**2023 HUD NOFO Funding Recommendations from the Review and Scoring Task Force**

**Breakdown of 282 Total Points and Priority Ranking**

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| Agency | Project | Avg. Points Awarded | % Score | Prioritized Rank | Amount Requested | Amount Awarded | 93% ARD |
| $173,424 |
| Flagler Hospital | HMIS Renewal | 247.3 | 88% | 1 | $85,362 | $85,362  Tier 1 | $88,062  Remaining in Tier 1 |
| Flagler Hospital | Housing Navigator Renewal | 257.0 | 91% | 2 | $33,279 | $33,279  Tier 1 | $54,783  Remaining in Tier 1 |
| Flagler Hospital | SSO - Peer Support Renewal | 164.0 | 58% | 3 | $67,836 | $54,783 Tier I and $13,053 Tier 2 | Straddling $54,783 Tier 1  and  $13,053 in Tier 2 |
| Flagler Hospital | Housing Navigator Expansion (CoC Bonus) | 255.8 | 91% | 4 | $29,259 | $29,259 | CoC Bonus |

*Because HMIS is required for the CoC and must be funded, HMIS grants will receive the maximum score and be ranked as number one. (see CoC Scoring, Rating and Review Procedures)*

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| **Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)** | **CoC Bonus** | **DV Bonus** | **CoC Planning** |
| $186,477 | $29,259 | $50,000 (N/A) | $50,000 |

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| **Tier 1 (93% of ARD)** | **Tier 2** |
| $173,424 | $13,053 (remaining from Tier 1) + $29,259 (CoC Bonus) = $42,312 |

A DV Bonus project was submitted but was not reviewed/scored due to a fatal technical error.

**Tier 1 and Tier 2**

Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2. The purpose of this two-tiered approach is for CoCs to notify HUD which projects are prioritized for funding based on local needs and gaps.

Tier 1

* **Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).**
* Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold.
* Any type of new or renewal project application can be placed in Tier 1 except CoC planning as this project is not ranked.
* In the event insufficient funding is available to award all Tier 1 projects, Tier 1 will be reduced proportionately, which could result in some Tier 1 projects falling into Tier 2. Therefore, the CoC Board should carefully determine the priority and ranking for all project applications in Tier 1 as well as Tier 2, which is described below.

Tier 2

* Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include CoC planning projects.
* The project application placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements, and if applicable, project renewal threshold requirements and funding will be determined using the CoC Application score as well as the factors listed in Section II.B.11 of this NOFO.
* HUD will award a point value to each new and renewal project application that is in Tier 2 using a 100-point scale:
  + (1) CoC Score. Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application; e.g., if a CoC received 100 out of 200 points on the CoC Application, the project application would receive 25 out of 50 points for this criterion.
  + (2) CoC Project Ranking. Up to 40 points for the CoC’s ranking of the project application(s). To consider the CoC's ranking of projects, point values will be assigned directly related to the CoC's ranking of project applications. The calculation of point values will be 40 times the quantity (1-x) where x is the ratio of the cumulative funding requests for all projects or portions of projects ranked higher by the CoC in Tier 2 plus one half of the funding of the project of interest to the total amount of funding available in Tier 2. For example, if a CoC is eligible to apply for projects totaling $500,000 in Tier 2 and applies for 5 projects ranked in Tier 2 of $100,000 each: the highest-ranked project would receive 36 points, and then the subsequently ranked projects would receive 28, 20, 12, and 4 points.
  + (3) Commitment to Housing First. Up to 10 points based on the project application’s commitment to follow a housing first approach as defined in Section III.B.2.o of this NOFO. Dedicated HMIS projects and supportive service only for centralized or coordinated assessment system (SSO-CE) projects will automatically receive 10 points.
* HUD will select projects in order of point value until there are no more funds available. In the case of a tie, HUD will fund the projects in the order of CoC application score. In case there is still a tie, HUD will select the project from the CoC that has the highest score on the rating factors described in Section II.B.11.b of this NOFO.

Straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2

* If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. Using the CoC score, and other factors described in Section II.B.11 of this NOFO, HUD may fund the Tier 2 portion of the project. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion of the project, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding (e.g., is able to continue serving homeless program participants effectively).

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| **Tier 1 Funding – $173,424 (93% of ARD)** | |
| **Project** | **Amount** |
| HMIS Renewal | $85,362 |
| Housing Navigator Renewal | $33,279 |
| SSO – Peer Renewal | $67,836 [straddle Tier 1 at $54,783 and Tier 2 at $13,053 ] |

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| **Tier 2 Funding – $13,053 (from Tier 1) + (7% PPRM / CoC Bonus) $29,259 = $42,312** | |
| **Project** | **Amount** |
| SSO – Peer Renewal | $13,053 |
| New Housing Navigator Expansion | $29,259 |

**Total Funding Request: $186,477 (dollar amount of the Annual Renewal Demand) + $29,259 (CoC Bonus) = $215,736**

CoC Planning funds are allocated to the CoC Lead Agency at the available $50,000.

Review and Scoring Task Force prioritization recommendations

The projects were prioritized for funding based on the CoC’s local data including but not limited to needs, gaps and priorities.

*Priority Rank 1 HMIS Prioritization*: Because HMIS is required for the CoC and must be funded, HMIS grants will receive the maximum score and be ranked as number one from number four. (see CoC Scoring, Rating and Review Procedures).

*Priority Rank 2 Housing Navigator Renewal*: Based on the lack of affordable rental housing stock and the great strides the Housing Navigator position has made in the community, increasing landlord engagement and the ability to convince landlords to accept this population continues to open many doors that had been closed for years and has increased housing placements.

*Priority Rank 3 SSO – Peer Renewal*: The SSO Peer Renewal is an important resource in reaching the more difficult populations to engage them in services and/or those who need additional support. The peer not only work with individuals to get them enrolled in Coordinated Entry but also those who are exiting CES and moving into housing. Although the average points awarded (and the score percentage) was the lowest this does not equate to the position being unimportant or any less valued in the CoC’s overall strategies to end homeless. This project has only been fully implemented for a short time and not enough data has been yet collected to validate its success.

*Priority Rank 4 Housing Navigator Expansion*: The navigator is crucial to our continuing success because the need for housing is great in our county. Expanding resources and increasing the supply of affordable housing options also reflects our community’s overall priorities. Expansion is a need and a priority.

These are the recommendations of the NOFO Review and Scoring Task Force for the Boards’ discussion and vote. *Submitted by*: Ellen S. Walden on 9/8/2023.

**Approved** by the SJC CoC Board [13 yes/2 did not vote] on 9/11/2023.