FY 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Project Scoring Guide

The 2026 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Scoring Guide provides a standardized and transparent framework for evaluating project applications submitted through the local competition. The scoring methodology is designed to align with HUD's FY 2026 NOFO priorities while ensuring a fair, objective, and consistent review process for all applicants.

The Scoring Guide evaluates projects based on performance, compliance, and strategic alignment, including project outcomes, grant and financial management, HMIS participation and data quality, Annual Performance Report (APR) results, utilization, Coordinated Entry participation, Housing First implementation, and alignment with local priorities. Scores are used by the Ranking Panel to develop funding recommendations for consideration by the Planning and Performance Subcommittee and final approval by the Governing Board prior to submission to HUD.

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EXPERIENCE

A. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the proposed project and how it will address an identified geographic or system gap.

   a. Include the anticipated number of people to be housed or served.

- **13-15 Points:** The proposed services are clearly located in, or specifically designed to address, a documented geographic or system gap identified by the CoC. The application provides strong documentation and clearly demonstrates how the project expands capacity in a priority area or service type.
- **9-12 Points:** The proposed services partially address an identified geographic or system gap, or alignment with CoC priorities is evident but limited in scope, scale, or supporting documentation.
- **1-8 Points:** The proposed services demonstrate minimal or indirect alignment with identified geographic or system gaps and lack sufficient documentation or explanation of system impact.
- **0 Points:** The proposed services do not address an identified geographic or system gap or are located in areas with no documented unmet need.

B. **(15 Points Max)** What is your organization's experience and expertise in providing the proposed services?

   a. Include in your response number of years providing the services and number of years providing homelessness services in general.

- **13-15 Points:** Demonstrates experience of 4+ years with operating the same services proposed in the application. Response clearly describes organizational expertise, relevant program history, populations served, and experience providing homelessness services.
- **9-12 Points:** Demonstrates 2-3 years providing services proposed or demonstrates 4+ years of homelessness service provision but no direct experience with the services proposed in the application.
- **1-8 Points:** 1 Year experience providing homelessness services.
- **0 Points:** No prior experience providing homelessness services.

C. **(15 Points Max)** What is your organization's strategy for this program to support an increase in self sufficiency of participants in order to reduce returns to homelessness?

- **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides strategy and data from similar program that demonstrates 3-5% return rate.
- **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides strategy data from similar program that demonstrates 6-10% return rate.
- **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides anecdotal evidence of prior ability to meet low returns but does not provide data to support it.
- **0 Points:** Does not demonstrate ability or strategy to increase self-sufficiency or participants to reduce returns to homelessness.

D. **(15 Points Max)** Provide your organization's previous experience with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or provide a detailed explanation of your knowledge and capacity to collect and manage data.

   a. Include if your organization has experience meeting reporting requirements for state, local, and/or federally funded programs, or provide a detailed explanation of your agency's ability to fulfill these requirements.

- **8-10 Points:** Agency has experience and/or capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has capacity to meet reporting requirements.
- **5-7 Points:** Agency has no experience but has capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has no capacity to meet reporting requirements.
- **0 Points:** Agency has no experience and no capacity to utilize HMIS and manage sensitive participant data. Agency has no capacity to meet reporting requirements.

E. **(15 Points Max)** Describe how your agency manages finances, including any financial systems you use. How does your agency make sure General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) are in place to safeguard a funding award?

   a. If you do not have this ability, your agency must have an established agency acting as a fiscal sponsor and will need to provide a signed letter of agreement from your fiscal sponsor.

- **7-10 Points:** Applicant describes revenue, financial health, and financial management systems. Applicant has a fiscal management system which maintains checks and balances and follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to safeguard all funds that may be awarded under the terms of this funding opportunity.
- **0-5 Points:** If the applicant lacks fiscal management capabilities, a signed letter of agreement stating an appropriate fiscal sponsor is provided.
- **0 Points:** Applicant do not describe revenue, financial health, and financial management systems or does not have a system that maintains checks and balances and follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principles to safeguard all funds that may be awarded under the terms of this funding opportunity.

HUD PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD: SUPPORT SERVICES ONLY (SSO)

A. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the unmet needs or gaps in the current homelessness response system that make this project necessary to support individuals in exiting homelessness and achieving self-sufficiency.

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant clearly identifies significant unmet needs or system gaps that make the project necessary. Response includes strong documentation, local data, or system-level evidence demonstrating need, and clearly explains how the project will help individuals exit homelessness and achieve greater self-sufficiency.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant identifies unmet needs or system gaps and explains how the project responds to those needs, but the response is limited in data, detail, or connection to participant outcomes.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a general or minimal description of need, but does not clearly document the gap or explain how the project will support exits from homelessness or self-sufficiency.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not identify an unmet need or system gap, or the response does not demonstrate why the project is necessary.

B. **(10 Points Max)** Describe how the applicant will conduct a service needs assessment of all program participants at least annually.

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and detailed plan to assess the service needs of all participants at least annually. Response describes when assessments will occur, who will conduct them, how participant needs will be documented, and how assessment results will inform service planning.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes a basic process for conducting annual service needs assessments, but the response lacks detail regarding timing, staff responsibility, documentation, or how results will be used.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear description of service needs assessments and does not demonstrate a reliable process for assessing all participants annually.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a service needs assessment process or does not commit to assessing participants at least annually.

C. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the strategy that will be used to engage eligible participants specifically those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.

- **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides a strong, participant-centered engagement strategy specifically designed for individuals with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who are reluctant to engage in services. Response demonstrates use of trauma-informed care, harm reduction, motivational interviewing, progressive engagement, outreach coordination, and culturally responsive practices.
- **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable engagement strategy for eligible participants, including some attention to unsheltered homelessness or service-resistant populations, but the response lacks depth, detail, or specific engagement methods.
- **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a general engagement approach but does not clearly address the needs of individuals with histories of unsheltered homelessness or those who do not traditionally engage with services.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe an engagement strategy or does not address how eligible participants will be engaged.

D. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan for providing supportive services to eligible participants**.**

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and comprehensive supportive services plan. Response identifies the types of services to be provided, how services will be individualized, how participants will be connected to housing and mainstream resources, and how services will support housing stability and self-sufficiency.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a basic supportive services plan, but the response lacks detail regarding service delivery, coordination, participant choice, or how services will contribute to housing stability.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear description of supportive services and does not demonstrate a strong plan for meeting participant needs.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan for providing supportive services to eligible participants.

E. **(5 Points Max)** Describe where the project will be housed and the project's geographic service area.

• **4-5 Points:** Applicant clearly identifies where the project will be housed and provides a specific geographic service area. Response demonstrates that the location and service area are appropriate for the population to be served and aligned with the project's goals.

• **2-3 Points:** Applicant identifies the project location or geographic service area, but the response lacks detail or does not clearly explain how the location supports service delivery.

• **1 Point:** Applicant provides a vague or incomplete description of where the project will be housed or the geographic area to be served.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not identify where the project will be housed or the project's geographic service area.

F. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to supplement the project with resources from other public or private sources. Such sources may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

G. **(10 Points Max)** Describe your budget and how the project is cost effective and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear, reasonable, and well-supported budget that is directly aligned with the proposed project. Response demonstrates that costs are necessary, reasonable, allocable, and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. Applicant clearly explains cost effectiveness, staffing levels, service costs, administrative costs, and how the budget supports project outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a budget that appears generally reasonable and aligned with the project, but the response lacks detail regarding cost effectiveness, cost justification, or consistency with 2 CFR 200.404.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear budget description. Costs are not well justified, and the response does not clearly demonstrate that the project is cost effective or consistent with applicable federal cost principles.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not provide a budget description, does not demonstrate cost effectiveness, or includes costs that appear unreasonable, unsupported, or inconsistent with 2 CFR 200.404.

HUD PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)

A. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to provide, either directly or in partnership with other organizations, the eligible supportive services needed to help program participants obtain and maintain housing.

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and comprehensive plan to provide eligible supportive services directly and/or through formal partnerships. Response identifies specific services, responsible staff or partner agencies, referral and coordination processes, and explains how services will help participants obtain and maintain housing.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a basic plan to provide supportive services, but the response lacks detail regarding service types, staff or partner roles, coordination, or how services will support housing stability.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear description of supportive services and does not demonstrate a reliable plan to meet participant needs.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to provide eligible supportive services.

B. **(10 Points Max)** Describe any prior experience the applicant has in operating transitional housing, or other similar projects, that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months.

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant demonstrates strong prior experience operating transitional housing or similar housing projects that helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months. Response includes relevant program history, population served, length of experience, and outcomes demonstrating successful exits from homelessness.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant demonstrates some experience operating transitional housing or similar projects, but the response provides limited outcome data or does not clearly demonstrate success within 24 months.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides minimal or indirect experience with transitional housing or similar projects, with little evidence of successful exits from homelessness.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not have prior experience operating transitional housing or similar projects.

C. **(15 Points Max)** Describe prior Transitional Housing experience and outcomes ensuring the following measures will be met. If no prior experience describe the plan.

1. At least 50% of participants will exit to permanent housing within 24 months of project enrollment.
2. At least 50% of participants will exit with increased earned income(Employment).

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides strong Transitional Housing experience and outcome data demonstrating the ability to meet or exceed both performance measures. Response clearly describes strategies for permanent housing placement, employment supports, income growth, case management, and performance monitoring.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides some Transitional Housing experience, outcome data, or a reasonable plan to meet the required measures, but the response lacks detail in one or more areas such as housing placement, employment strategy, income tracking, or performance monitoring. If no prior experience, applicant provides a detailed and credible implementation plan to meet both measures.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides limited experience, limited outcome data, or a general plan that does not clearly demonstrate the ability to meet the required permanent housing and earned income measures.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe relevant experience, outcomes, or a credible plan to meet the required measures.

D. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to supplement the project with resources from other public or private sources. Such sources may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, employment programs, health resources, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

E. **(20 Points Max)** Describe the plan to ensure that each participant will receive at least 20 hours per week of engagement in individualized services(i.e. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). (Note: Hours may be reduced proportionately for employed participants. Hour requirements do not apply to participants who are over age 62 or with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3) Attach a supportive service agreement (i.e. a contract, occupancy agreement, lease agreement, or equivalent).

- **17-20 Points:** Applicant provides a detailed and realistic plan to ensure each eligible participant receives at least 20 hours per week of individualized service engagement. Response describes the types of services offered, how hours will be scheduled and tracked, how service plans will be individualized, how reductions or exemptions will be documented, and how compliance will be monitored. Applicant attaches an appropriate supportive service agreement.
- **12-16 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable plan to meet the 20-hour weekly service engagement requirement, but the response lacks detail regarding tracking, documentation, individualized service planning, reductions, exemptions, or monitoring. Applicant provides a supportive service agreement, but it may lack detail.
- **1-11 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear plan for meeting the 20-hour weekly service engagement requirement. Response does not demonstrate a reliable process for tracking hours, individualizing services, or documenting reductions and exemptions. Supportive service agreement is missing, incomplete, or not clearly connected to the requirement.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to meet the 20-hour weekly service engagement requirement and does not attach a supportive service agreement.

F. **(10 Points Max)** Describe your budget and how the project is cost effective and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

HUD PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD: STREET OUTREACH (SSO-SO)

A. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to supplement the project with resources from other public or private sources. Such sources may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP.

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, employment programs, health resources, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

B. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the strategy that will be used to engage eligible participants, specifically those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides a clear, detailed, and participant-centered engagement strategy specifically designed for individuals with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who are reluctant to engage in services. Response demonstrates use of trauma-informed care, harm reduction, motivational interviewing, progressive engagement, repeated outreach contacts, flexible service delivery, and culturally responsive practices.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable engagement strategy and addresses unsheltered homelessness or service-resistant populations, but the response lacks detail regarding specific engagement methods, frequency of contact, staff roles, or follow-up procedures.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a general engagement approach but does not clearly explain how the project will engage individuals with histories of unsheltered homelessness or those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe an engagement strategy for eligible participants.

C. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the applicant's 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, family reunification, transitional housing, or independent living.

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant demonstrates strong prior experience partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation. Response includes specific examples of collaboration, referral pathways, coordination practices, and outcomes connecting individuals to emergency shelter, treatment, family reunification, transitional housing, or independent living.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant demonstrates some history of partnership with first responders or law enforcement, but the response provides limited detail, examples, or outcome information.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides minimal or indirect experience partnering with first responders or law enforcement and does not clearly demonstrate successful coordination or participant connection to services.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not demonstrate prior experience partnering with first responders or law enforcement.

D. **(10 Points Max)** Describe how the applicant will work with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation and connect them with shelter, treatment programs, reunification services, transitional housing, or independent living. (Applicants must also certify that they will cooperate with law enforcement and will not interfere with or impede the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug use ordinances.)

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and detailed coordination plan with first responders and law enforcement. Response describes communication protocols, referral processes, roles and responsibilities, outreach coordination, follow-up procedures, and how participants will be connected to shelter, treatment, reunification, transitional housing, or independent living. Applicant clearly certifies cooperation with law enforcement and non-

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a general plan to coordinate with first responders and law enforcement, but the response lacks detail regarding referral processes, communication, follow-up, or specific service connections. Applicant provides the required certification but with limited explanation.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear plan for working with first responders or law enforcement and does not demonstrate a reliable process for connecting participants to appropriate services.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a coordination plan with first responders or law enforcement, or does not provide the required certification.

E. **(5 Points Max)** Describe how the applicant's prior outreach experience align with the activities described in 24 CFR 578.53 (e)(13)? If no prior experience describe plan to provide all component activities and services.

• **4-5 Points:** Applicant clearly demonstrates prior outreach experience that aligns with the activities described in 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13). Response explains how the applicant has provided, or will provide, all required component activities and services, including engagement, assessment, service connection, housing-focused support, and coordination with appropriate community resources.

• **2-3 Points:** Applicant describes some relevant outreach experience or a basic plan to provide required component activities and services, but the response lacks detail or does not fully explain alignment with 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13).

• **1 Point:** Applicant provides a vague or limited description of outreach experience or planned services, with minimal explanation of how the activities align with 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13).

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe relevant outreach experience or a plan to provide the required component activities and services.

F. **(10 Points Max)** Describe prior effectiveness in helping people exit places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing, or permanent housing programs? If no prior experience describe the plan.

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant demonstrates strong prior effectiveness helping people exit places not meant for human habitation and connect to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing, or permanent housing. Response includes specific outcomes, data, examples, or performance measures showing successful exits and service connections. If no prior experience, applicant provides a detailed and credible plan to achieve these outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant demonstrates some effectiveness or provides a reasonable plan, but the response lacks strong outcome data, detail, or evidence of successful exits from places not meant for human habitation.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides limited evidence of effectiveness or a general plan that does not clearly demonstrate the ability to help people exit unsheltered homelessness.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe prior effectiveness or provide a credible plan to help people exit places not meant for human habitation.

G. **(5 Points Max)** What is the project's geographic service area and why?

- **4-5 Points:** Applicant clearly identifies the project's geographic service area and provides a strong justification for why the area was selected. Response connects the service area to documented need, unsheltered homelessness, system gaps, partner coordination, or priority populations.
- **2-3 Points:** Applicant identifies the geographic service area, but the justification is limited or does not clearly explain why the area was selected.
- **1 Point:** Applicant provides a vague or incomplete description of the geographic service area with minimal justification.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not identify the project's geographic service area or does not explain why the area was selected.

H. **(10 Points Max)** Describe your budget and how the project is cost effective and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

HUD PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD: PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

A. **(15 Points Max)** Describe how the type of housing proposed, including the inventory and configuration of units, will address the needs of program participants.

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant clearly describes the type of housing proposed, the number and configuration of units, and how the housing model is appropriate for the needs of eligible PSH participants. Response explains how unit size, accessibility, location, affordability, privacy, safety, and housing choice will support long-term housing stability.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant describes the proposed housing type and unit inventory, but the response lacks detail regarding unit configuration, accessibility, participant needs, or how the housing model will support housing stability.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of the proposed housing and does not clearly explain how the inventory or unit configuration will meet participant needs.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe the type of housing proposed, unit inventory, or how the housing will address participant needs.

B. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the supportive services and assistance that will be offered to program participants to help them obtain and retain permanent housing, and how these services will be tailored to individual needs (e.g., transportation, safety planning, enhanced case management). If proposing to expand an existing permanent housing project, describe how supportive services will be expanded, including any on-site services when appropriate.

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and comprehensive supportive services plan that explains how services will help participants obtain and retain permanent housing. Response identifies specific services, including case management, housing stabilization, transportation, benefits assistance, healthcare connections, behavioral health referrals, safety planning, crisis response, and other individualized supports. If expanding an existing project, applicant clearly describes how services will be expanded, including on-site services when appropriate.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable supportive services plan, but the response lacks detail regarding individualization, service coordination, housing retention strategies, on-site services, or expansion of services for an existing project.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supportive services and does not clearly demonstrate how services will be tailored to participant needs or support permanent housing retention.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe supportive services or assistance for program participants.

C. **(15 Points Max)** Describe how the project will ensure PSH is only provided to individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability in accordance with 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i).

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and compliant eligibility verification process to ensure PSH assistance is provided only to individuals with disabilities or families in which at least one adult or child has a disability. Response describes documentation standards, intake procedures, staff responsibility, file review, confidentiality safeguards, HMIS or comparable database tracking, and ongoing quality assurance to prevent ineligible enrollments.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant describes a generally compliant process for verifying PSH disability eligibility, but the response lacks detail regarding documentation, staff roles, file review, confidentiality, or quality assurance.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear description of how disability eligibility will be verified and does not demonstrate a reliable process to ensure compliance with PSH requirements.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe how the project will ensure PSH is limited to eligible individuals with disabilities or eligible families.

D. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to require program participants to take part in supportive services in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). Attach a supportive service agreement (i.e. a contract, occupancy agreement, lease agreement, or equivalent).

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and compliant plan requiring participation only in allowable non-disability-related supportive services as a condition of continued program participation. Response describes the required services, participant responsibilities, reasonable accommodations, documentation procedures, staff monitoring, grievance or appeal process, and how the requirement will be incorporated into a supportive service agreement. Applicant attaches an appropriate supportive service agreement.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a general plan for supportive service participation and attaches a supportive service agreement, but the response lacks detail regarding allowable service requirements, documentation, reasonable accommodations, monitoring, or participant protections.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear plan for supportive service participation. The supportive service agreement is missing, incomplete, or does not clearly align with 24 CFR 578.75(h).

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a supportive service participation plan, requires participation in prohibited disability-related services, or does not attach a supportive service agreement.

E. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to supplement the project with resources from other public or private sources. Such sources may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, employment programs, health resources, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

F. **(10 Points Max)** Describe your budget and how the project is cost effective and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

HUD PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD: RAPID REHOUSING (RRH)

A. **(15 Points Max)** Describe the plan to ensure that tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) will help individuals and families achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. (Note: TBRA may only be provided for a maximum of 24 months per 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii))

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant provides a clear, detailed, and realistic plan to use TBRA as a time-limited housing intervention that helps participants achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months. Response describes housing stabilization, income growth, employment supports, benefits connections, case management, landlord coordination, rent reasonableness, participant progress monitoring, and transition planning before rental assistance ends.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable plan for helping participants achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months, but the response lacks detail regarding progress monitoring, income development, transition planning, or how participants will maintain housing after TBRA ends.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of how TBRA will support self-sufficiency, but does not clearly demonstrate how participants will be prepared to maintain housing within the 24-month limit.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to help participants achieve self-sufficiency within 24 months or proposes assistance inconsistent with the TBRA time limit.

B. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the type of supportive services and assistance that will be offered to ensure program participants obtain self-sufficiency and exit homelessness (case management, substance use treatment, mental health treatment, & employment).

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and comprehensive supportive services plan that directly supports participant self-sufficiency and exits from homelessness. Response identifies specific services, including case management, housing navigation, employment assistance, substance use treatment connections, mental health treatment connections, benefits advocacy, transportation, life skills, and other individualized supports.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a basic supportive services plan, but the response lacks detail regarding service delivery, participant choice, coordination with treatment providers, employment supports, or how services will lead to self-sufficiency.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear description of supportive services and does not demonstrate how services will help participants exit homelessness or increase self-sufficiency.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe supportive services or assistance for program participants.

C. **(20 Points Max)** Describe prior homelessness project experience and outcomes ensuring the following measures will be met. If no prior experience describe the plan.

1. At least 50% of participants will exit to permanent housing within 24 months of project enrollment.
2. At least 50% of participants will exit with increased earned income(Employment).

• **17-20 Points:** Applicant demonstrates strong prior homelessness project experience and provides outcome data showing the ability to meet or exceed both required performance measures. Response clearly describes prior success with permanent housing exits, earned income increases, employment supports, housing stabilization, performance tracking, and corrective action when outcomes fall below target.

• **12-16 Points:** Applicant demonstrates some relevant homelessness project experience or provides a reasonable plan to meet the required measures, but the response lacks strong data or detail in one or more areas such as housing placement, employment strategy, income tracking, or performance monitoring. If no prior experience, applicant provides a detailed and credible plan to meet both measures.

• **1-11 Points:** Applicant provides limited experience, limited outcome data, or a general plan that does not clearly demonstrate the ability to meet the required permanent housing and earned income measures.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe relevant experience, outcomes, or a credible plan to meet the required measures.

D. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to require program participants to take part in supportive services in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). Attach a supportive service agreement (i.e. a contract, occupancy agreement, lease agreement, or equivalent).

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear and compliant plan requiring participation only in allowable non-disability-related supportive services as a condition of continued program participation. Response describes the required services, participant responsibilities, reasonable accommodations, documentation procedures, staff monitoring, grievance or appeal process, and how the requirement will be incorporated into a supportive service agreement. Applicant attaches an appropriate supportive service agreement.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a general plan for supportive service participation and attaches a supportive service agreement, but the response lacks detail regarding allowable service requirements, documentation, reasonable accommodations, monitoring, or participant protections.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or unclear plan for supportive service participation. The supportive service agreement is missing, incomplete, or does not clearly align with 24 CFR 578.75(h).

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a supportive service participation plan, requires participation in prohibited disability-related services, or does not attach a supportive service agreement.

E. **(10 Points Max)** Describe the plan to supplement the project with resources from other public or private sources. Such sources may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP

• **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, employment programs, health resources, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.

• **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.

• **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources.

F. **(10 Points Max)** Describe your budget and how the project is cost effective and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a strong plan to leverage and coordinate additional public and private resources. Response identifies specific funding sources, mainstream benefits, partnerships, or in-kind supports and explains how these resources will supplement the project and improve participant outcomes.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant describes some additional resources or partnerships that may supplement the project, but the response lacks specificity, confirmed commitments, or a clear explanation of how resources will be coordinated.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or general description of supplemental resources, with little detail on specific sources, partnerships, or participant benefit connections.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not describe a plan to supplement the project with other public or private resources

TIMELINESS

A. Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program documenting how the project will be ready to begin serving the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days and 180 days after grant award

- **8-10 Points:** Applicant provides a clear, detailed, and realistic implementation plan demonstrating readiness to begin serving the first program participant quickly after grant award. Response includes specific activities and milestones for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days; identifies staffing, partnerships, referral processes, participant enrollment, service delivery start-up, and operational readiness.
- **5-7 Points:** Applicant provides a reasonable implementation plan with general activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days, but the response lacks detail regarding staffing, participant enrollment, service delivery, partnerships, or readiness to serve the first participant.
- **1-4 Points:** Applicant provides a limited or vague implementation plan. Timeline is incomplete, lacks clear milestones, or does not demonstrate how the project will be ready to begin serving participants.
- **0 Points:** Applicant does not provide an implementation plan, does not include a 60/120/180-day schedule, or does not demonstrate readiness to begin serving participants after grant award.

FINANCIAL

A. **(15 Points Max)** Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds, including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitor findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.

• **13-15 Points:** Applicant demonstrates extensive experience successfully administering federal funding, including HUD grants and other public funding. Response provides clear, specific examples of effective grant management practices, including regular and timely drawdowns, timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), timely submission of required reports, prompt resolution of monitoring or audit findings, and a strong history of fiscal and programmatic compliance. Applicant demonstrates strong administrative and financial capacity with little or no history of compliance concerns.

• **9-12 Points:** Applicant demonstrates satisfactory experience administering federal or other public funding. Response describes generally effective grant management practices, including timely drawdowns, reporting, and compliance activities, but provides less detail, limited supporting examples, or identifies minor compliance, monitoring, or reporting issues that were resolved appropriately without significantly affecting grant performance.

• **1-8 Points:** Applicant demonstrates limited experience administering federal funding or provides a vague or incomplete response. Response lacks sufficient detail regarding grant management practices, drawdowns, reporting, monitoring, reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), or resolution of findings. Response identifies recurring compliance concerns, delayed reporting or reimbursements, unresolved monitoring findings, or otherwise does not adequately demonstrate the administrative capacity to effectively manage federal funds.

• **0 Points:** Applicant does not respond to the question or does not demonstrate experience effectively administering federal or public funding.

B. Audit

1. **(5 Points Max)** Most recent audit found no exceptions to standard practices.

- **5 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit found no exceptions to standard practices.
- **0 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit found exceptions to standard practices.

2. **(5 Points Max)** Most recent audit identified agency as 'low risk.'

- **5 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit identified agency as 'low risk.'
- **0 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit did not identify agency as 'low risk.'

3. **(5 Points Max)** Most recent audit indicates no findings.

- **5 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit found indicates no findings.
- **0 Points:** Applicant's most recent audit found indicates findings.

LIVED EXPERIENCE

Points are based on the Factor/Goal:

- **5 Points:** Yes.
- **0 Points:** No.

OTHER AND LOCAL CRITERIA

Points are based on the Factor/Goal:

- **5 Points:** Yes.
- **0 Points:** No.

RENEWAL PROJECT SCORING GUIDE

2026 Renewal/ Expansion Project Scoring Guide

Any project meeting or exceeding factor/goal receives max points.

	Factor/Goal	Points	Factor/Goal	Points	Factor/Goal	Points	Factor/Goal	Points	Factor/Goal	Points	Factor/Goal	Points
Length of Stay PSH (180 day min goal)	180+	25	160-179	20	140-159	12	120-139	8	100-119	4	0-99	0
Length of Stay RRH (60 day max goal)	1-60	25	61-80	20	81-100	12	101-120	8	121-140	4	141+	0
Length of Stay TH (270 day max goal)	1-270	25	270-300	20	301-320	15	321-340	10	341-360	5	361+	0
Exit to Permanent Housing	90.0% +	20	80.0 - 89.9%	17	70.0-79.9%	15	60.0-69.9%	10	50.0-59.9%	5	0.0-49.9%	0
Returns to Homelessness	0-14.9%	25	15.0-19.9%	20	20.0-24.9%	12	25.0-29.9%	8	30.0-34.9%	4	35.0%+	0
Unsubsidized Permanent Housing	20% +	10	15.1 - 19.9%	8	10.1 - 15%	6	5.1 - 10%	4	1.1 - 5%	2	0.0 - 1%	0

New or increased Income and Earned Income												
Minimum new or increased earned income for project stayers	20%	5.5	15.01 - 19.9%	4	10.1 - 15%	3	5.1 - 9.9%	2	0.9 - 5%	1	0.0-0.9%	0
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project stayers	25%	4.5	20 - 24.9%	3.5	15 - 19.9%	2.5	10 - 14.9%	1.5	5 - 9.9%	0.5	0.0 - 4.9%	0
Minimum new or increased earned income for project leavers	20%	5.5	15.01 - 19.9%	4	10.1 - 15%	3	5.1 - 9.9%	2	0.9 - 5%	1	0.0-0.9%	0
Minimum new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	25%	4.5	15.01 - 19.9%	3.5	10.1 - 15%	2.5	5.1 - 9.9%	1.5	0.9 - 5%	0.5	0.0-0.9%	0

Serve High Need Populations												
Percent of participants with zero income (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO)	50.0%+	5	40.0-49.9%	4	30.0-39.9%	3	20.0-29.9%	2	10.0-19.9%	1	0.0-9.9%	0
Percent of participants with more than one disability (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO)	50.0%+	5	40.0-49.9%	4	30.0-39.9%	3	20.0-29.9%	2	10.0-19.9%	1	0.0-9.9%	0
Percent of participants entering project from place not meant for human habitation (PSH, RRH, TH, SSO)	50.0%+	5	40.0-49.9%	4	30.0-39.9%	3	20.0-29.9%	2	10.0-19.9%	1	0.0-9.9%	0

Project Effectiveness - Narrative Based Point Scale		
PSH, RRH, TH, SSO- Project has reasonable costs per individual	Yes	Up to 25
PSH, RRH, TH, SSO- Coordinated Entry Participation	Yes	Up to 10

Equity Factors: Lived Experience		
PSH, RRH, TH, SSO- BODs includes representation from 1+ person with lived experience	Yes	Up to 5
PSH, RRH, TH, SSO- Relational process for receiving/incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience	Yes	Up to 5

Other and Local Criteria				
Data quality at or above 90%	90.0%+	5	0.0-89.9%	0
Utilization at or above 90%	90.0%+	10	0.0-89.9%	0
Acknowledge that service participation will be mandatory and that you will be able to provide a program agreement, lease agreement, or some other policy upon request verifying this.	Yes/No	10		
Describe the sources of your 25% match. Points will be awarded to projects that leverage housing and healthcare resources not currently funded through CoC or ESG funding.	Yes/No	Up to 5		
If your project includes CoC-funded units that require program participants to engage in substance abuse treatment as a condition of continued participation in the program, consistent with 24 CFR 578.75 explain how many total units and how many require SUD participation.	Yes/No	Up to 5		

Domestic Violence Addendum												
Percentage of DV clients who exited with a Safety Plan	90.0%+	5	80.0- 89.9%	4	70.0 - 79.9%	3	60.0 - 69.9%	2	50.0 - 59.9%	1	0.0-49.9%	0
Percentage of DV clients who received legal advocacy, or court accompaniment services	14.0%+	5	11.0- 13.9%	4	8.0 - 10.9%	3	5.0 - 7.9%	2	2.0 - 4.9%	1	0.0-1.9%	0
Percentage of adult DV clients who received education, job skills training, resume or GED assistance	75.0%+	5	63.0 - 74.9%	4	51.0 - 62.9%	3	39.0 - 50.9%	2	27.0 - 38.9%	1	0.0-26.9%	0