



Austin/Travis County TX-503 Community Funding Priorities

Based on the FY2026 CoC NOFO

The Continuum of Care Leadership Council has established the following Community Priorities to guide local funding decisions, project ranking, reallocation, strategic planning, and system improvement efforts. These priorities are informed by local needs assessments, system performance data, Housing Inventory Count data, and federal funding priorities.

The following document outlines the Funding Priorities for FY2026 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) as determined by the Homelessness Response System (HRS) Leadership Council of Austin/Travis County CoC.

The funding priorities of Austin/Travis County will mirror the funding priorities of the FY2026 CoC NOFO.

Priority 1: Reduce Homelessness and Increase Housing Stability: Support projects that demonstrate the ability to:

- Reduce homelessness.
- Reduce unsheltered homelessness.
- Increase successful exits to permanent housing.
- Promote long-term housing stability.
- Reduce returns to homelessness.

Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate measurable outcomes and strong performance.

Priority 2: Address Identified System Gaps: Support projects that address gaps within the homeless response system, including but not limited to:

- Unsheltered homelessness.
- Transitional housing needs.
- Recovery-oriented housing needs.
- Outreach capacity.
- Access to supportive services.
- Subpopulation-specific needs identified by the FY2026 CoC NOFO.



Projects should clearly demonstrate how proposed activities address a documented community need.

Priority 3: Promote Self-Sufficiency and Economic Mobility: Support projects that help households achieve greater independence through:

- Employment opportunities.
- Workforce development.
- Income growth.
- Access to education and training.
- Mainstream benefit enrollment.
- Financial stability and economic mobility.

Projects should demonstrate partnerships and strategies that improve participants' ability to achieve long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency.

Priority 4: Strengthen Behavioral Health, Recovery, and Wellness Supports: Support projects that improve access to:

- Mental health services.
- Substance use treatment.
- Recovery support services.
- Healthcare services.
- Peer support and recovery-oriented programs.

Preference may be given to projects that demonstrate formal partnerships and coordinated service delivery models.

Priority 5: Expand Effective Transitional and Service-Based Interventions: Support projects that provide:

- Transitional Housing.
- Supportive Service Only interventions for projects serving the unsheltered or sheltered population.
- Street Outreach.
- Coordinated Entry enhancements.
- Diversion and navigation services.
- Service-rich interventions that support successful housing outcomes.



Projects should demonstrate how services contribute to housing stability and improved participant outcomes.

Priority 6: Improve System Performance and Accountability: Support projects that demonstrate:

- Strong utilization rates.
- Effective grant management.
- High-quality HMIS participation.
- Data-driven decision-making.
- Cost effectiveness.
- Compliance with federal and local requirements.

Priority 7: Strengthen Community Collaboration: Support projects that demonstrate meaningful collaboration with:

- Healthcare providers.
- Behavioral health systems.
- Workforce agencies.
- Educational institutions.
- Mainstream benefit providers.
- Local governments.
- Community-based organizations.

Collaborative approaches that improve participant outcomes and strengthen system coordination are encouraged.