# **Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care**

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# Process for Reallocation 2019 CoC Program Competition

The Connecticut Balance of State (CT BOS) CoC has implemented a comprehensive reallocation process that uses performance and need data to determine how to efficiently and effectively expend available CoC program resources to improve system performance and end homelessness within the CoC. The CoC has reallocated projects in every annual competition since 2013. The 2019 reallocation process is described below.

### **CoC History of Reallocation**

- The CoC has reallocated over \$3.4 million since 2014.
- The CoC reallocates funds to new projects whenever reallocation would improve outcomes, result in more efficient use of resources and/or reduce homelessness.
- The CoC has reallocated funds each year from projects that were under performing, using outdated program models, under spending and/or had high costs.
- Projects have always had the option to voluntarily reallocate to make better use of CoC resources. The CoC has also required reallocation as determined necessary by the Steering Committee.
- Reallocated funds have been used to create new projects determined by the Steering Committee to be high priority, including Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, and Coordinated Entry.

#### CoC conducts a transparent, comprehensive project review annually.

- The CoC Steering Committee, with input from a broad range of stakeholders, establishes a methodology to comprehensively review project quality, performance and cost effectiveness annually. The criteria and a description of the process used are posted to the CoC's website and stakeholders are notified via email.
- The review methodology uses objective, performance-based scoring criteria and selection priorities that are approved by the Steering Committee to determine the extent to which each project is improving CoC Systems Performance, successfully helping homeless people to increase their income and to quickly obtain and retain housing without unnecessary barriers.
- The CoC also considers factors including, efficient use of resources, including how much each project spends to serve and house an individual or family as compared to other projects serving similar populations and the extent to which the project is fully expending its award.
- Projects slated for full or partial reallocation may submit an appeal. A Grievance Committee hears and decides appeals.



## The CoC offers providers education & technical assistance regarding reallocation.

- Information on review criteria, reallocation opportunities and requirements is shared at Steering Committee meetings and disseminated to the CoC membership via emails, trainings, semi-annual public meetings, Coordinated Access Networks, minutes, and the website.
- The CoC consultants provide technical assistance to providers interested in voluntary reallocation and those selected for reallocation by the Steering Committee.

#### The CoC solicits New Project Applications for reallocated funds.

- The CoC welcomes and solicits new project applications from all eligible organizations, including those that have never received CoC Program funds as follows:
  - CoC posts a Request for Proposals (RFP) publicly on the CoC's website.
  - CoC sends information about the RFP opportunity out to its email list, which includes more than 460 individuals.
  - CoC partners widely distribute information about the RFP opportunity to their email lists, which include dozens of organizations that do not currently receive and have never received CoC program funds.