



# Homeless Coalition of The Alabama Gulf Coast

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## **FY2021 CoC Program NOFO**

### **RENEWAL 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 NOFO 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, performance standards on prior grants, and CoC monitoring reports.

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 2021 CoC Program Competition NOFO. **(See page 3, threshold requirement checklist.)**

#### **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. Lower performing projects that score more than 20% below higher performing projects will be automatically considered for reallocation by the CoC.

#### **Ranking Process:**

Project applications submitted to the CoC must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.

Tier 1 is equal to 100% of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for all projects eligible for renewal. Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for, but does not include CoC planning projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.

ARD: \$3,816,265

Tier 1: \$3,816,265

Tier 2: 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. New and Renewal/Expansion projects will be accepted and ranked, or rejected, based on the project meeting all threshold criteria as well as serving a prioritized population or population in need.**

**2. Renewal and Expansion projects will be scored and ranked according to the attached "Renewal Project Scoring" point system:**

- Renewal/Expansion Projects will be evaluated based on performance measures. The data will come from submitted APRs, LOCCS, CoC monitoring reports, and the HMIS.
  - Data for projects serving victims of domestic violence will be generated from a comparable database
- 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.

**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 "2021 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.**

**5. 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.**

**6. 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.**



## **FY2021 CoC Program Application**

### **Renewal 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.
- Project meets HUD's NOFO Application Threshold Requirements

**RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING**

<b>Performance Measure</b>	<b>Factor/Goal</b>	<b>Active Value</b>	<b>Max Score</b>
RRH (DV) – Minimum percentage of participants obtain Protection from Abuse Order relief	50 %		10
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 days		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		20
Percent of project leavers exiting to permanent housing.	100 %		10
Describe the experience of the applicant in working with the proposed population, in providing the proposed housing, and in effectively managing federal or other public funds	Narrative		25
Evaluate the continued need for the project type in the CoC, taking into account the project’s service to participants with barriers such as substance abuse, history of domestic violence, disabilities, mental illness, criminal histories, etc.	Evaluation		25

**Total Available Points for RRH – 160, for PSH – 160, and for RRH-DV – 170**

**Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Score:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **2021 CoC Priorities**

The AL-501 CoC requires participating projects to utilize Coordinated Entry for 100% of their program participant referrals. Using the VI-SPDAT, Coordinated Entry evaluates and refers participants according to the highest vulnerability and need. The CoC currently funds programs serving chronically homeless, homeless with disabilities including serious mental illness, families and youth, and those exiting institutions and incarceration.

Following a review of community data and examination of the local homeless assistance system's currently funded programs, 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 for the 2021 NOFO Application process.