



# CoC Review & Ranking

Bristol County CoC's Review and Ranking Procedures for the 2026 Competition

The Bristol County Continuum of Care (CoC) known as the "BCCC" has established a Performance Review Committee charged with evaluating the performance of Continuum of Care (CoC) and City of New Bedford Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funded programs and overseeing the Rank and Review procedures for the annual Continuum of Care funding cycle.

The Performance Review Committee (PRC) is comprised of BCCC members who are knowledgeable about homelessness and housing in this CoC and who are broadly representative of the relevant sectors, subpopulations, and geographic areas. The PRC is comprised of representatives from a cross-section of groups in the BCCC including philanthropic institutions, those from the private sector, non-profit providers of homeless services and housing, and municipal staff. The PRC is also comprised of members that have no financial or interest in any CoC-funded program. Both NEW/BONUS and RENEWAL projects are evaluated on a 100-point basis. For each section of the application, the PRC members will be asked to assign a score that is based on information in the application, the threshold and merit reviews, and the site visit/interviews (if applicable) for each project.

## **General Responsibilities of the Performance Review Committee (PRC):**

At a minimum the PRC meets quarterly to review performance and outcomes from CoC and ESG funded programs. The New Bedford Office of Housing and Community Development's (OHCD) who serves as the Collaborative Applicant provides quarterly monitoring reports to the PRC to fully evaluate program performance. The PRC also meets to discuss the annual request for proposals application process and provides feedback and considers information gained on behalf of the CoC over the past year and makes revisions to the application. The Committee regularly considers new members to join the committee and participate in the review team.

The Committee's key responsibility revolves around the review and ranking of CoC applications received through an application process for funding through the Continuum of Care Application process culminating in a recommendation to the BCCC.

There are five (5) primary responsibilities of the PRC:

- 1. Review all CoC and ESG applications for funding<sup>1</sup>:**
  - Review any new project submittals.
  - Review any proposed reallocations.
  - Review all existing CoC / ESG Programs eligible for, and seeking, renewal.
- 2. Evaluate and assess the proposals** considering the Continuum's existing needs and gaps, as well as the funding HUD will make available.

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<sup>1</sup> CoC and ESG application funding cycles differ and thus, the reviews for both funding types differs accordingly.

3. **Rank all projects.** The project ranking is established through the PRC review and evaluation procedure. The committee reviews the material and all scoring to develop a proposed ranking slate. Review and discussion considering each project and the CoC is discussed; the PRC is then charged with ranking (in the case of CoC projects) or assessing for funding (in the case of ESG projects) based on its evaluation.
4. **In the case of CoC Projects, make a recommendation** for a slate of projects to be funded in order of priority and by tier in accordance with HUD funding criteria to the full BCCC membership for a formal vote. The final PRC Ranking of Projects slate is shared with the BCCC membership who are presented with the PRC's explanation of its procedures and recommendations for ranking according to Tiers. In so doing, a vote of the membership is then taken as to whether the slate is to be ratified as presented by the PRC. The final voted-upon/accepted ranking is shared with the BCCC and posted on the [BCCC Competition site](#) website. Each project is notified in writing outside of E-SNAPS as to the results of the ranking and they are given the opportunity to meet with the Collaborative Applicant to debrief upon request.
5. **In the case of ESG Projects, score and select projects** for funding bearing in mind community needs, threshold/merit scoring and ESG component caps. The final voted-upon/accepted projects within the City of New Bedford are posted and published within the city's Annual Action Plan. Once the plan is adopted, each project is notified in writing as to the subgrant award it will receive in the coming fiscal year.

### **Review Procedure**

The PRC evaluate projects to ensure they meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. Information will be evaluated from Annual Performance Reports (APRs), SAGE, information derived from desktop and on-site monitoring including monitoring reports and audit reports as applicable, data and performance standards on prior grants and extent to which the project improves the efficiency and efficacy of the CoC homeless system in addition to assessing a project relying on criteria including, but not limited to:

- Applicant's performance against plans and goals;
- Timeliness standards;
- Applicant's performance in assisting program participants to achieve and maintain independent living and record of success;
- Financial management accounting practices;
- Timely expenditures;
- Capacity; and
- Eligible activities

### **Project Tiering**

In the case of CoC funding, once the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is released, the priorities and tiering outlined in the application are strategically applied by the CoC to the project ranking. Reallocation, new projects, and other CoC priorities are considered through CoC discussions. The tiering is presented by the PRC based on projects that meet a high priority, are high performing, and meet the needs and gaps as identified in the CoC.

## **Bonus Project/DV Bonus Projects**

In the past several CoC competition rounds, DV Bonus funds have been available. Applicants for CoC funding within the BCCC are permitted to apply for one (1) bonus project which, if ranked, will compete nationally against other DV Bonus projects on a HUD scoring system set forth in the NOFO. HUD will notify the CoCs as to what the bonus funds may be used for. The DV Bonus project will complement and fill an unmet need.

The application for a DV or a CoC Bonus project is an option often included within the CoC Application. Those reviewing submitted projects will score and rank the bonus projects in accordance with criteria set forth in the RFP. CoC Bonus projects will be part of the overall project review and ranking procedure completed by the PRC and submitted to the full BCCC for a formal vote. In addition to a new CoC Bonus project, a new DV Bonus project is also available in the FY2026 round and may be submitted. DV Bonus projects are limited to:

- New DV Bonus Supportive Service-Coordinated Entry Domestic Violence (SSO-CE DV) projects
- New DV Bonus Transitional Housing (TH) projects
- New DV Bonus Permanent Supportive Housing – Rapid Re-Housing (PSH-RRH) projects

These project opportunities are detailed in the local Application and federal NOFO, itself.

## **Reallocation**

Reallocation is tool used by CoCs to shift funds, in whole or in part, from existing eligible renewal grants to create new projects for CoC Program funds. The CoC decides this by looking at projects that may be underperforming and by assessing gaps within the CoC. The PRC, acting on behalf of the continuum, can recommend that the CoC repurpose a project to address such unmet need. CoC funded agencies may voluntarily choose to reallocate CoC funds. These will be reviewed by the PRC team as well.

Detailed discussion as to both the involuntary and voluntary reallocation policy is available as a separate document on the [BCCC Competition site](#) website.

## **Procedure for Appeals:**

Agencies that question the ranking and review and feel that they have been unfairly eliminated from the competition may file an appeal with the CoC through the OHCD. An appeal may not be submitted if the basis of the appeal is one of the following: the applicant did not answer all the questions on the application, the applicant did not submit the application with all required attachments, or the applicant did not submit by the required deadline. Applicants whose project was rejected may appeal the local CoC competition decision to HUD if the project applicant believes it was denied the opportunity to participate in the local CoC planning process in a reasonable manner and they may submit a Solo Application in e-snaps directly to HUD prior to the application deadline.

The CoC's notification of rejection of the project in the local competition must be attached to the Solo Application. If the CoC fails to provide written notification outside of e-snaps, the Solo Applicant must attach evidence that it attempted to participate in the local CoC planning process and submitted a project application that met the local deadlines, along with a statement that the CoC did not provide the Solo Applicant written notification of the CoC rejecting the project in the local CoC competition. The appeal must be because a decision made by the PRC regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the 2026 Continuum of Care Guidelines.