

King County Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) Guidelines Change Summary

August 2026

Please review all updates in the CHG guidelines.

2.1.6 Benefit Verification System Requirements

- Added clarifying language that in addition to confirming HEN program eligibility in BVS, BVS can also be used by agencies to verify benefits to improve access to housing assistance for recipients of state and federal program. Note: Using BVS for CHG eligibility is only allowed in limited circumstances identified in the CHG Verification of Household Eligibility and Income Recertification Form.
- Added the link to the BVS User Access Guide.
- This section also received some edits in the responsibilities of county BVS contacts.

2.3.3 Reimbursements

- Added clarifying language that expenditures billed to CHG must be supported by actual costs, not double charged, and treated consistently in similar circumstances.

2.3.3.1 Back-up Documentation

- Added new language: “Personally Identifiable information (PII) for households served must be removed from general ledger reports and any other documents prior to submitting through SAW.” And “All supporting documentation for invoices must be retained and submitted to Commerce upon request.”
- Added clarifying language about the authority lead grantees have in requesting records and documents to ensure compliance.

2.3.5 Duplication of Services

- Added new section that duplication of services is prohibited.

5.4.2 Maintaining Homeless Status for Permanent Housing

- Repeated this language from the Homelessness Assistance section to the Housing and Essential Needs section for Rapid Re-housing households.

6.2 Facility Support

- Added “food served in shelters” back as an allowable expense.

6.3 Operations

- Under the check “Training related to grant management and/or service delivery...” added bullets with information around lodging exceptions.

8.2 Identity Verification

- Added new section and requirement to verify and document the identity of all adult household members in newly enrolled households before providing rental assistance effective September 1, 2026.

10.3 Appendix C: Client File Documentation

- Added Identity Verification

10.4 Appendix D: Homeless System Performance Requirements

- The following revisions do not create any new grantee requirements or change existing expectations. Instead, the updates below provide additional clarification and examples to the existing Appendix D: Homeless System Performance Requirements section in order to improve transparency around how performance is measured, monitored, and communicated.

Section 10.4.4: Performance Monitoring

- Added an example of the reduction in funding track for grantees.

Forms

Self-Declaration Form

- Added identity verification

Third-Party Verbal Verification Form

- Added identity verification

Client File Checklist

- Added identity verification

The updated forms can be found here:

[Prevention Programs: King County CHG required Forms updated August 2026](#)

[Rapid Rehousing Programs: King County CHG required Forms updated August 2026](#)

PSH Programs: King County CHG required Forms updated August 2026