

BROWARD COC SCORING & RANKING PROCEDURES AND REALLOCATION PROCESS

Overview of Reviewing, Scoring, and Ranking of HUD-funded Continuum of Care Projects

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) released an annual Notice of Funding Opportunities (“NOFO”) for [HUD’s FY 2026 Continuum of Care Competition and Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants](#). Broward’s Homeless Continuum of Care (“HCoC”) serves as the collaborative applicant for these funding opportunities to provide housing and support services to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness in our community. The County welcomes all applicants, both current and new, to participate in this funding opportunity.

As the collaborative applicant, HUD requires Housing Options, Solutions, and Supports (“HOSSD”) to develop a performance-based Rating and Ranking Tool that uses objective scoring criteria and aligns with local priorities and is consistent with HUD’s rating factors under Section V.B of the FY2026 NOFO. Under FY2026 rules, all projects, except CoC Planning and UFA Costs, must be evaluated, scored, and ranked for inclusion in the CoC Priority Listing. Higher-ranked projects are assigned to Tier 1, and lower-ranked projects are assigned to Tier 2, consistent with Sections V.D.3.a and V.D.3.b of the NOFO.

Beginning in FY2026, HUD has significantly revised scoring and ranking requirements to restore competition, emphasize measurable outcomes, and ensure that CoCs invest in projects that meaningfully reduce homelessness and optimize self-sufficiency. HCoC Scoring and Ranking tool aligns with HUD’s annual priorities in the [FY 2026 CoC and YHDP NOFO \(CPD-2600-DC-0025\)](#) by evaluating and ranking projects based on performance, system impact, and alignment with HUD’s emphasis on measurable reductions in homelessness and increased self-sufficiency. Renewal projects are evaluated on their demonstrated effectiveness in reducing homelessness, improving exits to permanent housing, increasing employment and income, maintaining strong data quality, and complying with HUD requirements. It is advised that all prospective renewal and new applicants become familiar with HUD’s new priorities and ranking system when considering this funding opportunity. Potential applicants should refer to the Local CoC Program Competition Timeline for all deadlines, required submissions, and key milestones in the FY2026 application process. Timeline located: [FY2026 CoC NOFO Timeline](#).

Performance Scoring Policy:

All sub-recipient applications will be anonymously evaluated and scored utilizing the approved 2026 HCoC Scoring and Ranking Tool. Sub-recipient applications may receive a maximum score of 110 points (90 points plus 20 potential bonus points). The HCoC will utilize the Performance Outcomes and Gaps Committee (PONG) as the body responsible for reviewing, scoring, and ranking all project applications under the FY2026 CoC NOFO. PONG will oversee the evaluation of renewal projects using the HCoC-approved scoring and ranking tool, ensuring all applications are assessed according to HUD’s performance-based priorities and local objective criteria. Technical assistance will be provided by subject matter experts from the Housing Options, Solutions and Supports Division, (HOSSD) and Collaborative Applicant staff will support the committee by supplying required materials and ensuring compliance with HUD guidance. The Committee will review, deliberate, and approve the final project scoring and ranking recommendations for presentation to the Homeless Continuum of Care Advisory Board, ensuring transparency, consistency, and alignment with the FY2026 NOFO requirements.

Per the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA), HUD Funded Victim Service Providers, HUD Emergency Solutions Grant, and CoC sub-recipients who are victim service providers are prohibited from entering identifiable information in Homeless Management Information System (“HMIS”). Project applications submitted by victim service providers will be scored on data generated from a comparable database that complies with all HUD required technical specifications and data fields listed in HMIS. Victim service projects will be evaluated based on how the project increases victim safety, the efficient use of resources, housing

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stability that meets unique victim needs, and financial flexibility.

The 2026 HCoC Scoring and Ranking Tool consists of the following components:

A. Threshold Review – Pass/Fail ** Failure on any part of this is a fatal flaw.

Applications for New and Renewal Projects will undergo a threshold review. The criteria for this review are specified in the attached Exhibit A to ensure compliance with the HEARTH Act, the HCoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and the local HCoC Request for Applications Proposals (RFP). **All projects MUST pass all threshold requirements during the application review process to receive funding ranking. The Threshold review is evaluated on a pass/fail basis and constitutes a fatal flaw if not passed.**

New Project applications will be reviewed and scored in accordance with the requirements and evaluation criteria outlined in the local Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Only applicants for renewal will be scored on the criteria below.

B. Project Financial - 20 points:

Scores the service providers' project budget and utilization. Those below this threshold will not obtain full points. Project budget must demonstrate cost effectiveness and efficiency to serve the maximum number of individuals and families.

C. Project Performance (System Performance Measures "SPM") - 50 points:

Scores performance data obtained from the Homeless Information Management System (HMIS) per [HUD System Performance Measures](#), which will measure how projects within the HCoC meet the needs of persons experiencing homelessness in Broward County. This is a critical section as individual project performance on SPM's submitted to HUD impact the goal of becoming a high performing CoC.

D. HMIS Data Quality - 20 points:

Scores and evaluates the effectiveness and quality of data inputted by homeless service providers. Data quality refers to timeliness, completeness, accuracy, and quality improvement plan from the service providers.

E. Bonus Points - 20 points:

Scores based on Annual Monitoring Report and Quarterly Outcome Reports.

F. Tie Breaker (If needed) – 10 points:

Scores using the Tie Breaker if needed.

Ranking Policy:

Project applications presented to the HCoC for inclusion in the FY 2026 HCoC Priority Listing as a component of the HCoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed, ranked, and accepted or rejected by Broward's HCoC. All project applications approved by the HCoC will be listed in the HCoC Priority Listing in ranked order.

Higher-ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1, and lower-ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2 as described in CoC Program Rating and Ranking tool instructions. The purpose of this two-tiered approach is for CoCs to notify HUD which projects are prioritized for funding based on local needs and gaps. Tier 1 will be determined by the amount of funding available as determined by the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), and any projects that fall below the funding threshold will be automatically assigned to Tier 2.

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Reallocation Policy:

Reallocation decisions will be determined by PONG and the CoC Board based on project utilization, performance metrics, and data quality. Sub-recipient projects that fall below the established funding threshold are subject to national competition and risk not being funded by HUD, as established by [FY 2026 CoC and YHDP NOFO \(CPD-2600-DC-0025\)](#). Projects falling at the bottom of Tier 1 that are not fully funded under the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) may be partially funded or reallocated to higher-performing projects.

Appeal Process:

Any Applicant who has submitted an Application for funding which has been denied may have its Application reconsidered as set forth in the [Broward County Administrative Code, Section 23.10](#).

Under the FY 2026 CoC NOFO, project applicants have the right to submit a Solo Applicant Appeal to HUD if they believe they were denied a reasonable opportunity to participate in the CoC's local process. Solo Applicant appeals must follow 24 CFR 578.35 and the procedures outlined in Section VIII.D and Section VIII.D.3.a of the NOFO. [FY 2026 CoC and YHDP NOFO \(CPD-2600-DC-0025\)](#).