# HUD NOFO Review

Ending Community Homelessness Coalition

Leadership Council Meeting August 4, 2025

#### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO REVIEW

- Funding Priorities
- Scoring Criteria
- Appeals Policy
- Rank and Review Policy

#### FUNDING PRIORITIES

#### **FY24 NOFO**

# Anticipated FY25 NOFO (an email from HUD in July 2025 to CoC Collaborative Applicants)

- Ending homelessness for all populations
- Using a **Housing First** approach
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Improving system performance
- Meaningfully engaging people with lived experience
- Building an effective workforce
- Strengthening partnerships with housing, health, and service agencies
- Advancing racial equity
- Improving assistance for LGBTQ+ individuals
- Increasing affordable housing supply

- 1. Treatment and Recovery
- 2. Reducing Unsheltered Homelessness
- 3. Preventing Returns to Homelessness
- 4. Increasing Earned Income
- 5. New Project Types Emphasized
- HUD signaled a willingness to support street outreach programs and transitional housing, in addition to permanent supportive housing.
- There's also explicit mention of encouraging inclusion of faith-based organizations as partners

### SCORING CRITERIA

FY24	FY25
<ul> <li>CoC Application Questions</li> <li>Project Review, Ranking, and Selection</li> <li>HMIS Bed Coverage</li> <li>System Performance</li> <li>Coordination with Housing and Healthcare</li> </ul>	Pending NOFO Release

### APPEALS POLICY - Determined by Local CoC Policy but required by HUD

FY24	FY25
Appeals can be requested by any agency which has a project submitted for participation in the FY24 CoC Program NOFO in the Austin/Travis County CoC geographic area.  Example of eligible appeals include:  1. Projects that are not funded or receive less funding than the amount in the application.  2. Renewal projects that are ranked in Tier 2 of the CoC application (in which the applicant's funding may be at risk).  3. Projects that fall into the bottom portion of Tier 1 that equals the Tier 2 amount.	Pending NOFO Release

### RANK AND REVIEW POLICY - Determined by Local CoC Policy but required by HUD

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<ul> <li>All project applications submitted through e-snaps and CoC Local Competition webpage reviewed by an Independent Review Team (IRT)</li> <li>IRT reviews all project application submissions and scores projects based on Scoring Criteria.</li> <li>ECHO provides project priority ranking (Tier 1 and Tier 2) according to NOFO policies, including the FY24 Review, Ranking, and Scoring Policy and Procedures and FY24/FY25 NOFO requirements.</li> <li>ECHO presents ranking recommendations to Leadership Council.</li> <li>Leadership Council approves final ranking decision.</li> <li>CoC Collaborative Applicant (ECHO) submits final Consolidated Application (i.e., Priority Listing, Project Applications, CoC Application) to HUD.</li> </ul>	Pending NOFO Release

### QUESTIONS?