



## New Project Threshold Criteria

<b>Transitional Housing New Project Threshold Scoring Criteria*</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Pts: Earned/Available</b>
Demonstrate that the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 2pts No – 0pts	/2
The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months or has a plan in place to ensure homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure, that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
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.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
Describe how the proposed project will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• assess the service needs of program participants,</li> <li>• and provide individualized services for program participants during their time in Transitional Housing that will result in at least 20 hours per week of engagement in services, activities or employment for all program participants, except for a program participant over age 62 or who is an individual with handicaps as defined in 24CFR 8.3 or a with a developmental disability as defined under 24 CFR 578.3 (examples of services or activities include case management, counseling, treatment, volunteering, work therapy, education, job training, community building activities, etc.) Employment may contribute to the 20 hours per week of engagement. The project description provided here does not constitute a reporting or documentation requirement.</li> </ul> Indicate that the proposed project will create service plans for each program participant that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the services to be provided, when and how often services will be provided, by whom all services will be provided;</li> <li>• program participant goals, strategies for achieving those goals, and target dates for achievement to focus on improved health and wellness, housing stability, and increased employment income leading to financial stability and self-sufficiency.</li> </ul>	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 2pts No – 0pts	/2
Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4a</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The Project will not operate drug injection or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”	<i>Montana Statewide CoC Drug Use and Distribution Policy</i>	Project Complies: Yes/No	If No, the Project <i>DOES NOT</i> move forward in the Local Competition
<b>Total Points Earned</b>			

*\*New Transitional Housing Projects must receive at least 6 out of 8 points AND comply with the Drug Use and Distribution Policy to move forward in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local Competition.*

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone New Project Threshold Scoring Criteria*			
Criteria	Source	Scoring	Pts: Earned/Available
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.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4b	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
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.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4b	Yes – 2pts No – 0pts	/2
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.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4b	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4b	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The Project will not operate drug injection or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”	Montana Statewide CoC Drug Use and Distribution Policy	Project Complies: Yes/No	If No, the Project <i>DOES NOT</i> move forward in the Local Competition
<b>Total Points Earned</b>			

\*New Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone Projects must receive at least 4 out of 5 points AND comply with the Drug Use and Distribution Policy to move forward in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local Competition.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach New Project Threshold Scoring Criteria*			
Criteria	Source	Scoring	Pts: Earned/Available
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.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4c	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
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.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4c	Yes – 2pts No – 0pts	/2
Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living. The applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws and assist/be willing to assist first responders in their efforts to engage homeless individuals.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4c	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The applicant has experience providing outreach services or a plan for providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has a plan for or has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4c	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.	2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4c	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The Project will not operate drug injection or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”	Montana Statewide CoC Drug Use and Distribution Policy	Project Complies: Yes/No	If No, the Project <i>DOES NOT</i> move forward in the Local Competition
<b>Total Points Earned</b>			

\*New Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach Projects must receive at least 5 out of 6 points AND comply with the Drug Use and Distribution Policy to move forward in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local Competition.

<b>Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) New Project Threshold Scoring Criteria*</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Pts: Earned/Available</b>
The Coordinated Entry system is easily available and reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4d</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach households experiencing homelessness with the highest needs.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4d</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
There is a standardized assessment process.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4d</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The project will ensure program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4d</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
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<b>Total Points Earned</b>			

*\*New Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) Projects must receive at least 3 out of 4 points AND comply with the Drug Use and Distribution Policy to move forward in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local Competition.*

<b>HMIS New Project Threshold Scoring Criteria*</b>			
<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Scoring</b>	<b>Points Earned/Available</b>
How the HMIS funds will be expended in a way that furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4f</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4f</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4f</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
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.	<i>2026 NOFO Section V: 4(c),4f</i>	Yes – 1pt No – 0pts	/1
The Project will not operate drug injection or safe consumption sites, knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control or conduct any of these activities under the pretext of "harm reduction."	<i>Montana Statewide CoC Drug Use and Distribution Policy</i>	Project Complies: Yes/No	If No, the Project <i>DOES NOT</i> move forward in the Local Competition
<b>Total Points Earned</b>			

*\*New HMIS Projects must receive at least 3 out of 4 points AND comply with the Drug Use and Distribution Policy to move forward in the Montana Statewide Continuum of Care Local Competition.*