

FY2017 CoC Program Competition Application Ranking Policy

Discussion

The Fort Worth/ Arlington/ Tarrant County Continuum of Care (TX-601) is expected to provide a clear and transparent project review and ranking policy for the FY17 CoC Program Competition and adopted this policy for the FY16 Competition. Adopting these policies are considered a best practice among highly successful Continuums of Care and are a critical component for the overall CoC score.

In June 2017, the Improvement, Coordination, and Training Committee (ICT) met and discussed the purpose and content of the policy and recommends the adoption of the policy at the CoC Board level.

Recommendation

The Improvement, Coordination, and Training Committee (ICT) recommends the Continuum of Care Board of Directors adopt the following policy:

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CoC TX-601 will use the following process to rank all project applications in the 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition to accomplish the following objectives:

- To prioritize those activities that are most successful in ending homelessness
- To maximize funding available to end homelessness in the CoC
- To provide an incentive to all funded providers to monitor and improve their performance, including efficiency with funds, to ensure continued funding with CoC resources

Priority Grouping:

1	Permanent Supportive Housing	Renewal PSH Projects (including Safe Haven Project) First Time Renewal PSH Projects
2	Required CoC Services	HMIS Coordinated Assessment
3	Rapid Rehousing	Renewing Rapid Rehousing First Time Renewal RRH projects
4	New Projects	PSH projects RRH projects Joint TH-RRH projects

When multiple projects are placed in a priority group, the projects will be ranked according to score as determined by the Project Renewal Score Card and the RFP score as assigned by the Community Project Review Committee (CPRC). Projects with equal scores and same project component type will be ranked based on grant recapture rates.

Projects that are renewing for the first time, and subsequently not completed a full project year and have not submitted an APR to HUD will not have a Project Renewal Score Card. These projects will be ranked below renewal projects, in order of RFP score as assigned by the CPRC.

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As HMIS and Coordinated Entry are HUD mandated requirements to receive CoC funding, these projects will be placed in Tier 1 to secure the funding needed for these activities. The CoC Planning Grant is non-competitive and is not a ranked project in this competition.

Renewal Project Score Threshold

All scored renewing projects are subject to an eligibility threshold. Projects that score in the lowest 20% on the Renewal Project Score Card may be subject to a lower ranking status and may be subject to reallocation. For example, the CPRC may rank a new project above a renewing project that scores in the bottom 10%.

Geography

HUD has determined that geographic diversity is an appropriate consideration in selecting homeless assistance projects in the CoC competition. Likewise, TX-601 recognizes that geography is an appropriate consideration for the local competition. Projects may be ranked higher to ensure CoC funded programs are accessible to people experiencing homelessness throughout the entire TX-601 geography.

Special Populations

TX-601 recognizes that high quality projects that serve special populations are a critical component to ending homelessness. Projects serving special populations may be ranked higher to ensure that all special populations are being served through CoC funded programs. These programs must meet a need in the community, show positive housing related outcomes, and provide choice to participants seeking the services offered.

Voluntary Reallocation

Projects that choose to voluntarily reallocate at least 55% of their current grant amount in order to apply for a new reallocation based project may be accorded additional consideration in the ranking order.