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The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires Continua of Care to rank all projects being recommended for funding into two tiers as part of the Consolidated Application's Priority Listing. Tier 1 is defined by HUD in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) as a percent of a Continuum of Care's (CoC) Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) approved by HUD. Tier 1 projects traditionally maintain existing funding in the NOFO competition provided the CoC's Consolidated Application is properly submitted and meets the minimum threshold score established by HUD. The amount of funding available in Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for all bonus projects. Tier 2 projects must compete nationally for funding and are therefore at risk of not being awarded by HUD in the competition.

Project applications must meet any threshold criteria or other requirements established in the CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity or by the MO BoS CoC to be ranked on the Priority Listing. For the local competition, there will be no distinction between New and Expansion project. All projects that are not renewals will be classified, ranked, and scored as New Projects.

Prioritization Structure

Unless otherwise prohibited by statute, regulation, or CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity, 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 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 (HUD) 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.

Project Ranking on Priority Listing

Tier 1: Project Ranking

Permanent Housing Renewal projects will be ranked in Tier 1 on the Priority Listing according to their overall project score, consistent with funding availability in Tier 1, and HUD and CoC priorities. Core Renewal Infrastructure Projects (HMIS) and projects exempt from scoring per the NOFO, may be ranked in Tier 1 as determined by the percentage of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) available for Tier 1, as specified in the NOFO and consistent with CoC priorities.

Renewal HMIS Infrastructure for Special Projects, including but not limited to projects funded through a Special NOFO (SNOFO) or the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP), shall be ranked in tandem with their associated special project. The HMIS Infrastructure project associated with a special project will be ranked immediately following the special funding opportunity project on the Priority Listing and in accordance with HUD requirements and CoC priorities applicable to that funding source.

Eligible renewal projects that have been transferred to a new Grantee during the current competition year and approved by HUD, lack sufficient operational and performance data for scoring purposes and therefore, shall be placed in the middle of Tier 1. This placement applies only during the first competition period following the HUD-approved transfer and is intended to ensure the project is neither advantaged nor disadvantaged due to the absence of comparable performance data.

Tier 2: Project Ranking

Renewal projects will be ranked in Tier 2 on the Priority Listing according to their overall project score. If applicable, New and Expansion Projects created from reallocated funding may be ranked higher than Renewals in Tier 2. The CoC Rank and Review Subcommittee may consider the project's positive impact on the community, whether the Renewal project had funding recaptured, and the funding percentage of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) left in Tier 2 that is available to the CoC. Because CoC Bonus Project and DV Bonus Project applications compete nationally for funding, these project applications may be ranked according to scores chronologically, below Renewal and projects created through the reallocation or transition process. If a Bonus Project is ranked higher than a Renewal or Reallocation project the community risks losing part of the ARD while also not guaranteeing that Bonus funds will be awarded. In order to maximize the potential funding award for the community, Bonus Projects may be ranked below Renewal and projects created through reallocation.

Tier 1: Tie Breakers

In the event that projects earn the same score based on the MO 606 scoring tool, resulting in the same rank/placement on the Priority Listing, the following criteria will apply:

#1: Bed and Unit utilization.

#2: Cost effectiveness (rental assistance/cost per household/admin or SSO percentage in relation to financial assistance, e.g.).

#3: The project emphasizes HUD and/or local priorities as outlined in the NOFO and the CoC's scorecard.

#4: CoC Rank and Review Subcommittee identifies a project as a priority if the applicant's proposed project is the only CoC housing program identified in the MO 606 Region.

Tier 2: Tie Breakers

In the event that projects earn the same score based on the MO 606 scoring tool, resulting in the same rank/placement on the Priority Listing, the following criteria will apply:

#1: (Renewal only) Bed and Unit utilization.

#1: (New Only) The project emphasizes HUD and/or local priorities as outlined in the NOFO and the CoC's scorecard.

#2: Cost effectiveness (rental assistance/cost per household/admin or Supportive Services percentage is high based on project outcomes, e.g.).

#3: CoC Rank and Review Subcommittee identifies a project as a priority if the applicant's proposed project is the only CoC housing program identified in the MO 606 Region.