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**Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC)  
2026 Ranking and Selection Criteria  
HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition**

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) will use the following process to rank all projects/applications in the 2026 HUD Continuum of Care Program Competition.

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### **Section I: HUD CoC General Requirements and Policies**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) annually for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The NOFO establishes the available level of funds, identifies HUD national priorities, and describes the criteria and data needed in the competitive application.

HUD requires CoCs to conduct a local review process and to designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit requests for funds in the CoC Competition. HUD provisionally awards funds to CoCs based on the scoring of a CoC system-level application up to a maximum allocation established by an area pro-rata need. The CoC conducts a local process to determine needs within the system and to evaluate and select and prioritize project level applications to include in the annual application for funds.

### **Section II: FY 2026 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Detail**

The FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition NOFO was released on June 1, 2026, for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Approximately \$4.04 billion is available for FY 2026. Of this, HUD is prioritizing \$52 million for Transitional Housing (TH) or Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects. Nationally, the total available for new DV Bonus projects is \$104 million from a combination of unspent FY2025 and new FY2026 funds. This NOFO provides a national set-aside of \$1,300,000,000 for investments in new projects with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects, an option that was not available in prior years.

CoCs *may* use the Transition Grant process described in Sec. II.B.3.k to create new projects, however, must include a detailed plan describing how they will ensure continued housing stability for all current participants. This plan must outline strategies to prevent displacement, maintain housing for individuals currently enrolled in PH, and demonstrate how the transition will not negatively impact participants' housing outcomes. HUD guidance notes that individuals currently in Permanent Housing may be eligible for Transitional Housing, and CoCs are encouraged to evaluate the unique needs of participants to ensure they receive the most appropriate assistance.

The VC CoC is eligible for an estimated \$3.75 million in annual renewal funding (ARD) and an estimated \$321,110 in Planning Grant funds with the potential to apply for new CoC bonus funding (approximately \$798,000) and DV Bonus funding equal to 20% of the Preliminary Prorata Need (PPRN) (approximately \$1,000,000). HUD expects to make approximately 7,000 awards from the funds available under this NOFO. CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that help people regain self-sufficiency.

HUD continues to require Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is set at 60% percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), (approximately \$2.250 million) with 40% of the funds being placed in Tier 2 which puts them at higher risk. For comparison, prior CoC competitions placed only 10% of ARD in Tier 2. Half (50%) of the points in the HUD funding formula for projects in Tier 2 comes directly from the points awarded to the CoC regional Consolidated Application. As a result, the better the CoC scores in the overall Application, the more likely projects in Tier 2 will be funded. HUD project-level review includes alignment with specific criteria. There is an ongoing emphasis on project performance. 24 CFR Part 578.7 (6) requires CoCs to monitor recipient and subrecipient performance, evaluate outcomes, and take action against poor performers. HUD encourages CoCs to reallocate under-performing projects to higher-performing projects or to respond to

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community needs. The VC CoC responds to these factors by establishing policies, procedures, and criteria for reviewing and ranking each application for funding, for reallocation, and for selection of projects for inclusion in the CoC national competition. HUD also requires the CoC to meet requirements and guidelines specific to the annual NOFO. The VC CoC will employ HUD CoC priorities in the local project review, rating, and ranking processes.

- A. Threshold/ Eligibility Review:** The CoC is required to review all applications to verify eligibility for federal CoC funding. Applicants must meet HUD thresholds regarding eligibility to do business with the federal government; legal status; commitment to participation in HMIS and the Coordinated Entry System (CES); and fiscal capacity. Projects from applicants not meeting these requirements are ineligible to apply for HUD CoC funding. Additional information about threshold and eligibility requirements is found in Section V of the HUD FY 2026 NOFO.
- B. Ranking Requirements:** The CoC must assign a unique rank to each project that it intends to submit to HUD for funding except for the CoC planning grant. Ranking of renewal projects must incorporate scoring on project performance, system performance and effectiveness. The CoC must comprehensively review both new and renewal projects within its geographic area, using CoC-approved scoring criteria and selection priorities, to determine the extent to which each project is still necessary and address the listed policy priorities. Funds for projects that are determined to be underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective, should be reallocated to new projects that are based on proven or promising models. The HUD NOFO specifies the points that a CoC can earn through meeting specific criteria in its project applicant rating and review process.
- C. Renewals:** Renewal Applications are CoC-funded projects that expire in 2027. Providers may submit renewals for permanent housing. However, all applicants need to be aware that the FY 2026 NOFO reveals new opportunities and priorities. An emphasis on Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Service Only (SSO) (including SSO outreach) are returning to CoC new project funding eligibility after being dormant for many years. The HUD prioritization will be significantly different when compared to prior years.

High scoring renewal projects that preserve permanent housing and align with HUD priorities will be prioritized for Tier 1. Domestic Violence Rapid Re-Housing (DV RRH) renewals will also be prioritized, consistent with HUD's continued emphasis on serving survivors of domestic violence. RRH and Safe Haven projects placed in Tier 2 remain at high risk of not being funded. RRH, or Safe Haven projects in Tier 2 are at high risk of not being funded by HUD. The VC CoC strongly encourages Applicants to seek alternate funding sources for PSH projects to retain housing for currently subsidized households.

- D. Transition Grants:** Providers with PSH and RRH renewal projects can consider submitting project applications for Transitional Housing or Supportive Services Only project types. Mechanisms changing an existing renewal to another project type include requesting a 'Transition Grant' (which allows one year for the project to convert to the new type), or Voluntary Reallocation of the existing project, and applying for a new project. To create a Transition Grant, the CoC must wholly eliminate one or more projects and use those funds to create the single, new transition grant [see section IV.D.1.i of this NOFO]. CoC's may submit Transition Grants for the following:

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An application to fund a new CoC project through the reallocation process to transition an eligible CoC renewal project (including a Special NOFO project or DV Renewal project) from one program component to another eligible component over a 1-year period.

The VC CoC will evaluate transition grants including how currently subsidized households will retain their housing.

- E. Reallocation & Bonus:** CoCs may use funds from part or whole existing grants to create new projects through reallocation or bonus funding. Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible CoC renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD. CoCs may only reallocate eligible renewal projects so long as the renewal project being reduced or eliminated has a current grant agreement with an expiration date in CY 2027. **Bonus projects are typically awarded competitively at the national level but are also required to be ranked with the CoC's other renewal and new projects** established by HUD in sections V.A.4.a and V.A.4.b of the FY 26 HUD COC NOFO.

CoCs may submit new project applications under the bonus process or reallocation process for the following project types:

- (1) SSO projects (Street outreach), SSO - (Coordinated Entry), and SSO Standalone.
- (2) TH projects.
- (3) PH-PSH projects.
- (4) PH-RRH projects
- (5) Dedicated HMIS

- F. Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Renewal Projects (DV Renewal Projects)** are eligible renewal projects that were previously funded, in whole or in part, with DV Bonus funding or were at some point expanded using DV Bonus funding to continue serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homelessness at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. **The total amount of DV bonus funding, that is included in the ARD, must continue to serve only DV. The FY 2026 NOFO DV Bonus funds makes up to 20% of the Preliminary Pro-rata Need available for new projects or expansion projects serving only DV participants (100%).**

*Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking New Projects (DV Bonus and DV Reallocation Projects). A new project that is dedicated to serving individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and who qualify under the paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. As described in section 2.b.(5) of the Appendix, survivors of human trafficking may also qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act because they are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, however a DV Bonus project may not exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking.*

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CoCs may submit new project applications under the DV bonus process or DV reallocation process for the following project type (p.12 NOFO):

- (6) SSO - Coordinated Entry for DV
- (7) TH projects.
- (8) PH-RRH Projects

**G. Consolidation Project Grants:** Consolidating grants of the same project type under the same Applicant is permitted under the HUD NOFO for renewal projects. HUD encourages the consolidation of eligible renewal grants. Applicants intend to use the consolidation process to combine two or more, but no more than 10, eligible renewal projects do so through the renewal project application. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, the projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component. Project consolidation reduces administrative burden and gives the project operator greater flexibility in matching eligible clients to available funding. Applicants with multiple renewal projects of similar types are encouraged to consider consolidation.

**H. Tiers & Priority Order:**

In the FY26 CoC Program Competition, Tier 1 is equal to 60 percent (\$2,249,400) of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). HUD will conditionally select project applications in Tier 1 from the highest scoring CoC application to the lowest scoring CoC application and according to the rank assigned by the CoC on the CoC Priority listing, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, merit review, risk review and if applicable, project renewal threshold. Competitively ranked projects are placed in Tier 1 according to the CoC's local rating and ranking process and based on local needs and priorities. Tier 2 is equal to 40 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) plus any available CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funding. HUD has set aside \$1.3 billion for new TH and SSO projects which will significantly impact Tier 2. HUD will evaluate project applications placed in Tier 2 for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements and project threshold requirements. HUD will determine funding using Tier 2 formula (FY 26 HUD COC NOFO p. 113) as well as the CoC project ranking. Projects in Tier 2 are evaluated on a project-by-project level across the CoCs nationally and set aside. As a result, selection for funding projects in Tier 2 is more rigorous than in Tier 1. The CoC recognizes the HUD regulatory requirements for infrastructure projects such as HMIS data and reporting functions, Coordinated Entry System, and CoC Planning and Administration, placing renewal of these essential services in Tier 1. Requests for expansion of these projects, or for customized versions of these system components (eg. SSO-CE-DV) will be placed in rank order based on their merit in accordance with the VC CoC standard rating and ranking procedures.

**HUD CoC FY26 Goals and Objectives:**

HUD has provided the following goals and objectives, that must be incorporated and will be considered as rating factors for the awarding of funds (2 CFR 200.211(c)(1)(ii)):

1. **Improving Outcomes:** Incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness.

**Commented [AM1]:** This section reflects the updated 2026 HUD CoC Goals and Objectives.

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2. **Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability:** Competition drives outcomes, effectiveness, innovation, and accountability. ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.
3. **Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care:** Moving away from a "one size fits all" response to homelessness by investing in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects, HUD intends to restore the "continuum" to the Continuum of Care Program to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency.
4. **Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency:** Encourages investments in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers. To utilize the full array of mainstream programs and local and private resources to provide housing and healthcare needed to maintain safe and stable housing.
5. **Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency:** Recovery and self-sufficiency is through supportive service participation requirements that meet individual needs and advance individual progress towards self-sufficiency and independent living goals and prevent future returns to homelessness.
6. **Advancing Public Safety for All:** Safety and security for all members of the public, especially those living on the streets and in encampments, is essential to promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and minimizing trauma to individuals, families, and communities. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness. No one should sleep outside on the street or in dangerous encampments, and everyone should be able to enjoy public spaces safely.
7. **Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations:** Encourage providers to provide trauma informed care and ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
8. **Expanding Access Based on Merit and Not Ideology:** HUD is committed to providing an equal opportunity to every applicant, recipient, and program participant free from discrimination. Part of this commitment is recognizing that faith-based providers deserve a level playing field to compete for CoC funding and participate in the community-wide efforts of their local CoCs.

### **Ventura County Policy on Project Ranking and Tiering**

*(adopted and finalized on June XX, 2026 by VC CoC Board)*

#### **Section III: Ventura County Policy on Reallocation, Project Ranking and Tiering**

##### **A. Policy Objectives:**

In developing our local policy governing project ranking, reallocation and tiering, Ventura County CoC's objectives are to align with the VC CoC mission, values and guiding principles:

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- **Mission Statement:** The VC CoC Alliance is a collaborative group dedicated to promoting a safe, desirable and thriving community by ending homelessness in Ventura County.
- **Vision:** Homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring
- **Values:** We value the dignity of every human life, the well-being of the community and the power of the community to work together to solve community problems.
- **Guiding Principles:**
  - Collective Impact
  - Strengths-Based and Trauma-Informed Care
- **Reflect HUD Priorities and approaches:**
  - Preserve funding for high performing and effective projects.
  - Shift investments from lower performing projects and ones which are at risk of losing HUD funding to new projects that help advance our community's goal of reducing homelessness and demonstrate effective approaches and best practices.
  - Support projects that reflect the HUD goal of 30%-50% of ARD being invested in supportive services
  - Support applications that commit to using written Support Service Participation Agreements
  - Prioritize new project funding for Transitional Housing and SSO projects in Tier 2

#### **Rationale for Preliminary Rankings**

- Closely followed HUD's priorities and guidelines for ranking projects.
- Positive contribution to System Level Performance be weighted when ranking projects including objective data for exits to permanent housing and housing retention.
- Examine under-performing projects and under-utilized projects and consider reallocation.
- Projects/agencies engagement in Continuum of Care efforts and participation in Coordinated Entry will be weighted when ranking projects.
- Preserve local CoC funding to address homelessness by aligning with HUD priorities to maintain long-term permanent housing stability.
- Cost efficiency and utilization will be considered when ranking projects within the project component
- Provision of supportive services and use of signed support services agreements

#### **B. Project Review and Ranking Policy:**

The Ventura County CoC will invite submissions for new and renewal projects and will conduct a review and ranking following the procedures stated in Sections VI.

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- i. CoC Renewal/Reallocation Projects
  - o renewal PH
  - o renewal Safe Haven
  - o renewal DV
  - o renewal HMIS
- ii. Transition Projects
  - o TH
  - o SSO- Standalone and Street Outreach
- iii. New Projects:
  - o TH
  - o SSO- SSO Standalone, SSO- CE, SSO Outreach
- ii. DV Bonus Projects;
- iii. DV Reallocation Projects;

The CoC goal is to preserve funding for the entire community and will make ranking decisions to submit a competitive application and not put community-wide funding at risk. Within each type, projects will be scored using a score system specific to that program type and placed within their ranked order, with renewal PSH in the first group (ordered by score). Renewal projects scoring less than 80 points (of 110 possible) will be considered for reallocation or elimination. If the CoC decides to rank and submit a project scoring below 80 points, it may be ranked in Tier 2.

For the FY 2026 Application, VC CoC will align ranking decisions for projects in Tier 2 with HUD priority investment (set-aside) in new Transitional Housing and SSO projects.

**C. Tiering Policy:**

Once the rank order of projects has been determined the projects outside of the top 60% will fall into Tier 2 (40% of ARD).

**Projects Straddling Tiers.** If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using selection criteria in section V.D.3.b above, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount based on the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

As HMIS and Coordinated Entry are HUD mandated requirements in order to receive Continuum of Care funding, HUD strongly recommends that these projects remain top priorities in Tier 1 in order to secure and maintain funding for this required activity.

The CoC Planning Grant is not ranked per HUD's guidance.

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#### **Section IV: Process for Rating and Ranking Renewal Projects**

##### **A: Rating and Ranking Process:**

All applications are due in e-snaps by July 17, 2026.

All renewal projects will be ranked using an objective scoring system approved by the VC CoC Board. VC CoC Staff will use data provided through the application process to calculate a score for each renewal and use the results to develop the Project Priority Listing for review and approval by the VC CoC Board as recommended through the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee.

The application process is intended to assess agency's capacity to administer CoC projects while complying with HUD requirements. Additionally, the application helps staff and the CoC Committees review the following:

1. Cost effectiveness
2. Leveraging mainstream programs (e.g. Medicaid and SSI)
3. System Performance Data (project contribution)
4. Annual Performance Report (APR) returns to homelessness performance measure, employment income performance measure, supportive services participation requirements
5. Type of Population served
6. Projects require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching supportive service agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent).
7. Verification of Immigration Status Participation
8. Substance Use treatment availability
9. Financial commitment (25% match)
10. CoC participation/VC CoC Partner Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

VC CoC Staff and VC CoC Data and Performance Committee use data provided through the application process, HMIS reports (Annual Performance Reports and CoC System Performance Data) analysis to develop the Project Priority Listing for review and approval by the VC CoC Board. This process is conducted in open public meetings, and all materials are posted on the VC CoC website: [www.venturacoc.org](http://www.venturacoc.org)

##### **B. Scoring Criteria for Renewal Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH):**

The scoring system will have a maximum of 115 points with points for project, supportive service requirements, the availability of treatment and recovery services and system performance and threshold factors. An additional 10 points may be awarded if exclusively serving subpopulations such as Domestic Violence Victims, Older adults 55 and over or Families with Children. Permanent Supportive Housing projects must be designed to serve elderly individuals and/or individuals with physical disability/impairment and require participation in supportive services. 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. Data to assess both performance and threshold criteria will be obtained from the information submitted by the applicants in their LOI response. System Performance Data will be pulled from HMIS; however, victim service providers must submit data generated from a comparable database for review.

**Commented [AM2]:** Pending CoC Board Priorities to award additional points for subpopulations

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The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data:

- at least 90 percent of project participants either remained in permanent housing or exited to another permanent housing location (up to 10 points).
- at least 60 percent of project participant increased their income from sources other than employment in an operating year (up to 10 points).
- at least <5% Returns to Homelessness within the prior grant term of 12 months (up to 20 points).

**Commented [AM3]:** Increased outcomes to align with HUD NOFO from 85% to 90%

**Commented [AM4]:** Increased outcomes to align with HUD NOFO from 55% to 60%

When objective data (APR reports, spending reports or audits, monitoring) evidence that a project is poorly performing and lacks capacity, the committee may recommend the project for reallocation. Renewal Applicants may also choose to self-reallocate by advising the CoC that they do not intend to seek FY2026 funding for an eligible renewal or will seek renewal with a decreased budget.

### C. Scoring Criteria for Renewal Safe Haven:

The scoring system will have a maximum of 110 points with points for project and system performance, supportive service requirements, the availability of treatment and recovery services and threshold factors. Data to assess both performance and threshold criteria will be obtained from the information submitted by the applicants in their application. System Performance Data will be pulled from HMIS.

The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data:

- At least 85 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 points).
- At least 60 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year (up to 10 points).
- Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from SH program (up to 10 points).
- Average length of stay <180 days (up to 10 points).

**Commented [AM5]:** Increased from 80% to 85% to align with HUD NOFO metrics.

**Commented [AM6]:** Increased outcomes to align with HUD NOFO from 55% to 60%.

Projects can receive an additional 10 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element.

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#### **D. Scoring Criteria for New Projects:**

The scoring system will have a maximum of 110 points with points for projects, system performance, supportive service requirements, the availability of treatment services and threshold factors.

The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data for **Transitional Housing Projects:**

- Operated or currently operates TH or another homelessness project (up to 10 points).
- At least 80% of participants will exit to a positive destination within 24 months (up to 10 points).
- At least 60 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant (up to 10 points).
- Reduce overall length of stay and progression toward stability (up to 10 points).

Projects can receive an additional 5 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element. Projects **Transitioning from PSH/RRH to TH** can receive an additional 5 points with a detailed plan describing how the project will ensure continued housing stability for all current participants.

The performance measures will be based on those established by HUD, VC CoC local performance targets and tracked through HMIS data for Supportive Service Only Street Outreach or Standalone Projects. The following will be applied for the performance measures scored for Supportive Services Only (SSO) (Street Outreach or Standalone). Performance Measures - Max. 100 Points with 20 points towards System Performance.

- Exits to positive destinations are more than 50% (up to **10 points**).
- At least 60% of participants will increase their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income, and progress toward self-sufficiency (up to **10 points**).

#### **E. HMIS/CES Renewal:**

Consistent with previous CoC applications, HMIS/CES renewals will be assessed for performance and spending in alignment with HUD requirements. As noted in Section II, the HMIS/CES renewal may be placed in Tier 1.

### **Section V: Process and Criteria for Ranking New Projects**

The VC CoC Board will examine recommendations from the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and VC CoC staff to determine the amount of funding available for reallocation. New CoC bonus funds and any reallocated funds will be awarded through a competitive HUD process.

**Commented [AM7]:** New Activity Type eligible under the 2026 HUD NOFO.

**Commented [AM8]:** Projects have the opportunity to transition from one activity type to another.

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Domestic Violence bonus funding is eligible for the following project types that serve individuals and families experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking: PH-RRH, TH, and SSO-CE. Applications will be scored the same as other new projects with additional points for projects that have a plan for promoting safety for the population served. Victim Service Provider applicants will provide data from a comparable database to demonstrate need, capacity and performance.

Priority will be given to projects that 1) meet Ventura County's CoC priorities; and 2) are most competitive in evaluating project capacity and past performance. In addition, projects must meet HUD's threshold and quality requirements. The NOFA will require applicants to submit an application through HUD e-snaps which may include project narrative, applicant capacity and financial information sufficient to assess all of these factors. To evaluate whether projects meet the HUD threshold, quality standards, and performance standards, the projects will be reviewed by the VC CoC Data and Performance Committee.

To evaluate project quality and fit with Ventura County objectives and develop a ranked order, the CoC will convene an unbiased project review committee to review each new project. Projects will be scored based on a 110-point system (Attachment A-D). VC CoC Staff will then hold one meeting to review and score applications and arrive at a proposed final ranking for all projects. The panel may also recommend that projects should either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available reallocated or bonus funds.

The final ranking of new projects as determined will be discussed and approved by the VC CoC Board on August 6, 2026, to determine the order on the Project Priority Listing.

#### **Section VI: Final Project Priority List and Notification to Applicants**

Once the rating and ranking processes for new and renewal applicants are complete, VC CoC staff will integrate the results of the scoring/ranking processes and create the final proposed Project Priority Listing for review by the VC CoC Board. This proposed list can include recommendations to adjust the placement of projects in Tier 2 in order to maximize the total funding award for Ventura County. Applicants will be notified by July 29, 2026 of the VC CoC Data Committee's recommendation for projects to be included in the NOFO application and the priority project ranking.

#### **Section VII: Appeal Process**

Applicants may appeal any of the following decisions of the VC CoC:

- 1) Placement of project into Tier 2
- 2) Reduction in funding
- 3) Project not included in final FY26 VC CoC consolidated application.

Appeals may be made ONLY on the following basis:

- Inaccuracy in information provided to the Review and Rank Panel (by entities other than the applicant) resulting in a reduced score; or

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- A failure to follow the Review and Rank process resulting in a reduced score

NOTE: Appeals based on policy considerations, funding priorities, or other subjective criteria will not be considered and are not eligible for technical appeal.

**Appeals must be submitted in writing via email to the VC CoC Board by noon on July 31, 2026 to [VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov](mailto:VenturaCoC@venturacounty.gov).** Appeals will be reviewed and considered by the VC CoC Board on August 6, 2026 for the final priority ranking. 24 CFR 578.35 provides the HUD appeal process options for applicants with denied or decreased funding.

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**Attachment A**

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Performance Measures - Max. 115 Points with 40 points towards System Performance detailed below.

- At least 90 percent of project participants either remained in permanent housing or exited to another PH (up to 10 points).
- At least 60 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year (up to 10 points).
- Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from PH/RRH program (up to 20 points).

An additional 10 points may be awarded if projects are exclusively serving subpopulations such as Domestic Violence Victims, Older adults 55 and over and/or Families with Children.

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Projects can receive an additional 10 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element, as indicated in the chart below.

Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee, and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

**Permanent Housing (PSH/RRH) Projects:**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
<b>Compliance with Grants and Financial Management</b>	Annual Performance Report, HUD monitoring, eLOCCS, and close-out certificates submitted timely (up to <b>3 pts</b> )  Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to <b>2pts</b> )  100% expenditure of grant funds (up to <b>5 pts</b> )  HUD findings within the past 3 years (- <b>2 pts</b> )	<b>10</b>	

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<p><b>Supportive Services</b></p>	<p>Supportive services will be required for participation (Project utilizes individualized service plans, annual assessments, and regular case management engagement), (form must be attached) (up to <b>4 pts</b>)</p> <p>Behavioral Health and Recovery Partnerships (e.g., formal partnerships with behavioral health providers, substance use disorder treatment providers, peer support programs, or recovery-oriented systems of care) (1 pt)</p> <p>Project conducts employment assessments and maintains workforce development partnerships (1 pt)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan, consistent with and local prioritization standards (<i>servicing the most vulnerable</i>), filling vacancies through coordinated entry (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumption sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (<b>-2pts</b>)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (<b>-2 pts</b>)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	
<p><b>Eligible Populations</b></p>	<p>For PSH, serve older adults 55 and older and/or individuals with a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) (<b>PSH up to 5 pts</b>)</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	

**Commented [AM10]:** This updated section aligns with HUD requirements when operating a PSH/RRH project.

**Commented [AM11]:** Eligible populations updated the older adult age from 62 years to 55 and over.

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	For RRH, provide tenant-based rental assistance to help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 3 months or up to 24 months ( <b>RRH up to 5 pts</b> )  Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination that may be construed as "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (up to <b>5 pts</b> )		
<b>CoC participation, HEARTH compliance</b>	Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to <b>2pts</b> )  Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to <b>3 pts</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>Project Performance</b>	Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to <b>10 points</b> ),  HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element (up to <b>5 points</b> )	<b>15</b>	
<b>System Level Performance</b>	<5% Returns to Homelessness within the prior grant term of 12 months (up to <b>20 points</b> ),  60% of participants Increase Total Income and demonstrate ways in assisting participants with employment to increase earned income and progress toward self-sufficiency (up to <b>10 points</b> ),  90% of participants either maintained their permanent housing or had successful exits to Permanent Housing (up to <b>10 points</b> )	<b>40</b>	
<b>Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements</b>	Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (project documents participant	<b>15</b>	

**Commented [AM12]:** Decreased Data Quality threshold from 10% to 5% to align with HUD NOFO performance metrics.

**Commented [AM13]:** Increased from 55% to 60% to align with HUD NOFO self sufficiency goals.

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	<p>engagement with treatment, and/or recovery services when identified through assessment) <b>(5 pts, zero points will be awarded if not complying or agreeing to HUD preference)</b></p> <p>Actively prioritizes unsheltered individuals and households through Coordinated Entry and outreach referrals (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Demonstrates documented placements from encampments or street outreach into housing (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Provides evidence of collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, outreach teams, and community stakeholders (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Provides evidence of collaboration with faith-based organizations and community service providers (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p>		
<b>Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes</b>	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and rental assistance/subsidy divided by the number of households served (up to <b>5 points</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>Bonus Points</b>	Is the project exclusively serving subpopulations (DV, older adults 55 and over and/or Families with children)?	<b>10</b>	
<b>Voluntary Reallocation</b>	Did the PH project voluntarily reallocate funding from another CoC	<b>5</b>	

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	PH project to TH or SSO with a housing plan for each participant?		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115</b>	

**Attachment B**

The following will be applied for the performance measures scored for Safe Haven (SH) Projects renewals.  
SH Performance Measures - Max. 110 Points with 40 points towards System Performance

- At least 85 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to 10 points).
- At least 60 percent of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year (up to 10 points).
- Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness within a year of exiting from SH program (up to 10 points).
- Average length of stay <180 days (up to 10 points).

**Commented [AM16]:** Increased from 80% to 85% to align with HUD NOFO metrics.

Projects can receive an additional 10 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element.

Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

**Safe Haven (SH) Projects:** Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
<b>Compliance with Grants and Financial Management</b>	<p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to <b>2pts</b>)</p>	<b>10</b>	

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	<p>95% or greater expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, sound financial management structure (up to <b>4 pts</b>)</p> <p>HUD findings within the past 3 years (-2 pts)</p>		
<p><b>Supportive Services</b>  <b>** (These are threshold questions that HUD will use when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD)**</b></p>	<p>Supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, peer support, recovery-oriented programming, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (<u>SS form must be attached</u>) (up to <b>4 pts</b>)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services as necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency, and will conduct annual assessments (up to <b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Behavioral Health and Recovery Partnerships (e.g., formal partnerships with behavioral health providers, substance use disorder treatment providers, peer support programs, or recovery-oriented systems of care) (<b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Project conducts employment assessments and maintains workforce development partnerships (<b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p>	<b>10</b>	

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	<p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumption sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to <b>1pt</b>)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-<b>2pts</b> from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan ( -<b>2pts</b>)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-<b>2 pts</b>)</p>		
<b>Eligible Populations</b>	<p>Experience working with proposed population and in providing services similar to those proposed in the application (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination that may be construed as “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (up to <b>2.5 pt</b>)</p>	<b>7.5</b>	
<b>CoC participation, HEARTH compliance</b>	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to <b>2pts</b>)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to <b>2.5pts</b>)</p>	<b>7.5</b>	

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<p><b>Project Performance</b></p>	<p>Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to <b>10 points</b>);  HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element (up to <b>5 points</b>)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	
<p><b>System Level Performance</b></p>	<p>At least 85 percent of project participants exit to a permanent housing or other positive destination (up to <b>10 pts</b>);  At least 60% of project participants increased their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income, and progress toward self-sufficiency (up to <b>10 pts</b>);  Fewer than 5% returns to homelessness at exit from TH program (up to <b>10 pts</b>);  Average length of stay &lt;180 days (up to <b>10 pts</b>) or detailed description on how provider will reduce length of stay</p>	<p><b>40</b></p>	
<p><b>Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements</b></p>	<p>Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (project documents participant engagement with treatment, and/or recovery services when identified through assessment) (<b>5 pts</b>)  (zero points will be awarded if not complying or agreeing to HUD preference)  Actively prioritizes unsheltered individuals and households through Coordinated Entry and outreach referrals (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	

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**Commented [AM19]:** Increased threshold from 80% to 85% to align with HUD NOFO performance metrics.

**Commented [AM20]:** Increased from 55% to 60% to align with HUD NOFO self sufficiency goals.

**Commented [AM21]:** New section to align with HUD Policy Initiatives around treatment and recovery services and partnership with First responders, faith based organizations and placements from encampments into housing.

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	Demonstrates documented placements from encampments or street outreach (up to <b>2 pts</b> )		
	Provides evidence of collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, outreach teams, and community stakeholders (up to <b>3 pts</b> )		
	Provides evidence of collaboration with faith-based organizations and community service providers (up to <b>2 pts</b> )		
<b>Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes</b>	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and operating expenses divided by the number of households served (up to <b>5 points</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>Voluntary Reallocation</b>	If an existing renewal applicant applies for a new TH or SSO project.	<b>5</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>115</b>	

**Attachment C**

The following will be applied for the performance measures scored for Transitional Housing (TH). Performance Measures - Max. 105 Points with 40 points towards System Performance

- Operated or currently operates TH or another homelessness project (up to 10 points).
- At least 80% of participants will exit to a positive destination within 24 months (up to 10 points).
- At least 60 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant (up to 10 points).
- Reduce overall length of stay and progression toward stability (up to 10 points).

Projects can receive an additional 5 points for maximizing utilization of their program vacancies with an average of no less than 95% utilization in the previous 4 quarters. HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element. Projects Transitioning from PSH/RRH to TH can receive an additional 5 points with a detailed plan describing how they will ensure continued housing stability for all current participants.

Note: Applicants proposing a Transition Grant from a Permanent Housing (PH) project to either Transitional Housing or Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach or Standalone), must include a detailed plan describing

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how they will ensure continued housing stability for all current participants. This plan must outline strategies to prevent displacement, maintain housing for individuals currently enrolled in PH, and demonstrate how the transition will not negatively impact participants’ housing outcomes. HUD guidance notes that individuals currently in Permanent Housing may be eligible for Transitional Housing, and CoCs are encouraged to evaluate the unique needs of participants to ensure they receive the most appropriate assistance.

Underperforming projects will be discussed in detail with VC CoC Data and Performance Committee and recommendations will be made for reallocation to the VC CoC Board when appropriate.

**(New, and Transition Projects)**

**Transitional Housing (TH) Projects:**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
<b>Compliance with Grants and Financial Management</b>	<p><b><u>New TH Projects</u></b></p> <p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to <b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b><u>Projects Transitioning to TH Projects</u></b></p> <p>Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>100% expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, sound financial management structure (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p>	<b>5</b>	

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	HUD findings within the past 3 years (- <b>1 pt</b> )		
<b>Supportive Services</b> <b>**These are threshold questions that HUD will use when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD**</b>	<p>Describe supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, peer support, recovery-oriented programming, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (SS form must be attached) (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Describe how the project will assess participants' service needs and provide individualized services in transitional housing (TH). Explain how it will ensure at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities, or employment for all participants, except those over age 62, individuals with disabilities as defined in 24 CFR 8.3, and individuals with developmental disabilities as defined in 24 CFR 578.3 (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Describe how the project will develop a service plan for each participant. Include services to be provided, service frequency and timing, responsible staff, participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and the implementation timeline leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services necessary to assist</p>	<b>20</b>	

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	<p>people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency, and will conduct annual assessments (up to <b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Behavioral Health and Recovery Partnerships (e.g., formal partnerships with behavioral health providers, substance use disorder treatment providers, peer support programs, or recovery-oriented systems of care) (<b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Project conducts employment assessments and maintains workforce development partnerships (<b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Describe documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan) (up to <b>1 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumption sites “knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction” (up to <b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (<b>-2pts</b> from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (<b>-2pts</b>)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (<b>-2 pts</b>)</p>		
<b>Eligible Populations</b>	Experience working with proposed homeless population, such as families, youth, veterans, elderly, or	<b>5</b>	

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	<p>unsheltered individuals, and in providing supportive services similar to that proposed in the application (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination that may be construed as "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (up to <b>2 pt</b>)</p>		
<b>CoC participation, HEARTH compliance</b>	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to <b>1pt</b>)</p>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Project Performance</b>	<p>Bed Utilization (95%+) (up to <b>5 points</b>),</p> <p>HMIS Data Quality should reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element (up to <b>5 points</b>)</p>	<b>10</b>	
<b>System Level Performance</b>	<p>Describe how applicant has previously operated or currently operates TH or another homelessness project (e.g., has successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit</p>	<b>40</b>	

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	<p>homelessness within 24 months) (up to <b>10 pts</b>)</p> <p>Describe plan to ensure that at least 80% of participants will exit to a positive destination within 24 months (up to <b>10 pts</b>).</p> <p>Describe how the applicant will ensure that at least 60% of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant (up to <b>10 pts</b>)</p> <p>Detailed description on how provider will reduce length of stay and progression toward stability (up to <b>10 pts</b>)</p>		
<p><b>Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements</b></p>	<p>Substance Use Treatment Availability on site (project documents participant engagement with treatment, and/or recovery services when identified through assessment) (<b>5 pts, zero points will be awarded if not complying or agreeing to HUD preference</b>)</p> <p>Actively prioritizes unsheltered individuals and households through Coordinated Entry and outreach referrals (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Demonstrates documented placements from encampments or street outreach (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Provides evidence of collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, outreach teams, and community stakeholders (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Provides evidence of collaboration with faith-based organizations and</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	

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	community service providers (up to 2 pts))		
<b>Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes</b>	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services (staffing) and operating expenses divided by the number of households served (up to 10 points)	5	
<b>Demonstrated Plan to Maintain Housing if submitting a Transition Grant</b>	Detailed plan describing how the project will ensure continued housing stability for all current participants. This plan must outline strategies to prevent displacement, maintain housing for individuals currently enrolled in PH, and demonstrate how the transition will not negatively impact participants' housing outcomes.	5	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>110</b>	

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**Attachment D**

The following will be applied for the performance measures scored for Supportive Services Only (SSO) (Street Outreach or Standalone). Performance Measures - Max. 100 Points with 20 points towards System Performance.

- Exits to positive destinations are more than 50% (up to **10 points**).
- At least 60% of participants will increase their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income, and progress toward self-sufficiency (up to **10 points**).

**SSO Street Outreach or Standalone Projects:**

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project:** \_\_\_\_\_

Threshold Renewal Points	Source Document	Max Points	Total Scored
<b>Compliance with Grants and Financial Management</b>	Applicant has the appropriate accreditation and licensure to provide the services (up to <b>2 pts</b> )  Applicant demonstrates experience using and leveraging federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding (up to <b>2 pts</b> )  Projects will provide relevant information on managing federal grants (up to <b>2 pts</b> )  Evidence of timely expenditure of grant funds, timely drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings (if any), and sound financial management structure (up to <b>4 pts</b> )	<b>10</b>	
<b>Supportive Services</b> <b>** (These are threshold questions that HUD will use)</b>	Describe supportive services (case management, employment training, substance use treatment, peer	<b>40</b>	

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<p><b>when reviewing new project applications. If awarded, all these criteria will be required by HUD**</b></p>	<p>support, recovery-oriented programming, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) will be required for participation (SS form must be attached) (up to <b>10 pts</b>)</p> <p>Proposed project demonstrates supportive services as necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency including earned income, and will conduct annual assessments of participants' service needs (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not engage with supportive services (up to <b>5 pts</b>)</p> <p>Describe documentation (intake packets, Participation Agreements, service documents, staffing plan, (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not operate drug injection sites or unsafe consumption sites "knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of distribution of illicit drugs or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction" (up to <b>3 pts</b>)</p> <p>Unwillingness to require supportive services (-<b>2pts</b> from score)</p> <p>Inconsistency with documents, services and staff plan (-<b>2pts</b> from score)</p> <p>Missing Documentation (-<b>2pts</b> from score)</p>		
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	<p><u>SSO Street Outreach</u></p> <p>Proposed project has a history and plan to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation (i.e., homeless encampments) to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification, TH or ILP (up to <b>15 pts</b>)</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><u>SSO Standalone</u></p> <p>Applicant demonstrates experience providing outreach services and, where additional capacity is needed, will implement outreach activities consistent with 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) (up to <b>15 pts</b>)</p>		
<b>Eligible Populations</b>	<p>Experience working with proposed population and in providing services similar to that proposed in the application (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p> <p>Will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination that may be construed as "diversity, equity, and inclusion" (up to <b>2 pt</b>)</p>	<b>4</b>	
<b>CoC participation, HEARTH compliance</b>	<p>Attendance records or commitment for new partners to participate in CoC meetings (<b>1 pt</b>) Compliance with CoC Partner MOU (<b>1 pt</b>)</p> <p>The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (up to <b>2 pts</b>)</p>	<b>4</b>	

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<b>Project Performance</b>	Describe how the applicant will maintain HMIS Data Quality to reflect no more than 5% of any missing data element and how applicant will ensure Current Living Situation is captured in HMIS at every contact (up to <b>10 pts</b> )	<b>10</b>	
<b>System Level Performance</b>	Describe plan to ensure project participants exits to positive destinations is more than 50% (up to <b>10 pts</b> ) Describe how the applicant will ensure that at least 60% of participants will increase their total income in a given operating year and demonstrate ways that participants will be assisted with employment to increase earned income, and progress toward self-sufficiency (up to <b>10 pts</b> )	<b>20</b>	
<b>Policy Initiative Preference/ Service Requirements ** This is a HUD threshold requirement.</b>	Applicant has a history and provides a detailed plan of how they will partner with first responders and law enforcement. (up to <b>5 pts</b> )  Provides evidence of collaboration with faith-based organizations and community service providers (up to <b>2 pts</b> )	<b>7</b>	
<b>Cost Effectiveness - Successful housing outcomes</b>	Cost per successful housing outcome – within project type. This calculation will include total cost of supportive services street outreach (staffing) and eligible operations divided by the number of people served (up to <b>5 pts</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	

**Commented [AM25]:** Decreased Data Quality threshold from 10% to 5% to align with HUD NOFO performance metrics.

**Commented [AM26]:** Increased from 55% to 60% to align with HUD NOFO self sufficiency goals.

**Commented [AM27]:** New section to align with HUD Policy Initiatives around treatment and recovery services and partnership with First responders, faith based organizations and placements from encampments into housing.