



## Key Takeaways from the Listening Session

### 1. Overview of the NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity):

- **Annual Competition:** Historically, this competition has been annual, covering both renewal and new COC (Continuum of Care) funding.
- **Shift to Biannual Competition:** The renewal part of the competition is moving to a biannual schedule, but it's uncertain how this will affect new funding opportunities.

### 2. Funding Timeline:

- **NOFO Release:** The RFP (Request for Proposals) will be released the week of July 22nd at the earliest, with applications due by August 16th or potentially later depending on the release date.
- **Application Process:** Applications will be submitted via Smartsheet, including a fillable PDF form. Required documents include a budget, 501(c)(3) documentation, and match commitment letters.
- **Priority List:** Finalization of the priority list is anticipated by September 11th, with the NOFO due to HUD on September 27th.
- **Award Notification:** Project awards from HUD are expected around late Q1 or early Q2 of 2025, with the earliest performance start date for new projects being July 2025.

### 3. Funding Priorities:

- **Staffing Needs:** There is a recognized need for additional staff, such as navigators or case managers, to improve referrals and service delivery. This aligns with feedback suggesting that increased capacity in this area is crucial.
- **New Projects:** The funding will prioritize applications based on system needs and gaps identified during the session. This includes potentially new projects that address specific gaps or challenges within the community.

### 4. Application Details:

- **Submission Platform:** Applications will be processed via Smartsheet, with a focus on ensuring smooth submission despite transitions between systems (Flux to Salesforce).
- **Required Documents:** Applicants must provide a detailed budget, narrative, and other specified documents to complete their submissions.

### 5. Communication and Support:

- **Updates:** Information about the NOFO and RFP will be widely distributed via social media, emails, and the website. It's essential to stay updated through these channels.
- **Technical Assistance:** For issues with the application process, a dedicated email (RFP@KCRHA.org) will be available for support.

## 6. Session Follow-Up:

- **Resources:** Slides and recordings from the session will be posted on the KCRHA website.
- **Additional Sessions:** There will be a follow-up session focusing on funding for programs related to interpersonal violence and exploitation.

## Consensus on Prioritization:

- **Funding Allocation:** Emphasis on increasing staffing and capacity to handle referrals and case management.
- **Application Focus:** Prioritizing projects that address identified system gaps and respond to specific community needs.

## Final Notes:

- **Timeliness:** The process is fast-paced and requires prompt action. Participants are encouraged to prepare and submit applications as early as possible.
- **Engagement:** Continuous feedback is welcomed, and additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

