2017 Metro Denver Homeless Initiative Continuum of Care (CoC)
Scoring Criteria for Ranking Projects

Threshold Requirements

New Projects:
Agencies may apply for new projects as allowed by HUD in the FY 2017 CoC Program Registration Notice and Bonus Projects as defined in the FY 2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). With the exception of possible bonus funding, new projects will only be created by the reallocation of existing funds to new grants.

Renewal Projects:
All renewal projects will be scored based on successful housing and income/employment outcomes. To receive points in this section, the project must be able to produce, from HMIS, a HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) for the most recently completed operating year. MDHI, with input from the NOFA committee, reserves the right to make changes to the scoring criteria for ranking projects once the 2017 NOFA is released.

All Projects:
1. Projects that are in their initial one year grant term will not participate in the ranking process and will be included in the CoC application for a second year of funding. To the extent possible, these projects will be ranked in Tier 1.
2. All renewal projects not in their first year will be ranked based on project outcomes. HMIS and CES projects are exempted. All project outcomes will be based on a two-year average using the Annual Performance Report (APR). Reports will be generated from the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Timeframes: APR outcomes will be based on the last two operating years.
3. Points Distribution
   a. Projects with the highest performance are awarded maximum point value.
   b. Projects performing at or above the community average but below the high performer(s) are awarded the 2nd highest point value.
   c. Projects performing three times below the community high performer are awarded zero points. Point distribution is decided by the difference between the Community Average and the Community High Performance mark; for example, if there is a 3-point difference between the Community Average and the Community High Performance, then projects that score 9 points below the Community High Performance mark would receive 0 points (3 X 3 = 9 points).
   d. Projects performing between the 2nd highest-point value and zero-point value will be awarded the third highest-point value.
4. This ranking tool aligns with HUD System Performance Measures. Information on those measures can be found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/system-performance-measures/
5. All agencies will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Metro Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI) that clarifies program requirements/expectations around Coordinated Entry (OneHome) participation, Housing First approaches, and other key regional processes.

Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
Housing Results 100% = 40 Points 95.5-99.9%= 30 Points 86.6-95.4% = 20 Points 0-86.5%= 0 Points	40	The % of persons who remained in permanent housing program as of the end of the operating year or exited to permanent housing. HUD system performance measures 3 and 7) Community High Performance: 100% Community Average: 95.6%
Income Results 100%= 33 Points 77.3-99.9% = 23 Points 31.7-77.1% = 13 Pts 0-31.6% = 0 Pts	33	The % of persons age 18 and older who maintained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit (HUD system performance measure 4). Community High Performance: 100% Community Average: 77.3%
Employment Results 66.6% = 5 Points 9-66.5% = 3 Points 0.1-8.9% = 1 Points 0 = 0 Points	5	The % of persons age 18 through 61 who maintained or increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit (HUD system performance measure 4). Community High Performance: 66.6% Community Average: 9.4%
Mainstream Benefits 100% = 12 Points 94.2-99.9% = 9 Points 82.7-94.1% = 5 Points 0-82.6% = 0 points	12	Percentage of households receiving benefits at the time of the latest annual assessment for stayers (HUD system performance measure 4). Community High Performance: 100% Community Average: 94.3%
Other Scoring Elements 1. Returns to homelessness. 2. OneHome referral acceptance rate. 3. Percentage of vacancies filled by OneHome. 4. Housing navigation.	**Not scored this year.**	1. Returns: percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 6 months (HUD performance measure 2). 2. Referral acceptance: There is currently an 85% referral acceptance requirement. 3. Vacancies: Per HUD requirements, 100% of CoC-funded program vacancies go into OneHome. 4. Navigation: Length of time (in days) for a household to be housed after OneHome referral is made.

Commented [WC1]: Scoring Rationale: Effective PSH programs should improve housing stability of people with very high needs.

Commented [WC2]: Scoring Rationale: Effective PSH programs should provide stability needed to maintain (at least) unearned income (disability benefits, for example) and earned income.

Commented [WC3]: Scoring Rationale: This is weighted less for PSH than RRH, as RRH programs have more of a focus on obtaining earned income.

Commented [WC4]: Scoring Rationale: Housing outcomes and returns to homelessness are the most important measures in PSH programs, so less points are available for this scoring element.

Rapid Re-Housing &Transitional Housing

Scoring Element	Points	Comment
Housing Results 100% = 40 Points 94.2-99.9% = 30 Points 82.6-94.1% = 20 Points 0-82.6% = 0 Points	40	The % of persons who remained in the permanent housing program as of the end of the operating year or exited to permanent housing HUD system performance measures 3 and 7) Community High Performance: 100% Community Average: 94.2%
Income Results 95.8% = 33 Points 83.1-95.7% = 23 Points 62-83% = 13 Points 0-61.9% = 0 Points	33	The % of persons age 18 and older who maintained or increased their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit (HUD system performance measure 4). Community High Performance: 95.8% Community Average: 83.1%
Employment Results 70.8% = 12 Points 32.3-70.7% = 9 Points 0.1-32.2% = 5 Points 0% = 0 Points	12	The % of persons age 18 through 61 who maintained or increased their earned income as of the end of the operating year or program exit (HUD system performance measure 4). Community High Performance: 70.8% Community Average: 32.3%
Mainstream Benefits 92.3% = 5 Points 66.3-92.2% = 3 Points 22.1-66.2% = 1 Points 0%-22% = 0 Points	5	Percentage of leavers receiving benefits at exit (HUD system performance measure 4) Community High Performance: 92.3% Community Average: 66.3%
Other Scoring Elements 1. Returns to homelessness. 2. OneHome referral acceptance rate. 3. Percentage of vacancies filled by OneHome. 4. Housing navigation.	**Not scored this year.**	1. Returns: percentage of households who exit to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness within 6 months (HUD performance measure 2). 2. Referral acceptance: There is currently an 85% referral acceptance requirement. 3. Vacancies: Per HUD requirements, 100% of CoC-funded program vacancies go into OneHome. 4. Navigation: Length of time (in days) for a household to be housed after OneHome referral is made.