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FY 2026 Long Beach Continuum of Care Funding Priorities Guidance

Purpose

The purpose of this guidance is to summarize the proposed funding priorities for competitive renewal, reallocated, new and/or expansion projects to be submitted by the City of Long Beach Continuum of Care (Long Beach CoC) for funding consideration under the CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Competition.

Background

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides local CoCs the opportunity to compete against one another for new and/or expansion projects under the annual CoC Program Competition. Every year during the NOFO process, HUD establishes new policy priorities and eligible project types to guide their selection criteria in funding projects that support the goals of helping people exit homelessness safely and efficiently.

HUD specifies through the NOFO both the eligible project types as well as the total dollar amount under each for which the City of Long Beach CoC is eligible for. The City will evaluate proposed projects subject to HUD's policy and funding priorities, project-type eligibility, scoring criteria, and Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitive funding structure, as listed in the CoC Program NOFO.

The City has endeavored to address the needs of homeless individuals and families through a strategic process that engages a broad base of community stakeholders, those with lived experience, and experts in the field of homeless services. This process requires the concerted efforts of everyone in the Long Beach community as well as neighboring communities to plan and provide a dynamic, comprehensive, and coordinated system of services and programs that address the specialized needs of people currently and at-risk of experiencing homelessness. This effort demands that each funded partner not only operate in terms of their respective mission but also within the citywide context of ending homelessness. Therefore, each project must consider how it functions in the broader CoC system of care to deliver outcomes that contribute to exiting as many people as possible into permanent housing and supporting people experiencing homelessness to stabilize and maintain housing.

The following projects are eligible for funding under the CoC Program NOFO Competition:

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Table 1: CoC Bonus Funding Eligible Project-Types

Eligible Projects (new or expansion)
PH-PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)
PH-RRH (Rapid Rehousing)
Transitional Housing (TH)
Supportive Service Only (SSO) Standalone
SSO Street Outreach
SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Table 2: DV Bonus Funding Eligible Project-Types

Eligible Projects (new or expansion)
PH-RRH (Rapid Rehousing)
Transitional Housing (TH)
SSO-CE (Coordinated Entry)

FY 2026 New Project Priorities

For the FY 2026 CoC Program Competition, the Long Beach CoC intends to focus the local new project solicitation on the project types most competitive under HUD's FY 2026 funding structure. Based on HUD's priority for new TH and SSO projects, the CoC intends to solicit CoC Bonus and/or reallocated funding applications for TH and eligible SSO project types only. For DV Bonus funding, the CoC will solicit TH applications only.

HUD's FY 2026 selection process also identifies targeted national funding for Permanent Housing projects serving families with children. However, that amount may include renewals and is not clearly limited to new projects. If needed to preserve competitiveness or access available funding, the CoC may submit applications for Permanent Housing projects serving families with children and may procure or select an operator after the competition,

consistent with HUD requirements, City procurement requirements, and CoC Board-approved policies.

This approach does not change the Long Beach CoC's broader local priority to preserve Permanent Housing capacity, including PSH and RRH, to the fullest extent possible.

Competitive Review and Transition Guidance

Applicants may propose transition projects when permitted under the applicable NOFO and when the applicant seeks to transition an eligible renewal project from one eligible component type to another. Transition project proposals must meet HUD eligibility and project quality threshold requirements, receive CoC approval, and comply with any local scoring, ranking, reallocation, and funding priorities adopted by the CoC Board.

If the CoC determines that an eligible renewal project is unlikely to be funded or competitive as submitted due to Tier 2 placement, NOFO project-type priorities, threshold requirements, funding availability, or other HUD selection criteria, the CoC reserves the right to recommend submission of a transition project application using all or a portion of that renewal grant, subject to CoC Board approval, HUD requirements, and any applicable City procurement requirements. This may include submitting a transition project application during the HUD competition and, if awarded, selecting or procuring an operator after the competition in accordance with federal, City, and CoC requirements.

Long Beach CoC Project Funding Priorities

The Long Beach CoC affirms that the development and preservation of Permanent Housing (PH) remain integral to addressing homelessness and will continue to prioritize eligible PH project types (e.g., PSH, RRH) in competitive funding decisions.

Within PSH projects, the CoC recognizes that Project-Based (site-based) and Sponsor-Based PSH, which are tied to specific buildings/units and agencies, are the most difficult to replace if unfunded and provide critical long-term stability for formerly homeless individuals. Accordingly, PSH projects are generally prioritized above all other competitive renewal projects, with Project-Based and Sponsor-Based prioritized over Tenant-Based, subject to NOFO project type eligibility, Tier placement, and federal and local performance standards.

New competitive project applications will be submitted by the City, on behalf of the Long Beach CoC, only if the applicable NOFO criteria create a material award risk, such that new project proposals using reallocated funding are required to remain competitive and preserve funding eligibility, consistent with the Board-approved Scoring and Ranking Policy and Reallocation Policy.

The City may recommend the Board considers eligible new project application(s) that score the highest through the local Request for Proposal (RFP) and project review process, based on HUD eligibility, project quality, risk review, and overall competitiveness. Selection of a project type that differs from the project types that have been prioritized locally does not represent a shift in local priorities when documented as necessary to preserve or maximize CoC funding and competitiveness.

To ensure the CoC has sufficient eligible applications for HUD submission, each new or expansion project proposal may request up to the maximum bonus funding available to the Long Beach CoC under the applicable NOFO. If multiple proposals meet threshold requirements and are competitive, the City may recommend more than one project and may reduce requested budgets, proportionately or as otherwise necessary, so the total recommended amount does not exceed the applicable bonus funding cap. Applicants may be required to submit revised budgets and scopes before Board consideration or HUD submission.

The Long Beach CoC recommends the project priorities listed in Table 3, below, contingent on the applicable NOFO, and reflective of identified needs in the Long Beach community.

In order to preserve Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) capacity to the fullest extent possible, with an emphasis on site-based PSH, the Long Beach CoC is prioritizing the following project types for funding in this order, subject to performance standards, if eligible under the applicable NOFO:

Table 3: Long Beach CoC Project-Type Prioritization

Project Type	Rationale
1. PH-PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)	Highest local priority because it provides long-term rental assistance paired with services for HUD-eligible PSH households that need ongoing support to remain housed.
a. Project-Based PSH	
b. Sponsor-Based PSH	
c. Tenant-Based PSH	
2. PH-RRH (Rapid Rehousing)	High priority because it supports rapid exits from homelessness through time-limited rental assistance and services.
3. Joint TH and PH-RRH (Joint Component)	Combines temporary housing with a direct pathway to PH. Supports vulnerable households that need immediate placement and services before transitioning to PH.
4. Transitional Housing (TH)	Provides temporary housing with services while households work toward PH. Supports system capacity by providing an interim setting for households for service coordination before transitioning to PH.
5. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	Required CoC system function for data quality, reporting, planning, and HUD compliance; exempt from local scoring/ranking processes.
6. SSO (Supportive Services Only)	
a. SSO-Coordinated Entry (CES)	Required CoC system function for assessment, prioritization, referral, and system coordination; exempt from local ranking process.
b. SSO-Street Outreach (SO)	Engages households in unsheltered settings and connects them to services.
c. SSO-Other	Engages households to connect them to services and provide case management support.

Current Projects

Current projects that are not prioritized for the next fiscal year may be subject to full or partial reallocation, pending Board approval, to an existing high priority project or, if appropriate, a CoC wide Request for Proposal (RFP) will be administered for a new high priority project type.

If a current project meets local review requirements but cannot be renewed or funded as submitted under the applicable NOFO due to component-type funding caps or eligibility limits, the project may be considered for full reallocation to create a similar transition project

under an eligible component type, subject to Board approval, HUD eligibility, project feasibility, and local scoring and ranking requirements. Where a current PH-PSH or PH-RRH project is transitioned to an eligible TH project type, the City will require documentation that any participant served by the new TH project meets applicable homeless eligibility requirements at TH intake, and that the project complies with HUD recordkeeping requirements.

Delegated Authority

Actions under this section may be made by the Collaborative Applicant pursuant to this CoC Board-approved guidance and in accordance with the CoC's Scoring and Ranking Policy and Reallocation Policy.

If HUD makes adjustments to eligible project types, Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitive funding structure, and/or component caps in the applicable NOFO, the City, on behalf of the CoC, may make adjustments within the established funding priorities, in response to HUD requirements in project scoring, ranking, and reallocation, solely to remain competitive and preserve funding eligibility.

If HUD uses separate application tracks, priority listings, component caps, or bonus funding categories, the CoC may restructure the local competition to align with those requirements, including separate RFPs, separate review processes, separate ranking lists, or adjusted deadlines, and will document and present to the Board the rationale for each of these adjustments.

Any actions or necessary adjustments taken under this section do not represent a shift in local priorities and will be applied solely to remain competitive and preserve overall CoC funding.