

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Steering Committee
Meeting

August 19, 2022



Agenda

- Welcome
- Group Agreements for meetings
- Introductions
- Adopt July Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Updates & Discussion
- SC Participant feedback on CT BOS Plan
- CT BOS Renewal Evaluation
- Other Business
- Upcoming Meetings



CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings



Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Consultants. Proposed new language underlined below:

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations

Introductions in Break-out Rooms - Groups of 4 people.
Please answer: What are you looking forward to this fall?



Approve CT BOS July 2022 Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



July CT BOS SC Mtg Minutes

Announcements





Angel Cotto, CT BOS Community Rep, Youth Action Board (YAB) Member, 2nd YAB member TBA

CT BOS Equal Access Training – 8/31/22 1-2pm

Training will cover:

- Updated CT BOS LGBTQIA+ Policy
- HUD's Equal Access Rules
- Sample agency level Anti-Discrimination Policy
- CT CAN policy on separating families

Equal Access Training: 8/31/22, 1 - 2 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 810 6738 6667

Passcode: 474219

Phone: 646 876 9923

[CT BOS LGBTQIA Policy](#)





Option for CANs
to submit data
to inform 2023
new project
funding
priorities – more
details to follow

HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) & Supplemental NOFO Updates & Discussion



CoC Competition NOFO Highlights

Maximum funding available:

- Tier 1: \$40,702,477 (95% of Annual Renewal Demand minus Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project – YHDP)
- Tier 2: \$4,451,258
 - Includes CoC Bonus: \$2,309,022
- Domestic Violence Bonus: \$1,493,739
- YHDP Renewed Non-Competitively: \$3,335,720
- Planning Grant: \$1,250,000

TOTAL: \$51,233,194



What's New?



- Most CoCs will at minimum get all renewals funded.
- High scoring CoCs have an excellent chance of getting significant new project funds.
- Competition period is significantly reduced.
- **DEADLINE TO HUD: 9/30/2022**
- Systems Performance is heavily weighted again.
- New Scoring Factors include:
 - Increasing capacity to provide non-congregate shelter
 - Policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks
 - Reforming zoning and land use policies & reducing regulatory barriers to housing development

What's the same?



CoCs are scored on:

- Housing First
- Housing & Healthcare Leveraging
- Involving People with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- Advancing Race Equity
- LGBTQIA+ anti discrimination

CT BOS Renewal Application Deadlines

Preliminary Applications due to CT BOS in Zengine by 8/23/22

- Export the app to PDF in esnaps and submit in Zengine (CT BOS grant management database): Zengine Document Submission Instructions. Do not submit the application in esnaps.
- Complete and upload all required attachments in Zengine. Housing Innovations will provide feedback on app

Grantees submit final renewal project application in esnaps by 9/1/22

[Link to esnaps](#)





Who can vote?

- Community Reps: Melissa Dzierlatka, Natalie Mazzone, Teth Pickens, Diamond Lovett, Richard Coleman, Lisa Scott, YAB Community Rep: Angel Cotto
- CT Department of Labor
- CT Department of Social Services
- CT Department of Education
- CT Department of Correction
- CT Department of Children and Families
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Partnership for Strong Communities



NOFO: Proposed Ranking Policy Discussion

Background on Ranking and Tiering:

- HUD requires CoC to rank projects.
- Projects in **Tier 1** ensured funding assuming minimum HUD requirements met.
- **Tier 2:** Projects in Tier 2 scored on 100-point basis & compete nationally – funded in order of project scores until all CoC funds exhausted.
- YHDP Projects

[CT BOS Draft Ranking Policy](#)

NOFO: Proposed Ranking Policy Discussion(2)

Tier 2 Project Scoring: Total of 100 points

- **50 points:** BOS CoC 2022 Application Score. 2021 score was 167.5/174 (97%). 2019 score was 185.5/200 (93%).
- **10 points** for projects based on commitment to Housing First -all projects will get full points
- **40 points** based on relative ranking of project as compared to total amount in Tier 2 – projects ranked higher and smaller projects get higher scores (algebraic equation – the “1-x factor”)
 - Splitting bonus funds up gets better scores and increases chances CoC will get bonus funds.



NOFO: Proposed Ranking Policy Discussion(3)

Proposed General Ranking Order – Consistent with Prior Ranking Strategy:



1. Evaluated renewals in order of 2022 Evaluation Score. Projects w/same score, rank w/in each score cohort based on largest to smallest budget
2. Renewal HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects
3. Renewal projects, which have not been evaluated in an order that considers the maximum advantage on the relative ranking factor $(1-x)$.
4. New PSH projects funded through the CoC Bonus and Reallocation in an order that considers the maximum advantage on the relative ranking factor $(1-X)$, the project app score and need in the relevant Coordinated Access Network (CAN)

NOFO: Proposed Ranking and Bonus Policy Discussion(4)

Proposed General Ranking Order (con't)

5. RRH projects funded through CoC Bonus & Reallocation in an order that considers the maximum advantage on the relative ranking factor (1-X), the project app score and need in the relevant CAN
6. DV Bonus RRH project*
7. DV Bonus Joint TH-RRH projects ordered from highest to lowest total budget*
8. DV Bonus SSO-CE project*

*NOTE: DV Bonus Projects will be funded regardless of ranking position if selected by HUD in the national DV Bonus competition.



Motion: Accept Proposed NOFO Ranking Policy



Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness - Project Applications Received

UNSHELTERED

- CT BOS Maximum Available: \$17,483,860 over 3 years
- 16 applications, 6 SSO, 6 PSH, 4 RRH, total= \$20,529,204

RURAL – Litchfield County Only

- CT BOS Maximum Available: \$922,088 over 3 years
- 2 project applications , 1 PSH & 1 SSO, total=\$922,086



Supplemental NOFO (SNOFO): Rural Proposed Ranking



Background

- Must rank all projects. Project selection process similar to how Tier II projects are funded in ‘regular’ CoC competition.
- Up to 50 points in direct proportion to score received on the Rural Set Aside questions from the CoC Application
- Up to 40 points for the CoC’s ranking of the project application – based on formula that considers project size & ranked position, w/smaller projects that are ranked higher scoring more points (“1-x factor”).
- 10 points if project applicant serves people in geographic areas that have high levels of homelessness, housing distress, or poverty, and are located where CoC services have until now been entirely unavailable, for example, trust lands and reservations

Supplemental NOFO (SNOFO): Rural (3) Proposed Ranking

- Projects to be ranked based on application scores as determined by the scoring committee and prioritizing PSH and SSO to follow.



Motion: Accept Proposed SNOFO Rural Ranking





Supplemental NOFO (SNOFO) Unsheltered Proposed Ranking

Background

- CoC submits app scored on 100-point scale. CoCs with high numbers of unsheltered homeless (based on 2019 PIT) are eligible for bonus points – CT BOS will get zero bonus points
- HUD will select CoCs for funding based on CoC score, meaning the highest scoring CoCs will have all of their rated and ranked projects that pass thresholds conditionally selected for funding.



Supplemental NOFO (SNOFO) Unsheltered Proposed Ranking (2)

1. SSO – Street Outreach Projects - ranked based on application scores
2. Other Project Types, including other SSO projects, PSH, & RRH - ranked based on application scores
3. HMIS and/or CoC Planning

Motion: Accept Proposed SNOFO Unsheltered Ranking





Steering Committee Input on CT BOS Plan to Serve Persons Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs

Abby Miller, Housing
Innovations

[Questions for SC on
Supplemental NOFO](#)



CT BOS Renewal Evaluation

CT BOS 2023 Renewal Evaluation Criteria

- Major criteria changes occurred in 2022.
- No major changes proposed for 2023 evaluation
- Only minor changes from 2022 Renewal Evaluation Criteria to 2023 Criteria in response to feedback from providers
- Exits to the following destinations will not impact score:
 - Foster care/group home
 - Hospital
 - Long-term care/nursing home
 - substance abuse treatment
 - Deceased (not a change)



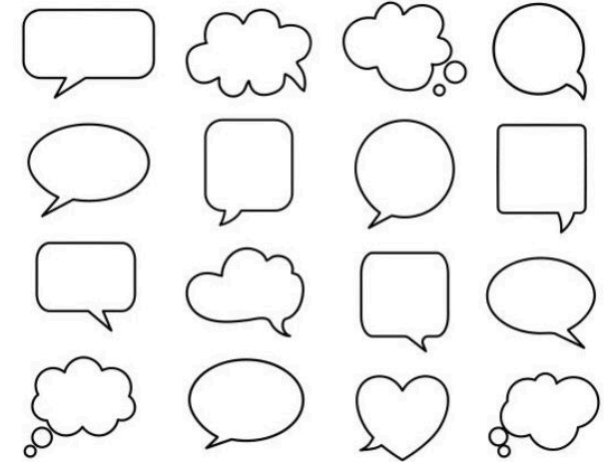
2022 CT BOS & DMHAS Consumer Survey Results



CT BOS Consumer Survey Summary Report
DMHAS Consumer Survey Summary Report

Quotes from Survey Respondents

- “We have the best supportive housing worker I could possibly ask for. Staff listens to our concerns and goes above and beyond to address any and all issues that arise.”
- “Thank you all so much. These services have probably saved my life in many ways.”
- “My case worker cares about me.”
- “Someone is always available to talk to me.”
- “I've learned how to live on my own and have been raising my daughter.”



BOS Consumer Survey Results – Key Findings

- 91% of respondents indicated that either most of the time or always their service needs were being met
- 92% responded that either most of the time or always they can make decisions about what happens with them in the program
- 92% indicated that either most of the time or always they had a staff persons available to make a complaint
- 94% responded that the quality of their lives had improved since entering the program either somewhat or greatly
- Area to explore: 42% indicated they had not been given the opportunity for input into how the program is run.



N=1337

DMHAS Consumer Survey Results – Key Findings

- 82% of respondents indicated that they liked the services they receive
- 75% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, “I deal more effectively with daily problems”
- 81% agreed or strongly agreed that staff was willing to see them as often as they felt was necessary
- 83% responded that they agreed or agreed strongly with, “Staff here believes that I can grow, change, and recover”
- Area to explore: 52% reported that they do better in school or work as a result of the services they receive from the CoC funded agency.



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CT BOS 2023 Consumer Survey available!

- See links for surveys below
- BOS e-mail was sent out with Survey Monkey Links



[CT BOS 2023 Consumer Survey – English](#)

[CT BOS 2023 Consumer Survey - Spanish](#)



Consumer
Leadership
Involvement
Project (CLIP)
will update
2024 CT BOS
Consumer
Survey

Other Business?



Upcoming Meetings



SC Meeting Schedule

- Sept 16, 2022; 11-1:00 - Semi-Annual mtg
- October 21, 2022; 11-12:30
- November 18, 2022; 11-12:30
- December 16, 2022; 11-12:30
- January 20, 2023; 11-12:30
- February 17, 2023; 11-12:30
- March 17, 2023; 11-12:30

Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number:
646-876-9923

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