AGENDA

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Contra Costa Council on Homelessness

Tuesday, August 19, 2025	**12:00 PM**	**Virtual Only:** **https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/1vNMGDBiQyW6FD4nSG7vVw**

Funding Committee Work Group

Agenda and Slides for 8.19.25 Funding Committee   **25-3402**

Attachments: 8.19.25 Funding Cmte Slides
2024 CoC NOFO 101
2025 CoCo CoC Funding Committee NOFO Work Group Agenda

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

3. CoC NOFO Competition Overview

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4. Framing the Conversation

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5. Recap of 2024 Committee Actions

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6. Proposed Renewal Project Scoring Tool Revisions   **25-3401**

    Attachments: Marked up 2024 - Renewal Scoring Tool
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7. What's Next

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The next meeting is currently scheduled for 9/12/25.

Adjourn

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File #: 25-3402   **Agenda Date:** 8/19/2025   **Agenda #:**

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
Subject: Agenda and Slides for 8.19.25 Funding Committee
Presenter:
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19 August, 2025

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Today's Agenda

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Zoom Housekeeping

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Introductions

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Introductions

CoH Members

Name, pronouns, seat, organization

1. Courtney Pal
2. Dani Jimenez
3. Hope Dixon
4. Nicole Green
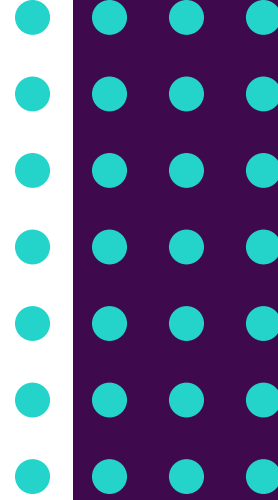5. Sherina (Rina) Criswell
6. Wayne Earl
7. Yahel Moreno

Community Members

Name, pronouns, organization

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NOFO Competition Overview

CoC Program Basics

CoC Competition Process

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CoC Program Basics

Program Basics

- Federal funding dedicated to ending homelessness

- Funding administered by HUD
  - 2-year grants (as of 2024) but may be back to 1-year
  - Announced through Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Funding distributed to local providers who participate in a Continuum of Care (e.g., Contra Costa County CoC)

CoC Competition Process

Collaborative Application

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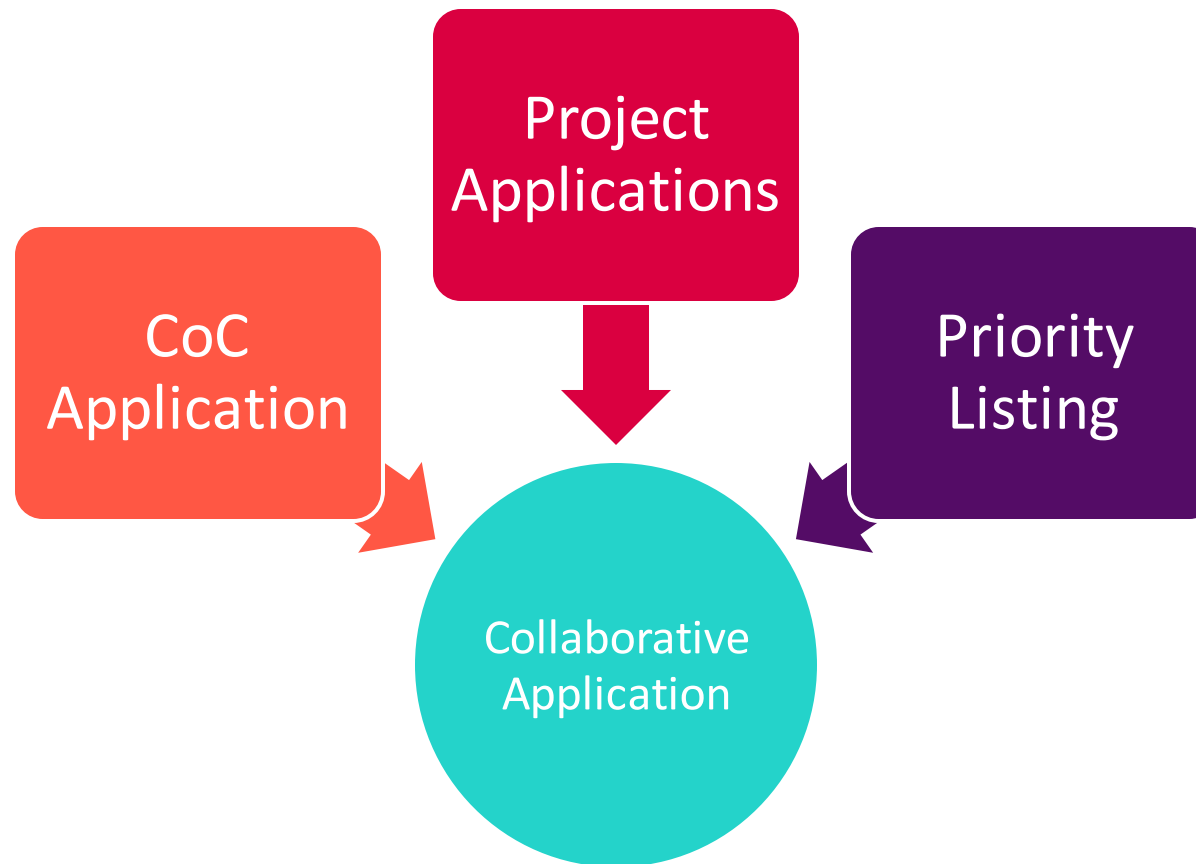
CoC Competition Process

Two-Part Selection Process

Part 1: Local Competition

a. The CoC creates a local process adhering to HUD and NOFO priorities

b. Agencies submit local applications

c. Local applications are "reviewed & ranked" by a scoring panel

Part 2: National Competition

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b. HUD decides what to fund

c. The CoC's Priority Listing is key!

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CoC Competition Process

The Local Process

1. **Community discusses scoring tools for renewal and new projects**

2. CoH approves scoring tool recommendations from Funding Committee (previously CoC/ESG)

3. HUD releases NOFO which provides details on this year's competition

4. Providers prepare and submit their project applications

5. Review and Rank panel reviews applications and creates "priority listing" of projects

6. Collaborative applications are due to HUD

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Framing the Conversation

What we know right now

Planning ahead

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What We Know Right Now

- In 2024, HUD announced that the NOFO was moving to a 2-year cycle (next competition was set for 2026)

- Recently, HUD announced that **a 2025 NOFO is on the horizon**

- We don't know if and when the 2025 NOFO will be released

- There might be a quick turnaround from release to due date

- We expect shifts in CoC funding policies and priorities

Bottom line: this will not be a typical competition year!

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Planning Ahead

- The Work Group will meet every three weeks, potentially through November depending on NOFO release and application deadlines.

- To accommodate an unexpected NOFO, the Work Group will focus on aligning with new HUD priorities and streamlining local scoring tools and policies
  - Revisions will prioritize sustaining and supporting the most community members that we can

- Scoring tools and competition policies are revisited every year

- The Funding Committee will convene early in 2026 to plan more strategically for future NOFOs

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Recap of 2024 Revisions

2024 Revision Goals

2024 Summary of Revisions

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2024 Revision Goals

- **Streamline** the competition process for applicants, panelists, and staff

- Enhance **scoring objectivity** of factors in Renewal Project Scoring Tool

- **Better differentiate** between high and higher performing projects

2024 Summary of Revisions (1 of 2)

1. **Deleted factors** – 1A Prioritizing Chronically Homeless Households, 2B Exits to Homelessness, 3A Administrative Structure, 3C CoC Participation, 3D Consistent Implementation of Housing First

2. **Adjusted allotment of points** – increased max point value for remaining factors

3. **Increased scoring objectivity** – 3B HMIS Participation and Data Quality, 3E Quality Assurance

4. **Revised scoring scales** – 2A Housing Stability, 2D Connection to Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits, 2E Connecting to Health Insurance, 3D Consistent Implementation of Housing First, 4A Utilization Rate

2024 Summary of Revisions (2 of 2)

5. **Streamlined Lived Experience Engagement and Racial Equity factors** – removed documentation requirements, moved lower impact strategies into "Threshold" section, consolidated remaining strategies, added component to share % of staff (total lived experience, total BIPOC, total BIPOC in management)

6. **Adjusted panelist discretion** – limited discretion to 25% of the max possible point value per scoring factor, required panelists document reason for alteration

7. **Adopted policy prioritizing high performing renewal projects over new projects** – based on meeting 3 objective performance measures (housing stability, utilization, unspent grant funds), extenuating circumstances, and/or adverse impact to underserved populations)

8. **Align New Project Scoring Tool** – ensured alignment with revised Renewal Project Scoring Tool

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Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Goals for Revisions

Proposed Recommendations

Potential Revisions (depending on NOFO Specifications)

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Goals for Renewal Tool Revisions

We will go factor by factor reviewing the 2024 Renewal Project Scoring Tool with these two goals in mind.

1. **Federal Policy Alignment**
   - Align scoring and application with HUD and NOFO priorities in order to score high and sustain funding in our community

2. **Streamlining**
   - Reduce burden for applicants and simplify the scoring process where possible
   - Anticipating a shorter competition timeline than recent years

Threshold Questions

Federal Policy Alignment

Remove threshold questions with language/concepts that conflict with current federal policies

- **Equal Access/Fair Housing:** "The project provides equal access and fair housing, and will not discriminate against a program participant or prospective program participant on the basis of race, color, citizenship, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, source of income, genetic information, status as a survivor of domestic violence, or other reasons prohibited by law." **Recommend to remove in alignment with federal policy.**

- **Housing First:** "The project is committed to the principles of Housing First, and this is reflected in the project's written policies and procedures." **Recommend to remove or rephrase in alignment with federal policy**

- **Public Commitment to Address Racial Inequities:** "The agency has a public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities included in the organization's mission, vision, goals, etc." **Recommend to remove in alignment with federal policy**

Threshold Questions (cont.)

Streamlining

<u>**Remove**</u> **this threshold question**

- **Program Policies & Procedures:** "Project has submitted policies and procedures that are consistent with minimum HUD requirements."

    - *Why?*
        - *Policies and procedures (P&Ps) already reviewed during monitoring process*
        - *Limiting number of attachments will reduce burden on applicants and keep scoring process focused to objective data and narrative responses*

Factor 1.A. Project Impact

Streamlining

Simplify process for applicants

- **Current Factor Language:** Impact of the program in addressing local needs. Consider:
  - Subpopulations served
  - Demonstrated need for the project type in the community
  - <mark>Leveraged resources (e.g., site-based housing, match)</mark>
  - Panelists should consider the impact on the community if the project's funding were reduced or eliminated. Data packet provided during the competition can help inform if a project is meeting local need.
- **Proposed Revision:** Prepopulate response from last year and ask applicants – "Do you have any updates regarding project impact and responsiveness to local need?"

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Factor 3.A. Data Quality

Streamlining

Clarify scoring for project serving DV survivors (Feedback from 2024 NOFO)

- **Current Factor Language:**

Factor 3.A. Data Quality	Scale	Points
% of values that are missing/unknown for required HUD Universal Data Elements (UDEs)	1% of fewer	8
	1.1%-2%	4
	2.1% or more	0

- **Proposed Revision:** Add "Projects that serve Domestic Violence (DV) survivors that are prohibited from entering client-level data into HMIS will receive full points for this factor if they use a comparable database."

Factor 3.D. Racial Equity

Federal Policy Alignment

Remove this scoring factor as it conflicts with current federal executive orders

- **Current Factor Language (shortened):**
  - "Does the agency implement one or more of the strategies below to advance racial equity? 1 point will be awarded for each strategy. (5 pts)
    - *Internal structures to address racial equity; Recruit and retain diverse staff; Regular training re: racial equity; Review project outcomes by race and ethnicity; Available translated materials and interpretive services*
  - Does the agency provide a percentage of its total staff who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC)? (1.5 pts)
  - Does the agency provide a percentage of its management/leadership level staff who are BIPOC? (1.5 pts)"

Factor 5.A. Reallocation Bonus

Streamlining

Clarify bonus points should be awarded to <u>projects</u> reallocating CoC funding, not <u>agencies</u> (Feedback from 2024 NOFO)

- **Current Factor Language:** "Did the Agency voluntarily reallocate a renewal project? Consider:
  - How much funding was reallocated?
  - What was the project type?
  - Panelists will award up to 5 points if the agency has voluntarily reallocated funds to a renewal project during this NOFO cycle."

- **Proposed Revision:** "Did the **project** voluntarily reallocate **some or all of its funding**?"

Potential Revisions

Factors to keep an eye out when the NOFO is released

- As of now, there is no indication that these are not in alignment with federal priorities but we can revisit once the NOFO is released
  - **Threshold Question #9 Involving People with Lived Experience in Program Development**
  - **Factor 3.C Lived Experience Engagement**

What's Next

Tentative Timeline

General NOFO Updates (as needed)

Tentative Timeline

Meeting #	Meeting	Topics
Meeting #1	August 19, 2025 12pm – 2pm	Overview of CoC NOFO competition Discuss revisions to Renewal Scoring Tool
Meeting #2	September 16, 12:30 – 2:30pm	Continue discussing revisions to Renewal Scoring Tool Discuss revisions to New Scoring Tool (as needed) Discuss policies for renewal projects (as needed) Finalize recommended revisions (if time permits)
Meeting #3	September 30, 2025 12pm – 2pm	If needed
Meeting #4	TBD	If needed
Meeting #5	TBD	If needed

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General NOFO Updates

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DISCLAIMER

This presentation reflects the 2024 NOFO competition process. While the **2025 NOFO has not yet been released**, we anticipate changes in CoC funding policies and priorities. We are sharing this information for reference, with the understanding that the process for this year may differ.

Contra Costa Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO 101

May 30, 2024

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We will be **recording**.

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Today's Agenda

➢Introductions

➢What is HUD CoC Program funding?

➢How do I apply for funding?

➢What can I use the funding for?

➢Next steps

Introductions

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Mentimeter Activity: Who's in the room?

Has your agency applied for CoC NOFO funding before?	How familiar are you with the HUD CoC competition?	Where do you spend most of your time?
What is your race/ethnicity?	Do you have current or past experience being unhoused?	What questions do you have about CoC funding?

What is HUD CoC Program Funding?

National Players

- **HUD** – U.S. Department of **H**ousing and **U**rban **D**evelopment. Federal Government agency that releases money and sets program rules.

- **CoC - C**ontinuum **o**f **C**are. Funding stream for permanent housing with services for people experiencing homelessness. Also used to broadly refer to the group of community stakeholders.

- **NOFO** – **N**otice **o**f **F**unding **O**pportunity. Term used for many different funding programs, but today we mean specifically the notice for HUD CoC funding.

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Local Players

Neutral facilitators

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Collaborative Applicant

- Contra Costa Health Services (H3)

Providers/Applicants/"Project Applicants"

- Satellite Affordable Housing Associates
- Contra Costa Health Services
- Resources for Community Development
- Housing Authority of Contra Costa County
- SHELTER, Inc
- Hope Solutions
- *New Project Applicants*

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CoC Program Funding

Administered by HUD

One-year grants

Annual competition

Federal funding to end homelessness

CoC Program Funding

HUD releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Each CoC submits a Consolidated Application to HUD

HUD awards grants directly to individual applicants (the CoC is not a pass-through)

How much funding is available?

- FY 2023 awards in Contra Costa totaled **$19.3 million**
  - [2023 CoC Program Competition Project Awards](#)

- FY 2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), to be released
  - National funding competition shared among more than 450 CoCs

How Do I Apply for Funding?

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Project Applicants

Renewal Projects	New Projects
• Awarded 1 year of funding last year • Asking to renew that funding for another year	• Don't exist yet • Asking for 1 year of funding to start operating

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Two-Part Application: Local Application

- Essays, short answers, attachments

- Details on what kind of funding you want and how you plan to spend it

  - # to be served, detailed budget, site addresses for project

- Used to evaluate, score, and rank

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Two-Part Application: HUD Project Application

- Formal request for funding

- Submitted in HUD's e-snaps system

- Essays, short answers, attachments

- TA process for new projects to ensure compliance with HUD rules

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The Local Process

Each spring, community discusses & revises scoring criteria

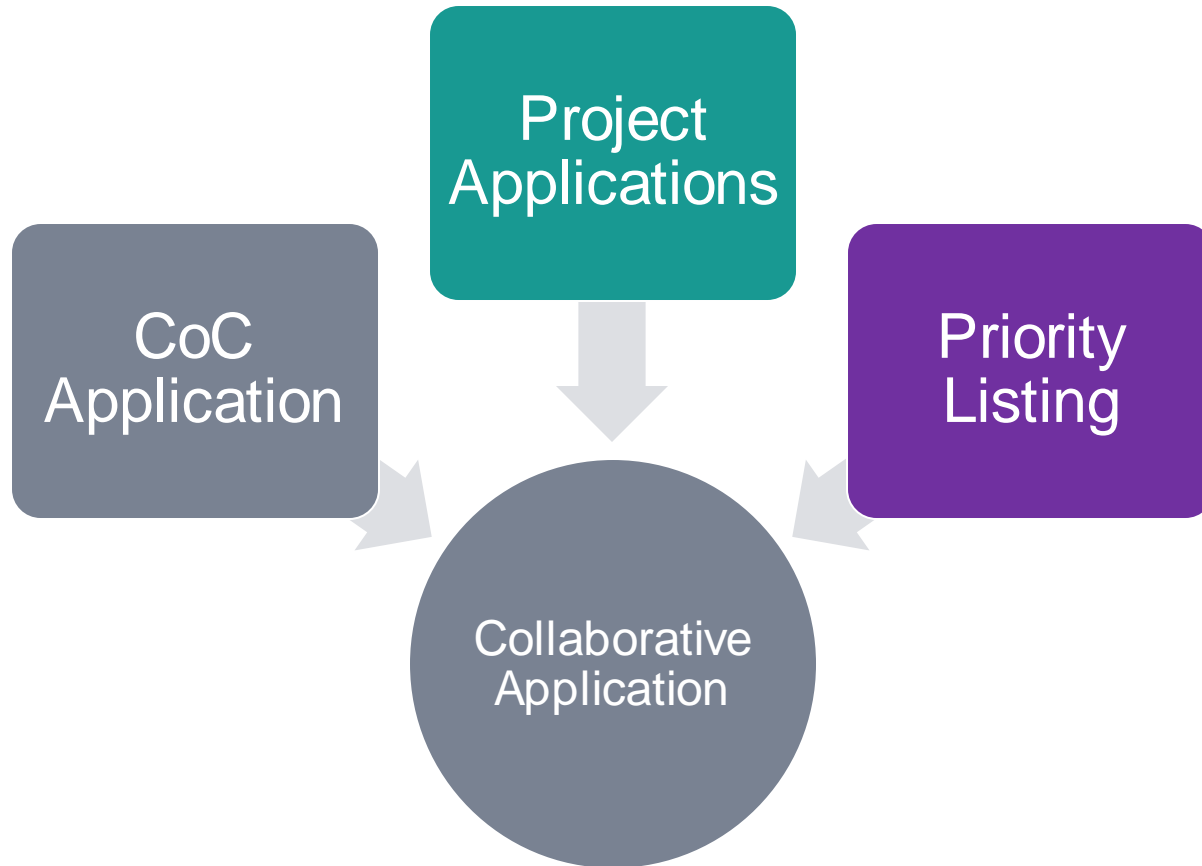| Renewal Project Scoring Tool | New Project Scoring Tool | Written CoC Application Process |

After the NOFO is released, the Review & Rank panel applies the scoring criteria to local applications

Priority Listing!

Collaborative Application

Project Applications

CoC Application

Priority Listing

Collaborative Application

Before You Submit an Application!

Be a non-profit or local government

Have an active SAM.gov registration

Have a SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier

Have an Applicant Profile for your organization in e-snaps

Have a compliant Code of Conduct

Get documentation of Match commitment(s)

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2025 Contra Costa County CoC Funding Committee NOFO Work Group

Session 1 Agenda

Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday August 19th
Time: 12 – 2pm
Virtual: Zoom registration link

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item
12 – 12:05pm (5min)	Welcome & Introductions
12:05 – 12:10pm (5min)	CoC NOFO Competition Overview
12:10 – 12:15pm (5min)	Framing the Conversation
12:15 – 12:25pm (10min)	Recap of 2024 Committee Actions
12:25 – 1:55pm (90min)	Proposed Renewal Project Scoring Tool Revisions
1:55 – 2:00pm (5min)	Closing: What's Next

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Staff Report

File #: 25-3401	**Agenda Date:** 8/22/2025	**Agenda #:** 6.

Advisory Board: Contra Costa Council on Homelessness
Subject: Proposed Renewal Project Scoring Tool Revisions
Presenter: Homebase
Contact:

Information: The Renewal Project Scoring Tool is used to assist the Review and Rank committee score proposed renewal projects for the HUD CoC NOFO.

Referral History and Update:

Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s): None

FY2024 CoC Program Competition
Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Commented [RM1]: Please read these instructions

OVERVIEW

Factor	Points
1. Project's Work is Consistent with HUD and Local Priorities	14
2. Project Performance Outcomes	36
3. Agency Capacity	30
4. Efficient Use of Funds	20
5. *Reallocation Bonus*	*+5*
Total	**100**

Note: The following projects will be reviewed for threshold in response to supplemental questions and placed at the bottom of Tier 1 at the discretion of the panelists:

- HMIS renewal projects,
- Coordinated Entry renewal projects, and
- Renewal projects operational less than one year.

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Factor	Points
1. Coordinated Entry Project participates in coordinated entry to the extent possible for this project type.	N/A
2. HMIS Project will enter data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS. A project serving survivors of domestic violence is required to use a comparable database to HMIS.	N/A
3. Successful Drawdown Project, if operational, has made at least one successful drawdown of federal funds as of the time of this application.	N/A
4. Program Policies & Procedures Project has submitted policies and procedures that are consistent with minimum HUD requirements.	N/A
5. Participant Eligibility The project will only accept participants that can be documented as eligible for this project's program type based on their housing and disability status.	N/A
6. Equal Access/Fair Housing The project provides equal access and fair housing, and will not discriminate against a program participant or prospective program participant on the basis of race, color, citizenship, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, source of income, genetic information, status as a survivor of domestic violence, or other reasons prohibited by law.	N/A
7. Housing First The project is committed to the principles of Housing First, and this is reflected in the project's written policies and procedures.	N/A
8. Lived Experience Satisfaction Surveys The project regularly administers satisfaction surveys to the people with lived experience of homelessness it serves.	N/A
9. Involving People with Lived Experience in Program Development The project regularly involves people with lived experience of homelessness in program development and operations.	N/A

Commented [RM2]: Recommend to remove this threshold question to help streamline. P&Ps are reviewed in CoC monitoring process

Commented [RM3]: Recommend to remove this threshold question in alignment with federal policy

Commented [RM4]: Recommend to remove this threshold question alignment with federal policy

Commented [AM5R4]: Additionally, Housing First is reviewed in the CoC monitoring process.

Commented [RM6]: Not recommending to remove, but flagging for additional review once NOFO comes out

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10. Public Commitment to Address Racial Inequities The agency has a public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities included in the organization's mission, vision, goals, etc.	N/A

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SCORING CRITERIA

All the scoring factors in this tool measure projects' contribution to improving Contra Costa CoC's System Performance by strengthening the overall system of care through data collection, coordination, prioritization, and increasing resources available to end homelessness in Contra Costa. Certain scoring factors relate to specific Performance Measures, as enumerated in each factor.

Discretion for Review and Rank Panelist - Outcomes for some factors may be naturally lower when serving a harder to serve population with severe needs and vulnerabilities such as persons experiencing chronic homelessness, mental illness, substance use disorders and/or domestic violence survivors. For certain factors, Review and Rank panelists may deviate (up or down) from a scaled score up to 25% of the max points based on the severity of barriers experienced by program participants and/or circumstances outside of an agency's control, as indicated by narrative provided by the agency. When exercising discretion, panelists must 1) follow the panelist discretion guidelines described in each factor, 2) not exceed the max point total for the factor, 3) document a reason for exercising discretion, and 4) apply discretion fairly and consistently across all projects.

1. PROJECT'S WORK IS CONSISTENT WITH HUD AND LOCAL PRIORITIES   (14 PTS.)

Factor 1.A. Project Impact & Responsiveness to Local Need *Panelist Discretion: none*	Scale	Points
Impact of the program in addressing local needs. Consider: • Subpopulations served • Demonstrated need for the project type in the community • Leveraged resources (e.g., site-based housing, match) Panelists should consider the impact on the community if the project's funding were reduced or eliminated. Data packet provided during the competition can help inform if a project is meeting local need.	Excellent	14
	Very Good	11
	Good	8
	Fair	5
	Poor	0

Commented [RM8]: Recommend to prepopulate answers from last year with an option to update to reduce applicant burden for this factor. Responses rarely change year to year here.

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2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES   (36 PTS.)

Projects will be scored based on data in the CoC's HMIS, except for projects operated by victim services providers which will be scored based on data from a comparable database.

Factor 2.A.1 Housing Stability for RRH and PSH Projects WITH *21 OR MORE UNITS*1	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 5 pts (25% of max), or can award 20 pts if no "living-leavers" exited to a permanent destination during period *Number of units determined by e-snaps Project Application*		
RRH: Exits to Permanent Housing % of "living-leavers" who exited to a permanent destination • Project will provide an explanation if there were no "living-leavers" that exited to a permanent destination during this reporting period. • When there are no "living-leavers" that exited to a permanent destination during this reporting period, panelists may award 20 points with discretion. ***RRH APR Sources:** [(APR 23a Permanent Destinations Subtotal + APR 23b Permanent Destinations Subtotal) ÷ APR 5a Leavers]*	100% 95-99.9% 90-94.9% 85-89.9% 80-84.9% 75-79.9%	20 19 18 17 16 15
PSH: Increasing Housing Retention % of participants who remained in the program for at least 6 months or "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination • Project will provide an explanation if there were no participants in the program for at least 6 months and there were no "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination during this reporting period. • When no participants were in the program for at least 6 months and there were no "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination during this reporting period, panelists may award 20 points with discretion. ***PSH APR Sources:** [APR22a1 Stayers 181 to 1825 Days + APR23a Permanent Destinations Subtotal + APR23b Permanent Destinations Subtotal] ÷ [APR5a Total Served - APR22a1 Stayers Less than 30 Days to 180 Days - APR23a Deceased - APR23b Deceased]*	70-74.9% 65-69.9% <65%	10 5 0

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Commented [RM9]: No recommended changes to Factor 2A

Factor 2.A.2 Housing Stability for RRH and PSH Projects WITH *20 OR LESS* UNITS[2]	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 5 pts (25% of max), or can award 20 pts if no "living-leavers" exited to a permanent destination during period *Number of units determined by e-snaps Project Application*		
RRH: Exits to Permanent Housing % of "living-leavers" who exited to a permanent destination	≥95%	20
• Project will provide an explanation if there were no "living-leavers" that exited to a permanent destination during this reporting period.	90-94.9%	19
	85-89.9%	18
• When there are no "living-leavers" that exited to a permanent destination during this reporting period, panelists may award 20 points with discretion.	80-84.9%	17
RRH APR Sources: [(APR 23a Permanent Destinations Subtotal + APR 23b Permanent Destinations Subtotal) ÷ APR 5a Leavers]	75-79.9%	16
	70-74.9%	15
PSH: Increasing Housing Retention % of participants who remained in the program for at least 6 months or "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination	60-69.9%	10
	40-59.9%	5
• Project will provide an explanation if there were no participants in the program for at least 6 months and there were no "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination during this reporting period.	<40%	0
• When no participants were in the program for at least 6 months and there were no "living-leavers" who exited to another permanent destination during this reporting period, panelists may award 20 points with discretion. *PSH APR Sources: [APR22a1 Stayers 181 to 1825 Days + APR23a Permanent Destinations Subtotal + APR23b Permanent Destinations*		

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[1] HUD System Performance Measures 1, 3, 7
[2] HUD System Performance Measures 1, 3, 7

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Subtotal] ÷ [APR5a Total Served - APR22a1 Stayers Less than 30 Days to 180 Days - APR23a Deceased - APR23b Deceased]		

Factor 2.B. Maintaining/Increasing Cash Income[3]	**Scale**	**Points**
Panelist Discretion: up to 1.5 pts (25% of max), or can award 6 pts if no clients were in the program long enough for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during period		
% of adults who maintained or increased any non-zero cash income (employment and/or mainstream benefits) based on last completed annual assessment for stayers and based on exit for leavers • Project will provide an explanation for any leavers that exit in less than 6 months. Panelists may use their discretion to award points based on a calculation that excludes leavers that exited in less than 6 months. • When no clients were in the program long enough to be eligible for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during the reporting period, panelists will award 6 points. *APR Sources: [Q19a3 Adults with increased income + Q19a3 Adults who gained income + Q19a3 Adults with the same non-zero income] ÷ [APR 5a Adults - APR 18 Adult Stayers Not Yet Required to Have an Assessment]*	≥90%	6
	80-89.9%	5
	70-79.9%	4
	60-69.9%	2
	<60%	0

Commented [RM11]: No recommended changes to Factor 2B

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[3] HUD System Performance Measure 4

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Factor 2.C. Connecting to Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits[4]	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 1 pt (25% of max), or can award 4 pts if no clients were in the program long enough for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during period		
% of adults who access at least one non-cash mainstream benefit based on last completed annual assessment for stayers and based on exit for leavers	≥80%	4
• Project will provide an explanation for any leavers that exit in less than 6 months. Panelists may use their discretion to award points based on a calculation that excludes leavers that exited in less than 6 months.	65-79.9%	3
	50-64.9%	2
• When no clients were in the program long enough to be eligible for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during the reporting period, panelists will award 4 points. *APR Sources: [APR 20b 1Plus Sources Leavers + APR 20b 1Plus Sources Stayers] ÷ [APR 5a Adults - APR 18 Adult Stayers Not Yet Required to Have an Assessment]*	<50%	0

Commented [RM12]: No recommended changes to Factor 2C

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Factor 2.D. Connecting to Health Insurance[5]	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 1.5 pts (25% of max), or can award 6 pts if no clients were in the program long enough for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during period		

% of adults who access at health insurance benefits based on last completed annual assessment for stayers and based on exit for leavers • Project will provide an explanation for any leavers that exit in less than 6 months. Panelists may use their discretion to award points based on a calculation that excludes leavers that exited in less than 6 months. • When no clients were in the program long enough to be eligible for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during the reporting period, panelists will award 6 points. *APR Sources: [APR 21 Stayers 1 Source of Health Insurance + APR 21 Stayers More than 1 Source of Health Insurance + APR 21 Leavers 1 Source of Health Insurance + APR 21 Leavers More than 1 Source of Health Insurance] ÷ [APR 5a Adults - APR 18 Adult Stayers Not Yet Required to Have an Assessment]*	Scale	Points
	100%	6
	95-99.9%	5
	85-94.9%	4
	60-84.9%	2
	<60%	0

Commented [RM13]: No recommended changes to Factor 2D

3. AGENCY CAPACITY   (30 PTS.)

Factor 3.A. HMIS Data Quality *Panelist Discretion: up to 1.5 points (25% of max)*	Scale	Points
% of values that are missing/unknown for required HUD Universal Data Elements (UDEs)	1% or fewer	8
	1.1-2%	4
Consider: HMIS Data Quality Report	2.1% or more	0

Commented [RM14]: Recommend to add this provision: "Projects that serve Domestic Violence (DV) survivors that are prohibited from entering client-level data into HMIS will receive full points for this factor if they use a comparable database."

Commented [RM15R14]: DV projects have been unfairly penalized for missing data in the past

Factor 3.B. CoC Mandatory Training Participation *Panelist Discretion: up to 2 points (25% of max)*	Scale	Points
	Attended all trainings	6

Commented [RM16]: No recommended changes to Factor 3B

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At least 1 agency staff attended each of the mandatory monthly CoC trainings from July through June (fiscal year), exact dates will be provided during the competition.	Missed 1	3
	Missed 2+	0

Factor 3.C. Lived Experience Engagement	Points
Panelist Discretion: none	
• Does the agency describe <u>one example of feedback</u> received from participants in the past two years and the way the agency responded to that feedback, including its process for ensuring feedback is implemented and any concrete changes it made to program design, policy, or operations? (2 pts) • Does the agency have a <u>board with at least one person</u> with current or past experience of homelessness OR some other regular mechanism for people with lived experience of homelessness to meaningfully impact the agency's strategic direction? (2 pts) • Does the agency provide a <u>percentage of its total staff</u> who have current or past lived experience of homelessness? (2 pts) • Does the agency describe <u>how it intends to maintain or improve</u> upon the percentage provided of staff with current or past experience of homelessness? (2 pts)	8

Commented [RM17]: Not recommending to remove, but flagging for additional review once NOFO comes out

Factor 3.D. Racial Equity *Panelist Discretion: none*	Points
Does the agency implement one or more of the strategies below to advance racial equity? 1 point will be awarded for each strategy. (5 pts) 1. Internal structures exist to address issues of racial equity and barriers participants face that are related to their race, ethnicity, or cultural background (i.e., community advisory body, equity committee). 2. Strategies exist to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages frequently encountered by the organization, including Spanish, Tagalog, Chinese, and other languages as necessary. The agency should also highlight how it intends to maintain or improve upon the percentage provided of BIPOC staff overall and BIPOC staff at management/leadership levels (see below). 3. Staff receive regular training and support regarding racial equity, including structured conversations within the agency and training provided by the CoC around racial equity, understanding the barriers participants may face that are related to their race, ethnicity, or cultural background, and staff's role and tools for addressing them. Racial equity and cultural responsiveness knowledge, skills and practices are also part of both staff job descriptions and workplans. 4. Staff regularly review project data on populations being served, outcomes, and performance metrics by race and ethnicity. 5. Written materials and translation/interpretive services are provided in Spanish, Tagalog, and Chinese, as well as other languages as necessary. Does the agency provide a percentage of its total staff who are Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color (BIPOC)? (1.5 pts) Does the agency provide a percentage of its management/leadership level staff who are BIPOC? (1.5 pts)	8

Commented [RM18]: Recommend to remove this scoring factor in alignment with federal policy.

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4. EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS   (20 PTS.)

Factor 4.A. Utilization Rate[6]	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 2.5 points (25% of max)		
Is the project at capacity in meeting the number of homeless people it is designed to serve? • Consider: Annual Performance Report and other relevant utilization data on units for stayers and living-leavers who exit to a permanent housing destination.	≥100%	10
	95-99.9%	8
	90-94.9%	6
	85-89.9%	4
	80-84.8%	2
	<80%	0

Commented [RM19]: No recommended changes to 4A

Factor 4.B. Unspent Grant Funds	Scale	Points
Panelist Discretion: up to 2.5 points (25% of max)		
Has the agency left project grant funds unspent in the past 2 years? • Consider if the program is running at capacity in the past 2 years and if the project receives leasing or rental assistance funding.	<5%	10
	5.1 – 10%	8
	10.1 – 20%	6
	20.1 – 30%	4
	>30.1%	0

Commented [RM20]: No recommended changes to 4B

5. REALLOCATION BONUS   (5 PTS.)

Factor 5.A. Reallocation	Points
Did the Agency voluntarily reallocate a renewal project? Consider: • How much funding was reallocated? • What was the project type? • Panelists will award up to 5 points if the agency has voluntarily reallocated funds to a renewal project during this NOFO cycle.	5

Commented [RM21]: Recommendation from last year: only give bonus points to the project, not the entire agency, reallocating. Change question to ask "Did the project voluntarily reallocate some or all of its funding?"

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[6] HUD System Performance Measures 1, 3

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