# Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX-601 FY25 CoC and YHDP Program Local Competition RFP

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New projects apply at BOTH: https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FY2025CoCCompetition AND https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

Renewal projects apply at: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/</a>



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# Introduction

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (24 CFR part 578) is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities (as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)), and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes available federal resources for homeless programming to communities around the country through its Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and its annual CoC Competition. Continuums access these funds by completing consolidated applications on behalf of the federally funded homeless programs in their CoC.

The CoC Program is authorized by subtitle C of title IV of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, (42 U.S.C. 11381–11389) (the Act), and the CoC Program rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule). The FY2025 funds, including renewal and replacement of YHDP grants, were authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025.

The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

The TX-601 Ft Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County CoC has chosen Partnership Home to serve as its Collaborative Applicant for FY2025.

# **Document Overview**

This document is intended to provide CoC members with basic information about the Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County Continuum of Care TX-601FY25 CoC and YHDP Program Local Competition RFP.

Before submission of renewal or new projects for the FY2025 CoC Competition, please read the NOFO in its entirety.

FY2025 CoC NOFO: <u>FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO</u>

The FY2025 CoC competition NOFO information is only applicable to HUD CoC-funded projects renewing their CoC project funding in 2025, those organizations interested in applying for funding for a new CoC-funded project, or currently funded YHDP projects whose current contract ends in 2026.

The FY2025 CoC Program Competition is administered under the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition NOFO and Rule.

# Priorities and Objectives FY2025 CoC NOFO Priorities

# 1. Ending the Crisis of Homelessness on Our Streets

The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness is at an all-time high. People living on the streets and in encampments have high rates of substance use disorder and mental illness. According to a nationwide study, 75% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report a substance use disorder and 78% report a mental health condition. The study found that substance use disorder contributed to the loss of housing for 50% of the unsheltered population, and mental health conditions contributed to loss of housing for 51% of the population.

CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people regain self-sufficiency. Consistent with Executive Order 14321 "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets," CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

# 2. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery

CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements. This NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for the homeless. HUD encourages CoCs to utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.

### 3. Advancing Public Safety

Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living unsheltered, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely. HUD encourages CoCs to assist in preventing and minimizing the trauma associated with living on the streets or in encampments, especially for women and youth that are the victims of sexual assault and trafficking. Unchecked public camping and public illicit drug use inhibit nonprofit providers and local government from effectively addressing homelessness.

First responders are critical partners in engaging people into treatment and services and protecting public order and vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness. In *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, the Supreme Court of the United States upheld the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

# 4. Promoting Self-Sufficiency.

One of the primary purposes of the CoC Program is to optimize self-sufficiency. CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.

# 5. Improving Outcomes.

CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under this NOFO to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

This NOFO includes several options to help CoCs improve their effectiveness, including reallocation, expansion, and transition grants, and CoC's should take advantage of these options to expand the pool of providers, including faith-based providers, and improve the overall performance of the CoC.

# 6. Minimizing Trauma.

One of the purposes of the CoC program is to minimize the trauma associated with homelessness. CoCs should encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Women experiencing homelessness or domestic violence should have access to safe, single-sex spaces and other considerations for personal privacy (24 CFR 578.93(b).

# FY25 TX-601 CoC Priorities

TX-601 has established the following local priorities based on identified needs and system gaps within the Continuum of Care:

- 1. Maintaining Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) opportunities for disabled and elderly individuals.
- 2. Prioritizing PSH that leverages other resources for supportive services.
- 3. Transitional Housing with supportive services.
- 4. Expanding outreach services for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness across the TX-601 area.
- 5. Strengthening partnerships with law enforcement and first responders to improve crisis response, outreach, and coordinated engagement with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- 6. Increasing inclusion of faith-based organizations in the CoC through outreach, collaboration, and funding opportunities.
- 7. Supportive service projects that integrate employment services and treatment/recovery services, including behavioral health and substance use supports.

- 8. New housing projects that include cross-system coordination between housing and healthcare.
- 9. Participation requirements for supportive services, including case management, mental/behavioral health services, and employment support.
- 10. Promote geographic distribution of projects throughout the TX-601 area to ensure access to housing and services.

# Highlights and Changes for the FY25 Competition

HUD will continue the 2 Tier funding process as defined below.

- Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC (or until funding runs out), provided the projects pass both eligibility and threshold review.
- Tier 2 Projects will be assessed for eligibility and threshold requirements, and funding will be determined using a HUD formulated score.
- Two-tiered funding approach formula:
  - o <u>Tier 1 TX-601: \$6,435,387</u>
  - o Tier 2 TX-601: \$ 21,286,537
    - The difference between Tier 1 and the sum of each CoC's ARD, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus.

# **Investment in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only Projects**

To promote balance and increase competition, no more than 30 percent of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) under this NOFO will fund Permanent Housing projects, including PH-PSH, PH-RRH, and Joint TH/PH-RRH projects.

Due to this cap on Permanent Housing funding, renewal RRH and THRRH projects **are strongly encouraged** to consider transitioning to a Transitional Housing (TH) project to remain competitive in the FY25 competition. TH projects align with HUD's current priorities around engagement, treatment, recovery support, and public safety coordination, making them more competitive under this NOFO compared to RRH renewals facing limited PH funding availability. More information about transition grants can be found on page 9.

### **Participation Requirements**

HUD has placed increased emphasis on ensuring that CoC-funded projects include meaningful participation requirements in supportive services, particularly those that promote engagement in treatment, recovery, and other services necessary to support long-term housing stability.

In alignment with HUD's current priorities, new and renewal projects funded under this NOFO are expected to incorporate participant engagement requirements for supportive services, including treatment, recovery, and case management activities, to strengthen housing retention and improve system performance outcomes.

### **Eligible Program Components**

The CoC Program authorizes funding for the following five components:

- (a) Transitional Housing (TH)
- (b) Supportive Services Only (SSO), including SSO-Outreach
- (c) Permanent Housing (PH), including PSH and RRH
- (d) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- (e) Coordinated Entry (CE)

Please note that CoCs have the authority to determine which project types are eligible at the local level. For the FY25 TX-601 Local CoC Competition, the following components will be accepted for both new and renewal applications:

- (a) Transitional Housing (TH)
- (b) Supportive Services Only (SSO), including Outreach
- (c) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- (d) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- (e) Coordinated Entry (CE)
- (f) Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) DV Bonus Only

# Competitive Renewal or Replacement of YHDP Grants.

HUD will competitively renew or replace YHDP projects. Additionally, YHDP projects may be reallocated by CoCs to create new YHDP grants. If significant changes to a renewing YHDP project are needed the YHDP project may replace its current project with a new YHDP Replacement project, that may wholly or in part include activities ineligible under the CoC Program.

# Eligible Project Applicants

Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program are, under 24 CFR 578.15, nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments. In FY2025, HUD expanded CoC eligible to also apply to Faith-Based Organizations. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

# **New Project Opportunities**

# Reallocation, CoC Bonus, YHDP Replacement, and DV bonus

In the FY2025 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may submit requests for new projects funded through reallocation, bonus, or a combination of reallocation and bonus, YHDP Replacement, and DV bonus. If you are applying for a new project under the CoC NOFO, we encourage you to read the entirety of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY2025 Continuum of Care Competition.

New projects are subject to the rules and regulations included in the HUD NOFO and the CoC Policies and Procedures; therefore, applicants should review these documents with care before submitting a proposal.

Through the voluntary or involuntary reallocation process and Bonus funds, TX601 will be accepting applications of the following types of new projects:

- (a) PH-PSH projects.
- (d) TH (Transitional Housing)
- (c) Supportive Service Only
- (d) Supportive Service Only-Outreach

# New Projects Created Through DV Bonus or DV Reallocation Processes.

TX601 will be accepting applications for the following types of new DV projects:

- (1) Transitional Housing (TH) projects.
- (2) Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects.

For PH-RRH and TH projects, the application must demonstrate:

- (a) The project applicant's experience serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
- **(b)** The project's inclusion of victim-centered practices.
- (c) Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise.

A new project that is dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under the paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Survivors of human trafficking may also qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, however a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking. CoCs may apply for DV Bonus projects where the total amount for one year of funding for all DV Bonus applications is up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN); however, this amount is limited to:

- A minimum of \$50,000 if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than \$50,000; or
- A maximum of \$5 million if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than \$5 million.

To be eligible to receive DV Bonus projects, the Collaborative Applicant must demonstrate its CoC evaluates and ranks projects based on how they improve system performance.

New projects created with DV Bonus must meet DV Bonus requirements.

# New Projects created through Transition Grant

A Transition grant is an application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period. The renewal project transitioning to a new component must be fully eliminated through reallocation. Transition grant applications awarded FY 2025 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which it transitioned.

Renewal Grants expiring in CY 2026 may submit a FY 2025 transition grant application to request a component type change. The transition grant's operating start date will be the day after the end of the previous grant term for the expiring component. For transition grants reallocated from more than one project, the operating start date of the transition grant will be the day after the end of the earliest expiring grant term. The grant term may be extended consistent with 2 CFR 200.308 and 2 CFR 200.309.

Applicants wishing to apply for a transition grant must have the consent of its Continuum of Care; and the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD.

For a new project to be considered a transition grant, the new project applicant must be the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal grant(s) being eliminated and must include the grant number(s) of the project(s) being eliminated to create the new project and attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application. For example, expiring FY 2024 grants applying to transition to a new component during the FY 2025 funding process will attach a copy of the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition project application.

### (4) Transition Grant Restrictions:

- (a) YHDP Renewal grants are not eligible to use the transition grant process. YHDP Renewal grants must submit a YHDP Replacement application to change component types.
- (b) Grants with DV Renewal funding are not eligible to use the transition grant process.

If HUD determines a new project submitted as a transition grant does not qualify, but meets all other new project requirements, HUD may award the project as a new non-transition grant project. If this occurs, the new project operating start date will be reflected in the grant agreement.

Currently funded CoC project applicants interested in transitioning their current grant should notify Partnership Home in writing by emailing of their intent to transition within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

# Renewal Projects (Including YHDP)

Awards made under the CoC Program are eligible for renewal with FY 2025 funds if they are currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement that is dated no later than December 31, 2025, expires in FY 2026, and is listed in the Grant Inventory Worksheet. **Renewal projects can request funding up to the amount listed in the Grant Inventory Worksheet.** 

Eligible renewal projects requesting rental assistance are permitted to request a per-unit amount less than the Fair Market Rent (FMR) if the actual rent per unit under lease is less than the FMR. This will help reduce the number of projects receiving rental assistance that have large balances of unspent funds remaining at the end of the operating year. Renewal project applicants must ensure that the amount requested will be sufficient to cover all eligible costs as HUD cannot provide funds beyond what is awarded through this competition. Project applications for rental assistance cannot request more than 100 percent of the published FMR.

### Reallocation

CoCs may reallocate funding from any eligible renewal grant, including grants that have not previously renewed under the CoC Program, so long as the project has an executed grant agreement with an expiration date in Calendar Year 2026.

Currently funded CoC project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating should notify Partnership Home in writing by emailing of their intent to voluntarily reallocate within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

For more information about reallocation, please review Appendix C: TX-601 Reallocation Policy.

# **Expansion Project**

HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project under the DV Bonus, reallocation, and bonus processes to expand existing projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects. If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project, HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and HUD will only allow a 1-year funding request.

Expansion projects require a renewal application for the existing project AND a new application for the expansion information.

# **Consolidated Project**

Applicants may use the consolidation process to combine two or more eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects) and may do so through the renewal project application.

# Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)

HUD will competitively renew or replace YHDP projects in FY25. Additionally, YHDP projects may be reallocated by CoCs to create new YHDP grants. If significant changes to a renewing YHDP project are needed the YHDP project may replace its current project with a new YHDP Replacement project, that may wholly or in part include activities ineligible under the CoC Program.

# YHDP Replacement Grants

CoCs may replace renewing YHDP project(s) to create one or more new YHDP Replacement projects, including YHDP Reallocation.

YHDP Renewal project applicants may submit renewal applications for minor changes to a project, including adding or modifying select Special YHDP Activities under section IV.B.2; however, if a renewing YHDP project applicant chooses to modify the current project in a way that does not meet the definition of renewal project, it must submit a YHDP Replacement project application. A YHDP Renewal project applicant may also apply to expand its current project through the YHDP Replacement process.

A YHDP Replacement project application must:

- (a) demonstrate that the project is consistent with the CoC's most recent Coordinated Community Plan; and
- (b) For YHDP replacement projects that are not reallocations, include the grant number from the YHDP Renewal project(s) being replaced with the YHDP Replacement project application. The CoC's Collaborative Applicant is responsible for ensuring that only a renewal YHDP or replacement YHDP project application is submitted through the CoC Project Priority Listing. If the Collaborative Applicant submits both a renewal and replacement YHDP project application for the same project, HUD will only select the renewal YHDP project application.

TX601 will only accept applications for new YHDP Reallocation projects through the YHDP Replacement process as described below:

- (a) TH or Crisis Residential Transitional Housing
- **(b)** SSO, including, but not limited to, housing search and placement services, case management, or street outreach.

HUD will review new YHDP Reallocation and YHDP Replacement project applications to ensure the activities requested are eligible and the amounts requested do not exceed the amounts available for YHDP reallocation or, in the case of YHDP Replacements, the ARA of the renewal project(s) being replaced. HUD will not reject YHDP project applications; however, HUD may require YHDP grant recipients to correct or revise information submitted after the final award announcement, prior to executing the grant agreement.

Currently funded YHDP project applicants interested in replacing or voluntarily reallocating their grant should notify Partnership Home in writing by emailing of their intent to reallocate

within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

# **Application Process**

As the collaborative applicant, Partnership Home runs a local competition for HUD Continuum of Care funding and completes and submits the community's application to HUD. The CoC application processes for renewal projects, first time renewal projects, and new projects are outlined below. All application components are due to be submitted in eSNAPS and/or ZoomGrants on December 12, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Upon completion of the local competition, Partnership Home will compile all selected projects into the federal consolidated application. Partnership Home is required by HUD to review all project applications in eSNAPS for accuracy and quality. Partnership Home may need further information or application changes from the applicant before the submission of the federal consolidated application on January 13, 2026. By applying for the local competition, applicants agree to respond to Partnership Home requests for information in a timely manner to complete the federal consolidated application.

# **Renewal Projects including YHDP**

Renewal projects application includes:

- Project Scorecard generated by Partnership Home (except projects that do not have one year of operational data)
- HUD CoC project application completed in eSNAPS www.esnaps.hud.gov
- HUD required documentation in eSNAPS.

### **New Projects**

New projects application includes:

- Local RFP Narrative Responses completed in ZoomGrants system (application questions attached) Use this link to complete an application in ZoomGrants: https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FY2025CoCCompetition
- HUD CoC project application completed in eSNAPS www.esnaps.hud.gov
- HUD required documentation in eSNAPS.

# Threshold Requirements

All applicants are encouraged to review the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for FY2025 Continuum of Care Competition in its entirety. Threshold requirements are discussed on page 51.

# First Time Applicants

TX-601 encourages eligible new applicants to apply for funding in the FY25 CoC Program Competition.

Before submission of new projects, please read the NOFO in its entirety.

If you do not have an eSNAPS account (The electronic grants management system managed by HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS), create an account immediately.

For further information, visit: <u>e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange</u>

New applications are also processed through ZoomGrants at https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FY2025CoCCompetition.

The application in ZoomGrants will be available on November 25, 2025.

# Financial Management Requirements

It is important for applicants to review the financial management requirements that went into effect in December 2014 and will apply to the FY2025 CoC Program Grant; "Transition to 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, Final Guidance", aka "The Transition Notice." Applicants should have their financial managers review the notice at: <a href="https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=15-01sdn.pdf">https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=15-01sdn.pdf</a>

Managers should also review the <u>HUD CoC Virtual Binders</u> with information on financial management, eligible costs, match, indirect costs and program requirements.

# **Project Budgets**

CoC program eligible costs are detailed at 24 CFR 578.37 through 63.

# Match

24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements. As authorized by the FY 2019 HUD Appropriations Act, program income may now be used as a source of match and must be properly documented in the project application. A 25% match is required on all budget categories except leasing.

# **Indirect Costs**

Normal indirect cost rules under 2 CFR part 200 apply. Project applicants that intend to charge indirect costs to the award must clearly state in the project application(s) the rate and distribution base the recipient intends to use, and if applicable, the rate and distribution base to be used by any sub-recipient(s). If the rate is a Federally negotiated indirect cost rate, the project application must include the corresponding negotiated indirect cost rate agreement signed by the cognizant agency. For each applicant or intended sub-recipient that meets the conditions for the de minimis rate under 2 CFR 200.414(f) and will use that rate to charge indirect costs, the project application must clearly state the intended use of the de minimis rate of 10 percent of Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC). As described in 2 CFR 200.403, costs must be consistently charged as either indirect or direct costs but may not be double charged or inconsistently charged as both.

# **Local Scoring & Ranking**

# Goals & Priorities for the FY2025 CoC Competition

The CoC has identified the following funding priorities for the FY2025 CoC Competition:

- Submit a consolidated application that meets threshold and maximizes available funding.
- Fund projects that meet community needs and improve system performance.

- Fund projects that are cost effective and maximize program and mainstream resources, including leveraging healthcare, workforce, and public housing authority.
- Fund projects that successfully end homelessness
- Fund projects that reduce unsheltered homelessness

The ranking of new and renewal project in the 2025 CoC Consolidated application are guided by the ranking goal: To prioritize activities that are most successful in ending homelessness and maximize funding available to end homelessness in the CoC, while also providing an incentive to all funded providers to monitor and improve their performance, including efficiency with funds and ensure continued funding with CoC resources.

To that end, the following priorities, in no particular order, will help guide development of a final ranking approach:

- The CoC may seek to preserve low-ranking projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funding in their communities.
- The CoC may seek to preserve low-ranking Permanent Housing (PH) projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funded PH in their communities.
- The CoC may consider reducing funding requests for the lowest ranked projects as a means to preserve funding for higher ranked projects, if needed, and keeping in line with other priorities
- The CoC may consider ranking new projects higher than some renewal projects, where the CoC believes doing so will better help the CoC meet the ranking goal outlined above.

Renewal CoC Projects are subject to performance review via the Renewal Project Scorecard which was adopted by the TX-601 Board of Directors. The scorecard reflects the HUD System Performance Measures, HUD Policy Priorities and local priorities and comprises 100% of the total renewal project score.

New project scores for the CoC NOFO will be entirely derived from the scored elements in the local RFP, which include HUD priorities and local priorities.

The TX-601 Board of Directors adopted the current Ranking Policy (Appendix D) and the current Reallocation Policy (Appendix C), which provides guidance to the Allocation Committee when determining project rank order.

# **HUD** Ranking Requirements

The CoC must assign a unique rank to each project that it intends to submit to HUD for FY2025 CoC competition funding except for the CoC planning grant. Ranking of renewal projects must incorporate scoring on project performance, system performance and effectiveness. Each CoC must comprehensively review both new and renewal projects within its geographic area, using CoC-approved scoring criteria and selection priorities, to determine the extent to which each project is still necessary and address the listed policy priorities. Funds for projects that are determined to be underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective should be reallocated to new projects that are based on proven or promising models.

Any new or renewal projects may be placed in Tier 1. CoCs should carefully consider the priority and ranking for all projects in Tier 1 and Tier 2. Projects in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected if applications pass both HUD's eligibility and threshold review. Projects in Tier 1 are selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC or until funds run out.

Projects placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for eligibility threshold and threshold requirements and funding will be determined using the CoC Applications score as well as factors listed in the NOFO.

# **Policy Priorities**

CoCs should consider the policy priorities established in the NOFO in conjunction with local priorities to determine the ranking of new projects created through reallocation and renewal project requests.

# **Project Evaluation Process**

The CoC Board of Directors reviews and approves the evaluation process and project ranking approach. The evaluation process and related project ranking helps TX-601 fully maximize CoC Program funds, make informed funding decisions, and continue to move the CoC toward our goal of ending homelessness. Scoring and ranking of proposals is conducted by the CoC Allocations Committee Ranking Workgroup.

The CoC Competition has separate scoring for 1) Renewal Projects and 2) New Projects. Renewal projects are evaluated on past performance as determined by a project performance score card, as well as how they align with the policy priorities outlined by HUD in the FY25 NOFO. New projects for the CoC NOFO will be evaluated only with narrative responses to this RFP.

# Request for Proposals and New Projects

New projects applying for the CoC NOFO are required to submit a response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) to apply for the local CoC competition. Applicants must submit one application per project. The local RFP contains narrative questions that must be completed by all applicants.

Narrative questions are derived from local priorities and HUD policies and priorities. Narrative questions vary by project type (i.e. PSH, RRH) and serve as an opportunity for applicants to provide more detail regarding their project. The Allocations Committee Ranking Workgroup is responsible for scoring this portion of the local competition. A scoring matrix is provided to this committee to assist with the scoring process.

The FY2025 RFP questions can be found in Appendix E: FY2025 RFP Narrative Questions.

New projects are required to submit a full application in eSNAPS and ZoomGrants.

# Renewal Project Scorecards

Renewal projects are evaluated utilizing performance and financial data, data quality elements, grant management efforts and CoC participation. The evaluation is used to establish which programs have been most successful in achieving HUD and locally determined performance

standards; and to identify how programs are contributing to the overall System Performance of the CoC.

Performance data is gathered for each program via a scorecard report in Partnership Home's data warehouse software for the date range of 4/1/2024- 3/31/2025. The scorecard report uses Annual Performance Report (APR) and System Performance Measure (SPM) data for each program.

To build the scorecard, the CoC pulled aggregate data to provide a CoC-wide average baseline performance for the related scorecard measures. After calculating average performance of each applicable measure, a +/-5% deviation is established for the scoring range. The range nearest the average percentage is eligible for 5 points; project percentages above the specified average will receive 10 points; and project percentages below the specified average range will receive 0 points. This method allows programs to be compared and scored specifically to other programs of the same project component type and identify which projects are most improving the CoC System Performance. Ranges not related to APR measures were obtained from information derived from other sources including but not limited to NAEH, HUD, and eSNAPS project applications.

Before using project reports to establish scores, Partnership Home notifies renewing projects of the performance date range and deadlines to complete all data corrections. In FY2025, projects were notified on May 12, 2025, of the data parameters and expectations and were given a deadline of May 16, 2025, to have all data corrections complete. Partnership Home provided technical assistance via email, online video tutorials, and designed office hours to assist projects with data clean up and answer questions. Final scorecards for the FY2025 CoC Competition were sent on May 22, 2025.

A complete list of projects eligible for renewal in the FY2025 CoC Competition can be found in Appendix A: 2025 Renewal CoC Projects.

The 2025 Renewal Project Scorecard can be found in Appendix B: 2025 Renewal Project Scorecard.

The following areas are evaluated as part of the renewal project evaluation process.

| Scorecard Category Weight       |      |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Project Performance             | 50%  |  |  |  |  |
| HMIS Data Quality               | 20%  |  |  |  |  |
| Coordinated Entry Participation | 20%  |  |  |  |  |
| Grant Management & Financials   | 10%  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Score                     | 100% |  |  |  |  |

### **Project Performance:**

- 1. Quarterly Occupancy Utilization Rate
  - a) Purpose: Indicates efficient use of community resources. High occupancy indicates system efficiency and community demand for services. Project occupancy data is reported to HUD three times a year via the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), the Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), and the Annual Performance Report (APR).
- 2. Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing.
  - a) Purpose: Indicates project success in ending homelessness by measuring the number of participants with a permanent destination at project exit and those who remained in a

permanent supportive housing project compared to the total number of participants active in the project during the measured year.

- 3. Average length of stay of participants (RRH projects only)
  - a) Purpose: Indicates the efficiency of the program and self-sufficiency of participants.
- 4. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income
  - a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting households to increase self-sufficiency and stabilize housing by retaining or gaining employment income.
- 5. Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income.
  - a) Purpose: Indicates that the project is assisting participants toward self-sufficiency through retaining or increasing income by utilizing all possible resources available to participants.
- 6. Returns to Homelessness
  - a) Purpose: Indicates the project's long-term success of participants who successfully exited two years ago.

# **HMIS Data Quality:**

- 7. Personal Identifying Information Error Rate
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete.
- 8. Universal Data Elements Error Rate
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered into the local HMIS system is complete.
- 9. Income and Housing Data Quality
  - a) Purpose: To achieve accurate data collection and to satisfy HUD HMIS data requirements, projects must ensure that data entered in the local HMIS system is complete.

Data provided from non-HMIS participating agencies is unable to be processed through the electronic database utilized by HMIS participating agencies. The data is sent in a CSV format and will be reviewed outside of the system for data quality and completeness.

# **Coordinated Entry System Participation:**

- 10. Time to Lease Up
  - a) Purpose: TX-601 set a community-wide goal to house clients within 30 days of project enrollment. This metric will allow TX-601 to measure progress towards reaching this goal.
- 11. Accepted Referrals
  - a) Purpose: TX-601 set a community-wide goal of accepting at least 90% of clients referred from Coordinated Entry (no more than 10% denial rate). This metric will allow TX-601 to measure progress towards reaching this goal.

# **Grant Management & Financials:**

- 12. Projected Project Spend Down
  - a) Purpose: Ensure the program is on track to spend down all project funds by the end of its current grant term.
- 13. Cost Efficiency
  - a) Purpose: It is important to HUD that programs demonstrate cost efficiency the annual cost to retain or move someone into permanent housing.
- 14. Percentage of total grant funds recaptured in the most recent grant closeout.

- a) Purpose: It is important to HUD that programs show agency capacity to spend funds allocated in a timely manner and in full and allow for potential fund reallocation of unspent funds during the HUD CoC Competition.
- 15. 2025 PIT Count Participation
- 2 Purpose: Indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities.
- 1. CoC General Meeting Attendance
  - a) Purpose: Indicates if agency is participating in CoC-related activities.

# **Review Only:**

This section is <u>not</u> part of the FY2025 total project score. These are test questions to begin evaluating performance in the specified areas. These questions may be scored during future competitions.

- 1. Site Monitoring
  - a) Purpose: HUD requires that project meet threshold requirements throughout the life cycle of the project.
- 2. CES Rejected Referrals
  - a) Purpose: Ensure all programs are prioritizing services for those that need it most and abiding by fair-housing and anti-discrimination laws.
- 3. PSH Move On
  - a) Purpose: Ensure PSH projects are assisting clients to independent living and effectively utilizing project beds.

### First Year Renewals

First year renewals will not receive a scorecard because the project has not had the opportunity to complete a full year at the time score cards are run. First year renewals will automatically be renewed. In FY25, projects that did not have one year of operational data at the time that scorecards were completed are considered "first year renewals" and will be automatically renewed pending the submission of requested narrative responses in eSNAPS.

# Victim Service Provider Projects

Domestic Violence project applications are reviewed, scored and ranked in the manner described in previous sections. All performance-related data is provided by the Victim Service provider as generated from the non-HMIS Comparable Database.

For new projects seeking DV Bonus funding, additional questions will be required on the local RFP to demonstrate unmet community need and a proposed plan to address the unmet need, along with data sources and calculations used to establish the unmet need.

# **Total Project Score**

The total project score for Renewal Projects with at least one full year of operation is comprised 100% from the project scorecard. TX-601 places an emphasis on project performance to align with HUD priorities. First year renewals or projects with less than one year of data when the scorecards were run will automatically be renewed pending the submission of requested narrative responses.

The total project score for New Projects for the CoC NOFO is 100% derived from the local RFP (narrative responses). Score cards are not applicable for these projects.

# **Fund Allocations Process**

The Allocations Committee Ranking Workgroup, a committee of the TX-601 CoC Board, is comprised of objective community members who score project applications, rank projects as required and make funding recommendations. The committee members are not affiliated with applicant agencies. Committee members are provided with multiple training opportunities regarding the CoC NOFA, the scoring process, and the ranking policy. Members are given materials prior to the deliberations meeting to review, score, accept/reject and rank project applications. The following project application materials are provided to each committee member:

- Renewal Project Score Card
- Local RFP responses for new projects
- Relevant eSNAPS data
- Relevant Project Financial Data
- Local Monitoring Materials

The scores from each member are returned to PARTNERSHIP HOME for initial project ranking per the CoC policy. Committee members deliberate in a closed meeting to make ranking, funding and reallocation decisions as guided by CoC policy. Additionally, the committee will make decisions related to which projects to accept and/or reject in the local competition. Once a consensus has been met, the committee will provide final ranking recommendations to the CoC Board of Directors for review and instruct the Collaborative Applicant to submit the project ranking within the HUD-required timeframe. The CoC will notify any projects that are rejected or reallocated within the HUD-required timeframe.

# Appendix A: 2025 Renewal CoC Projects

| Housing Authority of the City of Arlington | AHA SPC FY24   | PH                |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Tarrant County                             | CTL3CP   | PH                |
| MHMR of Tarrant County                     | Gateway to Housing FY24                                    | PH                |
| Presbyterian Night Shelter                 | FY2024 Housing Solutions Renewal Application               | PH                |
| Fort Worth Housing Solutions               | SPC 1 2024-2025  | PH                |
| Fort Worth Housing Solutions               | SPC 2 2024-2025  | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | TBLA114 Tarrant County                                     | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | TBLA13 MHMR  | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | TBLA17 MHMR  | PH                |
| Presbyterian Night Shelter                 | FY2024 Mimi Hunter Fitzgerald Safe Haven                   | SH                |
| Tarrant County                             | Samaritan House Grace Village                              | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | Salvation Army Veterans PSH Program                        | PH                |
| Tarrant County Homeless Coalition          | CoC HMIS FY24  | HMIS              |
| Tarrant County                             | Housing SPC  | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | SafeTomorrows  | PH                |
| Fort Worth Housing Solutions               | SPC 6 2024-2025  | PH                |
| Tarrant County Homeless Coalition          | CoC Coordinated Entry System FY24                          | SSO               |
| Fort Worth Housing Solutions               | Change 2024-2025   | PH                |
| SafeHaven of Tarrant County                | SafeSolutions for Rapid Rehousing FY2024                   | PH                |
| Center for Transforming Lives              | CTL Rapid Rehousing of 2411                                | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | TSAHousing First PSH                                       | PH                |
| Housing Authority of the City of Arlington | AHAANFP FY24   | PH                |
| Tarrant County                             | TSA SIMON PSH  | PH                |
| Housing Authority of the City of Arlington | AHARRH FY24  | PH                |
| Transition Resource Action Center          | OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH                                      | Joint TH & PH-RRH |
| Hearts Full of Love                        | HFOLRRH 2024   | PH                |
| Tarrant County Homeless Coalition          | Optimizing CE for DVClients FY24                           | SSO               |
| Tarrant County Samaritan Housing, Inc.     | Youth RRH Program FY2024                                   | PH                |
| Transition Resource Action Center          | OnTRAC Tarrant TH/RRH Expansion                            | JOINTTH-RRH       |
| Transition Resource Action Center          | OnTRAC Tarrant PSH   | PH                |
| Resources Inspiring Success and Empowering | FY2024 Excel Rapid Rehousing Initiative                    | РН                |
| Dunes LGBTHomeless Solutions<br>Foundation | Dune's LGBTHomeless Solutions Foundation                   | TH                |
| Seasons of Change, Incorporated            | Seasons of Change, Inc - The Community<br>Changers Project | JOINTTH-RRH       |
| Tarrant County                             | Sam House PSH  | PH                |
| Presbyterian Night Shelter                 | FY2024 Journey Home Housing                                | PH                |

# Appendix B: 2025 Renewal CoC Projects Score Card

| Total Project Score   |                                    |                  |                             |                           |                    |                        |
|---|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|   |                                    | Scoring Category | Total<br>Points<br>Achieved | Total Points<br>Available | Category<br>Weight | Percentage<br>Achieved |
| Total Project Score =   | Project Performance                | 0                | 40                          | 50%                       | 0%                 |                        |
| Project Performance Percentage Achieved + HMIS Data Quality Percentage Achieved + Coordinated Entry Participation Percentage Achieved + Grant Management & Financials Percentage Achieved | HMIS Data Quality                  | 0                | 30                          | 20%                       | 0%                 |                        |
|   | Coordinated Entry<br>Participation | 0                | 20                          | 20%                       | 0%                 |                        |
|   | Grant Management & Financials      | 0                | 50                          | 10%                       | 0%                 |                        |
|   | Total Score                        |                  | 0%                          |                           |                    |                        |

| Performance<br>Criteria   | Purpose & Source of Measurement   | Formula Information  | Performance<br>Calculation | Points:                          | Points:                                     | Points:                          | Total |
|---|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-------|
|   | <del>_</del>  | Project Performance 50<br>a benchmark for how well projects<br>derstand a project's rate of success  | help to end ho             |                                  |   | _                                | _     |
| Quarterly<br>Occupancy<br>Utilization<br>Rate                                 | Household utilization rates demonstrate that the CoC is fully utilizing its inventory. Sage APR Q8b & Application | January Total (Q8b, Row 1, Column 1)  April Total (Q8b, Row 2, Column, Column 1)  July Total (Q8b, Row 3, Column 1)  October Total (Q8b, Row 4, Column 1)  Adjusted Total from Project Application (Auto Calculates)  Proposed number of households served         | #DIV/0!                    | 90%+                             | 80%-<br>89%                                 | <=79%                            |       |
| Percentage of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing | Successful housing outcomes are one of the most important measures of project success. Sage APR Q23c              | Total Number of Persons Served (Q05a, Row 1)  Total Persons exiting to positive destinations (Q23c, 3rd row from bottom)  Total Exits (Q23c, 4th row from bottom)  Total persons whose destinations excluded them from the calculation (Q23c, 2nd row from bottom) | _                          | PSH:<br>>= 98%<br>RRH:<br>>= 95% | PSH:<br>90%-<br>97%<br>RRH:<br>90% -<br>94% | PSH:<br><= 89%<br>RRH:<br><= 89% |       |

|  |  | Unsuccessful exits (Auto<br>Calculated) |                                  |  |                                     |  |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| Average<br>length of stay<br>of program<br>leavers   | Length of Stay is measured to determine if clients are moving through the programs in an appropriate length of time and are efficiently moving towards a permanent and stable home. It also assists community system modeling efforts. |   | RRH:<br>>=3-18<br>month<br>s     | RRH:<br>19-24<br>month<br>s                  | RRH:<br>>=25 /<br><=2<br>month<br>s |  |
| Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased employment income          | Sage APR Q22b Improving household access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured in the NOFA & System Performance Measures Sage APR Q19a1, Q19a2                   | N/A                                     | PSH:<br>>= 15%<br>RRH:<br>>= 56% | PSH:<br>9% -<br>14%<br>RRH:<br>50% -<br>55%  | PSH:<br><= 8%<br>RRH:<br><= 49%     |  |
| Percentage of adults at exit or annual assessment who gained or increased non-employment cash income | Improving a household's access to financial resources is crucial to reducing vulnerability to homelessness. Increase in income is measured through the NOFA & System Performance Measures. Sage APR Q19a1, Q19a2                       | N/A                                     | PSH:<br>>= 61%<br>RRH:<br>>= 21% | PSH:<br>55% -<br>60%<br>RRH:<br>15% -<br>20% | PSH:<br><= 54%<br>RRH:<br><= 14%    |  |

| _                          |  |                                |           | 7              |           |  |             |         |
|----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|--|-------------|---------|
|                            | Reducing returns to  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | homelessness is one  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | of the most  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| Detuments                  | important measures   |                                |           |                |           | C0/  |             |         |
| Returns to                 | of program success   |                                |           |                | <= 5%     | 6% -   | >= 16%      |         |
| Homelessness               | and is HUD System  |                                |           |                |           | 15%  |             |         |
|                            | Performance  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Measure 2a.  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Greenriver Report  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            |  | HMIS Data Qua                  | ality 20% | 1              |           |  |             |         |
| HMIS narticinal            | tion and data quality ar   | e priorities for TX601 & HU    | -         |                | & timely  | data is crue                                 | rial to det | ermine  |
|                            |  | g homelessness. High quali     |           | -              | -         |  |             |         |
| now projects ar            |  | oC & HUD can make inform       | -         | -              | _         | viiat proje                                  | cts are uo  | ing and |
| Personal                   | To achieve accurate  | oc & 1100 can make imorni      | eu uecis  | lons about the | projecti  |  |             |         |
|                            | data collection and  |                                |           |                | 0% -      | 2% -   |             |         |
| Identifying<br>Information |  | N/A                            |           |                |           |  | >= 6%       |         |
|                            | to satisfy HUD HMIS  |                                |           |                | 1%        | 5%   |             |         |
| Error Rate                 | data requirements,   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| Universal                  | projects must  |                                |           |                | 0% -      | 2% -   |             |         |
| Data Elements              | ensure that data   | N/A                            |           |                | 1%        | 5%   | >= 6%       |         |
| Error Rate                 | entered into the   |                                |           |                | -,-       |  |             |         |
|                            | local HMIS system is   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| Income and                 | complete.  |                                |           |                | 0% -      | 2% -   |             |         |
| Housing Data               | HUD Data Quality   | N/A                            |           |                | 1%        | 5%   | >= 6%       |         |
| Quality                    | Report; Sage APR   |                                |           |                |           | 370  |             |         |
|                            | Q6a, Q6b, Q6c  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Coordinated Entry System Participation 20%   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| 24 CFR 578                 | R.(a)(8) states that CoCs  | s must establish and operat    | -         |                | System to | allocate a                                   | ssistance   | as      |
|                            |  | possible, prioritizing service |           | _              | -         |  |             |         |
|                            |  |                                |           | ]              |           | 1  |             |         |
|                            | TX-601 established   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Community-wide   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | performance  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | expectations in  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | 2016 and identified  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | that well-   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| Time to Lease              | functioning Housing  | Average Time to Lease          |           | <= 60          | 61-75     | >= 76  |             |         |
| Up                         | Crisis Response  | , werage time to lease         | ОР        |                | days      | days   | days        |         |
|                            | System moves   |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | households from  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | homelessness to  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | permanent housing  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | in less than 30 days.  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Sage APR Q22c  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            |  |                                |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | TX-601 established   |                                |           |                |           | <i>~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~</i> |             |         |
|                            |  | Number of CFS Referrals        |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | TX-601 established<br>Community-wide<br>performance                                      | Number of CES Referrals        |           |                |           |  |             |         |
|                            | Community-wide performance   | Number of CES Referrals        |           |                |           |  |             |         |
| Accepted                   | Community-wide   | Number of CES Referrals        |           | N/A            | >=0%      |  |             |         |
| Accepted<br>Referrals      | Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate                              |                                |           | N/A            | >=0%      |  |             |         |
| ·-                         | Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as                | Number of Accepted             |           | N/A            | >=0%      |  |             |         |
| ·-                         | Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as effectively as |                                |           | N/A            | >=0%      |  |             |         |
| _                          | Community-wide performance expectations in 2016 to allocate assistance as                | Number of Accepted             |           | N/A            | >=0%      |  |             |         |

|   | that need it the<br>most.<br>GreenRiver Report   |  |  |         |                            |                                     |                             |  |
|---|--|--|--|---------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Projects  | must demonstrate und   | Grant Management 8<br>erstanding of compliance w                   |  |         | ulations of                | f project o                         | perations.                  |  |
| Projected<br>Project Spend  | Ensure the program<br>is on track to spend<br>down all project<br>funds by the end of                  | Funds expended to date, as reflected in eLOCCS  Total Grant Amount |  |         | (+/-) 0                    | (+/-)<br>11 -                       | (+/-)                       |  |
| Down  | its current grant<br>term<br>Agency Self-Report<br>and eLOCCS data                                     | Awarded  Number of months since start of grant term to present     |  |         | - 10%                      | 15%                                 | 16% +                       |  |
|   | It is important to<br>HUD that programs<br>demonstrate cost<br>efficiency - the                        | Total CoC Budget Plus<br>25% Required Match                        |  |         | PSH<br><=\$8,9             | PSH<br>\$9,000                      | PSH<br>>=\$11,              |  |
| Cost Efficiency   | annual cost to Number of participants  |  |  |         | 99<br>RRH<br><=\$2,4<br>99 | 11,000<br>RRH<br>\$2,500<br>- 4,500 | 001<br>RRH<br>>=\$4,5<br>01 |  |
| Percentage of   | It is important to HUD that programs show agency capacity to spend                                     | Total Grant Award  |  |         |                            |                                     |                             |  |
| total grant<br>funds that<br>were   | funds allocated in a<br>timely manner and<br>in full and allows for                                    | Total Spent  |  |         | 0-2%                       | 3-5%                                | >= 6%                       |  |
| recaptured in the most recent grant closeout potential fund reallocation of unspent funds during the HUD CoC Competition. Sage APR Data | Unspent Amount   | \$ -   |  |         |                            |                                     |                             |  |
| PIT Count<br>Participation  | The measure indicates if agency is participating in CoCrelated activities PIT Registration or PIT Data | N/A  |  |         | Yes                        |                                     | No                          |  |
| CoC General<br>Meeting<br>Attendance  | To support collaboration between agencies and knowledge of   | Number of Meetings   |  | #DIV/0! | >= 75%                     | 50% -<br>74%                        | <= 49%                      |  |

| local resources at the CoC will provides CoC wide meetings with varying topics related to homelessness and housing services. The measure indicates agency participation. PARTNERSHIP HOME Sign-In Sheets | d Number Attended |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|

# Appendix C: TX-601 Reallocation Policy

# **TX-601 Grant Reallocation Policy**

For the FY2025 CoC Program funding, HUD will continue to prioritize those CoCs that demonstrate a capacity to reallocate funding in the FY2025 CoC Program Competition or have reallocated a total of at least 20 percent of the CoC's total ARD between FY2015 and FY2024 from lower performing projects to higher performing projects as demonstrated through the CoC's local selection process. TX- 601 uses local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness in order to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs through the CoC competition. TX-601 uses the reallocation process to create new projects that improve the overall system performance and better respond to the community need. The policy below is in response to HUD's recommendation to reallocate low performing and underspent projects.

# **Types of Reallocations:**

To meet HUD and community priorities, CoC programs that are not housing focused, demonstrate low performance, no longer meet the priorities of the CoC, or have a high recapture rate may be reallocated to fund higher-performing or new projects. Partnership Home will offer technical support and acknowledgment letters for agencies who voluntarily reallocate their grant awards. There are three types of reallocation.

# **Voluntary Reallocation**

Voluntary reallocation is an act of permanently surrendering HUD grant funds for part of, or a whole project; these funds are then available for new project applicants or expansion projects to apply for. Voluntary reallocation happens when an agency determines their project is not meeting local needs, does not have the capacity to continue the project, or the reduction of the project would better serve the CoC.

Currently funded CoC project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating should notify Partnership Home in writing by emailing of their intent to voluntarily reallocate within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to <a href="mailto:CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org">CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org</a>.

As noted by HUD, voluntary reallocation does not guarantee the agency will be chosen to operate a new eligible project utilizing the reallocated funds. However, the Allocations Committee will consider and prioritize proposals from agencies that voluntarily reallocate when determining how to award reallocated funding for new projects.

# **Reallocation to Transition (Transition Grants):**

Currently funded CoC projects may reallocate their funding to transition an eligible renewal project from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period.

The new transition project must meet the following requirements:

- (1) transition grants in this Competition are eligible for renewal in subsequent fiscal years for eligible activities of the new component;
- (2) to be eligible to receive a transition grant, the current recipient must have the consent of its Continuum of Care;
- (3) the new project application must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds established by HUD in the Competition NOFO.

Currently funded CoC project applicants interested in reallocation to transition should notify PARTNERSHIP HOME in writing by emailing of their intent to reallocate within 7 days of the release of the CoC Local Competition RFP. Emails should be sent to CoCPlanningDepartment@ahomewithhope.org.

For more information regarding transition grants: <u>Transition Project Requirements for the CoC Program Competition - HUD Exchange</u>

# **Involuntary Reallocation:**

Projects that do not meet competition threshold and the lowest 30% of ranked renewal projects will be evaluated by the Allocation Commitee for possible reallocation, in whole or in part. Involuntary reallocation funding will be used to fund new or expansion projects that meet the needs of the CoC. When determining involuntary reallocation, the Allocation Commitee will review if the project meets the priorities of the CoC and compare performance data from the following categories:

### Performance

Renewal projects will be assessed on their project quality and ability to meet performance outcomes such as occupancy rates, participant income growth, successful exits, returns to homelessness, and cost efficiency. Projects with the lowest performance rates may be reallocated to higher performing projects or new projects.

# Spending History

HUD assumes that projects will spend 100% of the funds allocated to them. Projects that fail to spend the total grant award may see a decrease in funding as those funds are added to the pool of funds available for reallocation to other projects. Projects that have a high recapture rate for two consecutive program years may be reduced to the amount disbursed at the end of the 12- month review. An exception to this policy may be made for new projects that could not expend funds due to implementation barriers.

# **HMIS Participation**

HMIS participation is required to meet HUD renewal project threshold requirements. Non-HMIS providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS to meet this threshold. Quarterly data review reports along with data quality reports will be examined to

determine if agency participation in HMIS is adequate. Projects that do not meet threshold requirements or have the highest rates of data errors may be reallocated to higher performing projects or new projects.

# Appendix D: TX-601 Ranking Policy

# **TX-601 Project Ranking Policy**

CoC TX-601 will use the following process to rank all project applications in the FY25 Continuum of Care Program Competition to accomplish the following objectives:

- To prioritize those activities that are most successful in ending homelessness
- To maximize funding available to end homelessness in the CoC
- To provide an incentive to all funded providers to monitor and improve their performance, including efficiency with funds, to ensure continued funding with CoC resources

Projects are scored utilizing objective criteria including project quality, past performance, cost effectiveness and contributions made to improve overall system performance. Domestic Violence providers will be evaluated utilizing data generated from a comparable database and are held to the same performance standards as non-domestic violence focused projects. TX- 601 monitors HUD required and local performance and compliance standards throughout the year and findings are incorporated into the scoring process.

# **Scorecards and Data Quality Measures**

TX-601 uses a project renewal scorecard to evaluate all projects. This scorecard is generated through our data warehouse, Green River. The scorecard is based on APR data pulled through the Green River system and may have minimal variances from the APR data generated in the HMIS system. TX-601 will use the scorecards with the Green River data. During the scorecard process, agencies will have an opportunity to make data corrections to ensure an accurate scorecard. All current projects have the ongoing ability to access their scorecards, which provides the option to make any corrections throughout the year.

### **Preliminary Ranking for Renewals**

After completing all renewal project scorecards, the Allocations Committee will preliminarily rank all renewal projects according to their scorecard score – e.g., projects with higher scores will be ranked higher in the project listing, regardless of project component type. However, the Allocations Committee and CoC Board will not make final ranking or funding recommendations until HUD releases the FY2025 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and all supportive documentation. Any unforeseen requirements outlined in the FY2025 CoC Competition NOFO may impact the final project ranking and priority order. Should changes be necessary, they will be reviewed and approved by the Allocations Committee.

### **First Time Renewals**

Projects that are renewing for the first time, and subsequently have not completed a full project year and have not submitted an APR to HUD will not have a Project Renewal Score Card. These projects will be automatically renewed and will be given ranking priority over new project applications. Further, any project that has been under contract for 24 months or less will be automatically renewed and given ranking priority over new project applications.

### **New Projects**

New projects are not subject to a renewal project scorecard and will be required to complete a narrative response that will be scored by the Allocation Committee. New projects will be ranked in score order below renewing projects.

# **Coordinated Entry, Coordinated Entry DV, Planning and HMIS**

As HMIS and Coordinated Entry are HUD mandated activities, these projects will be placed in Tier 1 to secure the funding needed for these activities. The CoC Planning Grant is non-competitive and is not a ranked project in this competition.

The CoC Board approves all funding recommendations.

# **Renewal Project Score Threshold**

All scored renewing projects are subject to an eligibility threshold. Projects that score in the lowest 30% of all Renewal Projects may be moved to a lower ranking status and may be subject to reallocation. For example, the Allocations Ranking Workgroup may choose to rank a new project above a renewing project that scores in the bottom 30%.

# Geography

HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the CoC competition. Likewise, TX-601 recognizes that geography is an appropriate consideration for the local competition. Projects may be ranked higher to ensure CoC funded programs are accessible to people experiencing homelessness throughout the entire TX-601 geography.

# **High-Needs Populations/ Priority Populations**

TX-601 recognizes that high quality projects that serve high-needs populations-- such as youth, chronic homelessness, domestic violence, severe mental illness, criminal history, and substance abuse--are a critical component to ending homelessness. To address these needs and vulnerabilities of program participants during the ranking and selection process, the Allocation Committee of the CoC may rank the projects higher to ensure that needs of these populations are being served through CoC funded programs. These programs must meet a need in the community, show positive housing-related outcomes, and provide choice to participants seeking the services offered.

New projects applying for the Domestic Violence Bonus funds will be ranked in Tier 2 to ensure that existing high performing renewal projects that serve high-needs populations will remain prioritized in the competition. If there are no other Domestic Violence renewal projects in Tier 1, Domestic Violence Bonus projects will be considered for Tier 1.

The Allocation Committee of the CoC may rank new projects that provide services to priority populations outlined in the FY2025 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and/or the local Request for Funding (RFP) higher to ensure that needs of these populations are being served through CoC funded programs.

### **Community Priority**

In determining the ranking and prioritization of Continuum of Care (CoC) projects, the Allocations Committee will consider both demonstrated community need and alignment with established CoC priorities. These priorities are developed in consideration of HUD guidance and national objectives

to ensure local efforts are aligned with broader federal strategies. This includes evaluating how each project contributes to system-wide goals such as reducing homelessness, improving housing stability, and increasing access to services. Projects that most effectively respond to identified gaps and advance the strategic vision of the CoC may be prioritized for funding to ensure resources are allocated in a way that maximizes community impact.

# Appendix E: FY2025 RFP Narrative Questions for New Projects for CoC

Please note that there will be additional questions within e-snaps that are not included in this RFP. It is highly recommended to access e-snaps as quickly as possible to ensure agencies are prepared to answer all questions.

# **Project Summary**

| 1.    | Project Type:  Permanent Supportive Housing Transitional Housing (TH) Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach (SSO-Outreach) DV- Rapid Rehousing DV- Transitional Housing Expansion of Existing Grant Transition from an Existing Grant   |
|-------|--|
| 2.    | Location:    Fort Worth   Arlington   Northeast Tarrant County   Parker County   All   |
| 3.    | Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. The project description should be complete and concise. Please also describe your organization's capacity to implement the project.  Please address: target population, expansion, replacement, or new project, type & number of units, if participants be housed in or have the option of project-based, tenant-based, or sponsor-based housing, specific services to be provided, projected outcomes, coordination with partners, how project meets community needs in its service area, and organization capacity. |
| Engag | ement, Treatment, and Recovery   |
| 4.    | Explain how your project will engage people experiencing homelessness—including those who are unsheltered, living in encampments, or staying in unstable situations.   |
| 5.    | Describe the behavioral health and/or substance use treatment supports that will be provided or coordinated (on-site or through partners).   |
| 6.    | Does your project include participation requirements related to treatment, recovery, case management, or other supportive services in alignment with HUD's FY25 expectations? Yes  |

# **Public Safety & Coordination**

7. Describe how your project will support safety for participants and the community, including coordination with law enforcement, first responders, and crisis response systems.

# **Self-Sufficiency & Stability**

- 8. Describe how the project will help participants increase stability and self-sufficiency, including employment services/increased income, benefits access, education, childcare, and skills training.
- 9. Explain your projects plan for helping participants achieve, remain, and/or transition to permanent housing.

# **Trauma-Informed Care & Participant Safety**

10. Describe how the project will minimize trauma and promote safety, particularly for women, youth, survivors of violence, and individuals at high risk.

# **Partnerships & System Coordination**

- 11. Identify key partnerships within your project (healthcare, behavioral health, law enforcement, workforce, DV providers, etc.) and explain how you will work together to support participants.
- 12. Does the proposed project leverage funding for housing or rent outside of the CoC or ESG programs to provide housing for the proposed project? If so, please state the percentage of units in this application that will leverage housing funding outside of CoC or ESG. Examples include private funding for participants' rent, Public Housing Agency project-based vouchers, state or local government funding, HOME funding, or other federal programs outside of ESG or CoC.
- 13. Do you commit to: using the Coordinated Entry System and HMIS (or a comparable database for DV projects) for this project; requiring staff to attend HMIS training annually; require staff to maintain timely data entry and excellent data quality? Yes No

# **Performance & Outcomes**

- 14. Describe how your project will achieve the measurable outcomes below, including the specific strategies, services, and partnerships you will use to meet your goals.
  - Engagement of unsheltered individuals and those living in encampments
  - Connection and retention in treatment and recovery services
  - Increased income or employment through workforce partnerships
  - Transitions to permanent housing (for PH/TH projects)

Reduction in returns to homelessness

# **Capacity & Readiness**

15. Describe your agency's experience operating similar programs and your readiness to begin or expand this project.

### **DV Bonus**

- 16. DV Bonus Only: Describe the applicant experience with trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches and how the project will utilize the approaches to meet the needs of participants.
- 17. DV Bonus Only: Describe how the project will 1) ensure DV survivors experiencing homelessness are quickly moved into safe affordable housing; 2) determine survivors' supportive service needs; 4) connect survivors to supportive services; and 5) move survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain after the housing subsidy ends.
- 18. DV Bonus Only: Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant has ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by: 1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors; 2. making determinations and placements into safe housing; 3. keeping survivors' information and locations confidential; 4. training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and 5. taking security measures for units, that support survivors' safety and location confidentiality.
- 19. DV Bonus Only: Describe your agencies' experience in 1. prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors; 2. placing survivors in permanent housing; 3. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and 4. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.
- 20. DV Bonus Only: Describe examples of supportive services your agency has provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.
- 21. DV Bonus Only: Describe how your agency has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors served in other projects, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.
- 22. DV Bonus Only: Describe how the projects will: 1. prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants; 2. place program participants in permanent housing; 3. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and 4. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

# Appendix F: New Projects RFP Scoring Criteria

# **Project Description & Project Design (30 Points)**

| Criteria  | Points | Scoring Guidance   |
|---|--------|--|
| Q3. Completeness &<br>Clarity of Project<br>Description | 0–10   | Description addresses target population, project type, units, housing model, services, outcomes, and partner coordination. |
| Q3. Organizational<br>Capacity                          | 0–10   | Demonstrates capacity to implement the project; experience with similar programming; fiscal and administrative capacity.   |
| Q3. Alignment with<br>Community Needs                   | 0–10   | Project meets identified needs in TX-601; demonstrates collaboration and alignment with community priorities.              |

# **Engagement, Treatment & Recovery (10 Points)**

| Criteria                          | Points | Scoring Guidance   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--|--|
| Q4. Engagement Strategy           | 0–5    | Plan to engage unsheltered individuals, encampments, and high-barrier populations.                       |  |
| Q5. Treatment & Recovery Supports | 0–5    | Behavioral health and/or substance use treatment coordination is strong, accessible, and well-partnered. |  |
| Q6. Participation<br>Requirements | None   | This is an unscored question. If the answer is no, the application will not move forward for review.     |  |

# **Public Safety & Coordination (5 Points)**

| Criteria                   | Points | Scoring Guidance   |
|----------------------------|--------|--|
| Q7. Public Safety Approach | 0–5    | Details coordination with law enforcement, first responders, and crisis response; supports participant and community safety. |

# **Self-Sufficiency & Housing Stability (20 Points)**

| Criteria                                    | Points | Scoring Guidance  |
|---|--------|---|
| Q8. Stability, Income & Employment Strategy | 0–10   | Workforce partnerships, benefits access, education, childcare, income support, and self-sufficiency strategies. |
| Q9. Housing Placement & Retention           | 0–10   | Clear plan to help participants obtain and retain permanent housing.  |

# **Trauma-Informed Care & Participant Safety (10 Points)**

| Criteria                  | Points | Scoring Guidance  |
|---------------------------|--------|---|
| Q10. Trauma-Informed Care | 0–10   | Uses trauma-informed approaches for women, youth, survivors of violence, and others at high risk. |

# Partnerships & System Coordination (10 Points)

| Criteria                             | Points | Scoring Guidance   |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Q11. Partnerships & Coordination     | 0–5    | Identifies key partners (healthcare, DV, BH, workforce, law enforcement) and describes collaborative approach. |
| Q12. Leveraging Housing<br>Resources | 0–5    | Uses or leverages external housing funds (PHA vouchers, HOME, state/local funds, private rent supports).       |
| Q13. Commitment to CE/HMIS           | None   | This is an unscored question. If the answer is no, the application will not move forward for review.           |

# Performance & Outcomes (10 Points)

| Criteria                            | Points | Scoring Guidance   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Q14. Outcomes & Performance<br>Plan | 0–10   | Outcomes related to treatment connection, income increases, PH placement/retention, reduced returns to homelessness. |

# **Capacity & Readiness (5 Points)**

| Criteria                           | Points | Scoring Guidance  |
|------------------------------------|--------|---|
| Q15. Readiness to Launch or Expand | 0–5    | Staffing, partnerships, readiness timeline, and experience with similar programs. |

# **Subtotal for Non-DV Applicants: 100 Points**

# **DV Experience, Safety & Trauma-Informed Practice (15 Points)**

| Criteria   | Points | Scoring Guidance  |
|--|--------|---|
| Q16. Trauma-Informed, Victim-<br>Centered Approaches | 0–5    | Strong methodology and experience providing trauma-informed, survivor-centered services.  |
| Q17. Housing & Service Pathway for Survivors         | 0-5    | Clear plan for rapidly housing survivors, identifying their service needs, connecting them to appropriate supports, and helping them transition to sustainable housing after assistance ends. |
| Q18. History of Safety & Confidentiality             | 0–5    | Demonstrates proven practices for survivor safety, privacy, training, and confidential placements.  |

# **DV Housing Placement & Stabilization Outcomes (20 Points)**

| Criteria                                     | Points | Scoring Guidance   |
|--|--------|--|
| Q19. Placement & Stabilization Experience    | 0–5    | History of successfully stabilizing survivors in permanent housing.                        |
| Q20. Supportive Services for DV<br>Survivors | 0–5    | Strong service model supporting healing, safety, and long-term stability.                  |
| Q21. Agency Evaluation & Improvement         | 0–5    | Demonstrates continuous improvement and evaluation of past DV programs.                    |
| Q22. DV Housing Stability Plan               | 0–5    | Project plan prioritizes, places, and stabilizes survivors based on preferences and needs. |

# **Subtotal for DV Applicants: 135 Points**

# Appendix G: Budget

When completing the budget of this RFP, please input the **ANNUAL** amount requested. HMIS fees average \$3,000 annually. Applicants are encouraged to include those costs in the budget below.

| Budget Line Item                   | Annual Funding<br>Request | Annual Match<br>Requirement (25%),<br>if applicable. |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Leased Units                       |                           |  |
| Leased Structures                  |                           |  |
| Rental Assistance                  |                           |  |
| Supportive Services                |                           |  |
| Operating                          |                           |  |
| Project Administration (up to 10%) |                           |  |
| HMIS                               |                           |  |
| Total                              |                           |  |

# Appendix H: Resources

**FY2025 CoC NOFO**: FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO

# **ZoomGrants Portal 2025 NOFO Application:**

https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/FY2025CoCCompetition

**eSNAPS Log In:** e-snaps : CoC Program Applications and Grants Management System - HUD Exchange

Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW): Funding Opportunities – A Place To Call Home

HEARTH Act: https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/hearth-act/

# **CoC Program Interim Rule:**

https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule.pdf

eSNAPS Resources: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/">https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/</a>

PARTNERSHIP HOME Funding Opportunities Webpage: <a href="http://ahomewithhope.org/coc/funding-opportunities/">http://ahomewithhope.org/coc/funding-opportunities/</a>