

San Bernardino County CoC 2025- New CoC Bonus and Reallocation Project Scoring Guideline

Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2025 new projects will be reviewed by the San Bernardino County Continuum of Care, Grant Review Committee (GRC). All projects will be reviewed and scored by the GRC for recommendation to the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the following:

Section 1: Organizational Capacity (25 points)

1.1 Experience & Qualifications (10 points)

- **10** – Demonstrated strong history of administering CoC- or HUD-funded programs with successful monitoring results, experienced leadership and program staff in place.
- **7** – Moderate experience; mostly compliant monitoring history; minor corrective actions.
- **4** – Limited experience with federal housing/homeless programs; some compliance issues.
- **0** – Significant compliance issues, unresolved findings, or insufficient experience.

1.2 Financial Management & Stability (10 points)

- **10** – Clean audits, strong financial controls, no unresolved HUD findings, proven capacity for federal funds.
- **7** – Mostly clean audits; minor findings with corrective actions completed.
- **3** – Major findings or financial instability.
- **0** – Unresolved or severe audit findings indicating high risk.

1.3 HMIS Participation & Data Quality (5 points)

- **5** – Fully participates in HMIS, consistently meets or exceeds CoC data quality standards.
- **3** – Generally, meets standards with occasional gaps.
- **1** – Regular issues with data completeness or timeliness.
- **0** – Limited or non-compliant participation.

Section 2: Project Design & Alignment with HUD Priorities (30 points)

2.1 System Coordination and CES Integration (10 points)

- **10** – Fully integrated with CES; strong partnership with outreach, shelters, and other housing programs; clear system-level roles and data sharing.
- **7** – Mostly integrated; some gaps in coordination or documentation.
- **4** – Minimal coordination; limited integration with CES or community partners.
- **0** – No coordination or system integration.

2.2 Program Model & Service Delivery (10 points)

- **10** – Clear, evidence-based model aligned with HUD best practices; strong case management ratio; appropriate supportive services.
- **7** – Generally strong model with minor gaps.
- **4** – Limited clarity on services or staffing.
- **0** – Weak or non-viable program model.

2.3 High-Barrier Population Engagement (10 points)

- **10** – Clear strategies to engage and retain individuals with high service needs; strong evidence of success serving people with chronic homelessness, behavioral health challenges, or long histories of homelessness.
- **7** – Moderate strategies and some success with high-barrier clients.
- **4** – Limited capacity or inconsistent outcomes with higher-need populations.
- **0** – Program design is not suited for high-barrier individuals.

Section 3: Performance Outcomes (30 points)

3.1 System Performance Measures (SPMs) Alignment (10 points)

- **10** – High performance on SPMs (reductions in length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, increased exits to permanent housing).
- **7** – Meets average performance expectations.
- **4** – Below average performance.
- **0** – Significantly underperforming.

3.2 Utilization & Spend-Down Rate (5 points)

- 5 – 90–100% utilization and spend-down.
- 3 – 80–89%.
- 1 – 70–79%.
- 0 – Below 70%.

3.3 Exits to Permanent Housing (10 points)

- 10 – 80% or higher exits to permanent housing.
- 7 – 60–79%.
- 4 – 40–59%.
- 0 – Below 40%.

3.4 Returns to Homelessness (5 points)

- 5 – Below 10%.
- 3 – 10–19%.
- 1 – 20–29%.
- 0 – 30% or above.

Section 4: Budget & Cost Effectiveness (15 points)

4.1 Cost Per Household & Reasonableness (10 points)

- 10 – Cost per household is reasonable, well-justified, aligned with comparable program benchmarks.
- 7 – Slightly high but justified.
- 3 – High without adequate justification.
- 0 – Unreasonable or unsupported budget.

4.2 Leveraged Resources & Match (5 points)

- 5 – Strong match and/or leveraged resources above HUD minimum, clear documentation.
- 3 – Meets minimum match requirements.
- 1 – Weak or unclear match.
- 0 – Missing match requirements.

Total Points Possible: 100

Bonus Points (Optional, up to 10 points)

1. Innovation or Demonstrated Community Need (up to 5 points)

Projects may receive up to **5 points** for:

- Addressing high-priority gaps such as youth, veterans, chronic homelessness, DV survivors, or high-barrier populations.
- Implementing innovative, evidence-informed practices.
- Demonstrating strong community coordination or system-level benefits.

2. Previously Funded HUD CoC Provider Performance (up to 5 points)

Projects may receive up to **5 points** if the applicant is a currently or previously funded HUD CoC provider with a strong record of compliance and performance measured by:

Criteria	Points
Consistent compliance with HUD requirements (no unresolved findings)	1 point
Strong spend-down/utilization rates (90% or above)	1 point
Consistent HMIS data quality meeting or exceeding CoC standards	1 point
Timely performance reporting and participation in CoC planning activities	1 point
Demonstrated improvement or high achievement in system performance outcomes over prior year	1 point