



CoC Convening: Call for Presentations

General Information

On behalf of the Seattle/King County Continuum of Care (CoC), the King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is seeking proposals offered by service providers and cross-system partners that provide valuable insights and demonstrate innovative approaches for homelessness services and cross-system collaboration. Accepted proposals would be presented to attendees of the July 2026 CoC Membership Convening. We invite presentations that provide meaningful insights, elevate diverse experiences, and demonstrate innovative, evidence-informed strategies to strengthen our collective work to end homelessness.

Submissions may be made for the following session formats:

- Cross-Sector Discussions
- Interactive Workshops
- Systems Collaboration Labs
- Solution Showcases or Innovation Spotlight

Submissions are open to anyone with skill, background, knowledge, or expertise relevant to ending homelessness. Speakers with lived experience of homelessness, frontline service providers, researchers, and community-based practitioners are especially encouraged to submit.

Proposals are due to coc.questions@kcrha.org by **11:59 P.M. PT on Friday, May 8, 2026**. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Submission Overview

The CoC welcomes proposals from individuals across our homeless response system – including direct service staff, system leaders, people with lived experience, policy advocates, researchers, and cross-sector partners.

All proposals must align with at least one of the CoC's core thematic categories, which will guide theme of the Convening - Strengthening a Responsive, Inclusive, and Cross Sector Homelessness Response System:

- **Emerging Needs: Aging & Disability**
 - Sessions addressing the rapidly growing population of older adults and people with disabilities experiencing homelessness, with a focus on accessibility, system readiness, and tailored service models.
- **Employment & Economic Mobility**
 - Exploring the relationship between income, workforce pathways, and housing stability, including partnerships with employers and workforce systems.
- **Veterans Services & Targeted Supports**
 - Highlighting coordinated systems, veteran-specific interventions, and targeted supports for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Regional Spotlights: South King County and Place-Based Strategies**
 - Elevating region-specific innovations, culturally rooted practices, and provider-led strategies unique to South King County and other community contexts.
- **Business & Homeless Provider Partnerships**
 - Showcasing examples of how businesses, nonprofits, and public systems collaborate to address homelessness, share resources, and co-design solutions.

Requirements for Submissions

Presenters

- Presenters must confirm they are approved to represent their organization if applicable.
- All presentations must be held in person at the event. Proposals for virtual presentations will not be accepted for this conference.
- Each presenter may submit no more than two proposals and will only be selected for one session through this process.
- The author of the submission must also be the proposed presenter.

Submission Guidelines

For all session types, presenters must select their target audience for the presentation. Target audiences include frontline providers, people with lived expertise, program staff and leaders, and system leaders.

To submit your proposal, please read through each session type and submission guidelines below, and submit through the button at the bottom of this page.



Once the proposal has been fully submitted, a confirmation of receipt will automatically be emailed to the submitter. The submitter will be notified no later than the week of May 14, 2026 on whether their submission has been selected.

Session Types and Submission Requirements

Cross Sector Panel Discussions

A moderated conversation featuring practitioners, system leaders, people with lived experience, and cross sector partners (e.g., workforce, business, healthcare, behavioral health).

Best for: Sharing multiple perspectives on a topic, highlighting intersectional issues, and demonstrating coordinated approaches.

Submission Criteria:

Cross Sector Panel Discussions submissions shall not exceed the character limit of each section overall and must include:

- Session Title: No more than 75 characters.
- Session Description: A concise summary (no more than 500 characters) explaining the topic, the system intersection(s) it addresses, and why it is relevant to a multi-disciplinary audience.
- Three Learning Objectives: Up to 500 characters per objective. Objectives should reflect what attendees will learn about system alignment, cross-sector collaboration, or shared problem-solving.
- Description of Panel Composition: No more than 750 characters. Identify the sectors represented (e.g., housing providers, business partners, healthcare, workforce, behavioral health, lived experience leaders) and briefly describe how the panelists' diverse perspectives will inform the topic.
- Proposed Session Format: No more than 750 characters. Describe how the panel will engage participants—such as moderated dialogue, guided audience Q&A, interactive polling, or structured discussion prompts.
- Findings, Insights, or Lessons Learned: No more than 750 characters. Include a brief overview of key takeaways, cross-sector strategies, or practical recommendations the panel will share—especially those that can be replicated or adapted in other communities or settings.

Interactive Workshops

Hands-on sessions where participants collaborate on scenario planning, system mapping, policy design, accessibility improvements, or case-based problem solving.



Best for: Creating shared understanding, unpacking complex challenges, and developing actionable solutions.

Submission Criteria

Interactive Workshop proposals must stay within the character limits for each section and include the following:

- Session Title: No more than 75 characters.
- Session Description: A brief summary (no more than 500 characters) describing the workshop's focus, the problem or challenge it explores, and how it benefits a multi-disciplinary audience.
- Three Learning Objectives: Up to 500 characters per objective. Objectives should emphasize skill-building, collaborative analysis, application of tools, or new strategies participants will leave with.
- Description of Interactive Design & Activities: No more than 750 characters. Describe the hands-on methods you will use (e.g., scenario planning, mapping exercises, role-plays, co-design activities, facilitated small-group work), including how participants will actively engage throughout the session.
- Materials, Tools, or Frameworks to Be Used: No more than 750 characters. Identify any templates, frameworks, cases, scenarios, or system-mapping tools the workshop will draw upon. If relevant, describe how these tools have been used previously or what participants can take back to their organizations.
- Anticipated Outcomes or Products: No more than 750 characters. Describe what participants will produce or gain—for example: draft workflows, accessibility improvement ideas, system maps, policy considerations, problem-solving frameworks, or strategies they can implement.

Collaboration Labs

A structured session that brings mixed-discipline groups together to co-design solutions, build shared frameworks, or identify cross-sector alignment opportunities.

Suggested structure: Brief opening presentation → small-group work → report-out and synthesis.

Best for: System alignment and identifying opportunities for collective action.

Submission Criteria

Collaboration Lab proposals must remain within the character limits of each section and include the following:

- Session Title: No more than 75 characters.



- **Session Description:** A concise summary (no more than 500 characters) describing the system challenge or opportunity the Lab will address and why it requires multi-disciplinary, co-designed solutions.
- **Three Learning Objectives:** Up to 500 characters per objective. Objectives should emphasize shared problem-solving, cross-sector understanding, or development of frameworks or strategies participants can carry forward.
- **Description of Collaborative Design & Structure:** No more than 750 characters. Outline the planned structure of the Lab (e.g., brief opening presentation → small-group work → report-out and synthesis) and describe how participants will work across sectors to generate insights or solutions.
- **Sectors Represented (Panelists/Facilitators):** No more than 750 characters. Identify the disciplines or systems involved (e.g., housing providers, behavioral health, businesses, workforce partners, disability organizations, lived experience leadership) and explain how these perspectives will guide the Lab’s process.
- **Expected Outputs or Shared Products:** No more than 750 characters. Describe what participants will co-create—such as system maps, shared frameworks, draft processes, prioritized strategies, or cross-sector action ideas—and how these contributions support system alignment.

Lightning Talks / Innovation Spotlights

A series of rapid (5–7 minute) presentations highlighting innovations, pilots, or place-based strategies—particularly from South King County and other regional contexts.

Best for: Elevating a diversity of ideas, emerging practices, and regional voices.

Submission Criteria

Lightning Talk / Innovation Spotlight proposals must remain within the character limits of each section and include the following:

- **Session Title:** No more than 75 characters.
- **Session Description:** A concise summary (no more than 500 characters) describing the innovation, pilot, practice, or place-based strategy being highlighted and why it is relevant to the convening’s themes.
- **Key Insight or Core Idea:** No more than 500 characters. Provide the central takeaway or “big idea” the talk will convey in 5–7 minutes.
- **Description of Impact or Early Results:** No more than 500 characters. Briefly describe the outcomes, early data, or observable benefits, especially those that may be replicable across other programs or regions.



- **Speaker Background:** No more than 500 characters. Briefly describe the presenter’s connection to the innovation (e.g., direct implementation, research, lived experience, organizational leadership).

Solution Showcases (Demonstrations)

Short demonstrations of tools, practices, partnerships, or system models that address homelessness or support priority populations.

Best for: Highlighting replicable practices, new resources, and operational insights.

Submission Criteria

Solution Showcase proposals must remain within the character limits of each section and include:

- **Session Title:** No more than 75 characters.
- **Session Description:** A short summary (no more than 500 characters) describing what tool, model, partnership, or solution will be demonstrated and which population or system challenge it addresses.
- **Description of the Demonstration:** No more than 750 characters. Explain what the audience will see during the demonstration—such as workflows, tools, interactive components, sample materials, or real-world examples.
- **Replicability or Transferability:** No more than 750 characters. Describe how the demonstrated solution can be adapted or implemented by other providers, regions, or partners.
- **Evidence of Effectiveness or Innovation:** No more than 750 characters. Summarize what makes the solution effective, promising, or innovative (e.g., outcomes, participant feedback, operational improvements, cross-sector partnership value).

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If your proposal is accepted, KCRHA reserves the right to make changes to the recommended presenters, program, and materials. Proposals that are similar in subject matter may be accepted and merged at the discretion of KCRHA.

All selected presenters will be required to:

- Submit an outline of your presentation to CoC.questions@kcrha.org confirming presentation content.
- Submit all final presentation materials (slides, handouts, etc.) to convening planning workgroup.



- Complete and submit a speaker details form.

Timeline

ACTIVITY	DATE
Call for Presentations Announcement	April 14, 2026
Submission Deadline	May 8, 2026
Notification of Selection	Week of May 14, 2026
Full Presentations Due for Review	June 15, 2026
CoC Membership Convening	July 14, 2026

