

MSBOS 2024 Scoring Sheet for Renewal Projects

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Threshold Requirements

Project must meet all of HUD's threshold requirements for renewal projects (including eligibility requirements). If threshold requirements are not met, the Review Committee reserves the right to request additional information, amend back for revision, or choose not to consider the application in the ranking process.

Local Threshold Requirement:

- **HUD POLICIES:** Projects are required to have policies regarding termination of assistance, client grievances, ADA and fair housing requirements, VAWA protection, and confidentiality that are in compliance with HUD CoC Program requirements. Projects must comply with the Equal Access Rule and ensure privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects.

Scoring Factors

Capacity and Compliance (42 points)

1. **APPLICANT CAPACITY (from the narrative):** Does the applicant currently have any findings from a HUD monitoring review that have been open for a period greater than six months, for which the applicant has missed a HUD-stated deadline, or has the applicant experienced HUD sanctions in the past year? **(This section is worth up to 5 points)**
 - If the applicant does not have open findings or sanctions, add 5 points.
 - If the applicant has an open finding but has submitted a plan for corrective action to HUD, add 3 points.
 - If the applicant has an open finding for a period greater than six months and has not submitted a plan for corrective action to HUD and/ or experienced HUD sanctions in the past year, add 0 points.
2. **HMIS COMPLIANCE (from the HMIS Lead and narrative)(related to all SPM) (This section is worth up to 6 points)**
 - If the applicant is currently in compliance with HMIS standards, as determined by the HMIS lead, add 3 points.
 - VSP projects: If the applicant is in compliance with HUD requirements for a comparable database, add 3 points.

- If HIC data were accurate and submitted on time, add 3 points.

3. Coordinated Entry (CE) COMPLIANCE (as determined by CE Lead) (This section is worth up to 6 points)

If the applicant is currently participating in the implementation of CE in the following ways:

- Accepts all referrals from CE, add 3 points.
- Currently completes vulnerability assessments AND enters them into the HMIS system OR brings them to the monthly CE meeting, add 3 points.
 - a. Or if not an access point, currently refers clients to an access point in order to have a vulnerability assessment completed, add 3 points.

For VSPs:

- The applicant demonstrates participation in CE by providing a report of the number of referrals without client identifying data, add 3 points.
- Attends at least 75% of the monthly CE meetings, add 3 points.

**4. CoC PARTICIPATION & SUPPORT: Does the Applicant Participate in the CoC?-(from the narrative and CoC records)
(This section is worth 5 points)**

- If the applicant attended at least 75% of CoC meetings (12 months prior to release of NOFA), add 5 points.

5. LOW BARRIER AND HOUSING FIRST FOR ALL HOUSING PROGRAMS (related to SPM 1, 3, 7): (This section is worth up to 10 points based on application and APR information)

The project enrolls individuals or households referred through Coordinated Entry regardless of the following circumstances. The scoring panel should take into account any legal requirements explained by the applicant (5 points):

- Behavioral Health
 - Person is actively using substances (including alcohol or illegal drugs).
 - Person has chronic substance use issues.
 - Person has a mental health condition.
 - Person has a mental health condition that is currently untreated.
- Experience with Criminal Legal System

- Person has a felony conviction.
- Person has an arson conviction.
- Person is on the Mississippi Sex Offender Registry.
- Person has a conviction for intimate partner violence or sexual assault.
- Person has another type of criminal conviction.
- Income
 - Person has no current source of income.
 - Person has very low or insufficient income.
 - Person has poor credit.
- History of Intimate Partner Violence
 - Person has been the victim of intimate partner violence and either has not separated from their abuser or does not plan to obtain a protection order.
- Service Participation
 - Person refuses to agree to participate in supportive services.

The project works with participants to avoid involuntary project exit through client-centered case management, robust support and resources, and a no-fail approach (5 points).

6. UNEXPENDED FUNDS: Amount left from Previous Grant-**This section is worth up to 10 points (from the spending report sent from HUD to the CoC)**

- If the applicant expended all HUD grant funds and made at least quarterly drawdowns, add 10 points.
- The project will lose two points for every percent of the grant remaining.
- If 5% or more, 0 points will be awarded.
- If quarterly drawdowns are not made, reduce final score by 2 points, without incurring a negative score.
- Please note- if the program had greater than 10% of funds remaining at the end of the program year and has established a 3-year trend of not expending funds, the review committee reserves the right to reallocate a portion of the funds.

Performance and Outcomes (78 points)

7. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 2, 7)- Housing- (This section is worth up to 20 points, from the APR report)

Permanent Supportive Housing/Safe Haven/Rapid Rehousing: Housing Destination Upon Exit *(The percentage of all leavers who either passed away or exited the program to a permanent housing destination)*

- If 90% or more of those leaving went to positive destinations (i.e., permanent housing and death) upon leaving, or there were no leavers, add 10 points.
- If between 80% and 89.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 8 points.
- If between 70% and 79.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 6 points.
- If between 60% and 69.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 4 points.
- If between 50% and 59.9% of those leaving went to positive destinations upon leaving, add 2 points.

Permanent Supportive Housing Retention (from the APR report)

- If the average length of stay is more than 365 days, add 10 points.
- If the average length of stay is more than 210 days, add 7 points.
- If the average length of stay is more than 180 days, add 4 points.

Rapid Rehousing Exit (from the APR report)

- If 95% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 10 points.
- If between 90 and 94.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 8 points.
- If between 85% and 89.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) add 6 points.
- If between 80% and 84.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized), add 4 points.
- If between 75% and 79.9% or more of persons who exited the program exited to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) add 2 points.

Safe Haven: Positive Housing Outcome (from the APR report)

- If more than 90% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 10 points.
- If between 85% and 89.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 8 points.
- If between 80% and 84.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 6 points.
- If between 75% and 79.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 4 points.
- If between 70% and 75.9% of those served remained in the housing program housing or exited to a more stable housing destination, add 2 points.

8. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Earned Income for Stayers *(The percentage of adults who remained in the program who increased their employment income from entry to their most recent annual assessment)*
-This section is worth up to 4 points *(from the APR report)*

- If the applicant had 15% or greater of adult stayers that increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 4 points.
- If at least 7% but less than 15% of adults increased earned income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 2 points.

9. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Earned Income for Leavers *(The percentage of adults who exited the program who increased their employment income from entry to exit)* **-This section is worth up to 4 points** *(from the APR report)*

- If the applicant had 27% or greater of adults that increased earned income, add 4 points.
- If at least 19% but less than 27% of adults increased earned income, add 2 points.

10. **SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Non-Employment Cash Income for Stayers** (*The percentage of adults who remained in the program who increased their non-employment income from entry to their most recent annual assessment*) **-This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR report)
- If the applicant had 40% or greater of adult stayers that increased non-employment cash income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 3 points.
 - If at least 35% but less than 40% of adults that increased non-employment cash income (excluding participants who have been in the program less than a year), add 1.5 points.
11. **SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 4)- Non-Employment Cash Income for Leavers** (*The percentage of adults who exited the program who increased their non-employment income from entry to exit*) **-This section is worth up to 3 points** (from the APR report)
- If the applicant had 30% or greater of adults that increased non-employment cash income, add 3 points.
 - If at least 22% but less than 30% of adults increased non-employment cash income, add 1.5 points.
12. **SYSTEM PERFORMANCE OUTCOME (related to SPM 2, 7b)- Mainstream Benefits (not including health insurance)** (*The percentage of adults with at least one non-cash benefit at exit or follow-up assessment (excluding stayers not yet required to have an assessment)*)- **This section worth up to 8 points (from the narrative and APR information)**
- If at least 60% of the participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 8 points.
 - If between 40% and 59.9% of participants receive non-cash mainstream benefits, add 4 points.
13. **SEVERITY OF NEEDS-This section is worth up to 10 points (from the narrative and Coordinated Entry data)**
- If at program entry, more than 50% of adults have no earned or unearned income, add 5 points.
 - If the program serves other populations with severe needs or vulnerabilities add 5 points. Such populations may include:
 - Current or past substance use,
 - Criminal record (esp for certain infractions),

- Survivor of domestic violence,
- LGBTQIA+ status,
- Significant health or behavioral health challenges that impede housing maintenance,
- High utilization of crisis/emergency services,
- Unsheltered youth/children,
- Vulnerability to illness/death,
- Vulnerability to victimization (e.g., trafficking, sex work).

14. Chronic Prioritization and Dedication-This section is worth up to 8 points (from the program description)

- If 90-100% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 5 points.
- If 75-90% of turnover beds are prioritized for use by the chronically homeless, add 3 points.

15. Utilization Rate (related to SPM 1, 3)-This section is worth up to 8 points (from the APR report)

- If the average daily bed utilization rate is more than 90%, add 4 points.
- If the average daily bed utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 2 points.
- If the average unit utilization rate is more than 90%, add 4 points.
- If the average unit utilization rate is between 80% and 90%, add 2 points.

16. Equity (5 points)

- Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?:
 - Strategies exist to recruit, retain, and develop staff who represent communities of color and/or speak languages other than English.
 - Racial equity and cultural responsiveness knowledge, skills, and practices are part of staff job descriptions and work plans.
 - Internal structures exist to address issues of racial equity and cultural responsiveness (i.e., formal or informal complaint resolution process, community advisory body, equity committee).
 - Staff receive training and support around racial equity and cultural responsiveness and their role in addressing racial inequities.
 - Ongoing evaluation of policy, service of program impacts, and progress toward racial equity and cultural responsiveness.
 - Public written commitment to address/eliminate racial and ethnic inequities and provide culturally responsive programming is included in

guiding documentation (i.e., mission, vision, goals, etc.).

- Public reporting on populations being served, outcomes, and performance metrics disaggregated by race and ethnicity.
- Written materials are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency.
- Translation and interpretive services are provided in multiple languages for participants with limited English proficiency.
- Other:
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 7 of the strategies above for a maximum of 5 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 5 of the strategies above for a maximum of 4 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 3 of the strategies above for a maximum of 3 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 2 of the strategies above for a maximum of 2 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 1 of the strategies above for a maximum of 1 point.
- To demonstrate that the applicant has used the strategy, the applicant should include any significant successes or challenges they have had with each of the strategies over the past year. The applicant should use specific examples where possible, including any substantive changes to programming that were made.
- If the applicant used “other,” the applicant should describe the specific strategy in detail as well as significant successes or challenges over the last year. The applicant should be specific and include examples.

17. **Client Participation in Project Design** (5 points)

- Does the applicant engage unhoused and formerly unhoused participants and staff in service design and project implementation in any of the following ways?:
 - Each CoC-funded project has at least one Board member with experience being unhoused;
 - The applicant administers satisfaction or feedback surveys to participants in all CoC-funded projects;
 - The applicant uses client focus groups which include participants in CoC-funded projects;
 - Each CoC-funded project has at least one staff member with experience being unhoused;

- The applicant has a participant advisory board,
- Resources are dedicated to support community advocacy by participants (e.g., stipends for participant advocacy work, public speaking skills development, etc.);
- The applicant's hiring policies and approaches (e.g., job descriptions and/or qualifications, peer support positions, on-the-job-training, outreach/recruitment strategies, etc.) are designed to prioritize hiring and retention of people with lived experience or identities that reflect the population served (e.g. race, ethnicity, experience of houselessness, disability, experience with the criminal legal system, experience in foster care, etc.);
- Other:
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 3 of the strategies for a maximum of 3 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 2 of the strategies for a maximum of 2 points.
 - Applicants **demonstrate** that they use at least 1 of the strategies for a maximum of 1 point.
- Has the applicant provided at least one piece of feedback or input received from participants, and how your agency plans to respond/responded to the feedback? (2 points)

TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS: 120