

**BRAZOS VALLEY COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS  
2021 CoC Program Competition Scoring Sheets Totals and Prioritization**

Applications	Max Points – Main 163	Max Points – RR Renewal 130	Max Points HMIS Renewal 105	Max Points DV Renewal 135		Scoring- Alsie Bond	Scoring Shannon Avila	Scoring Tim Israel	Scoring Robert Reed	Ave.	Rank Priority	ARD \$389,525 CoC Bonus \$53,191, DV Bonus \$159,5723 CoC Planning \$31,914	Request
Rapid Re-Housing-Renewal Project						108	115	121	117	115.25	Tier 1	\$247,586	\$247,586
Domestic Violence Renewal						110	128	128	117	120.75	Tier 1	\$88,670	\$88,670
HMIS Renewal						94	104	102	98	99.5	Tier 2	\$53,269	\$26,025
Main Application						130	127.5	141.5	127	131.5			
CoC Planning													

**Evaluation Process and Comments:**

The CoC Committee (Committee) met several times (September-November 2021) regarding preliminary planning for the upcoming review and evaluation of the 2021/2022 CoC application. In preparation for the review of the application, the Committee reviewed the 2021 NOFO and several additional documents, including but not limited to HIC Bridge, Family Promise, Phoebes Home, Rapid Rehousing; LSA, Sage reports Annual Performance Reports and System Performance Measures report, as well as BVCH Policies and Procedures manual. The Committee determined that the lead agency sent out notices to the Brazos Valley Coalition for the Homeless (BVCH) regarding notification of the NOFO and funding opportunities.

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**Review and Evaluation:** The first meeting, September 9, 2021 consist of a review of the NOFO, time line and evaluation process. Reports were assigned to provide updates to the CoC Projects Committee. All project renewals and the main application were received October 15, 2021. And reviewed independently by the CoC Projects Committee including three renewals (HMIS) and Rapid Re-Housing, Domestic Violence and Rapid Rehousing. The CoC planning project was received and reviewed, but not including in the scoring in accordance to the directions in the NOFO. The Committee provided the lead agency feedback from the initial review (10/18/2021) regarding questions, concerns and suggestions. The lead agency was very responsive in answering questions and providing additional information, where appropriate. The NOFO's emphasis on how to address the needs of unaccompanied youth and how street outreach is conducted affected the evaluation, as well as HUD's additional emphasis on training sessions the CoC should be providing regarding specific sub-populations. Identified areas where there may be gaps between HUD's priorities and the area needs are evident. As a result of the meeting, the CoC Projects Committee is recommending to the BVCH to review local priorities, update the policies and procedures manual to include additional policies on racial disparities and evaluation

**Main Application Review:** The Committee utilized the scoring criteria identified in the 2021 NOFO and used a main application review based on this criteria and score system. The Committee separately reviewed and scored the main application independently. The Committee identified areas that affected the overall ranking of the main application (as stated below) in a group discussion on 10/18/2021. Feedback was provided to the Lead Agency. Committee members provided a signed PDF of their evaluation, which was averaged in the above chart based on a 163-point system (with no new projects, re-allocations or bonuses).

**Project Review and Evaluation:** In the current review and evaluation process, the CoC Committee utilized the scoring information provided in the 2021 NOF) to provide for a standard objective evaluation based on information provided in the application and submitted HUD reports for the renewal projects. The HMIS renewal maximum points was 105, with Rapid Rehousing (130 maximum points and Domestic Violence (135 maximum points). The Committee also discussed their evaluations and a weighted average was entered into the HUD project review and ranking tool to offset the difference in the maximum amount allowed between the two renewals. The three renewal projects that were reviewed and evaluated for ranking were well done, specifically in the area of compliance. There were minor concerns in a few areas which could benefit from a more thorough expansion of concepts, (where space is not limited) such as a more formal planning and evaluation process, what process was used to determine who receives rapid re-housing assistance, clearly stating long term outcomes and more information on the formal assessment tool utilized for project need (rapid re-housing). There were no new projects or re-allocation of projects. The Planning project renewal was not scored in accordance to the 2021 NOFO instructions. The Collaborative Lead Agency staff is extremely dedicated to the mission of addressing homeless needs in our geographic areas and the BVCH/ Continuum of Care is comprised of all volunteers who work together toward homeless issues in our community. Systematically the HUD's policies and procedures for continuum's, as well as the overall structure of the NOFO, appears to lean toward

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continuum of care organizations that are a standalone nonprofit with paid staff, rather than a traditional coalition of nonprofits that are volunteering within the Coalition, such as the BVCH/CoC.

All applicable reports (such as PIT, APR's, etc.) were sent to the Committee to use in their review and ranking. The ARD was reviewed as well as the budgeted amounts for each renewal. Additional information such as past monitoring is by HUD, any financial concerns by HUD for drawdowns, and APR's were provided upon request to the Committee, with no concerns. The lead agency provided compliance documentation regarding HMIS software and equipment security.

All Committee members provided copies of their signed evaluation and score sheets to the Chair via email after the final meeting. (November 8, 2021). The Committee determined they would add all Committee member scores, average and prioritize according to the average score. Each Committee member would add their own comments to their individual score sheets as they determined appropriate. It was determined by the CoC Committee, through their average that Rapid Rehousing and Domestic Violence (average scores of 120 and 115.25 respectively) fell within the funding for Tier 1. We have addressed the ranking by recommending full funding for both of these renewals in Tier 1 and the remainder of the ARD funding for HMIS in Tier 2. **This summary was reviewed and agreed upon by all committee members. Based on the availability of funds (Estimated ARD is \$389,525) it is the Committee's recommendation that all three scored renewals be awarded for the requested funding amounts. Although HMIS is required by HUD and essential to comply with reporting, the Rapid Re-housing and Domestic Violence project renewals are equally essential to the services provided directly to the homeless individuals and families and the sub-populations experiencing domestic violence.**

The Committee determined a follow up meeting would be held to review the general process for next year and develop potential strategies to assist in strengthening coordination of efforts for the BVCH for the continuum of care application and process throughout the year. The Committee will take an active role in the strategy planning process.

Chair: Alsie Bond, Continuum of Care for the Brazos Valley Coalition for the Homeless



Date: 11/9/2021

cc: Shannon Avila, Robert Reed and Timothy Israel (Continuum of Care Committee Members)