

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

Ranking and Review Process for FY2021
Program Competition

Ithaca/Tompkins CoC Ranking and Review Process 2021

The Human Services Coalition of Tompkins County, the lead agency for the Ithaca/Tompkins Continuum of Care (CoC), serves as the collaborative applicant for the annual Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 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 homeless individuals and families. The annual competition is usually a two-step process, however for the FY2021 funding round, the CoC is requiring all projects applicants to submit an electronic application through [Esnaps](#), the CoC grant portal. Applicants must submit their application in Esnaps on or before Sunday, October 10th to be considered for funding.

The CoC's Ranking Committee will review new and renewal project applications, and use objective scoring criteria to determine appropriate funding. After eligible projects are reviewed and ranked, the Ranking committee submits funding recommendations to the full CoC membership for comment. The full CoC membership then votes to submit the Collaborative Application and Project Ranking.

New and renewal projects will be reviewed and ranked according to CoC and HUD priorities, as well as the overall impact on the CoC system performance. Lower performing renewal projects can be reallocated to higher performing renewals or new projects that advance CoC priorities and have a positive impact on overall system performance.

Project applicants serving survivors of domestic violence must use a comparable Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data base which will allow submission of project performance data to the Ranking committee.

As part of this competitive grant process, project applicants will be reviewed and ranked using the [CoC Ranking Tool](#), which is aligned with the [CoC's Written Standards](#), and HUD's priorities.

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***FY2021 HUD Funding Availability for NY-510 CoC:**

Total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$209,251

Total Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN): \$ 514,712

Tier I: \$ 209,251

CoC Bonus: \$25,736

Bonus for projects serving survivors of DV: \$77,207

Total amount of funding available in Tier I: \$ 209,251*

Total amount of funding available in Tier II: \$ 25,736*

**Does not include DV bonus. Based on ranking of DV projects, the DV bonus can be ranked in Tier I or Tier II*

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 and renewal projects will compete for rankings in Tier I or Tier II. Lower performing projects may be reallocated to support higher performing new or renewal projects.

New projects will be able to apply under the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus, the DV PH-RRH set aside, or through the process for reallocation.

Renewal Projects will be scored based on last year's APR and FY21 applications submitted in Esnap. The CoC will consider project impact on overall CoC system performance, including the following general categories:

- Stability of housing
 - % of participants who retained or exited to permanent housing
- Impact on participant's income
 - % of participants who increased earned or unearned income
- Serving high-needs populations
 - % of participants entering directly from shelter or streets
- Project effectiveness
 - Project is cost effective and aligns with goals and system performance

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New Projects will not have APRs to consider, but will be ranked based on the project impact on overall CoC system performance and the following general criteria:

- Agency experience
- Design of housing and support services
- Timeliness
- Financial experience

All projects must meet the CoC and HUD threshold requirements as outlined in the Ranking Tool and COC Request for Proposals. Applicants should thoroughly read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) , [COC RFP](#), and [Ranking Tool](#) .

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

Appeals Process

1. Who May Appeal?

An agency may appeal a decision concerning a project application submitted by that agency

2. What May Be Appealed?

The appeals process applies only to project scoring and ranking. *There is no appeal for project tiering.*

An appeal may **not** be submitted if:

- all questions on the application were **not** completed
- all required attachments were **not** submitted with the application
- the application was **not** submitted by the required deadline

3. Timing of an Appeal

Formal appeals may only be submitted by a project within **three (3) business days** of a project receiving their ranking. Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Collaborative Applicant, who will then forward to the Ranking Committee. The written appeal must consist of a brief statement no longer than one page, and can be in the form of a letter, memo or email. Any appeal via email must be sent to the Human Services Coalition, lbargar@hsctc.org, the Collaborative Applicant and Lead Agency.

4. Appeals Decisions

The Ranking committee and the CoC Governance committee will review all appeals. Appeals are decided by majority vote and may not be overturned by the full CoC.

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.