



2017 CoC Program Prioritization Policy

Local Continuum of Care Program Funding Rating Criteria and Procedure:

The Tehama County Continuum of Care (TCCoC) is charged by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to submit a community-wide application for homeless assistance funds. Tehama County has no projects eligible for renewal funding under this program, so applications for renewal funding will not be accepted or considered for recommendation. TCCoC is, however, eligible to recommend projects for funding under the Permanent Housing Bonus detailed in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the FY 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. On August 7, 2017, TCCoC published a Request for Letters of Interest, open to all eligible applicants with eligible projects within the service area, with a submission deadline of 11:59 PM on August 15, 2017. Rating and ranking of all submissions received by this deadline is to be conducted according to the guidelines below by a Prioritization Panel, convened according to the TCCoC's Policies & Procedures Manual, on or before the announcement deadline of August 18, 2017.

RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA AND PROCESS:

TCCoC will review, rate and rank their applications; the designated Committee Contact will ensure that the process outlined below is followed. The current designated Committee Contact persons (subject to change):
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1. A neutral committee of three or more individuals will be appointed to rate and rank project submissions and assign point scores. Committee members should be familiar with housing and homeless needs and be willing to review projects with the best interest of homeless persons in mind (Neutral means individuals who are not employees, staff or otherwise have a business or personal conflict of interest with the applicant organizations).
2. Rating and ranking will be done by the individuals appointed to the committee; the rating and ranking (R&R) committee should select a lead facilitator. Final ranking and scoring for projects must be put into writing, and signed by all members of the R&R committee. The results must be submitted to the respective Committee Contact person listed above by **August 18, 2017**. Rating and ranking results will be announced to project representatives by email. The TCCoC's Priority Listing, to be submitted as part of the 2017 CoC Application in eSnaps, will reflect the rating and ranking decisions made by this committee.
3. Reviewers must verify that the following are met:
 - a. Proposed project will operate, or facilities will be located, within the county service area.
 - b. Organization has the capacity to meet all Threshold Requirements set forth in Section V.G.2 (pp. 23-26) of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition [FR-6000-N-25].
 - c. Project has allocated 10% of the total funding request to HMIS, per TCCoC policy.
 - d. The Letter of Interest submission contains all information requested in the TCCoC Permanent Housing Bonus Funding Opportunity Letter of Interest Submission Instructions available to all applicants and reviewers at <http://tehamacoc.weebly.com/2017-coc-phb-funding-opportunity.html>

4. **Leverage and Priority Alignment:** (50 point Maximum for each category)

Project proposals will be scored on two categories, Leverage and Priority Alignment; a project can receive a maximum of 100 points.

- i. Projects will be awarded a maximum of 100 points:
- ii. The extent to which a project addresses local and HUD priorities. (50 pts maximum)
Current priorities:
 - 1. *Projects that decrease the overall Length of Time that individuals and/or families spend homeless (including time on the streets, in Emergency Shelters or in Transitional Housing projects).*
 - 2. *Projects that decrease the likelihood that individuals or families will return to homelessness after being permanently housed.*
 - 3. *Projects that decrease the overall number of individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness in Tehama County.*
 - 4. *Projects that assist those served in increasing earned income or income from other sources.*
 - 5. *Projects that decrease the overall number of individuals or families that become homeless for the first time.*
 - 6. *Projects that increase the number of individuals and/or families that move from temporary housing situations such as emergency shelters or transitional housing projects to permanent housing situations.*
- iii. Project leverages CoC Funds with other funding and services (50 pts maximum)
- iv. The following tables will guide point assignment:

Priority Alignment	Points (50 pts max)
Project is in clear alignment with local and HUD priorities	50 points
Project is very closely aligned with local and HUD priorities	40 points
Project is moderately aligned with local and HUD priorities	30 points
Project is not aligned with local and HUD priorities	0 points

Leverage	Points (50 pts max)
Project shows best leverage compared to other projects	50 points
Project shows 2nd best leverage	40 points
Project shows 3rd best leverage	30 points