

TX 503 Austin/Travis County CoC FY2026 NOFO Project Scoring Guide - Renewal Projects

The purpose of this document is to guide applicants in structuring their submissions to align with CoC expectations. It includes instructions, definitions, and detailed explanations of the scoring tool sections for each project component. This scoring guide outlines the objective criteria, system performance criteria, and qualitative information used by the Independent Review Team to score each project application in line with the HUD NOFO requirements and policy priorities.

Checklist of Attachments

- Participant Service Agreement (*Housing Project types only*)

Scoring Summary for Renewal Projects

Renewal Project Application Scoring Summary	
Local Application	Maximum Points: 70
Performance Scorecards/Performance Metrics	Maximum Points: 30
Maximum Total Points: 100	

Local Application

Threshold Requirements		
Category	Details/ Attachments Needed	P/F or Max Points
1.1 e-snaps application complete	You must properly complete and submit with your application the standard forms, assurances, and certifications. You can find all forms in the application package or review them and their instructions at Grants.gov Forms . You can also read more about standard forms on HUD’s Funding Opportunities page. The identified forms are included in the project applicant profile in e-snaps and must be completed by the project applicant before gaining access to the application.	P/F

1.2 Project Expire Date in CY2027	Renewals must have an expiration date for their current agreement with HUD falls between Jan-Dec 2027	P/F
1.3 Acceptable Past Performance (Renewals): No unresolved HUD findings, No outstanding overdue obligations to HUD, No major financial management issues, No unresolved construction or program-delivery issues and No history of low occupancy or chronic underperformance.	In our CoC, this means your project is being audited by HUD or under Performance Improvement Plan (PIP). If so, you need to indicate that and provide the last audit/PIP report	P/F
1.4 Significant Amendments	Describe any changes and/or amendments made to this project during the last 12 months. Examples include adjustments to budget, target population, service delivery, subrecipient/partner roles and responsibilities (500-word limit). (*If no changes and/or amendments were made during the last 12 months, please put "N/A".) Please provide supporting documents (emails with the field office and/or copies of change forms)	P/F
1.5 Required Service Engagement (Housing Project Types only)	A copy of the participant agreement clearly showing housing is dependent on participants engaging in services is attached	P/F
1.6 Not engaging in racial preferences	Agency attests to this in their application. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination. Write this at the top of your project description if there is no place to attest to this in <i>e-snaps</i> .	P/F
1.7 Not engaging in "safe injection sites"	Agency attests to this in their application. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites," knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction." Write this at the top of your project description if there is no place to attest to this in <i>e-snaps</i> .	P/F

HUD Standards		
2.1 Annual Agency Financial Audit	The most recent copy of your last financial audit or financial review in the last 12 months is attached.	P/F
2.2 Unspent Grant Funds/Recaptured Funds	<p>If any funds related to the Renewal Project request been recaptured by HUD for the most recently expired grant term Please provide official grant documentation showing</p> <p>(1) the percentage of overall project budget recaptured, and (2) total dollar amount recaptured.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>If Applicable:</i> Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) Agreement 	P/F
2.3 Match Requirement- Minimum 25% match identified through Cash Letter, In-Kind Letter, or In-Kind MOU.	24 CFR 578.73 of the Rule requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources.	P/F
Project Type		
3.1 Project Component Type	<p>The correct project type is confirmed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) ● Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) ● Transitional Housing (TH) ● Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Re-Housing (Joint TH-RRH) ● Supportive Services Only (SSO-CE) ● HMIS ● YHDP Renewal 	P/F
3.2 Total Number of Units	What is the total number of units (if applicable)? What is the total number of beds? Of the total number of beds, what are the total number of beds dedicated to clients who meet the HUD definition of chronic homelessness or DedicatedPLUS?	P/F

3.3 Subpopulation Focus – PH-PSH, PH-RRH, TH, and Joint TH-RRH only	<p>If you have eligibility criteria for new clients to be referred into your program? (Y/N)</p> <p><i>If yes: What is the specific population focus for eligibility for this project?</i></p>	P/F
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Project Quality and Performance (All Projects Except HMIS and SSO-CE)		
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4.1 Project Narrative Aligns with Community Priorities 0 – Did not answer the question. 1-3 Narrative references the Community Funding Priorities, but does not elaborate 4-6 – Narrative includes at least one example of how the Community Funding priorities will be met 7-10 – Narrative includes an example of how the Community Funding Priorities will be met in each of the areas listed in the NOFO.	<p>For PSH renewal projects likely to be prioritized according to the FY 2026 CoC Review, Scoring, and Ranking Policy, you may attach your Project Narrative used in the preliminary PH cap competition held prior to the NOFO being released on 6/1/2026.</p> <p>For all other renewal projects please demonstrate how this project aligns with the FY 2026 CoC NOFO Community Funding Priorities</p>	10
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4.2 Performance Improvement 0 – Did not answer the question. 1-2 – Described some improvements, but did not tie	<p>Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. (*First-time</p>	10
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<p>this to HMIS and specific reports</p> <p>3-4 – Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, but did not describe implemented changes</p> <p>5 - Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, and described implemented changes</p>	<p>renewals which do not have 12-month worth of program performance, please put N/A.)</p>	
<p>4.3 Returns to homelessness</p> <p>0 – Data shows that more than 10% of clients returned to homelessness in less than 12 months according to CoC Performance Records.</p> <p>10 - Data shows that less than 10% of clients return to homelessness in less than 12-months according to CoC Performance Records.</p>	<p>Pulled from Performance Scorecard Q4 2024 – Q3 2025</p> <p><i>First time project renewals will receive full points on this measure.</i></p>	<p>10</p>
<p>4.4 Addressing Identified System Gaps and Target Population</p> <p>0 — Did not answer question</p> <p>1-2 — Weak narrative showing little relevant data</p> <p>3-6 —adequate narrative showing system gaps in the community and how the project addresses this</p> <p>7-10 —Strong narrative supported by examples of local or national trends in</p>	<p>Demonstrates how the project’s proposed activities address a documented community need such as, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsheltered homelessness. • Transitional housing needs. • Recovery-oriented housing needs. • Outreach capacity. • Access to supportive services. 	<p>10</p>

<p>system gaps and clearly describes how the proposed project intervenes in in that gap</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subpopulation-specific needs identified by the FY2026 CoC NOFO. 	
<p>4.5 Promoting Self-Sufficiency and Economic Mobility</p> <p>0- Did not answer question</p> <p>1-2- Weak narrative showing little relevant data</p> <p>3-4- adequate narrative describing some partnerships, but no prior examples of successful performance in the proposed interventions</p> <p>5-7 - has a clear strategy for supporting participants in increasing earned and unearned income and has prior experience with projects producing successful results, but does not adequately demonstrate the partnerships leveraged</p> <p>8-10 - has a clear strategy for supporting participants in increasing earned and unearned income and has prior experience with projects producing successful results and successfully demonstrates partnerships leveraged</p>	<p>Demonstrate how the project leverages partnerships and strategies to improve participants' ability to achieve long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment opportunities. • Workforce development. • Income growth. • Access to education and training. • Mainstream benefit enrollment. • Financial stability and economic mobility. 	<p>10</p>

<p>4.6 Supportive Service Participation Requirements</p> <p>0 — No Narrative around service participation requirements</p> <p>1-2 — Weak narrative lacking connection to realistic methodologies for engaging the population</p> <p>3-6 —adequate narrative utilizing best practice approaches such as a trauma-informed lens</p> <p>7-10 —Strong narrative supported by examples of progressive engagement and a trauma-informed approach</p>	<p>Describe your project’s approach to requiring supportive services for participants to remain in your program. How will you engage participants and keep them engaged?</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>4.7 Cost Effectiveness</p> <p>0 — No Narrative around cost effectiveness</p> <p>1-2 — Weak narrative lacking connection to 2 CFR 200.404.</p> <p>3-4 —adequate narrative around compliance with this requirement</p> <p>5 —Strong narrative supported by financial data and budget to demonstrate compliance with this requirement</p>	<p>The Project should provide services that are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.</p> <p>To demonstrate cost effectiveness, make sure to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide a realistic and transparent budget that clearly ties resources to project activities. ➤ Justify all costs and show efficient use of funds; emphasize leveraging other public or private resources. <p>Demonstrate value for money by showing how the project maximizes impact relative to investment.</p>	<p>5</p>

<p>4.8 Connecting to Mainstream Benefits</p> <p><i>(All project types except HMIS and SSO-CE)</i></p> <p>0 – Did not answer the question.</p> <p>1-3 – Describes a strategy for connecting participants to mainstream benefits but does not show past success or leverage partnerships.</p> <p>4-5 – Describes a strategy for connecting participants to mainstream benefits and shows past success and/or leveraged partnerships.</p>	<p>Describe how your project has a comprehensive strategy for connecting participants to mainstream benefits that support long-term stability, economic mobility, and improved health.</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>HMIS Administrator</p>		
<p>5.1 Performance Improvement</p> <p>0 – Did not answer the question.</p> <p>1-3 – Described some improvements, but did not tie this to HMIS and specific reports</p> <p>4-6 – Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, but did not describe implemented changes</p>	<p>Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. (*First-time renewals which do not have 12-month worth of program performance, please put N/A.)</p>	<p>10</p>

<p>7-10 - Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, and described implemented changes</p>		
<p>5.2 Furthering HMIS Implementation</p> <p>0 – Did not answer the question.</p> <p>1-10 – Described some improvements, but did not tie this to specific implementation components</p> <p>11-15 – Described improvements and tied it to HMIS but did not adequately describe the need for implemented changes or how they will be implemented</p> <p>16-20 - Described improvements and tied it to HMIS. Adequately describes the need for implemented changes and how these would be implemented</p>	<p>Describe how the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC’s HMIS implementation.</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>5.3 Confirm All Universal Data Elements</p>	<p>Confirm the HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.</p> <p><i>An affirmative attestation receives full points</i></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Question 5.4 Un-duplicating Records</p>	<p>Confirm the ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.</p> <p><i>An affirmative attestation receives full points</i></p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Question 5.5 Confirm All Reports Submitted on time</p>	<p>Confirm the HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g.,</p>	<p>30</p>

	APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners. If no, a reasonable explanation is provided.	
SSO-Coordinated Entry Only		
<p>6.1 Performance Improvement</p> <p>0 – Did not answer the question.</p> <p>1-3 – Described some improvements, but did not tie this to HMIS and specific reports</p> <p>4-6 – Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, but did not describe implemented changes</p> <p>7-10 - Described improvements and tied it to HMIS and specific reports, and described implemented changes</p>	Describe any strategies and/or efforts made during the last 12 months to improve program outcomes. Discuss how your agency has used data including HMIS reports to identify ways to improve services, program design, staff development, and/or outcomes shown through Quarterly Performance Scorecards or other performance measures. Describe how the implemented changes have improved both your organization and your project outcomes. (*First-time renewals which do not have 12-month worth of program performance, please put N/A.)	10
<p>6.2 Availability and Accessibility</p> <p>0- Did not answer the question</p> <p>1-5 – Described availability, but did not speak to strategies for specific subpopulations or accessibility</p> <p>6-10 – Described availability, but inadequate demonstration of strategies</p>	Describe how the Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all people within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. Describe how the system is accessible for people with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.	20

<p>for specific subpopulations or accessibility</p> <p>11-15 - Described availability, and an adequate demonstration of strategies for specific subpopulations or accessibility, but did not show any performance data or partnerships leveraged to ensure accessibility and availability</p> <p>16-20 - Described availability, and an adequate demonstration of strategies for specific subpopulations or accessibility, and showed performance data and partnerships leveraged to ensure accessibility and availability</p>		
<p>6.3 Standardized Assessment Process</p>	<p>Confirm there is a standardized assessment process</p> <p><i>An affirmative attestation receives full points</i></p>	<p>20</p>
<p>6.4 Reaching People with the Highest Needs</p> <p>0- Did not answer the question</p> <p>1-5 – Described ways of advertising, but they showed little knowledge of the population</p> <p>6-10 – Described ways of advertising, and spoke to</p>	<p>Describe the strategy for advertising designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs.</p>	<p>20</p>

<p>subpopulations, but not specific strategies for reaching people with the highest need</p> <p>11-15 - Described ways of advertising, and spoke to subpopulations and specific strategies for reaching people with the highest need, but did not provide any performance data and partnerships leveraged</p> <p>16-20 - Described ways of advertising, and spoke to subpopulations and specific strategies for reaching people with the highest need, and provided performance data and partnerships leveraged</p>		
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Performance Scorecard Review: *The average of Q4 2024-Q3 2025 performance scorecards will be without the Equity Measures included. Q4 2025 and Q1-Q2 2026 are not available due to the HMIS vendor transition.*

Performance Scorecards for Housing Project Types Maximum Points: 30		
<p>Total Scorecard Score</p> <p>0 points - <65%</p> <p>5 points - 66% - 75%</p> <p>15 points - 76% - 85%</p> <p>25 points - 86% - 95%</p> <p>30 points - >95%</p>	<p>These will be pulled from the average scores from Q4 2024 – Q3 2025</p>	<p>30</p>

Performance Metrics for SSO-CE Project Types
Maximum Points: 30

<p>Deliverable: Number of clients/households served annually as stated in FY 2024 CoC NOFO application (All SSO-CE Project Renewals) 15- Metric is met or exceeded 10 – Metric was met by at least 90% 5- Metric was met by at least 80% 0 – Metric was below 80%</p>	<p>This will be pulled from HMIS based on the 2025 Calendar Year.</p>	<p align="center">15</p>
<p>Deliverable: Number of Coordinated Assessments completed annually as stated in FY 2024 CoC NOFO application. (Non DV Project) 15- Metric is met or exceeded 10 – Metric was met by at least 90% 5- Metric was met by at least 80% 0 – Metric was below 80%</p>	<p>This will be pulled from HMIS based on the 2025 Calendar Year.</p>	<p align="center">15</p>
<p>Deliverable: Number of Households Provided with VAWA emergency transfer support as stated in FY 2024 CoC NOFO application. (DV Project only) 15- Metric is met or exceeded 10 – Metric was met by at least 90% 5- Metric was met by at least 80%</p>	<p>This will be pulled from the DV equivalent of HMIS based on the 2025 Calendar Year.</p>	<p align="center">15</p>

0 – Metric was below 80%		
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Performance Metrics for HMIS Maximum Points: 30		
Data Completeness 0- more than 5% missing 30- less than 5% missing	This is pulled from HMIS	30