



Rural Nevada

CONTINUUM OF CARE

FY 2026 LOCAL COMPETITION SCORING OVERVIEW

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Purpose

The Rural Nevada Continuum of Care (RNCOC) is committed to conducting a fair, transparent, and objective Local Competition consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). This overview explains how Renewal and New Project applications will be evaluated during the FY2026 Local Competition.

Competition Evaluation Process

1. Threshold Review – Verify eligibility, completeness, and required documentation.
2. Objective Evaluation – Evaluate measurable criteria using documentation, performance data, monitoring results, and compliance records.
3. Narrative Evaluation – Score narrative responses using standardized reviewer guidance.
4. Rating & Ranking Committee Review – Review scores and develop funding recommendations.
5. Governing Board Approval – Approve the Project Priority List for submission to HUD.

Renewal Project Evaluation

Objective Evaluation (70 Points)

Category	Description
System Performance	Housing outcomes, returns to homelessness, length of time homeless, income growth, and project utilization.
Monitoring Results	Organizational capacity, program operations, fiscal compliance, and HMIS/Comparable Database performance.
Grant Management & Compliance	Timely reporting, expenditure of funds, match requirements, and overall grant compliance.

Narrative Evaluation (30 Points)

Project Accomplishments and Continuous Improvement (15 points)

- Applicants will be asked to describe their project's accomplishments during the current operating year and explain how your organization has used project performance, participant feedback, previous monitoring results or other information to improve outcomes. *Focus should be on measurable improvements rather than simply describing services provided.* Your response should include:
 - Significant accomplishments
 - Challenges encountered
 - Corrective actions implemented
 - Lessons Learned
 - Improvements Planned for the next Operation year

System Collaboration (10 points)

- Applicants will be asked to describe how the project and organization contributes to the Rural Nevada Continuum of Care homeless response system.
- Response should include examples of collaboration with community partners, participation in Continuum activities, referrals, and coordination with other organizations serving persons experiencing homelessness.
- Applicants should describe how the project supports coordinated service delivery and improves access to housing and community resources.

Future Planning (5 points)

- Applicants should use this section to describe any significant changes planned for the upcoming grant year that will improve project operations, participant outcomes, or organizational effectiveness. Examples may include:
 - Program improvements
 - Staffing enhancements
 - New partnerships
 - Expanded services
 - Operational efficiencies
 - Technology improvements
 - Policy Updates
- If no significant changes are planned, describe how the organization will maintain successful project operations and continue performance.

New Project Evaluation

Objective Evaluation (60 Points)

Category	Description
Organizational Capacity	Experience, staffing, governance, and grant administration.
Financial Capacity	Financial systems, audits, fiscal policies, and internal controls.

Partnerships & Community Coordination	MOUs, letters of support, and collaboration.
Organizational Readiness	Policies, staffing plans, implementation planning, and readiness to administer CoC funding.

Narrative Evaluation (40 Points)

Community Need and Project Design (15 points)

- Applicant should describe the unmet need the proposed project is intended to address. This can be addressed by explaining:
 - Target population
 - Community need
 - Why the project is needed
 - Why the proposed intervention is appropriate

Project Implementation (15 points)

- Applicant should describe how the organization will successfully implement the proposed project. Include:
 - Staffing
 - Timeline
 - Partnerships
 - Participant access
 - Service Deliver

Community Collaboration and Sustainability (10 points)

- Applicant should describe how the proposed project will coordinate with existing community resources and how the organization will support long-term project success. Your response should include:
 - Partnerships
 - Community coordination
 - Organizational Sustainability
 - Capacity for long-term implementation.

Objective Scoring

Objective scoring is based on verifiable documentation and measurable information, including HUD performance reports, monitoring results, financial documentation, organizational capacity, required registrations, policies, and partnership documentation.

Narrative Scoring

Narrative responses are evaluated for completeness, responsiveness, demonstrated organizational capacity, project planning, collaboration, and overall quality of the response.

Multiple Reviewer Process

Applications may be reviewed by multiple Rating & Ranking Committee members. Each reviewer scores independently, and the final application score is calculated by averaging all reviewer scores.

Funding Recommendations

The Rating & Ranking Committee develops funding recommendations based on application scores and applicable HUD requirements. The RNCOC Governing Board approves the final Project Priority List before submission to HUD.

Applicant Tips

- Review the RNCOC Scoring & Ranking Policies and Procedures.
- Submit all required documentation.
- Answer every narrative question completely.
- Attend Technical Assistance sessions.
- Use the Required Documentation Checklist before submitting.

Questions?

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