

Maine Continuum of Care

Ranking Procedure for Projects submitted for the Continuum of Care Application

Each year the Continuum of Care Application asks Continuums of Care to rank renewal and new projects based on objective criteria. The charge is to ensure that the most effective projects are renewed and address housing gaps in the system. Ranking criteria is approved by the Continuum of Care. Priorities (rank order based on program component) are established in the NOFA and ranking of individual projects is determined by the criteria below and input from the Continuum of Care. Ranking will begin after the renewal and new project applications are accepted.

The process for application rankings is as follows for: RENEWALS

Data from project monitoring forms and submitted APRs is reviewed to gauge the effectiveness of the project based on the following criteria:

1. Average bed utilization rate
2. % of participants employed at program exit
3. % of leavers with maintained/increased income
4. % of leavers with maintained/increased mainstream benefits
5. % of leavers who moved from TH to PH
6. % of participants who are still in permanent housing or left for a permanent housing destination
7. Length of stay in PSH
8. Participation in COC meetings (voting record maintained)
9. HMIS data completeness and data quality
10. Successful and timely submission of APRs
11. Housing First approach

Information from the submitted Project Application to be reviewed:

1. Project type
2. Populations/subpopulations served
3. Project goals and performance
4. Prioritization of Chronically Homeless individuals to fill vacancies.
5. Match and leverage documentation meets requirements (and letter(s) documenting match and leverage are attached to the application).
6. Housing First

Capacity of project applicants will be determine through the following criteria:

1. Monitoring Threshold results
2. Data quality
3. Timeliness of APR submission
4. Timeliness of drawdown requests
5. Match/leverage percentage and documentation

The process for application rankings is as follows for NEW Projects:

1. HUD Priorities
2. CoC Standards and compliance
3. CoC Participatoin
4. MCOC Priorities
5. Geography and Population (targeted subpopulations)
6. Project/Program Performance
7. Performance/Monitoring compliance