

Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care for the Homeless 2009 Scoring Criteria

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NEW PROJECTS –

New projects have a maximum score of 100.

Required Qualifications

- To be eligible for funding must have at least a 1:1 leverage commitment.
- To be eligible for funding must use a minimum of 75% of funding for housing (operations or leasing).
- To be eligible for funding, a program must achieve a minimum score of 60 points total between the Measured & Rated Dimensions.

Measured Dimensions (50 points) **

1. Leverage (10 point opportunity) ***

- Leverage points will be assigned by the CoC coordinator based on the following scale:

New Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Projects

Less than 1:1 = **INELIGIBLE**

1:1 to 1.9:1 = 5 points

2:1 to 2.9:1 = 8 points

3:1 or more = 10 points

New Shelter Plus Care (SPC) Projects

Less than 1:1 = **INELIGIBLE**

1:1 = Eligible, but 0 points

Over 1:1 but less than 2:1 = 5 points

2:1 or more = 10 points

2. Housing Focus (40 point opportunity)

- Housing Focus is defined as the percentage of dollars requested in the proposal that are applied directly to housing (operations or leasing).
- Housing Focus points will be assigned by the CoC coordinator based on the following scale:

Under 75% = **INELIGIBLE**

75 - 79% = 25 points

80 - 89% = 30 points

90 - 99% = 35 points

100% = 40 points

Rated Dimensions (50 points)

1. Need/extent of problem – 15 points
2. Capacity – 15 points
3. Soundness of approach – 10 points
4. Cost effectiveness – 10 points

** Scores, percentages, & leverage ratios will not be rounded up (e.g. 1.999% = 1.9).

***** EFFECTIVE 2008: Supportive Housing Program (SHP) & Shelter Plus Care (SPC) funding can no longer be used as leverage for Supportive Housing Program (SHP) & Shelter Plus Care (SPC) funding.**

ALL RENEWAL PROJECTS IN 2009 ONLY–

Due to the following factors, the Scoring Criteria adopted by community vote on May 19, 2008 cannot be used for renewal projects in 2009:

1. *Housing Emphasis* and *Leverage* are not factors in the CoC's overall score for renewal programs, which also eliminates the need for the *Budget Adjustment* category with Services only programs.
2. In 2009, HUD is not requiring that CoC's rank renewal programs.
3. CoC's are only being given 6 weeks to complete the CoC application, a significantly shorter period of time than in past years (deadline: Nov. 9, 2009)
4. The above items result in a need for a comprehensive revision of our CoC's scoring criteria for use in the future; the 2009 deadline does not allow for such a significant process to be completed.

The below scoring criteria is proposed for use with renewal program in 2009:

Qualifications for Automatic Inclusion in the 2009 CoC Application:

In 2009 only, renewal projects will be automatically included in the 2009 Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC application to HUD, without being scored at CoC Large Group Scoring, if they meet the following qualifications:

- Instead of completing and submitting leverage letters, agencies submitting programs for renewal must document required match funding, including documenting the source of this funding.
- The renewal program achieves a minimum score of **30 points** on the below Measured Dimensions.

Measured Dimensions (45 points) **

1. Grant Money Drawn (10 point opportunity)
 - Grant Money Drawn is the percentage of prorated dollars in the grant that were drawn from the HUD LOCCS system by **October 1, 2009**.
 - Grant Money Drawn points will be assigned by the CoC on the following scale**:
 - Under 75% = **INELIGIBLE FOR RENEWAL**
 - 75 - 79% = 4 points
 - 80 - 84% = 6 points
 - 85- 89% = 8 points
 - 90 - 110% = 10 points
 - Over 110% = 4 points
2. (a) Housing Results – *Transitional Housing Programs* (20 point opportunity)
 - Housing Results is defined as % of people leaving the program during the most recent APR timeframe who moved to Permanent Housing.
 - Housing Results points will be assigned based the following scale**:
 - Under 50% = 0 points
 - 50 - 59% = 10 points
 - 60 - 69% = 12 points
 - 70 - 79% = 14 points
 - 80 - 89% = 16 points
 - 90 - 100% = 20 points

(b) Housing Results – *Permanent Housing Programs* (20 point opportunity)

- Housing Results is defined as % of people participating in the program who remained in the program a minimum of 6 months. (This measure counts both those who exited the program during the measurement period and those who were active for a minimum of six months at the end of the measurement period.)
- Housing Results points will be assigned based on the following scale**:
 - Under 50% = 0 points
 - 50 - 59% = 10 points
 - 60 - 69% = 12 points
 - 70 - 79% = 14 points
 - 80 - 89% = 16 points
 - 90 - 100% = 20 points

(c) Housing Results- *Services only programs* (20 point opportunity)

- Housing Results is defined as the percentage of people leaving the program during the most recent APR timeframe who moved to housing.
- Housing Results points will be assigned based the following scale**:
 - Under 50% = 0 points
 - 50 - 59% = 10 points
 - 60 - 69% = 12 points
 - 70 - 79% = 14 points
 - 80- 89% = 16 points
 - 90 - 100% = 20 points

3. Income Results (15 point opportunity)

- Income Results is defined as the percentage of people who increased their earned income or increased their sources of income (whichever is greater) between the time of their entry into the program and their exit from the program.
- Income Results points will be assigned based on the following scale**:
 - Under 30% = 0 points
 - 30 - 44% = 10 points
 - 45 - 59% = 12 points
 - 60 - 74% = 14 points
 - 75 -100% = 15 points

Large Group Scoring Inclusion Qualifications

If a renewal program does not meet the Qualifications for Automatic Inclusion above, the following conditions need to be met for the program to be included in the 2009 Cincinnati/Hamilton County CoC application to HUD:

- Instead of completing and submitting leverage letters, agencies submitting programs for renewal must document required match funding, including documenting the source of this funding.
- The program must be presented, rated by the community on the below rated dimensions, and achieve a score of **35 points** at the Large Group Scoring event.

Rated Dimensions (50 points)**

1. Need/extent of problem – 15 points
2. Community Coordination – 10 points
3. Cost Effectiveness – 10 points
4. Continuous Improvement – 15 points

** Scores & percentages will not be rounded up (e.g. 1.999% = 1.9).

EFFECTIVE 2009- ALL RENEWAL PROGRAMS WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR A ONE YEAR GRANT TERM