MISSISSIPPI BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE

FY 2026-2027 Renewal Project Scoring Rubric Guide

Purpose	This guide helps renewal project applicants understand the objective criteria used during the local Review and Rank process. Each renewal project is scored on a 100-point scale after all threshold requirements are satisfied.
Applicant Use	Use the descriptions and scoring ranges to review project performance, verify supporting documentation, and identify areas that may lower the project score.
Important	Passing threshold review does not guarantee funding. Final ranking and funding decisions are made through the CoC local competition process.

Scoring Summary

Program Effectiveness	**20 Points**
Performance Measures	**56 Points**
Performance and Monitoring	**10 Points**
Populations Served	**3 Points**
Severity of Needs	**3 Points**
CoC Participation	**6 Points**
Bonus Factors	**2 Points**
Total Possible Score	**100 Points**

Threshold Requirements - Pass/Fail

A project must satisfy every applicable threshold requirement before it can be ranked. Any “No” response results in the project being ineligible for ranking.

#	Threshold Requirement	Applicant Check
1	Active SAM.gov registration	■ Ready
2	Valid UEI number	■ Ready
3	Nonprofit documentation	■ Ready
4	Not debarred and otherwise federally qualified	■ Ready
5	Financial capacity and sufficient financial management system	■ Ready
6	Code of Conduct on file with HUD	■ Ready
7	HMIS participation or comparable database	■ Ready
8	Use of qualified housing types	■ Ready
9	Housing with supportive services implementation	■ Ready
10	Required minimum match	■ Ready
11	Nondiscriminatory access policies	■ Ready
12	Prohibited drug activity certification	■ Ready

Applicants should retain current documentation supporting each item and submit it in the format required by the local competition instructions.

Program Effectiveness - 20 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
4	**Housing with Supportive Services**	The agency demonstrates or will demonstrate implementation of Housing with Supportive Services principles through written policies, procedures, and project operations. Project policies require supportive services consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h), and sampled records demonstrate individualized planning, documented service delivery, required assessments, and follow-up.	4 = Fully demonstrated; 2 = Partially demonstrated or minor gaps; 0 = Not demonstrated.
4	**Program Services**	The agency demonstrates or will demonstrate that participants receive appropriate assessments, case management, housing stability services, and referrals or linkages consistent with program requirements.	4 = Complete and consistent evidence; 2 = Partial or inconsistent evidence; 0 = Not demonstrated.
4	**Healthcare/Behavioral Health Partnership**	The agency demonstrates or will demonstrate formal coordination with healthcare and/or behavioral health providers through a current executed agreement or active documented partnership.	4 = Current active formal partnership; 2 = Incomplete, informal, or limited partnership; 0 = No documented partnership.
4	**On-Site Treatment Availability**	The agency demonstrates or will demonstrate access to on-site substance use treatment or a formal partnership with a licensed provider that delivers services on-site, as applicable to the project type.	4 = On-site licensed services or current formal on-site partnership; 2 = Partial arrangement; 0 = Not demonstrated.
4	**Public Safety Partnership**	The agency demonstrates or will demonstrate active coordination with law enforcement and/or emergency response agencies through documented partnerships, shared protocols, regular communication, or joint engagement activities, as applicable to the project type.	4 = Active documented coordination; 2 = Limited coordination; 0 = No documented coordination.

Performance Measures - 56 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
15	**Housing Stability**	Percentage of participants who remain housed in the project or exit to a permanent housing destination.	15 = 90%+; 12 = 85-89%; 10 = 80-84%; 5 = 70-79%; 0 = Below 70%.
10	**Exits to Permanent Housing - Unsubsidized**	Percentage of leavers who exit to permanent housing without an ongoing rental subsidy, demonstrating increased housing independence.	10 = 70%+; 8 = 60-69%; 6 = 50-59%; 4 = 40-49%; 2 = 30-39%; 0 = Below 30%.
5	**Total Income Growth**	Percentage of adults who increased or maintained total cash income from all sources during the reporting period.	5 = 60%+; 4 = 55-59%; 3 = 50-54%; 2 = 40-49%; 0 = Below 40%.
5	**Employment Income Growth**	Percentage of adults who increased earned income from employment during the reporting period.	5 = 60%+; 4 = 55-59%; 3 = 50-54%; 2 = 40-49%; 0 = Below 40%.
8	**Returns to Homelessness**	Percentage of project leavers who return to homelessness within 24 months.	8 = 0-5%; 5 = 6-10%; 2 = 11-15%; 0 = More than 15%.
5	**HMIS Data Quality: Timeliness**	HMIS records are timely and accurate across required universal, program-specific, income, housing, and personally identifying data elements.	5 = 0-9%; 4 = 10-19%; 3 = 20-29%; 2 = 30-39%; 0 = 40% or above.
5	**HMIS Data Quality: Completeness**	HMIS records are complete across required universal, program-specific, income, housing, and personally identifying data elements.	5 = 0-2%; 4 = 3-5%; 3 = 6-8%; 2 = 9-10%; 0 = 11% or above.
3	**Noncash Benefits**	Percentage of adults who increased or maintained noncash benefits during the reporting period.	3 = 60%+; 2 = 50-59%; 1 = 40-49%; 0 = Below 40%.

Performance and Monitoring - 10 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
4	**Audits**	The agency's most recent independent audit does not identify unresolved material findings affecting the project or the agency's capacity to administer federal funds.	4 = No material findings; 2 = Findings resolved timely; 0 = Unresolved material findings.
2	**Federal/CoC Monitoring Findings**	The project has no unresolved HUD, Collaborative Applicant, or other funder monitoring findings and has completed required corrective actions.	2 = No findings or all closed timely; 1 = Corrective action in progress; 0 = Unresolved or overdue findings.
2	**Grant Drawdowns**	The project consistently draws funds at least quarterly and is on track to expend all awarded funds within the grant term.	2 = Timely drawdowns and no material concerns; 1 = Minor concerns; 0 = Significant concerns or underspending.
2	**Internal Controls**	Written internal controls provide appropriate segregation of duties, approval authority, procurement, cost allocation, record retention, and safeguards for federal funds.	2 = Controls complete and operating; 1 = Minor gaps; 0 = Significant gaps.

Populations Served - 3 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
2	**Chronically Homeless**	The project serves persons or households meeting the applicable definition of chronic homelessness.	2 = 50% or more served; 0 = Below 50% served.
1	**Highest Needs Population**	The percentage of participants with more than one disability at entry meets the applicable project-type benchmark.	1 = 50% or more served; 0 = Below 50% served.

Severity of Needs - 3 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
2	**Prior Unsheltered Habitation**	The percentage of participants entering from an unsheltered setting.	2 = 50% or more served; 0 = Below 50% served.
1	**Zero Income at Entry**	The percentage of participants with zero income at entry meets the applicable project-type benchmark.	1 = 40% or more served; 0 = Below 40% served.

CoC Participation - 6 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
2	**2026 PIT Count Participation**	At least one representative from the agency actively participated in the official 2026 Point-in-Time Count.	2 = At least one agency representative participated; 0 = No agency participation.
2	**Coordinated Entry Participation**	The agency participates in Coordinated Entry by making client requests or referrals and attending or actively participating in waitlist calls.	2 = Requests/referrals as applicable and 75%+ call participation; 1 = Limited participation; 0 = No participation.
2	**Regional Coalition Meetings**	The agency regularly attends and participates in Regional Coalition meetings in its service area.	2 = 75%+ attendance; 1 = 50-74%; 0 = Below 50%.

Bonus Factors - 2 Points

Max	Criterion	What Reviewers Evaluate	Objective Scoring
2	**Opportunity Zone Activities**	The project carries out qualifying proposed activities within a designated Opportunity Zone.	2 = Qualifying activities documented; 0 = Not demonstrated.

Applicant Preparation Checklist

Complete	Preparation Step
■	Review the threshold requirements and confirm that all supporting records are current.
■	Compare APR and HMIS performance to every percentage range in the rubric.
■	Review policies and procedures for alignment with the program model and service requirements.
■	Gather current MOUs, service agreements, monitoring correspondence, audit records, drawdown records, and internal-control policies.
■	Confirm agency participation in the PIT Count, Coordinated Entry, and Regional Coalition meetings.
■	Prepare a brief explanation for any performance measure that does not meet the highest scoring range.

Note: *This guide summarizes the scoring rubric for applicant preparation. The official local competition documents, application instructions, and committee-approved scoring tool control if there is any discrepancy.*