

CoC Application Process

HUD CoC funds for FY2021 are based on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Howard County CoC (DCRS Lead Agency) coordinates the process and information regarding the NOFO requirements are disseminated to all interested parties (all homeless services and housing providers in the CoC) via the following open solicitation methods:

- Letters/emails
- Responses to public inquiries
- Announcements at meetings
- Posted on the DCRS Lead Agency website

Threshold Criteria and Project Requirements

Projects must pass a threshold requirement review before being submitted to the Resource & Development Committee. Late or incomplete applications will not pass threshold requirements for reviewing and ranking by the committee. These threshold requirements are:

- Project Applicant
 - Must be eligible to apply for CoC funding: Nonprofit organizations, State, or local government
 - Must not require participation in religious services for CoC-funded programs
 - Must be an eligible contractor for federal funds per <https://www.sam.gov/>
 - Must have a current tax-exempt status as verified by the IRS
 - Must not owe any overdue tax debts, as documented on IRS 990 submissions to the IRS
 - Must have financial and management capacity to carry out the project(s)
 - Must provide evidence of a homeless or formerly homeless person is on the Board of Directors or in a role in a policy-making position.
 - Must have policies and procedures for the administration of CoC funds.
 - Must participate in Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)
 - Must administer programs or activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of homeless persons with disabilities
 - Must identify matching funds in the Budget and Budget Narrative
 - Must not discriminate against households with a registered sex offender and/or person with a criminal record, including a violent crime, for acceptance into the program even if a child is in the household. It is a CoC goal to eliminate as many barriers for the “hard to house” populations as well as racial equity.
 - Must provide all required information listed in Required Attachments and be capable of fulfilling all required Work Effort.
- Eligible Project & Activity Type
- Completeness of the application

SCORING CRITERIA AND POINTS

DESCRIPTION OF RATING FACTOR	FACTOR/GOAL	MAX POINTS
Performance Measure (PSH, RRH, TH)		

REVIEW, RATE, AND RANKING PROCEDURES

Average days from project entry to move-in	30 days – (PSH/RRH); 180 days – (TH)	20
Retention in or exits to Permanent Housing (PH)	90%	25
Returns to Homelessness	15%	15
New or increased earned income for stayers	8%	2.5
New or increased non-employment income for stayer	10%	2.5
New or increased earned income for leavers	8%	2.5
New or increased non-employment income for leavers	10%	2.5
Project Effectiveness (PSH, RRH, TH)		
Project cost is reasonable for PSH, RRH, TH	YES	20
Percentage of referrals received through Coordinate Entry	95%	20
Housing First/Low Barrier Implementation	YES	10
Serve High Needs Population		
Assessment Score for Participants indicates PSH	95%	20
Local Criteria		
CoC Monitoring Score and Standards	YES	10
TOTAL POINTS		150 POINTS