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Abstract

All Continuum of Care (CoC) Program project applications must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked or rejected by the CoC. All project applications approved by the CoC must be listed on the CoC Priority Listing in rank order. Ranking must include, at a minimum, objective criteria based on past performance, needs and vulnerabilities of project participants, and, for victim services providers, data from a comparable database and a method for evaluating projects based on the degree to which they improve safety for the population they serve.

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Ranking

MO BoS CoC project applications will be ranked in order of score within the six project categories listed below. Projects applications serving priorities established by the MO BoS CoC will be ranked at the top of their category regardless of score. Project applications in the same category and serving the same priorities will be ranked against each other by score. Project applications must meet any threshold criteria or other requirements established in the CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Availability or by the MO BoS CoC to be ranked.

1. Continuum-wide activities[†]
   a. HMIS project
2. Projects exempted from scoring
   a. Renewal projects without an APR in the reporting period
3. Renewal projects*
4. New projects – expansion projects
5. New projects – available funding**
6. New projects – DV Bonus funding

[†]Support services only – coordinated entry projects will be ranked with renewal or new projects, as applicable.

* Includes all new projects created through voluntary reallocation. Does not include transition projects. Transition projects are considered new projects and will be ranked with all other new projects.

** Funding sources may include funds made available through involuntary reallocation, voluntary reallocation not being recaptured by agency, and CoC bonus funds (funding acquired beyond Annual Renewal Demand & not related to special allocation such as DV)

Prioritization Structure

Unless otherwise prohibited by statute, regulation, or CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Availability, the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care (MO BoS CoC) may establish a prioritization structure for CoC project applications. The prioritization structure may identify project types, participant subpopulations, geographic areas, or other criteria that the MO BoS CoC chooses to prioritize during the CoC Program Competition. Project applications serving priorities listed in the prioritization structure will be ranked above project applications within their project category regardless of score. Project applications serving in the same priorities will be ranked against each other by score.

The prioritization structure must be based on factors established by Department of Housing and Urban Development notice or guidance or identified through data from the MO BoS CoC homeless management information system or comparable database, Point in Time Count, Housing Inventory Chart, gaps analysis, or another reliable source relevant to the MO BoS CoC's geographic area.

The prioritization structure must be approved by the MO BoS CoC Board of Directors and published by the MO BoS CoC at least 30 days prior to the MO BoS CoC project application deadline.

Tiebreaker

If two or more projects in the same project category receive the same score, the projects will be ranked in order of the severity of community housing and supportive service needs and the degree to which the project's plans addresses the identified housing and supportive service needs as assessed by the MO BoS CoC entity responsible for reviewing and ranking project applications. The assessment of severity of community housing and supportive service needs and the project's plan to address the needs will be based on the narrative in the project application. Projects with plans to address more severe needs will receive preferential ranking compared to the other projects receiving the same score.