



# **2026 Seattle-King County Continuum of Care New Project Request for Proposals**

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# Guidelines

## I. Introduction

### Background

As the collaborative applicant for the King County-City of Seattle Continuum of Care (CoC), WA-500, King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) is **seeking proposals to include the countywide consolidated application for new federal grant funding** under the Department of Housing and Urban Development [FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (HUD FY 2026 NOFO). This RFP is intended to enhance the continuum of comprehensive, person-centered solutions within King County.

The CoC Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, States, Indian Tribes or Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and local governments to quickly rehouse individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma caused by homelessness. The CoC Program promotes access to and the effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness. HUD hopes to accomplish the following goals through the collaborative efforts of applicants for CoC Program funding and local CoC partners.

This funding opportunity is looking for applications from agencies proposing programs targeted to further HUD's strategic goals to end unsheltered homelessness through outreach and intervention, prioritization of treatment and recovery services, advancement of public safety in partnership with law enforcement and first responders, promotion of long-term self-sufficiency and economic independence, improvement of program outcomes through effective resource allocation, and minimizing trauma through trauma-informed, safe, and supportive care. KCRHA seeks to partner with applicants who can demonstrate how their services incorporate feedback from people who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness.

### Review

The applicant pool will be reviewed by a rating panel of community members and subject matter experts (SMEs). The rating panel will recommend applications to be submitted to HUD for potential funding. HUD anticipates announced awards in December 2026, and contracting is



anticipated to start by the beginning Quarter Three of 2027<sup>1</sup> at the earliest. Ongoing funding is based on HUD review and customer satisfaction with service provider/program performance.

All proposals will be reviewed to project eligibility and threshold requirements to ensure completeness, alignment with the program scope, and budget feasibility. The deadline for submitting a completed RFP is **Friday, July 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST**.

The KCRHA expects to give preference to organizations that will:

- Demonstrate need, system alignment, organizational capacity, partnerships, program quality, and expected outcomes, with priority given to projects that address documented gaps and advance CoC system goals.
- Comply with federal cost principles ([2 CFR 200.404](#)).
- Serve HUD-eligible populations ([Categories 1 and 4](#), and [Category 2](#) for youth-serving projects only).
- Participate in HMIS and meet federal [conflict-of-interest standards](#).
  - Use HMIS to track progress, unduplicated records, and promote treatment, recovery, and self-sufficiency.
- Be registered in [SAM.gov](#) and not be debarred or suspended.
- Meet KCRHA's [minimum eligibility requirements](#) and provide [required documentation](#)
- Demonstrate a [25% match](#) using cash or in-kind, non-CoC funds.
- Certify compliance with restrictions related to drug use and distribution activities.
- Ensure individuals, youth and young adults, and/or families receive ongoing support services – connections to employment and job training – and operating funds which help residents achieve housing stability and maintain as much independence as possible.
- Projects that support participants to obtain/maintain housing and demonstrate pathways to permanent housing with employment income.
- Require or encourage active participation in case management, employment training, behavioral health, and/or recovery services, often formalized through agreements.
- Provide tailored services (e.g., case management, treatment, employment training), with flexibility for age, disability, or employment status.
- Leverage other public/private funding and connect participants to workforce, healthcare, and community support.
- Prioritize strategies to engage unsheltered populations, partner with law enforcement/first responders, and support safe exits from encampments.

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- Enhance Coordinated Entry System availability across the CoC, advertise to reach highest-need populations, and use standardized assessments to direct participants to appropriate services.
- Meet project type specific preferences and requirements.
  - See each project description below.

## Eligible Organization Type

This funding opportunity is open to proposals from non-profit, **government**, faith-based, tribes and tribal organizations throughout King County.

## Project Types

The application project types include new and/or expansion of:

- **Transitional Housing (TH)**
  - Proposals should demonstrate strong supportive services, clear exits to permanent housing, employment and income pathways, appropriate service intensity, cost effectiveness, and local need.
- **Rapid Rehousing (RRH)**
  - Proposals should demonstrate strong supportive services, clear exits to permanent housing, employment and income pathways, appropriate service intensity, cost effectiveness, and local need.
  - Must serve families with children
- **Supportive Services Only (SSO)**
  - Proposals should prioritize outreach and engagement with unsheltered and high-need populations, strong partnerships, cost effectiveness, and demonstrated experience delivering proposed services.
- **Coordinated Entry (CE)**
  - Proposals should strengthen access, navigation, standardization, outreach, and referral effectiveness across the CoC.
- **Homeless Management Information System Expansion (HMIS)**
  - Proposals are limited to the **designated HMIS Lead Entity** and should demonstrate strong system implementation and data management capacity.

## King County v Turner

Under King County v Turner 2:25-cv-00814-BJR a preliminary injunction has been extended to King County and KCRHA, as well as all continuum members, enjoining HUD from imposing or enforcing certain new grant conditions related to anti-discrimination law, immigration



enforcement, immigration status verification, “gender ideology,” abortions, and compliance with Executive Orders. Consistent with the preliminary injunction, certifications or attestations related to such conditions are struck below and are not required of applicants to this funding opportunity while the preliminary injunction remains in effect.

## II. Fund Source

The KCRHA will use HUD Continuum of Care funds to support the projects ultimately awarded.<sup>2</sup> The total amount of funds available for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 CoC Bonus RFP is up to **\$5,000,000<sup>3</sup>** annually. **The final amount available for this RFP will be determined by HUD’s final award amount to the Seattle-King County CoC for FY26.** These funds are only available to organizations whose budgets demonstrate the ability to provide a 25% match. Matching funds cannot be CoC funds from previous years.

| Fund Source                       | Fiscal Year/Calendar Year       | Amount                   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus | FY2026/CY2027-2028 <sup>4</sup> | \$5,000,000 <sup>5</sup> |

## III. Timeline

An Information Session will be held to review the RFP requirements and answer questions. Information Session details can be found in the table below.

Questions submitted outside of the Information Sessions should be submitted to the Procurement Lead via email at [RFP@KCRHA.org](mailto:RFP@KCRHA.org); agencies will receive a response via email. The final day to ask questions related to this funding opportunity is June 26, 2026, at 5:00PM PST, to allow adequate time for all questions and answers to be posted online and viewed by all applicants.

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<sup>2</sup> Final award and contract with KCRHA are contingent upon the results of the national FY2026 CoC Program Competition and are subject to HUD’s grant agreement issuance timeline.

<sup>3</sup> This amount is subject to change based upon funds made available due to reallocation of current CoC grants.

<sup>4</sup> All awarded funds must be fully spent by December 31, 2028, at the latest. The latest date to spend funds is determined by the contracted performance period with HUD.

<sup>5</sup> Should KCRHA obtain additional funding from the sources described above or from future sources, it may amend awarded contracts to allocate such funds, including amounts requested but not awarded and for additional funding not originally requested.



Questions and answers elicited during the Information Sessions, submitted via email, and otherwise answered by the Procurement Lead, will be posted online at:

<https://kcrha.org/resources/funding-opportunities/>.

The rating panel will recommend applications to be submitted to HUD for potential funding. HUD anticipates announced awards in December 2026, and contracting is anticipated to start by the beginning Quarter Three of 2027.<sup>6</sup>

Below is an expected timeline for this funding opportunity:

| Action  | Date  |
|---|---|
| RFP Released  | June 11, 2026   |
| Information Session Webinar #1<br><i>Participation is highly suggested but not required</i> | Friday, June 12, 2026, 12:00 PM PST<br><br><a href="#">June 12, 2026, Registration Link</a>   |
| Information Session Webinar #2<br><i>Participation is highly suggested but not required</i> | Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 3:00 PM PST<br><br><a href="#">June 16, 2026, Registration Link</a>   |
| Last Day to Submit Questions to<br><a href="mailto:RFP@kcrha.org">RFP@kcrha.org</a>         | June 26, 2026, at 5:00 PM PST<br><i>Q&amp;A will be available on <a href="#">KCRHA website</a> under "Funding Opportunities" drop-down menu</i> |
| RFP Deadline  | July 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST   |
| Award/Denial Notification   | Week of August 10, 2026   |
| Estimated Contract Start Date   | Quarter 3, 2027   |

\* KCRHA reserves the right to change any dates in the RFP timeline. Any updates, including responses to questions, will be posted on the [KCRHA website](#) under, 'RFP Questions & Answers.'

\*\* Please contact the Procurement Lead for accommodation requests at [rfp@kcrha.org](mailto:rfp@kcrha.org).

\*\* KCRHA reserves the right to reopen any funding opportunity if needed.

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## IV. Scope of Work

### Overview

Successful proposals must demonstrate a clear capability to deliver integrated services effectively and efficiently. The program aims to provide projects anywhere in King County using a trauma-informed, person-centered approach that prioritizes the household's wellbeing. Community engagement and partner input have identified key system gaps that KCRHA anticipates prioritizing through proposals submitted to the FY26 CoC Local Competition.

These priorities center on:

- reducing barriers to accessing services,
- strengthening crisis response, and
- improving housing stability.

Examples of projects meeting these gaps may include:

- housing navigation
- behavioral health services in transitional housing or standalone programs,
- medical respite transitional housing,
- outreach services, and
- recovery-oriented housing.

In addition, proposals should respond to workforce shortages – particularly among specialized providers, behavioral health clinicians, and peers – and strengthen housing- and employment-focused case management to improve overall system performance.

Applicants may also request funding to expand an existing renewal project, including a project previously awarded CoC funds, as permitted under section II.B.3.i of the HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO. Expansion requests are limited to one-year funding; capital expenditures are not eligible. To be eligible for a CoC Bonus award, proposals must pass a project quality threshold review as defined by HUD.

Projects that meet the threshold review will be moved to the rater panel. The additional rating criteria are listed in the “III. Application Questions & Rating Criteria” section of this RFP.



Renewal projects applying for expansion funds originally awarded under previous NOFO processes must demonstrate how the proposed expansion will increase the number of units, individuals served, or services provided to current program participants.

The below programs are eligible to apply:

- **Transitional Housing**
  - Supportive services, clear exits to permanent housing, employment and income pathways, appropriate service intensity, cost effectiveness, and local need.
- **Supportive Services Only – Standalone**
  - Case management, navigation, or specialty services with strong partnerships, cost effectiveness, and demonstrated experience delivering proposed services.
- **Supportive Services Only – Street Outreach**
  - Outreach and engagement with unsheltered and high-need populations, strong partnerships, cost effectiveness, and demonstrated experience delivering proposed services.
- **Rapid rehousing**
  - Supportive services, clear exits to permanent housing, employment and income pathways, appropriate service intensity, cost effectiveness, and local need.
  - Must serve families with children
- **Coordinated Entry**
  - Strengthen access, navigation, standardization, outreach, and referral effectiveness across the CoC.
- **HMIS Expansion** (limited to the designated HMIS Lead Entity)
  - proposals are and should demonstrate strong system implementation and data management capacity.

## Project Priorities

Services must be offered using a trauma-informed, person-centered approach which prioritizes self-sufficiency, recovery, and treatment anywhere in King County. Strong applications demonstrate the ability to meet HUD's stated Goals and Objectives:

1. **Improving Outcomes**
  - Projects should promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
2. **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability**
  - Projects should demonstrate effective, innovative, and results-based approaches to reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.
3. **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care**



- Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects will be eligible new project types. HUD anticipates shifting funds from permanent housing to expand opportunities with this funding opportunity.
4. **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery**
    - CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.
  5. **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency**
    - Applicants should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. Prioritized projects will help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.
  6. **Advancing Public Safety for All**
    - Agencies should cooperate with law enforcement, first responders, and local jurisdictions to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness.
  7. **Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations.**
    - Providers must provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
  8. **Expanding Access Based on Merit**
    - This funding opportunity is open to all eligible applicants – non-profit, faith-based, local government, tribes and tribal organizations throughout King County.

## Project Quality Thresholds

Projects that do not meet the following criteria as detailed in the HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO may not be considered:

- Must meet [eligibility requirements](#) and [submit required documentation](#)
- Demonstrates adequate financial and management capacity.
- Serves only eligible populations.
- Participates in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Certifies affirmatively that:



- ~~The applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#).<sup>7</sup>~~
- The applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” will not knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, will not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, and will not conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”
  - This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

Additionally, all projects must meet the relevant program type threshold criteria:

### Transitional Housing (TH)

New TH projects must get at least 6 out of 8 points in the Threshold Review:

- **2 points:** Demonstrate that the 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 (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.)
- **1 point:** The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months.
- **1 point:** 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 a positive destination 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:** The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- **2 points:** Describe how the proposed project will:
  - Assess the service needs of program participants,

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<sup>7</sup> This certification is not required under the *King County v. Turner* preliminary injunction.



- Provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment for all program participants.
  - Except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in [24 CFR 8.3](#) or a with a developmental disability as defined under [24 CFR 578.3](#) (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.)
  - Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement. The project description provided here does not constitute a reporting or documentation requirement.
- Indicate that the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include:
  - The services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided.
  - Program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency.
- **1 point:** Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#).

### Supportive Services Only (SSO) - Standalone

New SSO Standalone projects must get at least 4 out of 5 points in the Threshold Review:

- **1 point:** The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants.
- **2 points:** 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.
- **1 point:** The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- **1 point:** Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#).



## Supportive Services Only (SSO) - Street Outreach

New SSO Street Outreach projects must get at least 5 out of 6 points in the Threshold Review:

- **1 point:** The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.
- **2 points:** 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.
- **1 point:** Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of, or a plan for, 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 and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.
- **1 point:** The applicant has experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at [24 CFR 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#) and has a plan for or 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:** Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#).

## Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

New RRH projects must get at least 4 out of 6 points in the Threshold Review:

1. **1 point:** The provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months.
- **2 points:** The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness.
- **1 point:** The applicant has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness project where, or has a plan in place to have, 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, or has a plan in place to ensure this.



- **1 point:** Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#).
- **1 point:** The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

### Supportive Services Only (SSO) - Coordinated Entry (CE)

New SSO-CE projects must get at least 3 out of 4 points in the Threshold Review:

- **1 point:** The Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
- **1 point:** There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs.
- **1 point:** There is a standardized assessment process.
- **1 point:** The project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

### HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)

New HMIS projects must get at least 3 out of 4 points in the Threshold Review:

- **1 point:** How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.
- **1 point:** The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards
- **1 point:** The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.
- **1 point:** The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.

## V. Allowable Costs

The following lists include typical allowable and unallowable costs by project type. This is not an exhaustive list; for more detailed information or to ask any questions please email the Procurement Lead at [RFP@kcrha.org](mailto:RFP@kcrha.org).

Indirect costs are allowable for all projects using a federally negotiated indirect cost rate agreement (NICRA) or a de-minimis rate of 15%. Please note that if you use an approved NICRA rate, supporting documentation must be provided.



## Allowable Costs

| Project Type                   | <u>Leasing</u> | <u>Supportive Services</u> | <u>Rental Assistance</u> | <u>Operating</u> | <u>HMIS</u> | <u>Project Administration</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Transitional Housing (TH)      | X              | X                          |                          | X                | X           | X                             |
| Supportive Services Only (SSO) | X              | X                          |                          |                  | X           | X                             |
| Rapid Rehousing (RRH)          |                | X                          | X                        |                  | X           | X                             |
| Coordinated Entry (CE)         |                | X                          |                          |                  | X           | X                             |
| HMIS                           |                |                            |                          |                  | X           | X                             |

## Unallowable Costs

Unallowable costs listed below are for all project types.

- Rehabilitation
- New Construction
- Equipment (greater than \$5k per item)
- Capital repairs
- Capital acquisition



# Application

## VI. Review Process & Application

Applications will be reviewed in four sections.

### 1. Due Diligence and Financial Review

All applicants must meet [minimum eligibility requirements](#), submit a [KCRHA Conflict of Interest Certification and Disclosure](#) form, and pass a financial review. Projects failing thresholds are not advanced to rating or funding consideration. The application stops and agencies will receive a disqualification email notification.

### 2. Project Threshold Review

The HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO requires that any new project meet both eligibility and project quality thresholds to be funded with CoC funds. Applicants who do not affirmatively answer “Yes” to all project eligibility questions (excluding those currently enjoined) may risk funding eligibility. Applicants must meet minimum thresholds for the questions in the project type category for which the applicant is applying.

### 3. Rating Stage

Projects that pass due diligence and project thresholds are evaluated based on objective performance data, demonstrated outcomes, and alignment with HUD priorities and CoC goals.

Key rating areas include:

- Addressing System Gaps
  - Projects will meet identified system gaps and aim to serve underserved populations and geographic regions.
- Experience
  - Clear ability to fulfill project goals, including experience with similar projects and appropriate staffing models.
- Service Quality & Outcomes
  - Trauma informed services, service intensity, exits to permanent housing, employment income gains, low returns to homelessness.
- Partnerships
  - Formal coordination with housing, healthcare, mainstream benefits, law enforcement/first responders, onsite behavioral health.
- Budget & Compliance
  - Cost effectiveness, 25% match, adherence to NOFO requirements.



- Population Priorities
  - Points for serving elderly, disabled, families with children, youth, recovery-based, or unsheltered populations.

#### 4. Ranking Process

Panel-led ranking: Projects are scored and ranked using HUD priorities and local goals.

- Top priorities:
  - Housing outcomes (permanent exits, low returns, stability)
  - Economic self-sufficiency (income, employment, benefits)
  - System gaps (serve high-need groups, fill capacity gaps, geographic dispersion)
- Flexibility
  - Projects meeting full thresholds may outrank higher-scoring ones if they better support system goals.
- System Balance
  - Rankings may adjust to maintain services for priority populations.



## Section I - Due Diligence and Financial Review

The Due Diligence and Financial review is pass or fail. Applicants **must** submit the following for review with the application:

### 1. Minimum Eligibility Documents

| MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT  | SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION   |
|--|--|
| Applicant must be incorporated as a <u>Washington State, private non-profit corporation</u> .<br><b>Note:</b> Applicant must be granted 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status.   | Certificate of Incorporation<br><br>KCRHA confirms the status via the <u>IRS website</u> |
| <b>OR</b> a <u>Federally</u> or <u>Washington State-recognized</u> Indian tribe.   | Federal or State Registry listing  |
| <b>OR</b> a public corporation or other legal entity established per <u>R.C.W. 35.21.660</u> or <u>35.32.730</u> (public corporation, commission, or authority).   | Authorizing documents such as an interlocal agreement, legislative act, or ruling, etc.  |
| <b>AND</b>   |  |
| Applicant must be in good standing 12 months before and on the date of application for pre-certification.  | <u>Certificate of Existence</u>  |
| Applicant must have a Federal Tax Id number / employer identification number (EIN)   | EIN Registration Confirmation from the IRS   |
| Applicant must have <u>Washington State Business License</u> (UBI#) and <u>Seattle Business License</u> (as applicable), and pay taxes as required by the laws of those jurisdictions.                                   | Copy of Business License(s)  |
| Applicant must not be presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from competing for funding opportunities by any Federal, State, or local department or agency. | <u>KCRHA Certification of Non-debarment</u> (pg. 2)                                      |
| Applicant must have an active System for Award Management (SAM) registration on Sam.gov <b>and</b> an active Unique Entity ID number (UEI).  | <u>Proof of active SAM registration and UEI number</u>                                   |

2. Certification of Non-Debarment and Suspension
3. Conflict-of-Interest Certification and Disclosure Form
  - a. In compliance with 2 C.F.R. § 200.112 applicants are required to disclose in writing to the KCRHA any real, apparent or potential Conflict of Interest (COI) affecting the awarded funds.
4. Code of Conduct



5. Financial Documents
  - a. Current fiscal year's financial statements certified by the agency's CFO, Finance Officer, or Board Treasurer:
    - Balance Sheet,
    - Income Statement, and
    - Statement of Cash Flows
  - b. Most recent audit reports with the letter from the auditor, and the agency plan for correction, if applicable
  - c. Most recent fiscal year-ending Form 990
  - d. Proof of Federally Approved Indirect Rate, if applicable

All applicants for KCRHA funding opportunities must meet KCRHA's Minimum Eligibility Requirements. You may access a downloadable .pdf of these requirements here: [KCRHA Grantee Minimum Eligibility Requirements Checklist](#).

Applicants who do not submit the required documentation listed above, do not meet the minimum eligibility requirements, have a conflict of interest, and do not pass the financial review will not be considered for funding.

Submission of a response to this RFP or subsequent receipt of a pre-award determination letter does not guarantee final award approval.

## Section II - Threshold Review (Pass/Fail)

The HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO requires that any new project meet both eligibility and project quality thresholds to be funded with CoC funds.

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***Applicants who do not affirmatively answer "Yes" to all questions below (excluding those currently enjoined) may risk funding eligibility.***

1. **Required:** Is your organization eligible to receive federal funding (i.e. nonprofit organizations – including faith-based organizations, states, local governments,



instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities)?

Yes  No

2. **Required:** Does your organization have the financial and management capacity to carry out the project as detailed and administer federal funds?

Yes  No

3. **Required:** Does the project affirm to only serve populations meeting the definition of "homeless" in [24 CFR 578.3](#), including the definition of "homeless" under section [103\(b\) of the McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance Act?](#)

Yes  No

- ~~4. **Required:** The project will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent with the requirements of [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#).~~

~~Yes  No~~

5. **As Required per the HUD FY26 CoC NOFO::** The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of [21 U.S.C. 856\(a\)\(1\)](#), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of [21 U.S.C. 863](#). This is consistent with the objectives outlined in Section III.B of the HUD FY26 CoC NOFO and is consistent with the requirements of [2 CFR 200.300\(a\)](#).

This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.

Yes  No

### Transitional Housing

All new TH projects – must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 6 of 8 total points available below 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 (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.) (2 points)

Yes  No

2. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)

Yes  No



3. The project has experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months as a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
4. 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)  
 Yes  No
5. The proposed project will:
- Assess the service needs of program participants,
  - Provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment for all program participants,
    - Except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in [24 CFR 8.3](#) or a with a developmental disability as defined under [24 CFR 578.3](#) (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.)
    - Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement. The project description provided here does not constitute a reporting or documentation requirement.
  - Indicate that the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include:
    - The services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, and by whom all services will be provided.
    - Program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency. (2 points)
- Yes  No
6. The average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with [2 CFR 200.404](#). (1 point)  
 Yes  No



### Supportive Services Only - Standalone

All new SSO – Standalone projects must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 4 of 5 total points available below to move to forward to rating:

1. The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants (1 point)  
 Yes  No
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).  
 Yes  No
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)  
 Yes  No
4. The services provided are cost-effective, consistent with [2 CFR 200.404](#). (1 point)  
 Yes  No

### Supportive Services Only - Street Outreach

New SSO – Street Outreach projects must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 5 of 6 total points available below 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)  
 Yes  No
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)  
 Yes  No
3. Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of, or a plan for, 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 and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
4. The applicant has experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at [24 CFR 578.53\(e\)\(13\)](#) and



has a plan for or 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)

Yes  No

5. The project demonstrates the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#). (1 point)

Yes  No

### Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry

New SSO-CE projects must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 3 of 4 total points available below to move to forward to rating:

1. The Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC’s geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC’s geographic region. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
2. There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
3. There is a standardized assessment process. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
4. The project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs. (1 point)  
 Yes  No

### Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

New RRH projects must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 4 of 6 total points available below to move to forward to rating:

1. The provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
2. The type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness. (2 points)  
 Yes  No
3. The applicant has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness project where, or has a plan in place to have, 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, or has a plan in place to ensure this. (1 point)

Yes  No

4. Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable. [2 CFR 200.404](#). (1 point)

Yes  No

5. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (1 point)

Yes  No

## HMIS

New HMIS projects must respond “Yes” to enough questions to gain at least 3 of 4 total points available below to move to forward to rating:

1. The HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC’s HMIS implementation and ability to use HMIS as a proactive case management tool to promote treatment and recovery. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
2. The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
3. The ability of the HMIS to unduplicate client records. (1 point)  
 Yes  No
4. The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners. (1 point)  
 Yes  No

## Pt. III - Application Questions & Rating Criteria

The following is a list of application questions and corresponding rating criteria that will be used to evaluate and score each question. These questions will be answered and submitted via Smartsheet along with any other requirements outlined in this document. KCRHA may inquire into the applicant regarding statements made in the application or otherwise.

Applications will be scored with a total of 119 possible points.



## All Project Type Questions

### Addressing System or Geographic Gaps (10 Points)

1. Describe the proposed project and how it will address an identified geographic or system gap (accessing services, strengthening crisis response, and improving housing stability) as documented in the [FY26 CoC System & Geographic Gaps for New Project Priorities](#). (2000-character limit)
  - a. Include the anticipated number of people to be housed or served.
  - b. Include if you anticipate serving populations with limited access to services or high levels of need.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 9-10 Points: The proposed services are clearly located in, or specifically designed to address, a documented geographic or system gap identified by the CoC. The application provides strong documentation and clearly demonstrates how the project expands capacity in a priority area or service type.
- 6-7 Points: The proposed services partially address an identified geographic or system gap, or alignment with CoC priorities is evident but limited in scope, scale, or supporting documentation.
- 1-5 Points: The proposed services demonstrate minimal or indirect alignment with identified geographic or system gaps and lack sufficient documentation or explanation of system impact.
- 0 Points: The proposed services do not address an identified geographic or system gap or are located in areas with no documented unmet need.

### Demonstration of Experience Operating Proposed Services (5 Points)

2. What is your organization's experience and expertise in providing the proposed services? (2000-character limit)
  - a. Include in your response number of years providing the services and number of years providing homelessness services in general.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Demonstrates experience of 4+ years with operating the same services proposed in the application.
- 1-3 Points: Demonstrates 2-3 years providing services proposed or demonstrates 4+ years of homelessness service provision but no direct experience with the services proposed in the application.
- 0 Points: No prior experience providing homelessness services.



### Staffing Qualifications and Staffing Needs (5 Points)

3. How do the staff positions and their required qualifications meet the needs of the program participants? Please respond in relation to the program's design and not the individual staff members expected to fill the roles. (1000-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 5 Points: Staffing model and justifications are reasonable based on proposed number of households to serve.
  - Minimum Recommendation for staffing: RRH and TH - staffing ratio is around 1 case manager to 15 households, SSO - staffing ratio is around 1 case manager to 20 households.
- 0 Points: Staffing model is not reasonable, and ratio of staff is below minimum required to provide quality services.
- No partial points will be awarded.

### Partnerships and Coordination (6 Points)

4. Describe how your project will partner with housing and healthcare organization and/or law enforcement, first responders, or outreach teams to support coordinated and humane responses to unsheltered homelessness, including participation in encampment response or crisis intervention efforts. (2000-character limit)
- a. For rapid rehousing and transitional housing projects, responses should reflect how these partnerships support engagement of unsheltered individuals, safe transitions into housing, and increased safety within the broader community.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Clear demonstration of partnerships with both healthcare/housing providers and Law Enforcement and First Responders. Proposal includes named partners within the sectors, and examples of collaboration with partners.
- 1-3 Points: Clear demonstration of partnerships with both healthcare/housing providers or Law Enforcement and First Responders. Proposal includes named partners within the sectors, and examples of collaboration with partners.
- 0 Points: Does not demonstrate ability to meet criteria.
- 1 Bonus Point: Attached one or more MOUs or other formal agreements with Healthcare and Housing providers.



### Service Approach and Methodology (5 Points)

5. Describe your commitment to trauma-informed, person-centered approaches that maintain confidentiality and encourage well-being, including the prevention steps and/or supportive services provided to promote positive outcomes. (1000-character limit)
  - a. Provide policies and procedures that demonstrate the use of such an approach.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Applicant demonstrates excellence in their ability to utilize a trauma-informed and person-centered approach. Applicant provides policies, procedures and describes an agency culture that ensures the approaches will be used and improve client outcomes.
- 1-3 Points: Applicant adequately addresses their ability to utilize a trauma-informed and person-centered approach. Applicant provides policies or procedures and describes an agency culture that ensures the approaches will be used and improve client outcomes.
- 0 Points: Applicant does not meet and/or address their ability to utilize a trauma-informed and person-centered approach.

### Returns to Homelessness (10 Points)

6. What is your organization's strategy for this program to support an increase in self-sufficiency of participants in order to reduce returns to homelessness? (2000-character limit)
  - a. Provide data from a similar program that demonstrates your organization's ability to fulfill this requirement.
    - i. If data does not exist, provide anecdotal evidence that your organization will be able to fulfill this requirement.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 8-10 Points: Applicant provides strategy and data from similar program that demonstrates 3-5% return rate.
- 6-7 Points: Applicant provides strategy data from similar program that demonstrates 6-10% return rate.
- 1-5 Points: Applicant provides anecdotal evidence of prior ability to meet low returns but does not provide data to support it.
- 0 Points: Does not demonstrate ability or strategy to increase self-sufficiency or participants to reduce returns to homelessness.



### Employment Income Outcomes (10 Points)

7. What is your organization's plan for this program to achieve a gain of employment income for 50% of participants? (2000-character limit)
- a. Include examples and partnerships that support this goal.
  - b. Provide data from a similar program that demonstrates your organization's ability to fulfill this requirement.
    - i. If data does not exist, please provide anecdotal evidence that your organization will be able to fulfill this requirement.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 8-10 Points: Applicant provides exit data from similar program that demonstrates ability to meet 50% of participants who exit have employment income.
- 6-7 Points: Provides exit data from similar program that demonstrates ability to meet 30% exit of participants who exit have employment income.
- 1-5 Points: Provides anecdotal evidence of prior ability or plan to meet employment income measure but does not provide data to support it.
- 0 Points: Does not demonstrate ability to meet criteria.

### Exits to Permanent Housing (10 Points)

8. What is your organization's plan for this program to exit at least 50% of participants to permanent housing within 24 months? (2000-character limit)
- a. Provide exit data from similar programs that demonstrates the ability to meet the exit rate.
    - i. If data does not exist, please provide anecdotal evidence that your organization will be able to fulfill this requirement.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 8-10 Points: Provides exit data from similar program that demonstrates ability to meet 50% exit to PH within 24 months.
- 6-7 Points: Provides exit data from similar program that demonstrates ability to meet 30% exit to PH within 24 months.
- 1-5 Points: Provides anecdotal evidence of prior ability or plan to meet exit criteria but does not provide data to support it.
- 0 Points: Does not demonstrate ability to meet criteria.



### HMIS & Data Management (5 Points)

9. Provide your organization's previous experience with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or provide a detailed explanation of your knowledge and capacity to collect and manage data. Additionally, does your organization have experience meeting reporting requirements for state, local, and/or federally funded programs, or provide a detailed explanation of your agency's ability to fulfill these requirements. (1000-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Agency has experience and/or capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has capacity to meet reporting requirements.
- 1-3 Points: Agency has no experience but has capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has no capacity to meet reporting requirements.
- 0 Points: Agency has no experience and no capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has no capacity to meet reporting requirements.

### Fiscal Management (5 Points)

10. Describe how your agency manages finances, including any financial systems you use. How does your agency make sure General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are in place to safeguard a funding award? If you do not have this ability, your agency must have an established agency acting as a fiscal sponsor and will need to provide a signed letter of agreement from your fiscal sponsor. (1000-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Applicant describes revenue, financial health, and financial management systems. Applicant has a fiscal management system which maintains checks and balances and follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to safeguard all funds that may be awarded under the terms of this funding opportunity.
- 1-3 Points: If the applicant lacks fiscal management capabilities, a signed letter of agreement stating an appropriate fiscal sponsor is provided.
- 0 Points: Applicant do not describe revenue, financial health, and financial management systems or does not have a system that maintains checks and balances and follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to safeguard all funds that may be awarded under the terms of this funding opportunity.

### Budget Justification (5 Points)

11. Submit a completed [budget](#) with explanation for each budget item and its intended use. Budget items must be logical, cost-effective, and meet [2 CFR 200.404](#) standards.



*Rating Criteria:*

- 5 Points: Budget is logical and cost effective with items meeting [2 CFR 200.404](#) standards.
- 0 Points: Budget is not logical, does not meet the needs of the clients or program, or does not meet [2 CFR 200.404](#) standards.

**Match Requirement (5 Points)**

12. Does your organization have the ability to meet the 25% match requirement for funding?

Yes  No

*Rating Criteria:*

- 5 Points: Submitted budget includes eligible 25% match.
- 0 Points: Submitted budget does not include a 25% match or match provided is not eligible.
- No partial points will be awarded.

**Braided Funding (10 Points)**

13. Demonstrate the extent to which your project has secured or committed external funding that leverages housing and/or behavioral health resources by attaching at least one of the following: (750-character limit)

- Award letter(s) from the Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Public Housing Authorities (PHA), Seattle Office of Housing, and/or King County Department of Community and Human Services
- Executed or draft agreement with a PHA for Move-On vouchers
- Other verifiable documentation confirming committed capital, operating, or service funding tied to housing stability or behavioral health services

14. Briefly explain how the funds described in question 13 support your project and contribute to housing and/or service outcomes. (750-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 10 Points: Award letter(s) (WSHFC, PHA, OH, DCHS) or executed Move-On voucher agreement. Funding is committed and aligned.
- 5 Points: Draft agreement, LOI, or pending award, Credible but not finalized funding
- 0 Points: No documentation or funding is uncommitted/unrelated



### Geographic Diversity of Funds (5 Points)

15. Please list the project's other funding sources that allow services to be available countywide and support participant placements across multiple jurisdictions. (500-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 5 Points: Committed funding supports services countywide & enables placements across multiple jurisdictions.
- 3 Points: Some committed funding but limited geographic coverage. Cross-jurisdiction placements are partial or constrained.
- 0 Points: No committed funding or restricted to a single jurisdiction.

### Program Component Priority (3 Points)

16. Check if your proposed program is one of the following?

- a. Rapid rehousing for families with children
- b. Transitional Housing
- c. Supportive Services Only

*Rating Criteria:*

- 3 Points: Rapid Rehousing for families with children
- 2 Points: Transitional Housing or Supportive Services Only

### Program Population Priority (3 Points)

15. Will the proposed program have 100% of units/program dedicated to a High-Needs Population? (Unsheltered persons, recovery based, Elders, seniors and/or disabled persons, families with children, youth and young adults, participants are fleeing Domestic Violence or Sex Trafficking)

Yes  No

- a. If yes, please select the population:

*Rating Criteria:*

- 3 Points: Unsheltered persons, "Recovery Based", Elders, seniors and/or disabled persons, Families, Youth and Young Adults, households fleeing Domestic Violence or Sex Trafficking
- 0 Points: Program is not serving 100% of a Prioritized Population.



### Supportive Service Participation ([24 CFR 578.75\(h\)](#)) (2 Points)

16. How will the proposed project ensure program participants take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) that provide structure and accountability to meet individual needs and advance progress toward self-sufficient and independent living goals in line with [24 CFR 578.75\(h\)](#).

Consistent with [24 CFR 5.2005\(b\)\(1\)](#) assistance may not be denied on the basis or as a direct result of the fact that the participant is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, if the participant otherwise qualifies for admission, assistance, participation, or occupancy. (500-character limit)

- a. Please provide a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) if available.

#### *Rating Criteria:*

- 2 points: Agency requires participants to engage in supportive services and provides evidence of required engagement in alignment [24 CFR 578.75\(h\)](#) based on attached agreement OR proposed program exclusively serves victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- 1 point: Agency encourages participants to engage in supportive services but does not require it.
- 0 points: Agency does not require participants to engage in supportive services or does not provide evidence.

### Onsite Behavioral Health Treatment Supports (5 Points)

17. Does the project provide treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, and robust wraparound supportive services?

Yes

- a. If yes, include examples of written documentation (program description, protocols, service model) to demonstrate that onsite behavioral health treatment supports are provided OR a current letter of agreement or MOU with the partner agency or internal team responsible for delivering onsite behavioral health treatment services.

No

- b. If no, describe the plan for connecting participants with behavioral health support. (750-character limit)



*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 points: Applicant provides Letter or MOU demonstrate onsite behavioral health supports provided by a licensed [behavioral health agency](#).
- 1-3 points: Applicant provides a plan for onsite behavioral health support without formal agreement or is an outreach program with no onsite location.
- 0 points: Project does not provide onsite behavioral health supports OR provides evidence of support provided by an agency that is not a licensed [behavioral health agency](#).

**Coordination with Mainstream Resources (5 Points)**

18. How will the proposed project partner with SOAR, SSI/SSDI, SNAPs, and Medicaid/Medicare, and support participants in accessing and enrolling in mainstream benefits (e.g., through referrals, co-enrollment, SOAR-assisted applications, and benefits navigation)? (750-character limit)

- Provide MOUs, letters, or other formal agreements.

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Agency demonstrates partnerships or referral processes AND supplies letters, MOUs, or other formal agreements that demonstrate partnerships or referral processes with mainstream resources such as Medicaid, SNAP, SSI/SSDI.
- 1-3 Points: Demonstrates partnerships or referral processes with mainstream resources such as Medicaid, SNAP, SSI/SSDI, but no formal agreements.
- 0 Points: Does not demonstrate partnerships or referral.

**Demonstration of Commitment to Include Participants (5 Points)**

19. Please describe how the project **works** with residents and/or community members who have experienced homelessness. This may include actively involving the aforementioned parties in project planning, implementation, and evaluation processes. (750-character limit)

20. Does your agency have a dedicated board seat for individuals who have experience of homelessness or used program services?

- Yes  No

21. Does your agency solicit and respond to feedback from participants?

Yes

- If yes, please describe the process(es) you use for participants to provide input and feedback. Describe how and when the information is collected and provide a specific example of how participant feedback has been used in your program to enhance



supportive services offered, with a particular emphasis on enhancing individual wellbeing, within the past two years. (750-character limit)

No

- b. If no, explain your reasoning for not soliciting and responding to participant feedback. (750-character limit)

*Rating Criteria:*

- 4-5 Points: Demonstrates excellence in all and/or most of the criteria.
- 1-3 Points: Adequately addresses the criteria.
- 0 Points: Does not meet and/or address the criteria.

**Supplemental Questions (Not Scored)**

1. Please check all the current partnerships, population supports, or services offered in your program:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treatment and Recovery Services   | <input type="checkbox"/> Employment and Workforce Development                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-site substance use treatment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Family or Support Network Reunification                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient treatment for mental health  | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Authorities   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outpatient treatment for substance use  | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational supports for youth – Head Start, Public Pre-K              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medication Management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Educational Agencies or McKinney-Vento Liaisons                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer recovery specialists   | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster Youth Transition Programs                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peer support and recovery navigation  | <input type="checkbox"/> Runaway Homelessness Youth Programs                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assertive Community Treatment   | <input type="checkbox"/> Maternity Group Homes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Courts   | <input type="checkbox"/> Department of Veteran Affairs or Veteran Organizations                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assisted Outpatient Treatment programs  | <input type="checkbox"/> State domestic violence, sexual assault, or sex trafficking coalitions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Specialty Courts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential care, assisted living, or medical respite for elders       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inpatient Civil Commitment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice System Re-entry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Crisis Systems of Care  | <input type="checkbox"/> High Utilizers of Healthcare System                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Units that require substance use treatment engagement                         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formal partnership with a Community Behavioral Health or Mental Health Clinic |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sober Housing   |   |

2. Will program participants be required to live in a specific structure, unit, or locality at any time while in the program?

Yes  No

- a. If yes, explain how and why the project will implement this requirement.



3. Will more than 16 persons live in a single structure?  
 Yes  No
4. Describe how the project will be integrated into the neighborhood.
5. For all supportive services available to program participants, indicate who will provide them and how often they will be provided.
  - a. Provider: For the supportive services listed, select one of the following as applicable:
    - ‘Subrecipient’ indicates your organization will provide the service.
    - ‘Partner’ indicates an organization other than your organization, but with whom you have a formal agreement or MOU is signed to provide the service.
    - ‘Non-Partner’ indicates a specific organization with whom no formal agreement is established regularly provides the service to program participants.
  - b. Frequency: For each supportive service offered, indicate how often the service is provided to program participants (daily, weekly, monthly, etc.).

| Supportive Services                    | Provider | Frequency |
|--|----------|-----------|
| Assessment of Service Needs            |          |           |
| Assistance with Moving Costs           |          |           |
| Case Management                        |          |           |
| Child Care                             |          |           |
| Education Services                     |          |           |
| Employment Assistance and Job Training |          |           |
| Food                                   |          |           |
| Housing Search and Counseling Services |          |           |
| Legal Services                         |          |           |
| Life Skills Training                   |          |           |
| Mental Health Services                 |          |           |
| Outpatient Health Services             |          |           |
| Outreach Services                      |          |           |
| Substance Abuse Treatment Services     |          |           |
| Transportation                         |          |           |
| Utility Deposits                       |          |           |

6. For mainstream benefits and other assistance, please check that all are true:



- Case Managers systematically assist clients in completing applications for mainstream benefit programs.
- We supply transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs.
- We use the DSHS single application form that helps program participants sign up for four or more mainstream programs.
- We have staff who systematically follow-up with program participants (at least annually) to ensure that they have applied for and are receiving their mainstream benefits and benefits are renewed.
- We participate in enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households know of and are enrolled in health insurance (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, Affordable Care Act options).

7. Please check all that are true.

- a.  We have specialized staff, or contract with another organization, for the primary responsibility of identifying, enrolling, and following up with clients regarding participation in SSI/SSDI.
- b.  We have staff, or contract with another organization who has staff, that have participated in an in-person or online SOAR training in the last 24 months.

**NOTE:** If the box for b is checked, identify staff by job title, and organization.

8. Please indicate the number of households the project serves, the characteristics of those households, and the number of persons for each household type, as applicable:

| Households                          | Households w/<br>at Least One Adult<br>& One Child* | Adult Households<br>without Children | Households w/Only<br>Children |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Number of Households          |   |                                      |                               |
| <b>Characteristics</b>              |   |                                      |                               |
| Persons over age 24*                |   |                                      | N/A                           |
| Persons ages 18-24*                 |   |                                      | N/A                           |
| Accompanied Children under age 18   |   | N/A                                  |                               |
| Unaccompanied Children under age 18 | N/A   | N/A                                  |                               |



9. Provide in the table below details of the program participant’s subpopulation information for the households entered above. To complete the columns correctly, the following rules apply for all three household types:
- The numbers entered for the following columns cannot be duplicated within these three subpopulations:
    - CH (Not Veterans)–number of chronically homeless non-veterans which must match the number of beds your project will dedicate to chronic homelessness. Do not include chronically homeless veterans, or
    - CH Veterans –number of chronically homeless veterans, regardless of discharge reason, or
    - Veterans (Not CH)– number of veterans who do not meet the chronically homeless definition.
  - The numbers entered for the following columns can be duplicated and should reflect the estimated subpopulations program participants fall under:
    - Chronic Substance Abuse,
    - HIV/AIDS,
    - Mentally Ill,
    - Domestic Violence (DV), includes survivors of human trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence,
    - Physical Disability,
    - Developmental Disability, and
    - Persons Not Represented by a Listed Subpopulation.
  - Provide a description of “Persons not Represented by a Listed Subpopulation” if applicable.

| Persons in Households with at Least One Adult and One Child |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|----|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Characteristics   | CH (Not Veterans) | CH Veterans | Veterans (Not CH) | Chronic Substance Abuse | HIV/ AID | Mental Illness | DV | Physical Disability | Developmental Disability | Persons Not Represented by a Listed Subpopulation |
| Persons over age 24   |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Persons ages 18-24  |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Children under age 18                                       |                   | N/A         | N/A               |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| <b>Total Persons</b>  |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |



| Persons in Households without Children   |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
|--|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------|----|---------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Characteristics                          | CH (Not Veterans) | CH Veterans | Veterans (Not CH) | Chronic Substance Abuse | HIV/ AID | Mental Illness | DV | Physical Disability | Developmental Disability | Persons Not Represented by a Listed Subpopulation |
| Persons over age 24                      |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Persons ages 18-24                       |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| <b>Total Persons</b>                     |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Persons in Households with Only Children |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Characteristics                          | CH (Not Veterans) | CH Veterans | Veterans (Not CH) | Chronic Substance Abuse | HIV/ AID | Mental Illness | DV | Physical Disability | Developmental Disability | Persons Not Represented by a Listed Subpopulation |
| Accompanied Children under age 18        |                   | N/A         | N/A               |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| Unaccompanied Children under age 18      |                   | N/A         | N/A               |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |
| <b>Total Persons</b>                     |                   |             |                   |                         |          |                |    |                     |                          |   |

10. For each primary project location, or structure, enter the number of days from the execution of the grant agreement that each of the following milestones will occur:

| Project Milestones   | Days from Execution of Grant Agreement |
|--|--|
| Begin hiring staff or expending funds.   |  |
| Begin program participant enrollment.  |  |
| Program participants occupy leased or rental assistance units or structure(s), or supportive services begin. |  |
| Leased or rental assistance units or structure, and supportive services near 100% capacity.                  |  |



## VII. Contracting Requirements

Applicants must agree and adhere to the requirements outlined below to contract with KCRHA:

1. Minimum Eligibility Requirements
  - Agencies are required to meet the requirements found on [KCRHA's website](#).
  - Minimum Eligibility documentation must be uploaded and reviewed before contracting.
2. Financial Review
  - Agencies must provide the following financial documents to be reviewed:
    - Current fiscal year's financial statements (Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Statement of Cash Flows, certified by the agency's CFO, Finance Officer, or Board Treasurer)
    - Most recent audit reports
    - Most recent fiscal year-ending Form 990
3. Performance Commitments
  - a. KCRHA will collaboratively establish and evaluate performance metrics with each grantee which will be incorporated into each Service Contract.
4. Data Collection, Evaluation, and Performance Measures
  - a. All funded agencies will participate in data collection through the King County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to evaluate and improve the quality of their programming.
5. A safety plan for fires and other relevant emergencies.

## VIII. Contracting Terms

Please be advised that this request is subject to the availability of funding. Please note that any statements by the King County Regional Homelessness Authority, its employees, board members, or agents, including public announcements of the awardees or missives informing successful applicants of an award, do not constitute a guarantee of funds or an offer to contract. All obligations to perform or pay funds are contingent upon the execution of a written agreement signed by all required parties. A binding agreement is a fully executed contract that has been signed by authorized representatives of both the awardee and the agency. No email, award letter, or other communication shall be construed as creating a contractual obligation on the part of the agency.

1. Any contract resulting from this RFP will be between KCRHA and the applicant organization.
2. Contracts may be amended to ensure that services and outcomes align with community needs or changes in the availability of funding.



3. Contractors will be required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the KCRHA Master Service Agreement (MSA). These requirements shall be included in any contract awarded because of the RFP and are not negotiable.
4. Contractors will be required to maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence directly related to the performance of the work following Generally Acceptable Accounting Procedures (GAAP). KCRHA, or any of its duly authorized representatives, shall have access to such books, records, and documents for inspection, audit, and copying for a period of seven (7) years after completion of work.
5. Contractors must complete all required reports and billing documentation as stated in the contract. Reimbursement will be contingent upon receipt and approval of required reports. Additional data may be required for audit or evaluation purposes.
6. Contractors must have the capacity to protect and maintain all confidential information gained by reason of this contract against unauthorized use, access, disclosure, modification, or loss.

Please note that some projects may require compliance with prevailing wages and competitive bidding laws. Recipients of grant funds may be subject to RCW 39.12 Prevailing Wages if the project qualifies as a public work or meets other criteria requiring prevailing wages. If applicable, contractors and subcontractors must pay prevailing wages as determined by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (L&I). A Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages may be required before work begins, and an Affidavit of Wages Paid before final payment. Grant recipients should consult L&I or legal counsel to determine prevailing wage obligations and any competitive bidding requirements. The applicable prevailing wage rates are available at the L&I website: <https://www.lni.wa.gov>. Public works projects may also require competitive bidding to comply with relevant state and local laws.

Under King County v Turner 2:25-cv-00814-BJR a preliminary injunction has been extended to King County and KCRHA, as well as all continuum members, enjoining HUD from imposing or enforcing certain new grant conditions related to anti-discrimination law, immigration enforcement, immigration status verification, “gender ideology,” abortions, and compliance with Executive Orders. Consistent with the preliminary injunction, certifications or attestations related to such conditions are struck below and are not required of applicants to this funding opportunity while the preliminary injunction remains in effect.

In addition to standard contract terms with KCRHA, all contracts funded under the HUD FY 2026 CoC NOFO must adhere to the following applicable provisions in the [Administrative, National & Departmental Policy Requirements and Terms for HUD Financial Assistance – 2026](#):



## Administrative

1. Build America, Buy America (BABA) (Sections 70901-52 of [Public Law 117-58](#); [41 U.S.C. 8301 et seq](#); and [2 CFR Part 184](#))
2. Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act ([42 U.S.C. § 4601 et seq.](#); [49 CFR part 24](#); and applicable program regulations)
3. Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards ([2 CFR part 200](#))
4. HUD requirements related to safeguarding resident/client files consistent with [2 CFR 200.303\(e\)](#)
5. The Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) ([2 CFR part 170](#))
6. Eminent Domain
7. Participation in HUD-Sponsored Program Evaluation ([12 U.S.C. 1701z-1](#); 12 U.S.C. 1702z-2; [24 CFR part 60](#); and [FR-6278-N-01](#))
8. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) ([5 U.S.C. § 552\(b\)](#) and [24 CFR 15.107\(b\)](#))
9. Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs
  - [Executive Order \(EO\) 14332](#) (*Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking*)
  - [EO 14303](#) (*Restoring Gold Standard Science*)
  - [EO 14219](#) (*Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative*);
  - [EO 14218](#) (*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders*);
  - [EO 14202](#) (*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias*);
  - [EO 14205](#) (*Establishment of the White House Faith Office*)
  - ~~[EO 14182](#) (*Enforcing the Hyde Amendment*);<sup>8</sup>~~
  - ~~[EO 14173](#) (*Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity*);<sup>9</sup>~~
  - ~~[EO 14168](#) (*Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*);<sup>10</sup>~~
  - ~~[EO 14151](#) (*Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing*);<sup>11</sup>~~; and
  - [EO 14148](#) (*Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions*)

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<sup>8</sup> This certification is not required under the *King County v. Turner* preliminary injunction.

<sup>9</sup> This certification is not required under the *King County v. Turner* preliminary injunction.

<sup>10</sup> This certification is not required under the *King County v. Turner* preliminary injunction.

<sup>11</sup> This certification is not required under the *King County v. Turner* preliminary injunction.



## Civil Rights and Other Protections

10. The Fair Housing Act ([42 U.S.C. 3601-3619](#)) and Civil Rights laws (24 CFR 5.105(a))
11. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements ([42 U.S.C. § 3608\(e\)\(5\)](#) and [24 CFR 5.150 et seq](#))
12. Economic Opportunities for Low-and Very Low-income Persons ([12 U.S.C. § 1701u](#) and [24 CFR part 75](#))
13. ~~Compliance with Immigration Requirements ([8 U.S.C. § 1601-1646](#); and [Executive Order 14218, \*Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders\*](#))<sup>12</sup>~~
14. Accessible Technology requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794d](#); [29 U.S.C. 794](#); and [42 U.S.C. 12131-12165](#) and implementing regulations at 36 CFR part 1194 (Section 508 regulations), [24 CFR § 8.6](#) (Section 504 effective communication regulations), [28 CFR part 35, subpart H](#) (DOJ Web Access Rule), and [28 CFR part 35, subpart E](#) (DOJ's Title II communications regulations))
15. Ensuring, when possible, the consideration of small businesses, minority businesses, women's business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms consistent with [2 CFR 200.321](#)
16. Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with [42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.](#); [24 CFR 5.109](#); [Executive Order \(EO\) 14202, \*Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias\*](#); and [EO 14205, \*Establishment of the White House Faith Office\*](#)
17. Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities requirements ([29 U.S.C. § 794](#) and implementing regulations at [24 CFR parts 8](#) and [100](#); [28 CFR part 35](#))
18. Applicable Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requirements in the Housing Chapter of VAWA ([34 U.S.C. § 12491-12496](#)); [24 CFR part 5, subpart L](#); and program-specific regulations
19. Trafficking in persons ([Section 106\(g\) of the Trafficking Victims Protections Act of 2000 \(TVPA\), as amended 22 U.S.C. § 7104\(g\)](#) and implementing regulations at [2 CFR part 175](#))

## Environmental

20. Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with [24 CFR part 50](#) or [part 58](#); [42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.](#)

## Business Integrity

21. Conducting Business in Accordance with Ethical Standards (Code of Conduct), including [2 CFR 200.317](#), [2 CFR 200.318\(c\)](#), and other applicable conflicts of interest requirements

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- 22. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunication and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment ([41 U.S.C. § 3901](#) and [2 CFR 200.216](#))
- 23. Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections ([41 U.S.C. § 4712](#))
- 24. Drug-Free Workplace ([2 CFR part 2429](#))

In addition:

1. ~~Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to engage in illegal racial discrimination including racial preferences<sup>13</sup>.~~
2. Awards made under this NOFO will not be distributed in a way that violates or otherwise is used to interfere with constitutional protections guaranteed for speech and religious beliefs and the free exercise of religion.
3. Awards made under this NOFO will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates illegal drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 856, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 USC 863. This is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.
4. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.332(b)(2), all agreements or contracts made with subrecipients under this NOFO must contain the same terms and conditions as those in the grant agreement issued by HUD. Any conflicting terms and conditions must be approved by HUD.

## IX. How to Apply

### Application Due Date

Completed applications are due by **July 3, 2026, at 11:59 PM PST.**

### Application Instructions

All applications and required documentation will be submitted through [Smartsheet](#). KCRHA advises completing the application several days before the deadline in case you encounter any technical issues. A completed application must include the following items. Late and incomplete applications will **not** be reviewed.

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1. Fill out [Smartsheet](#) form
2. Submit Project Application to Smartsheet form
3. Submit required documents to Smartsheet form
  - a. [Minimum Eligibility Documents](#)
  - b. [Conflict-of-Interest Certification and Disclosure Form](#),
  - c. [Code of Conduct](#), and
  - d. Financial Documents
    - i. Current fiscal year's financial statements certified by the agency's CFO, Finance Officer, or Board Treasurer
      1. Balance Sheet,
      2. Income Statement, and
      3. Statement of Cash Flows
    - ii. Most recent audit reports with the letter from the auditor, and the agency plan for correction, if applicable
    - iii. Most recent fiscal year-ending Form 990
    - iv. Proof of Federally Approved Indirect Rate, if applicable
4. Submit [CoC Budget Template](#) to Smartsheet form

Incomplete applications will not be rated. KCRHA reserves the right to waive minor irregularities in an application or within the process in its discretion.

Proposals must meet minimum eligibility qualifications and pass a fiscal review. An eligibility screening will verify that the agency meets KCRHA's minimum eligibility requirements, the proposal is complete and submitted on time, and if KCRHA contracts with the agency for the provision of homelessness services, confirmation that the organization is in good standing. KCRHA reserves the right to exercise due diligence and inquire as to any statements made in the application or the validity thereof. KCRHA may inquire into the applicant regarding statements made in the application or otherwise. The application will be rated by a panel of subject matter and lived/living experts. KCRHA or the panel may decide to reopen the request for applications after review of the applications when necessary to carry out the purpose of the underlying funding.

## Application Link

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019e942fe47871a59813848bee9091da>

