

**Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – Call for Letters of Intent (LOI)**  
**FY 2026 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)**

The Bakersfield/Kern County CA-604 Continuum of Care (CoC) is a community-wide partnership established by representatives throughout Kern County to carry out the responsibilities outlined in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and to prepare and submit the annual CoC Consolidated Application. The CoC brings together a broad network of stakeholders dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness, including nonprofit organizations, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, local governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, behavioral health agencies, hospitals, institutions of higher education, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, and organizations serving people experiencing homelessness, formerly homeless individuals and families, and veterans.

The Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) serves as the Collaborative Applicant and Fiscal Agent for the Bakersfield/Kern County CA-604 Continuum of Care (CoC) and administers the local HUD Continuum of Care funding competition. As established by the HEARTH Act, the CoC is responsible for promoting a community-wide commitment to ending homelessness by coordinating housing and supportive services, maximizing access to mainstream resources, and supporting nonprofit organizations and local governments in rapidly rehousing individuals and families experiencing homelessness while minimizing the trauma and disruption caused by homelessness. The mission of BKRHC is to end homelessness in Kern County through collaborative planning and action. Working alongside community partners, BKRHC advances this mission by coordinating local resources, strengthening the homeless response system, and expanding pathways to housing, stability, and wellness for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Only BKRHC members in good standing, with all membership dues current, are eligible to apply for funding through the FY 2026 HUD CoC Competition. As part of the local competition process, all proposed projects are evaluated and ranked in accordance with HUD's FY 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and BKRHC's locally adopted project review and ranking policies. To be considered for funding, all prospective applicants must first submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to BKRHC. The Letter of Intent (LOI) serves as the initial screening step in the local competition process. Submission of an LOI does not guarantee funding or invitation to submit a project application. Rather, it enables BKRHC to verify applicant eligibility, confirm compliance with minimum threshold requirements, identify proposed project types, and plan the local competition process. Applicants that successfully meet the minimum threshold requirements will be invited to submit a full project application and ranking packet for evaluation and possible inclusion in the Bakersfield/Kern County CA-604 FY 2026 HUD CoC Consolidated Application.

Both renewal and new project applicants are required to submit a **Letter of Intent (LOI)**. Only one LOI is required per applicant, regardless of the number of projects proposed. For the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition, renewal funding will be based on HUD's final Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), which has not yet been released. Based on current estimates, the FY 2026 ARD is approximately \$7,785,434, subject to HUD's final funding determination. Funding available under the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition is estimated as follows and is subject to HUD's final funding determinations:

<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Approximate Amount</b>	<b>Notes</b>
New Projects (reallocation funding)	\$2,689,465	Available for eligible new projects through reallocation.
Domestic Violence (DV) Projects (reallocation funding)	\$589,379	Restricted to eligible DV projects through reallocation.
CoC Bonus Funding	\$1,167,815	Available for eligible CoC Bonus project applications.
Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding	\$1,241,800	Available for eligible DV Bonus project applications.

The LOI cover sheet, threshold compliance template, FY 2026 NOFO summary, and other local competition materials are available on the BKRHC website at [www.bkrhc.org](http://www.bkrhc.org).

**Eligible Project Types.** BKRHC is accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) for both renewal and new projects under the FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition. Depending on available funding and HUD requirements, eligible new projects may include Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), Street Outreach (SO) and Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. New projects must add new bed inventory or expand on service delivery, unless applying for a transition grant. Projects that are closing due to funding ending, can be eligible to apply as a new project if they can sufficiently verify their project end date. Applicants are encouraged to submit projects that address local needs, strengthen the homeless response system, and help individuals and families quickly access and maintain permanent housing.

**The following documentation must be submitted by each new applicant agency along with its Letter of Intent (LOI) and LOI Cover Sheet no later than July 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time:**

1. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (non-governmental entities only);
2. Proof of current 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (non-governmental entities only);
3. A current list of the organization's Board of Directors; and
4. Financial statements for the two (2) most recently completed fiscal years, prepared by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), as follows:
  - **Annual revenues of \$300,000 or more:** Audited financial statements prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS) and Government Auditing Standards Issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.
  - **Annual revenues between \$50,000 and \$299,999:** CPA-reviewed financial statements prepared in accordance with applicable professional standards for review engagements.
  - **Annual revenues of less than \$50,000:** CPA-compiled financial statements.

All audited or reviewed financial statements must include any management letters, findings, or other correspondence issued by the independent auditor in connection with the financial statements. Project applications that do not include all documentation required by this notice will be deemed incomplete and will not be considered for inclusion in the Bakersfield/Kern County CA-604 FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Consolidated Application.

Questions regarding Collaborative membership, the local competition process, or the Letter of Intent (LOI) may be directed to the Bakersfield-Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative (BKRHC) at [info@bkrhc.org](mailto:info@bkrhc.org).

Meetings of the BKRHC Governing Board are open to the public and are held on the last Wednesday of each month at **9:45 a.m.** at the Mission at Kern County, 816 E. 21st Street, Bakersfield, California 93305. Meeting dates, agendas, and materials are available at [www.bkrhc.org](http://www.bkrhc.org).

**Letters of Intent (LOIs) and all required supporting documentation must be submitted electronically. Hard-copy or mailed submissions will not be accepted.** All application materials must be emailed to [info@bkrhc.org](mailto:info@bkrhc.org). Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their LOI and all required documentation are successfully received by BKRHC. Applicants are encouraged to request confirmation of receipt upon submission. Complete LOI packages must be received no later than **July 16, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time**. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted or considered.