

Rating, Ranking and Selection of Project Criteria

The HUD Scoring Tool is utilized. There are several CoC modifications.

A gaps analysis, using primarily HMIS data and data from our Coordinated Entry list, indicates the following needs and priorities: Chronically Homeless, Domestic Violence, Families with Children, Youth (18-24), and Veterans are our top priorities. Veterans received a lower prioritization on this list as we have more services in the CoC for veterans than the otherwise identified priorities. HMIS data also reveals this gap to be much lower than the other priorities.

1. A Rating, Ranking and Selection Workgroup will be convened. No person affiliated with an organization applying for funding will be a member of the committee unless an exception exists. Exception: A person affiliated with an organization having a pre-determined ranking may serve on the committee if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the CoC. The committee cannot have a majority of votes from those with pre-determined rankings.
2. Pre-determined rankings: The following projects have pre-determined rankings.
 - a. New prior year NOFA awardees – These projects are selected for the application because they are first year renewals and do not have data. Most have not started. They will be ranked first in their individual categories as they were previously selected because they met a priority or significant need in the CoC. No competitive ranking decision is required to be made.
 - b. HMIS and Coordinated Entry Renewals – These projects will be ranked as HMIS first and Coordinated Entry second. The CoC cannot meet HUD requirements without them. The CoC selects the HMIS Lead agency and there will never be a competitive application. In the event there are one or more competitive CoC Coordinated Entry Projects – all will be considered but the one selected will be ranked #2 in the application. No competitive ranking decision is required to be made.
3. All new or renewal housing projects must dedicate 100% of the beds in the project as chronically homeless or DedicatedPLUS.
4. Additional points will be provided to projects – new or renewal – for 100% or more of its beds dedicated to Domestic Violence, Families with Children, Youth (18-24) and Veterans. Domestic Violence – 4, Families with Children 3, Youth (18-24) and Veterans in addition to Chronically Homeless or DedicatedPLUS. Additional points will be added in one category only

- not cumulative. In the event there is a tie remaining after the CoC selected tie breaker, additional points will be awarded for other categories in an attempt to resolve the tie.
5. Tie breaker: If there is a tie in any category (PSH or RRH), the percentage of individuals increasing or maintaining income since entering the project will be used. If there is still a tie, projects serving more than one of the priority sub-populations will be awarded points for each of the sub-populations (vs. 1). If a tie still remains, the cost per bed will be utilized.
 6. New proposed projects will be rated for selection utilizing the same criteria – other than HMIS data that will not be available for a renewal project – as a renewal project. Threshold requirements must be met, and projects will be scored using the same criteria, except HMIS data.
 7. Renewal projects will be initially rated and ranked based on the HUD Scoring Tool and additional CoC criteria.
 - a. Additional criteria for awarding points will be persons increasing or maintaining income since project entry and projects serving priority populations.
 - b. Points are clearly stated on the Scoring Tools.
 - c. Threshold requirements are clearly stated on the Scoring Tools.
 - d. Timeliness. The Rating, Ranking and Selection Workgroup can rank a project lower for the failure to meet a deadline or submit requested documentation for this process.
 8. Any project not submitting the required documents on time will be penalized or projects submitting on time will receive additional points. Penalties may include not having the application reviewed and selected, or being ranked at the bottom. The Rating, Ranking and Selection Workgroup will make this decision when they are notified of the status of applications. While all circumstances will be considered, timeliness in this process is an absolute necessity. Projects that create situations that will likely result in the CoC not receiving points based on deadlines will likely be ranked lower.
 9. Final rankings may be adjusted based on the needs of the CoC.
 10. Projects will be allowed to appeal ranking decisions with in the time frame stated for appeal.
 - a. The Rating, Ranking and Selection Workgroup will review their decision with 24 hours to determine if any adjustment shall be made.
 - b. An independent committee consisting of a minimum of 3 persons (odd number) will be convened within 24 hours of their final decision. This committee will be made up of 1 person selected by the project applicant, 1 person selected by the Rating, Ranking

and Selection Workgroup and the CoC President or designee. No person applying competitively within the NOFA can serve on this committee. Persons who are receiving funds but whose ranking are determined by other means may be on the committee.

- c. The decision of the independent committee regarding ranking is final. Applicants not being selected should read the appeal section of the NOFA for recourse.**