



Phoenix Rising Nomination Form 2026

As part of Homelessness Awareness Month (November), the Contra Costa Council on Homelessness recognizes outstanding partners and projects.

The **Phoenix Rising** category recognizes **individuals with lived experience of homelessness** who demonstrate extraordinary courage, resilience, and/or personal strength at any stage of their journey. This recognition is for people who are currently experiencing homelessness, are in the process of securing stability, or have already moved into housing. Like the Phoenix that rises again and again, this award celebrates individuals who continue to persevere, rebuild, and move forward despite challenges.

Nominees must:

- Have **lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County**, or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently **live, work, or contribute** in Contra Costa County
- Be **anywhere in their journey**, including those who are currently unhoused, in shelter, in temporary or interim housing, or in permanent housing.
- Demonstrate courage, resilience, determination, personal growth, or positive influence on others, whether through everyday perseverance, supporting peers, engaging in community or advocacy efforts, or inspiring others by example.
- People may nominate themselves.
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All nominations are due by 5 pm Friday, September 11, 2026.

All nominees will receive recognition for their valuable work within the Homeless Continuum of Care. Specifics regarding the recognition process will be announced as plans develop.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

* Required

Tell us about the nominee

1. *Does this person have a lived experience of homelessness in Contra Costa County and/or have experienced homelessness elsewhere and currently live and/or work in Contra Costa County? **

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure

2. **Resilience and Growth (required):** Describe the obstacles they have overcome and the personal growth they have demonstrated. *

Enter your answer

3. **Impact on Others (required):** Share how the nominee has inspired, supported, advocated, or positively influenced others. *

Enter your answer

4. **Community Engagement or Leadership (optional):** Note any volunteerism, advocacy, peer leadership, or community contributions.

Enter your answer

5. **Anything you wish to share that was not covered above. Nominee's comments or comments from recipients are also welcome.**

Enter your answer

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