

2026 MS-503 CoC HUD Continuum of Care Scoring Rubric for New Projects (SSO)

Organization: _____

Project Name: _____

Capacity: Up to 25 points

Does the project meet threshold requirements set forth in the 2026 CoC NOFO including a SAM registration?

YES: project is eligible to be scored, **NO:** project is not eligible to be scored

Applicant has experience with the proposed population and in providing housing and/or services like that proposed in the project: **Up to 10 points** _____

Applicant has appropriate accreditation and licenses to provide services described in the application (if applicable): **If not applicable, award full points:* **Up to 5 points** _____

Applicant demonstrates experience using and leveraging federal dollars and/or other public funding, including timely reimbursements (if applicable), timely resolutions of monitoring findings (if applicable), sound financial management structures and timely reporting on existing funds: **Up to 5 points** _____

Applicant describes a plan for implementation of the program including a schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days and 180 days after grant award: **Up to 5 points** _____

New Project Rating Factors: Up to 75 points

The services provided are cost effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404: **Up to 10 points** _____

Demonstrates that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) and the ability to provide a copy of proposed supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) by August 10, 2026. Not required for CE projects (full points will be awarded): **Up to 15 points** _____

Demonstrates that the Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants: **Up to 15 points** _____

The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services: **Up to 15 points** _____

The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP: **Up to 10 points** _____

For SSO-Outreach Applications: (10 points)

Demonstrates the ability and willingness to participate in Coordinated Entry and HMIS (or comparable database): **Up to 3 points** _____

Demonstrates that the project has a history of or a plan to partner with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing, or independent living and said project will cooperate and not interfere with local laws against public camping and public drug use laws and is willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals: **Up to 7 points** _____

For SSO-DV Coordinated Entry Applications: (10 points)

Demonstrates that the CE system will be easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homeless assistance. And will be accessible for persons with disabilities: **Up to 3 points**_____

Demonstrates the strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs: **Up to 2.5 points:**_____

How the applicant will create a standardized assessment process: **Up to 3 points**_____

How the project will ensure that program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs: **Up to 1.5 points**_____

BONUS:

Substance Use Disorder Treatment Availability: Does the project provide on-site substance use treatment (this includes an on-site clinician providing substance abuse treatment services):

Up to 2 points _____