

## Ny-602 Orange County Housing Consortium

### Ranking and Prioritization Policy and Plan

**Purpose:** The purpose of this Ranking and Prioritization Policy and Plan is to ensure that the Orange County Housing Consortium has fulfilled due diligence in determining how to most effectively utilize HUD funding resources to advance the goal of preventing and ending homelessness in our local community. Further, the Policy and Plan fulfill the HUD requirement to prioritize and rank as contained in the NOFA.

**Policy:** It is the policy of the OCHC to annually evaluate and rank for prioritization all projects to be submitted for funding under the COC Consolidated Application following the Two Tier methodology as prescribed by HUD.

**Procedure:** This policy and plan is integrated into the following OCHC Policies: **Renewal Project Application Scoring Policy; New Project Application Scoring Policy; Reallocation Policy and Plan.**

The OCHC prioritizes and ranks projects after evaluating and scoring all new and renewal projects within the COC utilizing the two scoring (Renewal and New) instruments respectively which have been designed to be objective and universal.

The Executive Committee of the Board appoints a non-conflict Scoring/Ranking Committee comprised of Homeless/COC Subject Matter Expert stakeholders. The Committee is trained by the Board in the application of the Renewal Project instrument against the APR and the application of the New Project scoring instrument against the New Project Application.

Additionally, the Committee is trained on the HUD Homeless Policy and Program Priorities so that they understand clearly the context within which their scoring and ranking duty is integrated and meaningful.

Finally, they are trained to understand the specific performance measure benchmarks in each of the instruments as they evaluate each project with the following foundational questions:

- >Does the project prioritize the most vulnerable populations?
- >How well is the project performing in achieving outcomes?
- >Does the project use a Housing First Model?
- >Has the project improved it's services over the past year?
- >Does the project have strong HMIS participation and data quality?
- >Does the project have a budget that makes sense?
- >Does the project fully participate in the COC's Coordinated Entry System?
- >Does the project coordinate with other resources effectively?
- >Does the project contribute towards goals and activities in the COC's strategic jplan?

**Special Note:** These same questions are used to frame Corrective Action Plans for poor performing Projects.

In accordance with this policy and HUD's guidance under the 2016 NOFA, the Orange County Housing Consortium will prioritize projects as presented here:

**TIER 1: Valued at 93% Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)**

**A. Permanent Supportive Housing projects (renewing, first time renewal, new re-allocated, new bonus)**

**B. Rapid Re-Housing projects (new reallocated, new bonus)**

**C. HMIS**

**>Within Project component ranked according to score**

**>Projects with equal scores and same component are rank alphabetically**

**>Within project component rank projects renewing for the first time that have not completed an APR, and thus do not have a renewal score at the end of that funding component. For example: PSH projects renewing for the first time will be the last ranked under PSH projects.**

>It is possible for a project to “straddle” Tier 1 and Tier 2 depending on the prioritization of the allocation of 93% of the ARD

**TIER 2:** Project components will be organized to best maximized the COC Consolidated Grant Overall Score

1. Tier 2 will be valued at 7% of the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) plus and PH Bonus Funding.

2. Projects will be ranked in Tier 2 as follows:

A. Renewal project applications ranked according to renewal score

B. Reallocation and Bonus Project applications ranked according to new project Scores.

C. Projects will be ranked until there are no more funds remaining in Tier 2.

COC Planning Coordinator Project is not ranked.