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## June 2026



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# COC COMPETITION UPDATE



## HUD NOFO Announced

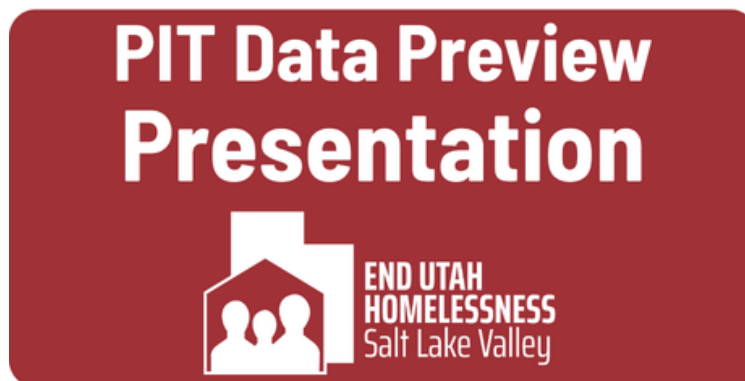
On June 1, 2026, HUD announced the publication of the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO); [CPD-2600-DC-0025](#).

Below is our CoC's presentation to general membership as well as a link to our website where we have all the helpful information related to this and previous NOFOs.

<https://endutahhomelessness.org/salt-lake-valley/salt-lake-continuum-of-care-competition/>

SLVCEH Presentation Link

Website Link



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Our team has been collaborating with The Office of Homelessness to compile and analyze the Point-in-time and Housing Inventory Count Data from January 2026. We presented this data to our General Membership on June 10th and would like to make the data available to our partners.

Our goal is to contextualize the data and provide relevant analysis in order to complete the picture the data presents.

**If you have context that would be relevant for the data, or have insight or anecdotal stories relevant to any of the sub populations, we'd love to hear from you through this form:**

Partner Input

## Announcing our Newest Steering Committee Members



### **Tyler Riedesel**

Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health and Human Services  
Co-chair Health and Wellness Core Function Group

I currently serve as the Housing Insecure Population Epidemiologist with the Utah Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of the State Epidemiologist. In this role, I work to strengthen Utah's public health system by providing subject matter expertise and helping ensure that homelessness and housing insecurity are recognized as critical public health priorities. My work focuses on gathering, analyzing, and interpreting health data related to populations experiencing homelessness and housing instability, helping inform policies and programs that improve health outcomes across our communities.

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inpatient psychiatric and detoxification hospital, and several homeless service providers. While working in homeless services, I had the opportunity to work directly with individuals and families experiencing homelessness and to manage grants that helped connect people to supportive housing and other critical resources. These experiences provided valuable insight into both the systemic challenges and the opportunities that exist to improve outcomes for vulnerable populations.

I hold a Master of Public Health from Westminster University and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Utah. Earlier in my career, I also spent a brief period as a professional cyclist, an experience that reinforced the value of discipline, perseverance, and continuous improvement.

A Utah native, I enjoy spending as much time outdoors as possible. My hobbies include mountain biking, road cycling, skiing, snowboarding, running rivers, and exploring Utah's incredible landscapes. Whether on a bike, a river, or a mountain trail, I appreciate opportunities to stay active and connect with the outdoors.



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## Lived Expert, Co-chair of Employment & Education Core Function Group

I serve as the Pastor and Executive Director of the Salt Lake City Mission in Salt Lake City, Utah, where I am responsible for overseeing daily mission operations and serving as a primary public voice and representative of the organization. In this role, I help guide our efforts to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness, addiction, and other life challenges, with a focus on both immediate care and long-term pathways toward stability and recovery.

I have worked with individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness for more than 15 years. I also serve as a lived experience expert and participate as a member of a community task group focused on addressing homelessness and related system challenges. My work is informed by years of hands-on experience walking alongside people in crisis and supporting coordinated community responses.

Outside of my work, I enjoy traveling and spending time in the mountains. I am a father of three children and a proud grandfather of three grandchildren, and I value any opportunity to spend time with my family.



### **Captain Cole Warnick**

Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

Co-chair Homelessness & Criminal Justice Core Function Group

I have proudly served with the Sheriff's Office for 17 years in a variety of assignments and leadership roles within the Corrections Bureau. In my current position as Housing Captain, I oversee housing operations, staff supervision, inmate welfare, and facility safety and security. I am committed to maintaining compliance with agency policies, jail standards, and state and federal regulations while fostering a safe and professional environment for both staff and inmates.

As a Sergeant, I had the privilege of serving as the first supervisor of the Intensive Supervision Probation Unit. This role broadened my understanding of the challenges facing our community and provided opportunities to serve individuals beyond the scope of incarceration. I worked closely with those experiencing mental health and substance use disorders, helping them navigate the criminal justice system while supporting their efforts to rebuild their lives. Whether assisting individuals in overcoming

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they needed to succeed and thrive.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time outdoors whenever possible. Born and raised in Lehi, Utah, I grew up exploring and participating in a variety of outdoor activities. One of my favorites today is paddleboarding. I am also an avid sports fan and, despite occasional criticism from friends and colleagues, a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan.

My greatest passion is coaching my children's sports teams. Watching them develop confidence, work ethic, and resilience through sports, and seeing those qualities carry over into their education and everyday lives, is incredibly rewarding.

I am married and the proud father of three children. Our family also includes Winston, our dog, and Flash, our bearded dragon.

## HAST Replacing the SPDAT

### **Salt Lake County Coordinated Entry**

Creates a single pathway that simplifies access to housing for people experiencing homelessness, supports community providers, and prioritizes the most vulnerable when resources are limited.

**WHAT: A Coordinated Entry System (CES) creates one centralized process that connects people to appropriate housing programs**

- CoC specific
- Easily accessed by individuals and families
- Well advertised
- Includes a standardized assessment tool

**WHERE: HUD requires a CES. Our CoC uses a “no wrong door” approach for entry through any access point**

- Case managers
- Street outreach teams
- Shelter intake staff
- Peer Support Specialists
- Housing Navigators
- CE Navigator
- 211

**WHY: Homelessness systems are complex and difficult to navigate. CE helps ensure that access isn't based on luck or visibility, but on a shared understanding of need. It creates a more equitable and transparent pathway for people to move from crisis to stability.**

- Simplifies access for people experiencing homelessness
- Supports community providers
- Prioritizes based on need

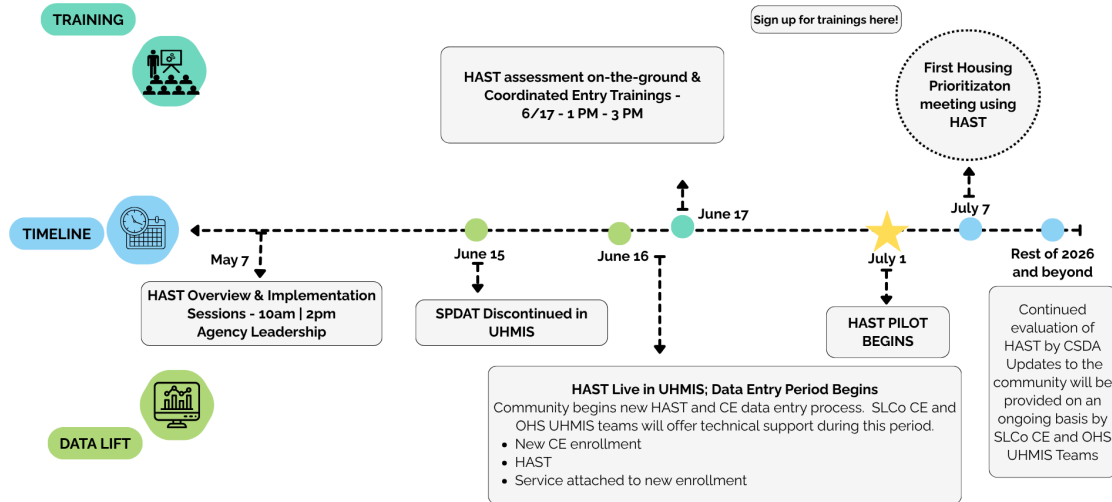
**HAST = HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCREENING TOOL**

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## HAST Rollout Timeline



### HAST Training Sign-up 6/17

**UHMIS will be offering Office Hours on new systems. The hours can be found in the calendar link below.**

[UHMIS Calendar](#)

[SPDAT Tools](#)

**For Questions, reach out to our Coordinated Entry Team**

[Email Natalie Shewell](#)

[Email Abby Senseney](#)

# In Case You Missed It

## Strategic Planning Pause

Our team is currently conducting a Strategic Planning Session to reevaluate and restructure our CoC's Strategic Plan. This involves hiring a Strategic Plan consultant and pausing our Core Function Group and Task Group Meetings.

Our full presentation can be seen here:

[Strategic Pause Presentation](#)

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# Project Bridge



## Project BRIDGE

Building Resources and Individual Destinations toward Greater Exits

**Project BRIDGE** is a 100-day emergency response to immediate pressures facing Utah's homeless services.



*Within the next 100 days, Project BRIDGE will connect individuals with clear pathways that lead to stable housing, treatment and long-term support.*

### Project BRIDGE Goal

- 1. Secure Stability Now**  
Partnerships with local leaders – including Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake City and West Valley City – ensure critical temporary capacity remains in place during the transition.
- 2. Mobilize Community Partners**  
Leverage the leadership and expertise of community partners by bringing case management and direct intake options to overflow clients.
- 3. Map Every Resource**  
A real-time, continuously updated inventory identifies all available housing, treatment and service options statewide – including supportive housing, recovery beds, mental health services and veteran resources.

### A Different Approach

Project BRIDGE is fundamentally different. Instead of handing out referrals, teams provide confirmed placements. Each interaction includes rapid, individualized assessment to connect people to:

- Housing opportunities
- Substance use treatment
- Mental health services
- Family reunification options

### A \$1 Million Bridge Fund Will Be Deployed To:

- Stabilize existing infrastructure during the transition period
- Ensure comprehensive case management is available to all overflow clients

### How Success is Measured



- **100% Outreach:** Every individual in overflow shelter is contacted and offered a specific pathway forward
- **Meaningful Placements:** Individuals are successfully connected to housing, treatment or family support
- **Accountability:** OHS will provide accountability to Utahns, tracking each dollar spent
- **System Improvement:** New contracts require case management and focus on housing exits and not just bed counts
- **Cost Efficiency:** The system operates more effectively at a lower cost than the previous model
- **Lessons Learned:** OHS will use the information gathered through Project BRIDGE to identify opportunities for future investment & improvement in the system

## Community Notes

Project Bridge is the state's homelessness priority and project response.

Project Arch is the state's attention toward high utilizers of the justice system and the intersection of homelessness and justice systems. For more information on Project Arch, please consider looking over this informative article from the Utah News Dispatch.

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### More on Project Bridge

As part of the third pillar of Utah's Office of Homeless Services "3 Pillars" initiative, Unsheltered Utah will be expanding case management resources within Salt Lake County. Their initial focus is to provide case management to Emergency Shelter locations as these places transition into more permanent homeless shelters. The goal is to facilitate system movement placing folks in appropriate care destinations while making room for additional folks into shelter beds.

For three days each week, case management outreach will be prioritized at one of the following locations:

- West Valley City / Switchpoint Shelter
- Ville 1990
- Bishop Weigand Resource Center (St. Vinny's)

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# Opportunities

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### Resource Fair

Salt Lake City's H.E.A.R.T. Team is joining forces with local organizations to host monthly Resource Fairs at the City Library.


DIVISION

**HOPE IN ACTION: SUPPORT, RESOURCES,  
AND OPPORTUNITIES**

## RESOURCE FAIR


Co-hosted with The Haven  
Lunch in partnership with: Chick-fil-A and CCS

**Friday, June 12th from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**  
**Arrive at 9:00 am to sign up for court services**

 **DETAILS**

This fair will focus on hope in action by providing support, resources, and opportunities that empower individuals and strengthen pathways toward stability and self-sufficiency.

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 **LOCATION**

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- COURT SERVICES
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Click [HERE](#) or scan the QR Code for more information about HEART, our cohosts, city sponsored tabling opportunities, newsletters and more!

To get involved, or to inquire about future partnership, email the H.E.A.R.T. Team.

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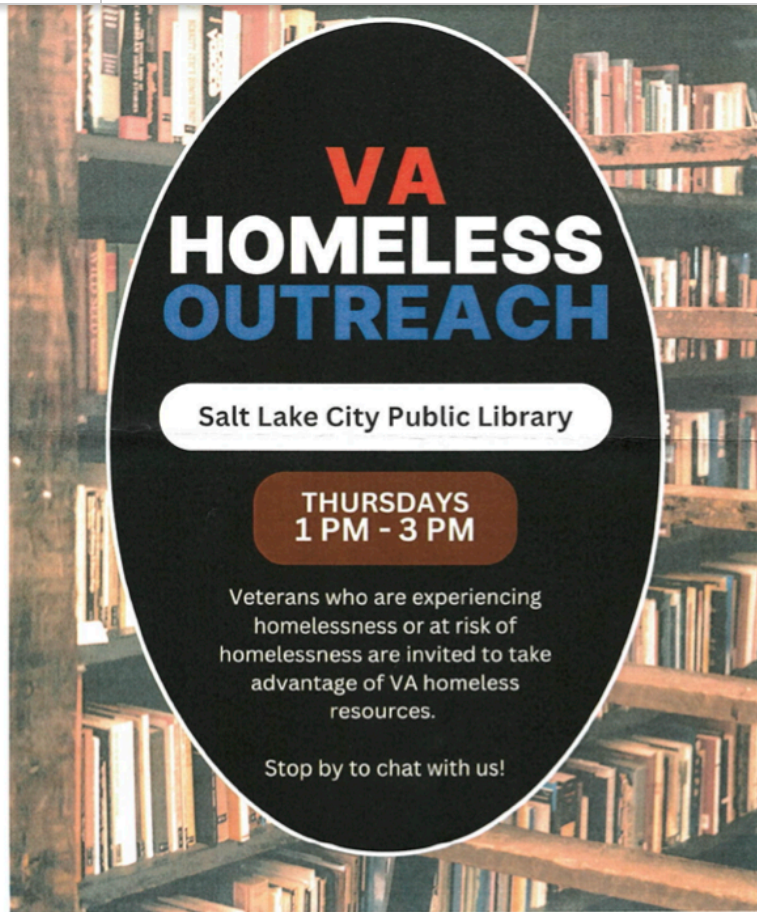
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1 PM - 3 PM**

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Stop by to chat with us!

## SNAP BENEFITS

### Where to Find Immediate Food Assistance

Local food banks and pantries can help provide groceries and meals.

- **Call 211:** This is the fastest way to get help. You can speak with someone who will connect you to food pantries, meal sites and other services near you.
- [211Utah.org](https://211Utah.org): Find a food pantry near you.
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May 14, 2026

Utah is in the middle of a debate about how to address homelessness. As someone who has spent a decade caring for people at the intersection of medical crisis and housing loss, homelessness is solvable — but only if we build systems that recognize and treat it as the medical and economic crisis it actually is.

That means we need to invest in housing-first policy, fund medical respite capacity and stop relying on criminalization approaches that perpetuate the cycle rather than break it.

[Full Story](#)

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## In the News

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**Corrections officials are building a 180-bed program for homeless Utahns with criminal records** • May 20, 2026 *(Katie McKeller • Utah News Dispatch)*

State corrections officials are moving ahead with the creation of a program meant to house and treat people experiencing homelessness who also have a criminal record of at least five misdemeanor offenses.

The program, called Project ARCH, is the first concrete step state officials are taking to deal with “high utilizers” — or a group of people with repeat criminal convictions who also cycle in and out of homeless shelters.

The state Office of Homeless Services in recent months has [explored the impact of “high utilizers”](#) as one part of Gov. Spencer Cox’s plan to improve the state’s homeless system, which received an infusion of more than \$45 million in funding from the 2026 Utah Legislature.

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**More Shelters Make Room for Four-Legged Friends** • May 31, 2026 (*The New York Times*) • Shelters recognize that many would rather sleep on the street than leave their animals behind.

Father Joe's Villages is a homeless shelter and detox facility in downtown San Diego that can house about 800 people a night. On a campus spread across several city blocks, it offers on-site health and dental clinics, a therapeutic child care center and vocational training in disciplines like welding and facilities management. ([Full Story](#)).

**Salt Lake resource fair connects residents with housing, healthcare, job support** • June 10, 2026 (*Kristen McPeck, KUTV*)

SALT LAKE CITY - A community resource fair is being hosted in downtown Salt Lake City Friday June 12th. The purpose of the event is to provide assistance for things like housing, food, transportation and healthcare. The resource fair is being hosted by The Haven and Salt Lake City Corporation's Homeless Engagement and Response Team. ([Full Story](#)).

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#### Questions?

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