## Performance Scoring Policy

This policy is reviewed annually by the Homeless Trust, prior to the NOFO, as part of the CoC Subcommittee. Public comment is obtained from community stakeholders, funded providers, agencies interested in applying for the collaborative application to HUD, and people with lived expertise. The Homeless Trust sets specific evaluation standards for the competition that remain consistent with HUD guidance and align with system goals and performance improvement initiatives.

Applications for New and Renewal Projects will undergo a threshold review to ensure compliance with the HEARTH Act, the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and the local CoC Request for Applications. Any new or renewal project not meeting the threshold requirement(s) will not be further reviewed and will not be considered for funding. HUD has established project quality thresholds for the 2026 competition and all new project applications will be reviewed to make sure they comply.

The Homeless Trust makes available and accepts comments on the CoC scoring standards for renewal projects. Tools are posted on our website ahead of the CoC Subcommittee which accepts public comment on the instrument annually. Tools are later reposted for the local NOFO solicitation. We developed a local scoring tool for New and Renewal projects. Our tool is largely based on prior year performance on HUD-approved System Performance Measures, project costs, project alignment with HUD priorities and the applicant's ability to spend the previous year's award.

The Miami-Dade County Mayor appoints a selection committee of subject matter experts to review, rate and rank New Project applications, including Reallocation, Expansion, Transition and Bonus Project applications. After meeting the local RFA and program requirements, all projects are subject to the scoring outlined in the local RFA. The Selection Committee utilizes scoring to inform the selection of conditional sub-recipients. The committee has the discretion to select one or more applications for the amount available for New Projects. The committee also may give staff direction to negotiate with conditional applicants.

New and Renewal Projects will receive additional points based on their adopting HUD or local Policy Priorities. Renewal Projects receive additional points based on the percentage of funds drawn in the previous year.

## Ranking Process

The ranking process is also reviewed annually as part of the CoC Subcommittee. During the process the CoC determines the types of projects that are essential to preserve and initiates discussions for reallocation opportunities.

HUD generally requires Collaborative Applicants to rank all projects in two tiers. Tier 1 is defined by HUD in the NOFO as a percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) approved by HUD on the final HUD-approved Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW). Tier 1 projects are traditionally protected from HUD cuts.

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the CoC's ARD plus any amount available for bonus (including the Domestic Violence Bonus) as described in the HUD NOFO. Tier 2 projects must compete nationally for funding.

Renewal and New projects will be scored and ranked using a local scoring tool. Local tools are structured using feedback provided by the CoC Subcommittee. The tool aligns with HUD priorities, looks at historical performance against HUD approved SyS PM and looks at prior year spending and performance. The Trust utilizes a SyS PM dashboard which tells us how each provider contributes to system performance. All projects are scored and ranked based on their score with the exception of Planning and UFA projects.

HUD has significantly changed the competition for 2026. It is much more competitive with only 60% of the CoC's renewal amount allowed for Tier 1. Additionally, HUD has set aside nearly one-third (32%) of CoC funds for NEW transitional housing or supportive services projects ranked in Tier 2. The ranking policies reflect these new HUD procedures.

*Tier 1*
Tier 1 will consist of renewal permanent housing projects ranked according to renewal evaluation scores. To ensure the ongoing effective operation of the CoC, Street Outreach and coordinated entry SSO project renewals will also be ranked in Tier all available funds in Tier 1 have been exhausted. If there is a renewal project that straddles Tier 1 and 2, the portion of the project in Tier 2 will be requested to reallocate.

*Tier 2*
Projects in Tier 2 will be ranked in the following order:

- New transitional housing or supportive services only projects that are submitted as 'transition' applications by organizations with renewal grants awarded in 2025. These projects will be ranked according to the renewal evaluation score of the prior renewal grant.
- New transitional or supportive services grants that are NOT being submitted as a transition grant and reallocating funding. These projects will be ranked according to the new project scoring criteria.
- Remaining renewal projects that were not ranked in Tier 1 according to their renewal evaluation scores.
- To the extent there are funds available, new permanent housing projects will be ranked following the remaining renewal projects.
- DV Bonus projects will be ranked following the new permanent housing projects.

## Re-Allocation Policy

Any funds reallocated as part of recapturing unspent funds, voluntary or involuntary reallocation will be made available to create new projects during the local solicitation process. Priorities for new projects are subject to HUD's priorities in the NOFO, combined with local needs identified as part of the annual gaps and needs assessment, as proposed by the CoC, reviewed at publicly noticed CoC Subcommittee meetings and adopted by the Board.

### Voluntary Re-Allocation

As part of the local solicitation for inclusion in the HUD CoC collaborative application, providers are strongly encouraged to reallocate projects that are not spending their full award, underutilizing beds, underperforming and/or not in alignment with new HUD priorities. Such reallocated funds are pooled for reallocation to New Projects. The competitive process for New Projects provides bonus points as an incentive to providers offering to reallocate their entire project funds to create a New Project(s) addressing CoC priorities. The number of points awarded, and criteria for assignment of bonus points, are spelled out in the annual competitive solicitation.

**Involuntary Re-Allocation (Unconditional v Conditional Renewal)**

Projects with poor performance, not spending their full award, underutilizing beds, not in alignment with HUD priorities, not serving the intended population or with significant, unresolved findings are subject to involuntary reallocation.

The Homeless Trust has established a threshold for unconditional renewal. Projects who score below 50 points of the weighted ranking score will be placed on corrective action and may be ranked in Tier 2. All projects submitting full renewal applications meeting threshold and scored above the threshold are approved for renewal without conditions.

Projects scoring below the threshold will be asked to develop a plan to address performance issues by next year's competition (Performance Improvement Plan), or to voluntarily give up award money to be reallocated to a New Project. If problems continue, projects may be reallocated in the following competition. Applicants may appeal the decision, and the appeal must be considered by the Homeless Trust Board.

Determination of any conditions to renewal will be made at least 15 days ahead of the NOFO due date. Any required Performance Improvement Plans or plan that demonstrates that the grant's expenditure will be improved as part of a reallocation appeal must be submitted for approval at least 10 days ahead of the NOFO due date, so that a final determination can be made as to whether the project goes forward for renewal. A final list of Renewal Projects will be presented to the CoC Board and posted on the Homeless Trust website.

**Unspent Funds**

Projects that are not fully expending or underspending their grant awards are subject to the reallocation process. Projects that have underspent their award by 10% or more than $50,000, whichever is less, may be reduced and those funds will go to reallocation for New Project(s). A one-year grace period may be extended by the Homeless Trust to providers who appeal proposed reallocation with a plan that demonstrates that the grant's expenditure will be improved in the current program year. Projects that have under-expended more than 10% of their award in two consecutive program years, without reallocation during the previous year, will have their funding reduced through reallocation in the CoC NOFO competition. The Homeless Trust will recapture 80% of unspent funds after making allowances for vacancies.