Rural Nevada

CONTINUUM OF CARE

Rating and Ranking Policies and Procedures

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Introduction

The Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCoC) is dedicated to addressing homelessness and housing instability within the rural and frontier communities of Nevada. Our mission is to create a comprehensive and coordinated response to homelessness by fostering partnerships, leveraging resources, and implementing effective strategies that meet the unique needs of Nevada's rural populations.

A critical component of our efforts involves the fair and transparent rating and ranking of project applications for funding in response to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released regularly by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The RNCoC rating and ranking policies and procedures are designed to ensure that resources are allocated efficiently and effectively to programs that demonstrate the greatest potential to reduce and ultimately end homelessness in our geographic areas.

These policies and procedures provide a clear framework for evaluating project proposals, prioritizing high-impact initiatives, and maintaining accountability among service providers. By adhering to these guidelines, the RNCoC aims to enhance service delivery in support of the strategic goals outlined in Nevada's comprehensive plan to address homelessness.

This document outlines the specific criteria, processes, and methodologies employed by the RNCoC in the rating and ranking of project applications. It serves as a guide for applicants, stakeholders, and evaluators, ensuring that all parties have a shared understanding of the standards and expectations that govern our funding decisions.

The Continuum of Care

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is a crucial initiative by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) aimed at addressing homelessness comprehensively.

The primary purpose of the CoC Program is to promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. It provides funding to non-profit organizations, as well as state and local governments, to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families, while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness. The program also aims to optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Key components of the HUD CoC program include:

1. **Funding and Grants:** CoC funds are awarded competitively to local organizations and agencies that form a CoC. These funds support a variety of activities, including permanent housing, transitional housing, supportive services, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) implementation, Coordinated Entry, and, in some cases, homelessness prevention.
2. **Coordination and Planning:** Each CoC is responsible for coordinating and planning homeless services within a specified geographic area. This includes conducting an annual point-in-time count of homeless persons, operating a coordinated entry system to ensure that those experiencing homelessness have access to housing and services, and developing and implementing strategies to reduce homelessness.
3. **Performance Measurement:** CoCs are required to measure their performance based on specific HUD criteria. These criteria include reducing the length of time individuals and families remain homeless, reducing the rate at which individuals and families return to homelessness, and improving employment and income growth for homeless individuals.
4. **Collaborative Approach:** The CoC Program emphasizes a collaborative approach to addressing homelessness, involving stakeholders from various sectors, including non-profit service providers, local government agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and homeless or formerly homeless individuals.

The CoC Program aims to create a more organized and efficient system to prevent and end homelessness. By leveraging federal resources and fostering local partnerships, the program has made significant strides in reducing homelessness in communities across the United States. In summary, HUD's Continuum of Care Program is a comprehensive approach designed to support homeless individuals and families, enhance community

planning and coordination, and ultimately work towards the goal of ending homelessness.

RNCoC Governance

It is the responsibility of the RNCoC Steering Committee to act as the governing structure for the RNCoC and to adopt the rules and operating procedures as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities under state and federal legislation. The Steering Committee aims to include representatives of relevant organizations and of projects serving subpopulations of those experiencing homelessness, and shall include at least one individual experiencing homelessness or who has formerly experienced homelessness. Additional representatives shall include public and private sector organizations, including state-level administrators from education, health and human services, housing, welfare, veterans, and the disabled community. Remaining memberships shall include non-profits, the treatment community, faith-based organizations, and homeless youth providers. This is often a challenge throughout Nevada's rural and frontier communities; however, the Steering Committee is committed to striving to ensure representation from various perspectives to create the greatest impact on the RNCoC homeless services system.
Standing Committees, Subcommittees, and Working Groups include:
- RNCoC Steering Committee
- Coordinated Entry Committee
- Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Working Groups
- Ad Hoc Working Groups
- Rating and Ranking Committee

The Rating and Ranking Committee (RRC), comprised of representatives from neutral (non-applicant) organizations, reviews all renewal and new applications. The RRC leads the Rating and Ranking process and adopts the HUD Rating and Ranking tool, which is updated annually. This tool allows the RNCoC to effectively score and rank New and Renewal Project applications during the Local Competition and present a Priority Listing to accompany the Consolidated Application that provides Nevada's rural and frontier communities the best opportunity to maximize funding for homeless services.

Rating and Ranking Criteria

The criteria and process for rating and ranking project applications in the RNCoC aims to ensure an objective, transparent, and consistent evaluation process that aligns with HUD priorities, which focus on ending the crisis of homelessness in our communities by prioritizing treatment and recovery, advancing public safety, promoting self-sufficiency, improving outcomes, and minimizing trauma.

The FY25 HUD CoC NOFO expressed a greater emphasis on utilizing performance metrics to rate and rank projects. Specifically, HUD identified the objective criteria and performance should:

1. Demonstrate that it used objective criteria (e.g., cost-effectiveness, performance data, type of population served) to review, rate, and rank project applications and that these factors account for at least 50% of the total available points.
2. And demonstrate that at least 25% of total points available account for the following:
   a. Returns to homelessness performance measures
   b. Employment income performance measure
   c. Supportive service participation requirements

The FY25 local application for renewal projects meets this requirement using a two-part application structure:
1. Objective Performance Metrics (65 points)- metrics are based on HMIS/APR/SPM data analysis.
   a. Returns to homelessness (24 months) (15 points)
   b. Length of Time Homeless (LOT) (10 points)
   c. Exits to Permanent Housing/Housing Stability (10 points)
   d. Employment Income Increase (10 points)
   e. Data Quality & Timeliness (10 points)
   f. Utilization & Turnover (5 points)
   g. Cost Per Successful Outcome (5 points)
2. Narrative questions (35 points) – These questions are designed to elicit responses for how current projects align with any current priorities.
   a. Required or Structured Service Participation (7 points)
   b. Treatment & Recovery Integration (7 points)
   c. Law Enforcement / Public Safety Collaboration (7 points)
   d. Strategies to Reduce Length of Time Homeless and Returns to Homelessness (6 points)
   e. Employment & Income Growth Strategies (5 points)
   f. Mitigating Barriers (3 points)
3. Projects are required to submit attachments in support of their narrative response by uploading those attachments at the conclusion of the application.

Renewal project applications are out of a total score of 100 points and could earn up to 10 bonus points for serving in Opportunity Zones, incorporating those with Lived Experience, and utilizing SAVE to confirm participant immigration status. The RNCoC has elected to rank HMIS and CE projects in Tier 1, as it has done in previous years, due to the critical role they serve in the infrastructure of the RNCoC homeless service system; loss of these projects will have dire consequences for the whole system.

New Projects will be required to complete a narrative application worth 100 points. These projects will be scored entirely on project design, project impact, and capacity.
- Project Design & Alignment (15 points)
- Required or Structured Supportive Services (10 points)
- Treatment & Recovery Partnerships (10 points)
- Collaboration (10 points)
- Projected Outcomes & Performance (20 points)

- Targeting, Timeliness, and Cost Effectiveness (10 points)
- HMIS/Data Quality Plan (10 points)
- Organization Capacity & Start-up Readiness (10 points)
- Budget & Staffing Plan (5 points)

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Rating Process

The RNCoC is committed to establishing a fair, transparent, and consistent process for rating and ranking project applications submitted for funding through the Continuum of Care (CoC) local competition. This process will be utilized for all applications submitted for the CoC local competition, including new, renewal, expansion projects, and transition grant projects.

At the onset of every local competition, the CoC or facilitator responsible for the coordination of RNCoC activities will post information relevant to the pending competition. This will include information on how applicants are to submit applications, platforms that will be utilized for submissions, the deadline for submission of all application criteria and materials.

All project applications will undergo a two-step review prior to ranking: 1) Threshold/Compliance & Risk Review and 2) project application scoring. This threshold review will include a pass/fail review of each project's Compliance & Risk Review. All new and renewal project applicants are required to complete the Compliance & Risk Review, which will not only determine project eligibility for each project, but it will also help us identify those projects that may carry a higher risk of being pulled by HUD if included in the Priority Listing. The FY25 HUD CoC NOFO has identified that HUD will conduct a Threshold Review on all project applications. After successful completion of a Threshold Review, project applications are subject to a Merit Review and a Risk Review. HUD may use the results of the risk review to make funding decisions and to apply award decisions. The Compliance and Risk Review will help the CoC gain a better understanding of those projects that may carry a higher risk under HUD review. The Threshold/Compliance & Risk Review will:

- Confirm that all recipients and subrecipients are eligible entities (state or local government agencies, non-profit or faith-based organizations, Indian Tribe or TDHE)
- Verifies that all applicants meet HUD's long-standing threshold requirements (SAM/UEI registration, financial and audit status, draws and APR timeliness, project eligibility, match, HMIS participation).

- Applies the **FY 2025 Compliance & Risk Review**, including screening for racial preference/proxies, prohibited harm-reduction activities, compliance with HUD's sex-binary requirements, SORNA compliance (where applicable), public safety alignment, and safety and critical incident protocols.
- Any project that fails this review is not rated or ranked in the CoC's Priority Listing. Applicants will receive notification in writing of this decision.

The facilitator of CoC activities will recruit neutral, non-applicant representatives to serve on the Rating and Ranking Committee. Committee members are responsible for scoring narrative sections using standardized scoring tools and must follow all conflict-of-interest and disclosure requirements.

Ranking Process

HUD requires that all CoCs score and rank all new, reallocated, bonus, renewal, and DV bonus project applications submitted by applicants. Ranking projects is how all CoCs establish their Priority Listing for those applications in the local competition to indicate project prioritization awards for the RNCoC in the Consolidated Application.

The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released by HUD outlines the formula used to determine each community's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). During the ranking process, the RNCoC will utilize this information to determine Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) plus any amount available for Bonus projects to estimate the community award.

The Priority Listing established during this process will be ranked into Tier 1 and Tier 2 Projects.

- Tier 1 projects are considered the highest priority for funding. These projects are more likely to receive funding. Historically, the amount of funding available for Tier 1 projects was a percentage, typically 90-95% of the ARD. The FY25 HUD CoC NOFO has established that Tier 1 will be set at 30% of the ARD. It is critical during this funding cycle that the RNCoC strategize on the most effective approach to funding. Projects that are critical for the infrastructure of the CoC will be ranked in Tier 1 in an effort to ensure continued funding.
- Tier 2 projects are lower priority compared to Tier 1 and face a more competitive funding environment. These projects compete with all other projects in the national competition for funding. Tier 2 projects may include some combination of new and renewal projects and are subject to a rigorous review process that now includes a Merit Review and are scored based on various criteria, including alignment with HUD priorities, project performance, and community impact. Projects in Tier 2 are scored and ranked based on factors such as the CoC's overall application score, project quality, strategic value, and alignment with HUD's policy priorities.

Objective criteria are used to score projects and inform how successful projects have been at achieving outcomes to end homelessness throughout Rural Nevada. Several factors may affect the ranking and prioritization of projects, such as those critical to the infrastructure and success of the CoC, like Coordinated Entry or Homeless Management Information System- loss of these projects would impact the entire system.

Reallocation Process

CoCs should establish a process for reallocating program funds for underperforming or low-priority projects to new or higher-priority projects that can more effectively address homelessness throughout the CoC. This process aims to ensure that limited resources are used in the most effective and efficient manner to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Reallocation will occur annually through the local competition process. Reallocation principles include:

- Client-Centered Approach: Ensuring reallocated funds are used to support projects that provide the most benefit to clients experiencing homelessness.
- Performance-Based Funding: Prioritizing funding for projects that demonstrate high performance and effective outcomes in reducing homelessness.
- Transparency and Fairness: Ensuring the reallocation process is transparent, fair, and includes input from all stakeholders.
- Data-Driven Decisions: Use objective data and performance metrics to guide reallocation decisions.

An annual performance evaluation will be done to review the performance of all CoC-funded projects based on HUD-established performance measures such as housing stability, income growth, bed utilization rates, and effective use of mainstream resources. A needs assessment to identify gaps in services and emerging needs among those experiencing homelessness will be used to inform the type of services that need to be implemented or expanded to meet the needs. This will assist with establishing funding priorities and strategic goals for the RNCoC.

Projects will be presented with the opportunity to voluntarily reallocate funds prior to the start of the local competition. Applicants who choose to voluntarily relinquish funds due to an inability to effectively utilize all awarded funds will be awarded 10 bonus points in the local competition. Through the FY25 CoC NOFO, HUD instituted a 30% cap on PH projects. Therefore, communities are only eligible to allocate 30% of their Annual Renewal Demand to PSH, RRH, or Joint TH-RRH new or renewal projects. With this shift in funding priorities during this year's competition, projects willing to apply for a Transition Grant to reallocate their funding to a TH program will receive 10 bonus points.

The rating and ranking committee has the right to reallocate all or a portion of funds from renewal projects during the local competition. Projects that may be reallocated include:

1. Underperforming projects: Those projects that consistently fail to meet performance benchmarks or demonstrate low utilization rates.
2. Low-Priority Projects: Identify projects that no longer align with the CoC's strategic priorities or address the most pressing needs.

Appeals Process

The appeals process ensures a fair, transparent, and consistent process for addressing concerns or objections related to the rating, ranking, and selection of projects. This process is intended to provide applicants with an opportunity to appeal decisions made by the CoC regarding their project proposal(s).

The following entities are eligible to submit an appeal:

- Project applicants who submitted a project proposal for the current CoC Program Competition.
- Project applicants whose project was not selected for funding.
- Project applicants whose project received a lower ranking than expected based on the published criteria.

Appeals will be considered on the following grounds:

- **Procedural Error:** The applicant believes that a procedural error occurred during the rating and ranking process that adversely affected the outcome of their application.
- **Incorrect Application of Criteria:** The applicant believes that the CoC incorrectly applied the established rating and ranking criteria to the project proposal.
- **New Information:** The applicant has new, relevant information that was not available at the time of the original submission and that could reasonably affect the rating and ranking of their project.

Applicants will be notified in writing of their project's rating and ranking within three business days after the Rating and Ranking Committee has completed its review. Appeals are required to be submitted within three business days of receiving notification of the rating and ranking results. An appeal request must be submitted via email to rncoc@wingedwolf.org and must include:

- A detailed explanation of the grounds for appeal.
- Supporting documentation or evidence, if applicable.

- The specific relief or resolution sought.

Appeals Review and Decision

The CoC shall establish a committee to review appeals. This committee will be composed of members who were not involved in the initial rating and ranking process. The Appeals Committee will be responsible for reviewing and rendering a decision on any appeals submitted. The Appeals Committee will review the appeal, including all submitted documentation. Should the committee need additional information to make an informed decision, it can request additional information or clarification from the appellant.

The Appeals Committee will render a decision, and the CoC will notify the appellant in writing of the committee's decision and provide a brief explanation of the rationale for the decision within 10 business days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, and no further action may be taken during that year's competition.

The CoC will maintain transparency by documenting all steps of the appeals process and making this information available to the CoC Governing Board (CoC Steering Committee) and HUD upon request. Parties affected by the decisions of the appeal will be notified in writing of the appeal decision and the impact on those affected applicants.

The CoC will maintain records of all appeals, including the appeals submitted, the decisions rendered, and the rationale for those decisions, for a minimum of 5 years.

This process will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary to ensure continued fairness, transparency, and alignment with HUD requirements. This includes ensuring the appeals process provides time for the appellant to adequately justify their appeal while maintaining the required timeline for the CoC local competition.

Conflict of Interest

The Conflict of Interest clause is to ensure the integrity and fairness of the rating and ranking process for the local competition. The RNCoC wishes to establish clear guidelines to prevent conflicts of interest and outline the disclosure requirements for all individuals involved in the process.

A conflict of interest occurs when an individual's personal, professional, or financial interests could improperly influence or appear to influence their judgment and action during the rating and ranking process. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Direct or indirect financial interest in a competing entity.
- Personal or familial relationships with competitors or their representatives.

- Employment, consultancy, or board membership with any competing entity.
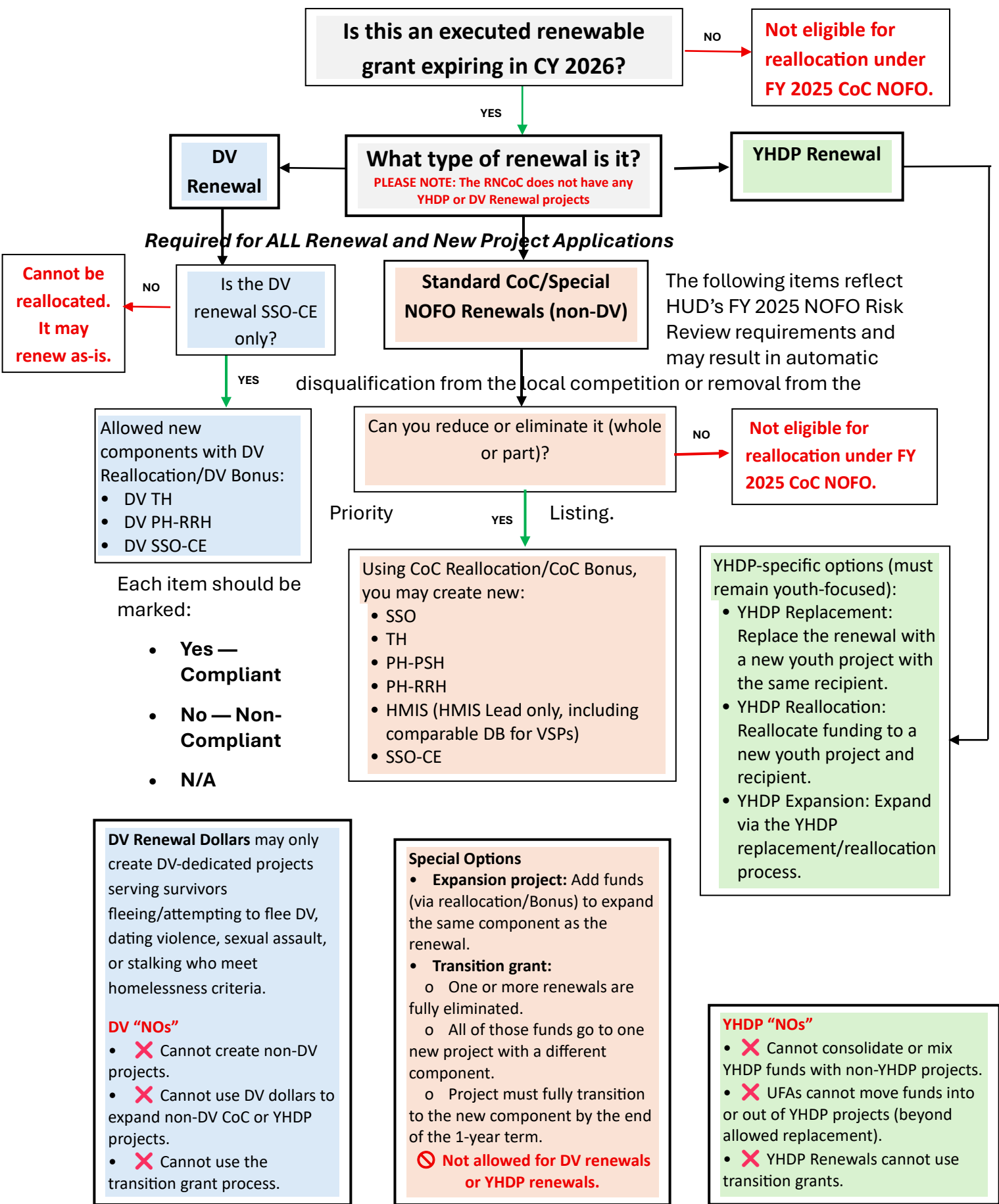- Any other situation that could compromise the individual's impartiality.

All individuals involved in rating and ranking process must disclose any potential or actual conflicts of interest. Disclosure should be made in writing to the competition rating and ranking process. All individuals involved in the rating and ranking process must complete an annual disclosure form outlining any potential conflicts of interest. If a potential conflict of interest arises during the competition, the committee member must disclose the conflict immediately to the facilitator of CoC local competition.

Facilitator of the CoC local competition will be responsible for reviewing all disclosures and determine if a real or perceived conflict of interest exists. Individuals with a disclosed conflict of interest may be recused from rating and ranking any entries where the conflict exists. The facilitator may appoint an alternate individual who does not have a conflict of interest to participate in the rating and ranking process. The facilitator is responsible for managing all real or perceived conflicts of interest. All disclosures will be documented, and documentation will be maintained.

Disclosures and discussions related to conflicts of interest will be kept confidential and shared only in the event and with those individuals that need to know to manage the conflict of interest. All individuals involved in the rating and ranking process must sign an acknowledgement form indicating that they have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Conflict of Interest.

Appendix

1. Reallocation Flow Chart

2. Compliance/Risk Review

3. FY25 Local Competition New Project Application Templates

4. FY25 Local Competition Renewal Project Application Templates

Is this an executed renewable grant expiring in CY 2026? — NO → **Not eligible for reallocation under FY 2025 CoC NOFO.**

YES ↓

What type of renewal is it?
PLEASE NOTE: The RNCoC does not have any YHDP or DV Renewal projects

← **DV Renewal**

→ **YHDP Renewal**

Required for ALL Renewal and New Project Applications

Is the DV renewal SSO-CE only? — NO → **Cannot be reallocated. It may renew as-is.**

YES ↓

Standard CoC/Special NOFO Renewals (non-DV)

The following items reflect HUD's FY 2025 NOFO Risk Review requirements and may result in automatic disqualification from the local competition or removal from the Priority Listing.

Allowed new components with DV Reallocation/DV Bonus:
• DV TH
• DV PH-RRH
• DV SSO-CE

Each item should be marked:
• **Yes — Compliant**
• **No — Non-Compliant**
• **N/A**

Can you reduce or eliminate it (whole or part)? — NO → **Not eligible for reallocation under FY 2025 CoC NOFO.**

YES ↓

Using CoC Reallocation/CoC Bonus, you may create new:
• SSO
• TH
• PH-PSH
• PH-RRH
• HMIS (HMIS Lead only, including comparable DB for VSPs)
• SSO-CE

YHDP-specific options (must remain youth-focused):
• YHDP Replacement: Replace the renewal with a new youth project with the same recipient.
• YHDP Reallocation: Reallocate funding to a new youth project and recipient.
• YHDP Expansion: Expand via the YHDP replacement/reallocation process.

DV Renewal Dollars may only create DV-dedicated projects serving survivors fleeing/attempting to flee DV, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet homelessness criteria.

DV "NOs"
• ✖ Cannot create non-DV projects.
• ✖ Cannot use DV dollars to expand non-DV CoC or YHDP projects.
• ✖ Cannot use the transition grant process.

Special Options
• **Expansion project:** Add funds (via reallocation/Bonus) to expand the same component as the renewal.
• **Transition grant:**
  o One or more renewals are fully eliminated.
  o All of those funds go to one new project with a different component.
  o Project must fully transition to the new component by the end of the 1-year term.

🚫 **Not allowed for DV renewals or YHDP renewals.**

YHDP "NOs"
• ✖ Cannot consolidate or mix YHDP funds with non-YHDP projects.
• ✖ UFAs cannot move funds into or out of YHDP projects (beyond allowed replacement).
• ✖ YHDP Renewals cannot use transition grants.

Applicants are not to complete the pass and fail items of this review. Pass and fail for each section of this Compliance & Risk Review will be determined by Winged Wolf Innovations staff as part of the local competition Threshold Review.

The CoC may request documentation for any response. Timely responses to these questions may determine your eligibility to move forward in the competition rating and ranking process.

Section 1. HUD Regulatory Compliance (Required Pass)

1. Financial & Management Capacity

Select	The applicant has no unresolved HUD audit findings, monitoring findings, or financial deficiencies.
Select	No outstanding obligations to HUD or federal agencies.
Select	The organization has submitted federal financial audits as required (A-133 or equivalent).

Pass/Fail

2. Timeliness of Prior CoC Grants (Renewals only)

Select	All draws, APRs, and expenditures are up to date or on an approved extension.
Select	No grant is at risk of recapture.
Select	If a grant is at risk of having unspent funds recaptured, the program elected to reallocate funds in an attempt to right size the current project.

Pass/Fail

3. HMIS & Data Compliance

Select	HMIS participation and data entry meet HUD requirements (including the use of a comparable DV database).
Select	No history of data manipulation or misuse or non-compliance with data quality standards

Pass/Fail

Section 2. FY 2025 NOFO Prohibited Activities (Required Pass)

HUD will reject any new or renewal project from consideration if any of the following are true. (These come directly from the FY 2025 NOFO Risk Review language.)

4. Racial Preference Prohibition

The applicant does not engage in any form of:
Select   racial preferences,
Select   illegal discrimination, or
          practices using proxies for race, including in admissions, eligibility, services,
Select   or outreach.

Pass/Fail

5. "Sex Binary in Humans" Requirement

          The applicant does not engage in activities that violate the HUD definition of
Select   the "sex binary in humans," including in:
Select   admissions,
Select   facility assignments,
Select   services,
Select   programming, or
Select   staffing requirements.

Pass/Fail

6. Harm Reduction Prohibition

The applicant does not engage in activities HUD defines as "under the pretext of harm
reduction," including:
Select   distribution of paraphernalia,
Select   drug use supplies,
Select   operating "safe consumption sites."
Select   any activities that "promote or encourage the use of illicit drugs."

Pass/Fail

7. Public Safety & Law Enforcement Compliance

The applicant:
Select   participates in law enforcement collaboration, AND
          • does not engage in activities that obstruct the enforcement of:
Select   local bans on public camping
Select   local bans on public drug use, or
Select   applicable state/local criminal laws.
Pass/Fail

Section 3. Public Safety & SORNA Compliance

8. Sex Offender Registration & Notification Act (SORNA)

The applicant has policies ensuring:
Select   identification of registered sex offenders
Select   coordination with law enforcement (when necessary)

Select no facility placement that violates zoning or legal restrictions

Pass/Fail

9. Safety & Critical Incidents

The organization has:
Select Safety protocols,
Select staff training for high-risk situations,
Select critical incident documentation,
Select procedures for law enforcement engagement.

Pass/Fail

Section 4. Program Risk Indicators (CoC Discretionary)

These do not automatically disqualify a project but must be documented for the CoC file and may influence ranking.

10. Staffing or Capacity Risks

Select chronic vacancies
Select Inability to maintain minimum staffing
Select lack of appropriate clinical/treatment personnel

Risk Level: Low / Moderate / High

11. Past Performance Concerns

Select lower-than-average PH exits
Select high returns to homelessness
Select income-growth performance
Select high data error rates

Risk Level: Low / Moderate / High

12. Pending Legal Issues

Select Any pending litigation, law enforcement investigations, or substantiated community concerns that may impact HUD eligibility.

Risk Level: Low / Moderate / High

Section 5. Certification (Required)

I certify that this project complies with all FY 2025 HUD program requirements and does not engage in any activities prohibited by the FY 2025 CoC NOFO. I understand that inaccurate responses may result in disqualification from the local competition or

removal from the Priority Listing.

_____

Signature   Date

Please complete the following information to attach with the Project Application

Organization: _____

UEI (Unique Entity Identifier): _____

Project Name: _____

Project Type:	☐Coordinated Entry	☐Joint TH-RRH
	☐HMIS	☐Permanent Supportive Housing
	☐Outreach	☐Rapid Rehousing
	☐Supportive Services Only	☐Transitional Housing
Application Type:	☐New ☐Renewal	

For CoC official review:

☐Confirmed Active UEI/DUNS

☐Organization is an eligible entity

☐Project can Ramp up within 12 months of award announcement

☐Threshold Review Completed

- Project application **passed** review
- Project application **did not pass** review

Comments:

FY 2025 COC LOCAL COMPETITION NEW PROJECT APPLICATION TEMPLATE

The Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCoC) is accepting applications for new projects under the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition. HUD has established clear priorities for this year's competition emphasizing treatment and recovery access, required and structured participation in supportive services, strong coordination with law enforcement and first responders, improved system performance outcomes, and strategies that reduce unsheltered homelessness and encampments. New project applicants are expected to demonstrate how their proposed project design advances these priorities, contributes to measurable improvements in the CoC's system performance, and provides cost-effective, participant-centered housing and services. Applicants should provide detailed responses describing project design, capacity, proposed performance outcomes, partnerships, and alignment with the FY 2025 NOFO requirements.

New Project applications will be scored on their response to nine questions worth a total of 100 points.

SECTION 0 — APPLICANT & PROJECT INFORMATION

Agency Name:

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

Project Name:

Project Component:	☐ HMIS	☐ SSO - CE
	☐ Joint Transitional – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) (Ineligible for FY2025)	☐ SSO - Standalone
	☐ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	☐ SSO - Other Outreach
	☐ Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	☐ Transitional Housing (TH)

Project Application Type:	☐ Expansion
	☐ Transition
	☐ New Project

If you selected Expansion or Transition, please provide the project name for the originally funded project.

Amount of funding requested.

Project Start? Can the project begin within 12 months of the award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Primary Point of Contact (PPOC): _____

PPOC Email: _____

PPOC Phone: _____

NARRATIVE QUESTIONS (100 POINTS)

Answer each question thoroughly and concisely. Provide attachments where requested.

1. Project Design & Alignment with FY 2025 NOFO (15 pts)

Describe:

- The project model and target population
- How the project aligns with FY 2025 NOFO priorities:
    - Treatment & recovery access
    - Required or structured service participation
    - Public safety/law enforcement collaboration
    - Reducing unsheltered homelessness/encampments
    - Increased employment and economic independence

Response:

2. Required or Structured Supportive Services (10 pts)

Describe:

- What services are required or strongly structured (not purely voluntary)
- How expectations are communicated and documented
- How service participation supports housing stability and public safety

Response:
(Upload sample agreements (contract, occupancy agreement, lease agreement, or equivalent) — optional)

3. Treatment & Recovery Partnerships (10 pts)

Describe partnerships with:

- BH providers

- Detox/inpatient

- CCBHCs

- Recovery supports

- Crisis stabilization

Include:

- How referrals and coordination occur

- MOUs (attach)

Response:
(Upload MOUs — recommended)

4. Public Safety & Law Enforcement Collaboration (10 pts)

Describe:

- How the project will coordinate with law enforcement/first responders

- How it supports compliance with state/local public safety laws

- Safety protocols and crisis response coordination

Response:
(Upload MOUs — recommended)

5. Projected Outcomes & Performance (20 pts)

Provide **projected performance** for:

- Exits to permanent housing

- Increases in earned income

- Reduced returns to homelessness

- Length of time homeless

- Targeted engagement of unsheltered populations

Describe how staffing, services, and partnerships will support these outcomes.

Response:

6. Targeting, Timeliness & Cost-Effectiveness (10 pts)

Describe:

- Targeting of high-need or unsheltered households

- How the project will rapidly enroll and house participants

- Why the project's budget is reasonable for the scale of outcomes

- Leveraging of other resources (healthcare, treatment, workforce, etc.)

- How the project will ensure timely drawdowns, resolution of monitoring findings (if agency was previously funded, please address any concerns with the capacity of these issues with previous awards and plans to improve in those areas of concern).

Response:

7. HMIS/Data Quality Plan (10 pts)

Describe:

- How the project will participate in HMIS

- Who will perform data entry

- How data quality will be monitored

- How the project will use performance data to drive improvement

8. Organizational Capacity & Start-Up Readiness (10 pts)

Describe:

- Experience with similar projects

- Partnerships and staff expertise

- Training and supervision

- Internal controls

- Implementation timeline (ready to start within 6–9 months)

Response:

9. Budget Summary & Staffing Plan (5 pts)

Attach:

- Budget narrative with 25% match commitments

- Staffing chart

- Rationale for cost-effectiveness

Response:
(Attach budget)

10. Does this project operate in an Opportunity Zone?

Opportunity Zones are census tracts located in low-income communities where new investments, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment. Designated Opportunity Zone Census Tracts can be found at:
https://www.hud.gov/opportunity-zones

☐Yes ☐No

Applicants who answer yes to this question must complete and submit the Certification for Opportunity Zones Preference Points form (Form HUD-2996) as an attachment.

11. If your organization is a non-profit charitable organization, do you agree to voluntarily, thoroughly, and demonstrably facilitate immigration status verification before distribution of benefits to all recipients using SAVE directly or in coordination with a governmental entity?

☐Yes ☐No ☐N/A

12. Does the organization's leadership (executive management, management, board of directors, etc.) include representation from individuals with lived experiences of homelessness?

☐Yes ☐No

SECTION 2 — ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

Required:

☐Compliance & Risk Review
☐Budget Worksheet

Recommended:
☐ Non-discrimination policy excerpt
☐ Sex-binary compliance policy excerpt
☐ Harm-reduction compliance policy excerpt
☐ Safety & critical incident policy

☐ MOUs with law enforcement/public safety
☐ MOUs with CCBHCs / treatment providers
☐ MOUs with workforce partners
☐ Sample service/occupancy agreements

Rural Nevada

FY 2025 COC LOCAL COMPETITION RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Renewal Project Applications are required for those projects currently receiving HUD CoC funding with grant terms expiring in 2026, seeking those that wish to continue operating projects. This includes those projects seeking to reallocate a portion of awarded funds. This application is specific to housing projects; HMIS or SSO-CE projects will be required to complete an application that includes items related to those project types.

The renewal project will consist of 2 components worth a total of 100 points:

- Project Performance Metric review (65 Points)
- Narrative Response (35 Points)

SECTION 0 — APPLICANT & PROJECT INFORMATION

Agency Name: _____

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): _____

SAM Registration EXP: _____

Project Name: _____

HUD Grant #: _____

Project Component:
- ☐ Joint Transitional – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH)
- ☐ Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- ☐ Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- ☐ Transitional Housing
- ☐ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- ☐ Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry

HUD Grant #:

Primary Point of Contact (PPOC): _____

PPOC Email: _____

PPOC Phone: _____

SECTION 1 — PERFORMANCE METRICS (65 POINTS)

CoC will score this using HMIS/APR/SPM Data. Projects do not complete this section.

Applicants will be provided a scorecard for their programs and should review the metrics for accuracy, but do not submit narratives here.

Metrics scored:

1. **Returns to Homelessness (24 months)** – 15 pts
2. **Length of Time Homeless (LOT)** – 10 pts
3. **Exits to Permanent Housing / Housing Stability** – 10 pts
4. **Increases in Income (Employment Emphasis)** – 10 pts
5. **Data Quality & Timeliness** – 10 pts
6. **Utilization & Turnover** – 5 pts
7. **Cost per Successful Outcome** – 5 pts

SECTION 2 — NARRATIVE QUESTIONS (35 POINTS)

Answer each question thoroughly and concisely. Provide attachments where requested.

1. Required or Structured Supportive Service Participation (7 pts)

Describe your current project and how your project implements required or structured supportive service participation, which may include:

- How expectations are communicated (service agreements, occupancy agreements, etc.)
- How participation is monitored
- How the approach remains client-centered and non-punitive
- How required services contribute to housing stability and public safety

Response:
(Upload sample agreements if available — optional)

2. Treatment & Recovery Integration (7 pts)

Describe your project's partnerships with behavioral health and treatment providers, such as:

- Substance use treatment

- Detox/inpatient programs

- CCBHCs

- Recovery housing or peer-based services

Include:

- How referrals occur

- Coordination protocols

- If treatment services are available on site

- Existing MOUs (attach if applicable)

Response:
(Upload MOUs — recommended)

3. Collaboration and Coordination (7 pts)

Explain how your project collaborates or coordinates with:

- Systems of Care (Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Health Care

- Law enforcement

- First responders

- Co-responder/homeless outreach teams

Describe how your project supports:

- Enforcement of local/state public safety laws (public camping, drug use)

- Participant safety during engagements

- Information sharing protocols (within legal limits)

- The CoC (PIT Count, CoC Committees, CoC Training)

Response:
(Upload MOUs — recommended)

4. Strategies to Reduce Length of Time Homeless & Returns (6 pts)

Describe how your project:

- Reduces or plans to reduce LOT

- Shortens the time from identification to housing placement

- Prevents returns to homelessness

- Uses aftercare, stabilization supports, or case conferencing
- Incorporates feedback from those with Lived Experience in project design.

Response:

5. Employment & Income Growth (5 pts)

Describe strategies and partnerships used to increase earned income, including:

- Workforce boards (Workforce Connections, Nevadaworks)
- WIOA partners (EmployNV)
- Employers
- Job training or apprenticeship programs
- Transportation or childcare supports

Response:

6. Mitigating Barriers (3 pts)

Describe any significant barriers or external factors that affected your project's performance on the FY 2025 performance metrics (returns to homelessness, length of time homeless, exits to permanent housing, income growth, utilization, data quality, and cost effectiveness).

Include any system-level, geographic, operational, or participant-level challenges that impacted outcomes and describe how your project is working to address or mitigate these barriers.

Response:

7. Through the FY2025 NOFO, HUD has implemented a 30 percent cap on permanent housing. Has your organization also submitted a New Project Application for a Transition Grant to move from the current program component to a Transitional Housing project or other eligible project type?

8. Does this project operate in an Opportunity Zone?

☐Yes   ☐No
   If yes, please complete and submit form HUD-2996 with your attachments.

9. If you are a non-profit charitable organization, do you agree to voluntarily, thoroughly, and demonstrably facilitate immigration status verification before distribution of benefits to all recipients using SAVE directly or in coordination with a governmental entity?

☐ Yes   ☐No   ☐N/A

10. Does the organization's leadership (management, board of directors, etc.) include representation from individuals with lived experience of homelessness?

☐Yes   ☐ No

SECTION 3 — ATTACHMENTS CHECKLIST

Required:

Compliance & Risk Review
Budget Worksheet
Match Documentation/Commitment Letters
Organizational Chart
Program Policies and Procedures

Recommended:

Form HUD 2996

MOUs with law enforcement
MOUs with CCBHCs / treatment providers
MOUs with workforce partners
Sample service/occupancy agreements☐ Nondiscrimination policy excerpt
Sex-binary compliance policy excerpt
Harm-reduction compliance policy excerpt
Safety & critical incident policy
SORNA-related policies (if residential)