

## OKLAHOMA CITY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC OK-502) PROJECT RANKING AND REVIEW

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The Oklahoma City Continuum of Care (CoC OK-502) will use the following process to rank all CoC projects. The goal of using this procedure is to ensure prioritized activities with recognized positive outcomes are annually renewed, lower performing projects are reallocated to create new projects that achieve HUD's goals of preventing and ending homelessness and maximize the Continuum's performance and available funding.

Projects are scored using predominantly objective criteria including: project performance, access for hard to serve populations, HMIS data quality, financial performance and compliance with Federal and CoC requirements, and collaboration with other organizations within the CoC and use of the Coordinated Entry System.

All projects are scored using a scorecard developed by the CoC Lead Agency and approved by the CoC Board. Project applicants are required to submit applications with project performance criteria found in their HMIS generated Annual Performance Reports (APR). Applicants are required to submit a copy of their APR along with their application so that CoC Lead staff can verify accuracy of reported outcomes. Performance data is generated from outcomes for the most recently completed calendar year.

CoC Lead staff will review all applications to determine if the projects meet eligibility and threshold criteria. Projects that are ineligible or do not meet threshold criteria will be removed and no further review will be conducted. For eligible projects, staff will total scores for objective criteria prior to the CoC Allocations Committee meet to rank the projects. Final scores will be completed during the Allocations Committee meeting based on scores assigned to remaining criteria by the members of the Allocations Committee for which values can vary. Projects will then be ranked in order from highest scoring to lowest. Projects will fall into either Tier 1 or Tier 2 based on criteria determined by HUD annually. Tier 2 projects are at risk of not being renewed by HUD after submission of the CoC Consolidated Application.

Projects that are renewing for the first time, and subsequently have not completed a full project year and have not submitted an APR will not be scored but automatically ranked in Tier 1 and renewed unless otherwise determined by the Allocations Committee.

As new projects will not have performance criteria to base scored on, they will complete a narrative application describing the project being applied for. New project rankings will be determined by the Allocations Committee including project type and need and experience and record of the project applicant. Determination as to whether new projects will be ranked above or below lower ranking renewal projects in Tier 2 will be made by the Allocations Committee. This includes Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects. However, if no renewing DV projects are ranked in Tier 1, the Allocations Committee should rank the DV Bonus project in the first tier unless problems with the project or applicant indicate it is likely to perform poorly.

Other specific projects will also not be scored by automatically ranked in the first tier. HMIS and Coordinated Entry are HUD mandated activities for any Continuum and will be ranked in Tier 1 to ensure funding is secured. Youth Homeless Demonstration Projects (YHDP) were funded through a special initiative and funding is one-time. To ensure YHDP funding is not lost, YHDP projects may be reallocated/replaced by will be ranked in Tier 1 to ensure funding is not lost.

The Allocations Committee may use other, additional factors to determine project rank. These include the location of the project and whether it will increase access for people in need of assistance and the populations that will be served by the project and the current availability of programs addressing their needs.

Once rankings are finalized, they will be approved by the CoC Board