**FY2019 CoC Program Priority List Ranking**

**Purpose**
As the Los Angeles Continuum of Care (LA CoC) lead administrator, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) annually submits the CoC Program Consolidated Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on behalf of the LA CoC. Each year HUD updates its funding priorities and communicates the order in which eligible projects will be selected for funding, based upon ranking tier, project type, CoC application score, and other factors.

HUD will continue the Tier 1/Tier 2 approach to project selection in 2019, inclusive of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) which is the total amount of funding necessary to renew all CoC grants included on the 2019 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). The LA CoC has implemented approaches that have put the CoC in the most competitive position possible for funding in the national competition, while balancing local priorities and needs.

**Applicability and Scope of Policy**
This policy applies to the operations of the LA CoC and all funding associated with HUD CoC programs.

**Policy**
The LA CoC ranks projects in accordance with HUD and community policies and to prioritize projects that maximize system performance, including high-performing permanent housing solutions and unique projects that fill critical community needs. The LA CoC is dedicated to structuring the CoC Priority List to strengthen its application to HUD – making it as competitive as possible and pursuing the maximum application amount for which the LA CoC is eligible.

Projects that consolidated between the current and previous year’s CoC competition will be ranked based upon the weighted average score of the component projects eligible for evaluation. Projects exempt from performance- and cost-based evaluation include those with a most recently completed Annual Performance Report (APR) with grant terms ending in ‘00’ and ‘01’.

**Priority Ranking Structure**
The following rank structure applies to all CoC Program projects:

1. **Continuum-Wide Activities:**
   a. Planning grant (exempted for ARD purposes, but still ranked)
   b. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects
c. Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for CES Integration

2. Projects exempt from performance- and cost-based evaluation:
   a. Renewing projects without an Annual Performance Report (APR) in the evaluation period
   b. Renewing projects with less than three years of operating time (such projects may still be evaluated but their ranking is not tied to evaluation results)
   c. Transition projects
   d. Projects that have changed operator during the evaluation period
   e. Projects that have undergone an extraordinary project change during the evaluation period

3. Safe Haven Project
4. Project-based Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
5. Tenant-based Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
6. Rapid Re-Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
7. Transitional Housing Renewal Projects for Survivors of Domestic Violence (by evaluation score)
8. Transitional Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
9. New DedicatedPLUS PSH Expansion Projects (by score in local RFP)
10. New HMIS Expansion Project
11. One (1) New Joint Component (TH-RRH) Project for Transition Age Youth (by score in local RFP)
12. New DedicatedPLUS PSH Projects (by score in local RFP)
13. New Joint Component (TH-RRH) Projects for Survivors of Domestic Violence (by score in local RFP)
14. New Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Projects for Survivors of Domestic Violence (by score in local RFP)