TN-512 Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care
2024 CoC _HMIS_ Application Scoring and Rating Criteria

The Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care seeks to provide a coordinated, inclusive and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking and selection of project applications for inclusion with our CoC Collaborative Application package we submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To score and then rank Continuum of Care project applications, the CoC Ranking and Review panel will use information from project applicant interviews, as well as relevant information from other sources, including but not limited to HMIS, the Coordinated Entry System, HUD LOCCS, CoC Project Applications, SAGE, and Agency Annual Performance Reviews. The Ranking and Review panel will use these scoring factors as well as HUD's CoC rules, regulations and objectives as well as local objectives to make a final determination of the acceptance and rank-order of applications we submit in our Collaborative Application.

****In the past, the Rank and Review Committee has assigned the same score to both HMIS applications****

Agency:
Project Name:
Name, phone, email of contact:

Threshold Questions for New Projects		
Renewal projects are considered as having met these requirements through previously approved grant applications, unless information to the contrary is received.	**Yes**	**No**
Is the applicant seeking funding for an eligible project category?	☐	☐
Does the project meet the threshold requirements for the applicable project category in sections III.C.5.b and III.C.5.c of the 2024 HUD CoC NOFO?	☐	☐

1. Project Administration and Quality Check (10 points total):
☐ Applicant has no outstanding HUD findings or concerns from previous HUD Audits   ☐ Applicant submitted most recent APR in a timely manner

☐ Applicant completed a fiscal audit or fiscal evaluation in accordance with HUD and agency regulations

☐ New Projects – Applicant has a plan for maintaining HUD grant compliance and completing fiscal audit/evaluation as dictated by HUD and agency regulations

Section 1 points: _____ **/10**	

2. Objective Criteria (65 points total):

Applicant Experience (8 points):

☐ Applicant demonstrates experience with population to be served
☐ Applicant demonstrates experience with proposed programming type
☐ Applicant demonstrates experience with operating and managing a federal grant

Commitment to Housing First (12 points):
Dedicated HMIS projects and supportive service only for coordinated entry (SSO-CE) projects will automatically receive 12 points.

Housing First is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness, thus ending their homelessness and serving as a platform from which they can pursue personal goals and improve their quality of life. This approach is guided by the belief that people need basic necessities like food and a place to live before attending to anything less critical, such as getting a job, budgeting properly, or attending to substance use issues. Additionally, Housing First is based on the understanding that client choice is valuable in housing selection and supportive service participation, and that exercising that choice is likely to make a client more successful in remaining housed and improving their life. Below are is a checklist adopted from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to determine if the project is operating under Housing First policies.

☐ Project allows applicants (clients) to enter the program without having a source of income
☐ Project allows applicants (clients) to enter the program even if they are not "clean and sober" or "treatment compliant"
☐ Project allows applicants (clients) to enter the program even if they have criminal justice system involvement
☐ Project allows applicants (clients) to participate in services and treatment plans in a voluntary manner, such that tenants cannot be evicted for not following through

Cost Effectiveness and Match Funding (10 points):

☐ Applicant can provide the required match for the proposed project
☐ Applicant has not had HUD funding recaptured in the past fiscal year
☐ Application budget explanation is reasonable, allocable, and allowable

System Performance Measures (35 points):

The extent to which an HMIS project furthers CoC-wide strategies to improve performance measures:	Yes	No
Did the HMIS Lead submit complete Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data in a timely manner?	☐	☐
Did the HMIS Lead submit complete Point in Time Count (PIT) data in a timely manner?	☐	☐

Did the HMIS Lead engage youth serving organizations and youth experiencing homelessness in the PIT count planning process?	☐	☐
Did the HMIS Lead include youth experiencing homelessness in the actual count?	☐	☐
Does the HMIS Lead have in place, or is it developing or coordinating a comparable database with DV providers to collect required data element for reporting de-identified information to the CoC?	☐	☐
Is the HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for housing types within the CoC that includes emergency shelter, Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing above 85%?	☐	☐
Did the HMIS Lead submit the complete Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data in a timely manner?	☐	☐
Section 2 points: _____ **/65**		

3. Promoting Racial, Ethnic, Gender Experiential Equity (10 points total):

☐ Applicant offers a clear explanation regarding barriers they have identified to reaching persons of different races, ethnicities, gender expression, or sexual orientation

☐ Applicant clearly describes what steps they have taken or plan to take to eliminate those identified barriers

☐ Applicant has reasonable and adequate input from people with lived experience on their agency board and for program design and operation

Section 3 points: _____ **/10**

4. Community Collaboration (15 points total):

☐ Applicant participates in TVCoC HMIS

☐ Applicant participates in TVCoC Coordinated Entry System

☐ Applicant is an active member in good standing in the TVCoC

Section 4 points: _____ **/15**
TOTAL POINTS: _____ **/100**

Additional Comments:

Recommendations for Future Applications: