

# 2026 NOFO Updates and Actions

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Alameda County Health



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# Background on NOFO Response Team

- Originally seated in November 2025
- Composition: H&H (2-3); Cities (2); Provider (1); Person with Lived Expertise (1).
- Assignment to develop overall strategy and make decisions to respond to the FY 2025 CoC NOFO
- At the April 2026 meeting, the Board voted to continue the NRT with an expanded membership (1 additional provider, 1 additional person with lived expertise)
- LB asked NRT to come back with recommended initial Strategic Guidance for the 2026 NOFO process

# 2026 NRT Membership

Name	Seat	May 6 meeting	May 12 meeting
Caroline Topeé	Lived expertise	Attended	Attended
Katie Barnett	Lived expertise	Absent	Absent
Liz Varela	Provider	Attended	Attended
Vivian Wan	Provider	Attended	Attended
Cupid Alexander	City	Attended	Attended
Laurie Flores	City/LB Co-Chair	Attended	Attended
Jonathan Russell	H&H	Attended	Attended
Riley Wilkerson	H&H	Attended	Attended
Amy Cole-Bloom	H&H	Attended	Absent
Tara Reed	H&H	Attended	Attended
Kate Bristol	Consultant	Attended	Attended

# Committee Roles in 2026

Group	Role
Leadership Board	Approve overall strategic direction (as proposed by NRT); develop and disseminate communications to CoC members and broader community (in collaboration with NRT, H&H, Homebase), high-level problem solving.
NRT*	Develop strategic recommendations relating to funding priorities, local competition policies; maintain regular communication with LB leadership.
NOFO Committee*	Develop and approve local competition details (scoring system, application process); review and score applications.

\*Assumes NOFO window follows historical pattern (90 days).

# Presentation and Action Item

- NRT met on May 6 and May 12 to develop strategic direction and guiding principles for the 2026 NOFO process.
- *The action today is to approve the strategic direction and guiding principles.*
- The NRT recommends the Leadership Board revisit these principles after the NOFO release, to further refine as needed.
- In the meantime, this will provide a framework the NRT and NOFO Committee can use to continue with NOFO planning.

# 1. Strategic Direction

Recommend planning for assumed worst-case scenario:

- Tier 1 is 60% of renewal amount. Our CoC would be able to protect about \$36 million of our total \$60 million.
- There is a cap on Permanent Housing (PH) equal to 30% of our annual renewal amount.
  - Current PH = \$51 million, funding about 2,100 PH units/households
  - Cap would include only \$18 million (about 630 units)
  - Balance of funding (\$33 million or about 1,470 units) would have to shift to other funding sources.
- There will be space in Tier 1 for all remaining renewals plus some new projects.

## 2. Guiding Principles

- a. Prevent housing insecurity for the greatest number of households.
- b. Adopt a strategic set of criteria to determine which PH projects should shift to other sources, such as Measure W (pending authorization).
- c. Adopt a rating and ranking policy that ensures high quality renewal projects are placed into Tier 1 to preserve existing program capacity and system infrastructure.
- d. Score renewal applications based primarily on objective factors to minimize burden on providers/applicants.

## 2. Guiding Principles (Continued)

- e. Invite new project applications that align with both local and HUD priorities, including but not limited to street outreach; standalone services; and recovery focused transitional housing.
- f. Adopt a prioritization and scoring system for new projects designed to help fill high priority system gaps. Identify system gaps using available data and existing local planning processes (e.g., Home Together revision).

# DISCUSSION