

## RANKING STRATEGIES AND PROTOCOLS 2019 NOFA

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local Continuum of Care (CoC) areas to review and rank-order applications to be submitted to HUD under the annual CoC Competitive Notice of Funding availability (NOFA).

The project ranked order is developed from a variety of factors such as the project raw score from the application scorecard (generated by Simtech in 2019), HUD and local priorities, and compliance with local and HUD quality project review guidelines. The process relies heavily on objective data, demonstrated capacity, measured performance, and alignment with local priorities.

Basic strategies and protocols for rank-ordering projects within the two tiers required by HUD are summarized below.

### Rank Order in Tier 1

Strategy / Factor	Ranking Protocol	Notes
System Required Projects	List HMIMS and CES at top of tier	HUD- recommended placement (HUD Universal Scoring Tool 2019- Ranking List Generation)
Score from Simtech Rating	List projects in rank order by score, including bonus points	Performance and data driven objective placement (CoC Application 1.E -2)
Tied Scores	List projects with same rank based on CoC priorities	Project Type PSH prioritized; If Tied PSH Performing consider target population from local Priorities (NOFA 1E.3); if still tied place Renewal over LTOY; If not renewal vs LTOY the project with the larger number of beds project is prioritized
Projects serving Less than One Year (LTOY)	All LTOY projects are placed in Tier 1 using the same protocols as non-LTOY renewals	HUD requires CoCs to hold first-time renewals harmless; the local process includes objective scoring of selected items and benefit to CoC system. 100% of funding for first-time renewals is in Tier 1 (NOFA p. 10-10.a)
Straddle Tier 1 – Tier 2	Assess viability of project budget	If 51% or more in Tier 2, assess next ranked project that would fully fit into Tier 1; or consider

		budget reduction for a scaled project, so that it could fall within Tier 1 funding.
Consolidated Project	HUD-Directed protocol Each original component scored	Consolidated project scores averaged and all components and consolidated project placed and labeled per HUD NOFA guidance " <i>Applying for Consolidated Projects</i> "
Expansion Project	Original Renewal scored and placed in rank order	See HUD guidance for the three component applications involved in expansion projects. (RTFHSD.org Aug 1. Documents). The eligible renewal as presented on the GIW will be placed following the same protocol as any renewal. Placement of the expansion project will follow new project protocols.

The HUD national review for projects in Tier 2 differs from those in Tier 1. The HUD NOFA describes Tier 2 funding as including the balance of Tier one funding plus bonus funds. Planning dollars are technically not ranked and fall outside either tier. The local process takes into account the difference in the way HUD handles Tier 2 evaluation. The chart below summarizes the local Tier 2 protocols.

**Ranking Strategies and Protocols for Projects in Tier 2**

<b>Strategy / Factor</b>	<b>Ranking Protocol</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Bonus and reallocated funds reside in Tier 2 (p. 10 NOFA)	All new projects placed in Tier 2	New projects can qualify for more than one funding type. Consideration given to all eligible funding for project.
Maximize Funding	Generate Draft list based on application raw score and tied to the funding category. Review rank order to maximize funding.	Committee may recommend placement with best opportunity for funding. Process will consider HUD rules and scoring formulas for Tier 2 (NOFA p 10-13 and NOFA section IIA priorities and NOFA 1E-5a.)
Benefit to CoC	Review Projects and placement in Tier 2 alignment with HUD guidance.	HUD requires CoC to evaluate each project with respect to its benefit or contribution to the CoC System) (fills gap; serves

		priority population; expands system capacity; enhances CoC Application; contribution to CoC system /goals). (HUD General Section 17 <sup>1</sup> ).
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Final Rank Order is subject to the results of the local Appeals Process. Please refer to the Notice of Appeals document provided separately.

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<sup>1</sup> HUD publishes a General Section Fiscal during the Year (FY) that contains requirements for all of HUD's competitive grant programs. This is augmented with specific program NOFAs for each of the approximately 20 HUD programs, including one customized for the CoC Competition.