



Delaware Continuum of Care Prioritizing and Ranking Policy 2016

1. To be eligible for prioritizing and ranking, all projects – new and renewal – must pass all facets of the application evaluation process including:
 - a. All projects must meet all HUD eligibility criteria
 - b. All projects must be HEARTH & CoC regulation compliant
 - c. All projects must meet the application deadlines, as set by the DE-CoC
 - d. All projects must meet criteria outlined in HUD NOFA
2. Ranking within tiers will be based on scores from the DE-CoC scoring tool and project performance. The Scoring committee will also consider which projects will be most competitive in the CoC funding process based on HUD's HEARTH Act measures and HUD's policy priorities as outlined in the HUD CoC NOFA.
3. The renewal project scoring tool emphasizes projects that promote the HEARTH Act goals of ending homelessness and HUD's policy priorities as outlined in the NOFA. Measures that reflect HUD's expectations regarding project performance review are considered. Annual Performance Reports are used to measure project outcomes and performance.
4. After the HUD CoC NOFA is released, the CoC Scoring committee will review HUD's policy priority areas and determine if any changes need to be made to the local scoring or ranking process in order to best align with HUD's priorities and expectations. If the committee wants to make any changes to the existing process after the NOFA is released, they will send this recommendation to the CoC Board for review and approval prior to implementation.
5. All new project applications for CoC bonus dollars will be evaluated by the CoC Scoring committee. The committee will determine whether or not new project applications for bonus dollars will be included in Delaware's CoC application to HUD. All project applicants will be notified by appropriate and required deadlines of whether their proposed new project will be included.
6. New project applications for CoC bonus dollars will be most competitive if they align with HUD policy priorities, demonstrate the organization capacity to administer federal grant funds, are able to serve households statewide, demonstrate a clear understanding of best practices in the delivery of the program model, and adopt a housing first model of service delivery.
7. Projects required by HEARTH & the CoC regulation will be ranked in Tier 1 because the projects are federally required and the primary funding source for these projects is HUD CoC funding.
 - a. References
 - i. HMIS – Homeless Management Information Systems Requirements (76 FR 76917)
 - ii. Centralized or coordinated assessment system – CoC Regulation 578.7(a)(8)