



# Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## DRAFT Ranking Policy Discussion

### CT BOS CoC 2022 SNOFO and NOFO CoC Applications

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#### Regular CoC NOFO

##### Background on Ranking and Tiering

In the annual Regular CoC competition, HUD requires communities to rank projects for funding based on performance and community priorities. CoC Planning Projects and YHDP (Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program) Renewal and Replacement Projects **are not** included in the ranking as HUD handles them differently from the other projects.

**Tier 1:** 95% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) minus Annual Renewal Amounts (ARA) of YHDP renewal and replacement projects = \$40,702,477. Projects in Tier 1 are ensured funding as long as the CoC and project applications meet minimum HUD requirements.

- CoCs can choose to rank all renewals in Tier 1, but must demonstrate performance review of renewals, a process for reallocating lower performing projects to create new projects, and a project review and ranking methodology related to System Performance Measures.

**Tier 2:** Remaining 5% of non YHDP renewals + CoC Bonus@ 5% of Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN) = \$4,451,258  
There is \$2,309,022 available for new projects through the CoC bonus.

- Projects in Tier 2 are scored on a 100-point basis, and each project competes against every other Tier 2 project across the nation.
- HUD awards funding to Tier 2 projects in order of project scores until it allocates all available CoC funds.

##### Tier 2 Project Scoring:

- Total of 100 points
- 50 points based on CT BOS CoC 2022 Application Score. 2021 score was 167.5/174 (97%). 2019 score was 185.5/200 (93%). This year's score is based on 200 points plus 25 possible bonus points for CoC Mergers.
- 10 points for projects based on commitment to Housing First, which all projects would receive
- 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 the bonus funds up into multiple projects gets better scores and increases the likelihood that the CoC will receive bonus funds.

**Prior Ranking Strategies in CT BOS:**

- Historically, the CT BOS CoC has ranked projects using a combination of performance evaluation scores, model type and the best mathematical scoring advantage to maximize funds received.
- Renewal projects have been ranked above new projects in order of evaluation score. Renewal projects that have not been evaluated have been ranked below evaluated projects, but before new projects. This year, all evaluated renewal projects will be able to be ranked in Tier 1.
- Reallocated projects, Coordinated Entry and HMIS have been placed in Tier 1 to ensure funding.
- New CoC projects have been ranked in Tier 2.
- In prior years, the CoC support team has evaluated numerous scenarios to determine how ranking would affect Tier 2 project scores. Splitting the bonus funds up into multiple projects results in higher scores for the project applications as compared to funding very large projects.

**Established Principles for New Projects**

1. For continuity and consistency, all rental assistance will be administered by the same rental administrator that is currently used by the State of CT for existing homeless services programs or per HUD requirements.
2. As established in the RFP, all projects should receive at least the minimum per household annual supportive services amount, unless the project has another source of funding for services (i.e., a minimum of \$5000 per household for RRH or PSH). No project should receive more than the CT BOS cap for supportive service costs (i.e., \$9,000 per household annually).
3. The CoC allocates funding using an objective formula based on need in each CAN.
4. Project budgets for new units will be allocated based on BNL data according to relative need in each CAN or a similar equitable standard.
5. Project budgets for services only for existing tenants will be allocated based on a formula using relative unmet need in the applicable CANs or a similar equitable standard that is applied across programs/CANs.

**2022 Ranking Policy:**

**Proposed General Ranking Order (Regular CoC NOFO):**

1. Renewal projects that have been evaluated in order of 2022 CT BOS CoC Evaluation Score
  - For projects with identical scores, ranking within each score cohort will be based on budget size from largest to smallest.
2. Followed by renewal HMIS and Coordinated Entry projects.
3. Followed by renewal projects, which have not been evaluated in an order that considers the maximum advantage on the relative ranking factor (1-x).
4. Followed by 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 application score as determined by the scoring committee and need in the relevant CAN (Coordinated Access Network).

5. Followed by new RRH 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 application score as determined by the scoring committee and need in the relevant CAN (Coordinated Access Network).
6. Followed by DV Bonus RRH project\*
7. Followed by DV Bonus Joint TH-RRH projects ordered from highest to lowest total budget\*
8. Followed by 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.

***Vote on General Ranking Order – Regular CoC NOFO***

**CoC SNOFO – Rural**

**Background**

- CT BOS may apply for up to \$922,088 over 3 years.
- Funding can only be awarded to projects in HUD designated rural counties (i.e. Litchfield County), though the applicant can be located elsewhere.
- CoCs submit an application which is scored on an 89-point scale – CoCs must receive at least 44.5 points in order to have a project funded in the competition.
- CoCs must rank all projects.
- Projects included on the CoC’s Rural Set Aside project listing will be selected in order, up to the CoCs maximum funding amount, based on project application scores HUD will award. The process is very similar to how Tier II projects are funded in the ‘regular’ CoC competition.
  - Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the questions from the CoC Application required to be answered for the Rural Set Aside
  - Up to 40 points for the CoC’s ranking of the project application – based on an algebraic formula that considers project size and ranked position, with smaller projects that are ranked higher scoring more points.
  - 10 points if the project applicant makes a commitment to serve individuals and families 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, such as, for example, trust lands and reservations

**Proposed Ranking Order – SNOFO Rural**

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

***Vote on Ranking Order – CoC SNOFO (Rural)***

## CoC SNOFO – Unsheltered

### Background

- CT BOS may apply for up to \$17,483,860 over 3 years.
- CoC submits application which is scored on 100-point scale. CoC must score at least 50 points to get any projects funded. 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.

### Proposed Ranking Order – SNOFO Unsheltered

- 1) SSO – Street Outreach Projects - ranked based on application scores as determined by the scoring committee and need in the relevant CAN (Coordinated Access Network).
- 2) Other Project Types, including other SSO projects, PSH, & RRH - ranked based on application scores as determined by the scoring committee.

### *Vote on Ranking Order – CoC SNOFO (Unsheltered)*