

Clackamas County Continuum of Care

Project Ranking Criteria– 2017

Clackamas County Continuum of Care- FY2017 Ranking Process

Coordinated Entry and PIT count data was analyzed to look at the local need. During a CoC Steering Committee (CoCSC) meeting on August 14th, the data was presented and discussed, and a score card was created for new and renewal project applications. Data for these score cards uses the most **up-to-date past performance data** pulled from projects' most recently completed program year. For those agencies submitting new project applications, questions about the projects ability to achieve positive housing outcomes were added in place of past performance data. The **score cards** used, exemplifying **objective criteria used in review, ranking and selection** of projects is attached. All new and renewal project applications were submitted through Esnap to the CoC by August 28th, 2017. The projects included in our FY2017 CoC Application were monitored, evaluated, reviewed, scored, accepted, and ranked on September 7th, 2017 by the CoCSC. **Minutes of this and other CoCSC meetings are available to the public.**

Clackamas County CoC monitors project performance during APR review prior to submission, through regularly scheduled data quality and bed utilization reports, and as part of the evaluation, review, scoring and ranking process. **Type of populations served, type of housing proposed and performance data** were some of the **objective criteria** included on the score card. **Utilization rates, exits to permanent housing destinations, and increasing participant income, are the factors related to achieving positive housing outcomes** there were explicitly evaluated using the attached score card. In order to ensure projects are in **compliance with 24 CFR part 578**, eLOCCS drawdown rates and timely APR submittal are considered, while funds recaptured by HUD and monitoring/audit findings are scored. In addition, the CoCSC asked project applicants to describe their equity and inclusion strategies and share any innovative strategies used. The score card was partially filled in using HMIS and project application data, sent to project staff to fill in additional information, and send back completed.

The CoC has a long-standing relationship with victim service providers in our region and a **specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers (VSP)**. Once the blank score card was finalized by CoCSC, it was emailed to VSPs to fill in **using data generated from their comparable database**. This year, Clackamas Women's Services (CWS), the largest and most prominent VSP in the CoC region, was the only VSP to submit an application, though other VSPs are CoC members. CWS has historically excellent performance outcomes, and often scores high in that section of the score card. The CoCSC recognizes the particular **vulnerability of abuse/victimization or a history of victimization/abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault** that folks served through CWS's programs have experienced and added a scored category in section three of the score card for programs with a target population of DV survivors, including survivors of sexual assault.

There were a few projects that could not be evaluated or had outcomes that could not be compared with the other CoC projects. One project's first program year has not started yet, one PSH project that is not full yet, and one projects was a new application for the FY2017 process. Coordinated Housing Access (CHA) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) could not be evaluated in a meaningful way to compare with the other projects because these projects do not serve participants in the same way as TH, RRH or PSH projects. CHA, our Coordinated Entry, screens for the other programs and HMIS is used to collect and analyze data.

For those projects which could not be evaluated in the same way, the CoCSC discussed community priorities and made the following decisions:

1. Projects which are necessary for the success of the whole continuum need to be included at the top of Tier 1 (CHA and HMIS)
2. Reallocated projects need to be included in Tier 1 to preserve the number of beds/units within the continuum (Clackamas Women's Services RRH)
3. Projects newly funded in FY2015 and FY2016 should be placed as much as possible in Tier 1, and the rest at the top of Tier 2 because they are CoC priorities, but have not had sufficient time to demonstrated success. (Housing our Heroes and Housing our Families)
4. For other projects with low scores, community need was considered (Springwater, only TH for non-parenting youth, and Avalon, a small PSH)
5. Bonus Projects were included at the bottom of Tier 2, as it will only be funded if all of our Tier 1 and Tier 2 programs are funded first.

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Renewal Project Score Card

Project Name: _____

Date: _____

Assistance Type	Target Population	Number of Units (single site)/ Proposed Project Participation (scattered site)	Households Served

Participant Demographics (pulled from APR):

Gender:		Race:	
Male		White	
Female		Black/African-American	
Transgender		Asian	
Other		American Indian/Alaska Native	
Don't know/refused/missing		Native Hawaiian/Pac. Islander	
		Multiple Races	
Age:		Don't know/refused/missing	
0-12			
13-17		Domestic Violence Survivor:	
18-24		Yes	
25-61		No	
62+		Don't know/refused/missing	
Don't know/refused/missing			
		Veterans	
Ethnicity:			
Hispanic/Latino		Chronically Homeless	
Not Hispanic/Latino			
Don't know/refused/missing			

Budget Information:

Amount of HUD CoC Contract/Award:	\$
Not including Admin	
HUD CoC Admin:	\$
Total Program Budget:	\$
Please list all cash funding sources including and beyond stated match	

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1.	Project Narrative: Local Needs	Maximum points: 12
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1. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) describing how your program meets the four goals of the County’s Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness: preventing homelessness (or preventing returns to homelessness) (1 point), reducing the impacts of homelessness on children (1 point), contribute to a robust continuum of effective housing and services (1 point), and participating in strengthening the homeless services system (1 point). (1 point for quality of answers, 5 points total).
2. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) describing how your program addresses equity. The CoC draft definition of equity is: **an on-going process of learning to acknowledge our biases, being flexible, and adapting services and policies to eliminate discrimination and disparities in the delivery of human services. The goal of equity is to provide opportunity and outcomes free from biases and favoritism for all program participants and staff.**
Specifically: What are you doing to ensure equity, diversity, and inclusion for all program participants? (2 points) What is your organization doing to increase its cultural competency (please consider the full range of characteristics that contribute to a person’s culture)? (2 points) **Keep in mind, very few programs received full points on this question last year. Please consider your answer carefully.** (1 point for quality of answers, 5 points total)
3. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) answering the following question: What innovative strategies are you using to meet the unique needs of homeless households in Clackamas County?(2 point)
4. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) describing your agency’s history of securing additional funds to leverage the work this and other HUD programs. (not scored, will use in tie-break situations)

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The following data are based on HUD Performance Measurements and local need. Data sources are HMIS and CWS comparable database for each project's most recently completed program year.

2.	Project Performance	Maximum points: 23
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This section is based on HUD's Performance Criteria, as articulated in the competition NOFA.

Criteria	Possible Points	Points Awarded
Compliance: Project <u>does not</u> currently have unresolved HUD audit findings or is in process of resolving.	1	
Drawdowns: Project spent all CoC funds in contract year. (from HUD) Less than 90%=0 points, 90-94%=1, 95-100%=2 If project is still in the initial contract period – 2 points	2	
HMIS Data Quality: Had 0% null/missing on all HMIS data elements on APR Q7 question. More than 8%=0, 6-8%=1, 4-6%= 2, 2-4%= 3, more than 0-2%=4 , 0%=5 All individuals elements listed must be less than 5% null.	5	
Bed Utilization: Average Bed utilization was at least 95% (APR Q10). Less than 80%= 0, 80-85%=1, 86-90%=2, 90-94%=3, 95-99%=4, more than 99%=5 For RRH programs: Proposed project participation vs Households Served	5	
Ending Homelessness: The PSH program met the local goal of at least 95% of clients remaining in permanent housing placement or exited to permanent housing. (APR Q36) Less than 80%=0, 80-84%=1, 85-89%=2, 90-94%=3, 95-99%=4, more than 99%=5 OR The TH program met the local goal of at least 95% of clients exiting to permanent housing (APR Q36). Less than 80%=0, 80-84%=1, 85-89%=2, 90-94%=3, 95-99%=4, more than 99%=5 OR The RRH program met the local goal of at least 80% of clients who exited the program to permanent housing, maintain permanent housing 6 months after program exit. Less than 58%=0, 58-64%=1, 65-71%=2, 72-79%=3, 80-86%=4, more than 86%=5	5	
Increased or Maintained Income: All homeless programs met the local goal of at least 75% of adult clients having increased <u>total income</u> at end of operating year or at exit (APR Q36). Less than 60%=0, 60-64%=1, 65-69%=2, 70-74%=3, 75-80%=4, more than 80%=5	5	

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3.	HUD Criteria	Maximum points: 5
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- Project has dedicated Veteran Households beds (1 point) _____
- Project is 100% Dedicated Chronically Homeless beds (1 point) _____
- Project increases overall RRH beds (1 point) _____
- Project committed to using Housing First approach (1 point) _____
- Project serves vulnerable populations (CH, fams w/ children, youth, survivors of DV, people with disabilities) (1 point) _____

Total Score (40 Max): _____

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New Project Score Card

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Date: _____

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Budget Information:

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3. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) answering the following question: What innovative strategies will you use to meet the unique needs of homeless households in Clackamas County?(2 point)
4. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than ½ page) describing your agency’s history of securing additional funds to leverage the work of specific programs.

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2.	Project Narrative: Expected Performance	Maximum points: 23
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- 1. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than 1/2 page) describing your agency's administrative capacity (data-tracking, software/HMIS) to implement this program. (5 points)*
- 2. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than 1/2 page) describing your agency's experience and documented success working with complicated federal grants. Please include information about compliance with federal regulations, ability to draw down all funds, and ability to keep all beds full while complying with federal and local regulations. (8 points)*
- 3. Please provide a brief narrative (no more than 1/2 page) describing your agency and staff's experience working with homeless populations. Please include information about participant success securing and maintaining permanent housing and increasing cash and non-cash income. (10 points)*

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