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Today's Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Competition Policies
 - Action Item!
- Renewal Project Scoring Tool
- New Project Scoring Tool
- Closing & Next Steps

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Introductions

CoH Members

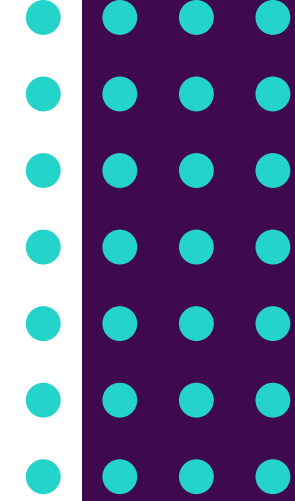
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5. Nicole Green
6. Sherina (Rina) Criswell
7. Wayne Earl

Community Members

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Review 2026 Policy Revisions



Recommended 2026 Policies (1 of 3)

If the CoC NOFO includes a cap on PH funding:

1. Remove policy adopted in 2024 prioritizing renewal projects over new projects regardless of local application score
2. The CoC Lead Agency will meet with each renewal PSH provider to develop a PH cap shortlist (prioritized for Tier 1) aligned with the CoC's overall strategy of prioritizing permanent supportive housing projects
3. Renewal projects cannot appeal the following decisions: 1) reallocation amounts for projects included in the PH cap shortlist, and 2) renewal projects excluded from the PH cap shortlist. Renewal projects who apply for a transition grant and new projects are eligible to appeal given they meet specific criteria.
4. Prioritization of renewal PH projects applying for a transition grant to convert to a Transitional Housing project over new projects
5. Reallocated funding will be prioritized for PH to the fullest extent allowed in the NOFO

Recommended 2026 Policies (2 of 3)

Late Applications:

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 & 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 & Rank Panel scoring process but must be corrected prior to HUD submission.

Recommended 2026 Policies (3 of 3)

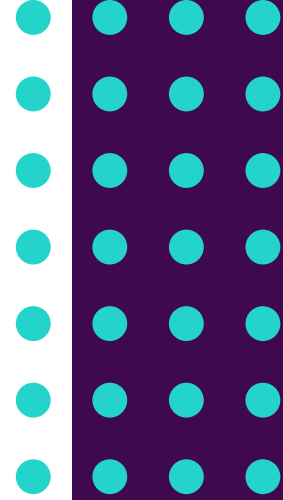
If HUD releases a CoC NOFO that only allows for a competition period of 75 days or less:

1. 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.
2. Priority Listing will be approved by the CoH – an emergency CoH meeting may be convened as needed to complete the competition process within HUD-required timelines.

Let's Vote!

- Approve the 2026 NOFO competition policy revisions (“Application Process”) to be recommended for CoH approval

Renewal Project Scoring Tool



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Context

- The Renewal Project Scoring Tool is used by the Review and Rank Panel to score renewal projects (projects that received HUD CoC funding in the previous year)
- In Dec 2025, the Funding Committee revised the Renewal Project Scoring Tool
 - This version was not implemented as HUD withdrew the 2025 CoC NOFO
- In Jan 2026, the Funding Committee reverted back to the 2024 version of the Renewal Project Scoring Tool
 - Because renewal projects were renewed in a non-competitive manner, the Renewal Project Scoring Tool was not revised or utilized

2026 Proposed Changes Similar to December 2025

1. Remove several threshold criteria that do not align with HUD/federal priorities
2. Remove several qualitative scoring factors that do not align with HUD/federal priorities and to streamline the application process
3. Add “Returns to Homelessness” and “Employment Income” scoring factors to align with the 2025 CoC NOFO
4. Edit Reallocation Bonus factor to apply to projects (and not agencies) and to require reallocation of at least 25% of funding to receive bonus points
5. Adjust point values and scales to offset deleted factors and to align with 2025 CoC NOFO requirement of 25% of total points accounting for returns to homelessness, employment income, and supportive services requirement

2026 Proposed Changes Different Than December 2025

1. Adjust Employment Income point total and scoring scale
2. Allow for increased panelist discretion regarding Unspent Grant Funds when a project demonstrates attempts to reallocate unspent grant funds in previous competitions
3. Further adjust point values and scales to offset deleted factors and to align with 2025 CoC NOFO requirement of 25% of total points accounting for returns to homelessness, employment income, and supportive services requirement

Factor 2B – Employment Income

Factor measures % of persons who exited with increased employment income or who has increased employment income at annual assessment

Scale from Dec 2026:

≥ 80% - 20pts (max)

70- 79.9% - 16pts

60-69.9% - 12pts

50-59% - 8pts

40-49.9% - 4pts

< 40% - 0

Proposed Scale:

≥ 70% - 1pt (max)

< 70% - 0

Factor 3B – Unspent Grant funds

- Factor: Has the agency left project grant funds unspent in the past year?
- Proposed Revision: allow discretion points (up to 25% of total factor points) for Review and Rank panel when project demonstrates measurable improvement in expenditures, defined as a 10% or more decrease in unspent funds from the prior performance period.
 - Note that this is in addition to the standard panelist discretion of up to 25% of total factor points for project demonstrating extenuating circumstances

Proposed Factor Point Values

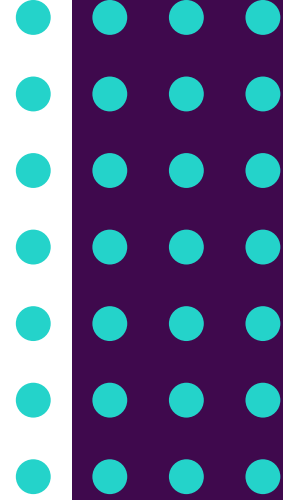
100 Points:

- From 5 to **10 points** - 1A Alignment with HUD and NOFO Priorities
- From 20 to **25 points** – 2A Exits to Homelessness
- From 20 to **1 point** – 2B Employment Income
- From 10 to **12 points** – 2C Connecting to Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits
- From 10 to **12 points** – 2D Connecting to Health Insurance
- 20 points – Utilization Rate
- From 15 to **20 points** – Unspent Grant Funds

Bonus:

- 5 points - 4A Bonus Reallocation

New Project Scoring Tool



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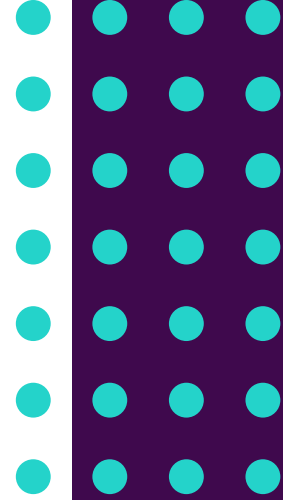
New Project Scoring Tool - Context

- The New Project Scoring Tool is used by the Review and Rank Panel to score new projects (projects that did not receive HUD CoC funding in the previous year)
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 - This version was not implemented as HUD withdrew the 2025 CoC NOFO
- In Jan 2026, the Funding Committee reverted back to the 2024 version of the New Project Scoring Tool and included revisions to prioritize new Coordinated Entry and Homeless Management Information System projects for the very limited reallocated funds in this competition

What's Next

- We will not review the New Project Scoring Tool today
- Next time, our review will focus on revising the New Project Scoring Tool so that it is aligned with the expected 2026 HUD project types priorities including:
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO)
 - Street Outreach (SO)

Next Steps



2026 NOFO Timeline

- **5/29** – estimated NOFO release
- ***6/9** – *potential Funding Committee Meeting*
- ***6/11** – *potential Funding Committee Meeting*
- **6/19** – next scheduled Funding Committee Meeting – in-person for Council members with virtual component
- **8/26** – NOFO due date

**If the 2026 CoC NOFO is released on the estimated date of 5/29, the Funding Committee will likely need to be quickly convened on 6/9 and 6/11*