



Northern Colorado CoC

Prioritization for CoC-wide work

The Northern Colorado CoC (NoCO CoC) Governing Board acknowledges the importance of addressing and preventing homelessness for all household types across Larimer and Weld counties. At the same time, we acknowledge that there are not enough resources to prioritize every sub-population that experiences homelessness. We also know that different household types may require different resources, depending on the individual situation of each household the CoC serves. Given these challenges, the NoCO CoC Governing Board feels as though it is important to set a prioritization that the CoC can follow for purposes of:

1. The funding of ongoing projects, particularly for HUD investments such as Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding (specifically to be used in the annual grant competitions for both sources of funding).
2. The funding of new projects, particularly for HUD investments such as Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding (specifically to be used in the annual grant competitions for both sources of funding).
3. Advocacy, including but not limited to letters of support for agencies wishing to apply for other sources of funding (e.g. Department of Local Affairs, Division of Housing Homeless Solutions Program funding)

As such, after much discussion, surveying of NoCO CoC General Members and Stakeholders, and analyzing available data (CAHPS, Point in Time and McKinney-Vento data), the NoCO CoC Governing Board has determined that the below population and project types will be prioritized until further notice.

This prioritization will be reviewed annually, or upon request by NoCO CoC Voting Members.



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Population Prioritization

1. **ALL** [chronically homeless](#)
2. **Highly vulnerable households¹ with high service needs²**, no matter the household composition (family vs. single).
3. **Single**, non-chronically homeless households
4. **Youth**, non-chronically homeless households
5. **Families**, non-chronically homeless households (including couples, expecting mothers/parents, parenting youth, etc.)

The NoCO CoC acknowledges that veteran households may fall into any of the above categories of prioritization and, as such, would be prioritized per household type (single vs. family) and chronic status. The NoCO CoC also acknowledges that youth may fall into more than just the category 4 above. However, given the unique circumstances of youth experiencing homelessness, the NoCO CoC Governing Board has chosen to specifically list youth, non-chronically homeless households in our CoC-wide prioritization.

Regarding the local Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement System (CAHPS, also known as Coordinated Entry System, CES), the NoCO CoC Governing Board, with consideration for HUD guidelines, has decided that a more detailed and nuanced prioritization is necessary for CAHPS to work effectively and efficiently. For full details on the CAHPS prioritization, please see the Northern Colorado CoC CAHPS Policies and Procedures.

In the event of a natural, public health or other disaster, the NoCO CoC Governing Board may decide temporarily to prioritize a specific population.

Project Type Prioritization

1. **Supportive Services** (e.g. Street Outreach, Housing Navigation, Housing Stabilization, Landlord Engagement)
2. **Permanent Housing**, especially Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing
3. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)**
4. **Coordinated Entry** (known locally as CAHPS)
5. **Emergency Shelter** and other temporary safe sheltering options

¹ Those households who, because of the large number of (chronically) homeless households on the CAHPS By Name List, will not be referred to any PSH units, but are too vulnerable for a RRH referral.

² As determined by a high score on the VI-SPDAT (all versions) and/or by HUD's definition (included in the Chronically Homeless definition Final Rule): 3. Severity of Service Needs. This Notice refers to persons who have been identified as having the most severe service needs. (a) For the purposes of this Notice, this means an individual for whom at least one of the following is true: i) History of high utilization of crisis services, which include but are not limited to, emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; and/or ii.) Significant health or behavioral health challenges, substance use disorders, or functional impairments which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing. iii.) For youth and victims of domestic violence, high risk of continued trauma or high risk of harm or exposure to very dangerous living situations.