



# CoC Project Selection Process

Application Selection Process, Scoring, Ranking, and Reallocation Process 2026

## Project Selection

The process for selecting and scoring projects first includes a threshold review requirement, a merit review with project scoring and responses to any requests for explanations. The CoC's Performance Review Committee (PRC) may also seek more information and/or require a brief presentation by the applicant to the PRC, itself. Once all reviews are complete and scoring has been done, the process ends with the PRC presenting its recommended ranking to the Bristol County CoC (BCCC) membership who then votes for the final ranking of projects.

All applications will be reviewed to ensure both threshold and merit requirements for both renewal projects and new projects are met.

### Threshold

**Threshold Review.** The City of New Bedford's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) as collaborative applicant on behalf of the BCCC will complete the threshold review for all submitted applications. The OHCD will then provide all information necessary for scoring each application meeting the threshold requirements to the PRC.

#### Applicants must meet **threshold eligibility requirements to be considered eligible:**

- Project eligibility threshold (both renewal and new projects),
- CoC Program eligibility requirements and evidence of that eligibility as required in the application (such as nonprofit documentation),
- Financial management capacity (with experience to carry out the project and capacity to administer federal funds),
- Projects must serve populations meeting the program eligibility requirements (as described in the Act, the Rule and Section III G.11 of the HUD CoC NOFO),
- Project applicants must agree to participate in the BCCC's local HMIS system (except for victim service providers who must instead use a comparable database meeting the needs of the BCCC's HMIS),
- Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in the NOFO,
- Project applicants must certify affirmatively that they will:
  - Not engage in illegal racial discrimination,
  - Not operate a drug injection site or safe consumption site.

Each project, whether new or renewal, must demonstrate how it will meet the scoring criteria. Please note that some criteria noted may not be applicable to all project types.

Agencies that do not meet the threshold score or who are not recommended for funding or reduced funding may appeal and address the members of the COC PRC based only on the guidelines established by the BCCC. (agencies recommended or only partially funded are not eligible to request an appeal).

## Project Eligibility

Applicants meeting threshold eligibility must then meet project eligibility and merit requirements to be considered eligible. The OHCD and/or the CoC's PRC reserve the right to request additional and/or clarifying information to inform its review of a project.

A detailed review of each project meeting threshold requirements is made by the PRC who will consider all aspects of the prospective submission including, but not limited to, the intended project eligibility, itself, intended project participant eligibility, program configuration, programming requests compared against federal and local needs and priorities and responses to all questions within the application including narrative responses focusing on HUD priorities.

After consultation and analysis, will render scoring for each project.

## Detailed Project Review

The PRC will complete the review, scoring and evaluation process using the scoring rubrics provided in this document.

### In the case of renewal applications...

...the scoring rubric evaluates past performance and practices that will improve the BCCC's system response to homelessness and align this response with national policies and best practices..

### In the case of new applications and DV bonus applications...

...the scoring rubric evaluates practices that will improve the BCCC's system response to homelessness and align this response with national policies and best practices.

Scores will determine each project's rank in the CoC's application to HUD and rank will be the primary determinant of placement into Tier 1 and Tier 2. Scores may also be used to reject applications or to reduce budgets for low-scoring projects or over-funded projects.

## Final Selection/Ranking

After scoring the application, the PRC will present its resulting ranking recommendation for funding approval to the BCCC membership meeting after which a vote will be taken on ranking of projects to be submitted to HUD.

If a project is not selected for funding, the applicant has the right to appeal, provided that the appeal is based upon violations of program regulations. For example, reviewing members did not consistently follow the scoring criteria and process or if there was a conflict of interest that prevented a fair review of the proposal. No appeals will be heard based on funding level. Appeals must be made consistent with the NOFO.

## Scoring

As noted within the application for funding, itself, all applications will be reviewed to ensure both threshold and merit for both renewal projects and new projects.

### **1. Applicants must meet threshold eligibility requirements to be considered eligible:**

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- Project applicants must certify affirmatively that they will:
  - Not engage in illegal racial discrimination,
  - Not operate a drug injection site or safe consumption site.

Each project, whether new or renewal, must demonstrate how it will meet the scoring criteria identified in the application and in this document. Please note that some criteria noted may not be applicable to all project types.

**2. Applicants must meet project eligibility requirements to be considered eligible:**

**Renewal Project Thresholds**

The BCCC will consider the need to continue funding any project expiring in calendar year 2027 that seeks to continue as a renewal project in the FY2026 round and the extent to which the potential renewal project has/will improve the efficacy of the CoC’s efforts to end homelessness. HUD will consider project information from eLOCCS, APRs and any information from the HUD CPD Field Office including monitoring reports and audit reports and performance standards achieved on prior grants. HUD will assess submitted project applications on a pass/fail basis as further detailed in the NOFO at Section V A. 4. b.

**New Project Thresholds**

The BCCC will consider applications for new funding that meet the new project thresholds detailed on the [BCCC Competition site](#) and in the NOFO at Section V.A.4.c.3.and 4. Please note that project applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards and project quality thresholds for the project type for which application is made. Specific criteria and new project application rating factors being considered are detailed in the NOFO at Section V A.4.

**New Projects/DV Bonus Projects**

Consideration for funding of new/DV bonus projects funded out of the CoC Bonus and/or including those created as a result of reallocation, will be based on the following performance objectives:

▪ Agency Experience and Capacity	(20 point maximum)
▪ Project Quality and Alignment	(60 point maximum)
▪ Match Resources	(10 point maximum)
▪ Fiscal Management	(10 point maximum)

New and bonus projects may score up to 100 points maximum based on information provided in the application including attachments of required materials. Specific scoring criteria for new/bonus projects is as follows:

<b>Scoring Criteria :: New / Bonus DV Projects</b>	
<b>STANDARDS AND SCORING</b>	<b>MAX POINTS</b>
<p><b>Agency Experience and Capacity.</b> Applicants with experience in administering HUD or other federal funds successfully and providing the proposed service and/or serving the proposed population, demonstrating that the proposed project will fill an existing gap within the CoC and/or that it propels the CoC forward toward improving its system performance and meeting its goal of ending homelessness will receive up to 20 points.</p>	<b>20</b>
<p><b>Project Quality.</b> Each application will be scored on the overall quality of the project, and the extent to which the applicant can clearly demonstrate the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Proposed Project/Need (12 points)</u>: Applicants may receive up to 15 points based on its evidence of community need, the extent to which the project aligns with HUD priorities, the extent to which applicant has ongoing collaborations within the community, and extent of leverage (particularly private funding resources).</li> <li>▪ <u>Proposed Population To be Served (6 points)</u>: Projects proposing to have at least 100% of beds dedicated to chronic homeless will receive 6 points. Applicants seeking DV Bonus funding may receive an additional 2 points when clearly demonstrating project participants will meet DV Bonus participant eligibility.</li> <li>▪ <u>Alignment with HUD Priorities (42 points)</u>: Points will be awarded based on a proposed project's ability to advance recovery, optimizing self sufficiency and restricting taxpayer funded illicit drug use or paraphernalia distribution, as well as the extent to which the project has integrated on-site substance use treatment, faith-based and/or non-traditional service provider relationships and public safety/law enforcement partnerships as described through narrative responses. (Six questions valued at 7 points each).</li> </ul>	<b>60</b>
<p><b>Match Resources.</b> Projects demonstrating ability to match the required HUD 25% match will receive up to 8 points; those projects leveraging 25-50% non-government funding will receive the full 10 points.</p>	<b>10</b>
<p><b>Fiscal Management.</b> To receive maximum points, applicants must demonstrate history of financial stability, including prompt expenditure of program funds, and no outstanding audit or HUD monitoring findings.</p>	<b>10</b>
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS for NEW PROJECTS / BONUS DV PROJECTS</b>	<b>100</b>

### Renewal Projects

Consideration for funding of renewal projects will be based on the scored submitted application, objective scoring criteria from HMIS, SimTech performance dashboards and 12 month APR reporting, percentage drawdowns during the current program year cycle through the HUD LOCCS system, and monitoring results from the OHCD and/or HUD. The following performance objectives will be used to score renewal projects:

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| ❑ Performance         | (50 point maximum) |
| ❑ Data Quality        | ( 4 point maximum) |
| ❑ Fiscal Management   | (10 point maximum) |
| ❑ Narrative Responses | (36 point maximum) |

In addition to these scored elements, all renewal projects will be expected to satisfy additional evaluation criteria noted within this section. Renewal projects may score up to 100 points maximum based on information provided in the application including attachments of required materials. Specific scoring criteria for renewal projects is as follows:

Scoring Criteria :: Renewal Projects			
GOALS	PERFORMANCE STANDARD	SCORING	MAX POINTS
<b>1. Housing Stability</b> Persons residing in PSH or PSH-RRH who exited to another permanent housing destination. Goal 85%	<u>Based on APR Q1 &amp; Q23c</u> The % of persons who exited to permanent housing destinations as of the end of the operating year.	≥85%=10 80%-84%=9 65%-79%= 7 55%-64%= 3 ≤54%= 0	<b>10</b>
<b>2. Returns to Homelessness</b> Persons exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including Transitional Housing) Goal <10%	<u>Based on APR Q1 &amp; Q23c</u> The % of persons in the PSH program returning to homelessness shall be less than 10%.	<0% - <2% = 5 <3% - <5% = 3 <6% - <8% = 2 <9% = 1 <10% = 0	<b>5</b>
<b>3. Earned Income – Stayers</b> Adult stayers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal 10%	<u>Based on APR Q19a1 – Adults with Earned Income</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their income (employment income) as of the latest annual assessment.	≥10%= 5 9%-7%= 4 6%-4%= 3 3%-2%= 2 ≤1%= 0	<b>5</b>
<b>4. Non-Employment Cash Income – Stayers</b> Adult stayers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal 40%	<u>Based on APR Q19a1 – Adults with Other Income</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older staying in the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) as of the latest annual assmnt. t	≥40%= 5 30%-39%= 4 20%-29%= 2 ≤20%= 0	<b>5</b>
<b>5. Earned Income – Leavers</b> Adult leavers will increase earned income (employment income). Goal 20%	<u>Based on APR Q19a2 – Adults with Earned Income</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their income (employment income) by program exit.	≥20%= 5 14%-19%= 4 7%-13%= 3 2%-6%= 2 ≤1%= 0	<b>5</b>
<b>6. Non-Employment Cash Income – leavers</b> Adult leavers will increase non-employment cash income (mainstream resources). Goal 50%	<u>Based on APR Q19a2 – Adults with Other Income</u> The % of persons ages 18 or older leaving the program who increased their non-employment cash income (mainstream resources) by program exit.	≥50%= 5 36%-49%= 4 21%-35%= 2 ≤20%= 0	<b>5</b>
<b>7. Utilization Rate - Beds</b> Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fill vacancies. Goal 90%	<u>Based on APR Q8b</u> Average quarterly utilization rate during the operating year.	≥90%= 10 70%-89%= 8 51%-69%= 5 ≤50%= 0	<b>10</b>
<b>8. Data Quality</b> Agency’s thoroughness in ensuring all data is collected and entered into HMIS. Goal = No Omissions	<u>Based on APR Q2, Q3, Q4, Q5</u>	0 oms= 4 1%-10%= 3 11%-20%= 2 21%>= 0	<b>4</b>
<b>9. Chronic Homeless - Persons</b> Persons who are chronically homeless by household Goal 100%	<u>Based on APR Q26b</u> The # of chronically homeless persons divided by the total number of persons served.	Prorated up to 5 points for 100% of CH Beds.	<b>5</b>

<b>10. Fiscal Management</b> Complete and timely drawdown of funds. Goal = 100% Drawdown	<u>Based on HUD LOCCS</u>	0%=10 1%-5%= 8 6%-10%= 5 10%>= 0	<b>10</b>
<b>11.Narrative Responses.</b> Applicant responses to the six narrative questions (items #B15 A – B15 F in the application) and will each be scored with a cumulative total of 36 points possible.		Up to 6 points per question possible	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS</b>			<b>100</b>

Additional Evaluation Criteria

Renewal projects will also be evaluated based on the following baseline criteria. Subrecipients that fail that meet these required criteria will lose points.

<b>Additional Evaluation Criteria*</b>
<b>Agency Experience and Capacity.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Administration:</u> Applicants demonstrating extensive experience in administering HUD or other federal funds and providing the proposed service and/or serving.</li> </ul>
<b>Fiscal Management.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Applicants must demonstrate history of financial stability, including prompt expenditure of program funds, and no outstanding audit or HUD monitoring findings.</li> </ul>
<b>Project Quality.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Refocus Away from Housing First:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project is emphasizing accountability, intensive mental health and addiction treatment while optimizing income and long term self-sufficiency.</li> <li>▪ <u>Consistency of Program:</u> Applicants will be evaluated to the extent to which the project’s performance is consistent against plans and goals established in the application.</li> </ul>

\*The presence of all threshold criteria is also part of the additional evaluation criteria.

**Ranking**

HUD requires that all CoCs list all projects that they approved to submit project applications to HUD, in the order of priority as determined by the CoC. CoCs should place all new and renewal project applications that the CoC determines are high priority, high performing, and meet the needs and gaps as identified by the CoC in Tier 1. HUD will select projects in Tier 1 as described in the NOFO. HUD will select all projects in Tier 1 before selecting any projects in Tier 2. Then, HUD will select projects in Tier 2 as described in the NOFO. Lower ranked projects may be selected for funding above higher ranked projects, consistent with HUD’s selection priorities.

The CoC renewal application components and narratives serve to:

- ❑ Confirm the capacity of agencies to provide CoC funded programs;
- ❑ Provide information on program delivery in order to evaluate performance and meeting HUD priorities for scoring and ranking of projects by the PRC; and
- ❑ Provide project level narrative to be utilized in the CoC Collaborative Application. HUD will limit renewal grants to one (1) year of funding. Renewal Project Applications that request multiple years of funding will be reduced to one (1) year grant amounts.

Renewal projects must meet minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. HUD will review information in the LOCCS; Annual Performance Reports (APRs); and information provided from the HUD local /CPD Field

Office, including monitoring reports and Part 200 audit reports as applicable, as well as performance standards on prior grants, and assess a project on the following criteria using a pass/fail basis:

- ❑ 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;
- ❑ Timeliness; and
- ❑ Eligible activities.

## Reallocation Process

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that CoCs carefully evaluate and review all renewal projects and to develop a reallocation process for projects funded with CoC funds. Reallocating funds is an important tool used by CoCs to make strategic improvements to their homelessness system. Through reallocation, the CoC can create new projects that are aligned with HUD’s goals, by eliminating projects that are underperforming or are more appropriately funded from other sources. Reallocation is particularly important when new resources are not available.

The Bristol County CoC relies on this reallocation process in determining funding to ensure highest performing projects and those that can positively affect system performance throughout the continuum receive reallocated funding from lower-performing projects.

A copy of the BCCC’s Reallocation Process is available online at [BCCC Competition site](#).