

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 sets CoC Prioritization Guidance for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding opportunities. There are three components to consider when establishing HUD funding priorities: project type, project status, and population type. Establishing these priorities is both a HUD requirement and helps guide the NoCO CoC through the competitive process to apply for these funds in a transparent and standard way.

On July 10th, 2025, the NoCO CoC governing board met to discuss the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 HUD funding priorities. To inform the decision-making process, the governing board reviewed a variety of data sources, including survey responses from CoC Designated Representatives (i.e., 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). Other considerations, such as local, state and federal resources, consolidated plans and strategies to address homelessness, were touched on in the discussion.

The NoCO CoC governing board approved (as of 7/10/2025) the following CoC HUD Funding Prioritization Guidance:

Project Type (In Order of Priority):

- 1. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
 - a. Long-term subsidized housing with supportive services for individuals with intensive needs
 - b. Supportive services may include housing search and placement, housing navigation and landlord mediation, housing stability case management and tenancy supportive services.
 - c. Supportive housing can be a single site (i.e., project based), or scattered site (i.e., tenant based)
- 2. Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
 - a. Short to medium term rental assistance, combined with case management/supportive services, to rehouse and stabilize households
- 3. Supportive Services Only (SSO)
 - a. Projects that focus on providing services that address the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness, rather than directly providing/managing housing.
 - i. Examples of Supportive Services Only programs include street outreach, housing search/navigation, landlord engagement, mental and behavioral health services, and a variety of other services related to housing stabilization



- 4. Low Barrier/Emergency Shelter (ES)
 - a. A facility whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter for individuals and families who lack a nighttime residence.
 - i. Low barrier emergency shelter is when requirements to entry are removed or diminished

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. Highly Vulnerable Households
 - a. History of high utilization of crisis services, which include but are not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities
 - b. Significant health or behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, or functional impairments which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing
 - c. For youth or victims of domestic violence, high risk of continued trauma or high risk of harm or exposure to very dangerous living situations
- 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:
 - 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