

CoC: MA-507 - Pittsfield/Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire Counties CoC

This document summarizes the scores HUD awarded to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Application your CoC submitted during the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 CoC Program Competition and is divided into three sections:

- 1. High Priority CoC Application Questions;**
- 2. CoC Scoring Summary**—on the five sections of the application; and
- 3. Overall Scores for all CoCs**—including highest and lowest scores.

We organized sections 1 and 2 like the CoC Application. We included FY 2021 CoC Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) references in the CoC Application so that you could reference the question to the NOFO, where applicable.

1. High Priority CoC Application Questions

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1C. Coordination and Engagement—Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations			
1C-9. Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry. 1C-9a. Housing First—Project Evaluation.	VII.B.1.i.	10	10
1C-10. Street Outreach—Scope. Describe in the field below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. your CoC’s street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged; 2. whether your CoC’s Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area; 3. how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and 	VII.B.1.j.	3	3

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4. how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.			
1C-12. Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC–only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	VII.B.1.1.	10	0
1C-15. Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Assessing Racial Disparities. 1C-15a. Racial Disparities Assessment Results. 1C-15b. Strategies to Address Racial Disparities. 1C-15c. Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Beyond Areas Identified in Racial Disparity Assessment.	VII.B.1.o.	7	5.5
1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC’s Geographic Area			
These questions assessed how CoCs addressed challenges resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 affecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. 1D-1. Safety Protocols Implemented to Address Immediate Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered, Congregate Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing Homelessness. 1D-2. Improving Readiness for Future Public Health Emergencies. 1D-3. CoC Coordination to Distribute ESG Cares Act (ESG-CV) Funds. 1D-4. CoC Coordination with Mainstream Health. 1D-5. Communicating Information to Homeless Service Providers. 1D-6. Identifying Eligible Persons Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19 Vaccination. 1D-7. Addressing Possible Increases in Domestic Violence. 1D-8. Adjusting Centralized or Coordinated Entry System.	VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.n., VII.B.1.q.	21.5	21.5

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1E. Project Review, Ranking, and Selection			
<p>1E-2. and 1E-2a. Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition.</p> <p>These questions assessed whether your CoC used objective criteria and past performance to review and rank projects based on required attachments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH). 2. At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness). 3. Used data from a comparable database to score projects submitted by victim service providers. 4. Used objective criteria to evaluate how projects submitted by victim service providers improved safety for the population they serve. 5. Used a specific method for evaluating projects based on the CoC’s analysis of rapid returns to permanent housing. 6. Specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities your CoC considered when ranking and selecting projects; and 	<p>VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>21</p>

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7. considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.			
2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed Coverage			
2A-5. Bed Coverage Rate–Using HIC, HMIS Data. 2A-5b. Bed Coverage Rate in Comparable Databases.	VII.B.3.c.	6	4
2A-6. Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0. Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 15, 2021, 8 p.m. EST?	VII.B.3.d.	2	2
2C. System Performance			
2C-1. Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless. We scored this question based on data your CoC submitted in HDX and your narrative response. Describe in the field below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time; 2. how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families 	VII.B.5.b.	3	1

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<p>experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.</p>			
<p>2C-2. Length of Time Homeless. We scored this question based on data your CoC submitted in HDX and your narrative response.</p> <p>Describe in the field below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless; how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. 	VII.B.5.c.	6	5
<p>2C-3. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing. We scored this question based on data your CoC submitted in HDX and your narrative response.</p> <p>Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and 	VII.B.5.d.	5	5

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2. permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.			
<p>2C-4. Returns to Homelessness. We scored this question based on data your CoC submitted in HDX and your narrative response.</p> <p>Describe in the field below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness; 2. your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness. 	VII.B.5.e.	4	3
<p>2C-5. Increasing Employment Cash Income. We scored this question based on data your CoC submitted in HDX and your narrative response.</p> <p>2C-5a. Increasing Employment Cash Income–Workforce Development–Education–Training.</p> <p>2C-5b. Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.</p>	VII.B.5.f.	4	4

2. CoC Scoring Summary (from FY 2021 CoC NOFO)

Scoring Category	Maximum Score (Points)	Your CoC Score (Points)
1B. and 1C. CoC Coordination and Engagement	74.5	60
1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC’s Geographic Area	21.5	21.5
1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	30	29
2A. Homeless Management Information System	11	9
2B. Point-in-Time Count	3	3
2C. System Performance	23	19
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points	10	3
Total CoC Application Score*	173	144.5

*The total does not include bonus scores.

3. Overall Scores for all CoCs

Highest Score for any CoC	168.25
Lowest Score for any CoC	60.25
Median Score for all CoCs	143
Weighted Mean Score** for all CoCs	155.5

**The weighted mean score is the mean CoC score weighted by Annual Renewal Demand. CoCs that scored higher than the weighted mean score were more likely to gain funding relative to their Annual Renewal Demand, while CoCs that scored lower than the weighted mean were more likely to lose money relative to their Annual Renewal Demand.