



FY2019 CoC Program Application

Project Ranking Criteria and Methodology

Renewal Project Eligibility and Threshold Requirements:

Renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards identified in the NOFA or they will be rejected from consideration for funding. When considering renewal projects for award, the CoC Board will review information in HUD's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS), Annual Performance Reports (APR), information provided from the local HUD/CPD Field Office, including monitoring reports and A-133 audit reports as applicable, and performance standards on prior grants.

All projects must meet basic eligibility requirements as outlined in *24 CFR 578*.

All projects must also meet all eligibility and threshold requirements as outlined in the 2019 CoC Program Competition NOFA. (See page 3, threshold requirement checklist.)

Ranking Process:

HUD requires that CoC's rank all projects in two Tiers. Tier 1 is equal to 100% of the combined ARA for all projects eligible for renewal for the first time, plus 94% of the combined ARA for all projects eligible for renewal. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for bonus funds.

ARD: \$3,699,553

Tier 1: \$3,477,581

Tier 2: \$ 221,972 + Any Applicable Bonus Funds

Any COC Board Member associated with an agency that is applying for funding will not be a part of the ranking process.

The CoC's ranking process is intended to be a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for the objective ranking and selection of project applications. Renewal projects will be evaluated and ranked as follows:

1. Renewal and Expansion projects will be scored and ranked according to the attached point system: "2019 AL-501 CoC Renewal/Expansion Project Scoring Criteria."

- Renewal/Expansion Projects will be evaluated based on performance measures. The data will come from submitted APRs, LOCCS, and CoC monitoring reports.
- First-time renewal projects with less than six months of data and no APR will be scored according to the New Project Scoring Criteria.
- Performance measures meeting or exceeding the outlined goals will result in maximum points. Measures lower than the goal will be scored proportionally.

2. **All New and Renewal/Expansion projects that meet all threshold criteria will be ranked based on project type and population served according to the attached “2019 CoC Priorities” document.**
3. **In the event two or more projects’ scores result in an identical rating, the tie will be broken according to any locally established priorities outlined in the “2019 CoC Priorities” document. Should the tying projects be of identical project type or if the CoC has established no local priorities, then the tie will be broken according to the requested amount of grant funding - with larger grants being rated above grants with less funding.**
4. **CoC “infrastructure projects” - HMIS and Coordinated Entry - will automatically be ranked in Tier 1.**

Reallocation Process:

Renewal projects may voluntarily reallocate a portion of their funds by reducing the amount in their renewal project application. Renewal projects may be reallocated in part or in whole during the review and ranking process because of poor performance, unused budget amounts from previous years, or need for increased funding in a higher priority project type according to the CoC’s local priorities.

The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project’s ranking and remove a project from Tier 2 – regardless of score - if the Tier 2 project fills a critical service gap and/or community need or serves any established priority populations.

The CoC reserves the right to adjust a project’s ranking and place a project into Tier 2 - regardless of score - if the Tier 1 project is deemed noncompliant with CoC Policies & Procedures, noncompliant with HUD regulations, fails to adhere to the Housing First Model of assistance, no longer fills a critical service gap or no longer serves an established priority population.

The CoC will consider the vulnerability and service needs of each project’s target population during the ranking process. This is to ensure the availability of services to high-priority populations in accordance with the CoC’s local priorities.

Renewal Project Acceptance/Rejection

Renewal project proposals that do not meet all threshold requirements will be rejected.

Renewal project proposals that meet all threshold requirements will be accepted and ranked but may not be funded if they rank outside of available funding amounts. Likewise, HUD may choose to fund all, some, or none of the projects ranked in Tier 2 - based on HUD’s funding availability and competitive process.



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Project Thresholds

The CoC Board will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If the CoC Board determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected.

- Coordinated Entry Participation - Project must receive 100% of program participants through the Coordinated Entry Process or an approved alternative system for projects serving victims of domestic violence.
- Housing First Model/Low-Barrier Implementation - Project must follow the Housing First Model and certify as such in the eSnaps project application form.
- Documented, secured minimum match - All matching funds must be identified, and the commitment must be documented.
- Applicant is active CoC participant – Sub-recipient agencies must be current members of the CoC General Membership.
- Application is complete and data are consistent - All sections of the project application must be complete and agree in numbers and activities in all sections.
- Data quality (for renewal projects only) must be at or above 90%.
- Acceptable organizational audit/financial review.
- Documented organizational financial stability - financial structure, policies & procedures, and general ledger must demonstrate appropriate capacity for managing federal funds.

RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING

Performance Measure	Factor/Goal	Active Value	Max Score
RRH – On Average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 days		20
RRH – Minimum percentage move to permanent housing.	90 %		25
PSH - On average, participants spend 15 days from project entry to residential move-in.	15 %		20
PSH – Minimum percent remaining in or move to permanent housing.	90 %		25
Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing.	15 %		15
Minimum new or increased earned income for project stayers.	8 %		2.5
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project stayers.	10 %		2.5
Minimum new or increased earned income for project leavers.	8 %		2.5
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project leavers.	10 %		2.5
RRH – Minimum percent of participants with zero income at entry.	50 %		10
PSH – Minimum percent of participants with zero income at entry.	75 %		10
Monitoring report results – Are there any unresolved Final Monitoring Reports? (YES/NO)	NO		10
Percent of project leavers exiting to permanent housing.	100 %		10

Total Available Points ***155***

Project Name: _____

Total Score: _____

2019 CoC Priorities

Following a review of community data and examination of the local homeless assistance system's current structure, the CoC Board of Directors for the Homeless Coalition of the Alabama Gulf Coast voted not to prioritize any project type or subpopulation over others.

Amended/Approved by CoC Board of Directors on 08/28/2019