The Way Home CoC will rank all new and renewal projects per the ranking criteria described in the FY 23 NOFO. In accordance with The Way Home CoC’s prioritization policy, the CoC will prioritize projects as reflected below:

**Tier 1**

Tier 1 is equal to 93% of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) as described in Section III.B.2.a of the NOFO. Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold. Any type of new or renewal project application can be placed in Tier 1 except for CoC planning and YHDP (for this year) which are not ranked. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 1 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position. However, if a new DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will retain its ranked position (see Section II.B.11.e of the NOFO). In the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2.

- Component Types will be ranked by score. If any projects receive the same score, they will be ranked alphabetically per their Agency Name.

- There are a few system projects such as Supportive Services for Outreach, Coordinated Access first time renewals, and HMIS that will be ranked at 50% of the ARD within Tier 1 to ensure they’re protected for the benefit of The Way Home CoC.

**Tier 2**

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for except for CoC planning or projects selected with DV Bonus funds. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 2 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position. However, if a new DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will retain its ranked position (see Section II.B.11.e of the NOFO). Project applications placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements, and if applicable, project renewal threshold requirements, and funding will be determined using the CoC score as well as the factors listed in Section II.B.11 of the NOFO. HUD will award a point value to each new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale. If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in Section II.B.11 of the NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount,
provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

**Planning Project:** Not Ranked.

**YHDP Projects for the 2023 Competition:** Not Ranked

*As this competition moves forward, there could be an adjustment to this policy to protect those projects housing the most vulnerable in our community. This will be addressed prior to ranking has been made available and approved by the CoC Steering Committee as the governing board for The Way Home CoC.*