



## The Continuum of Care Project Ranking & Scoring Process

- HUD requires each CoC to evaluate the performance of projects applying for CoC funds, and prioritize projects for funding by ranking them. The CoC must submit the ranking to HUD in the CoC funding application. The HEARTH Act performance measures are used to evaluate the performance of projects and determine ranking priority. More information about the HEARTH Act performance measures can be found here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3894/system-performance-measures-introductory-guide/>.
- HUD also requires CoCs to “Tier” projects. This means that some funds are placed in Tier 1, while a certain amount of funding (determined by HUD) must be placed in “Tier 2.” “Tier 2” funds are at risk for being cut if HUD does not have sufficient dollars. To date, there have not been funding cuts to the projects that Delaware has placed in “Tier 2.” In 2015 HUD has stated that it expects to have sufficient funds to continue funding all CoC renewal projects.
- Each year the CoC Board in Delaware selects community members to sit on the CoC Project Ranking and Scoring committee. Committee members are not individuals who receive CoC funding or who benefit from CoC scoring decisions. All members are required to sign a conflict of interest form.
- In Delaware the CoC has developed a form that is used to evaluate project performance based on the performance measures and priorities of HUD’s CoC program. Data from CMIS (Community Management Information System) is used to measure project outcomes.
- The CoC Project Ranking and Scoring committee reviews project evaluation forms and scores each project. The committee then ranks and prioritizes the projects.
- HUD strongly encourages CoCs to re-allocate funds. According to the HEARTH Act passed by Congress in 2009 each CoC is responsible for evaluating performance and ensuring that homeless assistance resources are utilized as efficiently as possible to produce the best client outcomes. During the CoC funding process the project ranking and scoring committee is charged with identifying projects that are not performing as well as others, and re-allocating funds to create new projects.
- CoC-funded agencies have the option of volunteering to re-allocate their existing CoC funding to create a new project. In the FY2015 NoFA the types of projects that can be created through reallocation are: 1) Permanent Supportive Housing, with all beds dedicated for chronically homeless individuals or families, 2) Rapid Re-Housing for individuals or families coming from shelters or the streets, including youth up to age 24, and persons who meet the criteria of paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness, 3) Supportive Services Only for Coordinated Entry/Centralized Intake, and 4) Dedicated HMIS project to be implemented by HMIS lead agency.
- The goal of the Collaborative Applicant (HPC) and the CoC Project Ranking and Scoring Committee is to ensure that Delaware receives as much funding as possible from HUD to help people who are experiencing homelessness in Delaware.