



## RANKING STRATEGIES AND PROTOCOLS 2022 CoC NOFO

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 Opportunity (NOFO).

The project ranked order is developed from a variety of factors such as the project raw score from the application, HUD and local priorities, and compliance Rating and Ranking Tool with local and HUD quality project review guidelines, and threshold requirements. 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. Reallocation guidelines and process are found in a separate document titled, *FY 2022 CoC Reallocation Protocols*.

### Rank Order in Tier 1

Strategy / Factor	Ranking Protocol	Notes
System Required Projects	List HMIS and CES at top of tier	HUD- recommended placement (HUD Universal Scoring Tool-Ranking List Generation)
Score from Objective Data Rating	List projects in rank order by score	Performance and data-driven objective placement (CoC Application (Minimum of 33% of points based on objective data; minimum 20% for performance points.)
Tied Scores	List projects with same rank based on CoC priorities	Project Type PSH prioritized; If tied for PSH consider target population from local Priorities; if still tied place Renewal over LTOY; If not renewal vs LTOY the larger project is prioritized; then benefit to CoC.
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 and benefit to CoC system. 100% of funding for <u>first-time</u> renewals is in Tier 1), except for HUD instructions regarding Unranked project types.
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.
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 Applying for Consolidated Projects
Expansion Project	Origin Renewal scored and placed in rank order	See HUD guidance for the component applications involved in expansion projects. (RTFHSD.org )

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

Strategy / Factor	Ranking Protocol	Notes
Bonus and reallocated funds reside in Tier 2	All new projects are ranked and considered for placement in Tier 1 or Tier 2 based on score and maximizing funding potential.	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 (NOFO and HUD and local priorities)
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> ).
Other	Review Factors responding to HUD 2022 CoC NOFO instructions.	

<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 NOFOs for each of the approximately 20 HUD programs, including one customized for the CoC Competition.

## Ranking Order

In 2019 and 2021, the HUD Universal Scoring Tool included suggestions for rank order. The local process used is outlined below.

### The CoC NOFO ranking list will be generated in the following order:

- 1) New and renewal HMIS and SSO-coordinated entry projects will be listed first in Tier 1 because they are required elements of a CoC's system. (Board directive.)
- 2) New or expansion projects that meet HUD and CoC DV bonus project criteria will be placed by the tool in order of system priority and performance. HUD is not requiring CoCs to accept this placement as the final ranking for DV bonus; rather the CoCs should consider the appropriate placement of the projects within Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- 3) New or expansion projects that meet HUD and CoC bonus project criteria will be placed by the tool in order of system priority and performance. HUD is not requiring CoCs to accept this placement as the final ranking for bonus projects; rather CoCs considers the appropriate placement of the projects within Tier 1 and Tier 2.
- 4) Projects in the priority categories, listed in order of their rating score, up to the maximum number of beds or funding level specified for each project type/population if a limit is set by Board approval.