FY2021 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline

Ohio BoSCoC

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HUD, the largest federal program to assist households experiencing homelessness, awards $2 billion through the annual CoC Competition.

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ODSA and COHHIO

ODSA, the Collaborative Applicant, submits the consolidated CoC Application on behalf of Ohio BOSCOC.

COHHIO manages all work related to the CoC process. Applicants and/or providers will primarily work with COHHIO throughout the 2021 process.
Overview of FY2021 CoC Competition Process

- Evaluation of Renewal CoC Projects
- Submission of New Projects Applications
- Submission of All Project Applications in e-snaps
- Completion of Consolidated CoC Application

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CoC Competition Requirements

- CoCs must operate collaborative process for development of project applications.
- CoCs must establish priorities for funding projects.
- CoCs must designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit combined information for all project applicants.
Goals for FY2021 CoC Competition

- Promote the use of best practices
- Maximize available funding for the Ohio BoSCoC
- Fund projects that:
  - meet community needs
  - are cost effective and maximize program and mainstream resources
  - successfully end homelessness
  - help achieve the federal strategic plan goals to end homelessness for veterans, chronically homeless, families, youth, and all others

Project Ranking Goal
To rank Ohio BoSCoC new and renewal projects in a way that helps the CoC continue to meet local homeless needs, while also maximizing CoC Program funds and ensure ongoing national competitiveness

Project Ranking Priorities
The CoC may:
- preserve low-ranking projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funding in their communities
- preserve low-ranking Permanent Housing (PH) projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funded PH in their communities
- prioritize projects that have demonstrated the use of Housing First practices
- reduce funding requests for the lowest ranked projects as a means to preserve funding for higher ranked projects, if needed, and keeping in line with other priorities
- consider ranking new projects higher than some renewal projects, where the CoC believes doing so will better help the CoC meet the ranking goal outlined above

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Renewal Project Evaluation

Purpose and Process

- Determines which projects best meet CoC and HUD goals priorities
- Informs rank order of projects

The Ohio BoSCoC Project Evaluation Workgroup develops the project evaluation process and tool.

Which projects are evaluated?

- Projects renewing CoC Program funding in 2021
- Exceptions for projects operating less than 9 months and for YHDP projects
- The list of projects is included in the FY2021 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline document

Effects of COVID-19 on FY2021 Renewal Project Evaluation:

- In an effort to account for the effects of the pandemic, certain Project Evaluation Items have been removed or adjusted.

Renewing CoC Projects are evaluated and scored on the following:

- Project Participant Impact
- Meeting Community Need
- Implementing Best Practices
- Coordinated Entry Compliance
- Project Capacity

Reporting Period
January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020
**Project Evaluation Measures**

**Project Participant Impact**

**Housing Stability**
- Exits to permanent housing

**Accessing Mainstream Resources**
- Non-cash benefits

**Length of Time Homeless**

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**Meeting Community Need**

**Serving Those with Most Severe Needs and Longest Homeless Histories**
- Entries from streets and emergency shelter
- Entries with no income
- Median Homeless History Index Score
- Long-term homeless entries into PSH
- Entries for whom HoH had a VI-SPDAT recorded in HMIS

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**Median Homeless History Index Score**
- Produces a median score factored on number of times homeless, number of months homeless, and approximate date homelessness started
- Higher median score means adults with longer homeless histories prioritized

**Long-term homeless entries into PSH**
- Long-term is defined as four episodes of homelessness in three years. The cumulative total equals at least 12 months or 12 months of continuous homelessness.

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**Document Submission Process**
- The list of projects required to submit program documents is located in Appendix D of CoC Competition Plan and Timeline.
- Submit program documents (if required) by April 23, 2021.
- If program documents are not submitted, 10 points will be deducted from project evaluation score.

https://cohhio.org/bosco/voc-program/

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Project Evaluation Measures

### Coordinated Entry Compliance

**Adherence to the required prioritization process**
- PSH projects evaluated on the use of Prioritization Workgroups to make prioritization decision for PSH openings
- Projects must submit the following to demonstrate compliance:
  - One of the following: meeting notes, documented communication, written statement from workgroup members

### Project Capacity

**HMIS Data Quality**
- No clients with Duplicate Entry Exits, Missing Head of Household, Missing Relationship to Head of Household, Too Many Heads of Household, Children Only Households, or Incorrect Entry Exit Type
- Only Errors and some High Priority Data Quality issues are counted against this measure. (NOT Warnings.)
- Fewer errors in HMIS data means more points
- Use Warnings to find potential data problems (leave data as is if the data is correct)

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Renewal Project Evaluation

**Data Sources**

- **HMIS**
  - Project Evaluation report (in R minor)
- **Provider Documents**
  - Annual Performance Reports (APR) for victim services providers
  - Program Policies, Procedures, etc.
  - Coordinated Entry compliance documentation

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Renewal Project Evaluation

Check R minor and R minor elevated to be sure your HMIS data is accurate.

- **Bed Utilization Report**
  - Make sure that your Bed Utilization data looks accurate for 2020.
- **Data Quality Report**
  - Address all data quality issues that are either High Priority or Errors (at the very least).
- **Project Evaluation Report**
  - Ensure that the data being used for your point calculations is accurate.
Renewal Project Evaluation

HMIS Data Quality Measured in Two Ways:

1. \( \frac{\text{Number of Errors} + \text{the number of High Priority issues}^*}{\text{total clients served during 2020}} \) will yield a possible 5 points.
2. More than 2% missing relevant data for a particular measure will result in a score of 0 for the measure.

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<td>General</td>
<td>Duplicate Entry, Exit, Missing: Hair, Missing: Relationship to Home, Too Many Adults, Children in Household, or Incorrect Entry Exit Type</td>
<td>All Measures that come from HMIS (except the Data Quality measure)</td>
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<td>Non-Cash Benefits Missing at Entry, Conflicting Income &amp; Non-Cash Benefit</td>
<td>Health Insurance &amp; Non-Cash Benefits</td>
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<td>Income</td>
<td>Income Missing at Entry, Conflicting Income Income type</td>
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<td>Length of Time Homeless</td>
<td>Missing: Residence Prior, Missing Months or Times Homeless, Incomplete Living Situation Data</td>
<td>Homeless History Index, Long Term Homeless</td>
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Combined projects will read like “GLCAP PSH Combined” and will have combined data and scoring.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you check this as soon as possible and report anything you don’t understand to hmis@cohio.org as soon as you notice it.
Correcting and Finalizing HMIS Data

HMIS users should have finalized and corrected their HMIS data by 11:59pm, May 6, 2021.

Renewal Project Evaluation

Non-Participating Providers

Non-HMIS participating providers (victims services providers) must complete an APR and submit to COHHIO. The APR reporting period is January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020.

• Due April 23, 2021

Providers That Consolidated

Any projects that consolidated will be listed in the Project Evaluation report in R minor as a single provider with all the consolidated projects’ data included. For example, if 3 providers called Housing First A - PSH, Housing First B - PSH, and Housing First C - PSH consolidated, you might see it in the Project Evaluation report as “Housing First PSH Combined.”

Renewal Project Evaluation and Preliminary Project Ranking

Project evaluation results inform project ranking. Lower ranking projects (including those in Tier 2) may be re-ranked after the CoC Competition opens, based on the CoC’s project ranking goal and priorities.

Renewal Project Evaluation Resources

Ohio BoSCoC FY2021 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline

• Renewal CoC Project List
• Renewal Project Evaluation Specifications and Points Structure
  http://cohhio.org/boscoc/cooc-program/
Appealing Renewal Project Evaluation Results

Appeals for project evaluation results should be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohio.org by June 4, 2021.

Renewal Project Applications

- Due after CoC Competition open
- Dates TBD
- CoC staff will host webinar at that time

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New Project Applications

More information regarding New Project applications will be provided after HUD releases the FY2021 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
New Project Applications

New Projects
Eligible Applicants
• Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not)
Eligible Project Types
• RRH
• PSH
• TH
• Joint TH-RRH

Project Conversions
Eligible Applicants
• Current CoC recipients only
• Transitional Housing
Eligible Conversions
• Can only convert to Rapid Re-Housing for families or individuals or Permanent Supportive Housing for chronically homeless
Funding Request Limitations
• Level funding requests only
• Grant Term = 1 year

New Project Applications

New Projects
New Project Proposal
• Use required form
• CoC staff provides feedback
New Project Application
• Only approved projects submit full application

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<td>Ohio BoSCoC Grant Inventory Worksheet finalized (ODSA/COHHIO to Complete)</td>
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<td>Project Evaluation Data available in R Minor (Rm) and R Minor Elevated (Rme) <strong>Reporting Period = 1/1/20 – 12/31/20</strong></td>
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<td>Projects review data and address data quality concerns as needed</td>
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<td>Non-HMIS projects submit APRs</td>
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<td>Written Project Proposal Feedback Provided to Project Conversion and New CoC Project Applicants</td>
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<td>CoC staff post online preliminary renewal project ranking</td>
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<td>Projects submit project evaluation appeals to <a href="mailto:ohioboscoc@cohhio.org">ohioboscoc@cohhio.org</a></td>
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<td>CoC staff communicate appeals decisions</td>
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<td>Final Project Conversion and New CoC Project Applications due to ODSA/COHHIO</td>
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## Additional Resources

**HUD**

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/

**COHHIO**

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