

## Charlotte-Mecklenburg CoC FY25 NOFO Project Priority Ranking Policies

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This document provides the policies by which projects seeking funding in the FY2025 Continuum of Care competitions will be prioritized and ranked. These priorities are subject to change based on HUD's funding priorities. The CoC Governing Board sets forth these priorities for the Ranking Committee to carry out and allows flexibility for the Ranking Committee to make decisions in the spirit of the policy to include context and analysis from the CoC monitoring site visits.

### A. Project Priority Ranking Order

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) is required to prioritize and rank projects applying for Continuum of Care (CoC) funding in the CoC competition. Projects seeking renewal or new funding in the FY2025 CoC competition will be prioritized and ranked as follows.

1. **Renewal Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects** ranked by overall percentage scored on the renewal application, from highest to lowest. Projects that score lowest may be placed below CoC Infrastructure projects
2. The CoC's **renewal infrastructure projects**. Infrastructure projects are defined as dedicated HMIS grants and Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only (CE-SSO) grants. Renewal CE-SSO project may be ranked above renewal HMIS project as CE-SSO project provides direct services to people experiencing homelessness
3. **New**, created via CoC Bonus by overall project score:
  - New Transitional Housing projects that serve any population (could include chronically homeless, individuals, families)
  - New Supportive Services Only Standalone projects (Facility-based, housing and/or emergency shelter)
  - New Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry projects
  - New Supportive Services Only Street Outreach projects
  - New or expansion dedicated HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) projects
4. **New Domestic Violence Bonus projects** that increase the number of subsidies available by overall project score in the following order by overall project score:
  - New TH projects
  - New CE-SSO projects
5. **Renewal Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects and Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing projects may be ranked lower than renewal PSH, renewal infrastructure & new projects** ranked by overall percentage scored on the renewal application from highest to lowest. The CoC recommends renewal RRH & Joint TH-RRH projects apply for a new Transitional Housing project through HUD's transition grant process.

### B. Tiebreaking Criteria

**Tiebreakers for ranking policies 1, 2 & 5 (renewal) will be applied in the following order:**

1. First tiebreaker: points earned on exits to permanent housing component

2. Second tiebreaker: points earned on percentage of participants who gained or increased employment income from entry to exit.
3. Third tiebreaker: points earned on Length of Time to Housing component

**Tiebreakers for ranking policies 3 & 4 (new) will be applied in the following order:**

1. First tiebreaker (for PSH, RRH, TH, SSO project applications): Points earned on Project Description
2. First tiebreaker (for infrastructure projects: Points earned on Project Description component

### **C. Projects Straddling Tier 1/Tier 2**

If a project, once listed in ranking order, straddles the Tier 1/Tier 2 funding line with a portion of the project budget falling within Tier 1 and the remaining within Tier 2, the feasibility of the project to operate with only the Tier 1 amount will be determined as follows:

1. Utilizing the response to the question that asks the impact on the project if it does not receive full funding, the Ranking Committee will decide whether the project would be feasible & still have impact at the reduced amount. If the committee determines it would be feasible, the project will be submitted as is, straddling the Tier 1/Tier 2 line. If the committee determines it would not be feasible, that project will be dropped down so that it is entirely in Tier 2, and the next ranked project will be moved up. The feasibility of this project will then be determined.
2. If an agency indicates a minimum amount needed to still be feasible exceeding the project's Tier 1 amount, that project will be automatically moved into Tier 2, and the next ranked project will be moved up and the process given in #1 above will then be repeated with the next ranked project.
3. This process will continue until the following are realized:
  - All Tier 1 funds are allocated; OR
  - The amount of funds remaining in Tier 1 are a negligible amount. If this occurs, the ranking committee retains the discretion to reallocate the remaining funds to another project in Tier 1 that can accept additional funds.
4. If the amount remaining in Tier 1 is of such a small amount that no project indicates it would be feasible at that reduced amount, steps 2 & 3 will not apply, but rather project will be ranked according to their original order

### **D. Final Ranking List Review and Recommendation**

Following the review, scoring and appeals of renewal & new project applications, a preliminary project ranking list will be developed in accordance with the above priority ranking order. This ranking list, with projects identified by name and type, will be reviewed by the Ranking Committee. The committee will present its final recommended project ranking list to the CoC board in accordance with the timeframe required by HUD. The CoC board will vote to approve the final project ranking list

### **Renewal Project Appeals**

Renewal projects can appeal their project score but may not appeal its placement on the project priority ranking list