

**The Alliance for Housing 2023 Renewal Application and Scoring**

**Continuum of Care Program Competition**

The Alliance for Housing developed a renewal process to determine if Permanent Housing, Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects are performing in accordance with HUD requirements and CoC expectations. This year, grants will be renewable under the CoC Program Competition as set forth in 24 [CFR 578.33](https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/24/578.33) to continue ongoing leasing operating, rental assistance, HMIS, and project administration costs. Projects are eligible for renewal if they are currently in operation and have a signed grant agreement with HUD expiring between January 1, 2023 and December 31, 2023. Renewal grants will be limited to 1 year of funding.

Annually, the Alliance for Housing reviews these projects and provides guidance for renewal project funding. Scoring guidelines are listed within this document to determine if agencies comply with renewal criteria and meet the required threshold. The Alliance for Housing will provide explanations for projects that are rejected.

The deadline for submitting this scoring application and supplemental information (attachments) is due **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 by 5PM** to the Grants and Community Manager via email ([acuniberti-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:acuniberti-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org)). Applicants that do not meet this deadline may be subject to funding reallocation or loss of funding.

The Alliance for Housing Prioritization Committee will meet, review and provide priority and ranking of projectson **Tuesday, August 29, 2023** During this meetingapplicants will have an opportunity to talk about their application and answer any questions the committee may have. Zoom information will be sent to the applicants if requested. The priority ranking (tier 1 tier 2 and bonus) will be sent out via listserve and posted on the Alliance for Housing Website on **Wednesday, August 30, 2023.**

The deadline for submitting all project renewal applications in ESNAPS as well as submitting an email pdf copy of the ESNAPS application to the Alliance for Housing, Grants and Community Manager ([acuniberti-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:acuniberti-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org)) is **Wednesday, August 16, 2023.**

**Ranking**

In alignment with the 2023 CoC Program NOFO, existing projects will not be automatically renewed during the FY 2023 competition. As stated in the FY 2023 NOFO, projects will be divided into two tiers, wherein Tier 1 applicants will have funding priority over Tier 2. Tier 1 applicants will be prioritized by their ranking score, HUD/CoC determined high priority projects (Chronically Homeless, Youth, Veteran, and Families with Children), high performance, and meeting the needs and gaps as identified by the CoC. The CoC will review system performance measures related to the projects.

Based on guidelines set forth by HUD, ranking will also be prioritized forprojects in the following order:

Renewal/new projects.

* 1. HMIS
  2. PSH
  3. RRH
  4. TH
  5. New projects created through bonus (ranking of bonus application priority TBD by Alliance Board/Prioritization committee)

Refer to 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Continuum of Care Program Competition for a more detailed description of applicant updates.

**The FY2023 CoC planning grant will not be ranked per the NOFO therefore will not be tiered.**

This renewal application is for your last fully completed HUD grant.

**Renewal Project Threshold Score**

Renewal projects are scored on 7 components: Financial performance, consumer satisfaction, CoC participation, coordinated services/connection to services program performance, HMIS compliance an Point in Time participation. The threshold for renewal is 65%. Projects below this threshold may not be eligible for refunding and will be offered technical assistance to improve project performance for future applicability.

The Alliance for Housing reserves the right to make decisions on which projects should receive funding and/or the amount awarded based upon recommendations of the Prioritization Committee and the Alliance for Housing Board of Directors.

**Any applications submitted after Wednesday, August, 16, 2023 5PM will lose 10 points**.

**Renewal Project Scoring Overview**

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| *ATTACHMENT 1* | | Points |
| #1 | Financial Performance | 14 |
| #2 | Consumer Satisfaction | 8 |
| #3 | CoC Participation | 6 |
| #4 | Coordinated Services/Connection to services | 20 |
| *ATTACHMENT 2* | | |
| #5 | Program Performance | 85 |
| #6 | HMIS Compliance | 34 |
| *ATTACHMENT 3* | | |
| #7 | Point in Time Participation | 5 |
| **Total Points Possible** | | 172 |

**Threshold: All Projects must score 65% (112 points) or higher to be eligible for renewed funding.**

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| **Agency Name:** |  |
| **Grant Name:** |  |
| **Grant Type (PSH/RRH/TH):** |  |
| **Grant Number:** |  |
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Component #1 Financial Performance 14 Points

Financial performance is measured by the extent to which each project has expended its budgeted grant during the last project year fully completed.

Applicants are responsible for submitting information from the Electronic Line of Credit Control System (ELOCCS) from your HUD representative, and financial performance evidence from an Independent Auditor Report.

Renewal projects must draw project funds, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis. Instances where drawdown is delayed or not serving participants may result in the project not being funded in the FY2023 CoC Program Competition.

**A. What percentage of your project’s grant funding has been expended during the most recently completed year?**

**B. How often has your project completed a drawdown from ELOCCS?**

* 98% grant funding expensed: 10 points
* 97% - 0% grant funding expensed: 0 points
* Evidence of drawdown of funds at least quarterly: 4 point
  + Please provide:
    - Electronic Line of Credit Control System (ELOCCS print out from draws)
    - Evidence of drawdown of funds at least quarterly

Projects expending less than 100% of their grant are required to provide a written explanation. Depending on explanation, the Alliance for Housing will determine whether to target follow-up technical assistance or to deem the project ineligible.

Component #2 Consumer Satisfaction- 8 Points

Projects will be scored on their submission of the following items:

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| **Category** | **Points Possible** |
| 1. Provide a copy of your client satisfaction/feedback form or survey. | 2 |
| 1. Survey Results | 2 |
| C. Project enhancement or change via feedback narrative | 2 |
| D. Current or past program participants with lived expertise involvement in decision-making or other role within the organization | 2 |
| TOTAL | 8 |

1. **Who do you give your survey to, leavers and/or stayers?**

Submission of form/survey w/ explanation of those surveyed: 2 point

No submission: 0 point

1. **Please send the results of your participant feedback survey.**

Provided survey results: 2 Points  
No submission: 0 points

1. **In what way(s) does your agency use your survey results to enhance your project(s)?**

Narrative with examples: 2 points

Narrative: 1 Point

No narrative or example: 0 points

**D. Describe how your organization incorporates the input and experience of person’s with Lived Experience in your organization structure, decision making and quality improvement efforts, which may include, but not limited to, activities such as:**

* **Representation on the organizations Board of Director’s or other decision-making board**
* **Client / Consumer Advisory Board**
* **Emphasis on hiring person’s with Lived Experience**
* **Use of Peer Mentors that provide feedback**
* **Satisfaction surveys / comment cards**

Provides narrative with specific examples: 2 points

Provides narrative: 1 point

No narrative provided: 0 points

Component #3: Continuum of Care Participation

6 Points

An agency’s participation is measured by the number of Continuum of Care meetings attended during 2021-2023.

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| **Agency’s Participation in the CoC Meetings**  (applies to only one category) | **Possible Points** |
| A. Agency participation on at least one CoC committee | 1 |
| B. General membership attendance/Annual retreat | 3 |
| C. Organization represented at 5 or more meetings | 2 |
| Total: | 6 |

1. **Does your agency participate in at least one CoC committee, and, if so, which one (s)?**

Yes: participated: 1 point

No: 0 points

1. **How many CoC general membership meetings including the Annual Retreat was your organization represented at in the last fiscal year? Last fiscal year is 10.1.21 – 9.30.22 (Meeting dates include: 11.3.21, 1.5.22, 3.2.22, 5.11.22, 7.6.22, 9.7.22)**

Participated in all 6 meetings: 3 point

Participated in less than 6 meetings: 1 point

No: 0 points

1. **Was the organization represented at five or more Alliance meetings (GM, board, committee or workgroup)? If yes, please list meeting title.**

Yes: participated in 5 or more: 2 points

Less than 5: 0 points

Component #4: Coordinated Services/Connection to services

20 Points

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| **Category** | **Points Possible** |
| A. Reducing burdens/ CE | 2 |
| B. Connection to mainstream community-based resources | 2 |
| C. Data usage for positive outcomes | 2 |
| D. Employment services/training | 2 |
| E. Connection to mainstream health resources | 2 |
| F. Ensuring families are not separated | 2 |
| G. Increased services for domestic violence survivors | 4 |
| H. LGBTQ+ needs | 2 |
| I. Lived Experience | 2 |
| Total: | 20 |

**A. What steps does your agency take to reduce burdens on potential participants access Coordinated Entry?**

Narrative provides specific action steps your agency has put in place: 2 points

Narrative provided: 1 point  
No narrative: 0 points

**B. Please describe the mainstream and other community-based resources and partnerships your agency has to sustain permanent exits from the program (ex: job training, life skills, treating substance abuse, etc.).**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 Points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

**C. Does your agency use data and evidence to measure impact of homelessness programs on positive outcomes, recovery, self-sufficiency, and reducing homelessness?**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 Points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

1. **Does your agency work with local employment agencies and employers for training and employment opportunities for participants in project?**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 Points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

1. **How does your agency connect participants to mainstream health (e.g., local and state health agencies, hospitals)?**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 Points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

**F. How does your agency ensure sure families are not separated?   
Please demonstrated how your agency does not deny admission to or separate family members when they enter housing, including serving all family members together and in accordance with each family member’s self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity.**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

**G. Please identify your agencies current efforts in increase access to housing and services defined as safe by survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. What types of survivor-centered practices have been adopted that maximize client choice while maintaining safety and confidentiality?**

Narrative provides specific examples: 4 points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 pints

**H. Describe how your agency/project helps address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals and families including privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects.**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative: 0 points

**I. Describe at least one change your agency has made to your project over the past year in response to the input received from individuals with lived expertise. This change could have been made within the project that receives CoC funding or another homeless projects within your agency.**

Narrative provides specific examples: 2 points

Narrative provided: 1 point

No narrative provided: 0 points

**Appeals Process**

An appeals process will be available for renewal projects that do not pass the scoring threshold (65% or 112 points).

All appeals will be reviewed by a group established by the Alliance for Housing Board of Directors and Project Review Committee. Members of the Appeals Committee will not have any projects that receive HUD CoC Homeless Assistance Program funding.

* Appeals must to be submitted in writing via email to [lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org) . Address all appeals to the Appeals Committee/prioritization committee and submit the following details: the issue being appealed, the argument for overturning the score, and evidence to support the argument. Please ensure that your appeal is concise and includes appropriate detail to process the review. Changes made to the project after application will not be considered.
* The appeal must be received by the close of the business day within 5 business days of the communication of denial of eligibility to submit for funding. Submission must be received in a type written format (with attachments if appropriate) electronically.
* The decisions of the Appeal/Prioritization Committee are final.
* Applicants that are rejected may also appeal directly to HUD by submitting a Solo Application prior to the deadline per the 2023 NOFO.

**Attachment Checklist:**

* HMIS Reports- Run report for 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2023
  + CoC - APR (canned report)
* SAGE
  + Most recently completed CoC APR
* Line of Credit Control System (ELOCCS print out from draws)
  + Evidence of drawdown of funds at least quarterly
* Financial Performance Evidence from an Independent Auditor Report
* Copy of consumer survey

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**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (agency) confirms it has read, reviewed and is in compliance with the FY2023 NOFO as well as ensured has a** [**Code of Conduct**](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmomgmt/grantsinfo/conductgrants) **that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is included on HUD’s website.**

**Please sign and date below.**

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