



2026 Notice of Funding Availability

Seattle-King County Continuum of Care New Project & Bonus Funding May 4, 2026

2026 Funding Opportunity	Anticipated Process Release & Due Date	Anticipated Funding Available	Anticipated Contract Start Date	Anticipated Funding Process
2026 CoC New Project & Bonus RFP	<u>Release</u> June 10, 2026 <u>Due</u> July 3, 2026	TBA	July 2027	Request for Proposals (RFP)

**These are estimated funding process release dates and funding amounts, and both are subject to change. Please visit kcrha.org regularly for formal funding opportunity announcements.*

The King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is pleased to announce a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to support a countywide regional proposal for expected federal grant funding under the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (HUD FY 2026 NOFO). This document will be updated once more details from HUD are released.

The amount available for this RFP will be determined by HUD’s final award amount to the Seattle-King County CoC. KCRHA expects multiple local contract awards. If you have questions, please email coc.questions@kcrha.org.

Guided by KCRHA’s [Theory of Change](#), the CoC General Bonus RFP is intended to extend the Seattle-King County continuum of comprehensive, person-centered homelessness solutions.

KCRHA seeks proposals for projects that:

- Address clearly identified community needs,
- Demonstrate strong performance outcomes,
- Align with regional system priorities, and
- Leverage other funding sources where possible.

All organizations must meet KCRHA’s minimum eligibility requirements, see details below.

KCRHA expects the following **program areas to be covered by this funding opportunity**:

- Program Area 1 - Transitional Housing (TH)

- Program Area 2 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Program Area 3 - Supportive Services – Standalone
- Program Area 4 - Supportive Services – Outreach
- Program Area 5 - Coordinated Entry Expansion
- Program Area 6 - HMIS Expansion

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants will be required to meet the following requirements to be eligible for the expected RFP.

All applicants must adhere to the following requirements:

- Follow Federal cost principles ([2 CFR Part 200](#))
- Serve only eligible populations
 - [Literally Homeless \(Category 1\)](#): Individuals/families sleeping in emergency shelters, safe havens, or places not meant for human habitation.
 - [Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence \(Category 4\)](#): Individuals fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who lack other residence.
 - Youth Serving Projects Only - [Imminent Risk of Homelessness \(Category 2\)](#): An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence.
 - Note that each project type may have further restrictions
- Participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- No conflicts of interest under federal standards
- Not be debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from competing for funding opportunities by any federal, state, or local department or agency.
- Be registered with [SAM.gov](#) to receive funding.
- Meet KCRHA's [minimum eligibility requirements](#)
 - Including [supporting documentation](#)
- Submit letter(s) of commitment or other documentation for [25% of matching funds](#).
 - Match funds must be either in-kind or non-CoC grant funds
- KCRHA anticipates HUD will require the project applicant to attest to further conditions. These could include that 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.”



Requirements for Specific Program Areas

Transitional Housing (TH)

KCRHA expects to award organizations for TH projects that will provide structured TH with trauma-informed supportive services, strong plans for exiting participants to permanent housing, and detailed pathways to increase employment and income.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing.
- Have an average cost per household served that is reasonable and consistent with [2 CFR 200.404](#).
- Has experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months.
- Has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project.
- Has a plan in place to ensure that a specific proportion of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- Will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources.
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project or project expansion.

KCRHA may also set further conditions if required by the HUD FY 2026 NOFO and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Prior communication from HUD indicates that additional requirements could include providing proof that participants are required to participate in supportive services or demonstrating that the project will provide 40 hours of customized services each week for participants.

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

KCRHA expects to award organizations for RRH projects that will provide rental assistance supports along with trauma-informed supportive services, strong plans for exiting participants to permanent housing, and detailed pathways to increase employment and income.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:



- Provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing.
- Have an average cost per household served that is reasonable and consistent with [2 CFR 200.404](#).
- Has experience operating rapid rehousing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency and exit homelessness within 3 and up to 24 months.
- Has a plan in place to ensure supportive services and assistance will be offered to participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness.
- Has previously operated homelessness projects where outcomes for employment income were improved or has a plan in place to ensure this.
- Will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources.
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project or project expansion.

KCRHA may also set further priorities or conditions if required by the HUD FY 2026 NOFO and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Prior communication from HUD indicates that additional requirements could include providing proof that participants are required to participate in supportive services or demonstrating that the project will provide 40 hours of customized services each week for participants.

Supportive Services Only

KCRHA expects to award organizations for Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects that will engage unsheltered and high-need populations, connect households to housing and services, and demonstrate strong partnerships. SSO projects can be for stand alone, street outreach services, coordinated entry, or Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) services.

SSO: Standalone

A Supportive Services Only (SSO)–Standalone CoC project provides outreach, engagement, and referrals to housing and other services for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, without providing housing or housing assistance to the same participants.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Provide services necessary to assist exits from homelessness and conducts annual needs assessments.



- Include a strategy to serve unsheltered populations and those not traditionally engaged in services.
- Will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources.
- Demonstrate that the services proposed are cost-effective, consistent with federal guidelines ([2 CFR 200.404](#)).
- Demonstrates experience of providing services and with operating the same services proposed in the application.
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project.

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SSO: Street Outreach

Street Outreach programs meet unsheltered people where they are to build trust, meet immediate needs, and connect them to shelter, housing, and services through respectful, trauma-informed engagement.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Have a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.
- 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.
- Will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources.
- Have experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at [24 CFR 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#) and have demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.
- Demonstrate that the services proposed are cost-effective, consistent with federal guidelines ([2 CFR 200.404](#)).
- Demonstrates experience of providing services and with operating the same services proposed in the application.
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project.

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SSO: Coordinated Entry Projects

A centralized or coordinated assessment system is an easy-to-access, well-advertised process that uses a standardized tool to assess needs and coordinate referrals for people seeking housing or services across a defined geographic area.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Ensure the Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance,
- Have a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs,
- Have a standardized assessment process,
- Will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs,
- Demonstrates experience of providing services and with operating the same services proposed in the application, and
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project for project expansion.

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SSO: HMIS

HMIS projects support the operation and maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System, including data collection, system administration, and reporting, and **are eligible only for application by the designated HMIS Lead Entity**, as only the HMIS Lead may use these funds to operate the system.

KCRHA anticipates that projects will be evaluated based on requirements stemming from the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Have strong HMIS implementation,
- Use HMIS as a proactive case management tool to promote treatment and recovery,
- Have demonstrated ability to unduplicate client records,
- Demonstrates experience of providing services and with operating the same services proposed in the application, and
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project for project expansion.

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