

2021 CoC Competition Plan and Timeline

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Background and Introduction

Organization of the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) is comprised of the 80 rural counties in Ohio and represents diverse populations, needs, and capabilities. The 80 counties within the Ohio BoSCoC are further organized into 17 Homeless Planning Regions that engage in collaborative planning around homeless programming. A map of the Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Planning Regions can be found [here](#).

The Ohio BoSCoC Board, which is comprised in part of one representative from each BoSCoC Homeless Planning Region, guides the policy and planning direction of the continuum. The CoC Board has designated the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development (ODSA), as the Collaborative Applicant for the Ohio BoSCoC. In this role, ODSA is responsible for submitting the annual consolidated application for CoC Program funding on behalf of the Ohio BoSCoC. In turn, ODSA has contracted with the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) to provide primary staff support to the Ohio BoSCoC.

HUD's Continuum of Care Program and the Annual Continuum of Care Competition

Every year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) makes available federal resources for homeless programming to communities around the country through its Continuum of Care (CoC) Program and its annual CoC Competition. Continuums access these funds by completing consolidated applications on behalf of the federally funded homeless programs in their CoC. For the Ohio BoSCoC, the Collaborative Applicant (ODSA) and COHHIO facilitate this process and submit the consolidated application. Any organization located within the 80 counties of the Ohio BoSCoC that wishes to access new or renewal CoC Program funds must participate in local homeless planning efforts and the annual BoSCoC CoC Competition to do so.

The Ohio BoSCoC receives about \$20 million annually for new and renewing homeless programs, representing over 100 transitional and permanent housing programs across 80 counties.

Target Audience

The 2021 CoC competition plan and timeline is only applicable to HUD CoC-funded projects renewing their CoC project funding in 2021, or those organizations interested in applying for funding for a new CoC-funded project.

Purpose of this Document

This document is intended to provide Ohio BoSCoC members with basic information about the Ohio BoSCoC 2021 CoC Competition, including the following:

- Priorities for new and renewal projects
- The renewal project evaluation process and timeline
- The process for completion of the 2021 Ohio BoSCoC consolidated application
- Preliminary priorities for ranking renewal and new CoC projects in the consolidated application

Goals and Priorities for the 2021 Ohio BoSCoC CoC Competition

The Ohio BoSCoC Board has identified the following funding priorities for the 2021 Ohio BoSCoC Competition:

- Submit a consolidated application that meets threshold and maximizes available funding
- Fund projects that meet community needs
 - Including project conversions and new PH projects
- Fund projects that are cost effective and maximize program and mainstream resources
- Fund projects that successfully end homelessness
- Promote the use of best practices
- Fund projects that will help the CoC achieve the federal strategic plan goals of ending homelessness for veterans, chronically homeless, families, youth, and all other populations

In addition, the CoC Board has identified the following goal and priorities to guide final ranking of new and renewal projects in the 2021 CoC Consolidated application:

- Project Ranking Goal: To rank Ohio BoSCoC new and renewal projects in a way that helps us continue to meet local homeless needs, while also helping the CoC maximize CoC Program funds and ensure ongoing national competitiveness
 - To that end, the following priorities, in no particular order, will help guide development of a final ranking approach:
 - The CoC may seek to preserve low-ranking projects at risk of losing funding where those projects represent the only CoC Program funding in their communities
 - The CoC may seek to 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
 - The CoC may prioritize projects that have demonstrated the use of Housing First practices
 - The CoC may consider reducing 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
 - The CoC may 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

Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process

The Ohio BoSCoC Project Evaluation Workgroup develops the annual renewal CoC project evaluation process and preliminary project ranking approach. The evaluation process and related project ranking helps the Ohio BoSCoC fully maximize CoC Program funds, make informed funding decisions, and continue to move the CoC toward our goal of ending homelessness.

The areas evaluated as part of the renewal project evaluation process are as follows:

Project Participant Impact

- Housing stability - exits to permanent housing
- Accessing mainstream resources – non-cash benefits
- Length of time homeless

Meeting Community Need

- Serving persons/households with more severe needs and longer homeless histories

Implementing Best Practices

- Demonstrated use of Housing First practices
- Prioritizing chronically homeless and following the PSH Order of Priority

Coordinated Entry Compliance

- Adherence to the required prioritization process

Project Capacity

- HMIS data quality

A complete list of projects eligible for renewal in the FY2021 CoC Competition can be found in Appendix A.

Details about the project evaluation specifications and points structure can be found in Appendix B.

HMIS Project Evaluation Report

HMIS is the primary data source for the project evaluation process for all renewing CoC projects (except for non-HMIS participating providers, such as victim services agencies). This data will be pulled for the period 1/1/20 – 12/31/20. The report only calculates project performance based on most recent entry/exits during the reporting period. If a client had multiple entries/exits in a project, the most recent interaction with the project would be reflected in the project evaluation data.

Preliminary project evaluation data will be available in R minor and R minor elevated April 9, 2021.

Serving Households with Most Severe Needs and Longest Homeless Histories

In 2021, the CoC will review the HMIS-generated Homeless History Index report and long-term homeless PSH project entries to evaluate project performance in serving those with the greatest needs and longest homeless histories. The Homeless History Index report produces a median score factored on the number of times homeless, number of months homeless, and approximate date homelessness started for clients who enter the system. All project types will be evaluated based on the Homeless History Index data. Victim service providers that are prohibited from entering data into HMIS will not be evaluated on this item and will receive full points

The CoC will review HMIS data about long-term homeless household entries into PSH projects to help evaluate PSH projects' adherence to the PSH Order of Priority. Long-term homeless means that the person/household has a total duration of homelessness that would meet the chronic homeless definition. Youth-dedicated PSH projects will not be evaluated on this item and will receive full points.

HMIS Data Quality

Since HMIS data supplies all CoC project performance data for the project evaluation process, it is critical that all projects maintain quality HMIS data. The Ohio BoSCoC HMIS Data Quality Standards state that HMIS-participating providers should have 0% missing data for most data elements. **For purposes of this project evaluation process, renewing CoC projects must not have more than 2% missing data for any evaluated item, as described below. Projects with more than 2% missing data rates on an evaluated item will be considered to have failed to meet the goal and will receive zero points on that particular scored item.** For example, Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects can receive 10 points if at least 85% of their project leavers (in the 1/1/20 – 12/31/20 reporting period) received 1 or more sources of non-cash benefits or health insurance. If the *Project Evaluation* data shows a CoC PSH project with an 85% rate of leavers receiving non-cash benefits and health insurance, but their missing data rate for that item was 4%, then the PSH project will receive 0 points for the evaluated item because their data quality was too poor (i.e., their missing data rate was too high) to evaluate performance on the scored item.

Each CoC-funded project can have any of four Data Quality flags that can affect their scoring. A flag will affect scoring if the number of issues for each flag is over 2% of that project's data.

Data Quality Flag	Data Quality Issues	What Measures Flag Applies To
General	Duplicate Entry Exits, Missing HoH, Missing Relationship to HoH, Too Many HoHs, Children Only Households, or Incorrect Entry Exit Type	All Measures that come from HMIS (except the Data Quality measure)
Benefits	Non-cash Benefits Missing at Entry, Conflicting Non-Cash Benefits yes/no	Health Insurance & Non-Cash Benefits
Income	Income Missing at Entry, Conflicting Income yes/no	Increase Income, No Income at Entry
Length of Time Homeless	Missing Residence Prior, Missing Months or Times Homeless, Incomplete Living Situation Data	Homeless History Index, Long Term Homeless

It is critical that CoC project recipients evaluate and correct their HMIS data well in advance of the pulling of the preliminary and final Project Evaluation Reports. Recipients can review their project performance and HMIS data quality via R minor and R minor elevated on an ongoing basis. Please email hmis@cohhio.org for any needed assistance.

Further, each CoC funded project gets up to 5 points based on HMIS Data Quality. For information on the data quality scoring criteria, refer to Appendix E.

Special Considerations

When a project evaluation item is based only on those who exited or entered the project, projects with 1 or no leavers or entries (i.e., no one exited or entered the project during the reporting period) will be considered to have met the goal and receive full points for the particular evaluation item. In cases where a participant dies during their program stay, that 'deceased' exit will be excluded from any evaluation item that is based on leavers.

Newly operating projects that have less than 9 months of client-level data will not be scored as part of this evaluation process and will be ranked within Tier 1.

Continuing in the FY2021 CoC Competition, the three projects funded by Round 1 of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) will not be evaluated in the project evaluation process and will be ranked within Tier 1. However, these projects should still submit program policies for evaluation for compliance with Housing First practices.

Additionally, certain Project Evaluation Items have been removed from or revised for the FY2021 CoC Competition due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those items. For example, projects will not be scored on the percentage of adult participants who gained or increased their total income.

Non-HMIS Participating Providers' Project Evaluation Report

CoC staff will use *Annual Performance Report (APR)* data for the 1/1/20 – 12/31/20 period to evaluate project performance for non-HMIS participating CoC projects. If an APR for that period has not already been submitted, then the non-HMIS participating provider must submit an APR by 4/23/21 to CoC staff at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

Renewing CoC projects must not have more than 2% missing data for any evaluated item. Projects with more than 2% missing data rates on an evaluated item will be considered to have failed to meet the goal and will receive zero points on that particular scored item.

Non-HMIS participating projects are not evaluated on the HMIS data quality item, and automatically receive the maximum points for that evaluation item.

A list of all the non-HMIS participating providers renewing CoC projects in 2021 can be found in Appendix A.

Implementing Best Practices

Housing First Practices

Renewal CoC projects are evaluated on the adoption of Housing First practices. Projects are required to submit program documents in order to demonstrate implementation of Housing First practices. Refer to *Appendix D: Implementing Best Practices*, which provides details on the submittal requirements.

CoC projects can receive up to 15 points for providing evidence of Housing First practices. CoC projects that are required but fail to submit documentation for this item will have 10 points deducted from their project evaluation score.

Projects that received at least 10 points for demonstration of Housing First practices in the 2019 project evaluation are not required to submit program documents this year and may be automatically awarded the same points they received for this item in 2019. If a project received less than 15 points in 2019, and would like to submit updated documents this year in an effort to increase their score by demonstrating improved Housing First practices, they are encouraged to do so and will be evaluated on the new submittal.

All projects should refer to *Appendix F: Housing First and PSH Prioritization Evaluation List* to review their FY2019 Housing First score and to see if the project is required to submit documents for the FY2021 CoC Competition Housing First evaluation.

The CoC encourages all projects to review and make improvements to their Housing First practices and documentation. In order to assist in identifying areas of needed improvement, CoC staff will share the project's Housing First evaluation tool from the FY2019 CoC Competition upon request. Providers who would like a copy of this document should contact staff at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by April 9, 2021.

Chronically Homeless Prioritization

Renewal PSH projects are required to submit program documents to demonstrate prioritization of chronically homeless households for PSH units. Projects can receive up to 10 points for having sufficient policies related to chronically homeless prioritization. Failure to submit required program documents will result in a 5-point deduction from the project evaluation score.

As with the Housing First practices project evaluation item notes above, not all renewing PSH projects need to submit program documents to demonstrate prioritization of chronically homeless. Providers should refer to *Appendix F: Housing First and PSH Prioritization Evaluation List* to determine if they are required to submit program documents.

Coordinated Entry Compliance

In 2021, the CoC will evaluate PSH projects on compliance with the Coordinated Entry prioritization process, namely the use of Prioritization Workgroups to make prioritization decisions for PSH openings. Projects must submit the following to demonstrate compliance with CE prioritization processes:

1. Brief narrative statement describing how the Prioritization Workgroup makes prioritization decisions and how frequently the workgroup meets
2. Projects must submit *one* of the following as evidence of compliance with the Ohio BoSCoC CE prioritization process:
 - Meeting notes from a Prioritization Workgroup meeting that occurred in June 2020 or later (ensure no client PII is in the meeting notes)
 - Email communication or other documented communication between providers that documents reliance on a Prioritization Workgroup meeting for PSH prioritization decisions (documentation must be dated June 2020 or later)
 - A written statement from Prioritization Workgroup members confirming that Prioritization Workgroup meetings occur, the frequency of the meetings, and the date of the most recent 2020 Prioritization Workgroup meeting

Housing First, Chronic Homeless Prioritization, and Coordinated Entry Compliance documentation is due to COHHIO (ohioboscoc@cohhio.org) by April 23, 2021.

Renewal CoC Project Ranking

After completing all project evaluations, CoC staff, in conjunction with the Project Evaluation Workgroup and the Steering Committee, preliminarily rank all renewal projects according to their evaluation score – e.g., projects with higher scores will be ranked higher in the project listing. However, the Ohio BoSCoC Project Evaluation Workgroup and CoC Board will not make final ranking or funding recommendations until HUD releases the FY2021 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The CoC NOFA will include details about the total CoC funds available for renewal and new projects as well as HUD’s priorities for ranking and funding projects.

Appealing Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Results or Preliminary Ranking

Renewal CoC project recipients may submit appeals of final project evaluation results and/or CoC project ranking. Appeals must be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by June 4, 2021. Late appeals will not be considered.

Submitted appeals must clearly indicate exactly what is being appealed (project evaluation results and/or ranking decisions) and must clearly explain the reason for the appeal.

The Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee will review all accepted appeals and communicate decisions regarding those appeals. Steering Committee decisions are FINAL.

New CoC Project Application Submission Process

Project Conversion Applications

Current Transitional Housing (TH) projects have the opportunity to apply for CoC funding for project conversions. Project conversion involves terminating a current grant and applying for funding for a new Rapid Re-housing (RRH) or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project.

Eligible Project Conversion Projects and Applicants

Current CoC-funded TH projects eligible to renew CoC funding in 2021 are eligible to apply for project conversion funding. Only conversion to Rapid Re-housing for families or individuals or Permanent Supportive Housing dedicated to chronically homeless is permitted.

Eligible Activities and Funding Requests

Applicants should only request funding for activities (leasing, rental assistance, etc.) that are eligible for that particular component type. For example, if an applicant wants to convert to a Rapid Re-housing project component, they can only request funding for rental assistance and supportive services; they cannot request funding for leasing or operations. Applicants should review the CoC Program Interim Final Rule, which can be found at <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2035/coc-program-interim-rule-formatted-version/>, to make sure they understand all program regulations and eligible costs and activities.

Applicants should strive to ensure that their proposed project conversions will serve at least as many households annually as their current CoC project.

Applicants applying for funds for a project conversion may request no more in funding than they currently receive for their CoC project. For example, if an applicant's current TH project receives \$100,000 in CoC Program funding annually, then they can request no more than \$100,000 in funding for their project conversion. However, project conversions that are included in the Ohio BoSCoC consolidated application may be awarded more funding than requested if any renewal projects fail to renew or if some renewal funds are reallocated.

Not all CoC-funded TH projects will be able to convert to RRH or PSH. Grantees should carefully analyze their project to determine if a project conversion makes sense based on their current target population, the project's physical configuration, and community need.

Project conversions funded through the 2021 CoC Competition will be funded as new projects. This means that if the project conversion is awarded funding, the current CoC project's funding will be terminated at the end of the 2022 operating year. The project conversion's funding will become available once a grant agreement between the recipient and HUD has been executed. There may be some gap between the end of the current CoC project and the beginning of the project conversion; this gap could be weeks or several months. Applicants should prepare in advance.

New CoC Project Applications

In 2021, the Ohio BoSCoC will consider project proposals for new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects prioritized for chronically homeless, new Rapid Re-Housing projects, new Transitional Housing projects, and new Joint Transitional Housing (TH)-Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects. New project proposals serving Ohio BoSCoC regions most in need (in part or whole), as identified below, may be more competitive. However, applicants may propose to serve any geography in the Ohio BoSCoC.

- Homeless Planning Region 14
- Homeless Planning Region 5
- Homeless Planning Region 9
- Homeless Planning Region 4
- Homeless Planning Region 15
- Homeless Planning Region 11
- Homeless Planning Region 3

Eligible New CoC Project Applicants

Permanent Supportive Housing projects that are applying for low-income tax credit funding through the Ohio Housing Finance Agency and have already received Ohio BoSCoC support are eligible to apply for funding for new PSH projects in 2021.

Process for Submitting New CoC Project Applications

Project Proposal

Project conversion and new CoC project applicants first submit a Project Proposal (PP), using the Project Proposal form. In general, the PP must provide the following information about the proposed project:

- Current project information, including funding amount (for project conversions only)
- Applicant and Sponsor information
- Basic proposed project information
- Type and scale of housing
- Preliminary project budgets
- Discussion of how the project will utilize Housing First practices
- Discussion of how the project meets community needs
- Demonstration of Homeless Planning Region support (see proposal form for more details)

The PP must be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org and to Amy Bullard (ODSA) at amy.bullard@development.ohio.gov by **May 7, 2021**.

Project Proposal Feedback

After reviewing all submitted PPs, CoC staff will provide applicants with written feedback by **May 21, 2021**. Project Proposals will not be scored. After receiving feedback on project proposals, all applicants can decide if they want to continue to move forward with the Project Application.

Project Applications

Organizations wanting to continue to move forward with their proposed project should submit their full Project Applications to the CoC at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org and Amy Bullard (ODSA) at amy.bullard@development.ohio.gov by **June 25, 2021**.

The Ohio BoSCoC Board and Steering Committee reserve the right to change the final due date of the Project Applications if HUD releases the NOFA before June 25, 2021.

Scoring and Ranking of Project Conversion and New CoC Project Applications

Submitted Project Applications will be reviewed and scored. Once all Project Applications and renewal CoC projects are reviewed they will be ranked together according to their scores and the CoC's ranking priorities.

Additional Considerations, HUD Priorities, and Funding Availability for New Projects

At this point, we do not yet know if any new funds will be available for new CoC projects. Funding availability for new projects will be shared once the HUD CoC Program NOFA is released and funding availability is announced.

Renewal CoC Project Application Submission Process

Renewal Project Applications

Organizations needing to apply for renewal CoC project funding in 2021 must follow the Ohio BoSCoC process. This document will be updated to reflect the process for renewal projects once HUD opens the 2021 CoC Competition. Additional training and technical assistance documents will be provided at that time as well.

Final Submission of the Ohio BoSCoC Consolidated CoC Application

After all renewal projects, project conversion, and new CoC project applications have been received, reviewed, and ranked, the Ohio BoSCoC Collaborative Applicant (ODSA with assistance from COHHIO) will prepare the CoC Project Ranking list on behalf of the Ohio BoSCoC. Once the Ohio BoSCoC Board has approved the listing, ODSA

will electronically submit the project applications and the Ohio BoSCoC Consolidated CoC Application via e-snaps to HUD.

Any questions about the Ohio BoSCoC FY2021 CoC Competition Process Plan or Timeline can be directed to Erica Mulryan, Continuum of Care Director, at ericamulryan@cohhio.org or 614.280.1984 ext 118.

Ohio BoSCoC 2021 CoC Competition Timeline

Following is the timeline for the 2021 CoC Competition as of March 19, 2021. This timeline will be updated once HUD opens the 2021 CoC Competition.

DATE COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
4/1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC: 2020 CoC Competition Training
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC Grant Inventory Worksheet finalized (ODSA/COHHIO to complete)
4/9/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Project Evaluation Data</i> available in R minor (Rm) and R minor elevated (Rme) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reporting Period = 1/1/20-12/31/20
4/9/21 - 4/30/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients correct HMIS data as needed
4/23/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-HMIS Projects submit APRs Housing First, Chronic Homeless Prioritization, CE Compliance documentation, if required, due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
5/7/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Conversion and New CoC Project Proposals due to ODSA/COHHIO, amy.bullard@development.ohio.gov & ohioboscoc@cohhio.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Proposal form must be used CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final <i>Project Evaluation Data</i> available in R minor
5/21/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written Project Proposal Feedback Provided to Project Conversion and New CoC Project Applicants
5/27/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COHHIO releases preliminary CoC project ranking (renewals only)
6/4/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients submit appeals of project evaluation results and ranking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
6/18/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee will communicate decisions re: all received appeals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee decisions are FINAL
6/25/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Conversion and New CoC Project Applications due to ODSA/COHHIO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email applications to amy.bullard@development.ohio.gov & ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final CoC project ranking released <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes renewal CoC projects only
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY2021 CoC Competition Opens
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Applications Available in e-snaps
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC CoC Application Training

TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal & Project Applications Due in e-snaps
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Project Proposals for new project opportunities not already addressed due to CoC team
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee Review of all Applications & Notification of Needed Corrections
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrections by Applicants to Project Applications Due
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved New Project Applications due in e-snaps
TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Ohio BoSCoC Project Applications Submitted to HUD via e-snaps (ODSA/COHHIO to complete)

APPENDIX A: 2021 Renewal CoC Projects

Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Excluded in Part or Whole from Project Evaluation b/c of Limited Data or Other Special Consideration?
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties	Tuscarawas County TRA	PH-PSH	
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties	Recovery Begins at Home	PH-PSH	
Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority	Allen Shelter Plus Care Vouchers	PH-PSH	
Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Appleseed RRH	PH-RRH	
Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	Ashtabula Shelter Plus Care Vouchers for homeless persons with mental illness	PH-PSH	
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority	Athens Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority	Athens Serenity Village SAMI Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties	DV Bonus RRH Project for Ohio BoSCoC*	PH-RRH	
Butler County	PSH Butler County	PH-PSH	
City of Marietta, Ohio/PHA	Marietta/Washington Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
City of Springfield, Ohio	Springfield Shelter Plus Care (combined)	PH-PSH	
Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio	Homeless Management Information System	HMIS	Y
Coleman Professional Services	Coleman PSH	PH-PSH	
Coleman Professional Services	Jefferson County Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic dba The Counseling Center	Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities	PH-PSH	
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority	Columbiana MHA Shelter Plus Care 1	PH-PSH	
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority	Columbiana Free Choice II - The Counseling Center	PH-PSH	
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP TH	TH	Y
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP SSO	SSO	Y
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP RRH	PH-RRH	Y
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP CE	CE	Y
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Stable Futures	PH-PSH	
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Fayette Landing	PH-PSH	
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	CAC Permanent Supportive Housing (aka: Destination HOME)	PH-PSH	
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Fayette Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Empowerment Center*	TH-RRH	Y
Family & Community Services	Ravenna Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	
Family & Community Services, Inc.	Portage Area Transitional Housing 3	TH	

Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Excluded in Part or Whole from Project Evaluation b/c of Limited Data or Other Special Consideration?
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Miami County Family RRH	PH-RRH	
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Family Abuse Shelter PSH	PH-PSH	
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Miami County SPC	PH-PSH	
Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, Inc.	Supportive Opportunity & Services*	TH	
Findlay Hope House for the Homeless, Inc	Able Housing	PH-PSH	
Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services	SPC Geauga County TRA	PH-PSH	
Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Homenet PSH Consolidated	PH-PSH	
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Homenet Permanent Supportive Housing Program - DV	PH-PSH	
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Rapid ReHousing Conversion	PH-RRH	
HM Housing Development Corp	Faith House II	PH-PSH	
Hocking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Hocking Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Hocking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Region 17 Tenant-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Program	PH-PSH	
Integrated Community Enterprises	Charles Place	PH-PSH	
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	Graham Drive Family Housing	PH-PSH	
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	YHDP RRH	PH-RRH	Y
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield	Permanent Housing with Supportive Services	PH-PSH	
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield	Saint Vincent House	PH-PSH	
Ironton Lawrence County Area CAO, Inc.	Lawrence County One-Stop TRA	TH	
Jefferson County Community Action Council	Supportive Housing Program	PH-PSH	
Knox Metropolitan Housing Authority	Knox County TRA	PH-PSH	
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board	Lake SPC Combined	PH-PSH	
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board	McKinley Grove	PH-PSH	
Lawrence County Port Authority	Lawrence One-Stop Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Licking County Coalition for Housing	LCCH Rapid Re-Housing	PH-RRH	
Licking County Coalition for Housing	LCCH Transitional Housing	TH	
Licking County Coalition for Housing	Rapid Re-Housing Ohio	PH-RRH	
Licking County Coalition for Housing	Region 9 RRH	PH-RRH	
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Shelter Plus Care Chronic	PH-PSH	
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Shelter Plus Care Vouchers 2	PH-PSH	
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Licking Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Lorain County Board of Mental Health	Lorain Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Lutheran Social Services	Fairfield County S+C	PH-PSH	
Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board	Northland II	PH-PSH	
Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority	Medina County TRA	PH-PSH	
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Ashland County	Beginning Anew	PH-PSH	

Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Excluded in Part or Whole from Project Evaluation b/c of Limited Data or Other Special Consideration?
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County	I'm Home	PH-PSH	
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County	Shelter Plus Care Union County	PH-PSH	
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Logan/Champaign Housing	PH-PSH	
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Family Housing	PH-PSH	
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Madriver/Park Street	PH-PSH	
New Housing Ohio, Inc.	Warren County Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	
New Sunrise Properties, Inc.	Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	
Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission	NOCAC PSH	PH-PSH	
OneEighty, inc	PSH Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority	Portage Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	
Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Prestwick Square	PH-PSH	
Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Prestwick Square 2	PH-PSH	
Project Woman of Springfield and Clark County	Reign of Renewal*	PH-RRH	
Residential Administrators, Inc.	Residential Administrators PSH	PH-PSH	
Sojourners Care Network	Generation Now PSH	PH-PSH	Y
Sojourners Care Network	Youth Crisis Transitional Housing	TH	Y
Sojourners Care Network	Youth Crisis Response Team	SSO	Y
The Center for Individual and Family Services	Next Step	PH-PSH	
The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	Delaware County Permanent Supportive Housing for Families	PH-PSH	
Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Joey's Landing	PH-PSH	
Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Trumbull Shelter Plus Care Vouchers	PH-PSH	
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Crossroads Supportive Housing Program	TH	
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Almost Home	PH-RRH	
Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority	Transitions	TH	
Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority	Warren S+C	PH-PSH	
YWCA of Elyria	Women's Campus Project	TH	
YWCA of Elyria	Women In Secure Housing	PH-PSH	
YWCA Hamilton	Goodman Place PSH	PH-PSH	Y
<i>*These projects do not participate in HMIS. Recipients must submit an e-snaps APR to COHHIO in order to have performance evaluated and receive a project evaluation score.</i>			

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Ohio BoSCoC

PSH Projects

Reporting Period = 1/1/20 - 12/31/20

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source/Where Available
Project Participant Impact (Maximum Points = 16)			
Housing Stability			
% heads of household who were served in the date range and remained in project as of end of reporting period or exited to PH during the reporting period	≥90%	8	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥85% - <90%	6	
	≥80% - <85%	4	
	<80%	0	
Accessing Mainstream Resources and Income			
% adult participants who entered the project during the date range with 1+ source of non-cash benefits or health insurance at exit	≥85%	8	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	6	
	≥75% - <80%	4	
	<75%	0	
Meeting Community Need (Maximum Points = 39)			
Serving Those with More Severe Needs and Longest Homeless Histories			
% adult who entered project during the date range and came from streets/emergency shelter only	≥85%	8	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	6	
	≥75% - <80%	4	
	<75%	0	
% adult who entered project during the date range with no income	≥40%	6	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥37% - <40%	4	
	≥34% - <37%	2	
	<34%	0	
Median Homeless History Index score for adult who entered project during the date range who entered during the reporting period (Homeless History Index is based on number of past homeless episodes and total duration of homelessness)	6 - 7	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	5	9	
	3 - 4	8	
	2	5	
	1	2	
% entries of long-term homeless entries into PSH for adult participants who entered the project during the reporting period	≥90%	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥75% - <90%	8	
	≥50% - <75%	6	
	≥30% - <50%	4	
	≥20% - <30%	2	
% heads of household who entered the project during the date range and had a VI-SPDAT recorded in HMIS (excludes clients for whom a current episode of DV was reported or who reported as currently fleeing)	100%	5	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices (Maximum Points = 25)			
Housing First Practices		15	
<i>Removed Barriers to Entry (not not exhaustive)</i> *Minimum income and/or employment not required at entry *Sobriety and/or drug testing not required for entry *Past interaction with homeless services is not a reason for denial of assistance *Only violent and very recent criminal histories may be a reason for denial of assistance *People with greater needs are prioritized for assistance		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
Voluntary Supportive Services <i>(all the following practices must be documented and in place)</i> *The only requirement is participation in basic case management for purposes of developing and making progress on a housing plan *Participation in parenting classes, budgeting classes, AA, etc are all voluntary		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
Housing Focused Assistance <i>(all the following practices must be documented and in place)</i> *Primary goal of project is to move people into permanent housing, regardless of other personal issues or concerns *To the extent able, services and assistance are provided in an individualized manner based on client needs and desires		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted for review for Housing First compliance, 10 points will be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		minus 10 points	

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Prioritizing Chronically Homeless		10	
Program follows the Order of Priority for PSH Project Outlined in Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Program Standards (chronic dedicated projects will receive 5 points minimum; they will receive the full 10 points if their P&P demonstrate full compliance with the PSH Order of Priority outlined in the Program Standards)		10	Policies and Procedures submitted by grantee
<i>If required program documents are not submitted for review, 5 points will be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.</i>		<i>minus 5 points</i>	
Implementing racially equitable policies (may be evaluated in FY2022)		<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A in FY2021</i>
Coordinated Entry Compliance (Maximum Points = 5)			
Prioritization Workgroup Evidence			
Project staff participate in local Prioritization Workgroup meetings/processes and identify eligible households for prioritization through that workgroup/process only. Evidence of CE compliant prioritization process includes Prioritization Workgroup meeting notes, written confirmation from Prioritization Workgroup members, etc.		5	Evidence submitted by grantees
Project Capacity (Maximum Points = 5)			
HMIS Data Quality			
% of HMIS client records with errors			HMIS/Rm & Rme
0% errors		5	
> 0% and ≤ 2% errors		4	
> 2% and ≤ 5% errors		3	
> 5% and ≤ 8% errors		2	
> 8% and ≤ 10% errors		1	
> 10% errors		0	
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE (Maximum Points =)		90	

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TH Projects

Reporting Period = 1/1/20 - 12/31/20

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source
Project Participant Impact (Maximum Points = 33)		33	
Housing Stability			
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from TH to PH at exit	≥75%	13	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥70% - <75%	10	
	≥65% - <70%	7	
	<65%	0	
Accessing Mainstream Resources and Income			
% adults who moved into the project and exited during the date range with 1+ source of non-cash benefits or health insurance at exit	≥85%	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
Length of Time Homeless			
Households who moved into the project and exited during the date range: average length of stay in T	≤200 days	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	>200 - ≤240 days	7.5	
	>240 - ≤280 days	5	
	>280 days	0	
Meeting Community Need (Maximum Points = 37)		37	
Targeting Hard to Serve			
% adults who entered the project during the date range from streets/emergency shelter only	≥75%	12	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥71% - <75%	9	
	≥67% - <71%	6	
	<67%	0	
% adult who entered the project during the date range with no income	≥30%	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥27% - <30%	7.5	
	≥24% - <27%	5	
	<24%	0	
Median Homeless History Index score for adults who entered the project during the reporting period (Homeless History Index is based on number of past homeless episodes and total duration of homelessness)	4 - 7	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	3	8	
	2	7	
	1	5	
	0	0	
% head of households who entered the project during the date range and had a VI-SPDAT recorded in HMIS (excludes clients for whom a current episode of DV was reported or who reported as currently fleeing)	100%	5	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices (Maximum Points = 15)			
Housing First Practices		15	
Removed Barriers to Entry (<i>list not exhaustive</i>)		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
*Minimum income and/or employment not required at entry			
*Sobriety and/or drug testing not required for entry			
*Past interaction with homeless services is not a reason for denial of assistance			
*Only violent and very recent criminal histories may be a reason for denial of assistance			
*People with greater needs are prioritized for assistance			
Voluntary Supportive Services (<i>all the following practices must be documented and in place</i>)		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
*The only requirement is participation in basic case management for purposes of developing and making progress on a housing plan			
*Participation in parenting classes, budgeting classes, AA, etc are all voluntary			
Housing Focused Assistance (<i>all the following practices must be documented and in place</i>)		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
*Primary goal of project is to move people into permanent housing, regardless of other personal issues or concerns			
*To the extent able, services and assistance are provided in an individualized manner based on client needs and desires			
If required program documents are not submitted for review for Housing First compliance, 10 points will be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		minus 10 points	
Implementing racially equitable policies (may be evaluated in FY2022)		N/A	N/A in FY2021

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Project Capacity (Maximum Points = 5)				
HMIS Data Quality				
% of HMIS client records with errors				HMIS/Rm & Rme
	0% errors		5	
	> 0% and ≤ 2% errors		4	
	> 2% and ≤ 5% errors		3	
	> 5% and ≤ 8% errors		2	
	> 8% and ≤ 10% errors		1	
	> 10% errors		0	
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE (Maximum Points = 90)			90	

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Rapid Re-Housing Projects

Reporting Period = 1/1/20-12/31/20

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source
Project Participant Impact (Maximum Points = 33)		33	
Housing Stability			
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from RRH to PH at exit	≥75%	13	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥70% - <74%	10	
	≥65% - <69%	7	
	<65%	0	
Accessing Mainstream Resources and Income			
% adults who moved into the project and exited during the date range with 1+ source of non-cash benefits or health insurance at exit	≥85%	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
Length of Time Homeless			
Households who moved into the project and exited during the date range: Average length of stay in RRH	≤24 months	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
Meeting Community Need (Maximum Points = 37)		37	
Targeting Hard to Serve			
% adults who entered the project during the date range from streets/emergency shelter only	≥85%	12	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	9	
	≥75% - <80%	6	
	<75%	0	
% adults who entered the project during the date range with no income	≥40%	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	≥37% - <40%	7.5	
	≥34% - <37%	5	
	<34%	0	
Median Homeless History Index score for adults who entered the project during the reporting period (Homeless History Index is based on number of past homeless episodes and total duration of homelessness)	4 - 7	10	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	3	8	
	2	7	
	1	5	
% heads of household who entered the project during the date range and had a VI-SPDAT recorded in HMIS (excludes clients for whom a current episode of DV was reported or who reported as currently fleeing)	0	0	HMIS/Rm & Rme
	100%	5	
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices (Maximum Points = 15)			
Housing First Practices		15	
Removed Barriers to Entry (not exhaustive)			
*Minimum income and/or employment not required at entry *Sobriety and/or drug testing not required for entry *Past interaction with homeless services is not a reason for denial of assistance *Only violent and very recent criminal histories may be a reason for denial of assistance *People with greater needs are prioritized for assistance		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
Voluntary Supportive Services (all the following practices must be documented and in place)			
*The only requirement is participation in basic case management for purposes of developing and making progress on a housing plan *Participation in parenting classes, budgeting classes, AA, etc are all voluntary		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
Housing Focused Assistance (all the following practices must be documented and in place)			
*Primary goal of project is to move people into permanent housing, regardless of other personal issues or concerns *To the extent able, services and assistance are provided in an individualized manner based on client needs and desires		up to 5 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted for review for Housing First compliance, 10 points will be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		minus 10 points	
Implementing racially equitable policies (may be evaluated in FY2022)		N/A	N/A in FY2021

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Project Capacity (Maximum Points = 5)				
HMIS Data Quality				
% of HMIS client records with errors				HMIS/Rm & Rme
	0% errors		5	
	> 0% and ≤ 2% errors		4	
	> 2% and ≤ 5% errors		3	
	> 5% and ≤ 8% errors		2	
	> 8% and ≤ 10% errors		1	
	> 10% errors		0	
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE (Maximum Points = 90)			90	

APPENDIX C: HMIS Data Quality Information for the 2021 CoC Project Evaluation Process

On May 7, 2021 the COHHIO HMIS team will use the Project Evaluation Report in R minor elevated (Rme) to check aggregate Data Quality data for 1/1/2020 through 12/31/2020 for all HMIS participating Ohio BoSCoC renewing CoC projects. The Project Evaluation Report only looks at Clients with an Issue Type of “Error” or “High Priority”, except for “Overlapping Entry Exit”, which is a High Priority issue but doesn’t impact the project evaluation process. The report will not count any Issue Types of “Warning” against the provider or project.

Users are expected to be sure their Data Quality in R minor elevated is as free of High Priority issues and Errors (minus Overlaps) as possible by 11:59pm on May 6th. The dataset used will be saved for auditing purposes, but will not be shared with users unless there is an appeal in regards to the Data Quality score.

HMIS users should be sure they have their Data Quality reports clear of Missing Data (except for Destination) including Income, Non-Cash, Health Insurance, Disabilities, Duplicate Entry/Exits, Incorrect Entry/Exit Types, Children Only Households, and Missing Head of Households by 11:59pm on May 6th, 2021.

Scoring HMIS Data Quality

A maximum of five (5) points are available for the HMIS Data Quality item in the project evaluation process. The breakdown of those five points is as follows:

Add the number of Clients with either an Issue Type of “High Priority” (minus Overlapping Entry Exits) or “Error” and divide that sum by the total number of clients served during 2020:

- If the agency has 0%, they will get all 5 points.
- If the agency has greater than 0% and up to 2%, the agency will get 4 of the 5 points.
- If the agency has greater than 2% and up to 5%, the agency will get 3 of the 5 points.
- If the agency has greater than 5% and up to 8%, the agency will get 2 of the 5 points.
- If the agency has greater than 8% and up to 10%, the agency will get 1 of the 5 points.
- If the agency has greater than 10%, the agency will get 0 of the 5 points.

Clients Served:

Includes all clients served during the reporting period, including those who entered a RRH or PSH project but never moved in.

APPENDIX D: Implementing Best Practices

Renewing CoC projects are evaluated on implementation of Housing First practices and prioritizing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds for the chronically homeless. This appendix provides pertinent information related to what projects/recipients need to understand, have in place, and submit in order to be considered for those points.

Projects should refer to *Appendix F: Housing First and PSH Prioritization Evaluation List* to review their FY2019 Housing First and chronically homeless prioritization scores to see if their project is required to submit documents for the FY2021 CoC Competition project evaluation process. **Failure to submit required program documents will result in points being deducted from the project evaluation score.**

Housing First Practices

Housing First is a model of housing assistance that centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible, and then providing services as needed. Assistance is offered without preconditions or service participation requirements. Implementation of Housing First practices is required for all CoC funded projects in the Ohio BoSCoC. You can find the Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Program Standards, which outline these requirements, here: <https://cohio.org/boscoc/gov-pol/#documents>

Housing First projects share critical elements:

- A focus on helping individuals and families access and sustain permanent housing as quickly as possible without time limits.
- A variety of services delivered to promote housing stability and individual well-being on an as-needed basis; client participation in these services is voluntary.
- A standard lease agreement – housing is not contingent on compliance with services
 - Although standard leases between program participants and landlords may not exist for TH projects, some kind of occupancy or sub-occupancy agreement must be in place, at minimum
- A focus on reducing barriers to project entry, including:
 - Sobriety is not a requirement upon entry
 - Drug testing is not required upon entry
 - Minimum income level is not required upon entry
 - Employment is not required upon entry

When evaluating for Housing First practices implementation, CoC staff will review program documents for evidence of the following:

Low Barriers to Entry

- Project admission is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income, health/mental health history, medication adherence, criminal justice record (within reason), financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, 'housing readiness', or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law.
- Past clients of homeless programs are not denied assistance based on past usage of services (unless required by law)
- Project admissions process is not overly burdensome to clients by requiring, for example, completion of unnecessary paperwork, or sharing of applicant documents/information that are neither required by HUD nor directly relevant to project eligibility or prioritization efforts
- Project has policies that outline some method for prioritizing for assistance those persons with greater levels of need and/or greater barriers

Provision of Services that are Individualized and Voluntary

- Participation in supportive services (other than regular case management for purposes of ongoing needs assessment and housing plan development/progress) is voluntary, and access to housing is not contingent on compliance with services or a treatment plan
- Service planning is individualized and driven by client needs and desires

Housing Focused

- Project intake processes and general policies and procedures are focused on moving applicants/clients into housing as quickly as possible

- The overall focus of the project is on helping clients obtain and move into housing quickly, and providing supports and services to help them retain housing
- All services offered/provided are first and foremost centered around helping clients obtain and retain housing
- Leases and occupancy agreements do not include provisions that would not be found in a standard rental agreement

Reasonable Termination of Assistance Policies

- Project avoids involuntary termination of assistance to clients whenever possible. This includes having policies in place that require the project to make multiple attempts to try to engage clients and/or provide ongoing assistance

Submitting Evidence of Housing First Practices

All renewing CoC projects must submit ***all of the following items*** to be evaluated on the Housing First item:

1. Formal written project policies and procedures documents
2. Blank project intake and/or assessment forms
3. Client responsibility documents, rules, participant handbook, etc.
4. Blank individualized service planning documents
5. Blank rental/occupancy/lease agreements (or sub-occupancy/sub-lease agreements)

All of the documents listed above must be submitted to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by April 23, 2021.

Failure to submit ANY of the documents referenced above may result in 10 points being deducted from the project evaluation score. If your project does not have one of the above-mentioned items as part of its formal project documents, you should indicate which items are lacking and why.

Prioritizing PSH Beds for Chronically Homeless

Prioritizing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds for chronically homeless persons means that the PSH project is actively assessing for and documenting chronic homeless status and that the project places those chronically homeless persons into their PSH beds as a priority before other eligible but non-chronically homeless persons. You can find the Ohio BoSCoC Homeless Program Standards, which outline the requirements to prioritize chronically homeless households, here: <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/gov-pol/#documents>

PSH projects that are prioritizing chronically homeless persons within their project have the following policies/processes in place:

- Assess for chronic homeless status during intake
 - Collect information on length of time on the streets, in emergency shelter, hotel/motel paid for by an agency or faith-based voucher, or safe haven
 - Collect information about disability status
- Document chronic homeless status
 - Collect third-party written verification of previous homeless episodes that contribute to the length of time homeless determination
 - Or, if self-certification or other types of documentation are used, provide evidence of due diligence to collect third party written verification of previous homeless episodes
 - Collect documentation of disability status that confirms the disability is of long-continuing or indefinite duration
- Have policies and procedures in place that outline how chronically homeless persons are prioritized and placed into PSH beds, following the Coordinated Entry prioritization process.

Submitting Evidence of Chronically Homeless Prioritization

All PSH projects that are required to submit evidence of chronically homeless prioritization must submit ***all of the following items*** to be evaluated on the chronically homeless prioritization item:

1. Formal written project policies and procedures documents
2. Blank Project intake and/or assessment forms
3. Blank Homeless verification forms

4. Blank Disability verification forms

All of the documents listed above must be submitted to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by April 23, 2021.

Failure to submit ANY of the documents referenced above may result in 5 points being deducted from the project evaluation score.

APPENDIX E: Homeless History Index

The Project Evaluation Workgroup created the Homeless History Index as a means to evaluate projects on how well they are prioritizing client households with longer homeless histories and/or more episodes of homelessness. The Homeless History Index looks at the Number of Times Homeless, Number of Months Homeless, and Approximate Date Homelessness Started data elements to determine the median index score. The scores range from 1 for first time homeless, to 7, which would indicate a chronic or long-term homeless household. The total Homeless History Index score reflects the median homeless history index score for every Head of Household that entered a project during the reporting period.

In order for this index to be a meaningful measure of the homeless histories of the households you house, please be sure that your HMIS data is clear of any household issues and that their assessment data is being updated to account for changes to their situation since the last time they were assessed in HMIS. When the Length of Time Homeless questions are already filled in it is easy to assume they are correct, but the household may have experienced another episode of homelessness that is not being accounted for. It is important that all assessment questions are updated if anything changed since the household's last assessment in HMIS.

Please see *Appendix B: Project Evaluation Specifications and Points Structure* for detailed information about how the median Homeless History Index scores is evaluated.

Score	Number Times Homeless	Number Months Homeless	Approximate Date > 1 year previous to now
5	Missing	12;More than 12 months (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
6	One time (HUD)	12;More than 12 months (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
6	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	12;More than 12 months (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
7	Four or more times (HUD)	12;More than 12 months (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	Missing	2;3;4	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	One time (HUD)	2;3;4	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	2;3;4	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
3	Four or more times (HUD)	2;3;4	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
3	Missing	5;6;7;8	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
3	One time (HUD)	5;6;7;8	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
4	Four or more times (HUD)	5;6;7;8	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
4	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	5;6;7;8	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
4	Missing	9;10;11	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
5	One time (HUD)	9;10;11	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
5	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	9;10;11	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
6	Four or more times (HUD)	9;10;11	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
0	Missing	Missing	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
1	One time (HUD)	Missing	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
1	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	Missing	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	Four or more times (HUD)	Missing	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
1	Missing	One month (this time is the first month) (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
1	One time (HUD)	One month (this time is the first month) (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	Four or more times (HUD)	One month (this time is the first month) (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"
2	Two times (HUD);Three times (HUD)	One month (this time is the first month) (HUD)	If yes, then 7, otherwise "Score"

APPENDIX F: Housing First and PSH Prioritization Evaluation List

-Projects that are required to submit documentation (as indicated by "YES") but fail to do so will have points deducted from their project evaluation score.

Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Housing First (All projects)		Chronic Homeless Prioritization (PSH Projects)	
			2019	2021	2019	2021
			HF Points Awarded in 2019 (15 max)	HF Documents Submission Required in 2021	CH Prioritization Points Awarded in 2019 (10 max)	CH Prioritization Documents Submission Required in 2021
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties	Tuscarawas County TRA	PH-PSH	12	No	10	No
Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board of Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties	Recovery Begins at Home	PH-PSH	12	No	10	No
Allen Metropolitan Housing Authority	Allen Shelter Plus Care Vouchers	PH-PSH	7	YES	10	No
Appleseed Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Appleseed RRH	PH-RRH	13	No	n/a	n/a
Ashtabula County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board	Ashtabula Shelter Plus Care Vouchers for homeless persons with mental illness	PH-PSH	7	YES	7	YES
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority	Athens Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Athens Metropolitan Housing Authority	Athens Serenity Village SAMI Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Battered Women's Shelter of Summit and Medina Counties	DV Bonus RRH Project for Ohio BoSCoC	PH-RRH	n/a	YES	n/a	YES
Butler County	PSH Butler County	PH-PSH	0	YES	10	No
City of Marietta, Ohio/PHA	Marietta/Washington Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	10	No	10	No
City of Springfield, Ohio	Springfield Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	14	No	10	No
Coleman Professional Services	Coleman PSH	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
Coleman Professional Services	Jefferson County Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
Columbiana County Mental Health Clinic dba The Counseling Center	Permanent Housing for Persons with Disabilities	PH-PSH	14	No	10	No
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority	Columbiana MHA Shelter Plus Care 1	PH-PSH	14	No	10	No
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority	Columbiana Free Choice II - The Counseling Center	PH-PSH	14	No	10	No
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP TH	TH	n/a	No	n/a	No
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP SSO	SSO	n/a	No	n/a	No
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP RRH	PH-RRH	n/a	No	n/a	No
Community Action Agency of Columbiana County, Inc.	Region 6 YHDP CE	PH-RRH	n/a	No	n/a	No
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Fayette Landing	PH-PSH	14	No	7	No
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Stable Futures	PH-PSH	n/a	YES	n/a	YES
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	CAC Permanent Supportive Housing (aka: Destination HOME)	PH-PSH	15	No	7	No
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Empowerment Center	TH-RRH	n/a	No	n/a	No
Community Action Commission of Fayette County	Fayette Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	14	No	8	No
Family & Community Services	Ravenna Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	11	No	6	YES
Family & Community Services, Inc.	Portage Area Transitional Housing 3	TH	13	No	n/a	n/a
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Family Abuse Shelter PSH	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Miami County Family RRH	PH-RRH	10	No	n/a	n/a
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Miami County SPC	PH-PSH	9	No	6	No
Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, Inc.	Supportive Opportunity & Services	TH	8	YES	n/a	n/a
Findlay Hope House for the Homeless, Inc	Able Housing	PH-PSH	14	No	8	No

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Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services	SPC Geauga County TRA	PH-PSH	8	YES	6	No
Geauga County Board of Mental Health & Recovery Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	8	YES	6	No
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Homenet PSH Consolidated	PH-PSH	15	No	8	No
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Homenet Permanent Supportive Housing Program - DV	PH-PSH	15	No	8	No
Great Lakes Community Action Partnership	WSOS Rapid ReHousing Conversion	PH-RRH	n/a	YES	n/a	No
HM Housing Development Corp	Faith House II	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Hocking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Hocking Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	0	YES	10	No
Hocking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Region 17 Tenant-Based Permanent Supportive Housing Program	PH-PSH	0	YES	10	No
Integrated Community Enterprises	Charles Place	PH-PSH	11	No	8	No
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	Graham Drive Family Housing	PH-PSH	11	No	8	No
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	YHDP RRH	PH-RRH	n/a	YES	na	na
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield	Permanent Housing with Supportive Services	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Interfaith Hospitality Network of Springfield	Saint Vincent House	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Ironton Lawrence County Area CAO, Inc.	Lawrence County One-Stop TRA	TH	12	No	n/a	n/a
Jefferson County Community Action Council	Supportive Housing Program	PH-PSH	10	No	10	No
Knox Metropolitan Housing Authority	Knox County TRA	PH-PSH	11	No	10	No
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board	Lake SPC Combined	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board	McKinley Grove	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Lawrence County Port Authority	Lawrence One-Stop Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	12	No	10	No
Licking County Coalition for Housing	LCCH Transitional Housing	TH	8	YES	n/a	n/a
Licking County Coalition for Housing	LCCH Rapid Re-Housing	PH-RRH	8	YES	n/a	n/a
Licking County Coalition for Housing	Rapid Re-Housing Ohio	PH-RRH	11	No	n/a	n/a
Licking County Coalition for Housing	Region 9 RRH	PH-RRH		YES	na	na
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Shelter Plus Care Vouchers 2	PH-PSH	11	No	10	No
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Licking Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	11	No	10	No
Licking Metropolitan Housing Authority	Shelter Plus Care Chronic	PH-PSH	11	No	10	No
Lorain County Board of Mental Health	Lorain Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	14	No	8	No
Lutheran Social Services	Fairfield County S+C	PH-PSH	0	YES	9	No
Medina County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board	Northland II	PH-PSH	9	No	7	No
Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority	Medina County TRA	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Ashland County	Beginning Anew	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County	I'm Home	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Mental Health & Recovery Board of Union County	Shelter Plus Care Union County	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Logan/Champaign Housing	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Family Housing	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No

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Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board (Logan & Champaign)	Madriver/Park Street	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
New Housing Ohio, Inc.	Warren County Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
New Sunrise Properties, Inc.	Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	14	No	10	No
Northwest Ohio Community Action Commission	NOCAC PSH	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
OneEighty, Inc	PSH Plus Care	PH-PSH	13	No	10	No
Portage Metropolitan Housing Authority	Portage Shelter Plus Care	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Prestwick Square	PH-PSH	10	No	7	No
Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Prestwick Square 2	PH-PSH	10	No	7	No
Project Woman of Springfield and Clark County	Reign of Renewal	PH-RRH	11	No	n/a	n/a
Residential Administrators, Inc.	Residential Administrators PSH	PH-PSH	15	No	10	No
Sojourners Care Network	Generation Now PSH	PH-PSH	15	No	7	No
Sojourners Care Network	Youth Crisis Transitional Housing	TH	n/a	YES	n/a	n/a
Sojourners Care Network	Youth Crisis Response Team	SSO	n/a	YES	n/a	n/a
The Center for Individual and Family Services	Next Step	PH-PSH	5	YES	6	YES
The Salvation Army, a New York Corporation	Delaware County Permanent Supportive Housing for Families	PH-PSH	9	No	10	No
Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Joey's Landing	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board	Trumbull Shelter Plus Care Vouchers	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Crossroads Supportive Housing Program	TH	12	No	n/a	n/a
Volunteers of America of Greater Ohio, Inc.	Almost Home	PH-RRH	13	No	n/a	n/a
Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority	Warren S+C	PH-PSH	10	No	8	No
Warren Metropolitan Housing Authority	Transitions	TH	12	No	n/a	n/a
YWCA of Elyria	Women In Secure Housing	PH-PSH	12	No	10	No
YWCA of Elyria	Women's Campus Project	TH	12	No	n/a	n/a
YWCA of Hamilton	Goodman Place PSH	PH-PSH	na	No	na	No