

Renewal Project Rating Tool Criteria

Category	Measure	Rationale	Data Source	Scoring Narrative	Max Points (% of total)	Yellow points need to make up 25% of total points (22/88 points)
1. Basic CE Compliance checkbox					1 (1.17%)	
2. Basic HMIS compliance checkbox					1 (1.17%)	
3. Basic financial compliance checkbox					1 (1.17%)	
4. Performance Outcomes	B. Degree to which housing outcomes are balanced, consistent, and meet community expectations, across all participant groups. (see Measure 2.C. for detail on housing outcomes)	COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in housing placement and retention COC Community Guidelines COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in increasing income HUD 2025 NOFA	HMIS-JOHS Master Query	10 available points. Up to 10 points for outcomes that are balanced, consistent, and meet community expectations, across all participant groups.	33 (38%)	
	C. Permanent Supportive Housing/Safe Haven/Rapid Rehousing: Housing Destination & Returns to Homelessness (The percentage of all leavers who either passed away or exited the program to a permanent housing destination)		HMIS-JOHS Master Query/APR	13 available points. Up to 4 points based on quintile ranking. Remaining 9 points awarded based upon proximity of project outcome to HUD goal of 80%: >=80% = 9 pts.; 79%< - <80% = 8 pts.; 78%< - <=79% = 7 pts.; <=72% = 0 pts.*		
	D. Employment Income: Percent of adult participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit. For youth projects: Percent of participants who remained in or entered an education program by annual assessment or exit OR percent of participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit (whichever scores higher).		HMIS-APR	6 available points. Up to 2 points based on tertile ranking. Remaining 4 points awarded based upon proximity of project outcome to HUD goal of 20%: >=20% = 4 pts.; 19% - <20% = 3 pts.; 18% - <19% = 2 pt.; 17% - <18% = 1 pts.		
	E. Income: Percent of adult participants who maintained or increased income from sources other than employment by annual assessment or exit.		HMIS-APR	2 available points. Up to 2 points based on quintile ranking.		
	F. Income/benefits: Percent of adult participants who maintained or obtained non-cash mainstream benefits by annual assessment or exit.		HMIS-APR	2 available points. Up to 2 points based on quintile ranking.		
5. HMIS Data Entry	G. Percent of identified data elements that are not missing. Includes data for required annual assessment.	COC System Performance Measure: data completeness standards HUD data standards	HMIS-APR	4 available points. >98% - 100% = 4 pts.; >96% - 98% = 3 pts.; >94% - 96% = 2 pts. >92% - 94% = 1 pt.; <=92% = 0 pts.	8 (9%)	
	H. Percent of HMIS data entered in less than 7 days		HMIS-APR	4 available points. Up to 2 points based on tertile ranking. Remaining 2 points awarded to projects with 50%+ of data entered in less than 7 days.		
6. Grant Management	I. Percent of HUD funds spent.	COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in grant expenditure	Project Budget Expenditure	2 available points. >95% - 100% = 2 pts.; >90-95% = 1 pt.; <=90% = 0	2 (2%)	
7. Cost Effectiveness (tie breaker)	J. For permanent supportive housing: Project operating cost divided by stayers who remain for 12 months or more days or leavers who exit to positive destination and do not return to homeless services OR For transitional housing and rapid re-housing: Project operating cost divided by leavers who exit to positive destination.	HUD directive to evaluate project cost effectiveness	Project Operating Budget Survey, HMIS-APR	Tie breaker. For projects of the same type with otherwise identical scores, cost effectiveness (CE) results will be directly compared. For such projects of different types, comparison is of difference between the individual project's CE result and the median CE result for the given project type. For compared projects, lower result gets preference.	N/A	
8. Service Requirements	K. Project will require participation in supportive services tailored to participant needs (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24CRF 578.75(h)) and will provide evidence of supportive service agreements (contracts, occupancy agreements, lease, or equivalent) at the time of grant agreement	NOFO Requirement	Project applicant checklist	4 available points. 4 points= they will require service participation and can provide evidence as reflected in letters of commitment, program policies and documents, and/or occupancy agreements at time of grant agreement	4 points (4.5%)	
TOTAL					50 points	

New Transitional Housing Rating Criteria

Category	Measure	Scoring Narrative	Max Points (% of total)	Yellow= at least 25% of points for SPM on returns + SPM on employment income + service participation requirements) Purple= new HUD project thresholds, must earn 7 out of 10 points to be eligible Blue= will make tier 2 more competitive based on HUD priority
1. Basic CE Compliance checkbox	Projects will participate in the Coordinated Entry System and utilize CES for project referrals	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	1 (1.14%)	Purple= new HUD project thresholds, must earn 7 out of 10 points to be eligible 2 points: Service provision to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing. 1 point: Prior experience with running a time limited program and supporting positive exits 1 point: Has run programs/has a plan to ensure that at least 50% of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50% of participants exit with employment income 1 point: Supplement funding with private/public/mainstream benefit programs 2 points: Service participation requirements 2 points: 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant 1 point: Cost effectiveness
2. Basic HMIS compliance checkbox	Does the applicant currently participate, or has it acknowledged and agreed to participate, in the HMIS of the CoC or comparable database if a DV provider?	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	1 (1.14%)	
3. Time length compliance threshold	The project will provide long-term transitional housing, allowing clients to stay up to 24 months as needed.	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	2 (2.27%)	
4. Post Program Housing Stabilization	Project commits to continuing to offer supportive services to clients to help them stay stabilized in housing, for up to 6 months after rental assistance payments stop	4 available points. 4 points: up to 6 months; 2 points = up to 3 months 0 points = no commitment	4 (4.55%)	
5. Past time-limited housing program experience	Applicant has listed at least one TH project or another time- limited project (24 months and under) it has operated in the last 5 years	6 available points. 6 points = currently operating a TH or other time limited project of 24 months and under 3 points = previously operated a TH or other time limited project of 24 months and under 0 points = no experience	6 (6.82%)	
6. Expected Outcomes:	The agency has demonstrated, through past performance in a similar project, in other work providing services in the community, and/or through a partnership, the ability to successfully carry out the proposed project and effectively provide services to people experiencing homelessness. Maximum points are possible with acceptable outcome data provided for a similar program operated by the applicant within the last three years related to: Returns to Homelessness D. Employment Income: Percent of adult participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit. For youth projects: Percent of participants who remained in or entered an education program by annual assessment or exit OR percent of participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit (whichever scores higher).	8 available points 8 points= at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months 6 points= 49%-38% of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months 0 points = 37% and less. *Up to 4 points available If the project does not have comparable data outcomes. but has a compelling plan to ensure at least 50% of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months. 8 available points 8 points: at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant, 6 points: 49-38%, 4 points: 37-30%, 0 points: for 29% and less. *Up to 4 points available if the project does not have comparable data outcomes. but has a compelling plan to ensure at least 50% of participants exit with employment income.	16 (18.18%)	Blue= will make tier 2 more competitive based on HUD priority
7. Mainstream Resources	Project will supplement CoC funding with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Program design ensures incoming clients are screened for and connected to mainstream resource eligibility. Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify. Program design dictates that clients will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible	8 available points. 2 points: project will supplement CoC funding with public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Plus 4 points: Program design ensures incoming clients are screened for and connected to mainstream resource eligibility. Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify. Plus 2 points: Program design dictates that clients will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible	8 (9.09%)	
8. Program Design	The agency has a clear plan to link clientele with appropriate services to support housing self-sufficiency and retention. Project defines the type of services that will be provided and how those services will meet the needs of the participant population. Services described and staffing pattern seem adequate and appropriate. Staff are adequately trained to support the population. The program has a plan to connect participants to services that will be provided by other organizations in the community DV Bonus Projects: Program incorporates best practices to serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking. Program demonstrates staff expertise on VAWA regulations, safety planning, and survivor-specific networks and services.	12 available points 6 points: The agency has a clear plan to link clientele with appropriate services to support housing self-sufficiency and retention both in house and to services provided within the larger community. Plus 2 points: Project defines the type of services that will be provided and how those services will meet the needs of the participant population. Plus 2 points: Services described and staffing pattern seem adequate and appropriate. Plus 2 points: Staff are adequately trained to support the population.	12 (13.64%)	

9. 40 Hours of Customized Service	<p>The project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. • The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder. 	<p>6 available points.</p> <p>6 points: Agency can demonstrate that project will provide a robust mixture of up to 40 hours per week of customized services and/or help clientele achieve 40 hours of employment, excluding participants over the age of 62 who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability.</p> <p>3 points: Agency can demonstrate customized services but it doesn't add up to 40 hours/ week.</p> <p>0 points: Agency can not demonstrate customized service per week</p>	6 (6.82%)
10. Service Participation Requirements	Project will require participation in supportive services tailored to participant needs (e.g., case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24CFR 578.75(h)) and will provide evidence of supportive service agreements (contracts, occupancy agreements, lease, or equivalent) by the submission deadline outlined in the competition policies and timeline	<p>6 available points.</p> <p>6 points: they will require service participation</p> <p>0 points: they will not require service participation</p>	6 (6.82%)
11. Onsite substance use and recovery services	Project commits to having substance use treatment available on-site and/or availability of 24/7 detox services and has written evidence of this commitment outlined in program policies, agreements, letters of commitment, etc..	<p>4 available points:</p> <p>4 points: clear plan for how substance use treatment services will be provided on-site at the project</p> <p>2 points: states that project will make available substance use treatment on-site, but does not demonstrate a clear plan for how this will be achieved</p> <p>0 points: will not make substance use treatment available on-site</p>	4 (4.55%)
12. Leverage non-CoC housing funding	Project has attached a written commitment showing at least 25% of the units of the project incorporates non-CoC funded housing or housing subsidies (i.e., a project that uses Public Housing Authority vouchers, or other non-CoC funding (private organizations, state or local government funding, faith-based funding, or federal funding other than CoC or ESG programs) for rental assistance or leasing	<p>2 available points</p> <p>2 points: up to 25%</p> <p>1 point: less than 25%</p> <p>0 points: no commitment</p>	2 (2.27%)
13. Healthcare Leverage	<p>The project has attached a written commitment from a healthcare organization to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project; or • Provide health care services (equal to 25% of the funding being requested by the project) by a private or public organization tailored to the program participants who qualify and choose those services). <p>o If the services are from a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, the project will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services</p>	<p>2 available points</p> <p>2 points: up to 25%</p> <p>1 point: less than 25%</p> <p>0 points: no commitment</p>	2 (2.27%)
14. Budget Experience	<p>Describe your organization's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) experience in leveraging Federal, State, local and private sector funds.</p> <p>Describe your organization's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) financial management structure.</p> <p>Are there any unresolved HUD monitoring or OIG audit findings for any HUD grants (including ESG) under your organization? Describe the unresolved monitoring or audit findings.</p>	<p>6 available points</p> <p>2 points: Proposer has experience in leveraging at least two different types of funding sources (federal, state, local, and/or private) for at least two years (two years per source of funding, concurrent or consecutive) OR has three+ years of experience leveraging federal or state funds.</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: Proposer has a robust financial management structure that tracks budgets, ensures compliance, and minimizes risks.</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: No unresolved monitoring and/or audit findings</p>	6 (6.82%)
15. Cost Effective Budget Narrative		<p>10 available points</p> <p>2 points: The budget provides information on how both HUD funding and match funding will be spent,</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: the budget is unambiguous and easy to read,</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: the budget does not attempt to use HUD funding on ineligible expenses,</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: staffing is sufficient to the scope of the program,</p> <p>Plus</p> <p>2 points: demonstrated in its budget that the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.</p>	10 (11.36%)
16. Bonus Points:	Project's activities will be located within an Opportunity Zone	<p>2 available points</p> <p>2 points: 50% or more of beds will be located in OZ,</p> <p>1 point: less than 50%</p> <p>0 points: not in OZ</p>	2 (2.27%)
TOTAL			88

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1. Basic CE Compliance checkbox	Projects will participate in the Coordinated Entry System and utilize CES for project referrals	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	1	Purple= new HUD project thresholds, must receive at least 5 out of the 6 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 5 points will be rejected 1 Point: Supplement funding with private/public/mainstream benefit programs 2 Points: Strategy for serving unsheltered folks and folks who do not traditionally engage in services 1 Point: First responder and law enforcement engagement 1 Point: Cost effectiveness 1 Point: has demonstrated effectiveness with positive exits
2. Basic HMIS compliance checkbox	Does the applicant currently participate, or has it acknowledged and agreed to participate, in the HMIS of the CoC or comparable database if a DV provider?	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	1	
3. Partnerships with First Responders and Law Enforcement	The applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.	1 available point. 1 point = yes, 0 points= no	1	
4. Experience with Street Outreach	The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs	30 available points 15 points: applicant has experience providing outreach services within the last three years Plus 15 points: they can demonstrate effectiveness in helping people with positive exit destinations.	30	Blue= will make tier 2 more competitive based on HUD priority
5. Returns to Homelessness	The project has a plan to reduce returns to homelessness for Street Outreach clients who exit to Permanent Housing.	10 available points 10 points: applicant provides a robust and comprehensive strategy for reducing returns to homelessness 5 points: applicant provides a clear and concrete strategy, but is missing key details 3 points: applicant provides a weak strategy 0 points: applicant provides no concrete or clear strategy	10	
6. Employment Income	Project has a plan for assisting clients with increasing their employment income.	6 available points 6 points: applicant provides a robust and comprehensive strategy for increasing employment income 3 points: applicant provides a clear and concrete strategy, but is missing key details 1 point: applicant provides a weak strategy 0 points: applicant provides no concrete or clear strategy	6	
7. Mainstream Resources	Project will supplement CoC funding with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Program design ensures incoming clients are screened for and connected to mainstream resource eligibility. Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify. Program design dictates that clients will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible	6 points available 2 points: project will supplement CoC funding with public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs, such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP. Plus 2 points: Program design ensures clients are screened for and connected to mainstream resource eligibility. Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify. Plus 2 points: Program design dictates that clients will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of the mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible	6	
8. Program Design	The 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 traditionally engage with supportive services.	10 available points 4 points: The agency has a clear plan for how to engage with unsheltered families and individuals who do not traditionally engage with supportive services Plus 2 points: Project defines the type of services that will be provided and how those services will meet the needs of the participant population. Plus 2 points: Services described and staffing pattern are adequate and appropriate. Plus 2 points: Staff are adequately trained to support the population.	10	
9. Service Participation Requirements	Project will require engagement in structured outreach services such as regular case management meetings, housing navigation activities, etc. as a condition of staying enrolled in the supportive service only program.	6 available points 6 points: will require service participation as condition of staying enrolled in the program 0 points: will not require service participation	6	
10. Budget Experience	Describe your organization's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) experience in leveraging Federal, State, local and private sector funds. Describe your organization's (and subrecipient(s) if applicable) financial management structure. Are there any unresolved HUD monitoring or OIG audit findings for any HUD grants (including ESG) under your organization? Describe the unresolved monitoring or audit findings.	6 available points 2 points: Proposer has experience in leveraging at least two different types of funding sources (federal, state, local, and/or private) for at least two years (two years per source of funding, concurrent or consecutive) OR has three+ years of experience leveraging federal or state funds. Plus 2 points: Proposer has a robust financial management structure that tracks budgets, ensures compliance, and minimizes risks. Plus 2 points: No unresolved monitoring and/or audit findings	6	

11. Cost Effective Budget Narrative	Project budget balances robust, yet cost-effective expenses to support the proposal. No line items appear unnecessary, nor unjustified by the proposal. Staffing is sufficient to the scope of the program, with consideration for the clientele's unique needs.	10 available points 2 points: The budget provides information on how both HUD funding and match funding will be spent, Plus 2 points: the budget is unambiguous and easy to read, Plus 2 points: the budget does not attempt to use HUD funding on ineligible expenses, Plus 2 points: staffing is sufficient to the scope of the program, Plus 2 points: demonstrated in its budget that the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.	10
12. Bonus Points:	Project's activities will be located within an Opportunity Zone	1 point= up to 50%	1
TOTAL			88