

**TN-512 Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care
2024 CoC 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. (Note: Because HMIS is a central CoC activity and is functionally different than direct housing or service projects, its scoring rubric must be somewhat altered from the others to capture its information, and is available in a separate document.)

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

Threshold Questions for New Projects		
<i>Renewal projects are considered as having met these requirements through previously approved grant applications, unless information to the contrary is received.</i>	Yes	No
Is the applicant seeking funding for an eligible project category?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 2023 HUD CoC NOFO?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1. Project Administration and Quality Check (10 points total):
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has no outstanding HUD findings or concerns from previous HUD Audits <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant submitted most recent APR in a timely manner <input type="checkbox"/> 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 (53 points total):

Applicant Experience (9 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.

- 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 (12 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 (20 points):

*The extent to which a project furthers CoC-wide strategies to improve performance measures, including **at least two** of the following:*

- Reducing the number of homeless individuals and families
- Reduction in the number of first-time homeless
- Length of time homeless
- Successful PH placement or retention
- Reduction of returns to homelessness
- Jobs and income growth

Section 2 points: _____ /53

3. Rapid Return to Permanent Housing and Severity of Barriers Experienced by Program Participants (15 points total):	
<i>The ranking and review process involves comparison of different programs that serve different types of individuals and families who are in a variety of different situations. These things can affect the extent to which a given project is able to address the objective system performance measures noted above.</i>	
Potential client service and housing barriers to achieving system performance measure goals may include:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Substance Abuse <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Illness <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Unsheltered Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> History of domestic violence <input type="checkbox"/> Service Resistance <input type="checkbox"/> Veteran Status <input type="checkbox"/> Income and Employment Status <input type="checkbox"/> Covid-19 pandemic <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant offers a clear explanation regarding how the severity of barriers experienced by project clients may affect the project's ability to achieve certain system performance measure objectives.	
Section 3 points: _____ /15	
4. Promoting Racial, Ethnic, Gender Experiential Equity (10 points total):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant offers a clear explanation regarding barriers they have identified to reaching persons of different races, ethnicities or gender orientation. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant clearly describes what steps they have taken or plan to take to eliminate those identified barriers. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has reasonable and adequate input from people with lived experience from marginalized groups over-represented in the local homelessness population on their agency board and for program design and operation.	
Section 4 points: _____ /10	
5. Community Collaboration (12 points total):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant participates or has a plan to participate in TVCoC HMIS <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant participates or has a plan to participate in TVCoC Coordinated Entry System <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant is an active member in good standing in the TVCoC	
Section 5 points: _____ /12	
TOTAL POINTS: _____ /100	

Additional Comments:

Recommendations for Future Funding Requests: