FY 2025 COC COMPETITION RANKING POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy outlines the process The Way Home CoC (TX-700) will use to rank all new and renewal project applications for the FY 2025 HUD CoC Program Competition. The ranking process ensures transparency, fairness, and alignment with HUD requirements. Projects will be evaluated based on standardized scoring and recent performance to determine priority for funding.

The CoC will consistently apply this policy and publicly share final ranking decisions with the community.

RANKING FRAMEWORK

Project ranking is based on a **composite score** that includes:

1. **Local Competition Scorecards**:

   o Projects are scored using standardized local scorecards developed by The Way Home CoC.

   o Scorecards are published prior to the local application deadline and are designed to reflect HUD priorities, Housing First implementation, project design, and system alignment.

2. **Annual Project Performance**:

   o Projects are evaluated using recent performance data, including housing outcomes, utilization, returns to homelessness, and spending efficiency.

   o Data is pulled from HMIS and other local reporting sources and reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

This process ensures that each project is evaluated both for its **application quality** and **actual performance.**

TIERING STRUCTURE

TIER 1

Tier 1 represents 90% of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), as defined in the FY 2025 HUD CoC NOFO. HUD will consider funding Tier 1 projects beginning with the highest-scoring CoCs, provided projects meet all eligibility and quality standards.

All new and renewal project applications are eligible for placement in Tier 1, except:

- **CoC Planning Projects**, which are not ranked

Tier 1 Placement Rules:

- Projects are ranked by their composite score. Ties are broken alphabetically by Agency Name.

- System infrastructure projects (e.g., Coordinated Access, Outreach, and HMIS) are protected within the top 50% of ARD in Tier 1.

- If HUD reduces Tier 1 funding, lower-ranked projects may fall into Tier 2 proportionally.

TIER 2

Tier 2 includes the difference between Tier 1 and the full amount the CoC may apply for in eligible renewals, reallocations, and CoC Bonus funds (excluding Planning and DV Bonus projects).

HUD evaluates Tier 2 projects using:

- The CoC Application score

- Project rank order

- Project type and quality

- Compliance with HUD priorities, including Housing First

Projects that cross the Tier 1/2 line may be partially funded. HUD may fund just the Tier 1 portion or both tiers, depending on feasibility and national competition results.

SPECIAL PROJECT TYPES

- **CoC Planning Project**: Not ranked. Submitted separately to support CoC operations.

- **YHDP Projects**:

    o **Anticipated YHDP Projects eligible for renewal in FY 2025** will **be ranked** using the same scorecard and performance review as all other projects.

TRANSPARENCY & COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

To ensure transparency and accountability, The Way Home CoC will:

- Publish this ranking policy and the local scorecards prior to the local competition

- Provide applicant training and technical assistance

- Release the final ranked list and scoring outcomes prior to HUD submission

- Offer a formal **appeals process** for applicants to dispute scores or placement

- Document all ranking decisions and adjustments

- Submit the final CoC Priority Listing in accordance with HUD's NOFO requirements

Any necessary adjustments to protect critical housing capacity will be reviewed and approved by the CoC Steering Committee and explained in the final submission.