

HART Continuum of Care

HART Ranking Order and CoC Local Priorities for 2024

Program Review Committee

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Policy: HART is to determine a ranking order for the 2024 CoC NOFO competition to best serve the homeless community and operate the local homeless system. It is to protect the integrity of the system while meeting HUD requirements and ensuring that the projects that best reduce homelessness and returns to homelessness primarily evidenced by HUD system performance measures are given the best opportunity for funding.

Procedures:

A. Ranking Order –

HART will use the following ranking order for the 2024 competition:

1. Homeless management information system (HMIS) and coordinated entry system (CES); however, unspent funds should be considered for reallocation.
2. First-year renewable projects.
3. Renewable projects must demonstrate that they are improving the CoC system by receiving at least 65 percent of the Sections I and II of the rating tools combined.
4. New projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus. Renewable projects that are underperforming may also compete under this priority level.
5. New DV/CoC Bonus Projects.

B. Rational –

1. HMIS and CES are ranked first since they are required projects by HUD and a loss of funding will have significant negative impacts on the CoC's homeless operation.
2. First-year renewable projects are not subject to reallocation in accordance with the NOFO.
3. Renewable grants are expected to contribute to the improvement of the CoC system. HART considers the sum of the objective data of Sections I and II to be a sufficient indicator if a project is improving the CoC system.
4. Underperforming renewable applications. Any of the following may be reasons to consider a project as underperforming.
 - a. A project found to be in gross negligence that does not warrant an opportunity for correction.
 - b. A project that issues of concern have been formally addressed and not corrected.
 - c. Those projects that do not score above the established percentage might be considered as underperforming, but not required. A new project may not be ranked higher unless it will improve the CoC's system performance to a degree that overrides the impact of a renewal project's loss of funding. Special consideration must be made for reducing or eliminating a permanent supportive housing project that is at full capacity since the clients will have to find an alternative housing source and may end up back in homelessness.

C. Scoring and Ranking

1. Scoring will be completed using the approved scoring rubrics for renewable and new projects.
2. Projects that are second-year renewals and have not submitted an APR will be assessed on data up to an established date decided by the program review committee.
3. Projects will be initially ranked in order of their priority levels in Section A and by their score.
4. Projects at the bottom of Tier I and in Tier II with similar scores may be re-ordered by the ranking committee based on their overall assessment and program review committee guidance. However, the established priority levels must be followed.