

McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness
“Working together to end homelessness in McHenry County”

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2017 Proposed Continuum of Care Prioritization and Ranking Policy

1. To be eligible for prioritizing and ranking, all projects – new and renewal – must pass all facets of the application evaluation process including:

- a. All projects must meet all HUD eligibility criteria
- b. All projects must be HEARTH & CoC regulation compliant
- c. All projects must meet the application deadlines, as set by the McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness

See the attached FY2017 HUD CoC NOFA Timeline

- d. All projects must meet criteria outlined in the FY2017 NOFA

2. As determined by the FY17 CoC NOFA, the CoC Planning project will not be included in the ranking. CoC planning funds will not detract from direct service funds.

3. Ranking within tiers will be based on scores from the McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness which includes the scoring rubric and project performance for renewal projects. The Ranking Committee will also consider which projects will be most competitive in the CoC funding process based on HUD’s HEARTH Act measures and HUD’s policy priorities as outlined in the FY2017 NOFA.

4. The renewal project scoring tool emphasizes projects that promote the HEARTH Act goals of ending homelessness and HUD’s policy priorities as outlined in the FY17 NOFA. Measures that reflect HUD’s expectations regarding project performance review, as outlined in the FY17 NOFA, are considered. Annual Performance Reports are used to measure project outcomes and performance.

- a. System Performance Measures
- b. Housing Stability
- c. Increasing or Maintaining Income
- d. Length of Stay

- e. Access to and enrollment in mainstream benefits
- f. Housing First model of service and housing delivery
- g. The extent to which the project serves sub-populations
- h. Cost effectiveness
- i. Severity of Service needs of clients served during program year
- j. Utilization Rates
- k. Attendance at Full CoC meetings

5. All new project applications for new or bonus permanent housing dollars (PSH, RRH and TH-RRH) will be evaluated by the CoC Ranking Committee using an evaluation tool similar to the one used for renewal projects. New project applications for permanent housing bonus dollars will be most competitive if they align with HUD policy priorities, demonstrate the organizational capacity to administer federal grant funds, are able to serve households or individuals effectively, demonstrate a clear understanding of best practices in the delivery of the program model (PSH, RRH and TH-RRH), and adopt a housing first model of service delivery.

6. All new or bonus permanent housing projects will be ranked competitively with renewal projects to ensure the most effective use of CoC resources allocated to McHenry County

7. Projects required by HEARTH & the CoC regulation will be ranked in Tier 1 because the primary funding source for these projects is HUD CoC funding.

a. References available 24 CFR 578:

- i. HMIS – Homeless Management Information Systems Requirements
- ii. Centralized or coordinated assessment/entry system

8. A proposed TH-RRH project will be awarded bonus points due to the ability to reduce the overall homeless population in McHenry County.

9. The Ranking Committee may opt to score project applicants on their presentations and on responses to Committee questions.

10. A renewal project will be offered bonus points if the organization is willing to reallocate its funding to a new project type. The project will be scored and ranked as a renewal and as the new project (based on the experience and performance of the renewal request). If the proposed new project will be ranked in Tier 1, the new project may be placed there and the renewal rejected so as to prevent supplanting funds. The organization may also opt to continue with its renewal and

avoid proceeding with the new project. The organization may not have both the renewal and the new project that is based on a volunteer reallocation awarded in the same competition.

11. Organizations must submit all project applications in E-snaps by 4:00pm CDT August 26, 2017. Failure to meet this timeline will result in withdrawal of the project from the ranking.

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FY 2017 HUD COC NOFA TIMELINE

	STARTING	ENDING
2017 PROPOSED RANKING TOOL & 2016 RANKING TOOL AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE	7/24/17 2:00 pm	7/31/17 2:00 pm
REVIEW FOR PROPOSED 2017 RANKING TOOL	7/26/17 2:00 pm	7/26/17 4:00 pm
2017 RANKING TOOL & HUD NOTICES BROUGHT TO COC FOR APPROVAL	8/10/17	8/10/17
2017 NEW/BONUS & RENEWAL PROJECT CONCEPT PAPER POSTED ON WEBSITE	7/31/17 4:00 pm	8/18/17 4:00 pm
2017 PUBLIC MEETING FOR CONCEPT PAPER REVIEW (DATE TBD)	8/11/17	8/24/17
2017 CONCEPT PAPER DUE TO CD DIVISION	8/18/17 4:00 pm	8/18/17 4:00 pm
CONCEPT PAPER CD STAFF REVIEW & APPLICANT MEETINGS	8/19/17	8/31/17
RANKING COMMITTEE REVIEW PERIOD & HEARING (DATE TBD)	8/31/17	9/7/17
2017 FUNDING RECCOMMENDATIONS BROUGHT TO FULL COC	9/14/17	9/14/17

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