

Yakima Valley Conference of Governments

2017 Continuum of Care Rating and Review Procedure

For the 2017 CoC Consolidated Grant competition, the CoC Application Review Committee will review new and renewal project applications to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements with clear and convincing evidence. The housing and services proposed must be appropriate to the needs of the program participants and the community.

Renewal projects will be scored and ranked using a criteria rubric created by the Scoring and Ranking Criteria Committee. The review Committee shall have the authority to consider alternate APR sources should approved documents be unavailable, notably HMIS sourced reports or prior year accepted submissions for programs still operating consistently across those periods.

Scoring criteria include consideration of factors relevant to renewal applications that are required or encouraged by HUD, including:

- % permanent housing exit destinations
- % increases in income
- Bed utilization rates
- Services to specialized populations, including youth, victims of domestic violence, families with children, persons experiencing chronic homelessness, and veterans

Projects that have not completed a full year of operations shall not be scored due to the lack of performance data, and will be set as the lowest ranked Tier 1 projects.

New projects will be scored using criteria assigned by the Scoring and Ranking Criteria Committee. Scoring for new projects will be as follows:

- Program Description and Design
- Management of Program
- Fiscal Management
- Diversity and Multi-Cultural Competence
- Budget

After the application submittal deadline of August 21, 2017, the CoC Application Review Committee will convene one or more times to review and rank all submitted applications using the above scoring criteria. By September 12, 2017, all applicants will be informed as to whether or not their applications will be included in the Final Prioritization List that will be submitted to HUD for funding as part of the CoC Consolidated Application.

Any applicants that are rejected will receive a written explanation for the decision. Applicants whose project was rejected may appeal the local CoC competition decision to HUD if the project applicant believes it was denied the opportunity to participate in the local CoC competition decision process in a reasonable manner, by submitting a Solo Application in e-snaps directly to HUD prior to the application deadline of 7:59:59 p.m. eastern time on September 28, 2017.