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Contra Costa County CoC: Funding Committee

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Today's Agenda

- Introductions + 6/11 Meeting Recap
- Application Process Revisions
- Scoring Tool Revisions
- Action Item!
- Closing & Next Steps

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Staff Introductions



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Introductions

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2. Dani Jimenez
3. Jared Murti
4. Juno Hedrick
5. Nicole Green
6. Sherina (Rina) Criswell
7. Wayne Earl

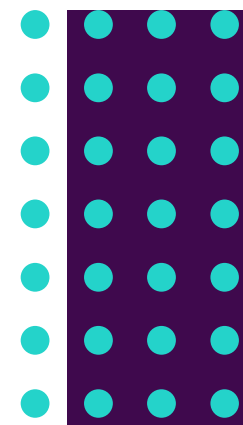
Community Members

Name, pronouns, organization

6/11 Meeting Recap

- Reviewed 2026 NOFO Key Highlights
- Discussed possible revisions regarding:
 - Tier 2 approach and prioritization order
 - Prioritization of program design elements
 - Incentivization of partnerships
 - Review & Rank Panel discretion policy

Application Process Revisions



Review & Rank Panel Discretion

Added:

The Review and Rank Panel may add or decrease a project's final score by up to five (5) points to align the Priority Listing with HUD NOFO priorities and local needs for the purpose of maximizing the CoC's competitiveness for available funding. Any score adjustment must be indicated as part of the Priority Listing review process.

(per 6/11 Funding Committee meeting)

Prioritization

- Deleted: Any funding captured from an existing project will be prioritized for permanent housing projects that meet the requirements in the NOFO application, to the fullest extent allowed in the NOFO. *(per 6/4 Council meeting)*
- Deleted: all references to permanent housing “cap” – the language was broadened to include any limiting of funding for permanent housing projects *(per 6/4 Council meeting)*
- Added: Renewal PH Projects not included in Tier 1 must apply for a transition grant or reallocate funding. *(per 6/11 Funding Committee meeting)*

Tier 2 Prioritization

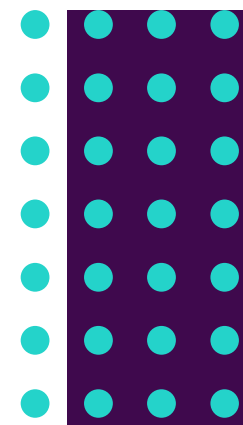
Added: For the FY 2026 CoC NOFO, the CoC will only accept new project applications for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only. Applications for new permanent housing project will not be accepted. The CoC will prioritize projects placed in Tier 2 in the following order:

1. New DV Bonus projects (transition grants)
2. New transition grant projects
3. All other new grants

(per 6/11 Funding Committee meeting)

Proposed Revisions

- New Project Scoring Tool
- Renewal Project Scoring Tool



2026 CoC NOFO - Scoring Incentives

1. Sober living environment – portion of 20 points (CoC Application)
2. Substance use treatment on-site – portion of 20 points (CoC Application)
3. Service participation requirements – 8 points (CoC Application)
4. 20 hours/week of individualized services – portion of 2 points (TH New Project Threshold, need 6 of 8 points)
5. Opportunity zones – 4 points (CoC Application)
6. Partner with first responders & law enforcement – 1 point (SSO New Project Threshold, need 5 of 6 points); portion of 5 points (CoC Application, Street Outreach); portion of 14 points (CoC Application, Protecting Public Safety)
7. Th project primarily or exclusively services families with children – 4 points (CoC Application)

New Project Scoring Tool

TH – Proposed Changes (1 of 2)

1. 1A – added employment income threshold language
2. 1A – added returns to homelessness threshold language
3. 1A – asked for more specifics around HMIS experience
4. 1A – adjusted to only receiving half of points if no experience with audits and similarly if no experience with government agency funding
5. 1B – asked for partner agencies and whether MOUs are in place
6. 1B – added incentive for at least 30% of supportive services to be provided by partner agencies
7. 1C – adjusted from 50% to 25% of participants exiting with increased employment income

TH – Proposed Changes (2 of 2)

8. 1E – adjusted from 40 hours to 20 hours of customized services and incentivize requiring substance use treatment
9. 1F – added mention of eligible costs, methodology for supportive services costs, and review and rank panel considerations
10. 1G – added incentive for projects that primarily or exclusively serve families with children

SSO Standalone – Proposed Changes

1. 2A – asked for more specifics around HMIS experience
2. 2A – adjusted to only receiving half of points if no experience with audits and similarly if no experience with government agency funding
3. 2C – asked for partner agencies and whether MOUs are in place
4. 2E – added mention of eligible costs, methodology for supportive services costs, and review and rank panel considerations

SSO Street Outreach – Proposed Changes

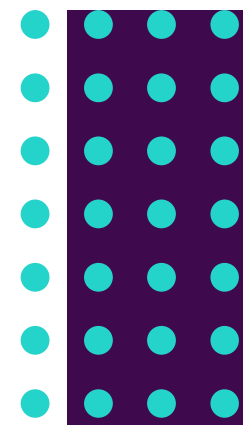
1. 3A – asked for experience with projects that have helped participants exit unsheltered homelessness or encampments
2. 3A – asked for more specifics around HMIS experience
3. 3A – adjusted to only receiving half of points if no experience with audits and similarly if no experience with government agency funding
4. 3C – asked for partner agencies and whether MOUs are in place
5. 3E – asked for more specifics regarding partnership history, adjusted to only receiving half of points if no experience
6. 3F – added mention of eligible costs, methodology for supportive services costs, and review and rank panel considerations

Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Renewal Projects – Proposed Changes

1. 1A – adjusted leverage to only refer to services and not housing
2. 2A – Replaced “Exits to Homelessness” with “Returns to Homelessness” and added a new scoring scale
3. 2B – adjusted scoring scale
4. 3B – reduced point total and adjusted scoring scale
5. 4A – adjusted to include as part of 100-point scale (no longer bonus points) and adjusted reallocation percentage

Action Item

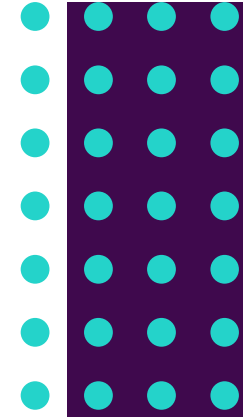


Let's Vote!

Approve revisions to the following FY2026 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition materials:

1. Application Process
2. New Project Scoring Tool
3. Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Closing



Upcoming Dates

- 6/17, 1-3:30pm – Technical Assistance Workshop (mandatory for all applicants)
- 8/26 – 2026 CoC NOFO due date (there are earlier local deadlines)

Contra Costa County CoC Funding Committee Work Group

Agenda

Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday, June 16

Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Location: Zoom. Please use the following Zoom link to register:

<https://homebaseccc.zoom.us/meeting/register/dZ3KHOTHY-pAFqHaGwFFA#/registration>

Agenda

1. **Introductions**
2. **Recap of 6/11 Call** – 2:30 – 2:40pm (10min)
3. **Application Process Revisions** – 2:40 – 2:55 (15min)
4. **Scoring Tool Revisions** – 2:55 – 4:20pm (85min)
5. **Action Item** – 4:20 – 4:25pm (5min)
6. **Closing & Next Steps** - 4:25 – 4:30pm (5 min)



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FY 2026 CoC Program CoC Application Process

CONTRA COSTA COC APPLICATION PROCESS

Document Purpose

This document is a tool to support the fair, transparent, and objective administration of the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition process. The following sections outline the Council on Homelessness's policies as related to designing, operating and following a collaborative local process for the development of HUD Continuum of Care Program applications and approval of submission of applications as required by C.F.R. 578.9.

2026 Late Application Policy: Late applications will be considered under extenuating circumstances (i.e., failure to accept the application would result in a significant loss of housing resources or system capacity for the CoC) and will be reviewed and determined on a case-by-case basis by the Review and Rank Panel.

To maintain fairness in the competition process, the following scoring reductions will apply to approved late applications:

- Applications submitted up to 24 hours after the established deadline will receive a 5-point deduction from the final application score.
- Applications submitted more than 24 hours, but no more than 48 hours, after the established deadline will receive a 7-point deduction from the final application score.
- Applications submitted more than 48 hours after the established deadline will not be accepted or reviewed.

Incomplete applications cannot be cured for the CoC Review and Rank Panel scoring process but must be corrected prior to HUD submission.

Section 1. APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The Council on Homelessness (Council) prepares and oversees the applications for funds administered by HUD under the HEARTH Act. The Council on Homelessness is designed to assist individuals—including unaccompanied youth—and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability. The Council's HUD CoC Program funds are granted annually based on a national competition following the release of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO). It is a primary responsibility of the Council to oversee the application for those funds.



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Section 2. COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT

The Council designates Contra Costa Health – Health, Housing, and Homeless Services as the annual HUD CoC Program Collaborative Applicant. The Collaborative Applicant (or its designee) is responsible for leading and supporting all aspects of the annual HUD CoC Program application process, including submission of the Consolidated Application consisting of 1) the CoC Application; 2) the CoC’s Priority List of Projects; and 3) all Project Applications.

The Collaborative Applicant may identify and designate a neutral third party to facilitate the CoC Program Competition, including facilitating the development of scoring tools, implementation of technical assistance, support drafting the CoC application, and administration of the project application review and ranking process.

Section 3. OVERVIEW OF PROJECT REVIEW PROCESS AND APPLICATION SUBMISSION TIMELINE

Immediately after HUD’s Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFO) is released, the Collaborative Applicant (or its designee) will coordinate and carry out all of activities needed to successfully submit an application on behalf of the CoC. The following is an overview of the local competition process and tasks for CoC Program application submission. The process and timeline are subject to change annually, depending on HUD’s requirements as outlined in the NOFO.

- Funding Committee meets to discuss and approve scoring criteria and competition policies for project applications
- Selection of non-conflicted Review & Rank Panelists
- Project Applications are submitted through a designated portal
- Review & Rank Panel convenes to evaluate and score project applications
- Review & Rank Panel ranks projects on a Priority List and recommends projects for inclusion in the CoC Application for funding from HUD
- Priority Listing is publicized
- Council approves the Priority Listing
- Collaborative Applicant drafts CoC Application, if applicable
- Final Priority Listing, CoC Application, and Project Applications are made available for public comment
- Collaborative Applicant submits final Consolidated Application to HUD

Section 4. SCORING TOOLS

Prior to the NOFO release, the Funding Committee will convene to design and/or revise scoring tools and any corresponding local application materials to assist in the CoC review and ranking of all renewal and new project applications. The Funding Committee reviews data and analytics from the local HMIS and Coordinated Entry System, year-over-year CoC project and funding information, funding and project opportunities and strategies available in the current HUD NOFO release, and local demographic trends.



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That data and information is then used to develop and update scoring tools and competition policies for the purpose of effectively evaluating the current local need for subpopulation focuses and project and bed type, as well as project performance and impact.

The scoring tools and competition policies will take into consideration both local and HUD priorities, including projects serving populations with severe needs and vulnerabilities, such as persons experiencing chronic homelessness, mental illness, substance use disorders, and survivors of domestic violence.

The scoring tools and competition policies may also establish threshold criteria reflective of local and HUD priorities, which all project applications are expected to meet. This criteria may include factors such as coordinated entry and HMIS participation.

The scoring tools and competition policies will be finalized and approved by the Funding Committee, a subcommittee of the Council.

Section 5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Upon HUD release of the NOFO, a third-party facilitator will schedule and announce a time and date for a Technical Assistance Workshop, if time permits. These details will be distributed to the entire CoC.

All potential applicants must participate in the HUD CoC Program Technical Assistance Workshop and/or receive technical assistance from the third-party facilitator or the Collaborative Applicant. At the workshop, the third-party facilitator will present an overview of the HUD CoC NOFO, including details about available funding and any major changes in the application from previous years. Applicants will also be oriented to the process for reviewing and ranking applications, which will cover any supplemental local application materials, the scoring tool, and relevant dates and deadlines. Applicants will also have an opportunity to ask any questions about both the local and HUD application processes.

Throughout the CoC Program Competition technical assistance will be available to all project applicants. Technical assistance for new and returning project applicants is designed to:

- explain the application process, including use of the application submissions portal,
- explain the current year's funding opportunities, and
- provide training and support for prospective applicants to ensure eligible and competitive applications.

Section 6. PROJECT APPLICATIONS & SUBMISSION

Project applications are submitted online through a designated application portal.

The project applications mirror the new and renewal project scoring tools and solicit information necessary for the Review & Rank Panel to consistently score applicant responses using the objective criteria outlined in the tools. The application may include requests for quantitative and qualitative data.



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Typically, the applications require information related to: consistency with HUD and local priorities, agency capacity and readiness, project scope and design, and efficient use of funds.

Incomplete applications cannot be cured for the CoC Review and Rank Panel scoring process but must be corrected prior to HUD submission.

Note that the CoC will accept and consider proposals that meet requirements from organizations that have not previously received CoC funding (including faith-based).

Section 7. LOCAL REVIEW & RANK PROCESS

The next stage in the competition requires an evaluation of project applications. The Review and Rank Panel is responsible for conducting this evaluation and ranking process.

A. PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The Council designates between three and five of its members to serve as CoC Review and Rank Panelists. CoC Review and Rank Panelists must be:

- Knowledgeable about homelessness and housing in the community and broadly representative of the relevant sectors, subpopulations, and geographic areas;
- “Non-conflicted,” meaning that they are not employees, staff, or otherwise have a business or personal conflict of interest with the applicant organizations;
- Familiar with housing and homeless needs within Contra Costa County; and
- Willing to review projects with the best interest of homeless persons in mind.

To serve on the CoC Review and Rank Panel, members must:

- Sign a statement declaring that they have no conflict of interest and a confidentiality agreement; and
- Be able to dedicate time for application review and CoC Review and Rank Panel meetings as scheduled by the Collaborative Applicant.

Qualified, non-conflicted CoC Review and Rank Panel members are recruited and oriented to the local review and ranking process.

B. REVIEW & RANK METHODOLOGY

The CoC Review and Rank Panel members receive all local application and scoring materials and evaluate and score each program’s application.



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Panel members are encouraged to individually review and pre-score applications using the scoring tools prior to the Review and Rank Panel meeting collectively. The CoC Review and Rank Panel meets to collectively evaluate each application and interview applicants.

The ranked list is created by the following procedures:

- Project applications are evaluated based on the scoring tool. Those applications that do not meet certain threshold requirements (as detailed on the scoring tool) will not be included on the ranked list.
- The Review and Rank Panel evaluates the quantitative and qualitative data consistent with the objective criteria in the scoring tool and assigns a score.
- Projects are ranked in the Priority Listing in order of their assigned score.
- Renewal HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects are automatically ranked at the bottom of Tier 1. Renewal projects with less than 12 months of data are automatically ranked at the bottom of Tier 1.
- Based on community priorities as defined in the scoring tools, the CoC Review and Rank Panel may determine whether any renewal project funding should be decreased or reallocated.
- The Review and Rank Panel may add or decrease a project's final score by up to five (5) points to align the Priority Listing with HUD NOFO priorities and local needs for the purpose of maximizing the CoC's competitiveness for available funding. Any score adjustments must be indicated as part of the Priority Listing review process.
- **If HUD releases a CoC NOFO that limits funding for permanent housing (PH):**
 - The CoC Lead Agency will meet with each renewal PH provider to develop a list of permanent housing projects to be prioritized for Tier 1, aligned with the CoC's overall strategy of prioritizing permanent supportive housing projects. **Renewal PH projects not included in Tier 1 must apply for a transition grant or reallocate funding.**
 - Renewal PH projects applying for a transition grant will be prioritized over new projects.
 - **For the FY 2026 CoC NOFO, the CoC will only accept new project applications for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only (Standalone and Street Outreach). Applications for new permanent housing projects will not be accepted. The CoC will prioritize projects placed in Tier 2 in the following order:**
 1. **New DV Bonus projects (transition grants)**
 2. **New transition grant projects**
 3. **All other new projects**



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- **If HUD releases a CoC NOFO that only allows for a competition period of 75 days or less:**
 - The Funding Committee can approve revisions to scoring tools and competition policies.
 - Note that if the competition period is more than 75 days, but the Council is unable to achieve quorum in sufficient time to approve the scoring tools and competition policies, the Funding Committee may approve those documents to ensure timely completion of the competition process.
 - Priority Listing will be approved by the Council on Homelessness – an emergency Council on Homelessness meeting may be convened as needed to complete the competition process within HUD-required timelines.

Scoring results are sent to applicants with information about the appeals process, if applicable in a given competition year. Appeals will be considered in compliance with the Appeals Process detailed in Section 9 below.

A final ranked project list (i.e., the Priority List) is submitted to the Council for review and approval. Upon approval, the Priority List is published.

The Collaborative Applicant collects all final Project Applications and submits them to HUD, along with the CoC Application and Priority List, as part of the CoC's Consolidated Application.

Section 7. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

HUD allows CoCs to reallocate funds from non- and/or under-performing projects to higher priority community needs that also align with HUD priorities and goals. The CoC Review and Rank Panel facilitates the reallocation discussion and process, in consultation with the CoC, the Council, the Collaborative Applicant, and the CoC Program recipients and subrecipients who may be impacted. The third-party facilitator may be asked to support community discussions and provide technical assistance around the strategic benefits or consequences of reallocation decisions. The Council or the designated Council representative must approve all final decisions about reallocation.

Section 8. USING ALL AVAILABLE FUNDS

The Collaborative Applicant and third-party facilitator will do everything possible to ensure that the community applies for all funds available to the CoC. Thus, if all on-time applications have been submitted and it appears that either: 1) the community is not requesting as much money as is available from HUD, 2) no bonus (or other special project as defined by HUD) projects have been submitted, or 3) there are reallocated funds available, then:

- The Collaborative Applicant and third-party facilitator will communicate with the Council, CoC, and other interested parties (all homeless service and housing providers in Contra Costa County) with details about the available funding.



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- The Collaborative Applicant and third-party facilitator will provide technical assistance and guidance, as needed, to ensure applicants understand the funding requirements.
- Any additional applications for these funds will be due as soon as possible after this communication is distributed, in compliance with CoC Program submission deadlines.

Section 9. APPEALS PROCESS

If HUD releases a CoC NOFO that **limits funding** for permanent housing projects, renewal projects cannot appeal the following decisions:

- 1) Reallocation amounts for projects included in the list of permanent housing projects prioritized for Tier 1, and
- 2) Renewal projects excluded from the list of permanent housing projects prioritized for Tier 1.

Renewal projects who apply for a transition grant and new projects are eligible to appeal given they meet specific criteria.

This policy will be reviewed and reconsidered in future years.

Section 10. FINAL PRIORITIZED LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The Council must approve the final ranked list of all Project Applicant proposals. If the full Council approves the final ranked list, any Council members with a conflict of interest must recuse himself/herself from all related discussions and abstain from the vote approving the priority list. The Collaborative Applicant will then submit this prioritized list to HUD by the CoC Program Competition deadline as part of the Consolidated Application. Conditional award funding is typically based upon the prioritized list of Project Applicants that are submitted; however, HUD determines actual awards and funding amounts.



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Review proposed Scoring Tools Revisions.



COC COMPETITION SCORING TOOL – NEW PROJECTS

NEW PROJECT SCORING TOOL OVERVIEW

This scoring tool is used by the Review & Rank Panel to evaluate new project applications, that is applications for projects that did not receive CoC funding in the previous competition year. The tool includes threshold criteria that project applicants must meet in order to be eligible for consideration; these criteria are required but not scored. Applications that do not meet the minimum threshold requirements will not advance in the competition process. The tool also includes scoring criteria which will be used to determine each project's final application score and ranking.

SCORING CRITERIA

This scoring tool will be used for the following new project types per the 2026 CoC NOFO and Contra Costa CoC approved priorities:

1. New Transitional Housing Projects – 100 points
2. New Supportive Services Only Projects – 100 points
3. New Street Outreach Projects – 100 points



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Threshold criteria are required but not scored. Projects that receive a “No” on any of threshold criteria will be deemed ineligible for the competition process.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

1. **Project Eligibility:** The applicant is eligible to receive CoC funding (i.e., valid applicant type, SAM registered, has a Unique Entity Identifier number). The project type is eligible for funding under the CoC NOFO and local CoC’s competition rules for this competition year. The project proposes to start by HUD’s statutory deadlines.
2. **Coordinated Entry Participation:** Project will participate in coordinated entry to the extent possible for this project type.
3. **HMIS Participation:** Project will enter data for all CoC-funded beds into the Contra Costa CoC Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), unless it is serving survivors of domestic violence, in which case it will enter data into a comparable database.
4. **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.
5. **Budget:** The program’s budget is sufficiently detailed, includes eligible costs, shows CoC and non-CoC funding sources for the project, and will have match funding that adds up to at least 25% of the federal funding requested.
6. **Compliance with 2026 HUD CoC NOFO requirements:**
 - a. Project applicant complies with the Fair Housing Act and all relevant state and/or local fair housing laws.
 - b. Project application complies with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the Violence Against Women Act or substantially equivalent state or local laws.
 - c. Project will affirmatively certify that project applicants will not engage in illegal racial discrimination. This is consistent the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
 - d. Project will affirmatively certify that project applicants will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites" in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(1), knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control in violation of 21 U.S.C. 856(a)(2), or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia in violation of 21 U.S.C. 863. This is consistent the requirements of 2 CFR 200.300(a).
 - i. This certification is not a requirement that program participants must be sober in order to receive assistance, participate in treatment in order to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement.



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. Please note that each of the eligible new project types in the 2026 CoC NOFO have their own scoring criteria below:

1. **Transitional Housing**
2. **Supportive Services Only**
3. **Street Outreach**

1. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (100 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 1.A. AGENCY EXPERIENCE – 26 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 26 points total for the following:

- **5 points** - Applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped **at least 50% of participants exit homelessness within 24 months and at least 50% of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.**
- **5 points** - Applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have **limited returns to homelessness to less than 7% of participants over 12 months.**
- **4 points** - The applicant, members or the applicant's Board, or members of the applicant's leadership team successful handled at least one other federal grant or other major grant of this size and complexity, either in or out of the CoC. At least 90% of the funds were spent from such grants.
- **4 points** - Applicant can receive 4 points if they currently participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, within this CoC or another CoC, **and can describe the software used and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) for managing data.** If the applicant does not actively participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, the applicant can receive 2 points by demonstrating the capacity to collect and manage data, **including any software used and the Full-Time Equivalent (FTEs) for managing data.**
- **4 points** - Applicant receives 4 points if they do not have any outstanding HUD findings and/or financial audit findings. **If the applicant does not have experience with HUD or financial audits then the applicant will receive 2 points.**
- **4 points** – Applicant receives 4 points if HUD or any other federal, state, or local agency has not deobligated any of the applicant's grant funds in the past three operating years. **If the applicant does not have any experience with HUD, federal, state, or local agency funding then the applicant will receive 2 points.**



FACTOR 1.B. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – 24 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 24 points total for the following:

- **3 points** - Applicant adequately describes how the project will provide and/or partner with other agencies to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.). Applicant will name any partner agencies and state whether Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with these partner agencies for the purpose of this proposed project at the time of application submission.
- **3 points** - Applicant can receive 3 points for indicating that at least 30% of supportive services will be provided by partner agencies.
- **3 points** - Applicant adequately describes the supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) that will be offered to program participants and how the service needs of program participants will be assessed. Service plans for program participants should include the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided, program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievements focused on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income.
- **5 points** – The project will receive 5 points for operating as a sober living environment.
- **5 points** – The project will receive up to 5 points for providing substance use treatment on-site and listing the treatment provider(s).
- **5 points** – Project will require participation in supportive services tailored to participant needs and provide direct language from a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).

FACTOR 1.C. EMPLOYMENT INCOME – 15 POINTS

- Applicant can receive up to 15 points for demonstrating they have previously operated or currently operates a transitional housing project or another homelessness project where at least 25% of participants exit with increased employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.
- If the applicant does not have this track record, the applicant can receive up to 7.5 points for describing a plan for at least 25% of participants to exit with increased employment income.

FACTOR 1.D. MAINSTREAM RESOURCES – 10 POINTS



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- Applicant can receive up to 10 points if the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

FACTOR 1.E. 20 HOURS OF CUSTOMIZED SERVICES – 7 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 5 points for adequately describing how the project will provide individualized services for participants that will result in at least 20 hours per week. Applicant can receive an additional 2 points for requiring substance use treatment.

- The 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment is for all program participants, except for participants over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3.
- Examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community-building activities, etc.
- Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement.

FACTOR 1.F. COST PER HOUSEHOLD – 10 POINTS

- The average cost per household served for the project is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. The proposed budget includes only eligible CoC costs and includes methodology for supportive services costs. The Review and Rank Panel will consider Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for the proposed project area and reasonable staffing costs per the proposed services.

FACTOR 1.G. ALIGNMENT WITH HUD AND COC NOFO – 8 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 5 points for aligning with current HUD and NOFO priorities:

- **4 points** - At least 50% of the project's activities will be located [Opportunity Zone](#). To receive points for this, projects must submit a signed HUD form 2996 certifying the project is in an Opportunity Zone by the local competition deadline.
- **4 points** – The project primarily or exclusively serves families with children. The applicant must describe how the project combines housing assistance with childcare, parenting support, pregnancy-related and child healthcare, and education.

2. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) STANDALONE (100 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 2.A. AGENCY EXPERIENCE – 26 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 26 points total for the following:

- **6 points** - Applicant has prior experience operating supportive services or other similar projects.



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- **5 points** - The applicant, members or the applicant's Board, or members of the applicant's leadership team successful handled at least one other federal grant or other major grant of this size and complexity, either in or out of the CoC. At least 90% of the funds were spent from such grants.
- **5 points** - Applicant can receive 5 points if they currently participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, within this CoC or another CoC, **and can describe the software used and the Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for managing data.** If the applicant does not actively participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, the applicant can receive 2.5 points by demonstrating the capacity to collect and manage data, **including any software used and the Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for managing data.**
- **5 points** - Applicant receives 5 points if they do not have any outstanding HUD findings and/or financial audit findings. **If the applicant does not have experience with HUD or financial audits then the applicant will receive 2.5 points.**
- **5 points** – Applicant receives 5 points if HUD or any other federal, state, or local agency has not deobligated any of the applicant's grant funds in the past three operating years. **If the applicant does not have any experience with HUD, federal, state, or local agency funding then the applicant will receive 2.5 points.**

FACTOR 2.B. NECESSITY OF PROJECT – 10 POINTS

- The applicant has adequately described why the project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency and indicated that an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participant will be conducted annually.

FACTOR 2.C. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – 30 POINTS

- **10 points** - Applicant adequately describes each supportive service (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) that will be offered to program participants.
- **10 points** - Applicant adequately describes how the project will partner with other agencies to provide eligible supportive services. Applicant will name any partner agencies and state whether Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with these partner agencies for this proposed project at the time of application submission.
- **10 points** - Project has described a reasonable strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage in services.

FACTOR 2.D. MAINSTREAM RESOURCES – 20 POINTS



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- Applicant adequately describes how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

FACTOR 2.E. COST PER HOUSEHOLD – 10 POINTS

- The average cost per household served for the project is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. **The proposed budget includes only eligible CoC costs and includes methodology for supportive services costs. The Review and Rank Panel will consider reasonable staffing costs per the proposed services.**

FACTOR 2.F. ALIGNMENT WITH HUD AND COC NOFO – 4 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 4 points for aligning with current HUD and NOFO priorities:

- At least 50% of the project's activities will be located [Opportunity Zone](#). To receive points for this, projects must submit a signed HUD form 2996 certifying the project is in an Opportunity Zone by the local competition deadline.

3. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO) STREET OUTREACH (100 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 3.A. AGENCY EXPERIENCE – 26 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 26 points total for the following:

- **6 points** - Applicant has prior experience providing street outreach or other similar projects **that have successfully helped participants exit unsheltered homelessness or encampments as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.**
- **5 points** - The applicant, members or the applicant's Board, or members of the applicant's leadership team successful handled at least one other federal grant or other major grant of this size and complexity, either in or out of the CoC. At least 90% of the funds were spent from such grants.
- **5 points** - Applicant can receive 5 points if they currently participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, within this CoC or another CoC, **and can describe the software used and the Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for managing data.** If the applicant does not actively participate in HMIS or an alternative database for domestic violence projects, the applicant can receive 2.5 points by demonstrating the capacity to collect and manage data, **including any software used and the Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs) for managing data.**



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- **5 points** - Applicant receives 5 points if they do not have any outstanding HUD findings and/or financial audit findings. **If the applicant does not have experience with HUD or financial audits then the applicant will receive 2.5 points.**
- **5 points** – Applicant receives 5 points if HUD or any other federal, state, or local agency has not deobligated any of the applicant’s grant funds in the past three operating years. **If the applicant does not have any experience with HUD, federal, state, or local agency funding then the applicant will receive 2.5 points.**

FACTOR 3.B. OUTREACH PLAN – 10 POINTS

- Applicant has described a reasonable plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has a plan for or has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.

FACTOR 3.C. SUPPORTIVE SERVICES – 20 POINTS

- **10 points** – Applicant has described a reasonable strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage in services.
- **10 points** - Applicant adequately describes how the project will partner with other agencies to provide eligible supportive services (e.g., education, employment, treatment, care court, etc.). Applicant will name any partner agencies and state whether Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been signed with these partner agencies for the purpose of this proposed project at the time of application submission.

FACTOR 3.D. MAINSTREAM RESOURCES – 20 POINTS

- 20 points - Applicant adequately describes how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

FACTOR 3.E. PARTNERING WITH **FIRST RESPONDERS** AND LAW ENFORCEMENT – 10 POINTS

- Applicant can receive **up to 10 points** for describing how they have previously partnered with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.
- If the applicant does not have this track record, the applicant can receive up to **5 points** for describing a plan for partnering with first responders and law enforcement for this project.



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- Applicant must cooperate and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.

FACTOR 3.F. COST PER HOUSEHOLD – 10 POINTS

- The average cost per household served for the project is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. **The proposed budget includes only eligible CoC costs and includes methodology for supportive services costs. The Review and Rank Panel will consider reasonable staffing costs per the proposed services.**

FACTOR 3.G. ALIGNMENT WITH HUD AND COC NOFO – 4 POINTS

Applicant can receive up to 4 points for aligning with current HUD and NOFO priorities:

- At least 50% of the project's activities will be located [Opportunity Zone](#). To receive points for this, projects must submit a signed HUD form 2996 certifying the project is in an Opportunity Zone by the local competition deadline.



COC COMPETITION SCORING TOOL – RENEWAL PROJECTS

RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING TOOL OVERVIEW

This scoring tool is used by the Review & Rank Panel to evaluate renewal project applications, that applications for projects that received CoC funding in the previous competition year. The tool includes threshold criteria that project applicants must meet in order to be eligible for consideration; these criteria are required but not scored. Applications that do not meet the minimum threshold requirements will not advance in the competition process. The tool also includes scoring criteria which will be used to determine each project’s final application score and ranking.

SCORING FACTOR BREAKDOWN

Below are the four scoring criteria sections and the total points available for each section:

1. Project is Consistent with HUD and Local Priorities – 10 points
2. Project Performance Outcomes – 49 points
3. Efficient Use of Funds – 36 points
4. Reallocation – 5 points

Total points available: 100



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Threshold criteria are required but not scored. Projects that receive a “No” on any of threshold criteria will be deemed ineligible for the competition process.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

- 1. Coordinated Entry Participation:** Project participates in Coordinated Entry to the extent possible for this project type.
- 2. HMIS Participation:** Project will enter data for all CoC-funded bends into HMIS. A project serving survivors of domestic violence is required to use a comparable database to HMIS.
- 3. Successful Drawdown:** Project, if operational, has made at least one successful drawdown of federal funds as of the time of this application.
- 4. 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 stats.



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 within the factor 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. ALIGNMENT WITH HUD AND NOFO PRIORITIES (10 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 1.A. ALIGNMENT WITH HUD AND NOFO PRIORITIES – 10 POINTS

Projects can receive up to 10 points for aligning with current HUD and NOFO priorities:

- Non-CoC or ESG funding for services and healthcare accounts for at least 25% of overall services provided in the project. Applicant will indicate the funding source(s) and state whether letters of commitment have been provided for this proposed project at the time of application submission.
- At least 50% of the project's activities will be located [Opportunity Zone](#). To receive points for this, projects must submit a signed HUD form 2996 certifying the project is in an Opportunity Zone by the local competition deadline.
- Substance use treatment is provided on-site and treatment provider(s) are listed.
- Project will require participation in supportive services tailored to participant needs and provide direct language from a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).



2. PROJECT PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES (49 POINTS TOTAL)

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. RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS – 24 POINTS

- Panelist Discretion: up to 6 points (25% of max)
- Percent of persons who returned to homelessness within 12 months after exits to permanent housing.

Scoring Scale

- 10% or less – 24 points
- 10.1 to 20% – 18 points
- 20.1 to 30% – 12 points
- Greater than 30% - 0 points

FACTOR 2.B. EMPLOYMENT INCOME – 1 POINT

- Panelist Discretion: up to .25 points (25% of max), or can award 1 point if no clients were in the program long enough for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during period
- Percent of persons who exited with increased employment income or who has increased employment income at annual assessment.
- Project will provide an explanation if there were no persons who exited to homeless temporary destinations during this reporting period.
- When no persons exited to homeless temporary destination (emergency shelter, transitional housing, place not meant for human habitation, or hotel/motel) during this reporting period, panelists may award **1 point** with discretion.

Scoring Scale

- 70% or more – 1 points
- Less than 70% - 0 points

FACTOR 2.C. CONNECTING TO NON-CASH MAINSTREAM BENEFITS – 12 POINTS

- Panelist Discretion: up to 3 pt (25% of max), or can award 12 pts if no clients were in the program long enough for an annual assessment and no clients exited the program during period.



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- Percent of adults who access at least one non-cash mainstream benefit based on last completed annual assessment for stayers and based on exit for leaver.
- 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 12 points.

Scoring Scale

- 80% or more - 12 points
- 65 to 79.9% - 9 points
- 50 to 64.9% - 6 points
- Less than 50% - 0 points

FACTOR 2.D. CONNECTING TO HEALTH INSURANCE – 12 POINTS

- Panelist Discretion: up to 3 points (25% of max), or can award 12 points 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 12 points.

Scoring Scale

- 100% - 12 points
- 95 to 99.9% - 8 points
- 85 to 94.9% - 6 points
- 60 to 84.9% - 4 points
- Less than 60% - 0 points



3. EFFICIENT USE OF FUNDS (36 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 3.A. UTILIZATION RATE – 20 POINTS

- Panelist Discretion: up to 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.

Scoring Scale

- 90% or greater – 20 points
- 80 to 89.9% - 15 points
- 70 to 79.9% - 10 points
- Less than 70% - 0 points

FACTOR 3.B. UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS – 16 POINTS

- Panelist Discretion: up to 4 points (25% of max) for projects demonstrating extenuating circumstances and an additional (up to) 4 points (25% of max) for projects that demonstrate measurable improvement in expenditures, defined as 10% or more decrease in unspent grant funds from performance period.
- Has the agency left project grant funds unspent in the past year?
 - Consider if the program is running at capacity in the past year and if the project receives leasing or rental assistance funding.

Scoring Scale

- Less than 5% - 16 points
- 5.1 to 10% - 13 points
- 10.1 to 20% - 10 points
- 20.1 to 30% - 7 points
- Greater than 30% - 0 points

4. REALLOCATION (5 POINTS TOTAL)

FACTOR 4.A. REALLOCATION – 5 POINTS

- Did the project voluntarily reallocate at least 10% of its funding? Consider:



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- How much funding was reallocated?
- What was the project type?
- Panelists will award up to 5 points if the project has voluntarily reallocated funds to a renewal project during this NOFO cycle.