Approved FY2023 Local Priority Listings and Instructions for the Rank & Review Panel

The Local Priorities and the instructions being provided to the Rank & review panel. Please note that a local priority is to rank an HMIS expansion in Tier 1. The HMIS project has the possibility to apply for up to $172,342 leaving $223,764 in the CoC Bonus pool for New and Expansion projects. This prioritization also means that if the CoC is not awarded CoC Bonus Funding then there is the chance a Renewal project may lose part or all of its funding as the HMIS expansion project will be listed in Tier 1 and will receive funding from the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). This priority does not effect the CoC DV Bonus pool.

1. HMIS/CES expansion projects will be prioritized after HMIS & CES Renewal Projects.
   - ➢ Rational: Gap Analysis finding and recommendation

2. Prioritize at least one COC funded permanent housing program in each of the 9 regions. New and renewal expansion projects applying for funding through this competition would not be funded at the expense of another region losing its COC funded project.
   - ➢ Rational: Supports Steering Committee goal to ensure functional Coordinated Entry System and increase of permanent housing units throughout the COC as indicated in the Strategic Plan Draft.

3. For regions with multiple permanent housing applications for new or expansion funding, the priority for those regional applications will be for those serving the larger of the region's geographic area.
   - ➢ Rational: See Gap Analysis Finding: Support efforts to build affordable housing units to alleviate the housing shortage and improve the effectiveness of homeless programs.

4. Prioritize the creation of new PSH programming available beds across the entirety of the COC. Furthermore, regional data indicates that immediate beds would be necessary and should be prioritized first for Douglas, South Central, and Flint Hills regions.
   - ➢ Rational: See Gap Analysis Page 57 for the recommendation, and page 55 for highest regional counts.

5. Prioritize new projects that take advantage of the rural budget line item for reducing rural unsheltered homelessness.
   - ➢ Rational: Gap Analysis states that the CoC needs to expand supportive services/case management for people experiencing homelessness to meet the highly vulnerable population needs such as mental health and substance abuse services/resources.

6. Prioritize new Permanent Housing Projects who coordinate with healthcare and housing partners to incorporate a 25% healthcare and a 25% housing leverage.
   - ➢ Rational: Pg. 24 "Coordination with Housing and Healthcare. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 directs HUD to provide incentives to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services. In the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may receive up to 14 points on the CoC Application if the FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing includes new project applications created through reallocation or the CoC Bonus that utilizes housing vouchers and healthcare provided through an array of healthcare services providers. See section V.B.6 of this NOFO for additional details."