



Side-By-Side Comparison of CoC Scoring FY2024/25 vs. FY2025

Below is a high-level summary of the CoC Application Scoring criteria that was included in the FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO in comparison to the Merit Review criteria included in the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. Items that are new or updated in FY2025 vs. FY2024 are marked **NEW** or **UPDATED**. Please review the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO for full details.

The information below was initially provided as an overview of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO that was issued by HUD on November 13, 2025. It has been updated to reflect the changes included in the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO that was re-issued on December 19, 2025 for public review. Changes have been made in blue for easy distinction.

CoC Application Scoring Summary FY2024	Merit Review Summary FY2025
1. CoC Coordination and Engagement = 84 points 2. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking = 28 pts. 3. HMIS = 9 points 4. PIT Count = 5 points 5. System Performance = 60 points 6. Coordination w/ Hsng & Healthcare = 14 points Bonus Points: CoC Merger Bonus = 25 points	A. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking = 9 points B. System Performance = 40 points C. CoC Coordination and Engagement = 81 points Bonus Points CoC Merger Bonus = 15 points Policy Initiative Preference = 4 points (Note: On page 74, the table still indicates 4 points; however, Section V.B.2 has been updated to allow for up to 14 points)

CoC Coordination & Engagement	84	C. CoC Coordination & Engagement	81
Has an inclusive membership of a variety of stakeholders within the geographic area	2	UPDATED: Has an inclusive membership of a variety of stakeholders within the geographic area and considers the needs of all relevant subpopulations	0.5
		NEW: Has a governance board representative of community (at least 1 PWLE; 3 electeds; 1 business community; 2 LEO)	4
Has an invitation process for new members to join	1	Has an invitation process for new members to join	0.5
Solicits and considers opinions from knowledgeable individuals and organizations	1	Solicits and considers opinions from knowledgeable individuals and organizations	0.5
Accepts and considers proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding	1	Accepts and considers proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding	0.5
		NEW: Availability of Treatment and Recovery Services (substance use treatment available onsite for at least 30% of projects; there are projects that provide substance use tx which make it a condition of occupancy; minimum # of beds for geographic area based on population size; access to 24/7 detox; formal partnership with CCBHC, etc; sober housing; high % of funding for services or lots of leveraging)	16
		NEW: Participation requirements for services (max points for 100% of projects require services; ½ points if 50% of projects require services)	10
		NEW: Reduce encampments (demonstrated reduction of encampments or people in encampments by 20%)	10

Coordinates with federal, state, local, private, and other organizations	2	UPDATED: Coordination with federal, state, local, private, and other organizations (must demonstrate coordination in the planning and operation of projects, describe plan to consult with ESG recipients, and describe how they have or will share PIT, HIC, HMIS, and SPM data with state and local government as permitted by law)	2
Ensures families are not separated	2	<i>Not included</i>	--
CoC collaboration related to children and youth	3	Collaboration related to children and youth	2
		NEW: Coordination with Veteran organizations	6
Addresses the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking	5	Addressing the needs of victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking	2
Addresses the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals	6	<i>Not included</i>	--
Coordinates with the Public Housing Agencies	10	Partnering with the Public Housing Agencies	2
Coordinates with and assists in state or local discharge planning efforts	2	Discharge planning	2
Uses a Housing First approach on CoC projects	10	<i>Not included</i>	--
Has implemented street outreach procedures	3	UPDATED: Street outreach (positive exits and cooperate with first responders and law enforcement to increase positive interaction in order to increase housing and service engagement and promote use of CoC services)	6

Implements specific strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness	2	UPDATED/NEW: Promoting public safety (4 pts.- CoCs must demonstrate, by providing evidence, that the full geographic area quickly clear encampments on public property, does not tolerate illicit drug use, and cooperates with local law enforcement for both; 3 pts.- demonstrates utilization of involuntary commitment; 3 pts.- use of SORNA; 3-assists in mapping sex offenders and assists law enforcement or co-responders to connect violators of public camping or drug use with services)	13
Demonstrates an increase in the number of Rapid Re-Housing beds available	9	<i>Not included</i>	--
Provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects to supplement CoC Program funds with resources from other public and private sources, including programs that assist program participants in applying for and receiving mainstream benefits or gaining employment	2	<i>Not included</i>	--
Has an effective Coordinated Entry System (CES) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)	6	<i>Not included</i>	--
Promotes racial equity in homelessness response	6	<i>Not included</i>	--
Involves individuals with lived experience of homelessness in service delivery and decision making, and provides professional development and employment opportunities	5	<i>Not included</i>	--
Coordinates and partners with Public Health Agencies	5	<i>Not included</i>	--
Increases affordable housing supply	1	<i>Not included</i>	--

		UPDATED: Leveraging housing and healthcare resource (points for at least one TH, PSH, or RRH that utilizes healthcare resources provided by private orgs, state/local, faith based, or PHAs)	4
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	28	Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	9
Demonstrates the use of objective criteria to review project applications requesting CoC Program funding	4	UPDATED: Objective criteria and system performance (uses objective criteria and at least 25% of points for SPM on returns + SPM on employment income + service participation requirements)	6
Demonstrates the use of CoC Program required system performance measures to review project applications requesting CoC Program funding	9	<i>Not included</i>	--
Uses comparable databases to evaluate domestic violence providers	1	<i>Not included</i>	--
Collects and analyzes data on rapid return to permanent housing and severity of barriers experienced by program participants	4	<i>Not included</i>	--
Demonstrates how the CoC is promoting racial equity when reviewing applications	4	<i>Not included</i>	--
Demonstrates that the CoC either reallocates funding from lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects or has a process in place to review performance for future re-allocation	3	UPDATED: Reallocation (CoC demonstrates a standard process for reallocating from lower performing OR have reallocated at least 20% of ARD since Fy21)	1
Demonstrate the use of an objective ranking and selection process for project applications that is publicly announced by the CoC	3	Ranking and selection process (invites new proposals from new entities; posting application on website; attaching all projects with ranking info; notify applicants)	2
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	9	<i>Not included in Merit Criteria</i>	0

Submits complete Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data in a timely manner	1	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
Has in place, is developing, or is coordinating a comparable database with domestic violence / victim service providers to collect required data elements for reporting deidentified information to the CoC	2	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
Bed Coverage	2	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
Submit prior NOFO year's Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data in a complete and timely manner	2	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
Point in Time Count (PIT)	5	<i>Not included in Merit Criteria</i>	0
Conducts a PIT Count and reports the data in Homelessness Data Exchange (HDX)	3	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
Implement specific measures to effectively identify and count youth in the CoC's PIT Count	2	<i>Moved into SPM</i>	--
System Performance Measures	60	System Performance Measures	40
Reduces the number of homeless individuals and families (2/12 pts.- for decrease of 5% sheltered '24 from '23 PIT; 7/12 pts.- for decrease of 5% unsheltered '24 from '23 PIT; 3/12 pts.- decrease of 5% sheltered & unsheltered '24 from '23 PIT + Considerations for disaster impacted)	12	UPDATED: Reduces the number of homeless individuals and families (5/17 pts.- decrease of 20% unsheltered '25 from '24; 4/17 pts.- decreases in unsheltered '24 from '23 and '25 from '24; 3/17 pts.- decrease '25 from '23; 3/17 5% decrease in CH '25 from '24; and 2/17 pts.- decrease in total hmlss '25 from '24)	17
Reduces the number of first-time time homelessness among individuals and families (1/3 pts.- for reduction '24 from '23; 2/3 pts.- provide information on how risk factors identified and prevention strategy)	3	UPDATED: Reduces the number of first-time time homelessness among individuals and families (demonstrate reduction of 20% and identify strategies)	1

Reduces the length of time individuals and families remain homeless (8/13 pts.- demonstrate reduction in LOT of 5% '23 from '22 OR average LOT 90 days or less; 5/13 pts.- describe strategies)	13	UPDATED: Reduces the length of time individuals and families remain homeless (demonstrate any reduction in length of time homeless and describe strategies)	1
Demonstrates and describes how the CoC will increase the rate in which individuals and families move to permanent housing destinations or continue to reside in permanent housing projects (6/13 pts.- increased PH by 2% '23 from '22; 3/13 pts.- demonstrate exits from PSH or OPH to pH increased by 1% or retention or exists to PH was 96% or higher; 4/13 pts.- describe strategy)	13	UPDATED: Successful permanent housing placement (2/5 pts.- rate of successful exit from ES, TH, and RRH is at least 50%; 2/5 pts.- 20% of positive program exits are exited to unsubsidized housing; 1/5 pts.- describe strategies)	5
Reduces the extent to which individuals and families return to homelessness (3/8 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 reduced returns in 6 mos by 1% OR rate was 5% or less; 3/8 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 reduced returns in 12 mos by 1% or rate was 10% or less; 2/8 pts.- strategies)	8	UPDATED: Reduces the extent to which individuals and families return to homelessness (3/7 pts.- if less than 8% over 24 months; 3/7 pts.- if 7% over 12 months; strategies)	7
Increases income for program participants from employment and non-employment cash sources (2/7 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 increase % employment income OR rate is 20% or higher; 2/7 pts.- btwn '22 and '23 increase % non-employment income OR rate is 50% or higher; 3/7 pts.- for strategies)	7	UPDATED: Increases income for program participants from employment and non-employment cash sources (3/7 pts.- % of participants with increase was 20% or higher for employment; 3/7 pts.- at least 25 % had increase in employment income at exit; 1/7 for strategies on employment and non-employment sources)	7
Submits data quality report for HMIS performance measures in HDX (submitted SPM to HDX by deadline)	4	Timely submission of data (conducted a HIC and PIT count; submitted by deadline; submitted LSA by deadline; submitted SPM by deadline)	1
		HMIS and comparable database participation (at least 85% of beds in geographic area are covered in HMIS – same as last year)	1
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	<i>Not included in Merit Criteria</i>	0

1. Leverages housing resources such as housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs	7	<i>Moved into CoC Coordination & Engagement</i>	
Leveraging healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing Homelessness	7	<i>Moved into CoC Coordination & Engagement</i>	
Bonus Points: CoC Merger	25	Bonus Points: CoC Merger	15
CoCs merged between current NOFO year and prior NOFO year registrations	5	UPDATED: All CoCs that merged (does not provide date or any other information)	15
One or more of the merged CoCs had an application score of 140 or below in the previous CoC Program Competitions	10		
Demonstrates that results in Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts were affected by changes in methodology that resulted from the merger in a way that would affect their CoC score	10		
		NEW: Policy Initiative Preference Points	14
		Up to 4 points if proposed activities are within Opportunity Zone OR Up to 4 points if ALL nonprofit applicants voluntarily verify immigration status using SAVE directly or in coordination with state local gov	4
		Up to 10 points if they indicate that there are no projects submitted by the CoC that will operate safe consumption sites or conduct activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."	10