

Changes to the Project Scoring and Ranking Criteria 2016 CoC Application

LA-503 New Orleans-Jefferson Parish-Kenner CoC

A. Threshold for Inclusion in the Application

Renewal projects were determined to be eligible for inclusion in the CoC application based on threshold criteria:

- Request for Funding
- APR Reporting
- Compliance

B. Scoring Projects

1) Remove items:

- **Balance in prior project year** – to be replaced by new reallocation policy below
- **Participation in Veteran's Initiative**
- **Serving priority population** – replace with a Tier 1 criteria below

2) Scoring Changes

- **Cost effectiveness** – Include rental assistance/leasing in the cost of the program. Next year the scale will be different for SSOs engaged in outreach or coordinated entry.
- **Revise RRH scoring** to reflect PSH housing outcome measurements. RRH used as a bridge would have PSH income and employment goals but RRH not as a bridge (i.e. RRF) would have the TH income and employment outcome measurements.
- **Add other system measures to project scoring criteria** - We now have baseline data for Length of Time Homeless and Returns to Homelessness. Since these are new measures, they would have a low weight this year. Next year the measures will have greater weight.
Length of Time Homeless – based on commitments made in the Request for Funding to house clients within 30 days. All projects receive 1 point.
Returns to Homelessness – Measured on returns to emergency shelter within 1 year of exit to a permanent housing destination. All programs below 20% would receive 1 point.

C. Ranking Projects

1) Threshold for Tier 1

Tier 1 projects are generally ranked in order of score with the following additional provisos:

- A) All Tier 1 projects must meet conditions for Housing First, Low Barrier and Participation in coordinated entry system. Any project not meeting these criteria will be placed in Tier 2 regardless of score.

- B) Projects will be placed in Tier 1 regardless of score if they are deemed **Critically Important Projects**. A Critically Important Project must meet all three of the following conditions:
- 1) This project could not continue without its CoC funding **AND**
 - 2) There are no other projects in the community of the same project type that could effectively absorb the clients served by this project **AND**
 - 3a) This project is essential to preventing people from having to live on the streets or live in life-threatening situations **OR**
 - 3b) This project is essential to reaching the goal of ending chronic homelessness, youth homelessness or family homelessness or of maintaining functional zero in veteran homelessness

2) Ranking of Projects not subject to scoring:

Projects with less than one year of performance or those with a new project sponsor (with less than one year of performance) will not be scored as long as they have met other threshold criteria for funding. The following ranking method will be used:

New Coordinated Entry Projects – Top of Tier One

New project sponsors for existing renewals or new projects with less than one year of performance– PSH Top of Tier 1, RRH Tier 2

HMIS projects – Top of Tier 1

Bonus Projects – Top of Tier 2

New Reallocation Projects – Top of Tier 2

3) Renewal Project Ranking

All other projects will be ranked according to their performance scores regardless of component type.

D) Scoring Changes for Next Year

- # days to get a client housed
- length of time homeless – measured and scored with a greater weight
- returns to homelessness – measured and scored with a greater weight for housing programs
- Length of time to navigate into housing – coordinated entry
- Payment of SPPA Dues no later than May 31 (or for new subrecipients, within 7 days)

E) Reallocation Policy for Next Year –

- a)** Reallocate (or contract with another project sponsor) any balance in supportive, operating, admin.
- b)** Rental assistance or leasing balances over \$10,000 will be reallocated UNLESS the project sponsor can demonstrate that the current monthly rental amount would expend all funds in the current program year.

For example, the monthly rental assistance amount for a project is \$50,000 which multiplied over 12 months would result in spending \$600,000 in rental assistance. If the budget is \$600,000 there would be no reallocation. If the budget is \$650,000, then \$40,000 would be reallocated.