

**CARROLL COUNTY  
CIRCLE OF CARING HOMELESSNESS BOARD  
Continuum of Care Policy**

**Policy on: Continuum of Care Project Ranking and Selection**

**Approved by Executive (CoC) Board on: 8/26/24**

**Purpose:** To document the Carroll County, MD- 506 FY 2024 and FY2025 Continuum of Care (Continuum of Care) Project Ranking and Selection Process

**2024 HUD NOFA**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Notice of Funding Availability [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/coc/competition](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition) on August 6, 2024.

The amount of available funding will not be enough to fund eligible renewal projects in 2024/25; HUD will continue to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects, except Continuum of Care planning and UFA Costs, in two Tiers. Tier 1 is equal to 90 percent of the Continuum of Care’s 2024 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Tier 2 is the sum of all projects requested less the Continuum of Care’s ARD. In addition, a bonus is available for new projects or an expansion of existing projects as described in HUD’s NOFO and a bonus project serving victims of domestic violence is being offered.

**FY 2024 and FY2025 Continuum of Care Funding Carroll County (MD-506)**

<b>Category</b>		<b>2024/25 Annual Grant Funding</b>
Total Renewal Projects (Annual Renewal Demand or ARD)		\$476,224
Tier I (90% of ARD)	\$428,601	
Tier 2 (All projects requested less ARD)	TBD	
Bonus		\$57,147
DV Bonus		\$56,617
<b>Total Potential Annual FY 2024/25 Funding</b>		<b>\$589,988</b>

**Carroll County NOFO**

On August 27, 2024, The Carroll County Homelessness Board will issue a NOFO for the FY 2024/25 Continuum of Care Competition. Eligible applicants will be invited via public notice to submit Letters of Intent by September 6, 2024 and applications by September 30, 2024 for the following project types:

1. **Renewal projects** – current Continuum of Care projects eligible for FY 2024/25 fund renewal are required to submit Project applications to the Collaborative Applicant for review, approval and ranking.
2. **Reallocations** – Project applicants with eligible renewals can propose new projects by shifting funds from one or more existing projects to new projects without decreasing or increasing the Continuum of Care’s ARD. Through the reallocation process:

- a. Applicants may create new permanent supportive housing projects where all beds will be dedicated for use by the chronically homeless.
  - b. The Continuum of Care Board will review project performance and monitoring results to determine if any projects should be recommended for reallocation per the Board Reallocation Policy.
3. **Bonus Projects** - The Bonus is available to any existing or new applicant.
- a. Applicants may create new permanent supportive housing projects PH-PSH for chronically homeless meeting the criteria in the NOFO.
  - b. Applicants may create new rapid re-housing project PH-RRH for homeless meeting the criteria in the NOFO.
  - c. Applicants may create a new Joint TH and PH-RRH component for homeless as defined in the NOFO.
  - d. Bonus project funding may also be used to expand an existing project. Both reallocation and bonus project types are eligible as are costs associated with VAWA 2022 amendments to section 423(a) of McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
  - e. An additional allocation of bonus funding is available to create a new project to serve victims of domestic violence as defined in the NOFO.

### **Overview – Continuum of Care Project Selection Criteria**

The Continuum of Care’s projects will be evaluated by HUD Homeless Policy Priorities in the FY 2024/25 NOFO including but not limited to:

1. Ending Homelessness for all persons
2. Using a Housing First Approach
3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
4. Improving System Performance
5. Partner with Housing, Healthcare and Service Agencies
6. Racial Equity
7. Improving Assistance to LGBTQ+ Individuals
8. Persons with Lived Experience
9. Building an Effective Workforce
10. Increasing Affordable Housing Supply

### **Tiers and Ranking:**

1. Tier 1 is 90% of the Continuum of Care’s ARD. Tier 2 is the amount between the Continuum of Care’s Tier 1 and the Continuum of Care’s Final Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
2. The Continuum of Care must assign a unique rank to each project that it intends to submit to HUD for FY 2024/25 funding. Projects scoring highest, contributing to the HUD Policy Priorities including reducing homelessness in the CoC, and making a positive contribution to the CoC’s System Performance Measures will be ranked and placed into Tier 1 until all Tier 1 funds are allocated. The remaining projects selected for funding will be ranked and placed into Tier 2 until all Tier 2 funds are allocated. HUD strongly advises Continuum of Care to rank higher those project applications that the Continuum of Care determines are high priority, high performing, and meet the needs and gaps as identified in the Continuum of Care.
3. Projects ranked in Tier 1 are considered relatively safe, while projects in Tier 2 are at risk.

### **Ranking and Selection**

1. All renewal and new applications will be reviewed and ranked using the most recent HUD CoC Rating and Ranking Tool. The CoC's version of the ranking tool is attached to this policy
2. Projects must meet Threshold Requirements including:
  - a. Coordinated Entry Participation
  - b. Housing First/Low Barrier Implementation
  - c. Documented Match
  - d. Financial feasibility
  - e. Active CoC Participation
  - f. Complete application and consistent data
  - g. Data quality above 90%
  - h. Bed utilization rates at or above 90%
  - i. Acceptable audit/financial review
3. Performance Measures – Rating Factors depend on Project type but include:
  - a. Length of Stay
  - b. Exits to Permanent Housing
  - c. Returns to Homelessness
  - d. New or increased income or earned income
4. Serve Priority Populations
  - a. Coordinated Entry Score
  - b. Chronically homeless
  - c. 50%+: Disability/Zero Income/Unsheltered
5. Equity Factors
  - a. Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies
    - i. Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc) in managerial and leadership positions.
    - ii. Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience.
    - iii. Recipient has process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived homeless experience.
    - iv. Recipient has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and develops and implements equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers.
  - b. Program Participant Outcomes
    - i. Recipient has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.
    - ii. Recipient has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes.
    - iii. Recipient is working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.
6. Coordinated Entry (CE) – Since CE is mandated by HUD and the performance measures do not mirror those of housing projects, CE will be ranked as the first project and fall into Tier 1 if the project meets the CoC threshold review.
7. Other Criteria – Scored per the Customized Rating Criteria Tab
  - a. CoC Monitoring Score
    - i. Were there monitoring findings in the last program year?
  - b. Narrative Score
    - i. Did the narrative answer each question completely?

8. New projects created through reallocation will be ranked based on the performance of the renewal application which is being reallocated and in accordance with NOFA guidance.
9. Expansion projects submitted by current applicants will be ranked based on the performance of the existing project to be expanded.
10. Bonus projects submitted by new and existing applicants will be ranked based on the performance of similar projects.
11. All Permanent Supportive Housing Projects will be certified to have demonstrated a need in the Continuum's geographic area.
12. The Committee's final rankings will be submitted to the Circle of Caring Homelessness Board for a formal vote on or before October 8, 2024.
13. All project applicants will be notified in writing by October 11, 2024, of their project acceptance, rejection or reduction and the project's rank in Tier 1 or Tier 2.

**Appeals Process:**

Project applicants whose project was rejected may appeal the local Continuum of Care competition decision to HUD if the project applicant believes it was denied the opportunity to participate in the local Continuum of Care planning process in a reasonable manner by submitting a Solo Application in e-snaps directly to HUD prior to the application deadline of 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time on October 30, 2024. The Continuum of Care's notification of rejection of the project in the local competition must be attached to the Solo Application. If the Continuum of Care fails to provide written notification outside of e- snaps, the Solo Applicant must attach evidence that it attempted to participate in the local Continuum of Care planning process and submitted a project application that met the local deadlines, along with a statement that the Continuum of Care did not provide the Solo Applicant written notification of the Continuum of Care rejecting the project in the local Continuum of Care competition. The appeal must be because a decision made by the Carroll County Circle of Caring Homelessness Board regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the FY 2024/25 Continuum of Care Guidelines. A copy of the appeal to HUD should also be submitted to the Circle of Caring Homelessness Board via email: [csteckel@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:csteckel@carrollcountymd.gov) prior to the application deadline of 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time on October 30, 2024.

**NAVIGATION**

- Customize Threshold Requirements
- Filter Rating Factors
- Customize Renewal/Expansion Project Rating Tool
- Customize New Project Rating Tool

**CUSTOMIZE NEW AND RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS**

**CoC Threshold Requirements**

*(Delete the X in the box next to any requirements you do not wish to include.)*

- Coordinated Entry Participation
- Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation
- Documented, secured minimum match
- Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit, as defined locally
- Project is financially feasible
- Applicant is active CoC participant
- Application is complete and data are consistent
- Data quality at or above 90%
- Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review

*(The first five requirements are recommended included in the rating process either as Threshold Requirements or as Rating Factors)*

**FILTER RATING FACTORS**

Select project type

All

Using these drop-down menus, select which rating factors to show and customize

Select special popu

All

**CUSTOMIZE RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT RATING TOOL**

*Delete the X in the box besides any rating factor below that you do not wish to include. If desired, adjust the factor/goal and point value for each measure. You can add additional locally-defined criteria below. See the Data Source Chart for information about where to obtain data to use in scoring.*

**Performance Measures**

**Length of Stay**

- RRH (General) - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in
- RRH (DV) - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in
- PSH (General) - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in
- PSH (DV) - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in
- TH (General) - On average, participants stay in project XX days
- TH (DV) - On average, participants stay in project XX days
- TH+RRH (General) - TH Component (General) - On average, participants stay in project XX days
- TH+RRH (DV) - TH Component - On average, participants stay in project XX days
- TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in
- TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in

**Factor/Goal**

**Max Point Val**

15 days	20 points
30 days	20 points
15 days	20 points
15 days	20 points
180 days	20 points
180 days	20 points
180 days	10 points
180 days	10 points
15 days	10 points
15 days	10 points

**Exits to Permanent Housing**

- RRH (General) - Minimum percent move to permanent housing
- RRH (DV) - Minimum percent move to permanent housing
- PSH (General) - Minimum percent remain in or move to permanent housing
- PSH (DV) - Minimum percent remain in or move to permanent housing
- TH (General) - Minimum percent move to permanent housing
- TH (DV) - Minimum percent move to permanent housing
- TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Minimum percent move to permanent housing
- TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Minimum percent move to permanent housing

90 %	25 points
80 %	25 points
90 %	25 points
90 %	25 points
90 %	25 points
90 %	25 points
90 %	25 points
90 %	25 points

**Returns to Homelessness (if data is available for project)**

- RRH (General) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing
- RRH (DV) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing
- PSH (General) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing

10 %	15 points
20 %	10 points
10 %	15 points

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	20 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10 %	15 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	20 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10 %	15 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	20 %	10 points

**New or Increased Income and Earned Income**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project stayers	8 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	10 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased earned income for project leavers	15 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25 %	2.5 points

**Serve High Needs Populations**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project focuses on chronically homeless people <-- select from drop-down menu		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Assessment score for XX% of participants indicates RRH or more intensive intervention	50 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Assessment score for XX% of participants indicates RRH or more intensive intervention	50 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Assessment score for participants indicates PSH with XX% at highest end of PSH range	95 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Assessment score for participants indicates PSH with XX% at highest end of PSH range	95 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - XX% of participant meet CoC's TH targeting criteria	95 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - XX% of participant meet CoC's TH targeting criteria	95 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Assessment score for XX% of participants indicates RRH or more intensive intervention	50 %	20 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Assessment score for XX% of participants indicates RRH or more intensive intervention	50 %	20 points

**Project Effectiveness**

<input type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type
<input type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type
<input type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type
<input type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type

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<input type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Costs are within local average cost per positive housing exit for project type		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries to project from CE referral (or alternative system for DV projects)	95 %	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (General) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RRH (DV) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (General) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PSH (DV) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (General) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH (DV) - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (General) - RRH Component - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation (General) - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TH+RRH (DV) - RRH Component - Housing First and/or Low Barrier Implementation - CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes	10 points

**Equity Factors**

**Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc) in managerial and leadership positions	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience of homelessness	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience of homelessness	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers	Yes	10 points

**Program Participant Outcomes**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, and/or other underserved populations	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes	Yes	10 points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Recipient is working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, age, and/or other underserved populations	Yes	10 points

**Other and Local Criteria**

(select from drop-down menu)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text" value="CoC Monitoring Score"/>	Project is operating in conformance with CoC Standards	Yes	10 points
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<b>Total Maximum Score</b>	RRH-General projects:	190 points
	RRH-DV projects:	185 points
	PSH-General projects:	190 points
	PSH-DV projects:	185 points
	TH-General projects:	190 points
	TH-DV projects:	185 points
	TH+RRH-General projects:	190 points
	TH+RRH-DV projects:	185 points

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**Experience**

**Factor/Goal**

**Max Point Val**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.		15 points
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DV-A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-A. Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.	<u>15</u> points
	General-B. Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exiting clients. Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-B. Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exiting clients. Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-C. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-C. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	<u>5</u> points

**Design of Housing & Supportive Services**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-A. Extent to which the applicant 1) Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the clients to be served. 2) Demonstrates that type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served. 3) Demonstrates that type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs of clients to be served. 4) Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits. 5) Establishes performances measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.	<u>15</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-A. Extent to which the applicant 1) Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the clients to be served. 2) Demonstrates that type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served. 3) Demonstrates that type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs of clients to be served. 4) Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream benefits. 5) Establishes performances measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed any established HUD or CoC benchmarks.	<u>15</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-B. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-B. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-C. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-C. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-D. Project leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-D. Project leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-E. Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-E. Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization.	<u>10</u> points

**Timeliness**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-A. Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award.	<u>10</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-A. Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award.	<u>10</u> points

**Financial**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-A. Project is cost-effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-A. Project is cost-effective when projected cost per person served is compared to CoC average within project type.	<u>5</u> points
	B. Organization's most recent audit:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-1. Found no exceptions to standard practices	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-1. Found no exceptions to standard practices	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-2. Identified agency as 'low risk'	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-2. Identified agency as 'low risk'	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-3. Indicates no findings	<u>5</u> points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-3. Indicates no findings	<u>5</u> points



CUSTOMIZE RATING CRITERIA

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-C. Documented match amount meets HUD requirements.		<u>5</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-C. Documented match amount meets HUD requirements.		<u>5</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-D. Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.		<u>20</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-D. Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.		<u>20</u>	points

**Project Effectiveness**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General-Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries projected to come from CE referrals	<u>95</u> %	<u>5</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DV-Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries projected to come from CE referrals	<u>95</u> %	<u>5</u>	points

**Equity Factors**

**Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc) in managerial and leadership positions	<u>Yes</u>	<u>10</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project's organizational board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience (per 578.75(g))	<u>Yes</u>	<u>10</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience or a plan to create one	<u>Yes</u>	<u>10</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers that exacerbate disparities and outcomes	<u>Yes</u>	<u>10</u>	points

**Program Participant Outcomes**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project describes their plan for reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age. If already implementing a plan, describe findings from outcomes review		<u>10</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project describes plan to review whether programmatic changes are needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes. If already implementing plan, describe findings from review		<u>10</u>	points
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New project describes plan to work with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and or/age. If already implementing plan, describe findings from review		<u>10</u>	points

**Other and Local Criteria**

**Total Maximum Score**

General projects: **120** points

Additional Rating Criteria 2024 – 2025 CoC Applicants –  
Existing CoC Agencies

**Agency Leadership, Governance and Policies**

1. Does your agency have underrepresented individuals (such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian American persons, Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons who live in rural areas, persons with disabilities, and others adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality) in managerial and leadership positions?

If no, what are your agency's plan to address this criterion?

2. Does your agency have underrepresented individuals (such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian American persons, Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons who live in rural areas, persons with disabilities, and others adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality) on your Board of Directors?

If no, what are your agency's plan to address this criterion?

3. Describe your agency's plan to receive and incorporate feedback from persons with lived experience into agency operations and policies.

4. Does your agency regularly review internal policies with an equity lens to avoid new policies that would create barriers that would compound existing disparities in equity? If yes, give an example. If no, how will you incorporate into the agency in the upcoming year?

**Participant Outcomes**

1. Describe your agency's process for reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.

a. Describe your findings from the outcomes review.

b. Describe any program changes made as a result of an outcomes review.

c. Describe your schedule to review HMIS data including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.

Additional Rating Criteria 2024/2025 CoC Applicants –  
New CoC Agencies

**Agency Leadership, Governance and Policies**

1. Does your agency have underrepresented individuals (such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian American persons, Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons who live in rural areas, persons with disabilities, and others adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality) in managerial and leadership positions?

If no, what are your agency's plan to address this criterion?

2. Does your agency have underrepresented individuals (such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons; Asian American persons, Pacific Islanders, and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons who live in rural areas, persons with disabilities, and others adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality) on your Board of Directors?

If no, what are your agency's plan to address this criterion?

3. Describe your agency's plan to receive and incorporate feedback from persons with lived experience into agency operations and policies.

4. Does your agency regularly review internal policies with an equity lens to avoid new policies that would create barriers that would compound existing disparities in equity? If yes, give an example. If no, how will you incorporate into the agency in the upcoming year?

**Participant Outcomes**

1. Describe your agency's experience reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.

a. Describe your findings from the outcomes review.

b. Describe any program changes made as a result of an outcomes review.

c. Describe your plan to regularly review HMIS data including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age.