



Central MS CoC – FY26 Unified Project Scoring Tool

Reviewer: _____

Project Name: _____

Applicant Agency: _____

Amount Requested: _____

Project Type: _____

TOTAL SCORE (0–100): _____

Section A – Threshold Review (Part 1)

Instructions for reviewers: This section determines whether the project meets minimum HUD and CoC eligibility. All items must be marked Pass for the project to continue to scoring. If any item is marked Fail, stop here – do not score the project.

Scored Criteria

Pass / Fail

Applicant is an eligible entity under 24 CFR 578.15

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

All proposed participants are eligible for the selected component type

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Proposed activities are eligible under 24 CFR Part 578

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Application narratives are complete, consistent, and responsive

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Data in the application is consistent across all sections

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

All required attachments are accurate and correctly dated

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Project aligns with CoC Written Standards and the CoC's adopted low-barrier, housing-focused, trauma-informed practices

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Section A – Threshold Review (Part 2): Project-Type Addendums

Instructions for reviewers: Complete only the addendum that matches the project type for each new or renewal project. Projects must meet the minimum HUD threshold for their type to proceed to scoring.

PH (PSH & RRH) – HUD Quality Threshold (Must score at least 6 of 8 points)

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- Housing appropriateness – type and number of units match needs of target population

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Supportive services adequacy – services ensure retention/placement in permanent housing

Max pts: 2

Notes

- Employment and income outcomes – improved outcomes vs. CoC baseline

Max pts: 2

Notes

- Participant expectations for engaging in supportive services are clearly described

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Project costs are reasonable per 2 CFR 200.404

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Clear plan to connect participants to mainstream benefits (Medicaid, SSI, SNAP, etc.)

Max pts: 1

Notes

Note: If the project scores fewer than 6 points, do not proceed to scoring.

Joint TH–RRH – HUD Quality Threshold (Must score at least 4 of 6 points)

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- Housing appropriateness – TH and RRH capacity appropriate for target population

Max pts: 1

Notes

- RRH is available at any time for participants to transition from TH to permanent housing

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Supportive services adequacy – supports successful retention in permanent housing

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Plan to assess and connect participants to mainstream benefits

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Assistance to obtain and maintain permanent housing fits participant needs

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Project adheres to a low-barrier, housing-focused model consistent with CoC policies

Max pts: 1

Notes

Note: If the project scores fewer than 4 points, do not proceed to scoring.

SSO–Coordinated Entry – HUD Quality Threshold (Must score at least 3 of 5 points AND meet the disability accessibility item)

- CE system is easily accessible for all households seeking assistance

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Targeted advertising strategy reaches people with highest barriers to housing

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Standardized assessment directs participants to appropriate housing/services

Max pts: 1

Notes

- Plan to coordinate with mainstream health, social service, and employment systems

Max pts: 1

Notes

- CE is accessible for persons with disabilities (ADA, multiple access methods)

Max pts: 1

Notes

Note: If the project scores fewer than 3 points or does not meet the disability accessibility item, do not proceed to scoring.

HMIS – HUD Quality Threshold (Must score at least 3 of 4 points)

- HMIS funds support systemwide data quality and case management improvements

Max pts: 1

Notes

- HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements per HUD standards

Max pts: 1

Notes

- HMIS can identify and remove duplicate client records

Max pts: 1

Notes

- System can produce APR, CAPER, and other HUD-required reports

Max pts: 1

Notes

Note: If the project scores fewer than 3 points, do not proceed to scoring.

DV Bonus Project Requirements (All must be met)

- Comprehensive survivor-centered safety planning is in place

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

- Confidentiality protections comply with VAWA, FVPSA, and CoC requirements

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

- Project uses a HUD-compliant comparable database instead of HMIS

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

- Housing and services are trauma-informed and choice-driven

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

- Project coordinates with DV providers, hotlines, and CE (as permissible)

☐ Pass

☐ Fail

Notes

Note: If any DV Bonus requirement is marked Fail, do not proceed to scoring.

Section B – Unified Local Scoring Rubric (100 Points)

Instructions for reviewers: Use this rubric to score all eligible new and renewal projects. Assign up to the maximum points for each item based on how well the project meets the criteria. Partial points may be awarded when criteria are partially met. Record the score for each item in the right-hand box.

Objective Performance Measures (50 points)

- Cost effectiveness – For renewal projects: cost per household is reasonable and aligned with similar projects. For new projects: the project demonstrates a realistic budget and design likely to achieve a reasonable cost per household.

Max: 10

- Utilization rate – For renewal projects: project has maintained at least 90% bed/unit utilization or provides a clear justification. For new projects: the project demonstrates a feasible plan to reach and maintain high utilization.

Max: 10

- Exits to permanent housing – For renewal projects: exits to permanent housing meet or exceed CoC averages for the project type. For new projects: the project demonstrates a clear strategy and partnerships to support exits to permanent housing at or above CoC expectations.

Max: 10

- Returns to homelessness – For renewal projects: rate of returns is lower than CoC baseline or shows improvement over time. For new projects: the project demonstrates policies and services designed to minimize returns to homelessness.

Max: 10

- Income growth – For renewal projects: participants show increased total income (earned and/or non-earned). For new projects: the project demonstrates a service model likely to support income growth.

Max: 10

HUD-Mandated Performance Metrics (25 points)

- Returns to homelessness – project demonstrates strong strategies and outcomes to minimize returns.

Max: 8

- Employment income – adults increasing earned income or employment participation.

Max: 8

- Supportive services participation – participants are actively engaged in appropriate services that support housing stability.

Max: 9

CoC Priority Alignment (15 points)

- Project serves CoC priority populations (e.g., chronic homelessness, DV, youth, families, or rural areas).

Max: 5

- Project clearly addresses documented system gaps using local data or needs assessment.

Max: 5

- Project demonstrates strong coordination with Coordinated Entry and mainstream systems (ESG, healthcare, workforce, etc.).

Max: 5

Project Design & Implementation Quality (10 points)

- Low-barrier, housing-focused approach – minimal entry barriers, no service preconditions, and rapid connection to housing.

Max: 3

- Staffing and service model – staffing levels, qualifications, and services are appropriate for the target population.

Max: 3

- Timeliness and readiness – reasonable plan for timely start-up or continued operations.

Max: 2

- Partnerships and leveraged resources – MOUs and other partnerships enhance project impact.

Max: 2

Reviewer Final Total Score (0–100):