



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



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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.

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- 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.



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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.