

# NOFO Guide: Accessing New Federal Funding for Interim Shelter Villages & Integrated Campus Models

Pallet's step-by-step guide to understanding the new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and positioning your community to secure funds that support people experiencing homelessness.



## A Significant Shift - Understanding the Latest NOFO:

HUD has released its annual [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#), supported by **\$3.918 billion** authorized by Congress. The long-standing Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, which has helped communities address homelessness for more than 25 years, is being expanded to include innovative strategies that emphasize rehabilitation, recovery, and self-sufficiency.

This year's NOFO reflects a major shift in federal priorities. In alignment with the recent [Executive Order on Homelessness](#), HUD is prioritizing **interim shelter and transitional housing solutions** over permanent supportive housing (PSH) and placing a stronger emphasis on accountability, recovery, and measurable outcomes.

While this moves away from traditional Housing First models, there's strong potential for balance — combining immediate, dignified shelter with opportunities for engagement and recovery.



### What Are Interim Shelter Solutions?

Interim shelter refers to short-term, safe, and stable housing that provides an immediate alternative to living unsheltered while people connect to permanent housing opportunities and supportive services.

These shelters are designed to bridge the gap between street homelessness and long-term stability — offering privacy, security, and dignity along the way. There are many examples in this space - but Pallet pioneered this model, and is the clear leader in non-congregate interim shelter.



### What Has Changed?

**Who Can Apply:** Collaborative applicants, municipalities, non profits, and faith based organizations. Interested parties can also apply through a solo application portal if they are unable to apply through their collaborative applicant.

**What It Applies To:** 70% of available funds are designated for transitional housing and shelter programs, with the remaining 30% directed toward permanent supportive housing initiatives. A larger portion of this year's funding will prioritize operations and supportive services rather than capital or construction costs.

**New Guidance:** Permanent Supportive Housing will be limited to the elderly and physically disabled. It is likely that substance use disorders (SUD) does not qualify as a disability.

**A New Federal Focus:** This application cycle demonstrates a clear shift in national homelessness policy toward accountability, recovery, and measurable outcomes. Programs that include substance use treatment, skills training, and employment pathways will be prioritized for funding.

Communities aligning with the recent Executive Order on Homelessness may receive higher scores — particularly those taking steps to reduce encampments, ensure public safety, and support individuals unable to care for themselves.



**Why Accountability Programming is the focus:** Ensuring that individuals receiving shelter or services are also offered clear pathways toward recovery, employment, and self-sufficiency is a primary tenet of this NOFO. This approach reflects a federal focus on measurable outcomes and personal progress, aiming to connect immediate shelter with long-term stability and independence.



**What's The timeline?** Applicants have until **January 14th, 2026** to submit their application electronically.

## How Pallet Can Help

This NOFO offers an unprecedented opportunity to make a lasting impact for your community — and with a short application window, there's no time to lose.

Pallet's experience is unmatched: we've helped partners nationwide build non-congregate shelter villages that meet complex requirements for land, funding, and local codes. Our team can help you move fast and secure the resources to launch your project with confidence.



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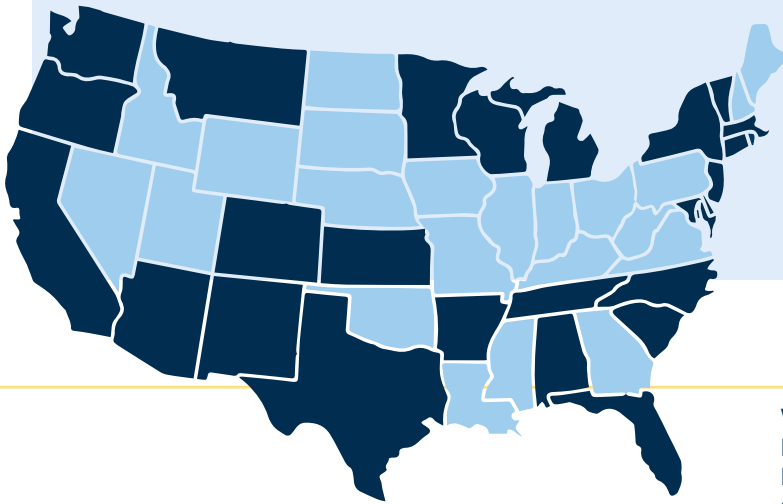
# Pallet Is The Leader In Rapid-Response Shelter Villages®

At Pallet, this isn't just a tagline — it's a proven track record. No other company has done what we've done.

We've helped hundreds of communities launch successful shelter villages by solving nearly every challenge imaginable — from navigating complex **building codes** and **zoning requirements**, to coordinating with diverse **service providers**, to building in **every climate and terrain** across the U.S.

Our experience uniquely positions us to help communities design and build rapid, cost-efficient non-congregate shelter models — from service campuses with integrated onsite care to standalone emergency interim shelter villages.

Whatever hurdles your community faces, **Pallet has already faced them — and found solutions.** That's what makes us the trusted leader in rapid, reliable, and dignified shelter solutions.



**5,300+**  
SHELTERS BUILT

**139**  
VILLAGES BUILT

**29**  
STATES

With all manufacturing and assembly in the U.S., Pallet offers unmatched speed, reliability, and value. Few others in this space can say the same — and it shows in our delivery times and customer outcomes.



## You Don't Have to Tackle the NOFO Alone — Pallet Can Guide You Every Step of the Way

### SITE IDENTIFICATION:

We help identify viable locations for your village, using our experience with land use, zoning, and community fit.

### PERMITTING PATHWAYS:

We guide you through complex permitting processes, leveraging proven strategies from hundreds of successful projects nationwide to keep timelines on track.

### COMMUNITY ADOPTION STRATEGIES:

We help you build public and political support with messaging, data, and real-world examples that turn skepticism into buy-in.

### FUNDRAISING SUPPORT:

We connect you with funding partners and help structure your proposal to strengthen your financial readiness.

### COST SAVING MEASURES:

We share best practices and design efficiencies that minimize capital and operating costs without compromising quality or dignity.

### SERVICE PROVISION CAPACITY BUILDING:

We assist in identifying and coordinating with local service providers, ensuring wraparound care and support networks are ready to serve residents effectively and in alignment with NOFO prioritized standards.

### ACCOUNTABILITY MODELING / SERVICE PROVISION BEST PRACTICES:

We help design program models that meet new federal expectations for accountability and recovery — balancing compassion with measurable outcomes.

## SHELTER FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

At Pallet, our mission begins with people. Many on our team have faced the same barriers our shelters address—homelessness, incarceration, and overcoming addiction. Through our Purpose-Led Workforce Model, we provide fair employment, training, and mentorship—creating opportunity while building shelters that rebuild lives and strengthen communities. **Learn how our workforce model could benefit your city.**



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