

2024 Renewal Project Rating Tool

Project Design		Scoring	Data Source
A.	Project participates in the CoC HMIS (or a comparable database for domestic violence or VAWA providers such as Osnum) and Coordinated Entry system and demonstrates compliance with CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures and HUD Coordinated Entry Notice.	Yes: 3 points No: 0 points	Verification by HMIS and coordinated entry
B.	Project implements use of Housing First principles, including no preconditions or barriers to entry except as required by funding sources, and provision of necessary supports to maintain housing and prevent a return to homelessness.	Up to 3 points	CoC monitoring equity survey and low-barrier checklist in renewal application survey
C.	Project prioritizes services for underserved and marginalized populations (including Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/e, Asians, Pacific Islanders, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+) through implementation of low-barrier, culturally responsive and accessible services.	Up to 3 points	CoC monitoring equity survey
D.	Project aligns with the CoC's Consolidated Plan and reflects the specific priorities for CoC funding identified in the HUD NOFO and the CoC RFP for this year's local funding competition.	Up to 10 points	CoC staff assessment
Racial Equity		Scoring	
E.	Project provides housing and services to populations of color at a rate that reflects a commitment to racial equity.	25%+: 3 points 15-24%: 1 point 0-14%: 0 points	% of participants that identify as any race or ethnicity except White non-Hispanic (APR Q12)
F.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race and ethnicity.	Yes: 2 pts No: 0 pts	CoC renewal application survey
G.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has identified programmatic changes needed to make participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes.	Yes: 2 pts No: 0 pts	CoC monitoring equity survey
Financial Review		Scoring	
H.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has active SAM registration with current information, valid Unique Entity ID number and no Debarments and/or Suspensions.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	SAM.gov verification
I.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) effectively utilizes CoC funding as demonstrated by satisfactory drawdown, timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if any), timely resolution of financial monitoring findings, and timely submission of required financial reporting.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC funding utilization checklist completed by DHS fiscal staff
J.	Acceptable audit/financial review of Applicant and Subrecipient (if any). Audit/financial review does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC monitoring visit results letter
K.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has 25% match commitments that satisfy CoC Program Rule requirements for source and amount.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	Match letter provided for new grant application
L.	Reasonable project cost per participant exit to permanent housing or retain PSH/RRH as compared with CoC average for project type.	≤average: 2 pts >average: 0 pts	APR Q5a8 and Q23c

Performance Outcomes		Scoring	
M.	Reduce Length of Time Homeless from Program Start to Housing Move-In <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH-Youth 18-24 years: On average participants stay in project <552 days • TH-Adults 25+ years: On average participants stay in project <365 days • RRH: On average participants spend 60 days or less from Project Start to Housing Move-In date • PSH: On average participants spend 90 days or less from Project Start to Housing Move-In date 	Yes: 4 points No: 0 points	APR Q22b (TH) & Q22c (RRH, PSH)
N.	Reduce Returns to Homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH, RRH, PSH: <3% of participants return to homelessness within 24 months of exit to PH 	Yes: 4 points No: 0 points	SPM report for CoC programs
O.	Increased Earned Income from Start to Annual Assessment or Exit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH, RRH: Minimum 25% of adult participants with new or increased earned income • PSH: Minimum 20% of participants with new or increased earned income 	Yes: 4 points No: 0 points	APR Q19a1 & Q19a2
P.	Increased Non-Employment Income from Start to Annual Assessment or Exit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH, RRH: Minimum 25% of adult participants with new or increased non-employment income • PSH: Minimum 50% of adult participants with new or increased non-employment income 	Yes: 4 points No: 0 points	APR Q19a1 & Q19a2
Q.	Increase Exits to Permanent Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TH: Minimum 80% people exit program to permanent housing • RRH: Minimum 90% people exit program to permanent housing • PSH: Minimum 90% people exit to other permanent housing 	Yes: 4 points No: 0 points	APR Q23c
R.	Project Focuses on People with Zero Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% adult participants with zero cash income at entry 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q16
S.	Project Focuses on People with Disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% all participants with one or more disability type 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q13a2
T.	Project Focuses on People Entering from Unsheltered Homelessness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% adult participants enter from place not meant for human habitation 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q15
U.	Project Focuses on Chronically Homeless People <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% of all participants are chronically homeless 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q26b
V.	Project Focuses on Survivors of Domestic Violence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 50% adult participants are survivors of domestic violence 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q14a
W.	Bed Utilization: Minimum 90% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household utilization on PIT counts in January, April, July, October 	0.25 point for each PIT ≥ 90%	APR Q8b (denominator is units from Q4B in CoC application)
X.	HMIS (or comp site) Data Quality: Timeliness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% of data entered within 0 to 6 days of project start date 	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	APR Q6e
Y.	De-obligation of HUD Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the most recently completed grant term 10% or more of the total HUD funds were recaptured by HUD at grant term 	Yes: minus 1 pt No: 0 points	DHS fiscal staff
Z.	Annual CoC Monitoring Score <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Findings not resolved within 30-days of monitoring results notification 	Yes: minus 1 pt No: 0 points	CoC monitoring visit results letter

New Project Rating Tool

Project Design and Applicant Qualifications		Scoring	Data Source
A.	Project intends to participate in the CoC HMIS (or a comparable database for domestic violence or VAWA providers such as Osnum) and Coordinated Entry system in compliance with CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures and HUD Coordinated Entry Notice.	Yes: 3 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application questions 26, 27
B.	Project will implement use of Housing First principles, including no preconditions or barriers to entry except as required by funding sources, and provision of necessary supports to maintain housing and prevent a return to homelessness.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 10, 11, 12, 13
C.	Project will prioritize services for underserved and marginalized populations (including Black, Indigenous, Latino/a/e, Asians, Pacific Islanders, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+) through implementation of low-barrier, accessible and culturally responsive services, and connections with culturally specific services.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 6
D.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has experience providing similar services to the population targeted by the proposed project and has demonstrated effectiveness in achieving successful outcomes.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 7
E.	Project aligns with the eligible program types in HUD's NOFO. The population to be served meets the eligibility requirements for the type of program and the service model meets current HUD requirements.	Yes: 1 point No: Disqualified	CoC team review of application
F.	Project reflects the specific priorities for CoC funding identified in the HUD NOFO and the local CoC RFP for this year's funding competition.	Up to 10 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 6, 20
G.	Project maximizes potential bonus points available through this year's HUD NOFO.	Up to 3 points	CoC team review of application question 20
H.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) commits to actively participate in CoC meetings if awarded funding.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	CoC team review of application question 28
I.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) plans rapid implementation of the project to begin housing the first participant in 180 days or less following HUD grant award.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	CoC team review of application question 8
Financial Review		Scoring	
J.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) has active SAM registration with current information, valid Unique Entity ID number and no Debarments and/or Suspensions.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC team SAM.gov verification
K.	Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) demonstrates the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project and the capacity to administer federal funds.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 23
L.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) has an acceptable audit/financial review that does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application questions 21, 22
M.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) provides 25% match commitment that satisfies CoC Program Rule 24 CFR Part 578.73 requirement that includes source and amount.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application question 19
N.	Applicant or Subrecipient (if any) demonstrates the capacity to leverage additional resources and partnerships to support effective project implementation.	Yes: 1 point No: 0 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 24

O.	Budget costs are reasonable and allowable. Project is cost effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application questions 17, 18
Performance Outcomes		Scoring	
P.	Severity of Needs: Applicant demonstrates how the project will assist underserved populations, including persons with a history of victimization (such as domestic violence or sexual assault), criminal histories, substance use disorders, and/or chronic homelessness.	Up to 2 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 6, 9, 13, 14
Q.	Housing Emphasis: Applicant and Subrecipient (if any) prioritizes 75% or more of Federal CoC Program funds to provide housing activities (e.g. rent assistance, leasing units, acquisition, rehabilitation and/or construction of affordable housing units).	Yes: 2 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application question 18
R.	Reduce Length of Time Homeless: Applicant demonstrates how the project will identify and house homeless populations to reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.	Up to 4 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 6, 13
S.	Permanent Housing Placement and Reduced Returns to Homelessness: Applicant describes the housing barriers experienced by the target population and demonstrates how the project will increase permanent housing placement and retention in housing.	Up to 4 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 6, 13, 14
T.	Increase Income: Applicant demonstrates how the project will increase participants' income through employment and connections to other income as appropriate.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 14, 15
U.	Increase Disability Income Benefits: Staff person providing project participants with SSI/SSDI technical assistance has completed SOAR training in the past 24 months.	Yes: 3 points No: 0 points	CoC team review of application question 16
V.	Increase Connections to Mainstream Resources: Applicant demonstrates how project will connect participants to mainstream resources and services such as OHP enrollment, connections to community-based resources, SNAP, etc.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application question 14
W.	Serve Priority Populations: Applicant describes the project's commitment to and demonstrates effective strategies for serving vulnerable populations such as chronically homeless individuals and families, households with zero income, participants with two or more disability types, and persons living in places not meant for human habitation.	Up to 3 points	Equitable Procurement Subcommittee score based on application questions 6, 9, 13, 14