

FY2024-2025 CoC Competition Guide

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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 FY 2024-2025 CoC competition plan and timeline is only applicable to HUD CoC-funded projects renewing their CoC project funding in 2024, 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 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, with a priority for PH project types
 - 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

Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process

The Ohio BoSCoC evaluated all renewal CoC projects in spring 2024, and the results of the evaluation inform the CoC Project ranking. Results of the project evaluation and project rankings are posted to COHHIO's website at <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/>.

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 did not make final ranking or funding recommendations until HUD released the FY2024-2025 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.

Renewal project grantees will be notified about the CoC Board's approval of their submission of a renewal application or of funding reallocation in August 2024.

Funding Opportunities and New Project Application Process

The Ohio BoSCoC solicited new projects for CoC Program funding, including for prospective new projects in spring 2024. The CoC will communicate new project selections in August 2024. Final rank order of all projects in the CoC Project Listing be communicated by October 28, 2024.

CE Project Application

In 2024, the Ohio BoSCoC Board has approved the CoC to submit a new project application to support Coordinated Entry (CE) work. The Ohio BoSCoC Board designated COHHIO, as the CE Management Entity, to serve as the lead applicant on the project application. COHHIO, in turn, requested Letters of Interest (LOIs) from eligible CE Access Point (CE AP) agencies to be included in the project application as potential sub-recipients or contractors. Those LOIs were due 6/5/24. Final decisions about which CE APs may be included within a CE project application and potential funding amounts will be communicated in September 2024. As the applicant, COHHIO is responsible for completing the project application and ensuring timely submission as part of the consolidated CoC Application.

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 FY2024-2025 CoC Competition Guide can be directed to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

Ohio BoSCoC 2024-2025 CoC Competition Timeline

Following is the timeline for the 2024-2025 CoC Competition as of August 22, 2024.

DATE COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
April 2024	
4/22/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC: 2024 CoC Competition Training
7/18/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC Grant Inventory Worksheet finalized (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)
4/22/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Project Evaluation Data</i> available in R minor elevated (Rme)
4/22/24 – 5/21/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recipients correct HMIS data as needed Corrections must be finalized by 11:59pm on 5/21/24
May 2024	
5/6/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSO-CE Project Application Office Hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5/6/24 at 2pm https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81238993887
5/16/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following documents are due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-HMIS Projects submit APRs Project SOPs for those required to submit or re-submit Additional documents that will be evaluated for Housing First evidence and chronic homeless prioritization for those required to submit or re-submit Client file documentation for two clients Analyzing and Addressing Racial Disparities and Advancing Race Equity narratives CE Compliance - Evidence of PH Prioritization meetings Evidence of PLE Feedback
5/22/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Final Project Evaluation Data</i> available in Rme
June 2024	

6/5/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Project Proposals and LOIs for the SSO-CE project application are due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
6/19/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COHHIO releases preliminary CoC project ranking (renewals only) Projects not meeting 70% score threshold are notified
6/28/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Project Evaluation Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If needed, recipients submit appeals of project evaluation results and ranking to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
July 2024	
7/8/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee communicates decisions re: appeals
7/15/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement Action Plans (IAPs) submitted to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org for those projects not meeting the 70% score threshold
7/31/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY2024 CoC Competition Opens
August 2024	
8/1/24	<p>Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Applications Available in e-snaps
8/19/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Board meeting to make new and renewal CoC project selections
8/20/24	<p>CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised preliminary CoC project ranking of renewal projects released <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects required to submit IAP will be notified of results
8/21/24	<p>CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Notifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New projects notified of the CoC's intention to preliminarily accept and rank their projects. Communication about the acceptance and ranking (or rejection) of both new and renewal project applications within the CoC Project Listing
8/22/24	<p>Applicants & CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio BoSCoC CoC Application Training
September 2024	
9/18/24	<p>Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewal & and approved new project applications due in e-snaps
9/25/24	<p>CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC team review of project applications and notification of needed corrections
October 2024	
10/9/24	<p>Applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrections to renewal and approved new project applications due in e-snaps
10/21/24	<p>CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Board meeting to make final project ranking decisions and approve consolidated CoC Application
10/28/24	<p>CoC Staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Application and priority listing posted to COHHIO's website
10/30/24	<p>CoC Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Ohio BoSCoC Project Applications Submitted to HUD via e-snaps (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)