

FY2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Scoring and Rating Criteria

Agency Name:

Name of Project:

The scoring criteria below are used to rate and rank all CoC renewal projects as part of the annual CoC Program local competition for the Orange County CoC. Data is collected using various sources including the FY2026 Application for CoC renewal projects, e-snaps project applications and Project Performance Reports. All renewal projects must meet the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) project eligibility and project quality threshold criteria described in the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO.

Scoring Criteria	Description	Calculated Measure	Maximum Points	Reviewer Score	Comments
Administrative Review	The Office of Care Coordination will complete an administrative review of the agency and submitted materials for the renewal project applications.	- Intent to Renew Survey - Participation of homeless or formerly homeless on the Board of Directors, as required by 24 CFR § 576.405(a) - Timeliness	10	Prepopulated by the Office of Care Coordination	
Project Performance	Objective Data Quality and Project Performance Measures	Reference the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in Table: Entries from Homelessness, Average Days Until Permanent Housing Placement, Increased Income – Stayers, Increased Income – Leavers, Unit Utilization and Stabilized in Permanent Housing	13	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	
Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income	Objective Project Performance Measures to evaluate HUD's priorities of reducing returns to homelessness and increasing earned income through employment.	Reference the FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in Table: Returns to Homelessness and Increased Employment Income	15	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	

Project Effectiveness	Evaluation of the project applicant's effectiveness, including meeting the plans and goals established in the initial application as amended, how the project type is effective in serving populations identified as most vulnerable, and cost effectiveness	• Project Description from e-snaps • Exhibit: Project Information Form • Exhibit: Project Effectiveness	20		
Coordinated Entry System (CES) Participation	Evaluation of project's participation in the CES, evaluated through the objective Project Performance Measures	• Reference FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in Table: CES Participation including Days Between CES Match and Enrollment, Successful CES Referrals, CES Denials by Provider and Referrals from CES	12	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation	Evaluation of project's participation in the CES, evaluated through the objective Project Performance Measures	• HMIS Participation (2 points) • Reference FY2026 CoC Program NOFO Project Performance Measures as detailed in Table: HMIS Participation (3 points)	5	Prepopulated by HMIS Lead	
Unspent Funds	Objective review of unspent funding in last three (3) completed grant terms. • Unspent funds will be compared to the annual renewal amount (ARA)	• Unspent funds under 5% of ARA will be awarded 10 Points • Unspent funds between 5-10% of ARA will be awarded 5 points • Unspent funds over 10% ARA will be awarded 0 points	10	Prepopulated by the Office of Care Coordination	
Recovery and Supportive Service Participation	Evaluation of project's ability to provide treatment and recovery services to participants and/or require participation in supportive services.	• Exhibit: Recovery and Supportive Service Participation • Project Description from e-snaps	15		
Total Points			100 Maximum Points Possible ¹		

¹ Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) projects will be evaluated on an 88-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on CES Participation