



## FY 2022 TX-600 CoC Project Ranking Policy

### Background

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released two Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) - the FY2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and the CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness. CoCs are required to evaluate, score, and rank all project applications and determine which projects will be included in its Consolidated Application. The CoC will rank all New and Renewal projects per the CoC Project Ranking Policy below, as well as the ranking criteria described in both FY 2022 NOFOs. Funds are prioritized for projects that align with HUD and CoC priorities for ending homelessness:

1. Reduce Unsheltered Homelessness
2. Expand Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to meet unmet housing needs of vulnerable, high need populations
3. Leverage housing and healthcare resources
4. Promote equity and integrate people with lived experience of homelessness in planning and decision making
5. Use a Housing First approach
6. Improve system performance

### Funding Available

The Supplemental NOFO sets aside funding for responding to unsheltered homelessness:

Amount	Funding Type	Description
\$22,801,631	Maximum Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside  TX-600 is not eligible for supplemental funding for rural communities.	HUD will select CoCs for funding based on the highest score and those CoCs will have all rated and ranked projects that pass threshold conditionally selected for funding.

The Annual FY2022 CoC NOFO includes funding set aside under the following categories:

Amount	Funding Type	Description
\$ 17,393,852	Tier 1	Total amount available for projects protected from funding cuts. Equal to 95 % of the funding for all eligible renewal projects, as identified on the HUD-approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW).
\$974,415	CoC Bonus Funds	Possible for new projects meeting the eligibility and quality standards outlined in the NOFO (Section V.C.4.b); including expansion of renewal projects
\$1,948,829	CoC DV Bonus Funds	Possible for new projects serving survivors of domestic violence, including expansion of existing projects as described in the NOFO (Section II.b.11.e).
\$584,649	CoC Planning Grant	Designated for Collaborative Applicant* (MDHA) to complete CoC planning activities.



\* The Collaborative Applicant is the applicant designated by the CoC to collect and submit the CoC Consolidated Application and apply for CoC planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition.

New project applications can be funded through the two Bonus Project funding opportunities, as well as reallocation of renewal projects. No reallocation funds have been identified through the renewal review for FY2022.

## FY2022 Annual Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition – Ranking Priorities

This section describes the funding process, priorities, and ranking policy for the FY 2022 Annual CoC Competition, followed by a section related to the Supplemental NOFO.

### HUD's Funding Process

Tier 1 is equal to 95% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section III.B.2.a of the NOFO. Projects placed in Tier 1 are traditionally protected from HUD funding cuts. HUD will conditionally select project applications that are fully within Tier 1 based on CoC score, beginning with the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 1 is selected with DV Bonus funds, HUD will remove the project from Tier 1 and the projects below it will move up one rank position. However, if a new DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will retain its ranked position. In the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2.

Tier 2 includes an amount equal to the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum ARD, plus reallocation funds, and CoC Bonus Funds. This is the amount that a CoC can apply for but does not include funds for CoC Planning or *selected* DV Bonus Projects. Project applications placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.

Projects Straddling Tiers will be conditionally selected by HUD up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using HUD selection criteria, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project or may fund the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding.

### Ranking Policy

All projects are reviewed by the Independent Review Committee (IRC) using the CoC New or Renewal Project Scorecard which can be found on the competition webpage of the CoC lead agency. The Scorecard rates projects based on objective performance criteria and the CoC priorities for ending homelessness. The results are used as a baseline for ranking Tier 1 and Tier 2 projects to be included in the final CoC Consolidated Application to HUD. Other ranking considerations that align with HUD and CoC funding priorities are highlighted in the last section below.

### Ranking Priorities – Tier 1

1. Renewal Permanent Housing (PH) projects will be placed in Tier 1, following the Reallocation Policy, ranked highest by component type based on renewal scorecard thresholds:



- a. All Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects will be ranked first, followed by Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects including Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing projects (TH-RRH)
2. Projects that are deemed essential to the CoC, but which would be at risk of loss of funding if placed in Tier 2, will be ranked in Tier 1 including Coordinated Entry and HMIS projects.

### **Ranking Priorities – Tier 2**

1. New PH projects will be prioritized for funding and ranked by component type, based on project score, and taking into consideration the following rank order:
  - a. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects; followed by
  - b. Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects; followed by
  - c. Joint TH-RRH
2. Projects deemed essential for the CoC will be prioritized for funding under the DV Bonus, including the DV Coordinated Entry Project which the CoC Lead agency will apply for on behalf of the CoC. DV Bonus Rapid Rehousing projects will also be prioritized.

## CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness – Ranking priorities

This section describes the funding process, priorities, and ranking policy for the CoC Supplemental NOFO to address Unsheltered Homelessness.

### HUD' Funding Process

CoCs are required to rank all project applications, including project applications for CoC planning. HUD will select CoCs for funding based on CoC score, meaning the highest scoring CoC will have its rated and ranked projects that pass HUD threshold requirements conditionally selected for funding.

### Ranking Policy

All projects are reviewed by the Independent Review Committee (IRC) using the CoC Unsheltered Project Scorecard which can be found on the competition webpage of the CoC lead agency. The tool rates projects based on objective performance measures and the CoC priorities for ending homelessness. The results are used as a baseline for ranking projects to be included in the final CoC Consolidated Application to HUD. Other ranking considerations that align with HUD and CoC funding priorities are highlighted in the last section below.

### Ranking Priorities

Projects deemed essential for the CoC will be prioritized for funding under the unsheltered NOFO, including the CoC's Systemwide Diversion/Rapid Exit project which the CoC Lead agency will apply for on behalf of the CoC. In addition, new PH projects will be prioritized and ranked by component type, based on project score, and taking into consideration the following rank order:

1. PSH projects; followed by



2. Rapid Rehousing projects; followed by
3. Joint TH-RRH; followed by
4. Supportive Services Only

Other considerations include:

- **Project Score Threshold:** Projects that score in the lowest 50% of all New Projects may be rejected from the CoC Consolidated Application.
- **Coordination with Healthcare and Housing Partners:** HUD is incentivizing CoCs to optimize resources available for program participants by applying for new projects that leverage housing resources (including tenant based or project based housing vouchers) and healthcare resources that are not funded through the CoC or ESG program. New projects that align with HUD's objectives in this area or existing projects that expand to include more comprehensive healthcare resources may also be ranked higher.
- **Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness:** New projects may be moved up in rank if they clearly demonstrate efforts to identify highly vulnerable people living in unsheltered situations, including encampments, and connecting them with health and housing resources.
- **Geography:** HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the CoC competition. Dallas City & County, Irving CoC recognizes that geography is an important consideration for the local competition. Projects may be ranked higher to ensure CoC funded programs are accessible to people experiencing homelessness throughout the entire CoC geography of Dallas and Collin counties.