



TX-503 Austin/Travis County CoC

FY2024/FY2025 YHDP Local Project Scoring Tool

This Scoring Tool is aligned with the FY2024/FY2025 Youth Homelessness NOFO, Opportunity Number CPD-2600-DC-0035.

This tool is intended to support the local review, scoring, selection, and ranking of YHDP project applications for inclusion on the TX-503 Austin/Travis County CoC YHDP Project Priority Listing.

Threshold Requirements (Pass/Fail Determination)

A project fails automatically if any applicable threshold requirement is not passed.

Category	Determination
Eligible Applicant: Applicant is an eligible entity under the YHDP NOFO and is not suspended or debarred. Applicant provides documentation of eligibility, such as nonprofit documentation, government documentation, or other proof of eligible entity status.	Pass / Fail
Active SAM.gov Registration: Applicant has an active SAM.gov registration and Unique Entity Identifier (UEI).	Pass / Fail
Required HUD Forms and Certifications: Applicant confirms ability to complete all required HUD forms, assurances, certifications, and e-snaps project application materials if selected for inclusion on the YHDP Priority Listing.	Pass / Fail
Eligible Youth Population: Project serves eligible youth and young adults under the YHDP NOFO, including youth age 24 and younger experiencing homelessness or otherwise eligible under the YHDP requirements.	Pass / Fail
Match Requirement: Applicant identifies required match, if applicable, through cash, in-kind contribution, or MOU/commitment documentation consistent with 24 CFR 578.73 and YHDP NOFO requirements.	Pass / Fail
Coordinated Entry Participation: Applicant commits to participating in the CoC's Coordinated Entry process, unless otherwise exempt or operating under an approved alternative process.	Pass / Fail
HMIS or Comparable Database Participation: Applicant commits to HMIS participation. Victim service providers must use a comparable database and must not enter personally identifying information into HMIS.	Pass / Fail
Youth Participation: Applicant demonstrates that the project incorporates Positive Youth Development and Trauma-Informed Care models of housing and service delivery.	Pass / Fail
Youth Safety Certification: For site-based housing projects serving youth under age 18, applicant certifies that registered sex offenders or individuals with violent criminal records will not live in the project, except in justice system re-entry programs.	Pass / Fail
Affirmative Legal Certifications: Applicant certifies that the project will not engage in illegal racial preferences or discriminatory practices.	Pass / Fail
Drug-Free / Safe Consumption Site Certification: Applicant certifies that it will not operate drug injection sites or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under its control, or conduct these activities under the pretext of harm reduction.	Pass / Fail



Project Scoring: Maximum Score: 100 Points

Section I: Organizational Capacity (Maximum 20 Points)

Criteria	Max Points
Previous Experience Serving Youth: Applicant demonstrates experience serving youth and young adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including youth with high service needs, pregnant or parenting youth, youth exiting systems, youth fleeing violence, or youth experiencing behavioral health or substance use needs.	5
Federal, State, or Local Grant Experience: Applicant demonstrates experience administering federal, state, or local grants, including HUD, ESG, CoC, SAMHSA, state, local, or philanthropic funding. Response should include funding sources, award amounts, years managed, monitoring history, and performance outcomes.	5
Financial Management: Applicant demonstrates strong fiscal capacity, including internal controls, grant accounting, cost allocation, procurement, match tracking, drawdown capacity, and audit history.	5
Staffing and Organizational Management: Applicant demonstrates adequate staffing, supervision, management structure, staff qualifications, lived experience roles, board oversight, training capacity, and vacancy/backfill planning.	5

Section II: Project Design and YHDP Alignment (Maximum 60 Points)

Criteria	Max Points
Project Description and Alignment with YHDP NOFO Priorities: Project narrative clearly describes the proposed project, eligible component type, service area, number of youth served, housing/service model, implementation strategy, and alignment with the YHDP goal of reducing youth homelessness through a comprehensive approach.	5
Target Population and Demonstrated Need: Project clearly identifies the youth population to be served and supports the need with local data, community experience, service gaps, youth input, or other evidence.	5
Supportive Services and Self-Sufficiency Plan: Project includes a strong supportive services model that promotes education, employment, income growth, life skills, behavioral health, recovery, social/emotional well-being, and long-term self-sufficiency.	10
Youth Leadership and Youth Voice: Project demonstrates that youth with lived experience participated in project design and will have meaningful leadership, advisory, decision-making, or continuous quality improvement roles during implementation.	15
Coordinated Entry and Referral Process: Project demonstrates how youth will access the project. The proposed screening and assessment tools must identify: Pregnant/Parenting youth, Youth exiting foster care/justice systems, Labor or sexually exploited or trafficked youth and Youth in need of substance use or mental health services	5
Specialized Youth Subpopulations: Project demonstrates capacity to serve or prioritize youth subpopulations with specialized service needs, including pregnant or parenting youth, domestic violence survivors, trafficking survivors, youth with substance use disorder, youth with mental health needs, youth exiting foster care, or youth exiting justice systems.	5
Family Reunification and Preservation: Project includes a safe and appropriate strategy to support family reunification, family preservation, kinship connections, counseling, or mediation when consistent with youth choice and safety.	5



Building Safe Communities and Crisis Coordination: Project Contribute to safer conditions for youth experiencing homelessness and support coordination with local crisis response, first responders, outreach teams, behavioral health providers, substance use providers, victim service providers, and other relevant partners.	10
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Section III: Performance Planning and Data (Maximum 20 Points)

Criteria	Max Points
Housing Stability and Positive Exit Outcomes: Project includes a clear strategy to help youth achieve safe and stable housing outcomes, reduce returns to homelessness, and connect to appropriate longer-term housing options.	5
Education, Employment, and Income Growth: Project includes a clear strategy to help youth increase earned income, connect to school, complete education goals, obtain job training, access employment, and build economic independence.	5
Social and Emotional Well-being: Project demonstrates how it will support the social and emotional well-being of youth through Positive Youth Development, Trauma-Informed Care, permanent connections, peer support, behavioral health linkages, crisis supports, and other youth-centered practices.	5
HMIS, Data Quality, and Continuous Quality Improvement: Project demonstrates capacity to collect accurate data, participate in HMIS or a comparable database, track outcomes, use youth feedback, monitor performance, and make project improvements based on data.	5