

**TN-502 Knoxville Knox County Continuum of Care
2026 CoC HMIS Application Scoring and Rating Criteria**

The Knoxville Knox County Continuum of Care seeks to provide a coordinated, inclusive and outcome-oriented community process for the solicitation, objective review, ranking and selection of project applications for inclusion with our CoC Collaborative Application package we submit to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

To score and then rank Continuum of Care project applications, the CoC Ranking and Review panel will use information from the Project Applicant Questionnaire, as well as relevant information from other sources, including but not limited to KnoxHMIS, the Coordinated Entry System, HUD LOCCS, CoC Project Applications, SAGE, and Agency Annual Performance Reviews. **Maximum points for each project is 100.** The Ranking and Review panel will use these scoring factors as well as HUD's CoC rules, regulations and objectives as well as local objectives to make a final determination of the acceptance and rank-order of applications we submit in our Collaborative Application. (Note: Because HMIS is a central CoC activity and is functionally different than direct housing or service projects, its scoring rubric must be somewhat altered from the others to capture its information, and is available in a separate document.)

Scoring Summary

Project Type	Threshold Review*	Objective Criteria	Supportive Service Engagement	System /Program Performance	Community Collaboration	Total Points Available
Renewals		0-50 points	0-15 points	0-25 points	0-10 points	100 (scored by Rank & Review)
New Projects	0-8 points	0-50 points	0-15 points	0-15 points	0-10 points	100 (scored by Rank and Review)
HMIS	0-4 points	0-50 points. NEW & RENEWAL.		0-40 points. NEW (up to 30) & RENEWAL (up to 40).	0-10 points NEW & RENEWAL.	100 (scored by Rank and Review)

*Threshold Review is unscored. In order to be eligible for inclusion in the final Rank and Review, project applications must meet their minimum threshold requirement by project type.

Agency:
Project Name:

Name, phone, email of contact:

Threshold Questions for Renewal & New Projects

Renewal projects are considered as having met the majority of the threshold requirements through previously approved grant applications. For Renewal and New Projects, agencies are required to submit the required certifications.

	Yes/No
Is the applicant seeking funding for an eligible project category?	
Does the project meet the threshold requirements in section V.A.4.a.5-6? (required certifications)	

New Project Threshold (0-4 points) (*for NEW PROJECTS only*)

For HUD to consider new projects as meeting project quality threshold, each new project must meet the following criteria as applicable. If awarded, **a recipient must meet all** the criteria listed in the criteria column for its component.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS): New HMIS project applications must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New HMIS projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.

	Criteria	Points Available (4)	Score
A	How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.	1	
B	The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.	1	
C	The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.	1	
D	The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.	1	

Project Administration (*new projects only*)

New Project Timelines. Will the proposed project be able to quickly step into role as the local HMIS provider, and/or is there a clear implementation plan in place?

Notes:

*This section is unscored, and is meant to help provide useful context for the Rank and Review committee.

Section 1 points (NEW HMIS PROJECTS ONLY): _____/4

Objective Criteria (0-50 points)		
Applicant Experience (15 points)		
Rating Factor	Points Available	Score
Applicant demonstrates experience with population to be served	0-5	
Applicant demonstrates experience with proposed programming type	0-5	
Applicant demonstrates experience with operating and managing a federal grant	0-5	

Cost Effectiveness and Match Funding (15 points)		
Rating Factor	Points Available	Score
Project is cost effective as compared to similar programs	0-5	
Match is appropriate for project type and supports eligible activities	0-5	
Application budget is reasonable, allocable, and allowable	0-5	

Coordinates with System Providers (20 points)		
Rating Factor	Points Available	Score
Project helps facilitate utilization of HMIS by different agencies and across participating and non-participating projects	0-6	
Proactively provides data to the community and projects to help align systemwide goals	0-6	
Demonstrates the capacity to train, problem solve, and work alongside providers to establish community wide data standards	0-8	

Section 2 points: _____/50

System/Program Performance		
New Projects (30)		
Rating Factor	Points Available	Score
Project tracks system level performance measures and impacts	0-7	
Project has information and data on client outcomes provided on website	0-7	
Organization has a dedicated data specialist or similar role	0-7	
Project describes how they intend to monitor program performance, and how any negative system impacts would be addressed	0-9	

Renewal HMIS (40)			
Rating Factor	Yes/No	Points Available	Score
Did HMIS submit complete Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data in a timely manner?		0-4	

Did HMIS submit complete Point in Time Count (PIT) data in a timely manner?		0-4	
Did HMIS engage youth serving organizations and youth experiencing homelessness in the PIT count planning process?		0-4	
Did HMIS work with youth serving organizations and the Youth Action Board to select PIT locations where youth experiencing homelessness are most likely to be identified?		0-4	
Did HMIS include youth experiencing homelessness in the actual count?		0-4	
Does HMIS have in place, or is it developing or coordinating a comparable database with DV providers to collect required data element for reporting de-identified information to the CoC?		0-5	
Is the HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for housing types within the CoC that includes emergency shelter, Safe Haven, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing above 85%?		0-5	
Did the HMIS Lead submit the 2025 Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data in a complete and timely manner?		0-5	
Did HMIS Lead publish an HMIS community report in the last 12 months?		0-5	

Section 3 points: _____/
30 (NEW PROJECTS) or 40 (RENEWAL PROJECTS)

Community Collaboration		
Rating Factor	Points Available	Score
Participation in HMIS	0-3	
Participation in the Coordinated Entry System	0-4	
Participation in the Homeless Coalition/CoC Organizational Body	0-3	

Section 4 points: _____/10

Total points: _____/100

Additional Comments: