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1. Overview of CoC Program and CoC Competition
2. Requirements for CoC Competition
3. Ohio BoSCoC FY2023 CoC Competition Policies, Priorities, and Goals
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5. Request for New Project Proposals
6. Timelines

Overview of CoC Program

HUD, the largest federal program to assist households experiencing homelessness, awards nearly $3 billion through the annual CoC Competition.

Ohio BoSCoC is awarded approximately $23 million annually.

ODOD and COHHIO

ODOD, 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 process.

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CoC Competition Requirements

1. CoCs must operate collaborative process for development of project applications.
2. CoCs must establish priorities for funding projects.
3. CoCs must designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit combined information for all project applicants.

CoC Competition Requirements

4. CoCs must develop the CoC application.
5. CoCs must develop a ranked project listing.
6. CoCs must submit the consolidated application package to HUD by the deadline.

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Goals for FY2023 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
Goals for FY2023
CoC Competition

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.

Goals for FY2023
CoC Competition

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.
  - Consider unresolved HUD monitoring findings when making final ranking decisions for the lowest ranking projects.

FY2023 CoC Competition
Policies

Reallocation Policy
- Voluntary Reallocation
- Involuntary Reallocation

FY2023 CoC Competition
Policies

Voluntary Reallocation
- Current CoC grantees may voluntarily given up grant awards in order to create new projects of another type or to return to the CoC to fund new projects.
- Notify CoC of your interest in voluntary reallocation by May 1, 2023.
FY2023 CoC Competition Policies

Involuntary Reallocation

- Renewing CoC projects receiving less than 70% of total available project evaluation points are not automatically eligible to renew CoC funding and may be subject to involuntary reallocation.

To avoid involuntary reallocation, low-scoring CoC project grantees should do the following:

- Submit an Improvement Action Plan (IAP) by deadline
- Identify factors contributing to low project evaluation score
- Outline plan and timeline to address performance or compliance issues

Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee and CoC Board will determine which low-scoring renewal projects will be permitted to renew funding based on the IAP and the following considerations:

- Impact of loss of CoC funding on the local community
- Historical performance of the project
- Past or current CoC compliance issues
- Organization’s capacity for change

CoC team may provide ongoing TA to low-scoring projects.
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Renewal Project Evaluation

Purpose and Process
- Determines which projects best meet CoC and HUD goals and priorities
- Informs rank order of projects
- Identifies projects in consideration for involuntary reallocation

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

Which projects are evaluated?
- Projects renewing CoC Program funding in 2023
  - Exceptions for projects operating less than 9 months and for YHDP projects
  - Project list included in the FY2023 CoC Competition Guide

Renewing CoC Projects are evaluated and scored on the following:

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

Reporting Period
January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022
Project Evaluation Measures

Housing Stability

• Exits to or retention of permanent housing
• Rapid placement into housing

Accessing Mainstream Resources

• Non-cash benefits
• Increasing Income

Project Participant Impact

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

Meeting Community Need

Median Homeless History Index Score

• Custom measure that 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 at least four episodes of homelessness in three years. The cumulative total equals at least 12 months or 12 months of continuous homelessness.

Implementing Best Practices

Housing First Practices and Chronic Prioritization

• All grantees must submit Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for review
• Failure to submit SOPs will result in 10-point deduction from project evaluation score
Project Evaluation Measures

Implementing Best Practices

Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity

• Narrative response describing the analysis to identify any disparities in the provision and outcomes of services as compared to the racial/ethnic make-up of those experiencing homelessness and the action plan developed.
• Failure to submit narratives will result in 2-point deduction from project evaluation score

Project Evaluation Measures

Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity Narratives:

• The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data shows.
  • If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial disparities in your project, provide the completed tool as your response to #1.
  • Description of how you assessed your project to determine what programmatic barriers to entry might exist for potential clients. This type of assessment could involve surveys of past clients, interviews with people who have experienced homelessness in your system, and/or discussions with direct service staff to identify possible barriers.
• What, if any, disparities were identified in enrollments, outcomes, or barriers to entry.
• If disparities were identified, describe the action steps the project will take to address those disparities and the plan and timeline for taking those steps.
• Describe how the project will conduct disparities analyses on an ongoing, regular basis.

CoC Program Compliance

Compliance with CoC Program Rule

• All grantees must submit Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for review.
• Failure to submit SOPs will result in 25-point deduction from project evaluation score.
Project Evaluation Measures

CoC Program Compliance

Compliance with CoC Program Rule

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Coordinated Entry Compliance

Adherence to CE Prioritization Process

- PSH projects evaluated on the use of Prioritization Workgroups to make prioritization decision for PSH openings
- To demonstrate compliance, projects must submit:
  - Prioritization Workgroup meeting notes, documented communications re: workgroup meetings, or a written statement from workgroup members

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)

Timely APR Submission

- Each APR that has not been submitted on time, or has been rejected by HUD, will result in a deduction of 5 points from total project evaluation score
Renewal Project Evaluation

Data Sources

HMIS
- BoSiCoC Competition tab (in R minor)

Provider Documents
- Annual Performance Reports (APR) for victim services providers
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Additional docs for HF and chronic prioritization review
- Racial Disparities Analysis and Narratives
- Coordinated Entry Compliance Documentation

Check R minor and R minor elevated to ensure HMIS data accuracy.

Bed Utilization Report

Data Quality

Project Evaluation/CoC Competition

Make sure that your Bed Utilization data looks accurate for 2022.

Address all data quality issues that are either High Priority or Errors (at the very least).

Ensure that the data being used for your point calculations is accurate.

Renewal Project Evaluation

HMIS Data Quality Measured in Two Ways:
1. \( \frac{(\text{Number of Errors} + \text{the number of High Priority issues}^*)}{\text{total clients served during 2022}} \) 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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|                   |                     |                             |
| Nondup            | Non-Cash Benefits Missing at Entry, Conflicting Non-Cash Benefits, 
|                   |                     |                             |
| Length of Time Homeless | Missing "Residence" "Prior", Missing "Months at Time Homeless", Incomplete Living Situation Date, 
|                   |                     |                             |
|                   | Household History Index, Long Term Homeless, 

It is VERY IMPORTANT that you check this as soon as possible and report anything you don’t understand to hmis@cohhio.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 2, 2023.

Renewal Project Evaluation and Preliminary Project Ranking

- Project evaluation results inform project ranking
- Projects not receiving at least 70% of points will be contacted and may be subject to involuntary reallocation policy

Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Preliminary Project Ranking released on May 24, 2023
- Grantees with projects not receiving at least 70% of available project evaluation points are notified.
- Improvement Action Plans (IAPs) from low-scoring projects are due to ohiobosco@cohhio.org by June 9, 2023
- Decisions about involuntary reallocation are made after CoC Competition opens

Appealing Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Appeals for project evaluation results should be submitted via email to ohiobosco@cohhio.org by June 5, 2023
- Decisions about appeals communicated by June 6, 2023
Renewal Project Applications

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

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New Project Eligibility

New Projects

Eligible Applicants
• Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not)

Eligible Project Types
• RRH
• PSH
• TH (not encouraged)
• Joint TH-RRH

Funding Opportunities

• Voluntary Reallocation
• Tax Credit PSH
• Leveraging PHA or healthcare provider partnerships
• DV Bonus
• General New Projects
Funding Opportunities

Voluntary Reallocation
Eligible Applicants
• Current CoC recipients only
• Transitional Housing
Project Type Limitations
• Can only convert to Rapid Re-Housing or Permanent Supportive Housing
Funding Request Limitations
• Level funding requests only
• Grant Term = 1 year

Funding Opportunities

Tax Credit PSH
Eligible Applicants
• Applicants whose tax credit project was already identified as the Ohio BoSCoC’s highest priority for 2023-2024 Housing Tax Credit application
Funding Request Limitations
• New PSH project funding only
• Grant Term = 1 year

Funding Opportunities

Leveraging PHA or Healthcare Partnerships
Eligible Applicants
• Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not)
Eligible Project Types
• RRH
• PSH
• TH (unlikely)
• Joint TH-RRH
Funding Request Limitations
• Grant Term = 1 year

Funding Opportunities

DV Bonus
Eligible Applicants
• Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not) with experience working with survivors of domestic violence and using Trauma Informed approaches
Eligible Project Types
• RRH
• Joint TH-RRH
Funding Request Limitations
• Grant Term = 1 year
New Project Applications

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

Funding Request Limitations
• Grant Term = 1 year
• Applications for projects located in priority geographies will be more competitive

Submission Process
New Project Proposal
• Use required form – Due 5/17/23
New Project Application
• Selected new projects will be invited to submit a New Project Application after the CoC Competition opens

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<td>Improvement Action Plans (IAPs) due to <a href="mailto:ohioboscoc@cohhio.org">ohioboscoc@cohhio.org</a></td>
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**Additional Resources**

- **HUD**
  
  [https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cooc/](https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cooc/)

- **COHHIO**
  Ohio BoSCoC: FY2023 CoC Competition Guide
  [https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/](https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/)

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