

FY15 HUD CoC Program Scoring Criteria Summary

September 2015

The CoC Consolidated Application will be scored on the following factors this year, competing for a total of 200 points and 3 bonus points. The criteria below is paraphrased and summarized, refer to the CoC NOFA for complete scoring information.

Points Available	Estimated Points	Criteria
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1. CoC Coordination and Engagement - Total of 49 points

7		a. CoC solicits and considers opinions from individuals and organizations with knowledge or an interest in ending homelessness in the area. <u>Max points</u> for CoCs with an open invitation process, including domestic violence and homeless youth providers, and that proposals from organizations who have not received CoC funded are accepted.
2		b. CoC has a timeline to meet the goals of <i>Opening Doors</i> . <u>Max points</u> for identifying persons or organizations actively involved in the goal of ending homelessness and how they produce results to accomplish this goal.
2		c (1). CoC coordinates with other organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness. <u>Max points</u> for coordinating with Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY), Head Start programs, and other programs.
6		c (2). CoC coordinates with each Consolidated Plan jurisdiction(s). <u>Max points</u> for providing PIT count data, consulting on ESG funding allocation plan, including how to evaluate ESG project performance.
3		d. CoC addresses needs of persons fleeing domestic violence. <u>Max points</u> for offering safe housing and services through CoC, ESG, Dept. of Justice, and Health and Human Services.
3		e. PHA has admission preferences for homeless households or new admissions are formerly homeless persons. <u>Max points</u> for PHA plan with homelessness preference.
2		f. CoC coordinates with discharge planning. <u>Max points</u> for active discharge process.
3		g. CoC has a coordinated assessment system. <u>Max points</u> for system that covers entire area, is easily accessible, well advertised, includes standardized assessment, and directs person to housing and services that meet their needs. Also, must identify the types of organizations that participate.
6		h. At least 75% of project applications submitted are low barrier.
6		i. At least 75% of permanent housing, and 75% of transitional housing projects applications submitted use the Housing First model.
2		j. CoC prevents criminalization of homelessness, affirmatively furthers fair housing, and ensures outreach to unsheltered households. <u>Max points</u> for 100% covered of geographic area by outreach, specific strategies around criminalization and fair housing.
4		k. Increase in rapid re-housing units recoded on 2015 HIC.
2		l. Homeless program participants helped to obtain mainstream benefits. <u>Max points</u> for staff systematically updated on mainstream resources, collaborations to ensure health care enrollment and utilization of benefits.

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1. CoC Coordination and Engagement - Total of 49 points (Continued)

1		m. Minimum of 150% in leveraging, attached commitment letters in time.
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2. Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity - Total of 26 points

10		a. (1) Objective, written criteria to review, rank, and select projects attached.
3		a. (2) Project review and ranking considers past performance data.
3		a. (3) Project review and ranking considers the severity of needs experienced by program participants.
3		b. Project ranking and selection is publically announced, includes written policies and procedures and dated meeting minutes regarding competition. <u>Max points</u> for posting all parts of application, including priority listing, on website 2 days before submission deadline.
4		c. CoC monitors renewal grant project performance. <u>Max points</u> for monitoring for utilization rates, increasing housing stability, participant eligibility, length of time homeless, destination upon exit, increasing income, and connecting to mainstream benefits. Must describe criteria and process.
1		d. GIW finalized during registration or 10-day grace period that did not require revisions.
2		e. Various required attachments are accurate and complete.

3. Homeless Management Information System - Total of 18 points

2		a. CoC has a governance charter that addresses HMIS required policies and procedures. <u>Max points</u> for formal written agreement between CoC and HMIS Lead, attaching this and charter in e-snaps.
3		b. CoC adopts and follows an HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual. Must include agreements with HMIS Lead and contributing organizations.
1		c. 2015 HIC data was submitted on time.
4		d. HMIS bed coverage of at least 86% for all program types (except domestic violence programs). If coverage rate is below 64%, must provide steps to increase for partial credit.
4		e. Report the number of null or missing values on one day during last 10 days of January 2015. <u>Max points</u> for CoCs with less than 10% null, missing, refused, or unknown.
4		f. CoC is able to generate HUD required reports. 2 points awarded if all tables submitted to HUD were accepted and used in the last AHAR.

4. Point-in-Time Count - Total of 9 points

3		a. CoC conducted a PIT count and reported data in HDX. <u>Max points</u> for conducting a sheltered and unsheltered count in January 2015 and submitting this data into HDX by May 15, 2015.
2		b. Sheltered PIT methodology was accurate, included subpopulation information, data quality was good, and describe changes in methodology.
2		c. Unsheltered PIT was thorough, accurate, and data quality was good.
2		d. CoC commits to conducting an unsheltered PIT count in January 2016. If the CoC commits, they must do the count to receive planning grant funds.

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5. System Performance - Total of 38 points

9		g. Reduction in overall number people experiencing homelessness. <u>Max points</u> for reduction in PIT count of both sheltered and unsheltered.
2		h. CoC working to reduce the number of people who become homeless for the first time. <u>Max points</u> for process for evaluating risk factors and strategies for addressing households at risk of homelessness.
6		i. Reduction in length of time households remain homelessness. <u>Max points</u> for describing efforts to track and reduce this, including data from CoC and ESG projects. Address locating and housing households with longest history of homelessness.
8		j. The extent to which projects exit households into permanent housing or households in permanent supportive housing retain housing. <u>Max points</u> for 80% exits to permanent housing and 80% of permanent supportive housing retention for 12 months.
5		k. Report the number of households exited to permanent housing who return to homelessness, and how this will be reduced. <u>Max points</u> for identifying households who return and efforts to reduce. Must use HMIS to monitor returns.
5		l. CoC-funded projects have increased participants' income. <u>Max points</u> for describing efforts regarding mainstream benefits and employment.
3		m. CoC identifies and engages unsheltered households through the entire geographic area.

6. Performance and Strategic Planning - 60 points

a. Ending Chronic Homelessness - total of 15 points

2		a(1). Strategies proposed in last CoC application to reduce chronic homelessness were accomplished.
3		a (2)(i). CoC has adopted the order of priority described in the HUD prioritization notice, as evidenced in the CoC's written standards.
3		a(2)(ii). Awarded based on percentage of CoC-funded permanent supportive housing that is prioritized for chronically homeless on turnover. <u>Max points</u> for at least 85% prioritized on turnover.
2		a(3). CoC increased or maintained the number of permanent supportive housing beds dedicated for chronic homelessness in HIC.
5		a(4). Reduction in number of chronic homeless households in 2015 PIT count. <u>Max points</u> for decrease in both total number of chronic households and unsheltered chronic population.

b. Ending Homelessness Among Households with Children - total of 15 points

3		b(1). CoC prioritizes households with children by need.
3		b(2). Plan to rapidly re-house families within 30 days of becoming homeless
5		b(3). Increase in rapid re-housing unites for families in 2015 HIC, implementation of rapid re-housing that can reduce family homelessness.
2		b(4). Families are not separated when they enter shelter or housing.
2		b(5). Reduction in the number of families in 2015 PIT count.

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6. Performance and Strategic Planning - 60 points (Continued)

c. Ending Youth Homelessness - total of 15 points

5		c(1). Strategies to address needs of unaccompanied homeless youth as well as proven strategies for addressing trafficking and exploitation.
5		c(2). Increase in unaccompanied homeless youth served coming from the streets prior to program entry.
3		c(3). Proposed plan to increase funding for unaccompanied homeless youth.
1		c(4). CoC collaborated with education authorities and school districts to identify homeless households. CoC has policies that requires CoC and ESG funded programs to ensure all children are enrolled in early childhood programs or in school.
1		c(5). CoC and education representatives have participated in each other's meetings in the past 12 months. CoC collaborates with McKinney-Vento education liaisons.

d. Ending Veteran Homelessness - total of 15 points

7		d(1). Reduction in veterans in 2015 PIT count.
3		d(2). 75% reduction in total veterans and unsheltered homeless veterans.
2		d(3). CoC identifies, assesses, and refers eligible homeless veterans to HUD-VASH and SSVF.
3		d(4). CoC prioritizes veterans ineligible for VA programs for CoC-funded programs.
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Points Available	Estimated Points	Section
49	0	1. CoC Coordination and Engagement - Total of 49 points
26	0	2. Project Ranking, Review, and Capacity - Total of 26 points
18	0	3. Homeless Management Information System - Total of 18 points
9	0	4. Point-in-Time Count - Total of 9 points
38	0	5. System Performance - Total of 38 points
15	0	a. Ending Chronic Homelessness - total of 15 points
15	0	b. Ending Homelessness Among Households with Children - total of 15 points
15	0	c. Ending Youth Homelessness - total of 15 points
15	0	d. Ending Veteran Homelessness - total of 15 points