



Policy # TBD	Title: CoC Competition Ranking and Reallocation Procedure
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Policy Brief: The Merced City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) will standardize ranking and reallocation procedures for the CoC Community Planning and Development applications.

Purpose: To detail the actions and practices implemented which determine ranking and reallocation procedures.

Scope: This policy applies to all CoC Board Members, General Members, organizations associated with CoC business, operations, and/or initiatives, and the Collaborative Applicant

Policy Detail:

To ensure the strategic allocation of resources and continued progress towards the goals of The Merced City and County Continuum of Care, HUD requires Continuums of Care to annually review and rank projects utilizing CoC funding. As part of this process, the CoC also considers whether existing funding should be reallocated from existing projects to invest in alternate strategies for ending homelessness. It is, therefore, the intent of the Merced City and County Continuum of Care for the Homeless (CA-520) to develop a

Ranking and Reallocation Policy and Procedure that: prioritizes project performance; is aligned with HUD and HEARTH Act policy guidance; and follows the policy priorities specified with the annual HUD CoC NOFA.

Ranking

The CoC will evaluate each project's performance and compliance with HUD and CoC requirements through its annual ranking process. In order to ensure a comprehensive, consistent and transparent ranking process, project score cards will be used. Score cards for renewal and new projects will be updated annually.

The score card will include evaluation of:

- ✓ Project performance outcomes, with specific focus on the HUD System Performance
- ✓ Measures;
- ✓ Cost Evaluation
- ✓ HMIS Data Quality;
- ✓ Monitoring criteria, such as expenditure of CoC Grant Funds.
- ✓ Use of a Housing First approach
- ✓ Participation in CES
- ✓ Active participation in CoC

The CoC's HMIS project(s) will be exempt from completing a ranking score card. Instead, this project will be monitored by the CoC

CoC-dedicated Coordinated Entry System (CES) projects will be exempt from completing a ranking score card. Instead, this project will be monitored by the CoC

Reallocation

The CoC's Reallocation Policy and Procedure incorporates the following general objectives:

- ✓ To ensure the CoC's responsibility in submitting to HUD an application that is consistent with HUD guidelines and the HEARTH ACT;
- ✓ To further the CoC's efforts to end homelessness throughout the geographic area.

Reallocation will be used if it is determined reallocation would result in: improved outcomes and further reductions in homelessness; and increase in resources to respond to unmet needs; and/or is determined as an investment in more cost effective strategies.

Voluntary Reallocation

Currently-funded CoC project applicants interested in voluntarily reallocating all or a portion of their existing CoC funding should notify Merced and City Continuum of Care in writing of their intent by the due date of HUD's Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW).

Involuntary Reallocation

Merced City and County Continuum of Care will consider whether involuntary reallocation is appropriate and/or necessary based on the language in the annual HUD CoC NOFA and/or the results of the Project Renewal Performance Score Card. If reallocation is necessary, it will occur in a transparent, universal, and performance-based manner to ensure the ongoing success of our CoC's efforts to end homelessness.

Projects that score below the annually defined threshold will be notified and required to submit a plan of corrective action and improve project outcomes. At that time, projects that still do not meet threshold or successfully implement their corrective action plan will be subject to involuntary reallocation.

While the above described process will be followed in most cases, Merced City and County Continuum of Care retains the right to reallocate any project due to:

- o Findings identified through the CoC's annual site-review;
- o Non-compliance with HUD regulations;
- o Non-compliance with CoC policies; and/or
- o Fiscal non-compliance.