

**ITHACA / TOMPKINS COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE
(CoC NY-510)**

**Ranking and Review Process for
FY2017 Program Competition**

The Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County, the lead agency for the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care, serves as the collaborative applicant for the annual HUD (Housing and urban Development) competitive grant process for homeless funding. The CoC submits the application each year requesting funding to support the homeless service providers in the geographic area. As part of this grant process, the CoC calls for project applicants to submit proposals for housing and services dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families. The annual competition is usually a two-step process. If a project is selected by the CoC Ranking Committee, the applicant will be required to submit an electronic application through [Esnaps](#), a HUD website.

As part of this competitive grant process, project applicants will be reviewed and ranked using the New or Renewal Project Ranking tool. (see Ranking Tools posted on hsctc.org/continuumofcare)

FY2017 HUD Funding Availability for NY-510 CoC

Total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$185,795

Total Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN): \$389,076

Tier I (94% ARD): \$174,647

Tier II (6% of ARD): \$11,147

Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus (6% PPRN): \$23,345

Total amount of funding available in Tier I: \$174,647

Total amount of funding available in Tier II: \$34,492

Projects receiving the highest scores during the objective review and ranking process will be placed in Tier I. Lower performing projects will be placed lower in Tier I or in Tier II.

New projects requesting funding will be able to apply under the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus or through the process for reallocation (page 4).

Renewal Project rankings will be based on the following general criteria (for full criteria, see [Renewal Project Ranking Tool](#)):

- Stability of Housing
- Utilization Rate
- Serving Chronic Homeless
- Use of Funding
- CoC Participation
- Positive Neighborhood Impact

New Project rankings will be based on the following general criteria (for full criteria, see [New Project Ranking Tool](#)):

- Bonus or Reallocation Eligibility
- Ability to meet HUD threshold criteria
- Cooperation with Coordinated Assessment
- Effectiveness of Funds
- Feasibility
- Use of housing first model

Reallocation

New and renewal projects will compete for Tier I rankings. Renewal projects that are not performing up to the CoC standards can be reduced or entirely eliminated through reallocation and the funds utilized for one or more new projects, or to higher performing renewal projects.

Reallocation can occur under the following circumstances:

- Current funded project declines to renew their project
- Current funded project adjusts their budget to a lower amount
- Current funded project voluntarily reallocates funding to a new project
- Ranking Committee made decision to partially or fully reallocate current funded projects based on performance or HUD priorities

Underperforming projects can be defined as follows:

- Low utilization rate
- Has not participated in Coordinated Assessment
- Not serving the target population
- Has a program that does not align with HUD priorities anymore (i.e., Housing First approach)
- Misuse of federal funds
- Program design has a negative impact on systems performance and overall CoC score

Funding

Funding is at the discretion of HUD. The CoC is not fully responsible for HUD's decision to eliminate funding based on ARD or Pro Rata Need. The overall CoC performance measure contributes to the amount received, which means higher performing projects are vital to ensuring continued funding through this competition.