Approved FY2024 Local Priority Listings and Instructions for the Rank & Review Panel

1. HMIS/CES expansion (Non-DV) projects will be prioritized after HMIS & CES Renewal Projects.
   - ➢ Rational: Gap Analysis finding and recommendation

2. Prioritize at least one COC funded permanent housing program in each of the 9 regions. New and renewal expansion projects applying for funding through this competition would not be funded at the expense of another region losing its COC funded project.
   - ➢ Rational: Supports Steering Committee goal to ensure functional Coordinated Entry System and increase of permanent housing units throughout the COC as indicated in the Strategic Plan Draft.

3. For regions with multiple permanent housing applications for new or expansion funding, the priority for those regional applications will be for those serving the larger of the region's geographic area.
   - ➢ Rational: See Gap Analysis Finding: Support efforts to build affordable housing units to alleviate the housing shortage and improve the effectiveness of homeless programs.

4. Prioritize the creation of new PSH programming available beds across the entirety of the COC. Furthermore, regional data indicates that immediate beds would be necessary and should be prioritized first for Douglas, North Central, and Northeast regions.
   - ➢ Rational: See Gap Analysis Page 33 for the Key Findings.

5. Prioritize new projects that take advantage of the rural budget line item for reducing rural unsheltered homelessness.
   - ➢ Rational: Gap Analysis states that the CoC needs to expand supportive services/case management for people experiencing homelessness to meet the highly vulnerable population needs such as mental health and substance abuse services/resources.