The Austin/Travis County Continuum of Care has defined and updated our Community Funding Priorities, based on data from the following sources:

- Annual Point in Time Count
- Coordinated Assessment – By Name List
- ECHO Annual Needs & Gaps Report
- City of Austin and Travis County Consolidated Plans
- City of Austin Strategic Planning Blueprint
- HUD Annual Performance Reports
- Housing Inventory Count Report
- HUD System Performance Measures
- Longitudinal Systems Analysis

The Community Funding Priorities for our Homelessness System recognize the need for comprehensive services and programs, as provided in the Austin Action Plan to End Homelessness, including:

- Outreach
- Resource Navigation
- Diversion
- Emergency Shelter and other Interim Housing
- Transitional Housing and Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing
- Respite Housing
- Permanent Housing through Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing
- Housing options that are low-barrier/housing first
- Supportive Services – including case management, recovery, mental healthcare, and other healthcare services
- Connections to Mainstream Benefits
- Employment supports
- Addressing Disparities
- Increasing System Effectiveness

Since the community does not currently have the complete resources necessary to end homelessness, we recommend that available funding in the community, in order to have the highest impact on ending homelessness, be prioritized in the following ways.

**Continuum of Care – Project Renewals**

Our community will prioritize and rank Continuum of Care Project Renewals, consistent with the Austin/Travis County’s Rank and Review Policy and Reallocation Policy. In addition, ranking will take into consideration the funding priorities as outlined in the FY19 NOFA.
Continuum of Care – New Projects - Bonus and Reallocation Funded Projects

All applicants are required to include a focus to address ethnic/racial disparities.

Applications for any New/Bonus funds for the 2019 Continuum of Care NOFA, will include an equal prioritization for meeting one of the following three categories.

1) *Intervention Types*
   Projects that use one of the following interventions:
   - Permanent Supportive Housing
   - Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing Combination
   - Rapid Rehousing

2) *Support current initiatives*
   Projects that support one of the following efforts:
   - End Youth Homelessness by 2020
   - Pay for Success - Ending Chronic Homelessness

3) *Sub-populations*
   Projects that serve one of the following subpopulations:
   - Families
   - Persons with Behavioral Health Needs
   - Elderly
   - Medically Fragile
   - Youth
   - Chronic Homelessness