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**Attachments:** [2016-CO-504-RankedProjectList-CertCon-withAppealPotential-2016.08.29.xls](#)  
[2016-CoCCCompetition-Process RankingPrioritization-Final 7.29.16.docx](#)

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Dear Stakeholders,

The CoC Ranking and Prioritization process took place last week with the committee meeting on Monday 22 August and the Governing Board approval on Friday 26 August. There were 26 projects to consider: 15 multi-year renewals; 6 first time renewals; 4 new projects; and 1 project still pending resolution of an appeal submitted to HUD. There is also a planning grant, but HUD considers this separately and it does not have to be ranked. The total request this year will be a little over \$2.5M, with the exact number dependent on the appeal.

As in past years, we were required to rank projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2. Tier 1 is over \$2.2M and Tier 2 is just under \$300K. No projects were rejected, either during the evaluation of new projects or in the overall ranking process. Two projects were indicated as willing to reallocate.

The committee engaged in a lengthy discussion which focused on our desire to reward strong performance, align with HUD priorities (such as ending homelessness goals, Housing First, program performance, and strategic allocation of limited resources), serve the highest priority populations in our community, nurture capacity-building initiatives, and serve the unique needs of our community. The Tier 1 and Tier 2 limitations provide constraints that make meeting all of these goals challenging. As in past years, opportunities for collaboration and strategic funding were apparent throughout the discussion. These have been recorded and presented to the Governing Board.

The macro-level result of the process shows growth in permanent housing share of the funds, slight decrease for rapid re-housing, and decrease for transitional housing. These shifts are necessary to meet the needs of our community as well as remain competitive for HUD funding. Although transitional housing as a category has a declining priority at the Federal level, we continued to prioritize transitional housing competitively to protect capacity to serve victims of domestic violence as well as support addiction treatment/recovery.

For the most part, permanent and rapid rehousing projects were prioritized ahead of transitional housing projects, however exceptions were made to support a balance of needs for our community as well as in recognition of past performance and organizational capacity to manage projects. The recommended ranking was reviewed and approved by the non-grantee Governing Board members.

Attached you will find the final board-approved ranking & prioritization. The column labelled "Request Amount" reflects the list if the appeal is not granted, and the column to the right of that reflects the list if the appeal is granted. Attached also is the Ranking & Prioritization Process. Both of these documents and this letter will be posted here shortly: [http://www.ppunitedway.org/cis\\_continuum\\_2016.html](http://www.ppunitedway.org/cis_continuum_2016.html).

Questions can be directed to me ([abeer@ppunitedway.org](mailto:abeer@ppunitedway.org)) or Suzi Arnold ([suzi@ppunitedway.org](mailto:suzi@ppunitedway.org)).

Thank you to all who participated. This process is difficult because we cannot meet all of the needs. Still, all providers and committee members come to the table with the common goal of serving the greatest good. That teamwork and partnership is critical to our

collective success.

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