

FY2021:
Nashville CoC
Renewal
Application

[FY2021 COC RENEWAL PROJECT APPLICATION:
DUE BY 3 PM, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021]

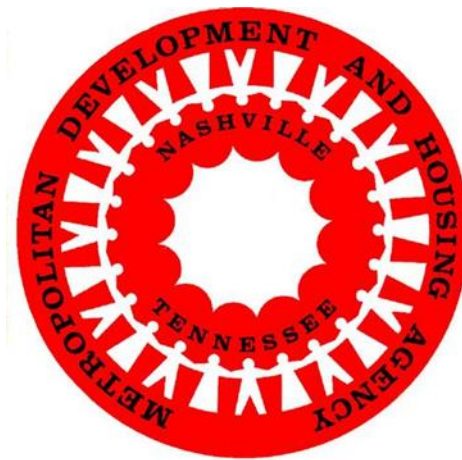
AGENCY NAME:

PROJECT NAME:

REQUEST FOR FY2021 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC)

RENEWAL PROJECT PROPOSALS

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 3:00 P.M.



NOTE: This application is based on the best information currently available, and MDHA may need to revise the requirements described herein and/or request additional information based on guidance made available by HUD, and/or decisions made by the Nashville CoC Performance Evaluation Committee. There will be a workshop for local agencies interested in submitting for renewal and new project funding on Thursday, September 9 at 1 p.m., in the cafeteria in the basement of MDHA's Central Office @ 701 South Sixth Street. Agencies are requested to complete entry of the renewal project in e-snaps by October 8. MDHA will disseminate information about this funding opportunity as it becomes available through the CoC's email listserv; subscribe by emailing MDHA's Homeless Coordinator, Suzie Tolmie, at stolmie@nashville-mdha.org with subject heading *CoC 2021 listserv*.

Also, sign up for HUD's 2 listservs below, so you do not miss important information regarding the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition, and other information related to HUD Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS).

1. SNAPS Competitions listserv:
<https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L>
2. SNAPS Program Information
listserv: <https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Program%20Information&list=SNAPS-PROGRAM-INFORMATION-L>

This application asks for basic information from applicants, to be reviewed by the CoC Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC). All applicants should review HUD’s FY2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/FY21_Continuum_of_Care_Competition.pdf , which contains comprehensive details. In the last 4 lines of the chart below, please note # & % of families & single individuals proposed to be served, for both Point-in-Time (PIT) and annually.

BEFORE STARTING THIS APPLICATION, REVIEW & COMPLETE THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS ON NEXT PAGE & CERTIFICATIONS SIGNATURE ON PP 19-21.

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	Choose Renewal Agency	
AGENCY NAME:		
PROJECT NAME:		
CONTACT PERSON:		
EMAIL:		
PROGRAM LOCATION (address of housing/service):		
Total Request \$		
Project type, population to be served		
# of households & units- PIT		
# of households & units- YEAR		
# of people & beds- PIT		
# of people & beds- YEAR		

1. THRESHOLD CRITERIA:

a. Certification of Participation in Coordinated Entry

All Applicants awarded HUD CoC funding are required to participate in Coordinated Entry (CE), meaning that applicant staff must notify the CE lead of all openings and fill those openings with participants referred from CE. CE is designed to ensure standardization, coordination and intentional prioritization in the process of administering homeless assistance in a fair and objective manner. Metro Homeless Impact Division (MHID) serves as the CE Lead in Nashville. All applicants are required to certify they are aware of this expectation and are already complying or will comply with any additional instructions or procedures required for participation. For details on CE, please contact Sally Lott at MHID, Sally.Lott@nashville.gov. Participation in CE includes the following:

- Support efforts to streamline housing and homeless support services through coordination
- Support a needs-based model for resource connection rather than a first come, first served approach.
- Support a Housing First/low barrier approach and philosophy
- Adhere to policies and procedures as identified within the most recent CE manual
- Understand that participation in CE is required by the CoC through the funding requirements established by HUD for the ESG/CoC competitive funds.
- Use the designated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)'s CE implementation
- Collect and enter all needed data into the designated HMIS, on persons experiencing a housing crisis; this includes entries and exits from the system
- If operating a bed program, report project vacancies to the CE Lead. The Homeless Impact Division (MHID) at

Metropolitan Social Services is the CE Lead for the Continuum of Care and ESG programs.

- **Accept referrals from CE based on need and vulnerability**
- **Work with CoC CE Lead (MHID) to resolve project implementation challenges**
- **Participate in CE care coordination meetings, as requested by the CE Lead (MHID) and provide input on CE policies and procedures and other CE topics**
- **Participate in project and system evaluation activities**

1. Does staff at your agency currently attend Coordinated Entry (CE) related meetings (for example, Care Coordination Meetings)? YES NO If yes, list the meetings and how often meetings are attended.

2. Does staff at your agency enter/update client records in CE in HMIS for the clients served by this project?

YES NO

If no, please identify an estimated date (month and year) when client data will be entered/updated in CE in HMIS.

Month: **Year:**

3. For which household types will this project accept referrals?

- Families with minor children
- Individuals
- Youth and Young Adults
- Veterans

QUESTIONS 4 & 5 - Answer for the year ending July 31, 2021

4. 100% of clients served by this funding source must be referred through CE. Please identify how many enrollments in this project in the last year were not received through CE referrals and explain why.

_____ (# & %) referred into project by other than CE

_____ (# & %) referred through CE

5. If any referrals from CE were denied by your agency in the last year, please explain why a denial was issued in each case.

_____ (#) referred through CE
_____ (#) accepted _____ (%) accepted

If your project is not currently receiving all referrals through CE:

6. Are you actively working with the CE team at the Metro Homeless Impact Division to establish a process for your project to accept all referrals through CE? YES NO Please explain in detail.

b. Certification of HMIS Participation

All Applicants awarded HUD CoC funding are required to participate in the CoC's designated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database, and to ensure that data entered for the Project is accurate, complete and timely. For details on HMIS, please contact Rachel Cook at MHID, Rachel.Cook@nashville.gov.

See also <https://mhidnashville.weebly.com/administrative-documents.html> for the HMIS Participating Agency Agreement & the Data Quality Plan.

1. Does the Applicant/Project participate in HMIS? YES NO
2. If Applicant is a victim-service agency, Applicant certifies it utilizes a comparable database for the Project YES NO

If no, please explain:

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS				
		CoC Interim Rule Regulation (See last page)		Required Attachments:
Accept referrals exclusively from Coordinated Entry (or alternative for DV)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	§ 578.3		No attachment required, but participation will be confirmed by CE Manager at Homeless Impact Division
Match & Leverage	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	§ 578.73	Minimum Match: 25% (although not requested in this application, agencies must get written commitment & send to HUD) Total Match: \$ Total Leverage (support in addition to match): \$	
Applicant is active CoC Participant			Attendance at CoC General M'ship meetings: 2020- <input type="checkbox"/> June 30; <input type="checkbox"/> July 16; <input type="checkbox"/> Aug 20; <input type="checkbox"/> Sept 17; <input type="checkbox"/> Dec 17 2021- <input type="checkbox"/> Jan 21; <input type="checkbox"/> April 22; <input type="checkbox"/> June 17 <input type="checkbox"/> March 2021 COVID discussion with PEC Note below service on committees/ Planning Council:	
Project Uses Housing First Model	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Current audit Reports & Findings		§ 578.59	Audits completed within (9) months of the end of the agency's most recent FY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	If findings, attach page citing issue & note any remedial plans to correct findings

HUD Monitoring within last (2) years?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	§ 578.99		If yes, attach all related HUD monitoring correspondence
Board participation/policy-making body- Agency is aware of this requirement	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	§ 578.75	Each recipient must have homeless or formerly homeless representation on a policy-making entity.	
Program Participants are Informed of Rights	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	§ 578.91	Participants informed of eligibility criteria, discharge policies, rights to appeal.	Agency has written standards including program rules, termination process, written notice of termination and appeals process (will be requested in on-site monitoring visits)
Regular Draws from HUD eLOCCS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		Maintained Quarterly Draw-downs (proof will be sought in local monitoring visits)	MDHA will verify with HUD-Knoxville Field Office staff

EXPENDITURES

If HUD grant funds remain at the end of a program year, the leftover funding will be de-obligated by HUD. If less than 100% of grant funds were expended during the last completed program year, please explain below, including total grant amount & any amount unspent:

EQUITY

National data show vast racial disparities in who experiences homelessness and, in some instances, the outcomes within homelessness services systems. Via the CoC Equity & Diversity Committee and a group of stakeholders that participated for months in an 8-city Equity Demonstration initiative, Nashville providers are exploring local data that will inform approaches to decrease disparities- not just in race, but also family composition, gender & ethnicity. Please answer the questions below (selected by the Equity & Diversity Committee) about activities within your agency.

1. What actions were taken over the past year to integrate racial justice and equity into your homeless services? [word limit 150]

2. What actions will you take in the year(s) ahead to ensure racial justice and equity are woven into your organization's homeless services? [word limit 300]

3. Describe how your agency demonstrates efforts to identify and reduce racial and ethnic disparities within the homeless system, service provisions and/or agency culture. Note also any challenges faced by the agency when working to address disparities. [word limit 300]



COVID EFFECTS

If you attended the March 17th meeting of the Performance Evaluation Committee, thank you for highlighting how COVID-19 has affected your agency and services. Please summarize below, particularly as it relates to your CoC-funded project (expenditures, performance, population served, etc.). [word limit 300]



STANDARDS OF CARE

Local Written Standards of Care for CoC & ESG funding were approved in September 2019.

1. Do you know about the written standards document that was approved last year? YES NO If not, link is below; please review.

<http://www.nashville-mdha.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/COC-ESG-Written-Standards-FINAL-1.pdf>

2. Are these standards helpful to you? If not, what changes would you propose to enhance its value as a tool your agency can reference and rely on? [word limit 300]

3. What changes, if any, have you made based on these CoC-approved written standards? [word limit 150]

ADMINISTRATIVE/INDIRECT COSTS

The PEC will assign bonus points to agencies that request 7% or less in Indirect and/or Admin costs, combined. Please note below if you are asking for either cost, and the % of each. Although HUD allows max of 10% Admin and also allows indirect charges, the CoC PEC reserves the right to limit direct plus indirect administrative fund requests to a level below 7% - a strategic priority aimed at maximizing direct assistance.

Administrative %:

Indirect %:

PROJECTS SERVING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ONLY --

Briefly describe the degree to which your project improves safety for the population you serve. [100 word max]

UTILIZATION RATE – ALL PROJECTS			
What was the average utilization rate for this project during the project's last completed program year?	<u>Households</u>	<u>Beds/Persons</u>	Note: Quarterly rates from HUD's Sage reporting system may also be reviewed.
	Proposed to be served (#): _____ Actual # served: _____ = _____%	Proposed (#): _____ Actual # utilized: _____ = _____%	
If the utilization rate of either of the above is less than 85%, please provide specific reasons as to why, in the space below. (Up to 3 sentences)			

EVIDENCE-BASED MODELS		
Do staff members who deliver services or case management for this project use evidence-based practice models?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Please note model used, and provide detail of training in these models for staff, in box below.

HOUSING FIRST - REDUCING BARRIERS

Housing First is a proven approach which prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and the CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness.

Projects practicing a true housing first approach will be given additional points.

Housing First Assessment Tool (required for all applications that include housing activities, except Diversion)

Complete the Housing First Assessment Tool based on project information and submit as an attachment to the Nashville CoC Renewal Application.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5294/housing-first-assessment-tool/>

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SERVING MOST VULNERABLE/HIGHEST BARRIER

Please describe below how the project serves homeless persons who are the most vulnerable/ facing most/highest barriers (i.e., length of time homeless, numerous disabilities, criminal backgrounds, etc.). Statistics are very helpful.

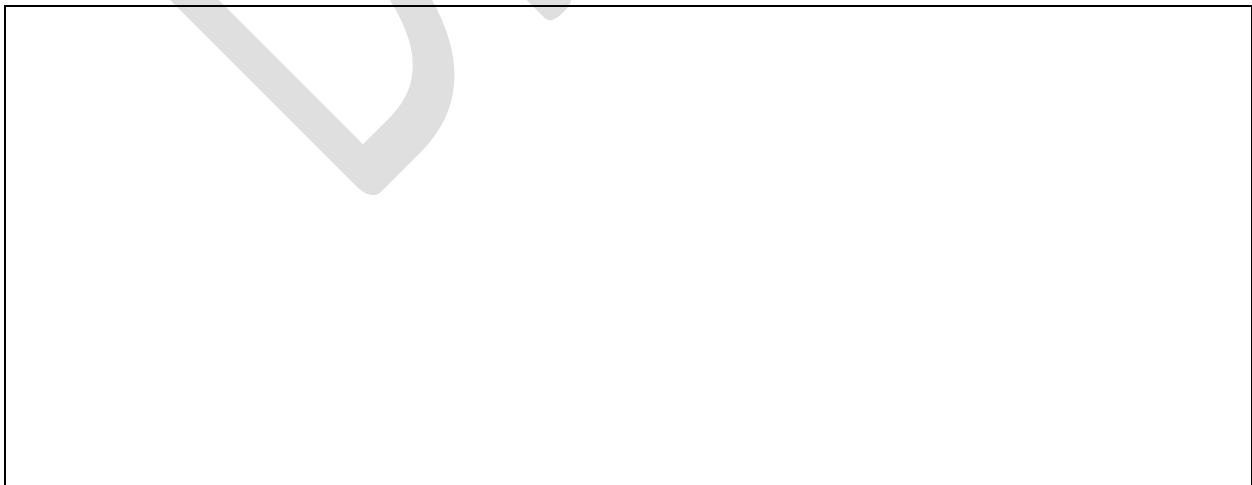


NASHVILLE'S STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

In early 2019, Nashville's CoC Homelessness Planning Council embarked on an exciting strategic planning process that resulted in *Nashville's Strategic Community Plan* being adopted. This plan can be accessed at the link below.

Briefly explain your agency's role in relevant action steps mentioned.

https://filetransfer.nashville.gov/portals/0/sitecontent/SocialServices/docs/hc/Reports/Strategic%20Community%20Plan%207.3.19_committee%20approved.pdf



HMIS DATA QUALITY PLAN

On May 18, HMIS staff at the Metro Homeless Impact Division released the draft Data Quality Plan & Data Quality Monitoring Plan that sets expectations for both the community and HMIS users to capture reliable and valid data on persons experiencing a housing crisis in Nashville. See

<https://mhidnashville.weebly.com/administrative-documents.html> The implementation of this plan will directly impact all HMIS participating agencies.

Have relevant staff at your agencies reviewed this draft?

YES NO

HMIS COSTS

All recipients of CoC funding are required to enter client-level data into the city's HMIS (or, if exclusively serving victims of domestic violence, a comparable system). To fund the cost of this data entry, MDHA is encouraging new project applicants this year to include a line item that will help defray this cost. HMIS is an eligible activity for renewal projects as well, although if your current budget does not include it, this will not mean you can ask for more funding from CoC dollars. If applicant wishes to shift some amount of its grant award to HMIS-eligible costs (equipment, software, services, personnel, space and operations), please indicate here, with the amount you would like to include, if HUD approves.

YES NO

Amount (if approved by HUD): \$

Please use this page (and no more than this page, in 14-point font) to clarify or explain any items in this application that you feel are necessary.

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RAPID REHOUSING (RRH) PROJECTS ONLY—(Don't have RRH \$? You're DONE!)

In some instances, households assisted with RRH may need and qualify for longer term rental assistance, such as through a Housing Choice Voucher (i.e., "Section 8"), to permanently escape homelessness and achieve housing stability. In this case, the time-limited financial assistance may serve as a bridge until the voucher is secured.

Does your RRH funding act as a housing "bridge" to housing with permanent subsidies, or does it mostly place households into unsubsidized housing that they can afford after the assistance ends?

- RRH Funding Typically/Always used as a bridge Est %:
- RRH Funding achieves housing stability without subsidy Est %:

Agencies with RRH projects have been asked to contact assisted individuals & families 6 months after HUD assistance ends to see if they are still housed. Although the CoC PEC would like agencies to do this for everyone served as a standard procedure, the key data being sought for this application is for clients served between October 1, 2019- Sept 30, 2020 (the most recent federal fiscal year), which we expect HUD to use to score Nashville's CoC application for funding.

Please note below the # of households served during this time period with RRH, and the number of those households still housed 6 months post exit.

Served with RRH:

Still housed 6 months later:

SIGNATURE/CERTIFICATIONS PAGE: Must be signed by the agency’s Executive Director, as well as the designated party either assigned to attend the CoC General Membership meetings or to submit the Annual Performance Report for the HUD CoC-funded project.

HEARTH ACT

On May 20, 2009, President Obama signed into law a bill to reauthorize HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs.

<u>In order for any project to be considered for funding in FY2021, please check yes or no to all of the following statements:</u>		
Our agency understands our CoC-funded project(s) can only accept persons meeting the HUD definition of literally homeless. (See https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/coc-esg-virtual-binders/coc-esg-homeless-eligibility/four-categories/category-1/)	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Increase Permanent Supportive Housing beds dedicated for chronic homeless persons	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Increase Rapid Re-housing beds, especially for homeless families	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Adhere to principles of Housing First, primarily by reducing barriers in project’s program entry processes	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Ease housing entry (criminal background checks, sobriety requirements, etc. are not barriers - HUD wants 75% of local housing projects to be low-barrier), and assist homeless persons with housing entry as quickly as possible	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Reallocate funding from lower-performing projects to more effective options that will improve overall CoC performance and better respond to the needs of homeless people	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Staff at our agency have read the 7 Homeless Policy Priorities outlined in HUD’s FY2021 NOFO & found below, which provide additional context regarding HUD’s selection criteria, & are included here to help applicants better understand how the criteria support the goal of ending homelessness.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
<p><i>1. Ending homelessness for all persons.</i> To end homelessness, CoCs should identify, engage, and effectively serve all persons experiencing homelessness. CoCs should measure their performance based on local data that consider the challenges faced by all subpopulations experiencing homelessness in the geographic area (e.g., veterans, youth, families, or those experiencing chronic homelessness). CoCs should partner with housing, health care, and supportive services providers to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing. Additionally, CoCs should use local data to determine the characteristics of individuals and families with the highest needs and longest experiences of homelessness to develop housing and supportive services tailored to their needs.</p> <p><i>2. Use a Housing First approach.</i> Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have</p>		

service participation requirements or preconditions. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and the CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners to identify an inventory of housing available for rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing participants, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. HUD encourages CoCs to assess how well Housing First approaches are being implemented in their communities.

3. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness. In recent years, the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness has risen significantly, including a rising number of encampments in many communities across the country. People living unsheltered have extremely high rates of physical and mental illness and substance use disorders. CoCs should identify permanent housing options for people who are unsheltered.

4. Improving System Performance. CoCs should be using system performance measures (e.g., average length of homeless episodes, rates of return to homelessness, rates of exit to permanent housing destinations) to determine how effectively they are serving people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should use their Coordinated Entry process to promote participant choice, coordinate homeless assistance and mainstream housing, and services to ensure people experiencing homelessness receive assistance quickly, and make homelessness assistance open, inclusive, and transparent. CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal in FY 2021 to determine their effectiveness in serving people experiencing homelessness, including cost-effectiveness. CoCs should also look for opportunities to implement continuous quality improvement and other process improvement strategies. HUD recognizes the effects of COVID-19 on CoC performance and data quality and, compared to previous CoC NOFOs, reduces the points available for rating factors related to system performance. However, HUD plans to significantly increase the points available for system performance rating factors in the FY 2022 and subsequent CoC NOFOs.

5. Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies. Using cost performance and outcome data, CoCs should improve how all available resources are utilized to end homelessness. This is especially important as the CARES Act and American Rescue Plan have provided significant new resources to help end homelessness. HUD encourages CoCs to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources when serving persons experiencing homelessness and should:

Partnering with Housing, Health, and Service Agencies. Using cost performance and outcome data, CoCs should improve how all available resources are utilized to

- a. work closely with public and private healthcare organizations and assist program participants to obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs;
- b. partner closely with PHAs and state and local housing organizations to utilize coordinated entry, develop housing units, and provide housing subsidies to people experiencing homelessness. These partnerships

can also help CoC Program participants exit permanent supportive housing through Housing Choice Vouchers and other available housing options. CoCs and PHAs should especially work together to implement targeted programs such as Emergency Housing Vouchers, HUD-VASH, Mainstream Vouchers, Family Unification Program Vouchers, and other housing voucher programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness. CoCs should coordinate with their state and local housing agencies on the utilization of new HOME program resources provided through the Homelessness Assistance and Supportive Services Program that was created through the American Rescue Plan; c. partner with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities; and d. work with tribal organizations to ensure that tribal members can access CoC-funded assistance when a CoC's geographic area borders a tribal area.

6. *Racial Equity*. In nearly every community, Black, Indigenous, and other people of color are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. HUD is emphasizing system and program changes to address racial equity within CoCs. CoCs should review local policies, procedures, and processes to determine where and how to address racial disparities affecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

7. *Persons with Lived Experience*. HUD is encouraging CoCs to include in the local planning process people who are currently experiencing or have formerly experienced homelessness to address homelessness. People with lived experience should determine how local policies may need to be revised and updated, participate in CoC meetings and committees as stakeholders, provide input on decisions, and provide input related to the local competition process (e.g., how rating factors are determined). CoCs should seek opportunities to hire people with lived experience.

Reduce length of time persons are homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Increase income and connection to benefits	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Move homeless persons into permanent housing, and assure high rate of housing retention	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
End homelessness among chronic homeless persons, veterans, families with children and unaccompanied youth	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
Our agency understands the requirements of data collection and the priority on data-driven planning using the continuum's local HMIS.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

Signed:

Executive Director:

Agency Staff Designated to Attend CoC meetings/workshops:

Date Signed:

Please do not include pages after this, but review the information.

THE NASHVILLE COC RATING & RANKING PROCESS FOR RENEWALS

HUD's Rating & Ranking Tool provides a strong framework for implementing a data-driven process, and includes many objective performance metrics that tie back to HUD's System Performance Measures. See link for details on these measures- <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/System-Performance-Measures-Introductory-Guide.pdf>

HUD's tool may be found at the link below. The tool is optional for communities, but Nashville's CoC Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC) has relied on the tool as a BASIC template for scoring local renewal projects. In judging renewal projects, the PEC has a heavy focus on performance data, most of which is obtained from the APR for the project. This tool has been recently revised by HUD for the FY2021 competition.

https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5292/project-rating-and-ranking-tool/?utm_source=HUD+Exchange+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=f24e6e365a-Updated+Rating+Ranking+Tool+FY21+CoCComp+8+26&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f32b935a5f-f24e6e365a-19485309

In 2019, the PEC reviewed criteria including: housing stability/exits to permanent housing; length of stay; returns to homelessness; access to income supports; serving high-needs populations; cost of the project; utilization rates; Housing First fidelity; and participation in the city's Coordinated Entry process. The PEC intends to continue scoring on these performance metrics, may add others, and/or modify as needed in light of any new areas of emphasis in HUD's 2021 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

Please see page 24 for the scoring used to rate projects in 2019. The max for PSH projects (138) was 20 points less than for RRH & TH, due to points assigned to RRH & TH projects that moved people into unassisted housing quickly. Using information from HUD's NOFO webinar scheduled for the afternoon of September 2 and other details from more thorough review of the NOFO, this scoring matrix may be revised (it is likely that answers to the Racial Equity questions will be

assigned points), and shared at the September 9 workshop for interested agencies.

Data Quality

Data Quality was reviewed by the HMIS Coordinator at the Metro Homeless Impact Division, once grace periods allowed to agencies for corrections ended. Their scores for data completeness, timeliness, consistency, etc. are being reviewed by the PEC, and will factor into 2021 project ratings as 10% of the total.

Rating versus Ranking

Per HUD's CoC Rating and ranking Tool, while scoring projects based on standardized performance criteria is key to the rating process, the PEC must also rank all renewal and new projects each year. This is the process of prioritizing projects for funding based on the CoC's local priorities, which can take into consideration the project type, local unmet need or other funding parameters.

2019 PEC Score Card RENEWALS							
		PSH	RRH	TH			
		Permanent Supportive Housing	Rapid Rehousing	Transitional Housing			
Request Amount (\$)							
Households/Units, from local app (#)							
Persons (#)							
Exits to PH or Remain in program (#)							
Performance (reporting period: 10/1/17-9/30/18)							
		Project Actual	Points Possible	Project Actual	Points Possible	Project Actual	Points Possible
Avg. Length of Stay							20
Days from Entry to move-in					20		
Exits to or remain in Permanent Housing			25		25		25
Returns to Homelessness, unknown (%)			15		15		15
Income							
Earned, increase (%)			10		10		10
Non-employment (%)			10		10		10
High Need Populations							
Zero Income (%)			10		10		10
>1 Disability (%)			10		10		10
From Place Not Meant For Human Habitation (%)			10		10		10
Project Effectiveness (reporting period: 10/1/17-9/30/18)							
		Project Actual	Points Possible	Project Actual	Points Possible	Project Actual	Points Possible
Reasonable Cost - Unit			15		15		15
Coordinated Entry			15		15		15
Utilization Rate- households, from local app			10		10		10
Housing First Low Barrier			8	8		8	
Total Points:							
			138		158		158
Total Possible Point differ for project type (PSH < RRH & TH) but PEC calculated % for score							

Additional information, & definitions used:

Local CoC funding is restricted to serving individuals or families who meet the strict definition of homelessness.

Chronic Homelessness: HUD 24 CFR 578.3

HUD defines a “chronically homeless” individual as a homeless individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility. In order to meet the “chronically homeless” definition, the individual also must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven. More information may be found at:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Defining-Chronically-Homeless-Final-Rule.pdf>

Veterans: Include all persons who served in the military, regardless of discharge status.

RRH-PH Projects: Cannot accept any new clients or new families coming from Transitional Housing. RRH projects can only accept new individuals or new families identified as eligible in the FY2021 NOFO.

HUD’s homeless priority process is intended to identify programs that are serving the highest need, i.e. prioritizing persons experiencing homelessness in the Nashville Continuum of Care with the highest degree of vulnerability.

Priority I – Literal Homelessness outlined in the CoC Interim Rule:

1. An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping group;
2. An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government individuals for low-income individuals);
3. Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition;
4. Any individual or family who: is fleeing or is attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individuals or family’s primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence

The [updated version of the Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Interim Rule](#), which was originally published in the Federal Register on July 31, 2012, includes revisions to section 578.51(c) regarding mobility options for individual and families with tenant-based rental assistance; section 578.99(j) regarding protections for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and section 578.3 incorporating the final definition of chronically homeless. The [original CoC Program Interim Rule](#), with the preamble, is also available on the HUD Exchange.

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