

Allegheny County Continuum of Care (PA-600) FY2026 CoC Competition Local Process and Public Notification of Ranked Project Applications

Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS), as the Allegheny County CoC's Collaborative Applicant and Unified Funding Agency, notified all new and renewal project applicants of their application status via email by September 23, 2026. This notification included the project's acceptance, reduction, or rejection, and for accepted projects, their projects ranked position.

Selection and Ranking for Existing CoC Funded Projects

The 2026 Ranking Tool was developed and adopted by the Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) to facilitate the review and ranking of existing CoC projects for the FY2026 CoC Competition.

The 2026 Ranking Tool built on the 2025 Ranking Tool that was developed through the HAB's CoC Analysis and Planning Committee, utilizing the expertise of CoC members and an analysis of the effectiveness of previous ranking tools. The 2026 tool is organized around the following scored performance measures: unit utilization; housing performance; income outcomes, including employment income performance, health insurance and non-cash benefits outcomes; length of time to move-in; returns to homelessness; data quality; timeliness of data; programmatic monitoring performance, including supportive services engagement; fiscal administration; and cost effectiveness. Data for each measure is scored and weighted to balance the ranking tool results around a consistent scale.

Data to populate the tool for each project was primarily extracted from HMIS, except for the Fiscal and Program Monitoring sections. Fiscal data maintained through DHS was used to complete the Fiscal sections and monitoring documentation from the annual monitoring processes was used to complete that section. DHS populated the tool for each project for review, confirmation and comment.

Project scores via the 2026 Ranking Tool were used to identify and inform existing projects for renewal, reductions, full reallocation, and transition to new Transitional Housing (TH) projects. Through this process, sixteen (16) projects were identified for renewal, one (1) project was identified for renewal with reduction, fourteen (14) projects were identified for transition to eleven (11) new TH projects, and three (3) existing projects were identified for full reallocation and eliminated from HUD CoC funding. Selected projects were then ranked by project type, in order of their score.

Selection and Ranking for New Projects

The CoC utilizes an open and competitive procurement process whenever there is an opportunity to add programming to the CoC, regardless of funding source, but inclusive of HUD CoC Program funds. Proposals are accepted from any eligible entity and are open to organizations who have not previously received CoC Program funding. A public RFP, open to any eligible organization (e.g., for-profit agencies are excluded for CoC Program funds) is released by DHS. The RFP includes detailed instructions regarding who can apply and how to submit. All RFPs are broadly distributed, including publicly posting online at both DHS's website (which is used across the county for all funding through DHS, and is regularly reviewed by service providers) and www.PAabidsystem.com, emailed to service providers across the region and posted in

multiple newspapers. Proposals are reviewed by a diverse review committee, including CoC board members, system stakeholders and subject matter experts, including people with lived experience, and are scored based on the criteria outlined in the RFP. Criteria include but are not limited to organizational experience and capacity, implementation strategy, and plans to meet program standards including working with coordinated entry and HMIS.

Open and competitive solicitations were used to identify four (4) new projects, including two (2) new TH projects and two (2) new Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.