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Housing for Health
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Mission: *Build partnerships and promote strong collaborative action to ensure all residents within the County have stable, safe, and healthy places to live.*

Santa Cruz County
Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) Policy Board
Special Meeting Agenda
November 25, 2025; 11am - 1 pm
1400 Emeline Ave., Room 206/207, Santa Cruz, 95060

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Non-Agenda Public Comment

Action Items

1. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

    A) Action Item – Approval of Local Process Timeline
    B) Action Item – Approval of Application Selection Process and Reviewers
    C) Action Item – Approval of Changes to Local Project Scoring Criteria

Board Member Announcements

Adjournment

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 17, 2025, 3 pm**

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Action Item #1: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity

Background
On November 13, 2025, HUD released the FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) - Search Results Detail | Grants.gov. This is a national competition with 450 other CoCs around the country. Historically, this funding opportunity occurs once per year and provides an opportunity to renew ninety percent (90%) or more of existing grants and to apply for additional "bonus" funding for new projects. During the last NOFO cycle, HUD announced they would move to a two-year rather than a one-year grant cycle. Current HUD officials decided to not honor this prior commitment and to issue a new application process for FY 2025. The application announcement was issued later in the calendar year than in prior years. This delay is expected to result in late grant award announcements and cash flow issues for current grant recipients with grant agreements ending before June 30, 2026. **Attachment A** list current HUD CoC grants, their recipients, project name, project type, grant amounts, and current grant expiration dates.

This NOFO includes the following key dates:

Date	Expectation
November 13, 2025	FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO release
On or before December 15, 2025	All **project applications** must be submitted to the CoC
On or before December 30, 2025	The CoC must provide **written notification** to all project applicants if their proposed project will be **accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced** by the CoC.
Prior to the application deadline	CoC must **post on their website** their **CoC Consolidated Application**, including attachments and project priority listing, and notify community members of the posting.
January 14, 2026, by 5 PM PDT	**Submission Deadline for 2025 Consolidated Application**
May 1, 2026	Anticipated **award date** and estimated performance period start date.
December 31, 2027	Estimated performance period end date.

The NOFO includes two major components – an extensive CoC-wide community narrative that addresses system-wide issues and a prioritized list of projects with their individual project submissions. This NOFO contains extensive changes when compared to prior NOFOs from the past two decades. **Attachment B** contains a National Alliance to End Homelessness summary

of some of the key changes and a chart that compares last year's competition with the FY 2025 competition.

Massive changes to the NOFO compel us to reallocate funds to Transitional Housing (TH), Supportive Services Only (SSO), and other project types to continue receiving HUD CoC funding. Our current permanent housing grants (permanent supportive housing-PSH, Rapid Rehousing-RRH, and joint TH/RRH) are scheduled for a **renewal total of around $6.1M/year. The NOFO caps our total permanent housing request at just over $2.1M. At least $4M of our grants need to be repurposed/reprogrammed** to be eligible to receive funds. Most other CoCs are in the same difficult position.

Other NOFO changes compel us to eliminate Housing First, Harm Reduction, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts and to add new treatment and supportive services requirements and incentives to avoid rejection of our projects and to get them approved by HUD. The national competition guidelines compel us to change our local project review and scoring process accordingly. Our CoC has **fewer than 60 days** to make these changes, carry out the required local project solicitation process, and to submit the consolidated application.

There is a possibility of more overall CoC funding than in prior years. The NOFO will trigger significant reductions in funding for permanent housing rental assistance of around $3.5M/year. Many of our current projects may be defunded, lose significant funding, or receive late award announcements that jeopardize program cash flow and continuity.

To maintain or gain overall funding we will need to score very high on some of HUD's new high-point criteria for required services, more services and less housing, involuntary commitment, required substance use treatment, prohibiting camping and loitering, reduced encampments, etc. If we do very well, the maximum funding we could attain is an estimated **$8,975,125**, which includes the following:

1. **$7,073,804** for one-year renewal of existing CoC and YHDP projects, or reallocation to the following allowable new project types: SSO, TH, PSH, YHDP TH replacement project, or other qualified YHDP replacement project.
2. **$1,414,761** for one or more new CoC bonus projects of the following allowable types: SSO or TH.
3. **$132,870** for one Domestic Violence (DV) bonus TH project.
4. **$353,690** for one non-competitive CoC planning project.

Tier 1 projects are capped at thirty percent (30%) or **$2,122,141** of our CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Projects ranked in Tier 1 by our local rating and ranking review process are much more likely to get renewed if they meet threshold requirements in the NOFO. The amount of funding we can request for permanent housing (PH) projects is also capped at this same 30% level.

ACTION AREAS FOR TODAY

A) Approval of Local Process Timeline

Attachment C contains our proposed CoC NOFO Process Timeline. HUD requires CoCs to carry out a local process for selecting eligible new and renewal projects for submission to HUD. This year, the timeline is tightly constrained by the short application period. Local applications are due by December 15. Local applicants must be notified of the CoCs decisions by December 30. The full consolidated application must be publicly posted on our website by January 12, 2026.

Recommendation

Approve the proposed 2025 CoC NOFO Process Timeline, including meeting dates, as presented.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve the proposed CoC NOFO Process Timeline, including meeting dates, as presented.

B) Approval of Application Selection Process and Reviewers

The CoC Charter grants the H4HP Policy Board the authority to approve the final project selection/ranking decisions based upon the recommendation of a Review and Ranking Committee established to review, rate, and develop a proposed ranking of CoC projects. The Review and Ranking Committee has typically been composed of 5-6 non-conflicted members, including representative from the County, Santa Cruz, Watsonville, and persons with lived experience of homelessness. Last year's committee included:

Carlos Landeverry, City of Watsonville	Heather Rodgers, County Public Defender
Karen Kern, County Health Services Agency	Larry Imwalle, City of Santa Cruz
Alyson Green, Lived Experience Action Board	Malakiva Divakar, Youth Lived Experience Action Board

The following individuals expressed a willingness to participate in the rating and ranking review process prior to this special meeting:

Manuel Caceres, Lived Expertise Action Board Member
Kyrolos Saad, Youth Lived Expertise Action Board Member
Larry Imwalle, City of Santa Cruz, Director of Homelessness Response & Community Programs

Staff would like to recruit 2 or 3 additional members to participate in the rating and ranking process. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our agencies and projects, although it involves a significant time commitment.

Due to the very tight timeline imposed by HUD, there is not enough time to receive and process local applications and convene the Review and Ranking Committee ahead of the December 17 Policy Board meeting, the only regularly scheduled Board meeting within the NOFO timeframe.

When this has happened in prior years, the Board has granted one-time authority to the Review and Ranking Committee to make the final selection/ranking decisions to be confirmed by the H4HP Board at its next regular or special meeting. Due to the importance of the decisions, we are proposing a special meeting before the final application due date.

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Recommendations
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1. Approve the establishment of a 2025 Review and Ranking Committee to review, rate, and develop a proposed ranking of the projects and authorize staff to recruit 2-3 additional members to include Board volunteers and other representatives needed for balance.
2. Grant authority one-time to the Committee to make the final selection/ranking decisions for public notification by no later than December 30, 2025, to be confirmed by the H4HP Board at a special meeting on January 7, 2026.

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Suggested Motion
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I move to:

1. Approve the establishment of a 2025 Review and Ranking Committee to review, rate, and develop a proposed ranking of the projects and empower H4HP staff to recruit 5-6 members to include Board volunteers and other representatives needed for balance.
2. Grant authority one-time to the Committee to make the final selection/ranking decisions for public notification by no later than December 30, 2025, to be confirmed by the H4HP Board at a special meeting on January 7, 2026.

C) Approval of Changes to Local Project Scoring Criteria

Historically, our CoC has ranked projects to align with the priorities and scoring associated with the national NOFO competition. **Attachment D** from the National Alliance to End Homelessness compares the evaluation and scoring criteria from the FY 2024 and FY 2025 HUD CoC NOFOs. **Attachment E** shows staff proposed project evaluation criteria for the FY 2025 HUD CoC NOFO compared with the evaluation criteria our CoC used during FY 2024. Staff are proposing significant changes to align with the current NOFO expectations.

Staff recommend directing the rating and ranking committee to prioritize permanent supportive housing project **rental assistance funding** for inclusion in Tier 1 as part of the permanent housing cap established for this NOFO. This approach prioritizes our limited permanent housing rental assistance funding for people with disabilities currently enrolled in supportive housing. Rapid rehousing programs are designed to provide time-limited rental assistance. Securing gap funding to support anticipated funding losses with current rapid rehousing programs for a one to two-year period will be easier than securing long-term rental assistance funding for permanent supportive housing participants.

Each year, HUD requires each CoC to use objective criteria (e.g., cost-effectiveness, performance data, type of population served) to review, rate, and rank local project applications. These objective factors must account for at least 50% of the total points available for rating projects. New this year, the following factors must account for at least 25% of the total points available:

- Returns to homelessness performance measure;
- Employment income performance measure; and
- Supportive service participation requirements.

In addition, further aligning our scoring factors with NOFO policy priorities is an important tool for increasing total regional CoC funding. FY2024 rating factors encouraging Housing First, Harm Reduction, DEI, service to immigrants, and LGBTQ community members will cause project rejections by HUD at the threshold level and lower the overall score for the CoC. Adding new rating factors around supportive services requirements and SUD treatment may help raise our overall CoC funding.

Recommendation

Approve the proposed local project Scoring Criteria, including scoring factors and points, as presented.

Approve the staff recommendation to prioritize permanent supportive housing rental assistance funding for a Tier 1 ranking.

Suggested Motion

I move to approve the proposed local project Scoring Criteria, including scoring factors and points, as presented.

Attachment A

CA-508 – HUD CoC Funding for County of Santa Cruz Projects

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	Current HUD Award Amount	Current Grant Expiration
Housing Authority of the County of Santa Cruz	Shelter+Care Consolidated PSH	PH – PSH	$1,858,050	6/30/2026
County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency	MATCH PSH	PH – PSH	$1,235,927	2/28/2026
Housing Matters	180 Together PSH	PH – PSH	$396,334	3/31/2026
Housing Matters	801 River St.	PH – PSH	$295,144	12/31/2025
Families In Transition	First Step-Scattered Site Housing for Families with Children	PH – RRH	$656,587	11/30/2026
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center	Housing & Employment Program RRH	PH – RRH	$651,690	10/31/2026
Covenant House	Youth Rapid Rehousing (YHDP)	PH – RRH	$512,986	12/31/2026
Families in Transition	Y.A.A.S. (Young Adults Achieving Success) {YHDP}	PH – RRH	$316,274	9/30/2026
Monarch Services	DV Bonus RRH	PH-RRH	$141,753	8/30/2026
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center	Housing & Employment Program RRH	PH-RRH	$76,717	Not Started
Bill Wilson Center	Santa Cruz County Shared Housing	TH	$164,372	12/31/2025
Encompass Community Services	Drop-In Center {YHDP}	SSO	$283,624	10/31/2026
County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department	Coordinated Entry Expansion	SSO	$243,596	6/30/2026

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Type	Current HUD Award Amount	Current Grant Expiration
Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County	Youth Homeless Response Team (YHRT) {YHDP}	SSO	$105,545	1/31/2026
County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department	Youth Coordinated Entry System {YHDP}	SSO	$63,818	6/30/2026
County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department	County of Santa Cruz Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	HMIS	$71,387	9/30/2026
Housing Matters	Unsheltered NOFO – Harvey West Studios Grant {Special NOFO}	PH – PSH	$351,891	5/1/2027
County of Santa Cruz Human Services Department	CoC Planning Grant	Planning Grant	$287,157	1/31/2026

FY2025 CoC Program Competition Application Information

Opportunity Name: [FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants NOFO](#)

Application Deadline: January 14, 2026, at 8:00pm EST

These insights are strictly those of the Alliance based on our knowledge and expertise. It should not be read as official HUD guidance on the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO.

FUNDING OVERVIEW

$3.918 billion is available. In addition to the $3.54 billion available through the full year Continuing Resolution, HUD repurposed $100 million originally designated for development of new permanent supportive housing (with Congressional approval) and $294 million of Section 231 funds (recaptured funding).

- This increased amount may be enough to cover the national renewal demand which will now be calculated using the FY2026 Fair Market Rent rates.

- Everything except CoC Planning (or UFA costs) is competitive and must be ranked, including Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program renewals.

- Projects originally awarded under the Special NOFO on Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness that will expire in 2026 are eligible to apply for renewal.

- At least $52 million must be used for new DV Bonus projects, which now may include transitional housing as an eligible project type.

CoCs will continue to rank projects into two tiers. Projects ranked in Tier 1 are only required to meet the project quality and project threshold requirements. They are not subject to the CoC score. Projects ranked in Tier 2 are competitively awarded based on CoC score, as well as subject to project quality/threshold requirements.

- Tier 1 is set at 30% of overall funding (compared to 90% in 2024)

- Tier 2 is set at 70% of overall funding (compared to 10% in 2024)

No more than 30 percent of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) can be used to fund Permanent Housing projects, including PH-PSH, PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects, **forcing CoCs to reallocate the majority of their current programming to other project types.**

Joint Component TH-RRH renewal projects continue to be eligible for renewal funding but are not allowable as a new project type.

TOP 10 NOFO CHANGES

1. **Only 30 percent of a CoC's funding is protected in Tier 1, down from 90 percent in past years.** This is the most significant structural change in a decade. With 70 percent of funding now fully competitive and tied to Merit Review scores and project ranking, even small scoring differences could lead to major funding losses.

2. **Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH, Joint TH–RRH) is capped at 30 percent of ARD.** CoCs must shift funding from existing permanent housing projects that exceed this cap toward new projects that are aligned with the administration's priorities, particularly transitional housing with high service requirements. New Joint TH–RRH projects are no longer eligible.

3. **All projects except for CoC Planning/UFA must compete, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus.** These projects must be ranked and scored in Tier 2 with no special protections, increasing competition across the entire portfolio.

4. **New prohibitions can disqualify any project.** HUD may reject projects in Tier 1 or 2 for engaging in racial preferences, using a definition of sex "other than binary," or conducting activities viewed as "harm reduction." These provisions create significant new compliance risks.

5. **HUD's new national priority centers on treatment, recovery, and required services.** HUD favors projects with onsite substance use treatment, required service participation, sufficient treatment bed capacity, and 24/7 detox or inpatient access. Required services now boost scoring.

6. **HUD elevates "public safety" as a major scoring factor.** CoCs must show laws prohibiting camping and illicit drug use, enforcement protocols, cooperation with law enforcement, use of involuntary commitment standards, and SORNA implementation. These factors elevate the influence of local criminalization policies.

7. **New project requirements reshape TH, RRH, PSH, and Street Outreach.** New transitional housing must provide 40 hours/week of services; new RRH must show strong employment outcomes and require services; new PSH must serve elderly or physically disabled individuals (not including substance use disorder) with required services; and new street outreach must demonstrate strong law-enforcement partnerships.

8. **Merit Review replaces prior CoC scoring and shifts weighting.** The 130-point system includes 9 points for Project Capacity/Ranking, 40 for System Performance, and 81 for Coordination & Engagement, plus 19 bonus points. Service requirements feature prominently throughout.

9. **Tier 2 scoring now favors projects with required services.** Tier 2 projects receive up to 100 points based on Merit Review scores, local ranking, and up to 10 points for requiring services—giving mandatory-service models a clear advantage.

10. **HUD's expanded Risk Review increases the likelihood of project rejection.** HUD may consider media reports, Inspector General and Government Accountability Office findings, public complaints, or an organization's "history of subsidizing activities that conflict with the NOFO" as grounds for denying funding.

NEW FY2025 POLICY PRIORITIES

· **Ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets.** Citing a California Policy Lab study from 2019, HUD claims that 75% of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness report a substance use disorder (SUD) and 78% report a mental health condition. Therefore, CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance consistent with Executive Order on "Ending Crime and Disorder on America's Streets."

· **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery.** CoCs should prioritize projects that provide treatment and services needed to recover and regain self-sufficiency, including on-site treatment and participation

requirements in services.

- **Advancing Public Safety.** CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety. HUD cited the Supreme Court decision in Grants Pass v. Johnson as upholding the authority of local governments to prohibit public camping.

- **Promoting Self-Sufficiency.** Highlighting that one of the primary purposes of the COC program is to optimize self-sufficiency, HUD indicates that CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families. This would allow them to exit homelessness and prevent future returns to homelessness.

- **Improving outcomes.** CoCs should review all eligible projects to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and prioritize those that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.

- **Minimizing trauma.** CoCs should encourage the use of trauma informed care, ensure safety of program participants, and access to 'safe, single-sex spaces' for women.

NEW/UPDATED PROJECT APPLICANT CERTIFICATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

- Updated **HUD Applicant and Recipient Assurances and Certifications (HUD-424B)** that includes a certification that the applicant will not use federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable federal anti-discrimination laws.

- New **Certification of Need and Compliance with Housing Quality and Habitability Standards** in which the Collaborative Applicant must certify a demonstrated need for all PH projects included in the Renewal Project Listing and that they all comply with program requirements, including HQS or Habitability Standards (whichever is applicable).

- New **Certification for Opportunity Zone Preference Points** if the CoC is requesting up to 4 Opportunity Zone preference points.

RURAL COSTS FOR PROJECTS ORIGINALLY AWARDED UNDER THE RURAL SET ASIDE OF THE SPECIAL COC NOFO

Projects originally awarded under the Rural Set Aside through the Special CoC NOFO are permitted to continue to use funding for purposes allowable through that set aside, including: rent and utility arrears, repairs to make housing habitable, capacity building activities, emergency food and clothing assistance, and costs associated with making use of Federal Inventory property programs.

The costs permitted for rural areas generally (per Section 5707 of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (PL 117-263, December 23, 2022, 136 Stat 2395) amended section 423(a) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act) are not appliable for these projects.

NEW PROJECTS CREATED WITH COC BONUS OR THROUGH COC REALLOCATION

CoCs may apply for any of the following project types through the CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation Process:

- Supportive Services Only (SSO)

- Transitional Housing (TH)

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

- Dedicated HMIS

- SSO-Coordinated Entry

Transition grants, which allow an eligible CoC renewal project to transition from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period, are permitted this year. If awarded a transition grant, the operating start date of the new grant would be the day after the end of the expiring grant term, similar to a renewal grant. **It is important to note:** The applicant for the transition grant must be the same as the recipient on the current grant agreement for the project being eliminated. If a new applicant were needed for the project, it would simply be a new project and would not qualify as a transition grant.

PROJECT REVIEW

Standard project quality and project threshold criteria apply for new and renewal projects with some key additions:

- Project applicants will be required to affirm that they will (1) not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination and (2) not engage in any activities under the pretext of 'harm reduction'. HUD may also reduce or reject applications in which project applicants have previously or currently engaged in these activities.

- Renewal projects could also be reduced or rejected if there is evidence that the project has previously or currently conducted activities that rely on or otherwise use "a definition of sex other than as binary in humans."

- New projects will be rated using project quality criteria that will assess factors such as the reasonableness of costs and the leveraging of mainstream programs like Medicaid and SSI as well as the following:

  - New transitional housing projects will be required to provide 40 hours of customized services per program participant (except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment).

  - New Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for street outreach will be required to demonstrate that the project applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement and will cooperate with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use.

  - New Permanent Supportive Housing projects must be designed to serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment (not including substance use disorder) and require participation in supportive services.

  - New Rapid Rehousing projects must demonstrate that the project applicant has previously operated a project with higher-than-average outcomes on increasing employment income and will require participation in supportive services.

MERIT REVIEW

Merit Review (previously CoC Scoring Criteria) removes or significantly adjusts previous criteria and adds new criteria, with a total of 130 points available across 3 rating areas: Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking; System Performance; and CoC Coordination and Engagement. In addition, there are 19 bonus points

available (15 for CoC Mergers and up to 4 for Policy Initiative Preference Points).

New/Updated Criteria:

- Supportive service participation requirements are considered a part of their local ranking and review process.

- The availability of treatment and recovery services, specifically looking at the extent to which the following is true:

  - On-site substance use treatment is available and participation is required

  - A minimum number of beds based on overall population size available for this purpose

  - There is 24/7 access to detox or inpatient treatment within the CoC geography

  - There are formal partnerships with entities like Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics

  - Recovery housing is available in the CoC

  - Amount of funding available for supportive services either through leveraging other resources or by using 30% or more of CoC funds for services

- Service participation requirements demonstrated by supportive service agreements across CoC projects (for full points, 100% of projects must have service participation requirements).

- There is a plan in place for sharing PIT, HIC, HMIS, and SPM data with state and local government as permitted by law.

- Street outreach projects partner with first responders and law enforcement to increase housing and service engagement.

- To demonstrate how public safety plays a role in efforts to end homelessness:

  - Cite state or local law(s) that cover the CoC's entire geographic area that prohibit illicit drug use and prohibits public camping or loitering

  - Affirm that there is a protocol in place for enforcement of such laws across entire geographic area of CoC

  - Demonstrated utilization of standards including involuntary commitment for people 'who are a danger to themselves or others'

  - The state substantially implements and is compliant with SORNA

  - The CoC cooperates and assists law enforcement in mapping and checking location of homeless sex offenders and assists or does not interfere with law enforcement response to addressing violators of public camping or drug use laws

- Preference points are available for CoCs that incorporate an Opportunity Zone or that can demonstrate that all non-profit project applicants will voluntarily verify immigration status using SAVE (directly or in coordination with state or local government).

RISK REVIEW

HUD's review of applications has always included an assessment of risk and past performance. In FY2025, this "Risk Review" incorporates the same criteria as in years past (i.e., financial controls, effective management systems, results of audits) but adds two new criteria

- Other public sources such as newspapers, Inspector General or Government Accountability Office reports or findings, or other complaints that have been proven to have merit

- History of subsidizing or facilitating activities that conflict with the purposes of this NOFO

SELECTION PROCESS

HUD makes a point of stating that it may, to the extent allowed by law:

- Fund applications in whole or in part.

- Fund applications at a lower amount than requested.

- Choose to fund no applications under this NOFO.

- Adjust funding for an application, to ensure funding or geographic dispersion, and

- alignment with program or administrative priorities.

- Withdraw an award offer and make an offer of funding to another eligible application, if terms and conditions are not finalized or met.

- Use additional funds made available after NOFO publication to either fully fund an application or fund additional applications.

- Correct HUD review and selection errors. If HUD commits an error that causes an applicant not to be selected, HUD may make an award to that applicant when and if funding is available.

- Release another NOFO, if funding is available and if HUD does not receive applications of merit.

Different from the FY2024/FY2025 NOFO, only CoC Planning (or UFA Cost applications, if appliable) will be conditionally awarded non-competitively. All other project types must be ranked by the CoC. HUD will then select as follows:

- All Tier 1 projects that pass project quality and project eligibility thresholds.

- Then HUD will select projects that meet project quality and project eligibility thresholds in Tier 2 in the order of project score. Each new and renewal project ranked in Tier 2 (including YHDP renewal and DV Bonus) will receive a point value up to 100 points:

  - Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the Merit Review Score

  - Up to 40 points for the CoC's ranking of the project (the higher the ranking in Tier 2, the more points assigned)

  - Up to 10 points for projects that have or will incorporate service participation requirements evidenced in an occupancy agreement (or equivalent document)

- Any permanent housing projects that exceed the 30% ARD cap for the CoC will be removed from the project listing and Tier 2 project scores will be adjusted accordingly.

- If the $52 million minimum for DV Bonus has not been reached after making Tier 2 project selections, HUD will continue down the list to fund additional DV Bonus projects by project-level score until at least $52 million has been selected.

Regarding active litigation: If any part or provision of the grant Agreement or terms of this Notice have been or are enjoined or held to be void or unenforceable by a federal court, they shall be ineffective only to the extent of such court's authority and only as to such prohibition or enjoinment and shall not invalidate or affect the legality or enforceability of the remaining provisions and applications of the Agreement and Notice. In the event the enjoinment of such provisions is stayed, dissolved or reversed, the full terms of the grant agreement and Notice, including such provisions, will automatically become effective.

POST AWARD INFORMATION

Awarded projects will be required to comply with the following new provisions:

- Compliance with Immigration Requirements (8 U.S.C. 1601-1646; Executive Order 14218)

- Equal Participation of Faith-based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities consistent with 42 U.S.C. 2000bb et seq.; 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq.; 24 CFR 5.109; and Executive Orders 14202, Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias and EO 14205, Establishment of the White House Faith Office.

- Environmental requirements that apply in accordance with 24 CFR part 50 or part 58

- Unless prohibited by law and to the extent permitted under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), your application and post-award content may be released to the public in response to FOIA requests, except to the extent that certain information may be withheld under a FOIA exemption (5 USC § 552(b); 24 CFR 15.107(b)). HUD may also share your information within HUD or with other Federal agencies if HUD determines that sharing is relevant to the respective program's objectives.

- Waste, Fraud, Abuse, and Whistleblower Protections. 41 USC § 4712, which includes informing your employees in writing of their rights and remedies, in the predominant native language of the workforce. Under 41 U.S.C. § 4712, employees of a contractor, subcontractor, grantee, subgrantee, and personal services contractor may not be discharged, demoted, or otherwise discriminated against as a reprisal for disclosing information that the employee reasonably believes is evidence of gross mismanagement of a Federal contract or grant, a gross waste of Federal funds, an abuse of authority relating to a Federal contract or grant, a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety, or a violation of law, rule, or regulation related to a Federal contract (including the competition for or negotiation of a contract) or grant. (See Federal Contractor or Grantee Protections | Office of Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development (hudoig.gov))

- Presidential Executive Actions affecting federal financial assistance programs, as advised by the Department, unless otherwise restricted by law: Executive Order (EO) 14219 (Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Deregulatory Initiative); 14218 (Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders); guidance resulting from the White House Task Force established by 14202 (Eradicating Anti-Christian Bias) and the Senior Advisor to the White House Faith Office assigned by 14205 (Establishment of the White House Faith Office); 14182 (Enforcing the Hyde Amendment); 14173 (Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity); 14168 (Defending Women From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government); 14151 (Ending Radical and Wasteful Government DEI Programs and Preferencing); and 14148 (Initial Rescissions of Harmful Executive Orders and Actions)

In addition, awards made under this NOFO:

- Will not be used to conduct activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination, including activities where race or intentional proxies for race will be used as a selection criterion for employment or program participation; or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex as other than binary in humans.

- Will not be used to fund, promote, encourage, subsidize or facilitate the use of illicit drugs.

- Will not be used to fund any project, service provider, or organization that operates drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."

HUD has removed the following items which were included in the FY2024/FY2025 NOFO from the list of requirements:

- Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-4) (Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part

- Compliance with the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146

- Compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8

- Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq

- Compliance with Improving Access to Services for Persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) requirements, including those listed within Federal Register Notice, FR-4878-N-02 (also see HUD's webpage)

- Compliance with Equal Access Requirements (e.g., 24 CFR 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106)

- Compliance with Energy Efficient and Sustainable by Design

- Compliance with Eminent Domain

- Compliance with System for Award Management and Universal Identifier Requirements at 2 CFR part 25

- Compliance with section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA),as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104(g)) and implementing regulations at 2 CFR part 175 (Award Term for Trafficking in Persons)

- Compliance with Award Term and Condition for Recipient Integrity and Performance Matters (see Appendix XII to 2 CFR part 200)

- Compliance with Suspension and Debarment regulations (2 CFR part 2424 and 2 CFR part 180)

- Compliance with environmental justice requirements that apply in accordance with Executive Orders 12898 and 14008, and OMB Memorandum M-21-28, which implements the Justice40 Initiative, section 223 of Executive Order 14008

- Compliance with HUD Secretary Fudge's April 12, 2022 memorandum "Eliminating Barriers That May Unnecessarily Prevent Individuals with Criminal Histories from Participation in HUD Programs"

Attachment C

Draft Santa Cruz 2025 CoC & YHDP NOFO Process Timeline

Each year, the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) administers the Program Competition for HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funds. This calendar serves as a guide for applicants who are considering applying for new or renewal funds from HUD through the FY25 CoC and YHDP Notice of Funding Opportunity (CoC NOFO). Please note the dates are tentative and may change. Please do contact H4HP at Sheryl.norteye@santacruzcountyca.gov or tonygardnerconsulting@yahoo.com with questions.

Event	Date/Deadline
HUD releases 2025 CoC NOFO	**November 14, 2025**
H4H releases local Public Solicitation of Applications for CoC & YHDP funds & invitation to Applicant Orientation Session	**November 18, 2025**
Applicant Orientation Session (recorded)	**November 25, 2025, 10:30am-12:00pm**
Local deadline CoC and YHDP application materials (via e-mail) and HUD applications (via e-snaps) (at least 30 days before HUD deadline)	**December 15, 2025, 5:00 pm**
H4H Policy Board meeting, includes confirming Rating and Ranking Subcommittee & process and other key CoC competition planning as needed	**December 17, 2025, 3:00-6:00 pm**
H4H Rating and Ranking Subcommittee meeting to review and rate project applications and develop recommendations on project approvals/rejections, ranking/tiering	**December 19, 2025, TBD**
Written decisions sent to applicants (at least 15 days before HUD deadline)	**December 30, 2025 (latest)**
Appeals Period for applicants that were declined or had funding reduced	**December 30, 2025 – January 6, 2026**
H4H Policy Board special meeting to review CoC NOFO recommendations and to confirm decisions on project approvals/rejections, ranking/tiering	**January 7, 2026 (time & location TBD)**
Web posting of CoC Application and Project Priorities (at least 2 days before HUD deadline)	**January 12, 2026**
HUD deadline CoC Application & Project Priorities	**January 14, 2026, 5:00 PST**

Side-By-Side Comparison of CoC Scoring FY2024/25 vs. FY2025

Below is a high-level summary of the CoC Application Scoring criteria that was included in the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO in comparison to the Merit Review criteria included in the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. Items that are new or updated in FY2025 vs. FY2024 are marked **NEW** or **UPDATED**. Please review the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO for full details.

CoC Application Scoring Summary FY2024	Merit Review Summary FY2025
1. CoC Coordination and Engagement = 84 points 2. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking = 28 pts. 3. HMIS = 9 points 4. PIT Count = 5 points 5. System Performance = 60 points 6. Coordination w/ Hsng & Healthcare = 14 points Bonus Points: CoC Merger Bonus = 25 points	A. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking = 9 points B. System Performance = 40 points C. CoC Coordination and Engagement = 81 points Bonus Points CoC Merger Bonus = 15 points Policy Initiative Preference = 4 points

CoC Coordination & Engagement	84	C. CoC Coordination & Engagement	81
Has an inclusive membership of a variety of stakeholders within the geographic area	2	**UPDATED**: Has an ~~inclusive~~ membership of a variety of stakeholders within the geographic area **and considers the needs of all relevant subpopulations**	0.5
		NEW: Has a governance board representative of community (at least 1 PWLE; 3 electeds; 1 business community; 2 LEO)	4
Has an invitation process for new members to join	1	Has an invitation process for new members to join	0.5
Solicits and considers opinions from knowledgeable individuals and organizations	1	Solicits and considers opinions from knowledgeable individuals and organizations	0.5
Accepts and considers proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding	1	Accepts and considers proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding	0.5
		NEW: Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services (substance use treatment available onsite for at least 30% of projects; there are projects that provide substance use tx which make it a condition of occupancy; minimum # of beds for geographic area based on population size; access to 24/7 detox; formal partnership with CCBHC, etc; sober housing; high % of funding for services or lots of leveraging)	16
		NEW: Participation requirements for services (max points for 100% of projects require services; ½ points if 50% of projects require services)	10
		NEW: Reduce encampments (demonstrated reduction of encampments or people in encampments by 20%)	10

Coordinates with federal, state, local, private, and other organizations	2	**UPDATED**: Coordination with federal, state, local, private, and other organizations (must demonstrate coordination in the planning and operation of projects, describe plan to consult with ESG recipients**, and describe how they have or will share PIT, HIC, HMIS, and SPM data with state and local government as permitted by law)**	2
Ensures families are not separated	2	*Not included*	--
CoC collaboration related to children and youth	3	Collaboration related to children and youth	2
		NEW: Coordination with Veteran organizations	6
Addresses the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking	5	Addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking	2
Addresses the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals	6	*Not included*	--
Coordinates with the Public Housing Agencies	10	Partnering with the Public Housing Agencies	2
Coordinates with and assists in state or local discharge planning efforts	2	Discharge planning	2
Uses a Housing First approach on CoC projects	10	*Not included*	--
Has implemented street outreach procedures	3	**UPDATED**: Street outreach (positive exits **and** partnering with law enforcement)	6
Implements specific strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness	2	**UPDATED/NEW:** Promoting public safety (2 pts.- CoCs must cite state/local law that covers **entire** geographic area that prohibits drug use and camping; 2 pts.- -has a protocol for enforcement for entire geographic area; 3 pts.- demonstrates utilization of involuntary commitment; 3 pts.- use of SORNA; 3-assists in mapping sex offenders and assists law enforcement or co-responders to connect violators of public camping or drug use with services)	13

Demonstrates an increase in the number of Rapid Re-Housing beds available	9	*Not included*	--
Provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects to supplement CoC Program funds with resources from other public and private sources, including programs that assist program participants in applying for and receiving mainstream benefits or gaining employment	2	*Not included*	--
Has an effective Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)	6	*Not included*	--
Promotes racial equity in homelessness response	6	*Not included*	--
Involves individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision making, and provides professional development and employment opportunities	5	*Not included*	--
Coordinates and partners with Public Health Agencies	5	*Not included*	--
Increases affordable housing supply	1	*Not included*	--
		UPDATED: Leveraging housing and healthcare resource (points for at least one **TH,** PSH, or RRH that utilizes healthcare resources provided by private orgs, state/local, faith based, or PHAs)	4
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	**28**	**Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking**	**9**
Demonstrates the use of objective criteria to review project applications requesting CoC Program funding	4	**UPDATED**: Objective criteria and system performance (uses objective criteria and at least **25% of points** for SPM on returns + SPM on employment income + **service participation requirements**)	6

Demonstrates the use of CoC Program required system performance measures to review project applications requesting CoC Program funding	9	*Not included*	--
Uses comparable databases to evaluate domestic violence providers	1	*Not included*	--
Collects and analyzes data on rapid return to permanent housing and severity of barriers experienced by program participants	4	*Not included*	--
Demonstrates how the CoC is promoting racial equity when reviewing applications	4	*Not included*	--
Demonstrates that the CoC either reallocates funding from lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects or has a process in place to review performance for future re-allocation	3	**UPDATED**: Reallocation (CoC demonstrates a standard process for reallocating from lower performing OR have reallocated at least 20% of ARD since Fy21)	1
Demonstrate the use of an objective ranking and selection process for project applications that is publicly announced by the CoC	3	Ranking and selection process (invites new proposals from new entities; posting application on website; attaching all projects with ranking info; notify applicants)	2
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	**9**	***Not included in Merit Criteria***	**0**
Submits complete Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data in a timely manner	1	*Moved into SPM*	--
Has in place, is developing, or is coordinating a comparable database with domestic violence / victim service providers to collect required data elements for reporting deidentified information to the CoC	2	*Moved into SPM*	--
Bed Coverage	2	*Moved into SPM*	--
Submit prior NOFO year's Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data in a complete and timely manner	2	*Moved into SPM*	--

Point in Time Count (PIT)	5	*Not included in Merit Criteria*	0
Conducts a PIT Count and reports the data in Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX)	3	*Moved into SPM*	--
Implement specific measures to effectively identify and count youth in the CoC's PIT Count	2	*Moved into SPM*	--
System Performance Measures	60	**System Performance Measures**	40
Reduces the number of homeless individuals and families (2/12 pts.- for decrease of 5% sheltered '24 from '23 PIT; 7/12 pts.- for decrease of 5% unsheltered '24 from '23 PIT; 3/12 pts.- decrease of 5% sheltered & unsheltered '24 from '23 PIT + Considerations for disaster impacted)	12	**UPDATED**: Reduces the number of homeless individuals and families (5/17 pts.- decrease of 20% unsheltered '25 from '24; 4/17 pts.- decreases in unsheltered '24 from '23 and '25 from '24; 3/17 pts.- decrease '25 from '23; 3/17 5% decrease in CH '25 from '24; **and** 2/17 pts.- decrease in total hmlss '25 from '24)	17
Reduces the number of first-time time homelessness among individuals and families (1/3 pts.- for reduction '24 from '23; 2/3 pts.- provide information on how risk factors identified and prevention strategy)	3	**UPDATED**: Reduces the number of first-time time homelessness among individuals and families (demonstrate reduction of 20% and identify strategies)	1
Reduces the length of time individuals and families remain homeless (8/13 pts.- demonstrate reduction in LOT of 5% '23 from '22 OR average LOT 90 days or less; 5/13 pts.- describe strategies)	13	**UPDATED**: Reduces the length of time individuals and families remain homeless (demonstrate any reduction in length of time homeless and describe strategies)	1
Demonstrates and describes how the CoC will increase the rate in which individuals and families move to permanent housing destinations or continue to reside in permanent housing projects (6/13 pts.- increased PH by 2% '23 from '22; 3/13 pts.- demonstrate exits from PSH or OPH to pH increased by 1% or retention or exists to PH was 96% or higher; 4/13 pts.- describe strategy)	13	**UPDATED**: Successful permanent housing placement (2/5 pts.- rate of successful exit from ES, TH, and RRH is at least 50%; 2/5 pts.- 20% of positive program exits are exited to unsubsidized housing; 1/5 pts.- describe strategies)	5

Reduces the extent to which individuals and families return to homelessness (3/8 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 reduced returns in 6 mos by 1% OR rate was 5% or less; 3/8 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 reduced returns in 12 mos by 1% or rate was 10% or less; 2/8 pts.- strategies)	8	**UPDATED**: Reduces the extent to which individuals and families return to homelessness (3/7 pts.- if less than 8% over 24 months; 3/7 pts.- if 7% over 12 months; strategies)	7
Increases income for program participants from employment and non-employment cash sources (2/7 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 increase % employment income OR rate is 20% or higher; 2/7 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 increase % non-employment income OR rate is 50% or higher; 3/7 pts.- for strategies)	7	**UPDATED**: Increases income for program participants from employment and non-employment cash sources (3/7 pts.- % of participants with increase was 20% or higher for employment; 3/7 pts.- at least 25 % had increase in employment income at exit; 1/7 for strategies on employment and non-employment sources)	7
Submits data quality report for HMIS performance measures in HDX (submitted SPM to HDX by deadline)	4	Timely submission of data (conducted a HIC and PIT count; submitted by deadline; submitted LSA by deadline; submitted SPM by deadline)	1
		HMIS and comparable database participation (at least 85% of beds in geographic area are covered in HMIS – same as last year)	1
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	**14**	*Not included in Merit Criteria*	**0**
1. Leverages housing resources such as housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs	7	*Moved into CoC Coordination & Engagement*	
Leveraging healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing Homelessness	7	*Moved into CoC Coordination & Engagement*	
Bonus Points: CoC Merger	**25**	**Bonus Points: CoC Merger**	**15**
CoCs merged between current NOFO year and prior NOFO year registrations	5	**UPDATED**: All CoCs that merged (does not provide date or any other information)	15

One or more of the merged CoCs had an application score of 140 or below in the previous CoC Program Competitions	10		
Demonstrates that results in Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts were affected by changes in methodology that resulted from the merger in a way that would affect their CoC score	10		
		NEW: Policy Initiative Preference Points	**4**
		Up to 4 points if proposed activities are within Opportunity Zone *OR* Up to 4 points if ALL nonprofit applicants voluntarily verify immigration status using SAVE directly or in coordination with state local gov	4

Comparison of Proposed 2025 CoC Scoring Criteria With 2024 CoC Scoring Criteria

	Proposed 2025 Scoring Criteria	2025 Points	2024 Scoring Criteria	2024 Points
1	**Housing/Project Type** **10 pts for:** • Renewals: PSH that cannot be readily converted to TH due to grant restrictions or other structural factors, CES, HMIS, or Youth TH and SSO projects • New reallocation, transitional, and YHDP replacement grants: CoC projects proposing to convert their PSH, RRH, or TH/RRH renewals to new TH • YHDP projects proposing to convert their Youth RRH or TH/RRH renewals to new TH, • YHDP projects proposing to replace their current projects with eligible project types (except PH) that would better serve youth. • DV Bonus projects: new TH projects serving 100% DV • CoC Bonus projects: other new TH including TH 100% for SUD treatment, Street Outreach, Other SSO. **0 pts for:** – All other projects.	**10 PTS POSSIBLE** 10 pts: • Renewals: PSH, CES, HMIS, Youth TH or SSO • New: converted TH, YHDP converted TH, Other YHDP replacements, DV TH, other TH including SUD Treatment TH, Street Outreach, or Other SSO 0 pts: Other	Housing/Project Type **10 pts for:** (a) CES & HMIS (b) Renewal projects of the following types: 9 pts for: a. PSH serving 100% chronically homeless persons with emphasis on the longest histories of homelessness and most severe needs b. RRH for homeless individuals or families, including unaccompanied youth c. Joint TH and RRH projects 1 bonus pt for: Projects that specifically identify immigrants and/or persons with justice system involvement as an allowable client subpopulation **5 pts for:** (a) Renewal projects of the following types: a. PSH projects <u>not</u> CH dedicated **0 pts for:** – All other projects.	**10 PTS POSSIBLE** 10 pts: CES & HMIS 9 pts: • PSH CH • RRH • TH-RRH 1 bonus pt: • PSH, RRH, & TH-RRH with immigrants or justice involved allowable 5 pts: • PSH – not CH 0 pts: Other
2	**Priority Population Served – Addresses Chronic Homeless or DV population – *5 pts.*** The project meets the needs of a high priority population as described below: • Experiencing chronic homelessness • Survivors or domestic violence • Youth	**5 PTS POSSIBLE** CH, DV, Youth pops: • 5 pts – 100% • 4 pts –70-99% • 3 pts – 50-69% • 2 pts –25-49% • 1 pt – 1-24% • 0 pts – 0%. (CES & HMIS 5 pts)	**Priority Population Served – Addresses Chronic Homeless or DV population - *10 pts.*** The project meets the needs of a high priority population as described below: • Experiencing chronic homelessness • Survivors or domestic violence	**10 PTS POSSIBLE** CH, DV pops: • 10 pts – 100% • 7.5 pts –70-99% • 5 pts – 50-69% • 2.5 pts –25-49% • 1 pt – 1-24% • 0 pts – 0%. (CES & HMIS 10 pts)
3	**PERFORMANCE MEASURES** The project has met or exceeded measurable performance expectations in the below areas based on HMIS APR data for renewals and other projects that use HMIS, or other data systems where the project does not yet participate in HMIS.	**20 PTS POSSIBLE** (CES & HMIS 15 pts)	**PERFORMANCE MEASURES** The project has met or exceeded measurable performance expectations in the below areas	**20 PTS POSSIBLE** (CES & HMIS 15 pts)

	Proposed 2025 Scoring Criteria	2025 Points	2024 Scoring Criteria	2024 Points
3 A 1	Housing Stability (residential projects only): • For PSH renewals, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined retain PH for 7 months or more? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90%** • For new TH, have you previously met in prior RRH, TH, or other comparable project(s) the standard in helping leavers find and move into PH? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90%**	**7 Pts Available** • 7 pts –90% + • 3½ pts–80-89% • 0 pts - <80% (SSO 5 pts)	Housing Stability: • For PSH, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined retain PH for 7 months or more? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90%** • For TH and RRH, did you meet the standard in helping leavers find and move into PH? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90%**	**7 Pts Available** • 7 pts – 90% + • 3½ pts –80-89% • 0 pts - <80%
3 A 2	Employment Income (all residential and SSO projects): • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping ADULT leavers and stayers combined increase income from employment ONLY? CoC Performance Standard – **at least 25%**	**5 Pts Available** Employment • 5 pts – 25% + • 3 pts –15-24% • 0 pts - <15%	Income: • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase income from employment AND non-cash benefits from mainstream sources? CoC Performance Standard – **at least 75%** • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping ADULT leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase income from employment ONLY? CoC Performance Standard – **at least 25%**	**5 Pts Available** All Income • 2½ pts – 75% + • 1½ pts –65%-74 • 0 pts - <65% Employment Only • 2½ pts – 25% + • 1½ pts –15%-24 0 pts - <15%
3 A 3	Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits (residential and SSO projects): • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase at least one source of non-cash benefits? CoC Performance Standard – **at least 50%**	**1 Pt Available** • 1 pts – 50% + • ½ pt – 40-49% • 0 pts - <40%	Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits: For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase at least one source of non-cash benefits? CoC Performance Standard – **at least 50%**	**2 Pts Available** • 2 pts – 50% + • 1 pt – 40-49% • 0 pts - <40%
3 A 4	Program Occupancy (residential projects only): • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that average program occupancy met CoC standard. CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90% for the year**	**1 Pt Available** • 1 pt – 90% + • ½ pt – 80-89% • 0 pts - <80% (SSO 1 pt)	Program Occupancy (bed utilization): • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that average program occupancy met CoC standard. CoC Performance Standard – **at least 90% for the year**	**2 Pts Available** • 2 pts – 90% + • 1 pt – 80-89% • 0 pts - <80%
3 A 5	Returns to Homelessness (residential and SSO projects): • For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that leavers did not exit to non-permanent destinations (e.g., shelters, TH, hotels, motels, and the streets)? CoC Performance Standard – **no more than 20%**	**5 Pts Available** • 5 pts –20% max • 3 pt – 21-30% • 0 pts - >30%	Returns to Homelessness: For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that leavers did not exit to non-permanent destinations (e.g., shelters, TH, hotels, motels, and the streets)? CoC Performance Standard – **no more than 20%**	**2 Pts Available** • 2 pts –20% max • 1 pt – 21-30% • 0 pts - >30%
3 A 6	Length of Stay (residential projects only): • For PSH only, did you meet the standard by increasing the annual average LOS in PH for leavers and stayers combined? – **higher LOS average than previous APR year** • For TH and RRH only, did you meet the standard by decreasing the annual average LOS in TH or RRH for leavers? – **lower LOS average than previous APR year**	**1 Pt Available** PSH: • 1 pt – + LOS • 0 pts – - LOS TH & RRH: • 1 pt – - LOS • 0 pts – + LOS (SSO 5 pts)	Length of Stay: • For PSH only, did you meet the standard by increasing average LOS in PH for leavers & stayers combined? – **higher LOS average than previous APR year** • For TH and RRH only, did you meet the standard by decreasing the annual average LOS in TH or RRH for leavers? – **lower LOS average than previous APR year**	**2 Pts Available** PSH: • 2 pts – + LOS • 0 pts – - LOS TH & RRH: • 2 pts – - LOS • 0 pts – + LOS

	Proposed 2025 Scoring Criteria	2025 Points	2024 Scoring Criteria	2024 Points
3 A 7	Victim Service Providers only - Safety: • Propose at least one measure of the degree of participant safety that you will commit to using in the future.	**Not Scored This Year**	Victim Service Providers only - Safety: Propose at least one relevant measure of the degree of participant safety that you will commit to using in the future.	**Not Scored This Year**
4	**PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**	**25 PTS POSSIBLE (CES & HMIS 18 pts)**	**PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS**	**20 PTS POSSIBLE** (CES & HMIS 15 pts)
4 A	Coordinated Entry Participation: The minimum percentage of new clients since 1/1/24 who came from CES referral.	**2 Pts Available** • 2 pts–95% + • 1 pts –85- 94% • 0 pts – - 70%.	Coordinated Entry Participation: The minimum percentage of new clients since 1/1/23 who came from CES referral.	**10 Pts Available** • 10 pts–95% + • 8 pts –90 - 94% • 6 pts –85 - 89% • 4 pts –80 - 84% • 2 pts –75 - 79% • 1 pt –70 - 74% • 0 pts – - 70%.
4 B	N/A		Housing First Fidelity Assessment: • Does the project prioritize client selection based on duration of homelessness and vulnerability? • Does the project accept all clients regardless of substance use history, or current use? • Does the project accept clients who are diagnosed with, or show symptoms of, a mental illness? • Does the project accept clients regardless of criminal history? • Does the project accept clients regardless of income or financial resources? • Does the project use a harm-reduction model for drugs and/or alcohol use? Removing Barriers to Housing: To what extent does your project eliminate the following? • No minimum income • No required current employment • No required state issued photo id • Need not show sobriety (drugs or alcohol) • OK to have symptoms of mental illness • Need not have transportation • No required disabling condition (e.g., MH, SA, HIV/AIDS) • Need not show use medication.	**10 Pts Available** Housing First: • 1 pt per "yes" • 0 pts per "no" Removing barriers: • 1/2 pt per "yes" • 0 pts per "no" response
4 B	Required Supportive Services Participation: • The project will require supportive services participation as evidenced by a participant services agreement (please attach).	**15 Pts Available** • Yes – 15 pt • No 0 pts	**N/A**	

	Proposed 2025 Scoring Criteria	2025 Points	2024 Scoring Criteria	2024 Points
	• In the case of TH focused 100% on SUD Treatment, the project will require SUD treatment as evidenced by a participant SUD treatment participation agreement (please attach).			
4 C	New TH only: The project commits to providing 40 hours of customized services per program participant, except for participants over 62 or with a physical disability/impairment (please provide commitment letter).	**5 Pts Available** • Yes – 5 pts • No – 0 pts (non-TH 5 pts)	N/A	
4 D	The project will provide SUD services onsite.	**3 Pts Available** • Yes – 3 pts • No – 0 pts	N/A	
5	**FINANCIAL AND COST EFFECTIVENESS**	**20 PTS POSSIBLE**	FINANCIAL AND COST EFFECTIVENESS	10 PTS POSSIBLE
5 A	Prioritizing Supportive Service Funding: The percentage of CoC funding proposed to be used on Supportive Services funding.	**5 Pts Available** • 5 pts–50 - 100% • 3 pt –30 - 49% • 0 pts – - 30%. (CES & HMIS 4 pts)	Prioritizing Housing Funding: The percentage of *program* funding proposed to be used on housing activities (acquisition, construction, rehab, and housing operations) vs. percentage funding used on non-housing activities (supportive services, services-only operations, and HMIS).	**2 Pts Available** • 2 pts–50 - 100% • 1 pt –30 - 49% • 0 pts – - 30%. (CES & HMIS 2 pts)
5 B	Leveraging Supportive Services: Does the project leverage (leverage, match, and service partnerships combined) total at least 50% of the HUD funds requested (please attach letters of commitment or similar evidence).	**5 Pts Available** • Yes – 5 pts • No – 0 pts	N/A	
5 C	Drawdown Completeness: • The percentage of overall HUD grant drawn down in the most recent completed program year recorded in the most recent APR. • Applicants with no previous HUD grants may use comparable evidence from another similar government funding source (please attach evidence from the funding source that includes the amount budgeted and the amount actually spent)	**5 Pts Available** • 5 pts –100% • 3 pts –95- 99% • 1 pt –86 - 94% • 0 pts – - 86%.	Drawdown completeness: The percentage of overall HUD grant drawn down in the most recent completed program year recorded in the most recent APR.	**8 Pts Available** • 8 pts –100% • 7 pts –98- 99% • 6 pts –96 - 97% • 5 pts –94- 95% • 4 pts –92 - 93% • 3 pts –90- 91% • 2 pts –88 - 89% • 1 pt –86 - 87% • 0 pts – - 86%.
5 D	Leveraging Housing and Healthcare Resources (New TH Only): • The project will provide at least 25% of the units included in the project through non-CoC leveraged *housing resources* (attach commitment letter or similar evidence); AND • The project will provide non-CoC leveraged *healthcare* resources as follows: behavioral health resources equivalent to at least 25% of the HUD funds request, or SUD treatment resources available to all project participants who qualify (attach commitment letter or similar evidence).	**5 Pts Available** • Yes – 5 pts • No – 0 pts (Non-New TH 5 pts)	N/A	

	Proposed 2025 Scoring Criteria	2025 Points	2024 Scoring Criteria	2024 Points
6	**AGENCY EXPERIENCE/CAPACITY**	**10 PTS POSSIBLE**	**AGENCY EXPERIENCE/CAPACITY**	**20 PTS POSSIBLE**
6 A	**Agency Yrs of Experience** Number of yrs of agency experience in implementing the proposed program OR similar program type (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO, Outreach, CES, HMIS, etc.)	**5 Pts Available** • 5 pts – 8+ yrs • 4 pts –5 to 7 yrs • 3 pts –4 to 6 yrs • 2 pts –2 to 3 yrs • 1 pts –1 to 2 yrs • 0 pts – - 1 yr	**Agency Yrs of Experience** Number of yrs of agency experience in implementing the proposed program OR similar program type (e.g., RRH or PSH)	**10 Pts Available** • 10 pts – 8+ yrs • 8 pts –5 to 7 yrs • 6 pts –4 to 6 yrs • 4 pts –2 to 3 yrs • 2 pts –1 to 2 yrs • 0 pts – - 1 yr
6 B	**Capacity Issues** • Points will be deducted if in the past year (7/1/24-present): (1) the program had a CoC risk assessment AND did not carry out any actions to correct and risk issue(s) identified, (2) the agency has unresolved HUD monitoring findings in CoC programs, or (3) the agency has been late in submitting a CoC APR. • Applicants with no previous CoC grants may use comparable evidence from another similar government funding source (please attach evidence from the funding source regarding any risk assessment results, monitoring findings, and latest funder report showing due date and submission date)	**5 Pts Deduction Possible** • 1 pts deduction – no action risk • 2 pts deduction – unresolved findings • 2 pts deduction – late APR	**Capacity Issues** Points will be deducted if in the past year (7/1/23-present): (1) the program had a CoC risk assessment AND did not carry out any actions to correct and risk issue(s) identified, (2) the agency has unresolved HUD monitoring findings in CoC programs, or (3) the agency has been late in submitting a CoC APR.	**10 Pts Deduction Possible** • 3 pts deduction – no action risk • 3 pts deduction – unresolved findings • 4 pts deduction – late APR
6 C	**Narrative Responses - Past Experience in Key Areas** Please **describe** your agency's prior experience and success in the following key areas: • Priority Population Served - Serving clients who are experiencing chronic homelessness, are survivors of domestic violence, or are youth • Program Design – Operating a similar type of program • CES Participation – Accepting and successfully housing program referrals through CES • Treatment and Recovery – Providing or assisting participants to access treatment and recovery services • Mainstream Resources – Implementing strategies to help participants access federal mainstream benefits • Employment & Self-sufficiency – Providing services or referrals for client to become and remain employed and attain self-sufficiency through employment and childcare	**5 Pts Available** • ½ pts – Priority population • 1 pt – Program design • ½ pts – CES participation • 1 pt – Treatment • 1 pt – Mainstream resources • 1 pt – Employment & self-sufficiency	**Narrative Responses - Past Experience in Key Areas** Please (1) **describe** your agencies prior experience, and (2) provide at least **one example** of agency success, in the following key areas: • Priority Population Served - Serving clients who are experiencing chronic homelessness, or are survivors of domestic violence • Program Design – Operating a similar type of program • CES Participation – Accepting and successfully housing program referrals through CES • Housing First – Embracing Housing First approaches and removing participant barriers to housing • Mainstream Resources – Implementing strategies to help participants access federal mainstream benefits • Equity Factors – Implementing agency leadership, governance, and policy changes and assessing and improving participant outcomes with and equity lens	**10 Pts Available** • 2 pts – Priority population • 2 pt – Program design • 1 pt – CES participation • 2 pts – Housing First • 1 pt – Mainstream resources • 2 pts – Equity factors
7	**Mainstream Resources** The number of strategies the program has identified to help clients access federal mainstream benefits, including Medicaid; State Children's Health Insurance Program; TANF (CalWORKS);	**7 PTS POSSIBLE** • 7 pts – 7 - 8 • 5 pts – 5 - 6 • 3 pt – 3 - 4	**Mainstream Resources** The number of strategies the program has identified to help clients access federal mainstream benefits, including Medicaid; State Children's Health Insurance Program; TANF	**7 PTS POSSIBLE** • 7 pts – 7 - 8 • 5 pts – 5 - 6 • 3 pt – 3 - 4

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Food Stamps; SSI; Workforce Investment Act; *Employment Income*; Welfare to Work Grant Programs and Veterans Health Care.	• 2 pts – 2 • 1 pt – 1 • 0 pts – 0	(CalWORKS); Food Stamps; SSI; Workforce Investment Act; *Employment Income*; Welfare to Work Grant Programs and Veterans Health Care.	• 2 pts – 2 • 1 pt – 1 • 0 pts – 0

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8	N/A		**Equity Factors** Agency will receive one pt for each of the following factors that it has implemented OR commits to implement: Agency leadership, governance, and policies: • Agency has individuals representing BIPOC in managerial and leadership positions • Agency has individuals representing LGBTQ+ in managerial and leadership positions • Agency board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience • Agency has process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience • Agency has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies. • Agency has provided at least one staff training since 1/1/21 on enhancing equity for BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+. Program participant outcomes: • Agency has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age • Agency has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable for overrepresented races or ethnicities and developed a plan to make those changes • Agency has identified changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable for LGBTQ+ persons and developed a plan to make those changes • Agency is working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and or/age.	**10 PTS POSSIBLE** • 1 pt per "yes" • 0 pts per "no"

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8	**Community Collaboration and Participation (3 pts possible)** To what extent does the applicant agency support the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) by: (1) participating in meetings of the H4HP general membership, (2) participating in HMIS by entering client data into HMIS for 100% of its programs that are listed in the 2024 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC); and (3) participating in CES with no housing referral denials except if there is an appropriate reason for denial under the CES P&Ps? *Sub-scores will be determined by H4HP staff based upon appropriate H4HP and documentation for the period from* <mark>July 1, 2024,</mark> *to the present time.*	**3 PTS POSSIBLE** H4HP meetings: • 1 pt: 75-100% • 0 pts: 0-74% HMIS participation: • 1 pt: 100% • 0 pts: - 100% CES participation: • 1 pt: Receives referrals, no inappr denials • 0 pts: No referrals OR has inappr denials	**Community Collaboration and Participation (3 pts possible)** To what extent does the applicant agency support the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) by: (1) participating in meetings of the H4HP general membership, (2) participating in HMIS by entering client data into HMIS for 100% of its programs that are listed in the 2024 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC); and (3) participating in CES with no housing referral denials except if there is an appropriate reason for denial under the CES P&Ps? *Sub-scores will be determined by H4HP staff based upon appropriate H4HP and documentation for the period from July 1, 2023, to the present time.*	**3 PTS POSSIBLE** H4HP meeting: • 1 pt: 75-100% • 0 pts: 0-74% HMIS participation: • 1 pt: 100% • 0 pts: - 100% CES participation: • 1 pt: Receives referrals, no inappr denials 0 pts: No referrals OR has inappr denials