



# Continuum of Care Board Meeting

May 15, 2025



# Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement	Alyssa/Co-Chairs
15 min	Update on HUD/New Administration Impacts	Alyssa
15 min	County Budget Update	Alyssa
5 min	Break	
1 hr 15 min	Selection of CoC Board Focus Areas	Co-Chairs

# Land & Labor Acknowledgement

**Credit to:**  
**Dr. Aileen Duldulao &**  
**Heather Heater,**  
**Multnomah County**

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River.

This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

# Community Agreements (1/3)

- Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work. Make every effort to share power by actively listening to input from all members, particularly those who may be marginalized or underrepresented, and committing to following up on input provided or seeking further input from communities not in this space.
- Approach discussions with empathy and respect, allowing space for vulnerability.
- Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not override impact.
- Be accountable and transparent. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.

# Community Agreements (2/3)

- Be mindful of privilege, historical and current structures of oppression, specifically anti-blackness and Indigenous erasure. Approach the work with a shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
- Strive for resolution, while also expecting and accepting non-closure.
- Honor the diversity in the room. Stay open to different perspectives and alternative approaches.
- Language matters. Use intentional, direct, compassionate language. Speak your truth in a way that respects all of our community agreements. Offer content warnings if appropriate.

# Community Agreements (3/3)

- Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
- Maintain confidentiality. Share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
- Meet folks where they are. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, patient, and transparent in our dialogue.
- Use people-first language and refrain from stigmatizing language.
- Listen to understand, don't listen to rebut.

# New Administration Impacts on CoC Programming



# Grant Renewals

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The Field Office anticipates the remaining CoC grants will be sent out starting the week of 5/12.

Boston, New York City, San Francisco, California's Santa Clara County and Washington state's Pierce and Snohomish counties sued over new CoC Grant Agreement language, arguing HUD lacks the authority to attach such strings to federal grants without congressional approval. They won a TRO in District Court.

The order bars HUD from enforcing the new conditions or withholding funding for 14 days. The local jurisdictions will likely seek longer-term relief now that the pause is in place.

# HUD Staffing

The local HUD Field Office (Portland) has lost 50% of their staff due to early retirements and staff accepting resignation offers. The reduction in staff will slow the rate at which CoC funds get out into the community and may slow the rate at which CoC programs are able to accept referrals.

# Data Protections & PIT Count

In accordance with Executive Order 14168, HUD will not be collecting gender data as part of the 2025 PIT Count submission. CoCs will submit all other data to HUD.

We know there are concerns about protecting participants and their HMIS data, particularly in light of the recent [MOU between HUD & DHS](#) and the blatant attacks on folks with undocumented immigration status and trans and non-binary folks. The Data team has published a statement in their recent HMIS newsletter to help providers and the community understand how personal data is protected in HMIS. Big picture: HUD does not have and will not have direct access to our local HMIS database. While we are required to share some data with HUD, this data never includes participant names, social security numbers, or other details that could identify someone personally.

# USICH & AFFH

USICH (U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness) - In March, the new administration issued an Executive Order to dissolve the USICH. Since then, all USICH staff (15-20 people) have been placed on administrative leave. This does not have any direct impact on our current CoC work, however it is disheartening as the USICH was one of the major governmental proponents of the Housing First Model.

On May 2nd the Homeless Services Department in partnership with The Department of County Human Services provided a public comment to HUD urging them to rescind the 2025 AFFH Interim Final Rule revisions and revert to the previously active 2021 Interim Final Rule.

# Multi-Jurisdictional Budget Update



# Federal Budget Update

On May 2nd the President released his ["skinny" FY 26 budget request](#) to Congress. Every year, the President makes a formal budget request to Congress. While it is just a proposal for Congressional consideration, it serves as a signal of the administration's policy and funding priorities for the coming year.

The proposal would cut Homelessness Assistance Grants (HAG) by \$532 million, and "consolidate" the Continuum of Care (CoC) program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program into the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program. Under the proposal, people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness would only be able to receive assistance for two years.

# State Budget Update

## Governor Kotek's recommended budget for biennium 2025-2027

- Recommended budget highlights investments in housing and homelessness, behavioral health, and education, including:
  - \$217.9 million to maintain Oregon's statewide system of shelters
  - \$188.2 million to maintain current efforts to transition Oregonians out of homelessness and into housing
  - \$173.2 million to maintain services to prevent Oregonians from becoming homeless in the first place
- The 2025-27 adopted budget will be based on the revenue forecast released May 14, 2025
  - Oregon lawmakers have \$500 - \$700 million less to spend
- State budget will be finalized by the end of the long legislative session on June 29th (not guaranteed)

# County Budget Update

## Chair Vega Pederson's FY2026 Proposed Budget

The Chair's budget proposal addresses the significant budget constraints we face, while aiming to minimize the impact on essential services by

- Keeping people housed
- Sustaining and adding shelter units
- Prioritizing housing placement

The Chair's proposed budget will allow HSD to support the following:

- New housing placements: 2,688
- Households sustained and retained in housing: 5,939
- People accessing a shelter unit: 9,794
- Shelter units planned and funded from the Community-wide Shelter Strategy: 832 (of the 1,000 additional units planned for this period in the strategy)

# County Budget Update

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This budget will support a total of 2,913 shelter units. When fully operational and assuming funding support and collaboration with the the City of Portland, there will be 3,622 publicly funded units in our County.

The Chair's proposed budget includes \$26.6M from the County general fund for critical homeless services in our department. Restored funding will support existing 230 adult shelter units, 40 new family units, portions of the employment programs, portions of day center funding, emergency rent assistance, placement out of shelter and support for the City of Portland's alternative shelter sites.

The final adoption of the Multnomah County FY2026 budget is scheduled for June 12, 2025

# County Budget Process

Find more information about the public hearings at [Multnomah County Budget Office](#).

You can sign up to testify or leave a comment on the [Chair's Budget page](#).

**May 14th**  
**Public Budget Hearing #1**

**May 21st**  
**Public Budget Hearing #2**

**May 28th**  
**Public Budget Hearing #3**

**June 12th**  
**Final Budget Approval**

# FY 2026 Requested Budgets

Members of the public can view the Budget Office Dashboard for more information about requested budgets.

## [FY 26 Budget Dashboard](#)

The dashboard provides breakdowns by departments, program offers, and other specialized areas like supportive housing.

# HSD Budget Presentation Highlights

## Total Budget:

- \$304.2 M
  - 38.3M decrease - 11% overall decrease
  - Decrease in 7 FTE in our office

Asks for State Legislature because of SHS shortfall and CGF deficit:

- \$18M for shelter and day services
- \$6.9M for housing placement and wrap around supports, including 175 PSH vouchers

## Chairs' budget "restorations" \$26M+

- \$844K for day centers
- Preserves 230 units of adult shelter & adds 90 units (50 LGBTQIA2S+ and 40 family)
- \$10M of OTO for 178 SRV/TASS units
- Employment programs
- Eviction Prevention
- Ticket Home
- Placement out of shelter

# City Budget Update

## Mayor Wilson's proposed City budget for FY 2025-2026

- Projected \$93 million General Fund shortfall
- Increases funding for shelter beds by \$249 million

## **Public Work Sessions**

- (Past) Community and Economic Development, May 14
- Public Works, May 15 2:30-5:30
- Budget Committee Work Session, May 28 9:30-12:30
- Budget Committee Work Session, June 4 2-5

Budget must be approved by the City Council by June 30th

# CoC Board Focus Areas



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At the March CoC Board Meeting, the Board passed an updated CoC Charter. This represents the “what” of the CoC Board work.

The next step is to establish the “how” as well as determine what the CoC Board would like to focus energy on over the course of the next year or 2.

To balance Board capacity with a desire for action, the co-chairs are recommending the Board select 2 Focus Areas to devote time, planning, and effort.

# April Focus Area Brainstorm

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Advocacy  
around CoC  
funding &  
new HUD  
policies

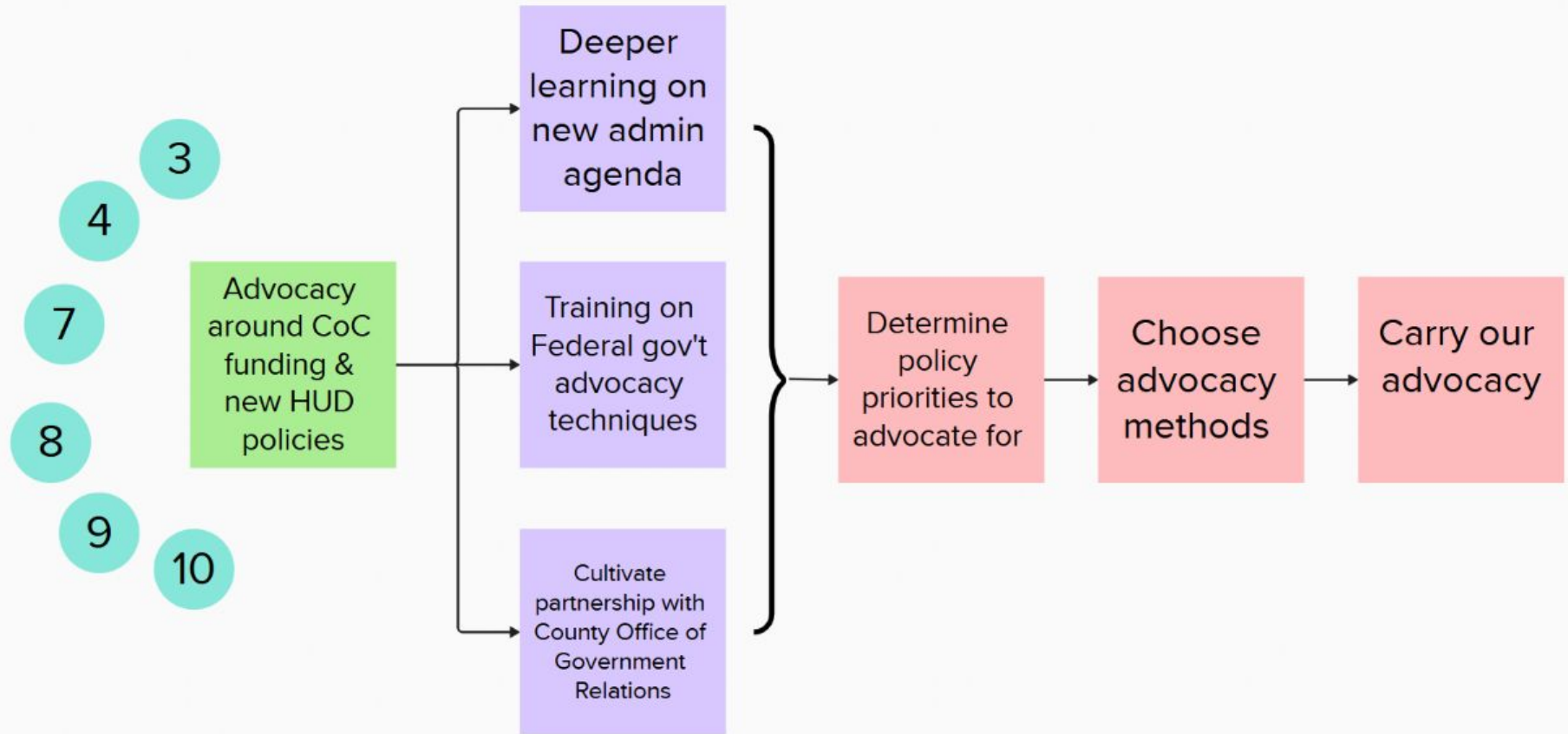
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performance  
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Assessment  
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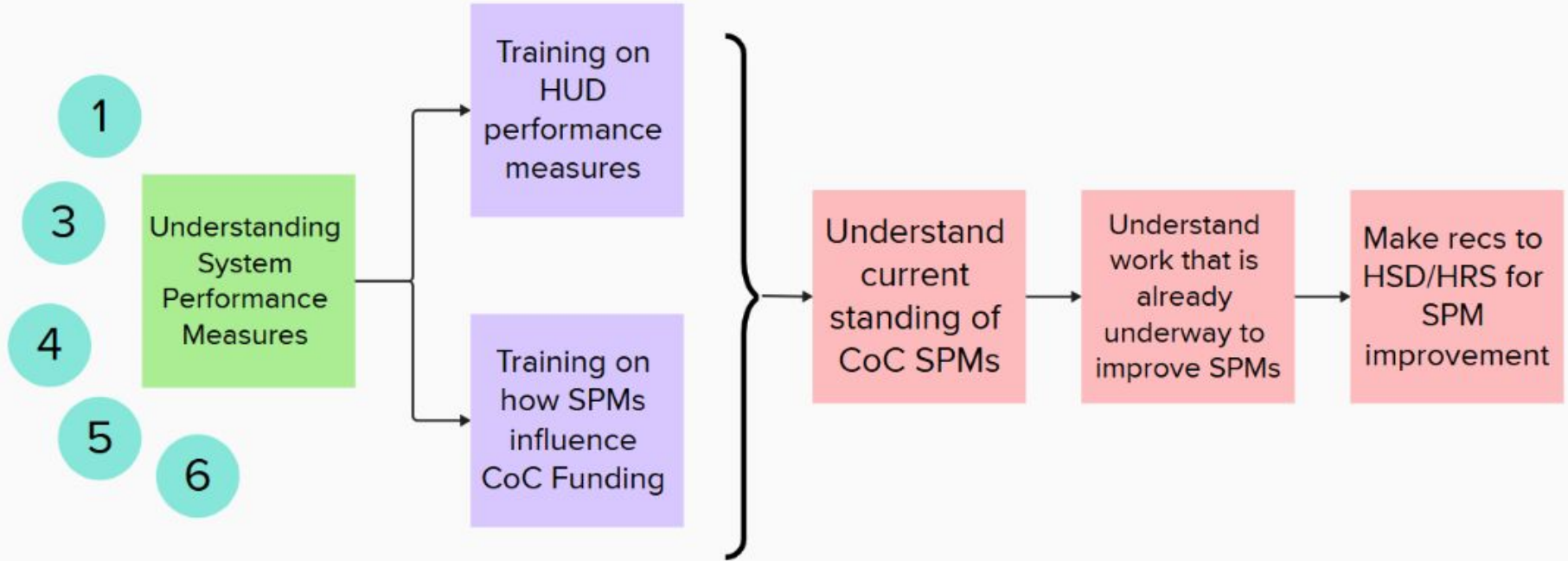
Applying  
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funding  
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Deep dive  
into  
projects

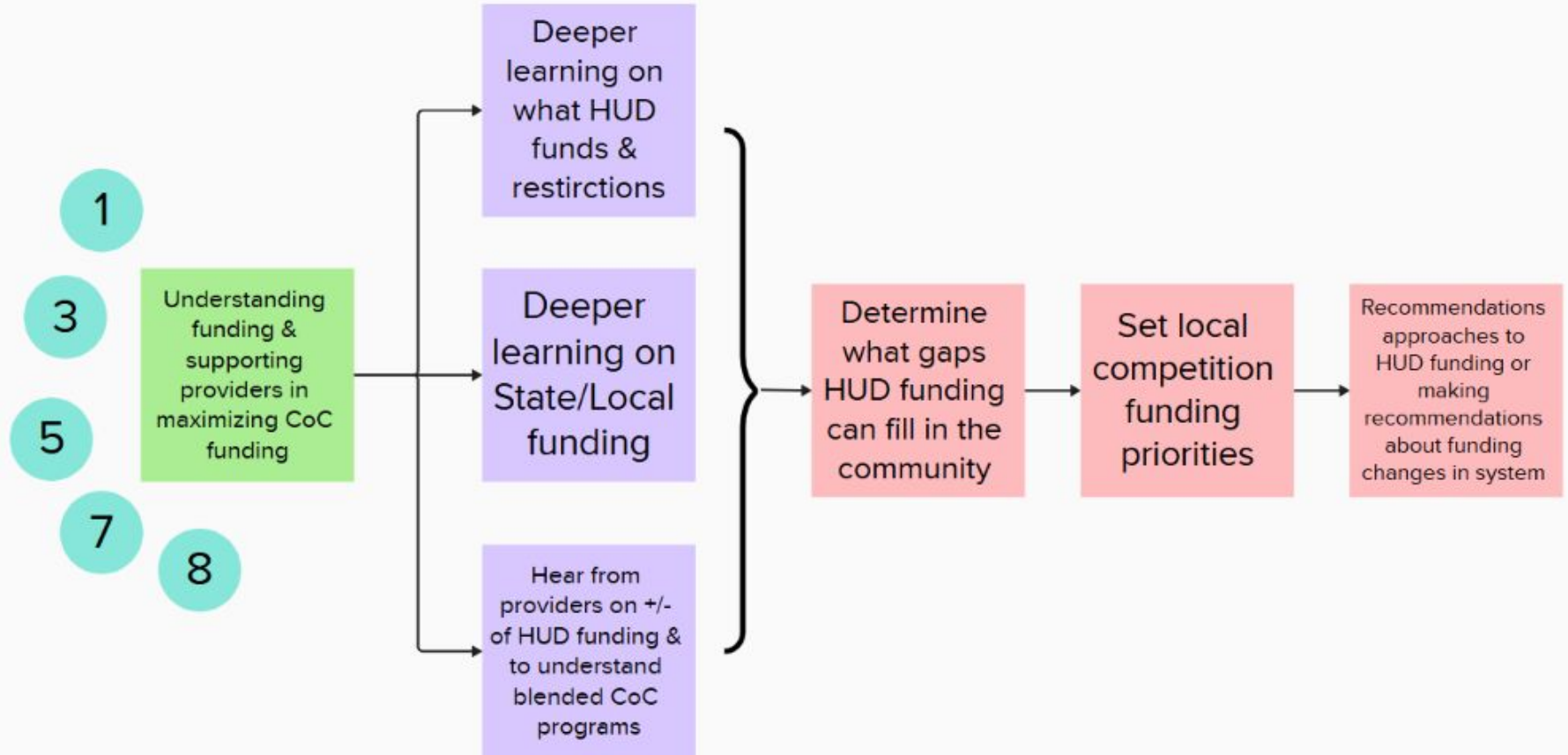
# CoC Board Focus Area: Option A



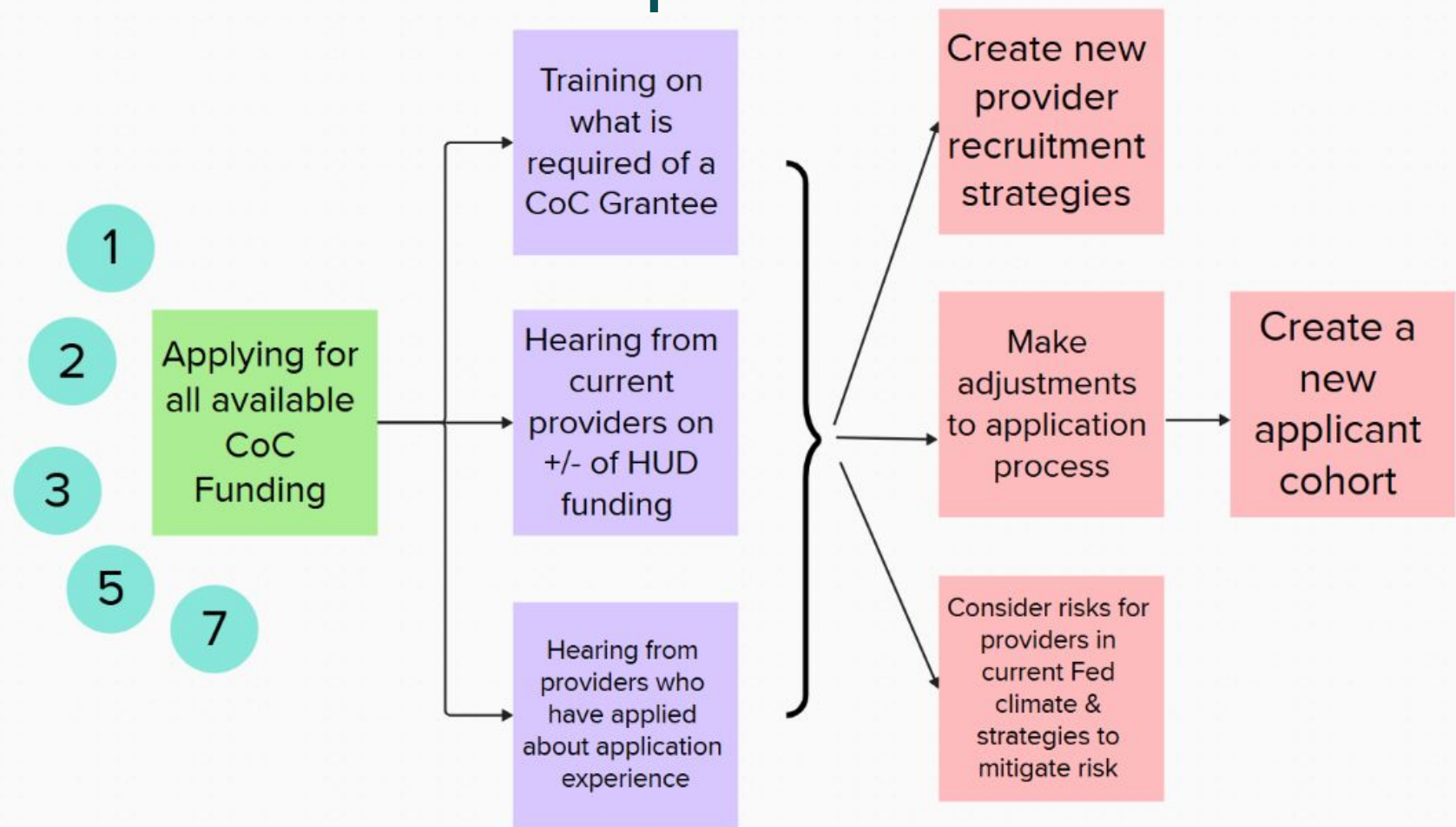
# CoC Board Focus Area: Option B



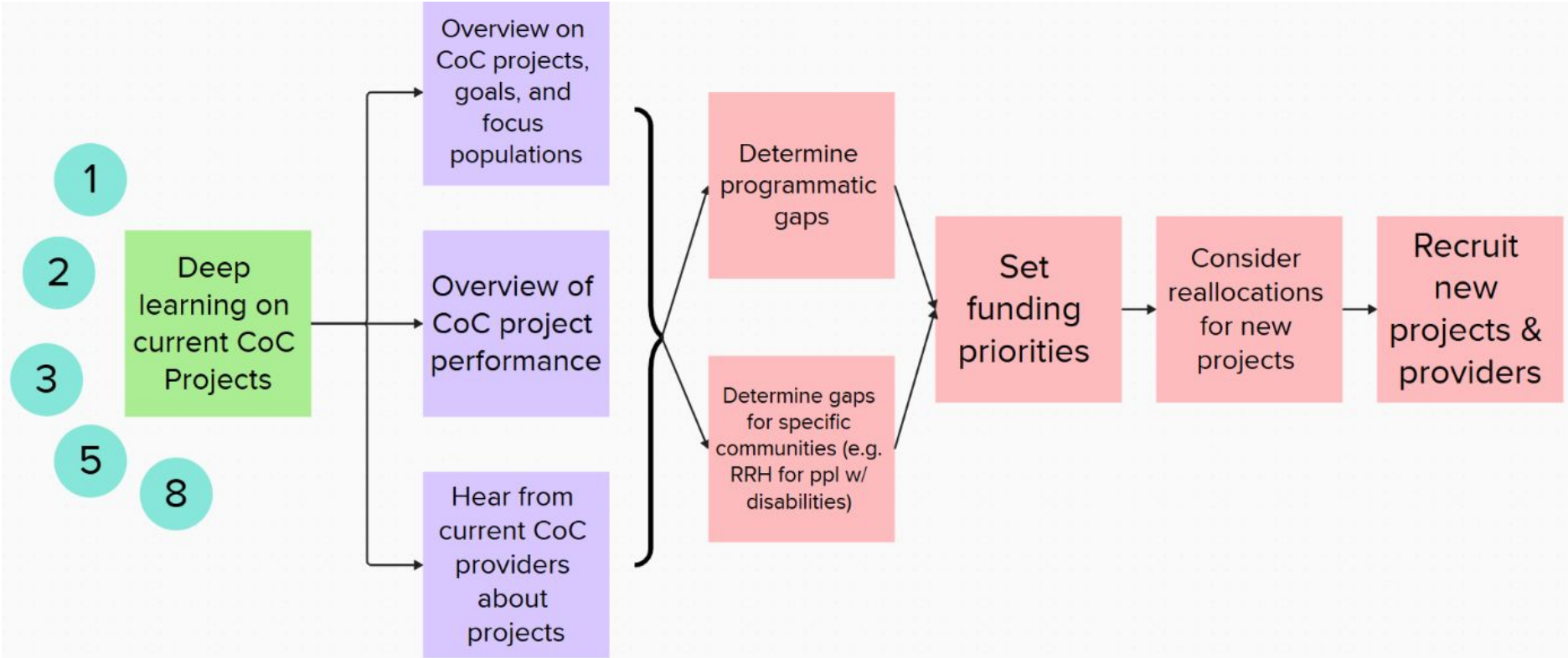
# CoC Board Focus Area: Option C



# CoC Board Focus Area: Option D



# CoC Board Focus Area: Option E





## Homeless Services Department

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