

## HUD CoC Program NOFA Overview

### HUD CoC Program Tiering

Seattle King County Continuum of Care (WA-500) Tier 2 Summary (Numbers in the chart below are not real and are used for illustration only)	
<b>Total Annual Renewal Amount</b>	<b>48,000,000</b>
Amount of Annual Renewal Demand place in Tier 1 (94%)	45,120,000
Amount of Annual Renewal Demand placed in Tier 2 (6% of ARD)	2,880,000
BONUS Projects – PSH for Chronically Homeless and/or RRH	1,000,000
<b>WA-500 Tier 2 TOTAL</b>	<b>3,880,000</b>

Under the above sample scenario, Seattle/ King County CoC is eligible to apply for \$3,880,000 in Tier 2 funds. Projects must be placed strategically in Tier 2 to maximize the likelihood of securing funding and in the context of the funding values for CoC Program.

HUD individually scores each project placed in Tier 2 using a scoring schema published in the NOFA.

HUD Scoring Schema	Score	Comments
CoC Total Score	50	Score proportionate to overall CoC score out of 200. This score will be the same for each of our applications, and unknown until HUD awards are announced.
Commitment to Housing First	10	PH/TH/SH projects: low barrier, rapid placement, no service participation requirements or preconditions CEA / HMIS: automatic 10 points
Project Ranking	40	Score based on application amount and amount of Tier 2 funding already allocated (i.e. projects placed higher in the priority order).
TOTAL	<b>100</b>	

### TIER 2 PROJECT CATEGORIES

**a. Realignment Projects**

Realignment projects are projects changing their project model from Transitional Housing to an eligible Permanent Housing model. Any change would support System Goals and local values for this fund source. Under realignment, sponsoring agencies voluntarily close their programs, and funds are re-directed into permanent housing or permanent supportive housing by the same set of agencies.

**b. Renewal Projects**

Renewal Projects are projects currently funded by the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. The Seattle/ King County CoC is required to place a designated dollar amount in Tier 2. Some renewal projects may be placed in tier 2 to cover any portion of the Tier 2 amount that is not otherwise reallocated from existing projects.

**c. New Projects**

In recent years only the following project types could be funded as New Projects under the NOFA: (1) Permanent Supportive Housing (chronic or DedicatedPLUS), (2) Rapid Re-housing or Transitional/Rapid Re-housing Joint Component, (3) HMIS (Homeless Management Information System), (4) Coordinated Entry.

- Reallocation projects: Reallocation projects are new projects made possible by funding that is redirected from current renewal projects.
- Bonus Projects: The Seattle/ King County CoC may be eligible for bonus funding if HUD includes Bonus funding in the NOFA.

## Priority Listing Decision Factors for Placement in Tier 2

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The following assumptions guide decisions regarding priority placement of projects in Tier 2:

- 1. Include only those projects that can receive full points for commitment to policy priorities; i.e., Housing First approach.**

Rationale: Maximizing points for each of HUD's scoring factors ensures the greatest likelihood of maintaining current funding and securing additional funding for the CoC.

- 2. Order applications from smallest to largest funding requests within the four Categories of projects, except where local values and HUD priorities may dictate otherwise.**

Rationale: Placing smaller requests before higher requests will result in marginally higher HUD project ranking scores for projects within that classification, which may result in additional funding for the continuum.

- 3. Value Realignment Projects as the first priority in Tier 2.**

Rationale: These projects are voluntarily reallocating funds and realigning in collaboration with and in support of system realignment efforts, which are designed to rebalance our system and better match homeless housing program types with the needs of the homeless households and current best practices. Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless households is a HUD priority, and supports HUD's goal to end chronic homelessness; while Dedicated PLUS may allow for a slightly expanded target population. Rapid Rehousing is nationally recognized as a best practice for rehousing homeless households quickly and in the case of certain projects expands local DV Rapid-rehousing efforts. Joint TH-RRH expands on the RRH model. These projects, if using a housing first approach and targeting priority populations will get HUD's maximum score for commitment to policy priorities

- 4. Use the CoC preliminary score based rank order, with a special emphasis on a low barrier approach and movement to permanent housing, to identify current projects not to be renewed by identifying projects from the bottom and moving up the rank order to select lower performing projects as subjects for reallocation, taking into consideration geographic and population impacts.**

Rationale: A certain number of renewal projects will need to be defunded or reduced to complete the dollar amount that we are required to place in Tier 2.

- 5. Use the CoC preliminary score-based rank order to identify renewal projects for placement in Tier 2 by identifying projects from the bottom and moving up the rank order to select projects that maximize HUD's Project Type/Project Priority points and face the least risk in Tier 2.**

Rationale: A certain number of renewal projects are being placed in Tier 2 to complete the dollar amount that we are required to place in Tier 2.

- 6. Value renewal projects that are strategically placed in Tier 2 to meet the dollar amount we are required to place in Tier 2.**

Rationale: These projects are existing projects receiving HUD CoC funding that are being placed in Tier 2 to meet the dollar threshold the Seattle King County CoC is required to place in Tier 2. The projects meet HUD project type and commitment to policy priorities.

- 7. Value maintenance of number of Chronically Homeless dedicated units in the Housing Inventory when considering new project types or other program changes.**

Rationale: Maintaining the number of CH dedicated units in the inventory will positively affect our CoC score in future years.

## NOFA Submission Deadline / Internal Application Deadlines

In addition to the NOFA submission due date, HUD typically stipulates three internal deadlines. Below is an example of HUD-mandated deadlines taken from previous years NOFA. Each CoC must document that these internal deadlines were met as part of HUD's scoring schema eg., to secure maximum points.

HUD Mandated Internal Deadlines		
Element	Target Deadline	Notes
Deadline for all local project applications to be submitted for CoC review	30 days prior to NOFA due date	CoC must <u>establish a deadline for receipt of local applications</u> no later than 30 days prior to NOFA deadline
Final decisions on projects to be renewed, reduced, eliminated or added to the application	15 days prior to NOFA due date	All potential <u>applicants must be notified in writing</u> of all funding decisions.
Consolidated Application including the CoC Priority Listing posted on CoC Website	2 days prior to NOFA due date	Points for <u>posting CoC Application</u> 2 days prior to NOFA due date.
NOFA APPLICATION SUBMISSION DEADLINE		
NOFA DUE DATE ????	Submit final CoC Consolidated Application to HUD via esnaps.	DUE DATE announced in the FY 2021 NOFA.

**NOTE: The Dollar amounts, scores and tiering details outlined in this document are not real. All are provided to illustrate the CoC Application process based on experience from previous NOFA round. Specific details will not be known until the 2021 NOFA is released (hopefully in the near future)**