

San Bernardino City and County CoC FY 2026 - New CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition Grant

Project Scoring Guidelines

Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2026 new CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition projects will be reviewed by the San Bernardino City and County CoC 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:

Threshold Review: Before scoring, the CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition new projects, applications must pass local threshold review, including applicant eligibility, eligible participant population, match documentation, budget eligibility, HMIS or comparable database participation, e-snaps completeness, and required FY 2026 certifications. Projects that do not meet threshold will be rejected.

HUD Project Eligibility and Quality Threshold Alignment (Pass/Fail)

- Project proposes an eligible FY 2026 CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition component type, including SSO, TH, Dedicated HMIS, SSO-CE, eligible expansion project, or eligible Transition Grant.
- Project narrative and attachments demonstrate alignment with the applicable HUD FY 2026 project quality threshold requirements for the proposed component type.
- Transition Grant applications identify the eligible CY 2027 renewal project(s) being eliminated or reduced, include applicable grant number(s), attach the most recently awarded project application, and demonstrate the project can fully transition within the one-year grant term.
- Project demonstrates that the proposed population is eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO and 24 CFR Part 578.

A. Experience and Capacity (35 points Maximum)

- Applicant demonstrates experience and capacity operating eligible homeless assistance, housing, supportive services, HMIS, or system improvement projects.
- Applicant demonstrates fiscal accountability, grant management capacity, staffing readiness, compliance history, and ability to expend funds timely.
- Applicant provides documentation for the required match and demonstrates the proposed budget is within available CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition project funding.
- For Expansion or Transition Grant applications, applicants must demonstrate the ability to implement the expanded or transitioned project within HUD requirements and within the applicable grant term.

B. System Performance, Outcomes, and Local Need (30 points Maximum)

- Project fills a documented gap in the CoC and addresses local need, including unsheltered homelessness, encampments, first time homelessness, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness, or housing/service access gaps.
- Project includes measurable outcomes for permanent housing placement or retention, successful exits, reduced returns to homelessness, increased employment income,

mainstream benefits, or improved HMIS data quality.

- Project demonstrates how performance will be tracked and reported in HMIS or another approved data system, including data quality and unit utilization where applicable.

C. Treatment, Recovery, Supportive Services, Employment, and Self-Sufficiency (25 points Maximum)

- Project provides or partners to provide eligible supportive services necessary to help program participants obtain housing, maintain housing, and move toward stability and self-sufficiency.
- Project demonstrates linkages to treatment and recovery services, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, peer recovery support, healthcare, and mainstream resources as applicable to the project design.
- Housing projects demonstrate appropriate supportive service participation requirements consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h), where applicable.
- Project demonstrates employment and workforce development linkages, income growth strategies, family or support network reunification, and coordination with first responders or law enforcement where applicable.

D. Cost Effectiveness, Match, and Leveraging (10 points Maximum)

- Project cost per household or person served is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.
- Project demonstrates required match, leveraging, and coordination with mainstream health, social service, employment, benefit, and other public or private resources.
- Project budget is reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary for the proposed activities.

HUD FY 2026 Project Quality Thresholds: Projects must meet the applicable HUD threshold minimum before being recommended for funding.

Project Type	HUD Points Available	Minimum Required	FY 2026 NOFO Reference
Transitional Housing (TH)	8	6	Pages 63-64
SSO Standalone	5	4	Pages 64-65
SSO Street Outreach	6	5	Pages 65-66
SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)	4	3	Page 66

Bonus Points (Optional, up to 5 points)

1. 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 **1 point**
- Demonstrated improvement or high achievement in system performance outcomes over the prior year **1 point**