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King County Regional Homelessness Authority

FY26 NOFO

Rating and Ranking Process

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Purpose Today

- Review HUD FY26 CoC NOFO Requirements
- Final review of the FY26 CoC NOFO Rating Criteria
- Vote to approve the FY26 NOFO Rating Criteria and Ranking Process approach.



FY26 CoC NOFO Requirements

- Objective criteria (e.g., cost effectiveness, performance data, type of population served) must account for **at least 50%** of the total available points.
- **At least 25%** of the total points available must account for system performance measures.
- For housing projects (TH, PH-PSH, PH-RRH) the following measures must be considered:
 - Returns to homelessness;
 - Employment income; and
 - Supportive service participation requirements.



Tiering

- HUD will fund projects using a tiering system:
 - Tier 1 is set at 60% of the Annual Renewal Demand (\$66M)
 - Tier 2 is difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.
 - Tier 2 funding is impacted by the CoC Merit Review score.



HUD Funding Overview

\$4.1B made available to all CoC's

- \$1.3B for **new** Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects

Funding Priorities

1. CoC Planning Costs
2. Tier 1 projects that pass project eligibility
3. DV Bonus Projects
 - Not including reallocation or renewal projects
4. Permanent Housing projects for families with children
5. New TH or SSO projects in Tier 2 that meet eligibility thresholds (until \$1.3B have been selected)
6. Select new tier 2 projects that meet eligibility thresholds if any of \$1.3B is not used



Rating Criteria

Renewal Projects, Transition or YHDP Replacement Projects, and New Projects



Overview of Updates since April 2026

- Updated renewal and transition/replacement application-based rating:
 - Program termination approach, participant feedback, incorporation of lived and living experience, advancing public safety, supportive services participation agreements, on-site behavioral health, and access to mainstream benefits.
- Point allocation clarification for 0 exits.
- Point allocations updated to align with HUD merit review criteria.



Renewal Project Rating

	Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Other Project Types
Total Possible Points	110	108	105
Objective Criteria	88%	88%	88%
System Performance	32%	37%	38%



Transition/YHPD Replacement Project Rating

	All Project Types
Total Possible Points	107
Objective Criteria	79%
System Performance	37%



New Project Rating

	RRH	Other
Total Possible Points	104	103
Objective Criteria	61%	60%
System Performance	29%	29%



Ranking Process

Overview for how to approach Priority List development



Priority List Development

- Two-step process:
 - **Rating**: scoring projects based on standard criteria.
 - **Ranking**: prioritizing projects based on HUD funding priorities and our local CoC goals.



Rating Panel

- 20-30 community members enlisted to read and rate all project applications
- Subject and lived/living experience experts in:
 - Transitional Housing
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Supportive Services Only
 - Coordinated Entry
 - Local Funding Processes



Ranking Panel

- 5-10 people who will complete the development of the Priority List in line with HUD funding priorities and local system needs.
 - People with expertise and understanding of local funding, homelessness response system structure, and HUD priorities.
 - Will include members of the rater panel to ensure consistency with scoring process.



Ranking Process

- Will prioritize, to the extent able, permanent supportive housing renewals that meet project eligibility.
- Careful attention to project threshold requirements.
- Ensure Tier 2 is thoughtfully structured in consideration of HUD funding priorities.



Questions?

Discussion ahead of a formal motion request.



The Ask

- Move to approve the proposed rating and ranking process for applications, including the associated policies, scoring criteria, and evaluation procedures, as presented.
- This approval includes authorization for the CoC lead and/or designated review bodies, such as the NOFO workgroup and the Ranking Panel, to make reasonable adjustments to the process as needed to enhance effectiveness, fairness, and compliance. Any such adjustments must remain consistent with, and aligned to, current HUD funding priorities, regulatory requirements, and best practices.





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