



Fiscal Year 2026 Local Competition Notice

Seattle-King County Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Transition or Replacement May 4, 2026

2026 Competition	Anticipated Competition Release	Anticipated Due Date	Anticipated Contract Start Date Period	Anticipated Competition Process
FY26 CoC Local Competition – Transition or YHDP Replacement	June 10, 2026	July 3, 2026	Based on FY25 contract end dates	Transition or YHDP Replacement Project Application

**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 announcing a local competition for currently funded Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) projects seeking to transition to a new program type or replace an existing project.

This process supports the development of a coordinated regional application for federal funding. Additional details will be provided as they become available.

The amount available for CoC transition or YHDP replacement projects will be determined by HUD’s final award amount to the Seattle-King County CoC. **This competition is for current CoC and YHDP projects that are interested in transitioning to a new eligible program type.** KCRHA expects multiple local contract awards. If you have questions, please email coc.questions@kcrha.org.

FY26 CoC Local Competition is intended to support 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
- Leverage other funding sources where possible

KCRHA expects the following **program areas to be** included in **this funding opportunity**:

- Program Area 1 - Transitional Housing (TH)
- Program Area 2 - Supportive Services – Standalone

Transition or YHDP Replacement Eligibility Requirements

Applicants **must have a currently funded and operating CoC or YHDP project** and propose transitioning that project to a new eligible program type. 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
- 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 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.”

Transition Grant Requirements

Transition grants, through a reallocation process, support the conversion of an existing CoC-funded project to a different eligible program type.

- The existing project must be fully terminated as part of the reallocation process
- Funding is for a one-year term
- The new project must be fully implemented within the grant period
- After the transition year, funding eligibility will apply only to the new project type

Transition Grants are created through the reallocation process and are intended to support the conversion of existing CoC renewal projects to a different eligible program component.



A Transition Grant funds the conversion of an eligible CoC renewal project to a new program component. The original renewal project must be completely eliminated as part of the reallocation process.

Transition Grants are awarded for a one-year grant term. Projects awarded FY 2026 Transition Grant funding must complete the transition by the end of the grant performance period. Following completion of the transition year, the project may apply for renewal only under the new component type in the subsequent CoC Competition.

YHDP Replacement Grant Requirements

Replacement grants support the creation of new YHDP projects by replacing one or more existing projects. Additionally:

- Existing project(s) must be fully ended as part of the replacement, or reallocation process
- Funding is for a one-year term
- The new project must be operational at the start of the contract period
- Future funding will apply only to the new project configuration

Eligible Program Types for Transition or Replacement Grants

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 or partner to deliver required supportive services, with participant engagement and documented service agreements;
- Demonstrate reasonable cost per household consistent with [2 CFR 200.404](#);
- Show experience operating transitional housing or similar programs with successful exits from homelessness within 24 months;
- Include clear plans to ensure that a specific portion of participants exit to permanent housing and with employment income;
- Provide appropriate service intensity, consistent with federal guidance; and
- Leverage other public or private funding.

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.

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 homelessness services, particularly with operating the same services proposed in the application.
- Demonstrates a clear need for the project.

Anticipated Local Review Criteria

HMIS data will be evaluated for the operating period **4/1/25 to 3/31/26**. This data will be used to assess project performance according to the key indicators that populate the Annual Performance Report (APR). Additional efficiency and effectiveness measures may also be considered. The following review elements outline the anticipated criteria and may be updated upon review of the posted HUD FY 2026 NOFO.

HMIS Performance Criteria

- Exits to permanent housing, with higher weight placed on meeting or exceeding established system targets by project type
- Returns to homelessness, with increased emphasis on minimizing returns following exit to permanent housing
- Housing retention for Permanent Supportive Housing and Supportive Housing projects
- Employment and income outcomes, including exits with earned income, non-earned income, and minimizing exits with no financial resources



- Unknown or missing exit destinations, with higher priority given to projects demonstrating complete and accurate exit data

Non-HMIS System Priority Criteria

- Population priorities, including projects serving unsheltered households, youth and young adults, people with disabilities, elders, people fleeing domestic violence or trafficking, and recovery-based housing models
- Project expenditures, with higher priority for projects demonstrating full and timely use of awarded funds

Application Based Narrative Criteria

Applications will be reviewed for qualitative alignment with CoC expectations and requirements imposed by the HUD FY 2026 NOFO, which may include:

- Low-barrier service delivery and minimizing program terminations, consistent with HUD standards
- Participant engagement and feedback, including how participant input informs program design and improvement
- Lived and living experience, including meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in governance and decision-making, consistent with HUD FY 2026 NOFO requirements

Transition and Replacement-Specific Criteria

In addition to the criteria above, Transition and Replacement project applications may be assessed on:

- Service intensity, including affirmation that services meet federal service engagement standards as anticipated in the HUD FY 2026 NOFO
- Cost effectiveness, demonstrating compliance with federal cost principles and efficient use of funds

