



2025 WA-500 Rating and Ranking Process: Transition or YHDP Replacement Projects

HMIS data was pulled for the operating period **4/1/24 to 3/31/25**. This data will be used to assess project performance according to the key indicators that populate the Annual Performance Review (APR). Additional efficiency and effectiveness measures will also be considered. The following review elements were approved by the Seattle-King County CoC System Performance Committee and full CoC Board.

The CoC will assess projects outlined as follows:

Threshold Review – Minimum Requirements

Applicants must affirmatively answer **“Yes” to all questions marked as “Required”** in order for their application to be considered. In addition, applicants must meet minimum thresholds for the non-required questions:

- **Transition projects** must answer “Yes” to at least **6** of the questions.
- **YHDP Replacement Transitional Housing projects** must answer “Yes” to at least **6** of the questions.
- **YHDP Replacement Supportive Services Only – Standalone projects** must answer “Yes” to at least **4** of the questions.
- **YHDP Replacement Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach projects** must answer “Yes” to at least **5** of the questions.

Applications that fail to meet these thresholds will not advance to the application rating stage, will not be reviewed by the rater panel, and will therefore not be recommended for funding.

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Under King County v Turner 2:25-cv-00814-BJR a temporary restraining order has been extended to King County and KCRHA enjoining HUD from imposing or enforcing new conditions related to Executive Orders, anti-discrimination law, collaboration with immigration enforcement, immigration condition verification, gender ideology, and abortions. For that reason, certifications or attestations related to such new conditions are struck below and not assumed to be required of applicants to this funding opportunity.

All Projects

1. ~~The project will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.~~
2. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

Transitional Housing Projects must respond “Yes” to 9 out of 12 to move to forward to rating:

1. This project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. (2 points)
2. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)
3. The proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent). (2 points)
4. The average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)
5. The project has experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months. (1 point)

6. The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. (1 point)
7. The proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. (4 points)

YHDP Supportive Services Only - Standalone must respond "Yes" to 4 out of 5 to move to forward to rating:

1. The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants. (1 point)
2. The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do traditionally engage with supportive services. (2 points).
3. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)
4. The services provided are cost-effective, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

YHDP SSO -Street Outreach must respond "Yes" to 5 out of 6 to move to forward to rating:

1. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)
2. The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services. (2 points)
3. Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living. The applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws. (1 point)
4. The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs. (1 point)
5. The services provided are cost-effective, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

Rating Criteria

All transition or YHDP replacement grants that pass the Threshold Review will move to rating. The details for how each application type and project type is rated is detailed in the following tables.

2025 Transition or YHDP Replacement Project Rating		Total 212
1. Movement to Permanent Housing: Measured against HUD standards and local performance targets for persons obtaining or maintaining housing.		
PSH: % remaining in PSH for at least 12 months	Meets or exceeds = 20pts	20
TH: % moving to PH (zero points if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%	Nearing goal = 15 pts	
SSO: % moving to PH (zero points if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%	Does not meet expectations = 10pts	
RRH: % moving to PH (zero point if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%		
Housing Stability Bonus: 50% or more move from TH/SSO to PH in 90 days or less 50% or more PSH moving to other PH destinations 50% or more RRH moving into housing in 30 days or less	Full points: meets threshold. No partial points.	20
Extent to which the project is meeting system expectations for length of stay: PSH: Participants stay at least 12 months or move to other permanent housing TH/SSO: The project meets or exceeds performance targets • Single Adult Target = 150 days • Family Target = 150 days • Young Adult = 270 days RRH: Participants meet or exceed system target of 180 days	Full points = meets or exceeds system target. No partial scores.	5
Unknown Exit Score: Avg. Unknown Exit Score	Full points = Less than 5% of clients that exit to "unknown". No points if more than 5% exit to unknown.	5

Extent to which participants exit to unsubsidized housing. Demonstrate that at least 20% of participant exits from TH/RRH/PSH collectively are to unsubsidized housing	Full points = At least 20% of participants that exit to unsubsidized housing. No points if less than 20% if participants exit to unsubsidized housing	10
The extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destination return to homelessness meets or exceeds system target for program and population type.	Full points = meets or exceeds system target. No partial scores.	20
2. <u>Income Progress:</u> Measures the extent to which participants show positive changes in income		
Exits with Earned Income: Extent to which adults in the program exit with employment income	Full points = More than 20% exited with earned income. No partial scores	20
Exits with Non-Earned Income: Extent to which adults in the program exit with cash income from other sources (e.g. TANF, SSDI) or non-cash (e.g. EBT, Medicaid)	Full points = More than 95% exited with non-earned income. No partial scores	5
No Financial Resources: Extent to which no more than 10% of participants exit with “no financial resources” (cash or non-cash)	Full points = Fewer than 10% exited with no income. No partial scores.	5
3. <u>Participant Outreach & Program Occupancy</u>		
Proportion of Participant served coming from streets and/or Emergency Shelter	Full points = 100% population served coming from homelessness. No partial scores.	5

Occupancy: Extent to which the project maintains capacity/occupancy. Note: RRH scores are determined by move-in rate.	5 points = Occupancy of 95% or more (RRH based on move-in rate) 3 points = Occupancy of 90-94% (RRH based on move-in rate) 2 points = Occupancy rate of 85-89% (RRH based on move-in rate) No points for less than 85% occupancy (RRH based on move-in rate)	5
4. HMIS Data Quality/Completeness: Measures complete/quality data reported in HMIS (this criterion is waived for confidential DV programs).		
Data Quality: No more than 5% reported missing/not collected etc., for data in any element (excluding Name, SSN, HIV /AIDS status)	Full Points = Less than 5% of universal data elements that are 'missing' - e.g. data not collected, participant doesn't know, participant refused. No partial scores.	5
5. HUD / System / Program Component Priority Measure		
Program Population Priority: Units/program dedicated/prioritizes Unsheltered Persons = 3pts Units/program serve Youth and Young Adults= 1pt Units/program operates as “Recovery Based” Housing = 3pt Units serve Elders, seniors and/or disabled persons = 3pt Units/program participants are fleeing Domestic Violence or Sex Trafficking = 1pt Unit/program serves more than one gender provide and ensures safe single-gender spaces = 1pt	Full points for each of the target populations the program serves. Programs may receive points for serving multiple populations within the same program	12
Supportive Service Participation: Evidence of required engagement per 24 CFR 578.75(h)	Full Points: Evidence of required engagement in alignment 24 CFR 578.75(h) based on attached agreement. No partial points	15

Service Intensity: 40 hrs/week of tailored services or proportionate. The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder.	Full points based on project affirmation of service intensity. No partial points.	5
Onsite Behavioral Health Treatment Supports: The project demonstrates clear evidence of onsite behavioral health treatment supports or outreach behavioral health supports to unsheltered populations, including a letter of agreement with the partner or team providing such services.	Full points: Letter or MOU demonstrate onsite behavioral health supports. No partial points.	10
Mainstream benefit supports	Full points: program indicates at least one mainstream benefit program to which they connect participants. No partial points.	5
Housing Resource Commitments	Full points: Letter or MOU demonstrates a partnership with other housing resources. No partial points.	5
Healthcare Resource Commitments	Full points: Letter or MOU demonstrates a partnership with other healthcare resources. No partial points.	5
6. <u>Project Efficiency and Effectiveness Measure</u>		
Project Expenditures: Extent to which the project drew down 100% of HUD funds in current grant year.	10 points = Underspend is less than or equal to 10% 5 points = Underspend is over 10% and less than 25% No points for underspend over 25%	10

On time APR: APR submitted in a timely manner	Full points for APR submitted on time. No partial points.	10
Monitoring/Audit Results	No significant findings or unresolved issues	5
Cost Effectiveness	Meets 2 CFR 200.404 standards	5

Ranking Process

Upon completion of rating, the rater panel will convene to develop the final ranked order of all projects. Project will be prioritized in the following manner:

1. Score
2. Funding Type Request Priority Order
 - a. Permanent Supportive Housing (not to exceed 30% of annual renewal demand)
 - b. Renewal Projects and Transition Grants
 - c. New Projects
3. Projects that meet all Threshold Criteria may be ranked higher than a higher rated project that only meets the minimum Threshold Criteria.
4. If all projects serving a particular population – DV, youth, etc – are rated low, then the ranking panel may move projects higher to strive for continued services for those populations.
5. Additional Funds – if there are funds available to seek to expand transition grant, reallocation, or bonus projects that were submitted