Iowa Balance of State CoC
Draft NOFA Project Scoring Policies & Process
FY2020 Competition

Iowa CoC NOFA project applications (both new and renewal) will be scored using their corresponding scoring rubric. The rubric outlines are attached as part of the policy and process document. *The renewal and new CoC project application content and the corresponding scoring rubrics were reviewed and approved by the Iowa Balance of State CoC Board of Directors at their 5/27/2020 meeting.* These rubrics evaluate and score project applications based on the following criteria;

Project Types Eligible for Submission:

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

Transitional-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Coordinated Entry (CE)

Renewal Projects	New Projects
CoC Participation	**CoC Participation**
Coordinated Entry	*ICH Participation*
Community Engagement	*Coordinated Entry*
CoC/ICH Participation	*Professional Development*
Point In Time Participation/Support	*Regional Point In Time*
Project Management	**Project Management/Design**
Spending History	*Agency Experience*
APR Submission/Review	*Community Education*
HUD Grant Monitoring	*Fund Utilization*
Supportive Services	*Organization/Management Structure*
Grant Evaluation	*Audits/ Financial Staffing*
	Homeless Need/Project Justification
Project Performance	*Housing Retention*
Data Timeliness/Completeness	*Counties Served*
Service to Literally Homeless	
Length of Time to Housing	**Housing First Fidelity**
Exit Destination/Move in Date Errors	
Income Improvement	**Budget**
Successful Exits	
Chronic Served	**Bonus (Underserved Counties)**
	DV Supplemental Information
	DV Need/Unmet Response
	Capacity - Barriers, Safety, Housing

Renewal Project Scoring Process/Policy

Renewal projects will be ranked in order by their scores respective of the following scoring policies adopted by the Board of Directors of the Iowa Balance of State CoC (IA-501) during their 5/27/2020 meeting. These policies* are:

- Stand-alone TH projects will no longer be funded by the Iowa Balance of State CoC. Any renewal TH project will be offered bonus points to reallocate their program to TH-RRH or RRH.

- Renewable project grants that are new in FY2020 and have not yet begun operations (they have been notified of their conditional award, but not yet under contract with HUD) will be placed at the end of Tier 1 based on their competition score from the FY2019 application year within their group.

- Renewable projects that have grants but have not completed a first full year of operation, will complete a FY 2020 renewal project competitive application but their score will be prorated accordingly, and their rank will reflect that final prorated score.

- The Iowa Balance of State CoC's HMIS grant will complete an application for scoring and evaluation. The HMIS project be placed in Tier 1, according to their score and also approved as part of the final ranking of projects.

- The Iowa Balance of State Coordinated Entry grants will complete an application for scoring and evaluation. The projects be placed in Tier 1, according to their score and also approved as part of the final ranking of projects.

- Renewal projects that score at 90% or higher will be placed within Tier 1.

- Renewable projects that score less than 90% will be ranked through Tier 1 and Tier 2 based on their project score. Projects which do not score within the range of the available funding will either be reduced or reallocated.

- Renewable projects that do not pass threshold review or score at 70% or less will be involuntarily reallocated. These projects may exercise use of the appeal process for reconsideration of this decision. The Iowa Balance of State Appeals Process document is attached to these policies.

New Project Scoring Process/Policy

- **General New Project Policies:**
  - New projects applicants must have a physical presence in the Iowa Balance of State CoC and provide services to clients in the Iowa Balance of State to be considered for application and scoring.
  - New project applications (created either through reallocation or bonus) are capped at $250,000.

- **Reallocation Projects**
  - New projects that are created out of reallocated funds (in whole or in combination with Bonus funds) will be ranked according to their scores. If the project scores 90% or better, it will be ranked in Tier 1. If the project scores below 90% the project will be placed in Tier 2, in order of their scores.
  - Programs that request funds for a project expansion (if allowed and available by HUD regulation), must have completed *two full years* of operation (and successfully submitted APRs) before they can submit an application to expand their existing project.

- **Regular Bonus Projects**
  - Regular Bonus Projects that score 90% or higher will be ranked in Tier 1 according to their score. Those Regular Bonus Projects scoring below 90% will be ranked within Tier 2 according to their scores.

- **DV Bonus Projects**
  - DV Bonus Projects will be placed in Tier 2 according to their scores. DV Bonus projects may be funded out of a separate, dedicated source made available from HUD if the project achieves a qualifying score from HUD reviewers.

*All policies outlined and approved here are contingent on the publication of the CoC NOFA and that these policies are consistent with the rules and regulations of the NOFA. For any conflicting policy, HUD's regulation will prevail.