



# FY2026 CoC NEW AND TRANSITION PROJECT SCORING RUBRIC

## Threshold Compliance (Pass/Fail)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance
Applicant eligibility & completeness	Pass/Fail	All threshold requirements completed, signed, and responsive
Organizational eligibility	Pass/Fail	UEI, SAM, nonprofit status (if applicable), and required certifications complete
Project eligibility	Pass/Fail	Eligible CoC component, eligible population, eligible activities, and compliance with 24 CFR 578
Match & leveraging requirements	Pass/Fail	Required documentation demonstrates compliance with applicable match and leveraging requirements
Coordinated Entry & HMIS participation	Pass/Fail	Applicant confirms participation and compliance requirements

### Project Design and Community Impact (35 pts)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance	Point Anchors
Coordinated Entry Implementation	0–10	Demonstrates a clear, compliant process for Coordinated Entry referrals, prioritization, vacancy management, and integration with the CoC coordinated entry process.	<p><b>0:</b> Response is missing or does not demonstrate compliance.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates a basic process with limited detail or documentation.</p> <p><b>10:</b> Response clearly demonstrates full compliance through comprehensive policies, procedures, and coordination with the CoC.</p>
Target Population and CoC Priorities	0–10	Clearly identifies the proposed population and demonstrates alignment with documented community need, project eligibility, and CoC priorities.	<p><b>0:</b> Target population is not identified or is inconsistent with project eligibility.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Target population is identified with partial alignment to CoC priorities.</p> <p><b>10:</b> Target population is clearly defined and fully aligned with documented community need and CoC priorities.</p>
Project Design and Implementation Readiness	0–10	Demonstrates a feasible project design, implementation plan, staffing approach, housing or service model, and readiness to begin operations.	<p><b>0:</b> Response lacks sufficient detail to evaluate implementation.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Project design is generally complete but contains minor gaps.</p> <p><b>10:</b> Project design is comprehensive and demonstrates clear readiness for implementation.</p>
Trauma-Informed and Participant-Centered Practices	0–5	Demonstrates trauma-informed, participant-centered practices integrated throughout policies, staff training, and service delivery.	<p><b>0:</b> Trauma-informed practices are not described.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Basic practices are described but implementation is limited.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Trauma-informed practices are fully integrated into organizational policies, staff training, and service delivery.</p>

### System Performance (25 pts)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance	Point Anchors
Housing Stability and Returns to Homelessness	0–10	Demonstrates strategies that promote housing stability, reduce returns to homelessness, and support participant re-engagement, as appropriate.	<p><b>0:</b> No strategy is described.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Strategy is described but lacks detail or evidence of effectiveness.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Strategy is comprehensive, evidence-informed, and supported by outcomes or performance data.</p>
Employment and Earned Income Outcomes	0–5	Describes strategies to improve employment and earned income outcomes, as appropriate for the target population.	<p><b>0:</b> Employment and earned income strategies are not described.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates basic employment and earned income strategies with limited detail, coordination, or performance monitoring.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates comprehensive employment and earned income strategies supported by coordinated partnerships, measurable outcomes, and ongoing performance monitoring.</p>
Mainstream Benefits and Total Income Growth	0–5	Describes strategies to connect participants to mainstream benefits and increase overall household income.	<p><b>0:</b> Strategies to connect participants to mainstream benefits or increase household income are not described.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates a basic approach to connecting participants to benefits or income supports with limited detail or outcome monitoring.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates comprehensive strategies to maximize access to mainstream benefits and increase household income through coordinated service delivery and ongoing outcome tracking.</p>
Supportive Services and Self-Sufficiency	0–5	Supportive services are appropriate, coordinated, and designed to promote	<p><b>0:</b> Supportive services are not described or are inconsistent with participant needs.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates basic supportive services with limited</p>



		housing stability, recovery, employment, and long-term self-sufficiency.	coordination or connection to participant outcomes. <b>5:</b> Response demonstrates a comprehensive, well-coordinated package of supportive services that promotes housing stability, recovery, employment, and long-term self-sufficiency.
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### Equity, Lived Expertise & Partnership (10 pts)

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Engagement of Persons with Lived Expertise	0-5	Demonstrates meaningful involvement of persons with lived expertise in planning, implementation, evaluation, governance, employment, or volunteer opportunities.	<b>0:</b> Engagement of persons with lived expertise is not described. <b>3:</b> Response demonstrates limited or periodic engagement of persons with lived expertise in one or more aspects of the project. <b>5:</b> Response demonstrates meaningful, ongoing engagement of persons with lived expertise across multiple aspects of project planning, implementation, evaluation, governance, employment, or volunteer opportunities.
Community Partnerships and Resource Coordination	0-5	Demonstrates partnerships that support coordinated access to housing, healthcare, employment, education, and supportive services.	<b>0:</b> Community partnerships are not described or do not demonstrate meaningful coordination. <b>3:</b> Response demonstrates basic partnerships with limited coordination or documentation of partner roles. <b>5:</b> Response demonstrates a comprehensive network of coordinated community partnerships supported by clearly defined partner roles, documented commitments, and resource coordination that strengthens participant outcomes.

### Agency Capacity (10 pts)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance	Point Anchors
Organizational Experience and Performance	0-5	Demonstrates successful experience operating comparable projects and serving households experiencing homelessness.	<p><b>0:</b> Organizational experience operating comparable projects is not described or does not demonstrate the capacity to implement the proposed project.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates relevant organizational experience operating similar projects but provides limited information regarding project performance or outcomes.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates extensive, successful experience operating comparable projects supported by documented performance outcomes and organizational capacity to effectively administer the proposed project.</p>
Staffing, Management, and Financial Capacity	0-5	Demonstrates sufficient staffing, supervision, grant management, internal controls, and financial systems to administer the project.	<p><b>0:</b> Staffing, management, or financial capacity is not described or does not demonstrate the ability to administer the project.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates basic staffing, management, and financial systems with limited detail regarding oversight or internal controls.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates comprehensive staffing, supervisory, grant management, internal control, and financial systems that support successful project implementation and ongoing compliance.</p>

### Budget & Cost Effectiveness (15 pts)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance	Point Anchors
Cost Reasonableness	0-5	Budgeted costs are reasonable, necessary, adequately justified, and consistent with project design.	<p><b>0:</b> Budgeted costs are not justified, are inconsistent with the proposed project, or include ineligible or unsupported expenses.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates generally reasonable and necessary costs but provides limited justification or supporting detail.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates that all budgeted costs are reasonable, necessary, fully justified, and directly support successful implementation of the proposed project.</p>
Budget Accuracy and Completeness	0-5	Budget is complete, internally consistent, mathematically accurate, and free of material errors.	<p><b>0:</b> Budget contains significant errors, omissions, inconsistencies, or incomplete information.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Budget is generally complete but contains minor errors, inconsistencies, or areas requiring clarification.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Budget is complete, internally consistent, mathematically accurate, and fully supports the proposed project narrative and eligible activities.</p>
Leveraging and Match Documentation	0-5	Required match and leveraging commitments are clearly documented and support project implementation.	<p><b>0:</b> Required match or leveraging documentation is missing, incomplete, or does not demonstrate compliance with program requirements.</p> <p><b>3:</b> Response demonstrates partial match or leveraging documentation with limited supporting detail or documentation.</p> <p><b>5:</b> Response demonstrates complete, well-documented match and leveraging commitments that comply with program requirements and support successful project implementation.</p>



### Bonus Considerations (Up to 5 pts)

Criterion	Points	Scoring Guidance
YHDP Alignment (if applicable)	0-2	Demonstrates strong alignment with youth homelessness priorities
DV Bonus Alignment (if applicable)	0-3	Demonstrates strong survivor-centered practices, safety planning, and survivor involvement

**Maximum Points: 100**