Connecticut Department of Housing**

**Release Date: 08/25/2025**

**Updated: 03/17/2026**

#### I. Purpose

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing (“DOH”) is committed to supporting our State’s homeless shelters and homeless service providers; those who assist in meeting the basic needs of our homeless individuals and families.

The Department of Housing announces the availability of funding approved for GRANTS-IN-AID TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES THAT ARE USED TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS OR PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE HOMELESS.

The goal of this NOFA (“the Goal”) is to provide capital funding to upgrade the condition of existing emergency shelter and other homeless service facilities (such as food banks), including upgrades to support the overall health and safety of shelter residents. Examples include improvements to kitchens, bathrooms and sleeping areas, beds, generators, painting, plumbing and electrical repair and upgrades, heating and air conditioning systems, and energy conservation.

They may not include acquisitions, demolitions, purchases of land or buildings, or capital improvements to permanent supportive housing.

#### II. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include:

- Nonprofit organizations with IRS 501(c)3 tax-exempt status
- State-recognized nonprofit organizations that own the facility
- State-recognized nonprofit organizations that own the facility and have a long-term lease with another nonprofit that provides services for individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness at that facility

#### III. Eligible Uses of Funds

- Renovation or repair of existing facilities
- Accessibility modifications (ADA compliance)

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- Safety and security improvements (e.g. fire suppression, alarm systems, lighting, cameras)
- Upgrade or repair of HVAC, plumbing and electrical systems
- Cost of a Capital Needs Assessment (CNA)

Ineligible uses of the funds for the purposes of this NOFA include operational expenses, architect and engineering costs, expansion or creation of a facility, and projects not directly related to facilities that serve the homeless population. Other ineligible uses: acquisitions, demolitions, purchases of land or buildings, or capital improvements to permanent supportive housing.

Allowable hard and soft costs will be at the discretion of DOH.

#### **IV. Total Funding Available**

The aggregate amount of funding to be made available under this NOFA is approximately \$10 million, and is available as a result of the 08/01/2025 approval by the State Bond Commission for this expressed purpose.

- Maximum award per applicant is \$1,000,000.
- Minimum award per applicant is \$50,000
- Funds will be provided as grants and are subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this NOFA.
- Funding will be awarded via a needs-based application process and administered by DOH until funds are fully committed/expended. Applicants having needs above the \$1,000,000 maximum may apply to DOH for assistance through the [Development Engagement Process](#). Homeless Shelter Facilities and Homeless Services Facilities funding will be allocated on a case-by-case basis as selected by DOH.

#### **V. Application Submission**

Submit application via: <https://tinyurl.com/DOHShelterCapitalFunds>

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis starting Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 until all funds are committed.

Questions may be directed to [DOH.ShelterCapitalFunds@ct.gov](mailto:DOH.ShelterCapitalFunds@ct.gov).

All questions received will be answered on a rolling basis through an updated FAQ posted at the Department's website along with this NOFA.

Applicants must submit at a minimum:



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1. Completed application form including development budget
2. Proof of site control (deed and lease agreement if another nonprofit is providing services)
3. IRS 501(c)3 Letter, or state-recognized equivalent, whichever applies

DOH has the discretion to request additional supporting documents to ensure the project scope meets the intent of the Homeless Shelter Facilities and Homeless Services Facilities Capital Improvement Funds.

Two virtual informational sessions will be offered. Please click [HERE](#) to register.

- September 8, 2025 – 9:00AM – 11:00AM
- September 11, 2025 – 4:00PM - 6:00PM

### VI. Selection Criteria:

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following:

1. How proposals address the Goal of the NOFA
2. Urgency of the proposed repairs
3. Need/impact of the capital improvements
4. Cost reasonableness of the proposal
5. Readiness of the project to proceed

### VII. Reservations:

All applications submitted in response to this NOFA are the sole property of the State and subject to the provisions of Connecticut's Freedom of Information Act, CGS §1-200 et seq., which provides that public records and documents are subject to public access and copying unless specific exemptions to disclosure exist. If an applicant believes that portions of its application are exempt from disclosure, the applicant should mark the specific portions as confidential. Acceptance of an application by DOH that contains such reservations is not an agreement that the material is confidential or exempt from disclosure. DOH reserves the right to amend or cancel this NOFA, to modify or waive any requirement, condition or other term set forth in this NOFA, to request additional information at any time from one or more applicants, to select any number of applications submitted in response to this NOFA, or to reject any or all such applications, in each case at DOH's sole discretion. DOH may exercise the foregoing rights at any time without notice and without liability to any applicant or any other party. Applications submitted in response to this NOFA shall be prepared at the sole expense of the applicant and shall not obligate DOH to procure any of the services described therein or herein from any applicant. DOH shall not be obligated to any applicant until a final written agreement has been executed by all necessary parties thereto and all applicable approvals have been obtained.