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## **RATING AND REVIEW PROCEDURE FY23**

The FY2023 NOFO has been announced. The funding available is \$1,022,515.00 based on our estimated annual renewal demand (ARD). HUD has designated 93% of that funding, \$950,939.00 for Tier 1 projects. We also have \$148,478.00 for CoC bonus funding and \$212,111.00 for DV bonus funding. The NOFO should be read thoroughly by agencies seeking renewal of existing projects and those wishing to apply for funding. The NOFO and helpful resources can be found on the HUD Exchange website.

This year we will use the same Rating and Ranking Tool in 2022. Persons wishing to submit a **new or renewal application must submit an application in e-snaps no later than Monday, 11:59:59 PM, September 25, 2023.** While the tool relies on past performance data from agency APRs, the final ranking will include the CoC designated priorities determined by reviewing current CoC data and performance measures. New projects will be based on the established priorities since they will not have submitted an APR.

### **THRESHOLD POLICY and RE-ALLOCATION**

A project can voluntarily re-allocate regardless of scoring. A project must meet the thresholds established by the CoC. The threshold categories are found on the rating and ranking tool. If a renewal project does not meet the thresholds, it will be asked to reallocate funds and undergo involuntary re-allocation if it does not voluntarily agree. A renewal project may be permitted to apply with conditions if it is a priority project type and there are no other projects to take its place. A new project will be rejected if it does not meet the threshold. If it is the only new project proposed and the funds would not be utilized, the CoC will permit the project to remedy any deficiencies and be included in the ranking process.

### **PRIORITIES**

The CoC has determined that in addition to the selected threshold criteria, the following are FY2023 funding priorities: 1). Chronic, 2) Aging 55+, 3) Families with Children, 4) Domestic Violence, 5) Youth, 6) Veterans, and 7) Gender identity/expression. These priorities were selected after a thorough review of CoC project data and the current Coordinated Entry list. A project proposing to serve Chronically Homeless individuals or those Aging 55+, would be addressing the top priority of the CoC. Within that priority – families with children, domestic violence, youth 18 -24, veterans, and Gender identity/expression would be ranked accordingly. The FY2023 priorities were established by a recommendation of the Rating & Ranking workgroup and passed by vote through the Leadership Council on 8/15/2023.

### **RATING SCORES**

The initial rating or ranking scores will be based on exits to other PH, retention of PH, returns to homelessness within 12 months of exit, new/increase in employment income, new/increase in non-employment income, persons served who are chronically homeless or

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meet one of the other priorities, HMIS data quality, HMIS data completeness, more than one disability, bed/unit utilization, participation in coordinated entry, Housing First and reduction of barriers, project cost reasonableness.

New projects will be rated primarily on how the project addresses priorities, the reasonableness of the proposed project, participation in coordinated entry, Housing First, and reduction of barriers.

## **FINAL RANKING**

The CoC has determined that PSH and RRH projects are ranked at the top of Tier 1. HMIS and CE are ranked at the bottom of Tier 1 as these are crucial needs to the effective operation of the CoC and should not straddle or be in Tier 2. However, it is possible that a PSH or RRH could be a straddle project if the CoC finds it would better serve the entire CoC to preserve other funding in Tier 1.

A new bonus project(s) will be ranked at the bottom of the project listing, which will be ranked in Tier 2. While these are important proposals, the CoC believes that high-scoring renewal projects or re-allocation projects proposed by existing organizations with a good track record should be scored higher. New projects proposing 100% CH beds or DedicatedPLUS will be ranked in Tier 1 and should receive preference over projects with few dedicated CH beds. However, the CoC desires to retain projects that perform well.

## **Appeal**

A project may appeal its final ranking for the following reason: 1.) clerical error such as a typo or math error in the scoring tool or final ranking, or 2.) the project prioritization policy was not followed. The appeal period will be stated as part of the CoC NOFO timeline. Once the CoC issues a final determination, any further appeals would be pursuant to the process set forth in the NOFO.

**Rating and ranking tool will be posted on the [www.racinecoc.org](http://www.racinecoc.org) website.**