



Northern Colorado Continuum of Care CoC HUD Funding Prioritization Guidance

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On an annual basis, the Northern Colorado Continuum of Care (NoCO CoC) Governing Board establishes Continuum of Care (CoC) Prioritization Guidance for funding opportunities administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The prioritization process considers three primary components: project type, project status, and population type. Establishing funding priorities is both a HUD requirement and a tool to help guide the NoCO CoC through the annual competitive funding process in a transparent, consistent, and data-informed manner. The approved priorities help inform local decision-making related to the ranking and selection of new and renewal project applications submitted through the HUD CoC Program Competition.

On May 14, 2026, the NoCO CoC Project Rating and Ranking Committee met to discuss Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 HUD funding priorities. To inform the discussion and recommendation process, the committee reviewed a variety of quantitative and qualitative data sources, including survey responses from CoC Designated Representatives (voting members), input from the CoC Lived Experience Advisory Council of Larimer, Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement (CAHPS) data from both the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and comparable Victim Service Provider (VSP) databases, and data from the 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Additional considerations included available local, state, and federal resources, as well as regional and statewide strategies to address homelessness.

The Project Rating and Ranking Committee concluded the meeting with a recommendation for Governing Board consideration. On May 21, 2026, the NoCO CoC Governing Board met to review, discuss, and formally approve the FY 2026 HUD Funding Prioritization Guidance.

As approved on May 21, 2026, the NoCO CoC HUD Funding Prioritization Guidance for FY 2026 is as follows:

Project Type (HUD-Defined Categories, Listed in Order of Local Priority):

1. Permanent Supportive Housing
2. Rapid Rehousing
3. Transitional Housing
4. Outreach
5. Standalone Supportive Services

Additional Project Type Prioritization Guidance:



- Renewal Projects, projects previously funded by HUD, will continue to be prioritized over New Projects, projects that have not previously been awarded HUD funding, with the following expectations:
 - Renewal Project(s) continue to meet CoC project performance standards
 - Under-performing Renewal Projects may be subject to reallocation of funding during the CoC Program
 - New Projects seeking HUD funding will be evaluated for potential funding based on the project's alignment with the established CoC HUD Funding Prioritization Guidance

Population Type (In Order of Priority):

1. Chronically Homeless Individuals
 - a. HUD defines a person experiencing chronic homelessness as an individual or head of household living with a qualifying disability who is homeless and has either:
 - i. Been continuously homeless for at least 12 months; or
 - ii. Experienced at least four separate occasions of homelessness in the last three years that combined total at least 12 months
2. Single Adults
 - a. Individuals who are not part of a family with children
 - i. Other subpopulations, such as youth, are included in this population type, as long as they are living without children
3. Families with Children
 - a. Households with children (includes households who are expecting)
 - i. Other subpopulations, such as parenting youth, are included in this population type, as long as they are living or expect to live with children
4. People Fleeing Domestic Violence
 - a. HUD defines "fleeing domestic violence" as the following:
 - i. Any individual or family who: is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; has no other residence; and lacks the resources or support networks to obtain permanent housing
5. Youth
 - a. Persons under age 25; and
 - b. "Youth-headed household" typically refers to a household where the head of household is age 24 or younger.