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Balance of State
Continuum of Care

FY2024
CoC Competition Plan

Ohio BoSCoC

April 22, 2024

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Johnson v. Grants Pass acknowledgement

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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 $28 million annually for over 90 projects across the state.

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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

☑ CoCs must operate collaborative process for development of project applications.

☑ CoCs must establish priorities for funding projects.

☑ CoCs must designate a Collaborative Applicant to submit combined information for all project applicants.

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CoC Competition Requirements

☑ CoCs must develop the CoC application.

☑ CoCs must develop a ranked project listing.

☑ CoCs must submit the consolidated application package to HUD by the deadline.

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Goals for FY2024
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

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Goals for FY2024
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

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Goals for FY2024
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, prioritizing Permanent Housing (PH)
  - 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

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FY2024 CoC Competition
Policies

Reallocation Policy
- Voluntary Reallocation
- Involuntary Reallocation

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FY2024 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 16, 2024*

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FY2024 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

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FY2024 CoC Competition Policies

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

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FY2024 CoC Competition Policies

Involuntary Reallocation

- 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

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FY2024 CoC Competition Policies

Involuntary Reallocation

• CoC team may provide ongoing TA to low-scoring projects

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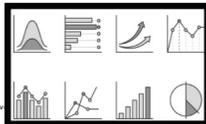5. Request for New Project Proposals and LOIs

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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

https://www.vecteezy.com/free-v

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Renewal Project Evaluation

Which projects are evaluated?
- Projects renewing CoC Program funding in 2024
  - Exceptions for projects operating less than 9 months and for YHDP projects that were awarded after Round 1
  - Project list included in the *FY2024 CoC Competition Guide*

https://www.vecteezy.com/free-vector/apartment">Apartment

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Renewal Project Evaluation

NEW - YHDP Round 1

- Renewing Round 1 YHDP projects will be evaluated based on the youth-dedicated project measures detailed in the Ohio Balance of State CoC Performance Management Plan
- Appendix H in CoC Competition Guidance Document will highlight all areas being evaluated

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Renewal Project Evaluation

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, 2023 - December 31, 2023

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Project Evaluation Measures

Project Participant Impact

Housing Stability

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

Accessing Mainstream Resources

- Non-cash benefits
- Increasing Income

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Project Evaluation Measures

Meeting Community Need

Serving Those with Most Severe Needs and Longest Homeless Histories

- Entries from streets and emergency shelter
- Entries with no income
- Median Homeless History Index Score
- Long-term homeless entries into PSH
- Entries for whom HoH had a VI-SPDAT recorded in HMIS

see next slide for more info

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Project Evaluation Measures

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.

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Project Evaluation Measures

Implementing Best Practices

Housing First Practices
- Any project that scored 11 points or less during the FY23 evaluation process must resubmit updated Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for review
- Failure to submit SOPs will result in 10-point deduction from project evaluation score
- All projects can submit updated SOPs for review to increase points from last year

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Project Evaluation Measures

Implementing Best Practices

Chronic Prioritization
- Any renewing PSH project that scored 7 points or less during the FY23 Chronic Homelessness Prioritization evaluation process will be required to resubmit updated SOPs
- Failure to submit SOPs will result in 5-point deduction from project evaluation score
- All projects can submit updated SOPs for review to increase points from last year

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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

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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.

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Project Evaluation Measures

Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity Narratives:

- Grantees may use the Template to assist in initial analysis of project level data
- Use of the template is not required

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Project Evaluation Measures

CoC Program Compliance

Compliance with CoC Program Rule

- All grantees who scored lower than 18 out of 25 points (72%) for CoC Compliance during last year's project evaluation must re-submit Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for review
- Failure to submit SOPs will result in 25-point deduction from project evaluation score
- CoC projects that scored at least 18 out of 25 points for CoC Program Compliance last year are not required to submit SOPs in 2024.
  - Projects are permitted to re-submit updated SOPs in order to increase overall score

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Project Evaluation Measures

CoC Program Compliance

Compliance with CoC Program Rule

APPENDIX F: CoC Compliance Review Tool

Review Type	Question:	Reference	Yes	No	Points Possible
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

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Project Evaluation Measures

CoC Program Compliance

NEW – Client Documentation

- All grantees must submit two client files for review
  - Must be uploaded to the "Files" tab in Clarity
  - Each client should have entered program between 1/1/23-12/31/23
  - See Client File Review scorecard to determine what documents will need uploaded
- Failure to submit SOPs will result in 20-point deduction from project evaluation score

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Project Evaluation Measures

CoC Program Compliance

New – Client Documentation

Review Type:	Question	Yes	No	Points Available	Points Given	Comments
Rapid Rehousing Housing Only:						
	Is there documentation to show that participant has been screened via centralized entry (CE)?			2		
	Does the file properly document the client entered RRH directly from a literally homeless situation?			2		
	Is there prioritization documentation showing why HH/individual was prioritized for assistance?			2		
	Does the file include complete homeless history documentation?			3		
	Do the program participants have a signed lease agreement of at least 1 year that is renewable month to month and only terminable for cause?			2		

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Project Evaluation Measures

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

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Project Evaluation Measures

Project Capacity

HMIS Data Quality

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

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Project Evaluation Measures

Project Capacity

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

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Project Evaluation Measures

Project Capacity

NEW – Grant Expenditures

- All renewing projects will be evaluated on CoC program grant expenditures for FY2021 (operating 2022-2023) and FY20 (operating term 2021-2022)
- Grantees who did not expend 95% or more of funds for FY21 will have between 5-20 points deducted from the overall project evaluation score depending on the percentage of unspent funds
- Grantees who did not expend 80% or more of FY20 grant funds will have 10 points deducted from their total score

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Project Evaluation Measures

Project Capacity

NEW – Incorporating PLE into Project Design

- All renewal grantees will be evaluated on how they are incorporating feedback from people with lived experience (PLE) of homelessness into project design
- CoC projects must submit a sample (blank) consumer feedback tool and a completed consumer feedback tool with any PII redacted
  - The completed tool should be dated anytime between 1/1/23-12/31/23
- If no tool is available for review, projects may submit documented evidence of a PLE advisory group that took place in the same timeframe (1/1/23-12/31/23)

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Renewal Project Evaluation

Data Sources

HMIS
- BoSCoC Competition tab (in Rme)

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
- Client File Documentation (uploaded to Clarity)
- PLE Feedback Documentation

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Renewal Project Evaluation

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 2023.	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.

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Renewal Project Evaluation

HMIS Data Quality Measured in Two Ways:

1. (Number of Errors + the number of High Priority issues*) ÷ total clients served during 2023 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.

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
Length of Time Homeless	Missing Residence Prior, Missing Months or Times Homeless, Incomplete Living Situation Data	Homeless History Index, Long Term Homeless

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Renewal Project Evaluation

Project Evaluation data is available in Rme.

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.

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Correcting and Finalizing HMIS Data

HMIS users should have finalized and corrected their HMIS data by **11:59pm, May 21, 2024.**

Final Project Evaluation Data will be available in Rme on **May 22, 2024.**

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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

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Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Preliminary Project Ranking released on June 19, 2024
- 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 ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by July 15, 2024
- Decisions about involuntary reallocation are made after CoC Competition opens

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Appealing Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Appeals for project evaluation results should be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by June 28, 2024
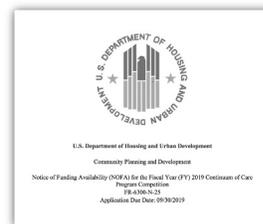- Decisions about appeals communicated by July 8, 2024

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Renewal Project Applications

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

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Community Planning and Development

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Continuum of Care
Program Competition
FR-6300-N-25
Application Due Date: 09/30/2019

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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

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Funding Opportunities

• Voluntary Reallocation
• Leveraging PHA or healthcare provider partnerships
• DV Bonus
• General New Projects (not prioritized)
• *Coordinated Entry - *NEW*

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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
    • Funding request may exceed renewal amount, though increased award cannot be guaranteed
    • Grant Term = 1 year

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Funding Opportunities

Leveraging PHA or Healthcare Partnerships
Eligible Applicants
- Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not)

Eligible Project Types
- RRH
- PSH
- Joint TH-RRH

Funding Request Limitations
- Grant Term = 1 year

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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

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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
- These projects are least prioritized
- Applications for projects located in priority geographies may be more competitive

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New Project Applications

Submission Process
New Project Proposal
- Use required form – Due 6/5/24

New Project Application
- Selected new projects will be invited to submit a New Project Application after the CoC Competition opens

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Coordinated Entry Application

Project Application Design and Eligible Activities
- Application will seek to support CE Access Point work exclusively
- COHHIO has been designated as the project applicant and will solicit sub-recipients
  - Final funding request will be determined based on selected sub-recipients and their funding requests
- Eligible CE Access Points (CE APs) may submit Letters of Interest with funding requests for eligible activities for inclusion in the application
- The CoC may submit additional CE project applications in future years as well

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Coordinated Entry Application

Project Application Eligible Activities
- CE AP Responsibilities
  - Staff CE AP to respond to calls and in-person visits for assistance
    - Follow-up must be done within 2 business days
  - Be available at least 7 hours each weekday
  - Ensure staff fulfill training requirements
  - Establish Standard Operating Procedures to guide CE AP work, in compliance with the Sub-Recipient agreement/contract and CoC Program Rule
  - Maintain and distribute CE AP advertising materials
  - Engage in some street outreach to unsheltered households
  - Maintain a list of community resources to support diversion efforts
  - Conduct diversion screenings and engage in diversion, as appropriate
  - Comply with HMIS requirements and workflows

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Coordinated Entry Application

Project Application Design
- Sub-recipients will be responsible for:
  - Fulfilling CE AP responsibilities, as outlined in Sub-Recipient contract
  - Meeting regularly with Recipient to ensure compliant project implementation
  - Engaging in grant monitoring at least annually
  - Providing evidence of eligible match at least quarterly
  - Requesting funding reimbursement at least quarterly

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Coordinated Entry Application

Request for Letters of Interest
  Letters of Interest
  - LOI forms due 6/5/24
  Eligible Respondents
  - Current non-profit CE APs
  Eligible Activities and Requirements
  - Funding request to support CE AP responsibilities
  - Supportive Services and HMIS funding requests only
    - Admin costs will be shared
  - Must obtain 25% match
  Funding Request Limitations
  - Grant Term = 1 year
  - Maximum sub-recipient funding request = $200,000

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Coordinated Entry Application

Supportive Services
- Annual Assessment of Service Needs
- Case Management
- Outreach

HMIS
- Hardware
- Staff salaries to complete data entry, etc

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Coordinated Entry Application

Match Requirements
- All funding requests must be matched at 25% with cash or in-kind match sources
- Any eligible SSO-CE cost may be counted as match
- Match commitment letters must be provided with LOI
- Sub-recipients must provide evidence of match at least quarterly

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Coordinated Entry Application

Sub-Recipient Selection
- Eligibility under this Request for LOIs
- Experience with and ability to effectively manage federal and/or state grant funds
- Evidence of being in good standing with all current grants
- A track record of good grant management
- The ability to administer a reimbursement-based grant
- A clear understanding of the Ohio BoSCoC CE system and CE AP responsibilities
- Evidence of compliant CE AP work
- HMIS participation for CE AP work
- Volume of CE AP enrollments in HMIS
- A reasonable and realistic funding request

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Coordinated Entry Application

More Information
- Detailed Request for Letters of Interest and Letter of Interest form - https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/
- CE Application and Request for LOIs Office Hours – May 6, 2024 at 2pm
  - https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81238993887

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FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline

Date	Activity
4/22/24	Ohio BoSCoC: CoC Competition Training
TBD	Ohio BoSCoC Grant Inventory Worksheet finalized (ODOD/COHHIO to Complete)
4/22/24	Project Evaluation Data available in Rme **Reporting Period = 1/1/23 – 12/31/23
4/22/24- 5/21/24	Projects review data and address data quality concerns as needed
5/6/24	SSO-CE Project Application Office Hours
5/16/24	Non-HMIS projects submit APRs
5/16/24	Renewal Projects Submit Required Documents ○ SOPs and additional docs for HF and chronic prioritization evaluation ○ CE Compliance documentation (PH Prioritization Mtgs) ○ Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity narratives ○ Client file documentation for 2 clients ○ Evidence of PLE Feedback

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FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline

Date	Activity
5/22/24	Final Project Evaluation Data available in Rme
6/5/24	New CoC Project Proposals and LOIs due to COHHIO at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
6/19/24	Preliminary renewal project ranking posted • Projects not achieving 70% score threshold notified
6/28/24	Projects submit project evaluation appeals to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
7/8/24	Appeals decisions communicated
7/15/24	Improvement Action Plans (IAPs) due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
TBD	CoC staff release FINAL project evaluation scores and preliminary ranking

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FY2024 CoC Competition Timeline – TBD Activities

Date	Activity
TBD	FY2024 CoC Competition Opens
TBD	Project Applications Available in e-snaps
TBD	Ohio BoSCoC CoC Application Training
TBD	Project Selection Notifications Sent
TBD	Renewal and New CoC Project Applications due in e-snaps
TBD	Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee Review of all Applications & Notification of Needed Corrections
TBD	Corrections by Renewal Project Applicants & Selected New Project Applications due in e-snaps
TBD	Fina Ohio BoSCoC Project Applications Submitted to HUD via e-snaps (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)

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Additional Resources

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

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