

## Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

**Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects for CoC Bonus** will be scored on a 100-point scale using the following criteria:

|   | Criterion                                        | Points          | Description of Basis for Assigning Points                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1 | <b>Administrative Capacity of Applicant</b>      | Up to 10 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current relevant experience in providing services related to those outlined in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types (5 points)</li> <li>• Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and/or local funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants (5 points)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2 | <b>Applicant Service Experience and Approach</b> | Up to 20 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant demonstrates experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability (10 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Applicant demonstrates a proposed approach for project that aligns with outlined criteria (10 points): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Standalone proposals, applicant describes how the project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness, addressing barriers to stable housing (e.g., substance use disorder, unemployment, childcare, etc.) and increasing self-sufficiency</li> <li>○ For SSO Standalone proposals, applicant describes how an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants will be conducted.</li> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates a plan for partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living.</li> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates plan to cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with the enforcement of local laws such as public camping and public drug</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|          |                                                              |                 | <p>use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant details plan for providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and for helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services</b> | Up to 30 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services (10 points)</li> <li>• Proposed project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (5 points)</li> <li>• Proposed services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (5 points)</li> <li>• Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to enter emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or obtain permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to maintain self-sufficiency and live independently (10 points)</li> </ul> |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Outcomes</b>                                              | Up to 20 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)<sup>1</sup> that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. Specifically, proposed performance outcomes should focus on how participant progress towards self-sufficiency will be measured. (10 points)</li> <li>• Applicant details how proposed performance outcomes focus on participants' placement in emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided. (10 points)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

<sup>1</sup> The FY2026 CoC Program NOFO incentivizes outcomes consistent with the purposes of the CoC program, including optimizing self-sufficiency, reducing homelessness, and minimizing the trauma caused to communities as a whole by homelessness, rather than measuring outputs such as the number of beds created or filled.

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| 5                   | <b>Project Readiness</b> | Up to 5 points              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin by July 1, 2027.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 6                   | <b>Budget and Match</b>  | Up to 15 points             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed and the total number of households and participants to be served, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (7 points)</li> <li>Applicant confirms ability to provide the required match of at least 25 percent. Match documentation is included and details a clear written commitment, inclusive of the amount, funding sources, and signature from an authorized representative. (3 points)</li> <li>Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Total Points</b> |                          | 100 Maximum Points Possible |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Transitional Housing (TH) projects for CoC Bonus and DV Bonus** will be scored on a 100-point scale using the following criteria:

|   | <b>Criterion</b>                                 | <b>Points</b>   | <b>Description of Basis for Assigning Points</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1 | <b>Capacity of Applicant</b>                     | Up to 10 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those outlined in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For DV Bonus proposals, applicant has capacity for serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and/or local funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants (5 points)</li> </ul> |
| 2 | <b>Applicant Service Experience and Approach</b> | Up to 20 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applicant demonstrates experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families will exit homelessness within 24 months (10 points)</li> <li>Applicant previously operated or currently</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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|   |                                                              |                 | operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, and has a plan to ensure that at least 50 percent of participants exit to a positive destination within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant. If applicant does not have previous or current experience operating transitional housing or another homeless project, applicant details proposed approach to meet outlined criteria. (10 points)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 3 | <b>Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services</b> | Up to 30 points | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). To receive full points, applicant will include a draft of the how supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) that will be utilized with all program participants. (10 points). <b>Note: Failure to require program participants to take part in supportive services, may result in the program not passing threshold.</b></li> <li>Proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include: (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided;</li> <li>Participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency</li> </ul> </li> <li>Applicant describes how the proposed project will (10 points): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the service needs of program participants, and</li> <li>Provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24 CFR 8.3 or a with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3 (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Note, employment may contribute to the 20</p> |

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|                     |                          |                             | <p>hours per week of engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant describes how the proposed project will: (5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leverage resources from other public or private sources, which may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP</li> <li>○ Provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing (i.e., case management, behavioral healthcare, employment training, etc.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| 4                   | <b>Outcomes</b>          | Up to 20 points             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs)<sup>2</sup> that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. Specifically, proposed performance outcomes should focus on how participant progress towards self-sufficiency will be measured. (10 points)</li> <li>• Applicant details how proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants' housing placement, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided. (10 points)</li> </ul>                                          |
| 5                   | <b>Project Readiness</b> | Up to 5 points              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin by July 1, 2027.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6                   | <b>Budget and Match</b>  | Up to 15 points             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed and the total number of households and participants to be served, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (7 points)</li> <li>• Applicant confirms ability to provide the required match of at least 25 percent. Match documentation is included and details a clear written commitment, inclusive of the amount, funding sources, and signature from an authorized representative. (4 points)</li> <li>• Applicant demonstrates how leveraged supportive services contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed. (4 points)</li> </ul>               |
| <b>Total Points</b> |                          | 100 Maximum Points Possible |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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