# Continuum of Care 2023 NOFO

# Local Review Appeals Process

**2023 CoC NOFO Local Evaluation Process and Appeals Form**

## Introduction

## The San Diego City and County CoC (CoC) strives to conduct a transparent rating and review process in determining which projects will be included in the local submission to the national CoC competition. Although a local appeals process is not required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this CoC offers a local appeals process. The appeals process occurs after the public release of the initial rating and ranking list but before the final ranking and allocations Priority Projects list is submitted to HUD. In 2023, the initial rating and ranking list will be released on September 13, 2023 (or prior). The Appeals process timeline begins immediately upon release of the initial rating and ranking list. The San Diego CoC process for FY 2023 requires submission of the appeals form and material as described in this notice as soon as the initial rating and ranking list has been released and up until noon on Thursday, September 14, 2023. An Appeals Committee will review submittals and will come to a decision no later than Friday, September 15, 2023. At this time the Appeals Committee will not be extending invitations for any in-person sessions.

## Types Appeal

To assure the ability of the RTFH to take effective action, appeals to local rating and ranking decisions are limited to factors related to a violation of established processes or HUD policies. Disagreement with the results of a decision that followed appropriate processes will be deemed invalid. Appeals will be limited to:

1. Verified conflicts of interest
2. CoC Board-established voting policies
3. Violation of locally established rules (such as procurement)
4. Technical breach of regulations established by HUD or funding sources related to the application
5. Technical error (such as mathematical miscalculation by the Rating and Ranking Group. Errors in data submitted by the applicant do not qualify for appeal.)

## How to File an Appeal

Projects wishing to appeal scoring must submit the appeal in writing using the **“2023 CoC NOFO Local Evaluation Process: Appeals Form”.** A signed Appeals Form and relevant evidence must be submitted to Dropbox for each project score being appealed.

To file an appeal, complete the following steps:

* 1. **Upload the signed form and other documents** to the ***2023 NOFO Agency Folder***
     1. **1. *Agency*** main folder
     2. **1. Documents used for multiple projects** *subfolder*

## Title each document you upload using your agency initials as the first component of the document title.

For example, **all** documents from the Regional Task Force on Homelessness would start with “RTFH” followed by a document name (for example, RTFH Appeals Form, RTFH Timeliness Evidence)

## Appeal Timeline

* Appeal Forms and supporting evidence are due to the Dropbox listed above **no later than the date stipulated by the Rating and Ranking notice. (NOON on September 14, 2023)**
* Appeals submitted in any other form or to another Dropbox location may not be included in the process.
* E-mail [Kathryn.Durant@RTFHSD.org](mailto:Kathryn.Durant@RTFHSD.org) and [PLeslie@pointloma.edu](mailto:PLeslie@pointloma.edu) to let the committee know you are filing an appeal.
* All agencies filing an appeal must be prepared to rapidly respond to requests from the committee.

***APPEALS FORM FOLLOWS***

**2023 CoC NOFO Local Evaluation Process: Appeals Form**

Name of Agency and Project: \_

Program/Project Address: \_

Project Classification: Bonus New Renewal Self-reallocated\_\_\_\_\_

* + ***For each item being appealed, please identify the application section, the question or item number, and the category of appeal (using A-E in the notice above), and attach evidence to support your claim.***

1. Section and Question #, Measurement and Source/Score being appealed and why.

Section: Question: Category of Appeal:

Explanation and Source of Evidence:

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Explanation and Source of Evidence:

## Executive Director/Other Executive Name (printed / typed): \_

**Signature:** Date: \_

List of Related Attachments: