

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.