

2023 CoC Rating and Ranking Criteria

The measures below are used to rate and rank all CoC renewal projects as part of our annual CoC grant application. Some of the data is taken from the Annual Performance Report (APR), JOHS Master Query Version 1.1 and JOHS Master Query Version 1.0 (for Comp Site data), all run through HMIS or the separate Comparable Database used by victim service providers. Other data is submitted by renewal projects through the annual OR-501 (Multnomah County) CoC Renewal Project Survey and the Operating Budget Survey. **Measures that appear grayed out are unscored this year.** The OR-501 (Multnomah County) Continuum of Care Board Collaborative Application Committee (CAC) reviews these criteria annually, approves all changes, and reviews and approves the ranked list of CoC projects. The CAC reserves the right to rank lower scoring projects that demonstrate the ability to achieve greater racial equity above higher scoring projects.

Threshold Requirements: All renewal projects must meet HUD project eligibility & project quality threshold criteria described in the 2023 CoC NOFO (release pending). Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered to have met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received. All domestic violence (DV) providers receiving CoC funds must be state certified victim services providers and be in compliance with VAWA regulations.

Category	Measure	Rationale	Data Source	Scoring Narrative	Max Points (% of total)
1. CoC Priorities	<p>A. Degree to which the project serves COC priority populations.</p> <p>The Collaborative Application Committee approved (April 2023) new priority populations, which are now as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black/African American • Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander • American Indian/ Indigenous • People who are Unsheltered • People with a disability • People who qualify as chronically homeless • Members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC Priority: priority populations 	HMIS-JOHS Master Query	<p>5 available points. >95% - 100% = 5 pts.; >90% - 95% = 4 pts.; >85% - 90% = 3 pts; ...<=75% = 0 pts.</p>	5 (6%)
2. Performance Outcomes	<p>B. Degree to which housing outcomes for participants of color are equal to or greater than housing outcomes for non-Hispanic, White participants. (see Measure 2.C. for detail on housing outcomes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC Priority: focus on advancing racial equity • COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in housing placement and retention 	HMIS-JOHS Master Query	<p>10 available points. Up to 10 points for outcomes for participants of color at or above those for Non-Hispanic, White participants.</p>	35 (40%)
	<p>C. For permanent supportive housing Housing: Percent of households that remain for 12 or more months or exit to positive destination and do not return to homeless services OR For transitional and rapid re-housing Housing: Percent of households that exit to positive destination.</p>		HMIS-JOHS Master Query	<p>13 available points. Up to 4 points based on quintile ranking. Remaining 9 points awarded based upon proximity of project outcome to HUD goal of 80%: >=80% = 9 pts.; 79%< - <80% = 8 pts.; 78%< - <=79% = 7 pts.; <=72% = 0 pts.</p>	
	<p>D. Income: Percent of adult participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC Community Guidelines • COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in increasing income 	HMIS-APR	<p>4 available points. Up to 2 points based on tertile ranking. Remaining 2 points</p>	

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	For youth projects: Percent of participants who remained in or entered an education program by annual assessment or exit OR percent of participants who maintained or increased income from employment by annual assessment or exit (whichever scores higher).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD 2023 NOFA 		awarded based upon proximity of project outcome to HUD goal of 20%: $\geq 20\% = 2$ pts.; $19\% - <20\% = 1.5$ pts.; $18\% - <19\% = 1$ pt.; $17\% - <18\% = 0.5$ pts.	
	E. Income: Percent of adult participants who maintained or increased income from sources other than employment by annual assessment or exit.		HMIS-APR	4 available points. Scoring identical to 2D.	
	F. Income/benefits: Percent of adult participants who maintained or obtained non-cash mainstream benefits by annual assessment or exit.		HMIS-APR	4 available points. Up to 4 points based on quintile ranking.	
	G. Income/benefits: Percent of adult participants who maintained or obtained health insurance by annual assessment or exit.		HMIS-APR	Not scored this year.	
3. Advancing Racial Equity and Cultural Responsiveness	H. Addressing institutional racism: 5. Complete the checklist to indicate what methods. 6. Describe (a) two of the project’s most important strategies for addressing and responding to institutional racism. For each, include a concise description of (b) any significant successes with these strategies, and (c) any significant challenges that the project experienced in this work over the past year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC Priority: promote racial justice and advance racial equity • COC Priority: provide participant-centered, culturally-responsive services • COC Community Guidelines • HUD Equal Access Final Rule • HUD 2023 NOFO 	Project Survey, Questions 5-6	6 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.	22 (25%)
	I. Reducing homelessness within communities of color: 7. Describe (a) two concrete actions your project has taken in the last year to help reduce homelessness within communities of color and include for each action (b) a description of the action, (c) any substantive program changes that were required from the action, (d) successes from the action, and (e) two actions your project plans to take for the year ahead to reduce homelessness for communities of color. If you are a culturally-specific provider, please describe (a) two strategies you use to reach your target population. For each strategy, describe (b) a description of the strategy, (c) successes from the strategy, (d) challenges faced with the strategy, and (e) two strategies your project plans to take for the year ahead to reach your target population.		Project Survey, Question 7	6 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.	

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	<p>J. Implementing culturally-responsive programming:</p> <p>8. Complete the checklist of possible ways to provide culturally-responsive programming. Please mark which methods your project uses, if any. If you use an unlisted method, please describe in the provided "Other" sections.</p> <p>9. Describe (a) two of the project's most important strategies to ensure culturally-responsive programming, and (b) any significant successes that the project experienced providing these services over the past year.</p> <p>For Culturally Specific Organizations: Describe (a) two of the project's most important strategies that determine what type of culturally specific programming is provided, and (b) any significant successes that the project experienced providing these services over the past year.</p> <p>K. Addressing barriers faced by people who identify as LGBTQIA2S+:</p> <p>10. Describe (a) two concrete actions your project has taken in the last year to help reduce homelessness within the LGBTQIA2S+ population and include for each action (b) a description of the action, (c) any substantive program changes that were required from the action, (d) successes from the action, and (e) two actions your project plans to take for the year ahead to reduce homelessness for LGBTQIA2S+ communities.</p>		<p>Project Survey, Questions 8-9</p> <p>Project Survey, Question 10</p>	<p>5 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p> <p>5 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p>	
<p>4. Program Design: effective practices and service delivery model</p>	<p>L. Collecting and using consumer feedback:</p> <p>2. Complete the checklist of possible ways to <u>collect</u> participant feedback. Please mark which methods your project uses, if any. If you use an unlisted method, please describe in the provided "Other" sections.</p> <p>3. Complete the checklist of possible ways to <u>use</u> participant feedback. Please mark which methods your project uses, if any. If you use an unlisted method, please describe in the provided "Other" sections.</p> <p>4. How has participant feedback informed changes or improvements to the project over the last year? Provide two</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC Priority: provide participant-centered, culturally-responsive services • COC Community Guidelines • HUD requirements for shared standards of local service delivery • HUD policy priority for Housing First 	<p>Project Survey, Questions 2-4</p>	<p>6 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p>	<p>16 / 18 for DV projects (18%)</p>

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	<p>examples, concisely describing (a) the method of participant feedback used, (b) what the feedback was, (c) how the project acted upon the feedback, and (d) what the outcomes of the changes were.</p> <p>M. Implementing participant-centered, strengths-based approaches:</p> <p>11. Complete the checklist of possible ways to provide participant-centered, strengths-based approaches for services (i.e., Assertive Engagement, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed practice, positive youth development, etc.). Please mark which methods your project uses, if any. If you use an unlisted method, please describe in the provided “Other” sections.</p> <p>12. Describe (a) two of the project’s most important strategies to ensure participant-centered, strengths-based approaches, and (b) any significant successes that the project experienced providing these services over the past year.</p> <p>N. Implementing a housing first approach:</p> <p>13. Complete the checklist of possible ways to implement “Housing First” approaches for services. Please mark which methods your project uses, if any. If you use an unlisted method, please describe in the provided “Other” sections.</p> <p>14. Describe (a) two of the project’s most important strategies to ensure a Housing First approach and any (b) significant successes that the project experienced providing these services over the past year.</p> <p>Victim Service Providers Only:</p> <p>O. Increasing safety:</p> <p>15. Please describe (a) two of the project’s most important strategies for improving safety for DV survivors, and (b) how the project assesses improvements to participant safety.*</p> <p><i>*Improvements to safety are also evaluated separately as part of the CoC’s Domestic Violence System’s performance evaluation</i></p>		<p>Project Survey, Questions 11-12</p> <p>Project Survey, Questions 13-14</p> <p>Project Survey, Questions 15</p>	<p>5 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p> <p>5 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p> <p>2 available points. See <i>2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Rubric</i> for details.</p>	

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5. HMIS Data Entry	P. Percent of identified data elements that are not missing. Includes data for required annual assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC System Performance Measure: data completeness standards • HUD data standards 	HMIS-APR	4 available points. >98% - 100% = 4 pts.; >96% - 98% = 3 pts.; >94% - 96% = 2 pts.; >92% - 94% = 1 pt.; <=92% = 0 pts.	8 (9%)
	Q. Percent of HMIS data entered in less than 7 days		HMIS-APR	4 available points. Up to 2 points based on tertile ranking. Remaining 2 points awarded to projects with 50%+ of data entered in less than 7 days.	
6. Grant Management	R. Percent of HUD funds spent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COC System Performance Measure: effectiveness in grant expenditure 	Project Survey, Question 16-19	2 available points. >95% - 100% = 2 pts.; >90-95% = 4 pts.; <=90% = 0	2 (2%)
7. Cost Effectiveness (tie breaker)	<p>S. <u>For permanent supportive housing</u>: Project operating cost divided by stayers who remain for 12 months or more days or leavers who exit to positive destination and do not return to homeless services</p> <p>OR</p> <p><u>For transitional housing and rapid re-housing</u>: Project operating cost divided by leavers who exit to positive destination.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD directive to evaluate project cost effectiveness 	Project Operating Budget Survey, HMIS-APR	Tie breaker. For projects of the same type with otherwise identical scores, cost effectiveness (CE) results will be directly compared. For such projects of different types, comparison is of difference between the individual project's CE result and the median CE result for the given project type. For compared projects, lower result gets preference.	N/A
TOTAL					88 (90 for DV projects)