FY2023 CoC Competition Guide

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

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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 Department of Development (ODOD), as the Collaborative Applicant for the Ohio BoSCoC. In this role, ODOD is responsible for submitting the annual consolidated application for CoC Program funding on behalf of the Ohio BoSCoC. In turn, ODOD 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 (ODOD) 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 over $20 million annually for new and renewing homeless programs, representing over 100 transitional and permanent housing programs across 80 counties.

Target Audience

The 2023 CoC competition plan and timeline is only applicable to HUD CoC-funded projects renewing their CoC project funding in 2023, 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 2023 CoC Competition, including the following:

- Priorities for new and renewal projects
- Key CoC Program policies for the Ohio BoSCoC
- The renewal project evaluation process and timeline
- The process for completion of the 2023 Ohio BoSCoC consolidated application
- Preliminary priorities for ranking renewal and new CoC projects in the consolidated application

Goals and Priorities for the Ohio BoSCoC CoC Competition

The Ohio BoSCoC Board has identified the following funding priorities for the 2023 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

In addition, the CoC Board has identified the following goal and priorities to guide final ranking of new and renewal projects in the 2023 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
    - The CoC may consider unresolved HUD monitoring findings when making final ranking decisions for low scoring projects

Reallocation Policy and Process

The Ohio BoSCoC uses two different processes for reallocating CoC Program funding from renewal projects to new CoC projects – a voluntary reallocation process and involuntary reallocation process.

Voluntary Reallocation

Any renewal CoC project may voluntarily give up their grant funding, in part or in whole, to have it reallocated to a new eligible/allowable project. If the agency seeking to go through a voluntary reallocation would like to retain the CoC Program funds for a new project of another type (sometimes referred to as a project conversion), that agency will need to submit a new project application per the process outlined later in this document.

Otherwise, any new projects funded by dollars coming from a voluntary reallocation will be determined by the CoC's regular new project scoring and ranking process.

CoC grantees interested in voluntarily reallocating their funds should communicate their plans to the CoC team by May 1, 2023.

Involuntary Reallocation

The Ohio BoSCoC may involuntarily reallocate CoC Program funding from renewal projects if significant performance or CoC program compliance issues are identified in the project evaluation process.

Project Evaluation Scoring Threshold

Renewing CoC projects that have a final project evaluation score that is less than 70% of the total project evaluation points available in the 2023 project evaluation process (see appendix for project evaluation scoring details) are not automatically eligible to renew their projects and are at risk of having their funding involuntarily reallocated. Those projects not meeting the scoring threshold who would like to renew their funding will be required to develop and submit to the CoC team an Improvement Action Plan (IAP).

Following release of final project evaluation scores, CoC staff will send communications to CoC project grantees falling under the 70% scoring threshold and at risk of involuntary funding reallocation that outlines the requirements of IAP submission.

Improvement Action Plan

The IAP submitted by projects not meeting the project evaluation score threshold should include the following:
- The intention of the grantee to voluntarily reallocate their funding, or attempt to renew funding
- If seeking to renew funding, the grantee must provide the following information:
  - Reason for low project evaluation score

- - - Action plan and timeline to address the performance or compliance issues that led to the low score
  - IAPs must be submitted by the deadline identified in the CoC Competition Timeline

Reallocation Determinations
Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee and CoC staff will review IAPs and make *preliminary* reallocation recommendations to the CoC Board. The Steering Committee's review and determination will include, but is not limited to, impact of project loss or retention on the CoC and local communities, past performance, past monitoring or TA issues, capacity for change. The review will also take into consideration the project ranking goal and priorities. Preliminary reallocation decisions will be communicated in writing to impacted grantees by the date identified in the CoC Competition Timeline.

When making preliminary reallocation recommendations, the Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee will identify projects that are permitted to submit conditional renewal applications. This means the renewing grantee's IAP has been sufficient for the CoC to potentially allow them to renew funding, pending the total availability of funding for all new and renewal projects as announced by the release of the annual CoC Competition and NOFO. Final decisions and communications re: which low scoring renewal projects will be ranked in the CoC's Project Listing will be shared after the CoC Competition opens.

As needed, Ohio BoSCoC staff may target low scoring renewal projects for CoC Program compliance monitoring or technical assistance after the CoC Competition to help them further identify and address areas needing improvement.

Projects receiving at least 70% of total project evaluation points available are permitted to automatically renew CoC project funding.

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.

A complete list of projects eligible for renewal in the FY2023 CoC Competition can be found in Appendix A. Details about the project evaluation specifications and points structure can be found in Appendix B.

You can find more detailed information about selected project evaluation items in the following sections.

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). The report only calculates project performance based on most 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.

Serving Households with Most Severe Needs and Longest Homeless Histories
The Ohio BoSCoC reviews 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 reviews 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.

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 reporting period received one 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 release of the project evaluation data in Rme. Recipients can review their project performance and HMIS data quality via Rme on an ongoing basis. Please email hmis@cohhio.org for any needed assistance.

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, including grant transfers, 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.

Projects funded by the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) will be ranked within Tier 1. However, these projects should still submit program policies for evaluation for CoC Program compliance and Housing First practices, and should submit responses related to how they are analyzing and assessing racial disparities and advancing race equity.

Non-HMIS Participating Providers' Project Evaluation

CoC staff review *Annual Performance Report* (APR) data for the reporting 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 4/28/23 to CoC staff at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

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 2023 can be found in Appendix A.

Housing First Practices and Chronic Homelessness Prioritization
All renewing CoC grantees must submit their project's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that guide their CoC project implementation, along with several other project-level documents. The CoC will review and score the policies on use of Housing First practices and, for PSH projects only, for evidence of procedures that support prioritization of chronically homeless.

Please notes, failure to submit SOPs will result in a 10 to 15 point deduction from the overall project evaluation score.

Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity
In 2023, the CoC will evaluate all project types on how the grantees analyzed and addressed racial disparities. Grantees must provide proof of analysis through the submission of narrative responses showing how data and non-data sources were used to analyze racial disparities that exist within the projects, as well as details on how the project will take action steps to address identified disparities. The CoC has made a sample analysis template with detailed instructions available as an option to aid in this analysis. Please note that the provided assessment tool is not required, and grantees are welcome to conduct their own analyses. Grantees must submit the following to demonstrate compliance with analyzing and addressing racial disparities:

- 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. Narrative response should include the following at minimum:
  1) The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data shows.
     a. 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.
  2) 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.
  3) What, if any, disparities were identified in enrollments, outcomes, or barriers to entry.
  4) 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.
  5) Describe how the project will conduct disparities analyses on an ongoing, regular basis.

CoC Program Compliance
In 2023, the Ohio BoSCoC will evaluate all renewal CoC projects on compliance with HUD's CoC Program Rule. CoC staff will evaluate compliance by reviewing project policies and procedures against key sections of the CoC Program Rule. Details about the sections of the CoC Program Rule that projects will be evaluated on, as well as a detailed scoring tool, can be found in the appendix.

Please note, grantees failing to submit their policies and procedures for review will have 25 points deducted from their project evaluation score for CoC Compliance. This point deduction is on top of the 15 point deduction that also applies if a project grantee fails to submit policies and procedures for evaluation on Housing First compliance and chronic homeless prioritization.

Coordinated Entry Compliance
The Ohio BoSCoC evaluates PSH projects on compliance with the Coordinated Entry prioritization process, namely the use of Prioritization Workgroups to make prioritization decisions for PSH openings. Grantees 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
     Grantees must submit *one* of the following as evidence of compliance with the Ohio BoSCoC CE prioritization process:
       o Meeting notes from a Prioritization Workgroup meeting that occurred in June 2022 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 2022 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 2022 Prioritization Workgroup meeting

Checklist of Documents that Providers Must Submit for Project Evaluation

Due Date	Document

4/28/23	• Renewal Project Applicants
	    ○ Non-HMIS Participating Applicants submit APRs for CY2022 reporting period
	    ○ Project Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
	        ▪ Will be evaluated for Housing First evidence, chronic homeless prioritization (PSH projects only), and compliance with the CoC Program Rule
	    ○ Additional documents that will be evaluated for Housing First evidence and chronic homeless prioritization
	        ▪ Client responsibility documents, rules, participant handbook, etc.
	        ▪ Blank individualized service planning documents
	        ▪ Blank rental/occupancy/lease agreements (or sub-occupancy/sub-lease agreements)
	        ▪ Blank Project intake and/or assessment forms
	        ▪ Blank Homeless verification forms
	        ▪ Blank Disability verification forms
	    ○ CE Compliance documentation (all PSH projects)
	    ○ Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity narratives (all projects)

Renewal CoC Project Ranking

After completing all project evaluations, CoC staff will 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 CoC Board will not make final ranking or funding recommendations until HUD releases the FY2023 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The CoC NOFO 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 according to the timeline identified below. Late appeals will not be considered.

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

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

Request for Proposals for New Projects

In FY2023, the Ohio BoSCoC is seeking new project proposals, via the following opportunities (pending CoC Program funding availability):
- Renewal TH projects voluntarily reallocating funding to create new RRH or PSH
- New PSH projects awarded tax credits
- New projects that leverage partnerships with local housing authorities or healthcare providers
- New DV Bonus projects
- New RRH, TH, Joint TH-RRH, and PSH projects

More details about each of these opportunities are below.

Voluntary Reallocation Opportunity
Current Transitional Housing (TH) project grantees have the opportunity to voluntarily reallocate their current renewal project funding for purposes of creating a new RRH or PSH project type (previously called a project conversion opportunity).

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

Applicants seeking new project funding via a voluntary reallocation are permitted to request more in new project funding than their reallocated project had been awarded. However, new projects created through voluntary reallocation that request funding closer to the amount of reallocated grant, may be more likely to be ranked more competitively.

Please note, new projects created through voluntary reallocation should be treated as wholly new projects. They typically cannot serve clients of the reallocated renewal projects, and there will likely be a gap between the end of the reallocated project's grant term and that of the newly funded project.

Tax Credit Project Opportunity
PSH 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. PSH tax credit projects identified as the Ohio BoSCoC's highest priority for the Housing Tax Credit application are the #1 priority for any available CoC Program funding for new projects (as needed and desired) in 2023.

Leveraging PHA and Healthcare Provider Partnerships Opportunity
New project applicants that demonstrate strong partnerships with local Public Housing Authorities (PHA) and/or healthcare providers (including behavioral healthcare agencies) are eligible to submit proposals for new RRH, Joint TH-RRH, or PSH projects.

Examples of projects involving strong partnerships with PHAs may include:
- PSH project application where local PHA commits rental assistance or project-based units for all PSH units and nonprofit service provider commits to provision of supportive services to participants. Application could include a funding request for supportive services, for example
- PSH project application where nonprofit service provider and local PHA have entered into formal agreement to implement a moving-on strategy with PSH participants who no longer need intensive services but need access to affordable housing. As part of the moving on strategy, the PHA prioritizes the participants who are ready to exit the PSH project for its available housing options

Examples of projects involving strong partnerships with healthcare providers may include:
- PSH project application where a local behavioral healthcare organization partners with a non-profit housing provider. In this partnership, the housing provider manages the PSH units/site, and the behavioral healthcare organization partner provides supportive services to clients in those units. Application could include a funding request for rental assistance, for example

DV Bonus Projects Opportunity

The Ohio BoSCoC is seeking DV Bonus project proposals for new RRH or Joint TH-RRH project types. Applicants seeking funding through the DV Bonus Project opportunity must commit to serving survivors of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and must commit to using policies and practices that are trauma-informed and client-centered. Applicants do not necessarily need to be victim service provider, but must have demonstrated experience working with survivors.

General New Projects Opportunity

Eligible non-profit agencies interested in submitting a new project proposal that does not align with one of the previously described opportunities may submit proposals for new project types including RRH, TH, Joint TH-RRH, and PSH. However, proposals that do not align with one of the previously described opportunities will not be as competitive.

Geographic Priorities
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

New Project Proposal Submission

New project proposals should be submitted to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org using the provided New Project Proposal form. Proposals are due May 17, 2023.

Scoring and Ranking of New CoC Project Proposals

New Project Proposals will be reviewed and scored. Once all New Project Proposals 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 NOFO is released and funding availability is announced. New project application selection and ranking will be shared after the NOFO is released.

New Grantee Required Training

Agencies successfully awarded funding for a new CoC project will be required to engage in CoC Program training with CoC staff before beginning program operations. Additionally, new CoC project grantees must provide written Policies and Procedures, program forms, and any other program documentation to the CoC team for review prior to serving clients. If the CoC team identifies any issues with CoC Program compliance, the grantee must address those issues prior to serving clients.

Renewal CoC Project Application Submission Process

Renewal Project Applications

Organizations seeking to renew CoC Program funding must follow the Ohio BoSCoC process. This document will be updated to reflect the process for renewal projects once HUD opens the FY2023 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 and new project applications have been received, reviewed, and ranked, the Ohio BoSCoC Collaborative Applicant (ODOD 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, ODOD will electronically submit the project applications and the Ohio BoSCoC Consolidated CoC Application via e-snaps to HUD.

Any questions about the Ohio BoSCoC FY2023 CoC Competition Guide can be directed to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

Ohio BoSCoC 2023 CoC Competition Timeline

Following is the timeline for the 2023 CoC Competition as of April 1, 2023. This timeline will be updated once HUD opens the FY2023 CoC Competition.

DATE COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
4/5/23	• Ohio BoSCoC: 2023 CoC Competition Training
TBD	• Ohio BoSCoC Grant Inventory Worksheet finalized (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)
4/5/23	• CoC Project Evaluation Process o *Project Evaluation Data* available in R minor elevated (Rme)

4/5/23 – 5/2/23	• CoC Project Evaluation Process
	  o Recipients correct HMIS data as needed
	  o Corrections must be finalized by 11:59pm on 5/2/23

4/28/23	o CoC Project Evaluation Process
	o The following documents are due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
	  o Non-HMIS Projects submit APRs
	  o Project SOPs
	  o Additional documents that will be evaluated for Housing First evidence and chronic homeless prioritization
	  o Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity narratives
	  o CE Compliance - Evidence of PH Prioritization meetings

5/3/23	• CoC Project Evaluation Process o Final *Project Evaluation Data* available in Rme
5/17/23	• New Project Proposals due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org

5/24/23	• CoC Project Evaluation Process
	  o COHHIO releases preliminary CoC project ranking (renewals only)
	  o Projects not meeting 70% score threshold are notified

6/5/23	• CoC Project Evaluation Process o If needed, recipients submit appeals of project evaluation results and ranking to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
6/9/23	• Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee • communicates decisions re: appeals
6/9/23	• Improvement Action Plans (IAPs) submitted to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org for those projects not meeting the 70% score threshold
TBD	• Final CoC project ranking released o Includes renewal CoC projects only
TBD	• FY2023 CoC Competition Opens
TBD	• Project Applications Available in e-snaps
TBD	• Ohio BoSCoC CoC Application Training
TBD	• Renewal & Project Applications Due in e-snaps
TBD	• New Project Proposals for new project opportunities not already addressed due to CoC team

TBD	• Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee Review of all Applications & Notification of Needed Corrections
TBD	• Corrections by Applicants to Project Applications Due
TBD	• Approved New Project Applications due in e-snaps
TBD	• Final Ohio BoSCoC Project Applications Submitted to HUD via e-snaps (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)

APPENDIX A: FY2023 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	
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	
Ohio Domestic Violence Network	DV Bonus RRH Project for Ohio BoSCoC*	PH-RRH	Y
Butler County	PSH Butler County	PH-PSH	
Butler County	Butler County PSH Expansion	PH-PSH	Y
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	
Family & Community Services	Ravenna Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	
Family & Community Services, Inc.	PATH 3 RRH	TH	
Family Abuse Shelter of Miami County, Inc.	Miami County Family RRH	PH-RRH	

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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	
Family Violence Prevention Center of Greene County, Inc.	Square One RRH	PH-RRH	Y
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	
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	Charles Place and Graham Drive consolidated grants	PH-PSH	
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	YHDP RRH	PH-RRH	Y
Integrated Services for Behavioral Health	MacArthur Gardens	PH-PSH	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	
Kno-Ho-Co Ashland CAA	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 County Coalition for Housing	LCCH PSH Licking County	PH-PSH	Y
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	

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 Ashland County	Beginning Anew	PH-PSH	
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	
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 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	Bridges	PH-RRH	
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
YWCA Hamilton	Goodman Place Expansion	PH-PSH	Y

*These projects do not participate in HMIS. Recipients must submit an e-snaps APR to COHHIO in order to have performance evaluted and receive a project evaluation score.

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PSH Projects   *Reporting Period = 1/1/22 - 12/31/22*

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source & Where Available
Project Participant Impact *(Maximum Points = 25)*		25	
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%	10	HMIS & Rme
	≥85% - <90%	8	
	≥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 & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	6	
	≥75% - <80%	4	
	<75%	0	
% adult participants who gained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the reporting period or at program exit	≥30%	2	HMIS & Rme
	≥24% - <30%	1	
	<24%	0	
Rapid Placement into Housing			
Average length of time it takes to move households from homelessness into permanent housing during the reporting period	≤30 days	5	HMIS & Rme
	>30 days	0	
Meeting Community Need *(Maximum Points = 35)*		35	
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 & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	6	
	≥75% - <80%	4	
	<75%	0	
% adult who entered project during the date range with no income	≥40%	7	HMIS & Rme
	≥37% - <40%	5	
	≥34% - <37%	3	
	<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 & Rme
	5	9	
	3 - 4	8	
	2	5	
	1	2	
	0	0	
% entries of long-term homeless entries into PSH for adult participants who entered the project during the reporting period	≥90%	5	HMIS & Rme
	≥75% - <90%	4	
	≥50% - <75%	3	
	≥30% - <50%	2	
	≥20% - <30%	1	
	<20%	0	
% 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 & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices *(Maximum Points = 25)*		15	
Housing First Practices			
Removed Barriers to Entry *(list 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

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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, 10 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 10 points*
Prioritizing Chronically Homeless	10	
Program folllows 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	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted, 5 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 5 points*
Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity *(Maximum Points = 5)*	5	
Assessment of Racial Disparities and Development of Action Plans		
project. Narrative response should include the following at minimum: 1. The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data show. If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool as your reponse to #1. 2. 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. 3. What, if any, disparities were identified. 4. 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. 5. Describe how the project will conduct disparities analyses on an ongoing, regular basis. **If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool in response to #1 above AND provide a narrative response for items #2 - #5.*	up to 5 points	Required narrative submitted by grantee
If the required narratives are not provided, up to 2 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 2 points*
CoC Program Compliance *(Maximum Points = 25)*	25	
Program Policies and Procedures (P&P) demonstrate compliance with CoC Program Rule - See CoC Program Compliance Checklist for details of what will be reviewed	up to 25 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted, 25 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 25 points*
Coordinated Entry Compliance *(Maximum Points = 5)*	5	
Prioritizion Workgroup Evidence		
Project staff participate in local Prioritization Workgroup meetings/processes and identify eligible households for prioritization through that 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)*

Project Capacity *(Maximum Points = 5)*		5	
HMIS Data Quality			
% of HMIS client records with errors			
	0% errors	5	
	> 0% and ≤ 2% errors	4	
	> 2% and ≤ 5% errors	3	HMIS & Rme
	> 5% and ≤ 8% errors	2	
	> 8% and ≤ 10% errors	1	
	> 10% errors	0	
Timely Submission of APRs			
Overdue or rejected APRs since 2018. *Each overdue or rejected APR will result in a 5 point deduction*, up to 40 points total could be deducted		up to -40 pts	SAGE

TOTAL PROJECT SCORE *(Maximum Points = 125)*		**125**

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TH Projects   *Reporting Period = 1/1/22 - 12/31/22*

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source
Project Participant Impact *(Maximum Points = 38)*		38	
Housing Stability			
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from TH to PH at exit	≥75%	16	HMIS & Rme
	≥70% - <75%	11	
	≥65% - <70%	6	
	<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 & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
% adult participants who gained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the reporting period or at program exit	≥28%	2	HMIS & Rme
	≥22% - <28%	1	
	<22%	0	
Length of Time Homeless			
Households who moved into the project and exited during the date range: average length of stay in TH	≤200 days	10	HMIS & 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 & Rme
	≥71% - <75%	9	
	≥67% - <71%	6	
	<67%	0	
% adult who entered the project during the date range with no income	≥30%	10	HMIS & 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 & 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 & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices *(Maximum Points = 15)*			
Housing First Practices		15	
Removed Barriers to Entry *(list 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, 10 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 10 points*	

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Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity *(Maximum Points = 5)*		5	
Assessment of Racial Disparities and Development of Action Plans			
proejct. Narrative response should include the following at minimum: 1. The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data show. If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool as your reponse to #1. 2. 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. 3. What, if any, disparities were identified. 4. 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. 5. Describe how the project will conduct disparities analyses on an ongoing, regular basis. ***If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool in response to #1 above AND provide a narrative response for items #2 - #5.*		up to 5 points	Required narrative submitted by grantee
If the required narratives are not provided, up to 2 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 2 points*	
CoC Program Compliance *(Maximum Points = 25)*		25	
Program Policies and Procedures (P&P) demonstrate compliance with CoC Program Rule - See CoC Program Compliance Checklist for details of what will be reviewed		up to 25 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted, 25 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 25 points*	

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

Timely Submission of APRs			
Overdue or rejected APRs since 2018. *Each overdue or rejected APR will result in a 5 point deduction*, up to 40 points total could be deducted		up to -40 pts	SAGE
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE *(Maximum Points = 125)*		**125**	

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Rapid Re-Housing Projects   Reporting Period = 1/1/22-12/31/22

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source
Project Participant Impact *(Maximum Points = 37)*		40	
Housing Stability			
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from RRH to PH at exit	≥75%	13	HMIS & Rme
	≥70% - <74%	9	
	≥65% - <69%	6	
	<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 & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
% adult participants who gained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the reporting period or at program exit	≥18%	2	HMIS & Rme
	≥13% - <18%	1	
	<13%	0	
Length of Time Assisted			
Households who moved into the project and exited during the date range: Average length of stay in RRH	≤24 months	10	HMIS & Rme
Rapid Placement into Housing			
Average length of time it takes to move households from homelessness into permanent housing during the reporting period	≤30 days	5	HMIS & Rme
	>30 days	0	
Meeting Community Need *(Maximum Points = 35)*		35	
Targeting Hard to Serve			
% adults who entered the project during the date range from streets/emergency shelter only	≥85%	10	HMIS & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
% adults who entered the project during the date range with no income	≥40%	10	HMIS & 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 & Rme
	3	8	
	2	7	
	1	5	
	0	0	
% 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 & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices *(Maximum Points = 15)*			
Housing First Practices		15	
Removed Barriers to Entry *(list 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

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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, up to 10 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.	*minus 10 points*	

Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity *(Maximum Points = 5)*	5	
Assessment of Racial Disparities and Development of Action Plans		
Provide a narrative** that describes the assessment of racial disparities and action plan development that you completed for this proejct. Narrative response should include the following at minimum: 1. The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data show. If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool as your reponse to #1. 2. 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. 3. What, if any, disparities were identified. 4. 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. 5. Describe how the project will conduct disparities analyses on an ongoing, regular basis. **If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial dispartities in your project, provide the completed tool in response to #1 above AND provide a narrative response for items #2 - #5.*	up to 5 points	Required narrative submitted by grantee
If the required narratives are not provided, up to 2 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.	*minus 2 points*	

CoC Program Compliance *(Maximum Points = 25)*	25	
Program Policies and Procedures (P&P) demonstrate compliance with CoC Program Rule - See CoC Program Compliance Checklist for details of what will be reviewed	up to 25 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted, 25 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.	*minus 25 points*	

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

Timely Submission of APRs		
Overdue or rejected APRs since 2018. ***Each overdue or rejected APR will result in a 5 point deduction***, up to 40 points total could be deducted	up to -40 pts	SAGE
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE *(Maximum Points = 125)*	125	

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Joint TH-Rapid Re-Housing P Reporting Period = 1/1/22-12/31/22

Project Evaluation Item	Goal	Points Possible	Data Source
Project Participant Impact *(Maximum Points = 50)*		50	
Housing Stability			
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from TH to PH at exit	≥75%	13	HMIS & Rme
	≥70% - <75%	10	
	≥65% - <70%	7	
	<65%	0	
% heads of household served in the date range who moved from RRH to PH at exit	≥75%	10	HMIS & Rme
	≥70% - <74%	7.5	
	≥65% - <69%	5	
	<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 & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	7.5	
	≥75% - <80%	5	
	<75%	0	
% adult participants who gained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the reporting period or at program exit	≥18%	2	HMIS & Rme
	≥13% - <18%	1	
	<13%	0	
Length of Time Homeless			
Households who moved into the project and exited during the date range: average length of stay in TH	≤200 days	10	HMIS & Rme
	>200 - ≤240 days	7.5	
	>240 - ≤280 days	5	
	>280 days	0	
Rapid Placement into Housing			
Average length of time it takes to move households from homelessness into permanent housing during the reporting period (RRH program entry date to housing move-in date)	≤30 days	5	HMIS & Rme
	>30 days	0	
Meeting Community Need *(Maximum Points = 25)*		25	
Targeting Hard to Serve			
% adults who entered the project during the date range from streets/emergency shelter only	≥85%	5	HMIS & Rme
	≥80% - <85%	4	
	≥75% - <80%	3	
	<75%	0	
% adults who entered the project during the date range with no income	≥40%	10	HMIS & 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 & Rme
	3	8	
	2	7	
	1	5	
	0	0	
% 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 & Rme
	≤90% - >100%	2	
	<90%	0	
Implementing Best Practices *(Maximum Points = 15)*			
Housing First Practices		15	
Removed Barriers to Entry *(list 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, up to 10 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 10 points*
Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity *(Maximum Points = 5)*	5	
Assessment of Racial Disparies and Development of Action Plans		

proejct. Narrative response should include the following at minimum:
  1. The data reviewed to determine if racial disparities exist in program enrollments or outcomes, and what the data show. If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial disparties in your project, provide the completed tool as your reponse to #1.
  2. 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.
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**If you used the Assessment of Racial Disparities Template to guide your assessment of racial disparties in your project, provide the completed tool in response to #1 above AND provide a narrative response for items #2 - #5.*
	up to 5 points	Required narrative submitted by grantee

If the required narratives are not provided, up to 2 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 2 points*
CoC Program Compliance *(Maximum Points = 25)*	25	
Program Policies and Procedures (P&P) demonstrate compliance with CoC Program Rule - See CoC Program Compliance Checklist for details of what will be reviewed	up to 25 points	Required program documents submitted by grantee
If required program documents are not submitted, 25 points may be deducted from the overall project evaluation score.		*minus 25 points*

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

Timely Submission of APRs		
Overdue or rejected APRs since 2018. ***Each overdue or rejected APR will result in a 5 point deduction***, up to 40 points total could be deducted	up to -40 pts	SAGE
TOTAL PROJECT SCORE *(Maximum Points = 125)*	125	

APPENDIX C: HMIS Data Quality Information for the FY2023 CoC Project Evaluation Process

The Ohio BoSCoC Competition tab in Rme 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.

HMIS users should ensure their Data Quality in R minor elevated is as free of High Priority issues and Errors (minus Overlaps) prior to preliminary and final project evaluation data being posted in Rme. HMIS users should be sure they have their Data Quality 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.

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 2021:
- 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 Detail for the FY2023 CoC Project Evaluation Process

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.

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://cohhio.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
In 2023, ALL renewing CoC project applicants must submit *all of the following items* to be evaluated on the Housing First item:

1. Project's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
2. Client responsibility documents, rules, participant handbook, etc.
3. Blank individualized service planning documents
4. 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 28, 2023.*

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, following the required Coordinated Entry process. 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 chronic homelessness is appropriately documented and 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. Project's Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

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 28. 2023*

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 Detail for the FY2023 CoC Project Evaluation Process

The Ohio BoSCoC 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: CoC Compliance Review Tool

Review Type:	Question:	Reference	Yes	No	Points Possible	Points Given:
Agency						
	Does the policy and procedure document define project eligibility criteria?	Page 6 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			2	
	Does the recipient have written procedures outlining the process for documenting eligibility and record keeping requirements?	24 CFR 576.500 &			2	
	Does the recipient have written procedures that outlines their agency's housing search process ?	Pages 33, 38, & 51 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			1	
	Does the recipient have written procedures for the initial and re-inspection of units to ensure they meet HQS?	§ 578.75 (b, 1 &2)			1	
	Does the recipient have a policy and procedure regarding the practice and documentation of rent reasonableness?	§ 578.51 (g) & § 578.49 (b)(2)			2	
	Does the recipient have written procedures for lease and sublease requirements, including VAWA protections and Emergency Transfer Plans?	§ 578.99 & Page 11 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			1	
	Does the recipient have written procedures which include an Equal Opportunity statement (Fair Housing, Non-Discrimination, and Reasonable Accommodations)?	§ 578.93 & Page 7 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			2	
	Does the recipient have a written procedure detailing the process of maintaining confidentiality of client records?	HMIS Policies and Procedures (III. A. 1)			1	
	Does the recipient have a written policy and procedure outlining the use of Housing First practices	Page 9 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			2	
	Does the recipient have written procedures that outlines the need for annual assessments?	§ 578.53 (2)			1	
	Does the recipient have written procedures for termination of assistance, complaints, and appeals?	§ 578.91			1	
	Does the recipient have written procedures for record re	§ 578.103 (18)c			1	
	Does the recipient have written policy regarding Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)?	Page 4 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards			1	
	Does the recipient have written policy and procedures regarding the CE process	§ 578.23 (9)			2	
	Does the recipient have written policy regarding voluntary support services?	Page 10 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards & § 578.53			2	
	Does the recipient have a written policy outlining the participation of homeless and/or formerly homeless on th agency board of directors?	§ 578.75 (g)			1	

Does the recipient have a written policy outlining a method for prioritizing assistance for those persons with greater levels of need and/or greater barriers. If PSH, do the P & P include the Chronic Homeless Order of Prioritization	For RRH (Page 27 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards) & for PSH (Page 20 of Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards)	2
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