



Lee County
Continuum of Care
Making Homelessness **Rare**, **Brief**, and **One-Time**

Project Ranking and Reallocation Policies and Procedures

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I. RECORD OF CHANGES

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1	Combined Ranking and Reallocation Procedures, added appeal process	By CoC Governing Board:	SEE ORIGINAL
1	Combined Ranking and Reallocation Procedures, added appeal process	By Ranking Committee:	SEE ORIGINAL
2	Updates to reflect changes from ranking committee to Performance, Evaluation, and Ranking Committee, a sub-committee of the CoC Governing Board, and to include project-ranking policies for all competitive funding used to address homelessness.	By Ranking Committee: 1/23/2019	1/23/2019
2	Review and approval of changes noted above.	By CoC Governing Board: 2/13/2019	2/13/2019
3	Incorporation of Appeal Policies	By CoC Governing Board: 2/17/2021	2/17/2021
4	Background Section: Updated terminology from "Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)" to "Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)" throughout, Revised and restructured the background narrative for clarity; added a more expansive list of CoC reallocation purposes. Emphasis on competitive priorities, project performance, and regulatory compliance. Reallocation Policy: Voluntary Reallocation: Added language clarifying that voluntary reallocation does not indicate noncompliance or	By CoC Governing Board: 07/08/2026	7/8/2026

	poor performance. Involuntary Reallocation: Added "Contract Compliance" as a new fourth criterion for involuntary reallocation; added new provision allowing involuntary reallocation based on system/policy alignment with updated HUD priorities (not just performance); removed reference to CoC Competition Focus NOFA. Reallocation Appeal Process: Changed to 3 business days to be consistent with section F Notice of Funding Appeal. Narrowed appeal scope, appeals are now limited strictly to whether the published process was followed; removed the ability to submit action plans or documentation supporting continued need. Performance-based reallocations appeals must be based solely on the information reviewed at the time of the decision. No new performance data, documentation, explanations, or corrective action plans may be submitted or considered. For policy alignment reallocations, the sub-recipient may submit a written statement demonstrating how the existing project meets the updated HUD priorities or eligible project types cited as the basis for reallocation. Eligible Projects: Restructured eligible project types; added expanded descriptions for each type; removed Joint Component TH/PH-RRH as a standalone listed type; added language that funded project types may vary year to year. Project Performance Evaluation and Ranking Procedure: Renamed "Ranking Committee" references to "PERC" (Performance Evaluation and Ranking Committee) consistently throughout, changed language to cover all CoC rather than breaking them out in the event of changes, revised renewal/expansion project ranking priorities: replaced prior four-category structure with six		
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	new categories, Housing Performance, Housing Access & Supportive Services, Income & Non-Cash Benefits, System Engagement, Contract Compliance, and Monitoring Criteria; added new sub-metrics (e.g., Housing Stability, Length of Time to Housing Placement, Coordinated Entry Compliance, Data Committee Participation), revised new project ranking priorities: added "alignment with system performance outcomes" under Project Effectiveness; removed standalone "Housing First" criterion, PERC Meetings: Added detailed agenda items for both Ongoing Performance Evaluation Meetings (contract compliance checklists, expenditure data) and Project Ranking Meetings; added restrictions on public comment (limited to system-level input; cannot advocate for/against specific projects or scores). Updated language around final ranking and tiering. Added explanation of HUD tiering. Added Appendix 1 HUD Homeless Definitions and Record Keeping Document. Added Appendix 2 Renewal Project Report Card. Added Appendix 3 Contract Compliance Checklist. Added Appendix 4 New Project Report Card.		

II. BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires each Continuum of Care (CoC) to establish a reallocation process for projects funded through the CoC Program. Reallocation allows CoCs to strategically improve their homeless response system by redirecting funding from underperforming or lower-priority projects to projects that better align with system needs and HUD priorities.

Reallocation may occur when projects are underperforming, no longer align with HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) priorities, or could be more appropriately funded through other sources. Reallocation is particularly important in years when new funding is limited.

Through reallocation, the CoC may:

1. Redirect excess or underutilized funding
2. Shift funding from lower-performing projects to projects expected to produce stronger outcomes
3. Shift funds from projects not aligned with HUD and/or CoC priorities

HUD considers the extent to which a CoC reallocates funding when scoring the CoC Program Application, as it demonstrates the CoC's commitment to evaluating project performance and ensuring funds are used effectively to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

Funding decisions will be based on HUD regulations and NOFO priorities, project performance, community needs, Lee County priorities, and expenditure of project funds. Projects affected by reallocation are encouraged to pursue other funding sources to continue their contributions to the CoC system.

III. REALLOCATION POLICY

A. Voluntary Reallocation

A sub-recipient, as defined in 24 CFR §578.3, may voluntarily reallocate all or a portion of its existing project by reducing the project's Annual Renewal Amount (ARA), in whole or in part, in accordance with 24 CFR Part 578.

Sub-recipients electing voluntary reallocation may apply to create a new, eligible project by submitting a new project application to the Lee County Continuum of Care (CoC) during the annual Request for Application (RFA) process, consistent with HUD Opportunity NOFO requirements and CoC priorities.

The Lee County CoC may solicit voluntary reallocation during the annual RFA process before the opening of the CoC Program Competition. As part of this process, the Collaborative Applicant may schedule individual meetings with sub-recipients to review project performance, HUD CoC priorities, system needs, and other factors that may inform future funding decisions.

Voluntary reallocation is intended to support strategic system alignment and does not, by itself, indicate project noncompliance or poor performance.

B. Involuntary Reallocation

The CoC makes reasonable efforts to support projects not meeting performance standards and complying with CoC and HUD requirements before enforcing involuntary reallocation. If, after reasonable correction efforts have been made, a project continues to demonstrate performance or compliance issues, then the Performance Evaluation and Ranking Committee (herein known as the PERC) may recommend the project for involuntary reallocation to the CoC Governing Board. The Governing Board retains final authority over all involuntary reallocation decisions.

A determination for involuntary reallocation will be made based on the following criteria:

- a. Project Performance, including outcomes related to project type, community needs, and timely expenditure of funds
- b. Utilization and Effectiveness, including bed/unit utilization and cost effectiveness
- c. Extent of participation in HMIS, including but not limited to data quality, bed coverage, and Coordinated Entry participation
- d. Contract Compliance
- e. System engagement/participation in the CoC General Meetings, Committees, and Data Committee

Involuntary reallocation may also occur when necessary to align with updated HUD priorities, eligible project types, scoring criteria, or target populations identified in a subsequent NOFO. In these cases, reallocation is based on system alignment rather than project performance.

Projects subject to involuntary reallocation due to policy alignment may still apply for funding under the current NOFO if they meet eligibility and threshold requirements.

The PERC is a sub-committee of the Governing Board that evaluates projects requesting funding in coordination with the Collaborative Applicant. Evaluations are informed by:

- The most recent CoC Program NOFO
- HUD System Performance Measures
- the CoC Strategic Plan
- other applicable federal, state, or local priorities

Based on these criteria, the PERC may recommend reductions or reallocation of renewal project funding to support higher-priority projects.

All recommendations are submitted to the CoC Governing Board for final approval.

Following the Governing Board's final determination, sub-recipients whose projects are selected for involuntary reallocation will receive written notification from the Collaborative Applicant within three 3 days of the decision, unless an unforeseen delay occurs (i.e., natural disaster, etc.), outlining the basis for the decision. Notification will be issued outside of E-SNAPS.

C. Reallocation Appeal Process

Sub-recipients selected for involuntary reallocation may submit a written appeal by email to COC@leegov.com within 3 business days of receiving written notification of the reallocation decision, unless an unforeseen delay occurs.

Appeals are limited solely to whether the reallocation decision was made in accordance with the CoC's published policies and procedures. Appeals not received within the required timeframe will not be considered. For performance-based reallocations, appeals must be based solely on the information reviewed at the time of the decision; no new performance data, documentation, explanations, or corrective action plans may be submitted or considered. For policy-alignment reallocations, the sub-recipient may submit a written statement demonstrating how the existing project meets the updated HUD priorities or eligible project type requirements cited as the basis for reallocation. The merits of the project, future plans, and proposed corrective actions are not subject to appeal.

Timely appeals will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the Collaborative Applicant and at least two members of the CoC Governing Board who did not participate in the original reallocation recommendation. If no such Board members are available, the Collaborative Applicant will identify at least two qualified, neutral individuals with expertise in CoC programs to serve in their place. The panel will issue a final written determination within 14 business days of receipt of the appeal, unless an unforeseen delay occurs. If the panel finds that the established process was not followed, the matter will be returned to the PERC and Governing Board for reconsideration in accordance with these policies and procedures. The panel's determination is final, and no further appeal is available following reconsideration.

D. Reallocated Funds

CoC Program funds made available through reallocation may be used to create one or more new eligible projects, consistent with the priorities, eligible project types, and requirements identified in the applicable HUD NOFO.

If no viable new project applications are identified or recommended through the CoC's competitive process, reallocated funds may be used to support the expansion of eligible renewal projects, provided such use is permitted under the current NOFO and aligns with CoC funding priorities and system needs.

Final use of reallocated funds is subject to HUD approval through the CoC Program Competition.

E. Eligible Projects (See HUD Homeless Definitions and Recording Keeping Appendix 1)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) may use reallocated funds to create new eligible projects consistent with HUD requirements and the priorities identified in the applicable Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Eligible project types may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. **Transitional Housing (TH):** Projects providing time-limited housing of up to 24 months, paired with supportive services, for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, consistent with 24 CFR §578.37. Projects are expected to provide or connect participants to behavioral health treatment, recovery supports, employment and workforce development services, and wraparound supportive services. TH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. Eligible project types include standard TH and TH funded through DV Bonus or CoC Reallocation. All projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 and are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO.
2. **Supportive Services Only (SSO):** Projects providing eligible supportive services consistent with 24 CFR §578.37 and §578.53, without a housing component, for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Eligible activities include coordinated entry operations, street outreach and engagement to persons residing in places not meant for human habitation, behavioral health treatment linkages, employment and self-sufficiency services, and other supportive service functions that strengthen system performance and reduce unsheltered homelessness. SSO projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. All projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 and are subject to HUD funding.
3. **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH):** Projects providing long-term housing without a designated length of stay for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who have a qualifying disability as defined in Section 401(9) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Eligible participants include persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, where the head of household also has a qualifying disability. For renewal projects, eligible

participants include the same population of individuals and families indicated in the expiring grant agreement. Beds dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness, as defined in 24 CFR §578.3, must continue to serve that population. Projects must provide or connect participants to supportive services, including treatment, recovery, and employment supports, designed to advance housing stability and self-sufficiency. PSH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. All projects are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO.

4. **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH):** Projects providing short- and medium-term tenant-based rental assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, consistent with 24 CFR §578.37. RRH projects must serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR §578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. RRH projects may also serve persons qualifying as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR §578.3 if the CoC is approved to serve persons in paragraph (3). RRH projects may not permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on program premises. All projects are subject to HUD funding caps, priority population requirements, and performance standards identified in the annual NOFO.
5. **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):** New or expanded HMIS projects to support eligible costs under 24 CFR §578.37, which must be carried out by the designated HMIS Lead Agency.
6. **Other Eligible Project Types:** Other project types determined to be eligible and prioritized under the current HUD CoC NOFO.

Final determination of project types funded through reallocation will be informed by HUD NOFO priorities, available funding, Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), the total CoC-wide demand for renewal funding, and overall system performance and strategic planning needs. Project types funded through reallocation may vary year by year based on HUD guidance and system-level needs.

IV. PROJECT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND RANKING PROCEDURE

Members of the Performance Evaluation and Ranking Committee (PERC), a subcommittee of the CoC Governing Board (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”), shall serve as the Ranking Committee for all Continuum of Care (CoC) Program funding. The PERC shall convene at least quarterly to review project performance, consider reallocation recommendations, and rank funding applications, as required. Meetings of the PERC will be open to the public and will include an opportunity for public comment. In reviewing and ranking project applications, the PERC will consider applicant financial stability, performance history (including APR outcomes and HMIS data quality for renewal

projects), organizational capacity, audit findings and any unresolved audit issues, and any public complaints or concerns regarding the applicant received by the Collaborative Applicant, raised through the CoC's public meetings, or communicated by HUD.

The Collaborative Applicant will ensure that PERC members are provided with, and oriented to, all relevant materials necessary to carry out their responsibilities, including:

- the HEARTH Act and all applicable HUD Regulations
- the Continuum of Care Governance Charter
- the role of the PERC
- the Policies and Procedures governing the application and renewal process
- the scoring tools

A. Project Priorities for Renewal & Expansion Projects and New Project Applications

The PERC will rank **renewal and expansion** project applications according to the following priorities from the Renewal Project Data Performance Report Card:

1. Housing Performance
 - a. Housing Stability
 - b. Exits to Homelessness
 - c. Length of Time to Housing Placement
 - d. Returns to Homelessness
2. Income & Non-Cash Benefits
 - a. Increase or Maintain Total Income/ Non-Cash Benefits
3. Coordinated Entry & Supportive Services
 - a. Coordinated Entry Compliance
 - b. Supportive Services Engagement
4. HMIS Data Quality
 - a. HMIS Data Quality Standards
5. System Engagement
 - a. General CoC Participation
 - b. Committee Participation (other than Data Committee)
 - c. Data Committee Participation

Note: System Engagement sub-metrics (5a–5c) are scored as a single blended measure using the approved Performance Report Card rubric. Full points: 75%+ attendance across all three areas. Partial points: two of three criteria met, or 50–74% attendance. Zero points: below 50% with no committee participation.

6. Contract Compliance priorities from the Contract Compliance Checklist (see Appendix 4), which include the following:
 - a. Threshold Eligibility

- b. Financial and Budget Compliance
- c. Performance and Reporting Compliance
- d. Contractual & Operational Compliance

The PERC will rank **new project applications** according to the following priorities:

1. Experience
 - a. Providing services similar to those proposed in the application
 - b. Serving the population proposed in the application
 - c. Using federal funds, including timely drawdowns, satisfactory performance, and submission of required reporting and supporting documentation
1. Design of Housing & Supportive Services
 - a. Demonstration of the need for type, scale, and location of housing, and understanding of the needs of the population to be served
 - b. Clear and specific plan to assist clients to secure and maintain permanent housing
 - c. Clear and specific plan to assist clients in increasing employability and income
3. Timeliness and Financial Capacity
 - a. Clear and specific plan for program implementation
 - b. Cost per person served is reasonable
 - c. The organization's most recent audit indicated no findings
 - d. Sufficient match documentation
 - e. Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable
4. Project Effectiveness
 - a. High need populations focus
 - b. Coordinated Entry participation
 - c. Alignment with system performance outcomes

B. Threshold Requirements

The Collaborative Applicant will review all project applications to verify that all threshold requirements are met and will determine whether any missing threshold requirements constitute correctable deficiencies or uncorrectable deficiencies (fatal flaws).

Correctable vs. Uncorrectable Deficiencies

A correctable deficiency is a minor error or missing piece of information in an application that can be fixed without changing the substance of what was submitted, for example, a missing signature, an incomplete form field, or a formatting error.

An uncorrectable deficiency (fatal flaw) is a more serious problem that cannot be fixed after the deadline, for example, submitting a project type that is ineligible for funding, failing to meet a required program threshold, or missing a core component of the application entirely.

Applications with correctable deficiencies will be given the opportunity to resolve the issue and will still be reviewed and ranked. Applications with uncorrectable deficiencies will not move forward in the review process, and the applicant will be notified before the PERC meeting.

C. Application Ranking Materials

Each agency seeking CoC funding must submit an application to the Collaborative Applicant by the published, specified method and deadline, which is not less than 30 days from the CoC submission deadline (unless an unforeseen delay occurs). The Collaborative Applicant will collect applications and schedule PERC meetings, as necessary to meet funder deadlines.

The following materials will be provided to the PERC for review:

- Funding requirements and priorities
- The approved ranking Tool
- All eligible project Applications

All correspondence and ranking materials will be distributed to the PERC by email from the Collaborative Applicant, unless an alternative method is requested by the PERC.

Unless an unforeseen delay occurs, the PERC shall have no less than 5 days to review all project materials. During this time, each member of the PERC completes an individual ranking tool, determining point levels for each application. Each member shall bring the ranking tool to the PERC meeting for discussion and final project ranking.

D. PERC Meetings

PERC meetings serve two primary functions:

1. Ongoing evaluation of renewal project performance.
2. Ranking of new project applications for CoC funding.

1. Ongoing PERC Meetings (Performance Evaluation) will take place at least once per quarter and will focus on the evaluation of renewal project performance and will be facilitated by the Collaborative Applicant.

These meetings will include, at a minimum, review and discussion of:

- Project performance report cards
- Contract compliance checklists
- Expenditure and spending data
- Other relevant performance, compliance, or system data

During these meetings, Committee members may ask clarifying questions of:

- Representatives from funded agencies
- The Collaborative Applicant
- Contract Coordinators/Manager
- HMIS staff

Discussion will be limited to information necessary to assess project performance, compliance, fiscal management, and alignment with CoC priorities.

Information reviewed and discussed during ongoing PERC meetings will be used to inform reallocation and ranking recommendations submitted to the CoC Governing Board as part of the competitive funding process.

2. Project Ranking Meetings (Competitive Process)

PERC meetings will be held to evaluate and rank project applications submitted for CoC funding and will be facilitated by the Collaborative Applicant.

These meetings will include discussion of:

- Project priorities and alignment with CoC and HUD priorities
- Application content and proposed project design
- Historical performance of applicants previously funded with CoC funds, when applicable
- Identified community needs and system gaps

Committee members may ask questions necessary to clarify application content, past performance, and system alignment.

Following Committee discussion, public comment will be accepted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order. Public comment shall be limited to system-level input only and may include comments related to:

- Community needs
- Service gaps
- System performance
- Alignment with HUD priorities

Public comments should **not** include testimony, argument, or advocacy for or against:

- Specific projects or applicants
- Individual scores or rankings
- Funding outcomes

After the conclusion of public comment, the PERC will determine final point values and project rankings using the approved ranking tool. All scores will be read aloud and confirmed by Collaborative Applicant staff.

The PERC's final ranking informs the ranking and prioritization of project applications. However, final placement within funding tiers is determined in accordance with HUD's annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and CoC-adopted priorities. This may include, but is not limited to, mandatory set-asides, bonus project requirements, reallocation decisions, and other federal funding priorities that affect tier placement independent of a project's individual performance score. The Governing Board retains final authority to approve project rankings and tier placements, ensuring consistency with HUD requirements while incorporating the PERC's evaluation and

recommendations, and is subject to HUD approval and the availability of funds.

HUD's Tiering System: Tier 1 and Tier 2 are funding categories established annually by HUD in the CoC Program NOFO and are based on the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Tier 1 consists of projects ranked within the threshold percentage of ARD established by HUD for that competition year; Tier 1 projects that meet HUD's eligibility, quality, and threshold requirements are not required to compete against project applications from other CoCs. Tier 2 consists of all ranked projects not included in Tier 1; Tier 2 projects compete nationally against project applications from other CoCs for available funding, based on the scoring criteria identified in the applicable NOFO.

E. Notification of Project Score

Following the PERC ranking meeting, the final ranked project priority list will be submitted to the CoC Governing Board for final approval. Applicants will be notified of their score and conditional selection or rejection within 5 business days of final approval by the CoC Governing Board. Notifications will be provided in writing via email by the Collaborative Applicant, unless an unforeseen delay occurs

F. Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Appeal Process

All eligible applicants have the opportunity to appeal the scoring of their own application prior to the ranked list being finalized and approved by the Governing Board. Appeals must:

- Be submitted in writing by the applicant and emailed to COC@leegov.com
- Be received within 3 business days of the applicant's receipt of the ranking notification
- Be limited solely to the scoring of the applicant's own project application

Note: Project applicants who have been found not to meet the threshold requirements are not eligible for an appeal.

- All notices of appeal must be based on the information submitted by the application due date. No new or additional information will be considered. Omissions (uncorrectable deficiencies) in the application cannot be appealed.
- The notice of appeal must include a written statement specifying in detail the grounds asserted for the appeal. The appeal may not include any new information. The appeal is limited to one single-spaced page in 12-point font in the form of a letter on the applicant's agency letterhead and must clearly state the reasons for the appeal and specify all issues being contested.
- All valid appeals will be read, reviewed, and evaluated by the PERC.
- The PERC will meet to deliberate on the appeal.
 - The PERC and collaborative applicant shall review appeals strictly on the existing record, consisting of the submitted project application, the

one-page written appeal, any statements made during the appeal process, and the materials used by the PERC during the original evaluation. No new evidence, documentation, or information may be submitted by the applicant or considered by the PERC. The decision of the PERC following appeal review is final and shall be incorporated into the final ranked list for Governing Board approval.

- The appealing agency will receive a written decision of the PERC within 2 business days of the PERC Meeting, unless an unforeseen delay occurs.

G. Application Debriefing

An agency may request a debriefing of its reviewed application, whether or not the project was chosen to be funded. This must be a written request emailed to COC@leegov.com within 5 business days of ranking notification or final appeal decision. Application debriefing will be a summary of the review of the PERC's feedback on the project. This information is not eligible to be used for an appeal but is intended to be informative for the agency.

H. Publication of Ranking Process

This ranking process is available on the Lee County Human and Veteran Services webpage: <https://www.leegov.com/dhs/partner> and go to the section titled Homeless Continuum of Care.

The final ranking results and project applications will be made available on the Lee County Human and Veteran Services' webpage: <https://www.leegov.com/dhs/partner> and go to the section titled Homeless Continuum of Care, within 14 business days after the PERC Meeting at which projects were ranked, unless an unforeseen delay occurs.

Appendix 1: HUD Homeless Definitions and Record Keeping

CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	(1) Individual or family that lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, and local government programs); <u>or</u> (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; <u>and</u> (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	(4) Any individual or family who: (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; <u>and</u> (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

HUD Homeless Definitions and Record Keeping

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	• Written observation by the outreach worker; <u>or</u> • Written referral by another housing or service provider; <u>or</u> • Certification by the individual or head of household seeking assistance stating that (s)he was living on the streets or in shelter; • For individuals exiting an institution, one of the forms of evidence above <u>and</u>: ◦ discharge paperwork <u>or</u> written/oral referral, <u>or</u> ◦ written record of intake worker's due diligence to obtain above evidence <u>and</u> certification by individual that they exited institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	• A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the individual or family that they must leave; <u>or</u> • For individuals and families leaving a hotel or motel—evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; <u>or</u> • A documented and verified oral statement; <u>and</u> • Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> • Self-certification or other written documentation that the individual lack the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	• Certification by the nonprofit or state or local government that the individual or head of household seeking assistance met the criteria of homelessness under another federal statute; <u>and</u> • Certification of no PH in last 60 days; <u>and</u> • Certification by the individual or head of household, and any available supporting documentation, that (s)he has moved two or more times in the past 60 days; <u>and</u> • Documentation of special needs <u>or</u> 2 or more barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	• <i>For victim service providers:</i> ◦ An oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance, which states: they are fleeing; they have no subsequent residence; and they lack resources. Statement must be documented by a self-certification or a certification by the intake worker. • <i>For non-victim service providers:</i> ◦ Oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance that they are fleeing. This statement is documented by a self-certification or by the caseworker. Where the safety of the individual or family is not jeopardized, the oral statement must be verified; <u>and</u> ◦ Certification by the individual or head of household that no subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> ◦ Self-certification, or other written documentation, that the individual or family lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Appendix 2: Renewal Report Card



LEE COUNTY Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Data Performance Report Card HUD FY2026

Project Dates: _____	Project Name/Program: _____
Agency: _____	Program Type: ☐ PSH ☐ RRH ☐ TH ☐ SSO ☐ Other _____
Grant Number: _____	Date of Review: _____

MEASUREMENT	
Housing Stability	
The % of program participants who exit a CoC-funded program to a permanent housing destination or remain in the program. 95% or greater = 15 90-94% = 12 80-89% = 8 70-79% = 6 60-69% = 4 59% or less = 0	____/15
Exits to Homelessness	
The percentage of program participants who exit the CoC-funded program to a homeless destination. 9% or less = 10 10-19% = 7 20-29% = 4 30% or greater = 0	____/10
Average Length of Time to Housing Placement	
The average length of time between project entry (or referral acceptance, as applicable) and housing move-in. 45 days or less = 10 46-90 days = 7 91-120 days = 3 121 or greater = 0	____/10
Returns to Homelessness	
The percentage of leavers who exited a CoC-funded program to a permanent housing designation during the reporting year, then returned to homelessness within the same reporting year. 10% or less = 10 11-19% = 7 20-30% = 4 31% or more = 0	____/10
Income and Non-Cash Benefits	
The percentage of program participants in a CoC-funded program who increased or maintained income and non-cash benefits. 85% or greater = 10 70-84% = 7 50-69% = 4 49% or less = 0	____/10
Coordinated Entry Compliance	
The percentage of program participants received through Coordinated Entry in accordance with CoC prioritization standards. 100% referrals = 10 95-99% = 4 94% or less = 0	____/10
Supportive Services Engagement	
The percentage of participants receiving documented supportive services that support housing stability and self-sufficiency, income growth, and connection to mainstream resources. 85% or greater = 10 70-84% = 7 50-69% = 4 49% or less = 0	____/10
HMIS Data Quality	
The percentage of project applicants that meet or exceed the HMIS Data Quality Standards established by the CoC, ensuring that all data is entered within 72 hours of receipt. 95% or greater = 10 85-94% = 7 75-84% = 4 74% or less = 0	____/10
System Engagement: Participation in CoC General Meetings, Committees, and Data Committee	
The agency has been represented at CoC general meetings, on one or more monthly committee meetings, and participates in the monthly Data Committee meetings during the program year. 75% or greater General CoC meeting attendance, committee participation, AND Data Committee participation = 10 50-74% attendance OR committee participation only = 5 49% or less attendance and no committee participation = 0	____/15
TOTAL SCORE:	____/100

Name: _____ Title: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix 3: Contract Compliance Checklist



Lee County Human & Veteran Services
Continuum of Care (CoC) Contract Compliance Checklist
For PERC Renewal Project Ranking

Project Name: _____

Agency: _____

Grant Number: _____

HUD FY: _____ ☐ Q1 ☐ Q2 ☐ Q3 ☐ Q4

Program Type:

☐ PSH ☐ RRH ☐ TH ☐ SSO ☐ Other: _____

Review Period (Start & end date of contract): _____

HVS Contract Coordinator (Name): _____

HVS Monitor (Name): _____

HVS Systems Analyst (Name): _____

Date Completed: _____

***Responsible Party:** CC = Contract Coordinator, M = Monitor, SA = Systems Analyst

Section 1 - Threshold Eligibility (Pass/Fail)

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party/Initials
1.1	Fully executed HVS contract covering the period of performance	☐	☐		CC/ ____
1.2	Project services were delivered continuously throughout the grant term	☐	☐		CC/ ____
1.3	No duplication of benefits identified during the contract period	☐	☐		CC/ ____
1.4	Monitoring findings and corrective action plan (CAP). Projects with open findings or overdue CAPs will be flagged for PERC review, and do not	☐	☐		M/ ____

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party/Initials
	constitute an automatic pass/fail disqualification unless findings remain unresolved beyond the CAP completion date without a written extension approved by the Contracts Manager.				

Section 1 Status: (all required to pass)

☐ PASS ☐ FAIL

SECTION 2 - FINANCIAL & BUDGET COMPLIANCE

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party Initials
2.1	Current audited financial statements on file	☐	☐		CC/ ____
2.2	Project operated continuously throughout the grant term	☐	☐		CC/ ____
2.3	Spending reflects appropriate progress toward full utilization of awarded funds	☐	☐		CC/ ____
2.4	Match documentation is complete and eligible	☐	☐		CC/ ____
2.5	Reimbursement history does not reflect repeated ineligible charges	☐	☐		CC/ ____
2.6	No grant funds have been recaptured or required to be returned	☐	☐		CC/ ____

Section 2 Risk Level: (Checked 'Yes')

☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High
(1-2) (3-4) (5-6)

SECTION 3 - PERFORMANCE & REPORTING COMPLIANCE

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party Initials
3.1	APR financial report submitted within 30 days of the contract end date	☐	☐		CC/ ____
3.2	Costs are reasonable, necessary, and properly documented in accordance with grant requirements	☐	☐		CC/ ____
3.3	Repeated late reporting	☐	☐		CC/ ____
3.4	Client information is entered into HMIS within 72 hours as required	☐	☐		SA/ ____
3.5	Bed/unit inventory matches HMIS	☐	☐		SA/ ____
3.6	Chronic status documentation complete (if applicable)	☐	☐		M/ ____
3.7	Client eligibility files are complete	☐	☐		M/ ____

Section 3 Risk Level: (Checked 'Yes')

☐ Low (1-2)
 ☐ Moderate (3-5)
 ☐ High (6-7)

SECTION 4 - CONTRACTUAL & OPERATIONAL COMPLIANCE

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party Initials
4.1	Key positions filled or actively recruited	☐	☐		CC/ ____
4.2	High staff turnover (60% or higher for 6 out of 12 months)	☐	☐		CC/ ____

#	Requirement	Yes	No	Notes	Responsible Party Initials
4.3	Written policies align with current HUD rules	☐	☐		M/ ____
4.4	Fair Housing & Equal Access policies on file	☐	☐		M/ ____
4.5	Monitoring Criteria: Number of findings/concerns and completion of corrective action plan (CAP)	☐	☐		M/ ____
4.5	Program exits properly documented	☐	☐		M/ ____
4.6	Supportive services engagement: documentation confirms that participants received supportive services supporting housing stability, income growth, and connection to mainstream resources during the program year	☐	☐		M/ ____

Section 4 Risk Level: (Checked 'Yes')

☐ Low ☐ Moderate ☐ High
(1-2) (3-4) (5)

SECTION 5 – CONTRACT COORDINATOR, MONITOR & SYSTEM ANALYST CERTIFICATION

I certify that this review reflects the best available contract, fiscal, and monitoring information as of the date below and is suitable for PERC renewal ranking use.

Contract Coordinator Signature: _____

Date: _____

Monitor Signature: _____

Date: _____

Systems Analyst Signature: _____

Date: _____

[illegible]

Appendix 4: Project Ranking Tool

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition
Project Ranking Tool - Threshold Review**

Application Threshold Review <i>This portion of the ranking tool will be completed by HVS .</i>	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements
	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Application was submitted by deadline: July 16, 2026 by 12:00 PM <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	Date Submitted: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Submitted: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Submitted: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Submitted: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No	Date Submitted: _____ ☐ Yes ☐ No
Organization is listed on the excluded parties list. (www.sam.gov) <i>If yes, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided proof applicant is a legally formed entity authorized to conduct business in the State of Florida. <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided proof applicant is a non-profit, including faith-based organizations, with an IRS 501(c)(3) status. <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided evidence that the organization has provided continuous direct services for at least 12 months prior to the application deadline.	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided required Monthly Financial Statements (within the last 60 days). <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided current CPA's Peer Review Letter. <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provided Independent Certified Audited Financial Statement of the most recent or immediate prior fiscal year, including the management letter and written response. <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Application is signed by the agency official authorized to execute contracts or include documentation of the signatory's delegated signature authority. The signatory's name must match the agency's officer records on file with the Florida Secretary of State, Division of Corporations (Sunbiz), at https://dos.fl.gov/sunbiz . <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Applicant completed the required affirmative certifications.	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Application is complete and has all the required attachments and signatures. <i>If no, ineligible to move forward to the ranking committee.</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

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Application Threshold Review This portion of the ranking tool will be completed by HVS .	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements	Threshold Requirements
	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Application aligns with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO published under funding opportunity #CPD-2600-DC-0025.	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No
Eligible to Move Forward to Ranking Committee	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No	☐Yes ☐No
HVS Staff Reviewer Initials:					
Date of Application Threshold Review:					

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Project Scoring <i>This portion of the ranking tool will be completed by the PERC.</i>	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type
	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
All Projects Scoring - Renewals, New Projects and CoC Bonus					
Project Summary <i>7a. Summary of Project</i> – Provide a summary of the proposed project. Include the project component (TH, SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Standalone, PSH, or RRH), the population of focus to be served, the estimated number of participants, the services to be delivered, the total cost of the proposed activities, and anticipated service partners. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7b. Statement of Need</i> – Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7c. Alignment HUD's Goals and Objectives</i> – Describe how the proposed project advances all eight of the HUD goals and objectives listed below. Provide specific examples of activities, partnerships, service approaches, and expected outcomes. (Maximum Point Value = 16) 1. Improving Outcomes 2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability 3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care 4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency 5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency 6. Advancing Public Safety for All 7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations 8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology					
CoC System Performance <i>8a. Returns to Homelessness</i> - Describe how your project will reduce or has reduced returns to homelessness after participants exit the program. Explain the strategies, follow-up support, and coordination practices you will use to help participants remain stably housed. Include how you will measure and track this outcome. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of the provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
8b. Employment Income - Describe how your project will help or has helped participants increase earned income. Identify the workforce or employer partnerships, employment readiness supports, and service approaches you use. Include projected outcomes and how you will measure increased employment income. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					
8c. HMIS Data Quality and Reporting - Describe how your organization will ensure or has ensured timely and accurate HMIS data entry by outlining the procedures you will put in place, even if your organization is new to the system. Include how you will train staff, establish internal data quality checks, and monitor entries to correct errors. Explain how you plan to use HMIS data to guide treatment, recovery support, service coordination, and case management once the project is operating. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9b. Financial Capacity - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9c. Cost Effectiveness – Describe how the proposed budget is reasonable in relation to the population served, the services provided, and the outcomes expected. The response must include the total annual budget requested divided by the number of persons or households to be served annually, shown as a cost per person or household. Include at least one benchmark or comparison supporting that this cost is reasonable, such as Fair Market Rent, prior grant costs, or comparable local cost data. Briefly explain how staffing and partnerships are used efficiently to achieve the expected outcomes. All costs must be consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (Maximum Point Value = 12 14)					

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Project Scoring <i>This portion of the ranking tool will be completed by the PERC.</i>	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type	Project Type
	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Transitional Housing (TH)					
a. Explain how the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations 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.). (Maximum Point Value = 4)					
b. Explain your organization's prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
c. Explain previous experience operating or currently operating transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
d. Explain 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. (Maximum Point Value = 2)					
e. Describe how the proposed project will assess the service needs of program participants and provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or a 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. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
f. Explain how the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided. Also, explain program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment in Section 12: Required Attachments. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Bonus Points					
Project proposes to utilize 50% or more of the award within a designated Opportunity Zone and has submitted Form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone (Appendix 5). (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
Earned Points					
Total Points Possible	100	100	100	100	100
Normalized Score (Earned Points/Total Points)					

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All Projects Scoring - Renewals, New Projects and CoC Bonus					
Project Summary <i>7a. Summary of Project</i> – Provide a summary of the proposed project. Include the project component (TH, SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Standalone, PSH, or RRH), the population of focus to be served, the estimated number of participants, the services to be delivered, the total cost of the proposed activities, and anticipated service partners. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7b. Statement of Need</i> – Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7c. Alignment HUD's Goals and Objectives</i> – Describe how the proposed project advances all eight of the HUD goals and objectives listed below. Provide specific examples of activities, partnerships, service approaches, and expected outcomes. (Maximum Point Value = 16) 1. Improving Outcomes 2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability 3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care 4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency 5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency 6. Advancing Public Safety for All 7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations 8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology					
CoC System Performance <i>8a. Returns to Homelessness</i> - Describe how your project will reduce or has reduced returns to homelessness after participants exit the program. Explain the strategies, follow-up support, and coordination practices you will use to help participants remain stably housed. Include how you will measure and track this outcome. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of the provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
8b. Employment Income - Describe how your project will help or has helped participants increase earned income. Identify the workforce or employer partnerships, employment readiness supports, and service approaches you use. Include projected outcomes and how you will measure increased employment income. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					
8c. HMIS Data Quality and Reporting - Describe how your organization will ensure or has ensured timely and accurate HMIS data entry by outlining the procedures you will put in place, even if your organization is new to the system. Include how you will train staff, establish internal data quality checks, and monitor entries to correct errors. Explain how you plan to use HMIS data to guide treatment, recovery support, service coordination, and case management once the project is operating. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9b. Financial Capacity - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9c. Cost Effectiveness – Describe how the proposed budget is reasonable in relation to the population served, the services provided, and the outcomes expected. The response must include the total annual budget requested divided by the number of persons or households to be served annually, shown as a cost per person or household. Include at least one benchmark or comparison supporting that this cost is reasonable, such as Fair Market Rent, prior grant costs, or comparable local cost data. Briefly explain how staffing and partnerships are used efficiently to achieve the expected outcomes. All costs must be consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (Maximum Point Value = 12 14)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone					
a. Explain why the proposed Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency Also describe how the project will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants. (Maximum Point Value = 6)					
b. Explain how the proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services. (Maximum Point Value = 9)					
c. Explain 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. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
Bonus Points					
Project proposes to utilize 50% or more of the award within a designated Opportunity Zone and has submitted Form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone (Appendix 5). (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
Earned Points					
Total Points Possible	100	100	100	100	100
Normalized Score (Earned Points/Total Points)					

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All Projects Scoring - Renewals, New Projects and CoC Bonus					
Project Summary <i>7a. Summary of Project</i> – Provide a summary of the proposed project. Include the project component (TH, SSO-Street Outreach, SSO-Standalone, PSH, or RRH), the population of focus to be served, the estimated number of participants, the services to be delivered, the total cost of the proposed activities, and anticipated service partners. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7b. Statement of Need</i> – Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
<i>7c. Alignment HUD's Goals and Objectives</i> – Describe how the proposed project advances all eight of the HUD goals and objectives listed below. Provide specific examples of activities, partnerships, service approaches, and expected outcomes. (Maximum Point Value = 16) 1. Improving Outcomes 2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability 3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care 4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency 5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency 6. Advancing Public Safety for All 7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations 8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology					
CoC System Performance <i>8a. Returns to Homelessness</i> - Describe how your project will reduce or has reduced returns to homelessness after participants exit the program. Explain the strategies, follow-up support, and coordination practices you will use to help participants remain stably housed. Include how you will measure and track this outcome. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of the provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
8b. Employment Income - Describe how your project will help or has helped participants increase earned income. Identify the workforce or employer partnerships, employment readiness supports, and service approaches you use. Include projected outcomes and how you will measure increased employment income. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					
8c. HMIS Data Quality and Reporting - Describe how your organization will ensure or has ensured timely and accurate HMIS data entry by outlining the procedures you will put in place, even if your organization is new to the system. Include how you will train staff, establish internal data quality checks, and monitor entries to correct errors. Explain how you plan to use HMIS data to guide treatment, recovery support, service coordination, and case management once the project is operating. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9b. Financial Capacity - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9c. Cost Effectiveness – Describe how the proposed budget is reasonable in relation to the population served, the services provided, and the outcomes expected. The response must include the total annual budget requested divided by the number of persons or households to be served annually, shown as a cost per person or household. Include at least one benchmark or comparison supporting that this cost is reasonable, such as Fair Market Rent, prior grant costs, or comparable local cost data. Briefly explain how staffing and partnerships are used efficiently to achieve the expected outcomes. All costs must be consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (Maximum Point Value = 12 14)					

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	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant	Name of Applicant
Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach					
a. Explain 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. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
b. Explain how the proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants, including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services. (Maximum Point Value = 6)					
c. Explain your organization's history of, or a plan for, partnering 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. The project must cooperate with and not interfere with or impede the enforcement of local laws, including public camping and public drug use ordinances, and must demonstrate willingness to assist first responders in their efforts to engage individuals experiencing homelessness. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
d. Explain your organization's experience providing outreach services, or a plan for providing outreach services, consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13). Demonstrated effectiveness for how your organization has helped, or plans to help, people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs. (Maximum Point Value = 6)					
Bonus Points					
Project proposes to utilize 50% or more of the award within a designated Opportunity Zone and has submitted Form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone (Appendix 5). (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
Earned Points					
Total Points Possible	100	100	100	100	100
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<i>7c. Alignment HUD's Goals and Objectives</i> – Describe how the proposed project advances all eight of the HUD goals and objectives listed below. Provide specific examples of activities, partnerships, service approaches, and expected outcomes. (Maximum Point Value = 16) 1. Improving Outcomes 2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability 3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care 4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency 5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency 6. Advancing Public Safety for All 7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations 8. Expanding Access Based on Merit, and Not Ideology					
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8c. HMIS Data Quality and Reporting - Describe how your organization will ensure or has ensured timely and accurate HMIS data entry by outlining the procedures you will put in place, even if your organization is new to the system. Include how you will train staff, establish internal data quality checks, and monitor entries to correct errors. Explain how you plan to use HMIS data to guide treatment, recovery support, service coordination, and case management once the project is operating. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9b. Financial Capacity - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
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Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)					
a. Explain how the provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
b. Explain the type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants (e.g., case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and employment assistance) that will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
c. Explain how your organization has previously operated or currently operates a homelessness projects where, or has a plan in place to have, at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant, or has a plan in place to ensure this. (Maximum Point Value = 4)					
d. Explain how the project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
Bonus Points					
Project proposes to utilize 50% or more of the award within a designated Opportunity Zone and has submitted Form HUD-2996, Certification for Opportunity Zone (Appendix 5). (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
Earned Points					
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<i>7b. Statement of Need</i> – Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. (Maximum Point Value = 54)					
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8b. Employment Income - Describe how your project will help or has helped participants increase earned income. Identify the workforce or employer partnerships, employment readiness supports, and service approaches you use. Include projected outcomes and how you will measure increased employment income. The outcomes should not refer to the services/activities to be provided by the applicant, but instead the accomplishments of the clients as a result of provided services. (Maximum Point Value = 12 13)					
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Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
9b. Financial Capacity - Describe your organization's financial management systems, including confirmation that your organization or fiscal agent maintains a functioning accounting system operated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and that you are able to manage and account for federal funds in compliance with 2 CFR part 200. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
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Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH)					
a. Explain the type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
b. Explain the type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants that will ensure that the participant is able to successfully obtain and retain permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., transportation, safety planning, enhanced case management). Also, state whether the project will incorporate supportive service participation requirements into its program design based on individual participant need, in accordance with 24 CFR 578.75(h), and if so, describe how those requirements will be established and adjusted for each participant. If your organization is proposing to expand an existing PH project, it must demonstrate how they are expanding supportive services to program participants, including where appropriate, on-site supportive services. (Maximum Point Value = 9)					
c. Explain how the project will serve homeless individuals or families with a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i). (Maximum Point Value = 4)					
d. Explain 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. (Maximum Point Value = 4)					
Bonus Points					
PSH project prioritize elderly individuals or persons with a physical or developmental disability. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
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Earned Points					
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<i>7b. Statement of Need</i> – Applicants must describe the local factors contributing to homelessness within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area. All statements must be supported by either (1) internal CoC system data (e.g., HMIS, PIT counts, coordinated entry data, service utilization reports) or (2) clearly cited external data sources (e.g., HUD Exchange, U.S. Census Bureau, or other publicly available information). Responses must explain the scope and nature of homelessness locally, including key contributing factors and system challenges. Applicants must also identify the specific gap in the current system that the proposed project will address and explain how the project responds to that gap. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
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Capacity and Cost-Reasonableness 9a. Management Capacity - Describe your organization's capacity to operate this project, including experience managing similar programs, delivering the proposed services, and administering CoC program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources. Your response should demonstrate that your organization has the staff, systems, and management structure needed to comply with federal requirements and successfully carry out the project. (Maximum Point Value = 5 4)					
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DV Bonus - Transitional Housing (TH)					
Describe how your project will provide safe and confidential housing and services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. Explain how the program design minimizes trauma, protects survivor safety, and ensures access to survivor-centered supports. Include your approach to trauma-informed practices, safety planning, confidentiality protections, and coordination with victim service providers and law enforcement when appropriate. (Maximum Point Value = 8)					
a. Explain how the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations 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.). (Maximum Point Value = 4)					
b. Explain your organization's prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
c. Explain previous experience operating or currently operating transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
d. Explain 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. (Maximum Point Value = 2)					
e. Describe how the proposed project will assess the service needs of program participants and provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or a 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. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					

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f. Explain how the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided. Also, explain program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency. Please include any MOUs, written agreements or letters of commitment in Section 12: Required Attachments. (Maximum Point Value = 3)					
Bonus Points					
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DV Bonus - Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)					
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a. Explain how the provision of tenant-based rental assistance will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. (Maximum Point Value = 5)					
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