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FY2025 CoC Competition Plan and Process

Ohio BoSCoC

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Purpose of this Training

This is a general training that will be providing information about the overall FY 2025 CoC competition process.

Questions about individual projects or grant applications can be directed to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

We will be hosting additional trainings around reallocation projects on **12/1/25** and new project proposals on **12/2/25**.

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1. Overview of CoC Program and CoC Competition
2. Requirements for CoC Competition
3. Changes to the Federal FY25 CoC Competition
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Overview of CoC Program



HUD's CoC Program, the largest federal program to assist households experiencing homelessness, awards nearly \$4 billion through the annual CoC Competition.



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Ohio BoSCoC awarded approximately \$29 million annually for over 90 projects across the state.

ODOD and COHHIO



**Department of
Development**



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 establish priorities for funding projects.



CoCs must operate a coordinated, inclusive, and outcome-oriented community process for development of project applications.



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

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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Changes to the FY2025 CoC Competition

- Only 30% of a CoC's funding is protected in Tier 1 (down from 90%).
- Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH and Joint TH-RRH) is capped at 30% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- All projects must compete, including YHDP renewals and DV Bonus.
- New prohibitions can disqualify any project.
- HUD's new priority is on treatment, recovery and required services.
- "Public Safety" is now a major scoring factor.
- New project requirements for TH, RRH and Street Outreach.

Changes to the FY2025 CoC Competition

- Merit Review replaces prior CoC scoring and shifts weighting.
- All projects must require participation in services.
- HUD has expanded Risk Review and increases the chances of project rejection.

Information on the changes to the FY25 CoC Competition NOFO were gathered from a full analysis from NAEH:

[FY2025 CoC Program Competition Analysis](#)

Goals for FY2025 CoC Competition

The Ohio BoSCoC Board has identified the following priorities for the 2025 Ohio BoSCoC Competition:

- Submit a competitive application that preserves as much funding as possible and minimizes harm to those we serve
- Submit project applications that meet community needs
- Submit project applications that are cost effective and maximize mainstream resources
- Remain committed to the use of evidence-based and best practices
- Do not submit project applications or commit to practices or policies that may harm the people we are charged to serve

Goals for FY2025 CoC Competition

Project Ranking Goal

- To rank Ohio BoSCoC new and renewal projects in a way that continues to meet local homeless needs, rewards high performing projects, and maximizes CoC Program funds.

Goals for FY2025 CoC Competition

Project Ranking Priorities

- Base initial project ranking on project evaluation scores and consider CoC program compliance where needed
- Preserve PH projects in communities where CoC Program funds are the sole PSH funding source
- Prioritize most critically needed PSH projects in Tier 1
- Prioritize projects that use evidence-based and best practices
- Consider ranking new projects higher than some renewal projects, where the CoC believes doing so will better help meet community need and the ranking goal outlined above

FY2025 CoC Competition Policies

Reallocation Policy

- Voluntary Reallocation
- Involuntary Reallocation

FY2025 CoC Competition Policies

Voluntary Reallocation

- Current CoC grantees may voluntarily give up grant awards, in part or in whole, in order to create new projects of another type or to return funds to the CoC to support new projects.
- Current PSH grantees must notify CoC of your interest in voluntary reallocation **by 12/3/25** via our form
- If the agency would like to reallocate CoC program funds to a new project of another type that agency will need to submit a new project application.

FY2025 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

FY2025 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
- CoC staff will communicate decisions by **12/10/25**

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Navigating the Funding Cap

In 2025, CoCs may request funding for PH project types that is no more than 30% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

- Ohio BoSCoC ARD = \$29,184,323
- Currently, \$26,435,506 in PH grants
- Need to reduce PH grant amounts to \$8,755,296

Navigating the Funding Cap

- Ohio BoSCoC PH Reduction Strategy
 - **Full Renewal** – All CoC funded TH, HMIS, and SSO projects may submit preliminary renewal applications for full renewal amounts
 - **Full Reallocation** - All CoC funded RRH projects must reallocate their full funding
 - Will be permitted to apply for a new project using those reallocated funds
 - **Partial Reallocation** - Renewal PSH projects must communicate preference to fully reallocate, partially reallocate, or fully renew funding
 - PSH reallocations will be determined on a case-by-case basis

Navigating the Funding Cap

- Ohio BoSCoC PH Reduction Strategy
 - Renewal PSH Projects
 - Communicate reallocation/renewal preference via form by **12/3/25**
 - Grantees desiring to fully renew funding must document valid reason for renewal preference and efforts to identify reallocation options
 - CoC may negotiate with grantees to determine final reallocation strategies on a case-by-case basis

Navigating the Funding Cap

- Ohio BoSCoC PH Reduction Strategy
 - PSH Reallocation Considerations
 - Minimize harm
 - Retain some PSH resources in most Homeless Planning Regions
 - Using analysis to determine PSH beds by population to help ensure equitable PSH unit retention
 - Variations in PSH project design
 - Some projects can reallocate more easily than others
 - Some projects have restrictive covenants or other restrictions/requirements in place

Navigating the Funding Cap

Ohio BoSCoC PH Reduction Strategy

- Key Dates
 - **12/3/25** – PSH projects communicate reallocation preferences
 - CoC may negotiate with grantees re: reallocation options
 - **12/10/25** – CoC communicates preliminary decisions to PSH grantees regarding reallocation levels and/or ability to renew funding
 - **12/29/25** – CoC communicates CoC Board decisions regarding all project selection, rejection, and funding request levels

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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

Renewal Project Evaluation

Which projects are evaluated?

- Projects renewing CoC Program funding in 2025
 - Refer to 2025 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) if you are unsure if your project is ready to renew funding in this competition

Renewal Project Evaluation

Renewing CoC Projects are evaluated and scored on the following:

Project Participant Impact

Meeting Community Need

Project Capacity

Reporting Period
January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024

Project Evaluation Measures

Project Participant Impact

Housing Stability

- Exits to or retention of permanent housing
- NEW – Returns to homelessness (exits to homelessness)

Accessing Mainstream Resources

- Non-cash benefits
- Increasing Income (all sources)
- NEW – Increased earned income

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
- Entries for whom HoH had a VI-SPDAT/HARP recorded in HMIS
- NEW – supportive services participation requirements



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slide for
more info

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

Project Evaluation Measures

Meeting Community Need

Supportive services participation requirement

- New measure in 2025
- In response to NOFO requirements
- Projects will be scored based on presumed affirmation of meeting requirement

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)

Renewal Project Evaluation

Data Sources

- **HMIS**
 - BoSCoC Competition tab (in Rme)
- **Provider Documents/Affirmation**
 - Applicant indication in project application that they will make participation in supportive services required

Renewal Project Evaluation

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



Make sure that your Bed Utilization data looks accurate for 2024.

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

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

Renewal Project Evaluation

HMIS Data Quality Measured in Two Ways:

1. (Number of Errors + the number of High Priority issues*) ÷ total clients served during 2024 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

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.

Correcting and Finalizing HMIS Data

HMIS users should have finalized and corrected their HMIS data by **11:59pm, December 2, 2025.**

Final Project Evaluation Data will be available in Rme on **December 3, 2025.**

Renewal Project Evaluation and Preliminary Project Ranking

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

Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Grantees with projects not receiving at least 70% of available project evaluation points are notified by **12/5/25**.

Appealing Renewal Project Evaluation Results

- Appeals for project evaluation results should be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by **12/8/25**.
- Decisions about appeals will be communicated by **12/10/25**.

Renewal Project Applications

Submission Process

- Non-PH Renewal Applications
 - Due in e-snaps by **12/12/25**
 - Renewal projects will be notified of their selection or rejection and permitted funding request by **12/29/25**
 - Final, correct applications due in e-snaps by **1/9/25**
- Preliminarily Approved Renewal PSH Applications
 - Preliminary approval to submit a renewal application (full renewal or partial renewal) communicated by **12/10/25**
 - Due in e-snaps by **12/12/25**
 - Renewal projects will be notified of their selection or rejection and permitted funding request by **12/29/25**
 - Final, correct applications due in e-snaps by **1/9/25**

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New Project Eligibility

New Projects

- Eligible Applicants
 - Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not) and units of local government
 - For profit organizations are not eligible
- Eligible New Project Types
 - Transitional Housing (TH)
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) – street outreach
 - Supportive Services Only (SSO) – standalone services
 - *SSO-CE
 - *HMIS

Funding Opportunities

- Reallocation
- New Projects
 - DV Bonus
 - General New Projects

Funding Opportunities

Reallocation

- Eligible Applicants
 - Current CoC recipients only
 - PH recipients
- Project Type Limitations
 - If hoping to reallocate PH project funding to SSO-street outreach, you must account for the lost units somehow
- Funding Request Limitations
 - Grant Term = 1 year

Funding Opportunities

New 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
 - TH
- Funding Request Limitations
 - Grant Term = 1 year

Funding Opportunities

General New Projects

- Eligible Applicants
 - Non-profit agencies (currently CoC funded or not) or units of local government
- Eligible Project Types
 - TH
 - Supportive Services On (SSO) – street outreach
 - Supportive Services Only – standalone SSO
- Funding Request Limitations
 - Grant Term = 1 year

New Project Applications

Submission Process

- New Project Proposal
 - Use required form – Due **12/12/25**
- New Project Applications
 - Applicants will be notified of their selection or rejection and permitted funding request by **12/29/25**
 - Final, correct applications due in e-snaps by **1/9/25**

New Project Applications

Other Considerations

- Coordinated Entry Opportunity
- HMIS expansion project

New Project Technical Assistance

- Reallocation Project Proposals Office Hours Session
 - For current CoC grantees who are considering reallocating current grant funding to create a new project
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TJLneIXpSriFIKShwVwEEw>
- New Project Proposals Office Hours Session
 - For organizations considering submitting proposals for new projects
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/n9JeCg5JSoG4dYPjB-d50g>

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FY2025 CoC Competition Timeline

November 2025	
11/13/25	HUD Released FY2025 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) • https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc
11/21/25	Applicants & CoC Staff: • Ohio BoSCoC: 2025 CoC Competition Training ○ New Project Proposal form released ○ Project Evaluation Data available in R minor elevated (Rme)
11/21/25	Applicants: • Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process ○ Recipients correct HMIS data as needed ○ Corrections must be finalized by 11:59pm on 12/2/25

December 2025

12/1/25

Applicants & CoC Staff:

- Reallocation Project Proposals Office Hours Session
 - This session is for current CoC grantees who are considering reallocating current grant funding to create a new project
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/TJLneIXpSriFIKShwVwEEw>

12/2/25

Applicants & CoC Staff:

- New Project Proposals Office Hours Session
 - This session is for organizations considering submitting proposals for new projects
 - <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/n9JeCg5JSoG4dYPjB-d50g>

12/3/25

Applicants:

- Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process
 - Final project evaluation data posted in Rme
 - APRs (CY2024 Reporting Period) for non-HMIS participating CoC grantees are due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org

12/3/25

Applicants:

- Renewal CoC Project Applications
 - Current PSH project grantees communicate their preference to reallocate current CoC grant funding or renew current funding
 - Submit communications here - <https://forms.office.com/r/UWn14mWYTE>

December 2025

12/5/25	CoC Staff: • Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process • Renewal grantees not passing the 70% score threshold are notified
12/8/25	Applicants: • Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process ○ Renewals submit appeals of project evaluation scores, if applicable
12/10/25	CoC Staff: • Renewal CoC Project Applications ○ CoC staff notify PSH renewal grantees if they may preliminarily submit a renewal application in e-snaps ○ CoC staff notify renewal projects of appeals decisions
12/12/25	Applicants: • New Project Proposals and Renewal CoC Project Applications ○ New Project Proposals due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org ○ Approved PSH renewal projects submit renewal applications in e-snaps ▪ https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf
12/29/25	CoC Staff: • New Project Proposals and Renewal CoC Project Applications ○ CoC staff notify applicants of CoC Board decisions regarding project selection, project rejection, project reduction, and funding requests
12/29/25	CoC Staff: • CoC staff notify applicants of needed corrections to project applications

FY2025 CoC Competition Timeline

January 2026	
1/9/26	Applicants: • Corrections to approved renewal and new project applications due in e-snaps
1/12/26	CoC Staff: • CoC staff publicly post CoC Application and ranked project listing and required attachments here - https://cohhio.org/
1/14/26	CoC Staff: • Collaborative Applicant and CoC staff submit final Ohio BoSCoC CoC Application package, including project applications, to HUD via e-snaps (ODOD/COHHIO to complete)

Additional Resources

HUD

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>

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Questions