



Balance of State Continuum of Care 2018 Policy on Reallocation, Prioritization, and HMIS Ranking

In alignment with United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness, Missouri Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) has reestablished a priority to continue engaging new Rapid Rehousing Programs. This priority will be reflected in the 2018 BoS CoC competition.

At the conclusion of the 2018 BoS CoC application scoring process, the Review Committee will evaluate the lowest ranked renewal housing project. The lowest ranked project(s) will be subject to the following point deductions for mandatory reallocation to determine the project to be reallocated in full or in part:

- No individuals or families identified in the January 2018 BoS CoC Unsheltered Point-in-Time Count in the counties served by the project (deduct 1 point)
- The project is not Housing-First as identified in any portion of the project application (deduct 3)
- If the project is a PSH has not dedicated or dedicated plus 100% of their beds (deduct 2)
- The project had more than 10% of grant funds remaining during either of the last two completed fiscal years (deduct 1)

The Rank & Review committee reserves the right to waive the reallocation policy if:

- There are projects who requested reallocation ahead of the competition
- The reallocation amount is greater than the total request from new or expansion programs that meet the minimum requirements
- The project(s) identified for mandatory reallocation are the only project(s) serving within their region.

The Review Committee should take into consideration past Point-in-Time Count numbers to identify if there is a need in the community for the project type. The Review Committee will reallocate funds and apply additional bonus funds to eligible Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for persons fitting the chronic definition, and Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid-Rehousing (TH:RRH) programs utilizing the guidelines identified below:

The BoS CoC Review Committee will place one new Rapid Rehousing Programs serving all populations that has a strategic plan to serve multiple counties in the BoS at the bottom of Tier 1, but above the HMIS project to ensure that both programs are placed in Tier 1. For the purposes of this portion, expansion projects will not be considered as a new RRH program, and will receive the same scoring as the original project. The Rapid Rehousing Program must meet the minimum requirements outlined in the approved scoring tool utilized by the Review Committee. The scoring tool will evaluate capacity, need, outreach, and the implementation of a low-barrier, housing first approach. Additional priority will be given to projects that include any service area that was affected by the reallocation of a PSH program, whether voluntary or mandatory during the competition. If there are no projects that meet these requirements, or if more than two projects meet the minimum requirements, the higher scoring application will go in tier 1 and the additional program(s) will be placed below the remaining renewal programs and the new prioritized bonus Domestic Violence programs (as discussed below) in order to utilize the remainder of the CoC funding.



FY 2018 Domestic Violence Bonus Programs

During the FY 2018 CoC Competition, new funding has been made available for programs serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking. The funding can only be utilized to serve persons who meet the above requirements. The eligible project types are Rapid Rehousing, Joint TH: RRH, and Supportive Services Only: Coordinated Entry. The Review Committee will evaluate these programs separately based on the factors defined in B.10.e of the NOFA and the minimum threshold requirements as outlined by HUD. Only the highest scoring project for each project type will be ranked by the CoC. The highest scoring project from the bonus project types should be placed at the bottom of Tier One, below HMIS, so it is fully funded. In the event that there are multiple projects that meet the minimum threshold requirements, the highest scoring of one of each of the two remaining project types will be added to the bottom of tier two after other new, expansion, and renewal programs.

HMIS Project Ranking

Because CoC's are required by HUD to have HMIS, and there is a need to continue to adequately fund HMIS. Once the Rank and Review Committee reviews the project to meet the minimum threshold requirements as outlined in the NOFA, the BoS CoC Review Committee will place the HMIS Project at the bottom of Tier 1 in the position between the new Rapid Re-housing Program and the new Domestic Violence program outlined in the previous section of this document ensuring that the new programs and the renewal HMIS program are fully funded in Tier One. In the event that no new Programs are prioritized, the HMIS Project will still be submitted at the bottom of Tier 1 ensuring that it is fully funded.