

FY2025 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 nearly \$30 million annually for new and renewing homeless programs, representing nearly 100 transitional and permanent housing programs across 80 counties.

Target Audience

This 2025 CoC competition plan and timeline applies only to HUD CoC-funded projects renewing their CoC project funding in 2025 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 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 submitting a new project proposal and application
- The process for completion of the 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 2025 Ohio BoSCoC Competition:

- Submit a consolidated application that meets threshold and maximizes available funding
- Submit a competitive consolidated 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

In addition, the CoC Board has identified the following goal and priorities to guide final ranking of new and renewal projects in the 2025 CoC Consolidated application:

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.

- To that end, the following priorities, in no particular order, will help guide development of a final ranking approach:
 - 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 or overall project ranking
 - 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

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 standard process.

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 must communicate their plans to the CoC team by the requested date using the required form.

Involuntary Reallocation

The Ohio BoSCoC may involuntarily reallocate CoC Program funding from renewal projects, in part or in whole, 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 project evaluation process are not automatically eligible to renew their projects and are at risk of having their funding involuntarily reallocated.

Reallocation Determinations

Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee and CoC staff will 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, ability to fully expend grant funds, and 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 Guide document.

When making preliminary reallocation recommendations, the Ohio BoSCoC Steering Committee will identify projects that are permitted to submit conditional renewal applications. Final decisions and communications re: which low scoring renewal projects will be ranked in the CoC's Project Listing will be shared later.

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.

Renewal projects receiving at least 70% of total project evaluation points available, that are not fully reallocating current grant funds, are permitted to automatically renew CoC project funding.

Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Process

The Ohio BoSCoC evaluates the performance of renewing projects using objective measures described below. The project evaluation score determines the preliminary rank order of renewal projects in the CoC's project listing submitted as part of the CoC Application package. 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.

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

CoC Competition Project Evaluation Data in Rme

HMIS is the primary data source for the project evaluation process for renewing CoC projects (except for non-HMIS participating providers, such as victim services agencies). Detailed project-level performance on each of the project evaluation items for which HMIS is the data source is displayed in the CoC Competition Renewal Project Evaluation tab in [Rme](#). The project evaluation items include project performance based on most recent 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 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

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.**

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

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.

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. Non-HMIS participating providers must submit an APR to CoC staff at ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by **December 3, 2025**.

Non-HMIS participating projects are not evaluated on the HMIS data quality item and automatically receive the maximum points for that evaluation item.

Final Date for HMIS Data Corrections for Project Evaluation

Project evaluation data will be available in Rme for review beginning **November 21, 2025**. Grantees should review their performance data and preliminary evaluation scores in Rme starting on that date, making corrections to HMIS data if needed. Project evaluation data in Rme will be considered 'final' on **December 3, 2025**. That means any needed HMIS data corrections must be completed by 11:59 pm on **December 2, 2025**. Any additional corrections to HMIS data after that date will not be reflected in project evaluation scores.

Appealing Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Results or Preliminary Ranking

Renewal CoC project recipients may submit appeals of final project evaluation results if they believe an error has occurred. Appeals must be submitted via email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by **December 8, 2025**.

Submitted appeals must clearly indicate exactly what is being appealed, 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.

Renewal Project Applications

Per the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, CoCs may apply for no more than 30% of their Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount for Permanent Housing (PH) projects including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and Joint TH-RRH (TH-RRH) projects. To meet the required cap, the Ohio BoSCoC will do the following related to renewing CoC projects:

Renewal TH, HMIS, and SSO Projects (Non-PH Project Types)

Renewing CoC projects that are non-PH project types, such as Transitional Housing (TH), HMIS, and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, are permitted to submit their renewal project applications in e-snaps by **December 12, 2025**. CoC staff will communicate official decisions regarding project selection, reduction, or rejection to renewal projects by **December 29, 2025**.

Renewal RRH and Joint TH-RRH Projects

In 2025, all renewal RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects are required to voluntarily reallocate their renewal funding. Current RRH/Joint TH-RRH grantees may submit new project applications to reallocate their current funding to a new, allowable project type. See details below.

Renewal PSH Projects

In 2025, all renewing PSH projects are encouraged to evaluate if they may be able to reallocate their current CoC Grant funding in order to help the CoC meet the 30% cap on PH projects requirement. CoC grantees that are willing/able to reallocate their funding may apply for a new project using those reallocated grant funds and possibly CoC Bonus funding as well. More details are below.

Communicate Preference to Reallocate Funding or Seek to Renew Funding

All currently funded PSH grantees must communicate to the Ohio BoSCoC **by December 3, 2025** their preference to either fully reallocate their renewal funding, or to partially reallocate their renewal funding, or to renew current funding. Grantees should submit their information about reallocation preferences via a form here - <https://forms.office.com/r/UWn14mWYTE>

This communication should include the following (all these items are included in the form):

- Project Name and current grant number
- Grantee's preference to reallocate all funding, partially reallocate funding, or seek to renew funding
 - If preference is to reallocate 100% of current grant funding, indicate:
 - If the grantee intends to submit a new project application for the reallocated grant funds
 - Estimated number of housing units that will be created in the new proposed reallocated project
 - If preference is to partially reallocate current grant funding, indicate
 - The amount of the current grant the grantee plans to reallocate
 - If the grantee intends to submit a new project application for the reallocated grant funds
 - Estimated number of housing units that will be created in the new proposed reallocated project, if applicable
 - Estimated number of housing units that may be retained in renewed project, if permitted
 - If preference is to renew 100% of current grant funding, indicate
 - Why the grantee is unable or unwilling to reallocate current renewal funding
 - Efforts taken to obtain other non-CoC funding sources to support the project and the results of those efforts

Depending on the number of PSH grantees who are able and willing to reallocate their projects, the CoC team may set up individual meetings with grantees to negotiate for more or less current grant funding to be reallocated for certain projects. The CoC will use its PSH inventory information to try to ensure that most regions in the Ohio BoSCoC retain some number of PSH units.

Upon receipt of reallocation preference information from PSH renewals and subsequent negotiations, the CoC team will let PSH grantees know if they can preliminarily submit a renewal project application in e-snaps. Grantees must submit their preliminarily approved renewal project applications in e-snaps by **December 12, 2025**.

Official decisions regarding project selection, reduction, or rejection will be communicated to all applicants by **December 29, 2025**.

New Project Proposals

In FY2025, the Ohio BoSCoC is seeking to fund new projects with funds from the CoC Bonus and via reallocation. To that end, the Ohio BoSCoC is seeking the following new project proposals:

- New Transitional Housing projects
 - Created through voluntary reallocations of current RRH, PSH, or Joint TH-RRH projects, or wholly new projects
 - Including new DV Bonus funded TH projects
- New Street Outreach projects
 - Created through voluntary reallocations of current RRH, PSH, or Joint TH-RRH projects, or wholly new projects
- New Standalone Supportive Services projects
 - Created through voluntary reallocations of current RRH, PSH, or Joint TH-RRH projects, or wholly new projects

Additionally, per the approval of the Ohio BoSCoC Board, the CoC may submit a new project application for a CoC-wide Coordinated Entry project and/or for an HMIS expansion project. Submission of these applications will depend, in part, on the CoC's funding request for PH, TH, and SO project applications.

More details are below.

New Projects: Reallocation

Current PSH, RRH, and Joint TH-RRH project grantees are required, or have the opportunity, to voluntarily reallocate their current renewal project funding to create new TH projects.

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

Transition Grants

Applicants who are fully reallocating their current CoC grant to create a new project may be eligible to apply for a Transition Grant. A Transition Grant may be preferable, where possible, because the start date of a transition grant will be the day after the expiration of the current grant term, meaning there should be no gap between the end of the current CoC Grant and the start of a new Transition grant. For a Transition Grant, the new project applicant must be the same grantee listed in the current grant agreement for the renewal grant being eliminated/reallocated. Grants with DV Bonus renewal funding are not eligible for a transition grant.

New Projects: Leveraging PHA and Healthcare Provider Partnerships

New project applicants are strongly encouraged to identify partnerships with local Public Housing Authorities (PHA) and/or healthcare providers (including behavioral healthcare agencies) as part of their new project proposal. New projects that leverage these partnerships may be given priority in project ranking. Written commitments from partners must be attached to the submitted project application when submitted in e-snaps as evidence of the commitment.

Example of a partnership with PHAs may include:

- PHA provides dedicated vouchers or housing units for at least 25% of the units in a new TH project

Example of a partnership with healthcare providers may include:

- Healthcare provider, including a behavioral healthcare providers, commits to providing services to clients of the new project that are valued at 25% of the total project funding request

New Projects: DV Bonus Opportunity

The Ohio BoSCoC is seeking DV Bonus project proposals for new TH 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.

Scoring of New CoC Project Proposals

New Project Proposals will be reviewed and scored. Ohio BoSCoC Board decisions regarding project selection or rejection will be communicated by **December 29, 2025**.

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.

Project Application Submission Process

New Project Proposals and Applications

New Project Proposals (proposals) are due to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org by **December 12, 2025**. Proposals must be submitted using the New Project Proposal Form. Late proposals will not be considered.

Upon approval by the CoC Board by **December 29, 2025**, selected New Project Applicants will then be invited to submit a full and complete application in the e-snaps system. Applications in e-snaps must be completed and approved by the CoC team by **January 9, 2026**.

All New Project Applicants must identify CoC team members in e-snaps as registered additional users for their e-snaps account. This enables the CoC Team to complete required application review and assist with application corrections as needed.

Renewal Applications

Renewal CoC projects that are non-PH project types (TH, HMIS, SSO) must submit their renewal project applications in e-snaps by **December 12, 2025**.

The CoC team will communicate with current PSH grantees who are seeking to partially or wholly renew their CoC grant funding if they are permitted to submit a preliminary renewal project application. If permitted, those renewal applications are due in e-snaps by **December 12, 2025**.

Upon approval by the CoC Board and review by the CoC team by **December 29, 2025**, renewal grantees must address any needed corrections to their renewal applications in e-snaps by **January 9, 2026**.

All renewal grantees must identify CoC team members in e-snaps as registered additional users for their e-snaps account. This enables the CoC Team to complete required application review and assist with application corrections as needed.

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Final Submission of the Ohio BoSCoC Consolidated CoC Application

The Ohio BoSCoC Collaborative Applicant (ODOD with assistance from COHHIO) will prepare the full CoC application package which includes the CoC application, ranked list of approved renewal and new project applications, and required attachments, and submit on behalf of the Ohio BoSCoC by **January 14, 2026**. The Ohio BoSCoC Board will approve the package before submission and all parts of the application package will be publicly posted on COHHIO's website prior to submission here - <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/>

Any questions about the Ohio BoSCoC FY2025 CoC Competition Guide can be directed to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org.

Ohio BoSCoC 2025 CoC Competition Timeline

Following is the timeline for the 2025 CoC Competition as of *November 21, 2025*.

DATE COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
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 ○ <i>Project Evaluation Data</i> 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

DATE COMPLETE	ACTIVITY
	○ Submit communications here - https://forms.office.com/r/UWn14mWYTE
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
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)

