

2016 Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care Scoring Criteria for Prioritizing Projects

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS:

New Projects:

Agencies may apply for new projects as allowed by HUD in the FY 2016 CoC Program Registration Notice and Bonus Projects as defined in the FY 2016 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Housing Focus: A minimum of 80% of funds in housing budget lines (leasing, rental assistance, or operating).

Renewal Projects:

All renewal projects will be scored based on successful housing placements. In order to receive points in this section, the project must be able to produce, from VESTA, a HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) for the most recently completed operating year.

Grant Money Drawn:

All programs are required to draw down funds from HUD at least quarterly. Legacy Shelter Plus Care programs must have expended at least 88% of funds in most recently completed operating year. All other programs a least 98% of funds expended in most recently completed operating year. Any program that fails to reach the grant money drawn threshold will be able to request a waiver for this requirement from the Homeless Clearinghouse. Strategies to End Homelessness will coordinate the waiver process.

All projects:

Leverage: A minimum of 1.5:1 leverage

Match: All statutory match requirements must be met. [This is currently 25% of the grant, excluding leasing funds.]

SPECIAL NOTES:

- 1- Projects that are still in their initial one year grant term will not participate in the ranking process and will be included in the CoC application for a second or third year of funding.
- 2- All other renewal projects will be ranked based on project outcomes.
 - a. The VESTA Universal Recidivism report will be run on a one year period and will capture returns to homelessness in a two year period. All other project outcomes will be a two year average of from the HUD Annual Performance Report run out of VESTA..
 - i. Timeframe: the two most recently completed operating years.
- 3- The final pre-score ranking list will be used to determine which projects must present at the Large Group Scoring.
- 4- The top 15% of projects that meet threshold requirements based on the pre-scored outcomes will not be required to present at Large Group Scoring for inclusion into the CoC Consolidated Application for HUD funding.
- 5- Total funding allocated to projects that are exempt for presenting at Large Group Scoring will not exceed 25% of the total renewal funding available. If this 25% threshold is reached with fewer than the top 15% of projects, the lowest scoring projects within the top 15 % will be required to make presentations at Large Group Scoring.
- 6- Agencies with multiple grants funding one project will present one time at Large Group Scoring. The average rank from the presentation will be applied to each of the project's individual grant's pre-score rank to determine the final rank of each grant.
- 7- Points Distribution
 - a. Projects with the highest performance are awarded maximum point value.

- b. Projects performing at or above the community average but below the high performer(s) are awarded the 2nd highest point value.
- c. Projects performing 3x below the community high performer are awarded zero points (point distribution decided by difference between community average and high performance)
- d. Projects performing between the 2nd highest point value and zero point value will be awarded the 3rd highest point value.

Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
Housing Results 100% = 30 Points 97-99%= 20 Points 91-96% = 10 Points 0-90%= 0 Points	30	The % of persons who remained in the permanent housing program as of the end of the operating year or exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized). Community High Performance: 100% Community Average: 97%
Income Results 76%= 23 Points 42-75% = 13 Points 0-41% = 3 Points N/A = 0 Points	23	The % of persons age 18 and older who maintained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit. Community High Performance: 76% Community Average: 42%
Employment Results 33% = 10 Points 7-32% = 7 Points 0-6% = 4 Points N/A = 0 Points	10	The % of persons age 18 through 61 who maintained or increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit. Community High Performance: 33% Community Average: 7%
Mainstream benefits 76% = 7 Points 43-75% = 4 Points 0-42% = 0 Points	7	Percentage of households receiving benefits at the time of the latest annual assessment for stayers. Community High Performance: 76% Community Average: 43%
Returns to Homelessness 0% = 30 Points 1-24% = 20 Points 25-71% = 10 Points 72-100% = 0 Points	30	Percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 2 years. Community High Performance: 0% Community Average: 24%

Permanent Housing: Rapid Re-Housing

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
<p>Housing Results</p> <p>100% = 25 Points</p> <p>94-99% = 15 Points</p> <p>82-93% = 5 Points</p> <p>0-81% = 0 Points</p>	25	<p>The % of persons who remained in the permanent housing program as of the end of the operating year or exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized).</p> <p>Community High Performance: 100%</p> <p>Community Average: 94%</p>
<p>Income Results</p> <p>86% = 25 Points</p> <p>66-85% = 15 Points</p> <p>26-65% = 5 Points</p> <p>0-25% = 0 Points</p>	25	<p>The % of persons age 18 and older who maintained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 86%</p> <p>Community Average: 66%</p>
<p>Employment Results</p> <p>64% = 20 Points</p> <p>49-63% = 15 Points</p> <p>19-48% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-18% = 0 Points</p>	20	<p>The % of persons age 18 through 61 who maintained or increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 64%</p> <p>Community Average: 49%</p>
<p>Mainstream benefits</p> <p>95% = 5 Points</p> <p>78-94% = 2 Points</p> <p>0-77% = 0 Points</p>	5	<p>Percentage of leavers receiving benefits at exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 95%</p> <p>Community Average: 78%</p>
<p>Returns to Homelessness</p> <p>12% = 25 Points</p> <p>13-22% = 15 Points</p> <p>23-40% = 5 Points</p> <p>41-100% = 0 Points</p>	25	<p>Percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 2 years.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 12%</p> <p>Community Average: 22%</p>

Transitional Housing

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
<p>Housing Results</p> <p>100% = 30 Points</p> <p>87-99% = 20 Points</p> <p>61-86% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-60% = 0 Points</p>	30	<p>The % of persons who exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) during the operating year.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 100%</p> <p>Community Average: 87%</p>
<p>Income Results</p> <p>74% = 20 Points</p> <p>66-73% = 15 Points</p> <p>50-65% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-49% = 0 Points</p>	20	<p>The % of persons age 18 and older who increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 74%</p> <p>Community Average: 66%</p>
<p>Employment Results</p> <p>44% = 20 Points</p> <p>42-43% = 15 Points</p> <p>38-41% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-37% = 0 Points</p>	20	<p>The % of persons age 18 through 61 who increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 44%</p> <p>Community Average: 42%</p>
<p>Mainstream benefits</p> <p>94% = 5 Points</p> <p>88-93% = 2 Points</p> <p>76-87% = 0 Points</p>	5	<p>Percentage of leavers receiving benefits at exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 94%</p> <p>Community Average: 88%</p>
<p>Returns to Homelessness</p> <p>0% = 25 Points</p> <p>1-6% = 15 Points</p> <p>7-17% = 5 Points</p> <p>18-100% = 0 Points</p>	25	<p>Percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 2 years.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 0%</p> <p>Community Average: 6%</p>

Supportive Services Only (Excluding Street Outreach)

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
<p>Housing Results</p> <p>89% = 30 Points</p> <p>72-88% = 20 Points</p> <p>38-71% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-37% = 0 Points</p>	30	<p>The % of persons who exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) during the operating year.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 89%</p> <p>Community Average: 72%</p>
<p>Income Results</p> <p>83% = 20 Points</p> <p>69-82%= 15 Points</p> <p>43-68% = 10 Points</p> <p>0-42%= 0 Points</p>	20	<p>The % of persons age 18 and older who increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 82%</p> <p>Community Average: 69%</p>
<p>Employment Results</p> <p>44% = 15 Points</p> <p>32-43% = 10 Points</p> <p>8-31% = 5 Points</p> <p>0-7% = 0 Points</p>	15	<p>The % of persons age 18 through 61 who increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 44%</p> <p>Community Average: 32%</p>
<p>Mainstream benefits</p> <p>83% = 15 Points</p> <p>82% = 10 Points</p> <p>80-81% = 5 Points</p> <p>0-79% = 0 Points</p>	15	<p>Percentage of leavers receiving benefits at exit.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 83%</p> <p>Community Average: 83%</p>
<p>Returns to Homelessness</p> <p>19% = 20 Points</p> <p>20-22% = 15 Points</p> <p>23-27% = 10 Points</p> <p>28-100% = 0 Points</p>	20	<p>Percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 2 years.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 26%</p> <p>Community Average: 22%</p>

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY—STREET OUTREACH

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
<p>Housing Results</p> <p>69% = 50 Points</p> <p>49-68% = 35 Points</p> <p>9-48% = 20 Points</p> <p>0-8% = 0 Points</p>	50	<p>The % of Persons placed into housing (Emergency Shelter, TH, or PH) as a result of the street outreach program during the operating year.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 69%</p> <p>Community Average: 49%</p>
<p>Returns to Homelessness</p> <p>9% =20 Points</p> <p>10-21%= 15 Points</p> <p>22-44% = 10 Points</p> <p>45-100% = 0 Points</p>	20	<p>Percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 2 years.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 9%</p> <p>Community Average: 21%</p>
<p>Service Connections</p> <p>16% = 30 Points</p> <p>11-15% = 20 Points</p> <p>1-10% = 10 Points</p> <p>0% = 0 Points</p>	30	<p>% who enter with service connection need for whom that connection is recorded.</p> <p>Community High Performance: 16%</p> <p>Community Average: 11%</p>

RATING PROCESS – ALL PROJECTS

Prior to Large Group Scoring the following information is made available online for attendees –
 All relevant data regarding pre-scored dimensions including specific scores for all projects and their relative standing on both the individual dimensions and overall.
 A standardized project description with statistical and descriptive data *selected by the Homeless Clearinghouse* to prepare the attendees to fully understand and evaluate the information that is presented at Large Group Scoring.
 Other information the project leadership feels is relevant to fully and properly evaluate the project.

At Large Group Scoring the following will occur –
 A person (or persons) presents a synopsis of the project under consideration, including whatever information deemed important for understanding the content and intended outcomes of the project. In principle, this would supplement and explain the information provided in advance of the event (i.e., the information outlined above).
 After each project presentation, each rater completes a summary sheet *for his/her own use* that will not be required to be shared with anyone else. (See Figure 1)

Figure 1

Project Name: Pre-fill	\$ requested: pre-fill	Rank:
Type: Pre-fill		
<u>Key Elements to consider:</u> Pre-score/past performance, cost effectiveness, impact on ending homelessness, need/extent of problem, participation in workgroups, promotes housing stability, reduces length of homeless episode, supports/enhances other programs, uniqueness in system, housing first model		
Program Strengths		Program Weaknesses

These summary sheets are put in order of the priority of each project as the presentations are made to be used by the rater at the end of the Large Group Scoring.

After the project presentations, each rater –

- i. Compiles the rating sheets in order with the highest priority on top and the others following in top-down order of priority; then
- ii. Numbers the rating sheets in the box provided, assigning the highest priority number 1 and continuing until all are numbered.

Each rater completes a ranking sheet which designates a ranking for each project by copying the numbers from the summary sheets. (See Figure 2) These ranking sheets are then submitted and ranks are averaged to determine the final Large Group Scoring result for each project.

A rater may not rank a project under the following circumstances:

- Did not participate in LGS training in the past three years
- Employed by the agency requesting funding and/or an agency that will receive funding from the project (i.e. partnerships or collaborations)
- On the Board of Directors of the agency requesting funds
- Not present to hear the presentation. NOTE: a rater will have to rate at least 2/3 of the projects to be included in the final ranking.

Figure 2

Project Final Ranking Sheet

Project Name	Rank	Project Name	Rank
Project A		Project F	
Project B		Project G	
Project C		Project H	
Project D		Project I	
Project E		Project J	

DETERMINING THE FINAL PRIORITY LISTING

The final priority listing will give equal weighting to the pre-scored and rated evaluations of each project.

1. Two scores will be calculated for each project. One will be calculated using the pre-scored factors and one using the Large Group Scoring ranks.
2. A priority listing is generated separately from the pre-scored factors and the ranks.
3. A rank order is assigned to each project from each of the priority listings.
4. The rank orders are added together to generate a total score.
5. The projects are prioritized based on their total scores.

It is likely that some projects will have the same total score. If there are ties, the priority order will be determined by the Large Group Scoring ranking. In the unlikely event that the Large Group Scoring rankings are also tied, the pre-scored factor rankings will be used. In the even more unlikely event that ties still remains, a random method such as a coin toss will determine the final ranking.