# Project Ranking Criteria

The Decatur/Macon County CoC (IL-516) uses the **FY2021 HUD Ranking Tool** as its foundation for project ratings and rankings. The complete tool is available at https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/project-rating-and-ranking-tool.xlsb). This document provides details on the actual scoring criteria applied to the Ranking Tool for renewal projects and new projects.

When rating and ranking projects, the Monitoring, Review and Ranking Committee is guided by HUD's National Priorities and CoC priorities. HUD has five National Priorities:
- Ending homelessness
- Housing First
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Improving system performance
- Partnering with housing, health and service agencies

The Decatur-Macon County CoC has three local priorities:
- Improve data accuracy system-wide by increasing HMIS capacity
- Reduce length of time in emergency shelters
- Increase supply of housing for single adults

Of the unhoused population, 90% are single adults, and 7% are others in adult-only households. Only 3% are in households with children (2021 PIT).

## Projects Submitted by Victim Service Providers

Restrictions are in place that protect privacy and foster safety for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and human trafficking. These restrictions prohibit victim service providers from entering client data in the CoC's HMIS database. Therefore for ranking purposes, the CoC requires victim service providers to submit de-identified equivalent data from a comparable database.

In addition, projects serving victims of violence must prioritize housing safety over permanent housing. The CoC has modified the scoring scales for projects submitted by victim service providers. The changes are shown in footnotes in the Point Values sections.

## Threshold Criteria

The CoC requires all applicants to meet the following criteria in order for their projects to be selected and ranked:
- The applicant has the demonstrated capacity to implement the project.
- The applicant is in good standing with HUD and other governmental and regulatory agencies.
- The applicant has successfully completed all required certifications and registrations as required in Project App, and has a current and accurate Profile in e-snaps.
- The projects and activities proposed are eligible for funding under the HEARTH Act and the FY2021 NOFO.
- The proposed project commits to full participation in Coordinated Entry and HMIS.[1]
- The proposed project commits to implementing Housing First principles and practices.

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[1] Victim service providers must use a comparable database instead of the CoC's HMIS.

## Renewal Project Rating

The following criteria apply to two types of renewal projects: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH). The CoC has one Joint TH and PH-RRH project.[2] That project had only one TH participant in the 12-momth period upon which ratings were based; therefore, it is rated using the RRH criteria.

- System Performance Measures (85 points, 49% of total score)
  - Length of Stay (20 points)
  - Exits to PH (25 points)
  - New or Increased Income and Earned Income (40 points)

- High Need Populations (40 points, 23% of total score)
  - Vulnerabilities at project entry (30 points)
  - History of or fleeing domestic violence (10 points)

- Project Effectiveness (30 points, 17% of total score)
  - Bed Utilization (10 points)
  - Housing First (10 points)
  - Data Quality (10 points)

- Local Priority for Single Adults (10 points, 6% of total score)

- Equity Factors (10 points, 6% of total score)

**Of the 175 total points, 165 are based on objective, quantifiable data (94%).**

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[2] TH = Transitional Housing

## Renewal Project Criteria

| CRITERIA | Maximum Points |
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| **1. Length of Stay**<br><br>PSH:<br>    ≤180 days from project entry to move-in = 10 points<br>    90-179 days from project entry to move-in = 5 points<br>RRH:<br>    ≤15 days from project entry to move-in = 10 points<br>    8-14 days from project entry to move-in = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: Q22c[3] | 20 |
| **2. Exits to Permanent Housing**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    ≥90% exiting to or remaining in permanent housing = 25 points<br>    80% to 89% exiting to or remaining in permanent housing = 20 points<br>    70% to 79% exiting to or remaining in permanent housing = 15 points<br>    60% to 69% exiting to or remaining in permanent housing = 10 points<br>    50% to 59% exiting to or remaining in permanent housing = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: Q05a and Q23c (On Q23c, including Institutions as positive exits) | 25 |
| **3. New or Increased Income and Earned Income**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    ≥8% of adult stayers with new or increased employment income = 10 points<br>      ≥4% of adult stayers with new or increased employment income = 5 points<br>    ≥8% of adult leavers with new or increased employment income = 10 points<br>      ≥4% of adult leavers with new or increased employment income = 5 points<br>    ≥10% of adult stayers with new or increased other cash income = 10 points<br>      ≥5% of adult stayers with new or increased other cash income = 5 points<br>    ≥10% of adult leavers with new or increased other cash income = 10 points<br>      ≥5% of adult leavers with new or increased other cash income = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: Q19a1 and Q19a2, Line 5 | 40 |
| **4. Vulnerabilities at Project Entry**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    ≥45% of adults with zero income at entry = 10 points<br>      23%-44% of adults with zero income at entry = 5 points<br>    ≥27% of adults with multiple barriers at entry = 10 points<br>      14% to 26% of adults with multiple barriers at entry = 5 points<br>    ≥25% of adults entering project from places unfit for human habitation = 10 points<br>      13% to 24% of adults entering project from places unfit for human habitation = 5 points<br>SOURCE: Q05, Q16, Q 13a2, Q15 | 30 |

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[3] Refers to item in Sage report for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. **In all cases, Victim Service Providers must submit data from an equivalent database.**

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| **5. History of or Fleeing Domestic Violence**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    90% to 100% fleeing domestic violence or with history of domestic violence = 10 points<br>    20% to 89% fleeing domestic violence or with history of domestic violence = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: Q05, Q14a, Q14b | 10 |
| **6. Bed Utilization**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    ≥90% of beds utilized on average over 12 months = 10 points<br>    50% to 89% of beds utilized on average over 12 months = 5 points<br>SOURCE: Q7b, Housing Inventory Count | 10 |
| **7. Housing First**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    94-100% of maximum available points = 10 points<br>    89-93% of maximum available points = 8 points<br>    83-88% of maximum available points = 6 points<br>    78-82% of maximum available points = 4 points<br>    72-77% of maximum available points = 2 points<br><br>SOURCE: Housing First Self-Assessment score | 10 |
| **8. Data Quality**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    0% error rate = 10 points<br>    >0% but ≤1% error rate = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: Q05, Q06a (less column 1), Q06b, Q06c | 10 |
| **9. Local Priority for Single Adults**<br><br>PSH and RRH:<br>    90%-100% of beds devoted to single adults = 10 points<br>    20%-89% of beds devoted to single adults = 5 points<br><br>SOURCE: 2021 Housing Inventory Count | 10 |
| **10. Racial Equity**<br><br>SCALE:<br>    2 points if grantee has underrepresented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+ etc.) persons in leadership<br>    2 points if grantee's board includes at least one person with lived experience<br>    2 points if grantee disaggregates programmatic data by race, ethnicity, gender identity or age<br>    2 points if grantee has assessed inequities in outcomes<br>    2 points if grantee has specific plans to make program outcomes equitable<br><br>SOURCE: Equity Questionnaire | 10 |
| **MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS** | **175** |

## New Project Rating

- System Performance Measures (45 points, 26% of total score)
    - Exits to PH (15 points)
    - New or Increased Income and Earned Income (15 points)
    - Returns to Homelessness (15 points)

- High Need Populations (20 points, 11% of total score)
    - Vulnerabilities at project entry (10 points)
    - History of or fleeing domestic violence (10 points)

- Project Effectiveness (30 points, 17% of total score)
    - Housing First (20 points)
    - Data Security (10 points)

- Local Priority for Single Adults (20 points, 11% of total score)

- Equity Factors (20 points, 11% of total score)

- HUD Bonus (40 points, 23% of score)

**Of the 175 total points, 110 are based on objective, quantifiable data (63%).**

## New Project Criteria

| CRITERIA | Maximum Points |
|---|---|
| **1. System Performance Measures**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Capacity of project to improve SCICoC's System Performance Measures (SPMs)<br><br>CALCULATION:<br>    This measure looks at three SPMs where a project can make a substantial impact on the overall system performance.<br>      ● Exits to PH (Placement and/or retention of permanent housing)[4]<br>      ● New or Increased Income and Earned Income<br>      ● Returns to homelessness after exiting the project<br>SCALE:<br>    Each SPM is worth a maximum of 15 points:<br>      ● Projects receive 5 points for mentioning in their Project Application that they have a plan to help participants improve that measure.<br>      ● Projects can receive up to 10 points for the quality of the plan, taking into consideration three factors: the applicant's past experience, details of the plan, and impact on SPM.<br><br>SOURCE: Project Application | 45 |
| **2. High Need Populations**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Percentage of anticipated participants with high barriers and/or domestic violence.<br><br>CALCULATION:<br>    Percentage of anticipated participants with more than one disability (mental illness, substance use disorder, HIV/AIDS, physical disability, intellectual disability).<br>SCALE:<br>    Projects with 100% = 10 points<br>    Projects with 60% to 99% = 6 points<br>    Projects with 10% to 59% = 3 points<br>    Projects with less than 10% = 0 points<br><br>CALCULATION:<br>    Percentage of anticipated participants who are fleeing domestic violence (including sexual assault, dating violence, trafficking, and stalking)<br>SCALE:<br>    Projects with 100% =10 points<br>    Projects with 60% to 99% = 6 points<br>    Projects with 10% to 59% = 3 points<br>    Projects with less than 10% = 0 points<br><br>SOURCE: Project Application | 20 |

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[4] For projects submitted by victim service providers, replace "permanent housing" with "safe housing."

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| **3. Housing First**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Housing First Self-Assessment score<br><br>SCALE:<br>    94-100% = 20 points<br>    89-94% = 16 points<br>    83-89% = 12 points<br>    78-83% = 8 points<br>    72-78% = 4 point<br>    Under 72% = 0 points<br><br>SOUECE: HUD Housing First Self-Assessment Tool | 20 |
| **4. Data Security**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Security measures to protect client data<br><br>CALCULATION:<br>    Completion of HMIS security checklist.<br><br>SCALE:<br>    Up to 10 points for HMIS questionnaire:<br>        Follow all Core Elements plus at least 1 Advanced Element = 10 points<br>        Follow all Core Elements = 5 points<br>    Does not follow all Core Elements = 0 points<br><br>SOURCE: HMIS Questionnaire | 10 |
| **5. Local Priority Projects**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Incentives for projects that provide permanent housing for single adults.<br><br>SCALE:<br>    90%-100% of total beds projected for single adults = 20 points<br>    20%-89% of total beds projected for single adults = 10 points<br><br>SOURCE: Project application | 20 |
| **6. Racial Equity**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: As reported by grantees<br><br>SCALE:<br>    4 points if grantee has underrepresented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+ etc.) persons in leadership<br>    4 points if grantee's board includes at least one person with lived experience<br>    4 points if grantee disaggregates programmatic data by race, ethnicity, gender identity or age<br>    4 points if grantee has assessed for inequities in outcomes<br>    4 points if grantee has specific plans to make program outcomes equitable | 20 |

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|---|---|
| **7. HUD Bonus**<br><br>HOW MEASURED: Ability of project to qualify the CoC for FY 2021 HUD Bonus Points<br><br>SCALE:<br>    Qualify for Housing Bonus = 20 points<br>    Qualify for Healthcare Bonus = 20 points<br><br><br>SOURCE: Project Application | 40 |
| **MAXIMUM TOTAL POINTS** | **175** |

**Critical Needs.** Generally, new projects will be ranked below renewals. However, if the Ranking Committee determines that there is a critical need for a certain project, the committee may rank that project above renewals if the situation warrants doing so.