

2009 Ranking Policies for HUD Homeless Assistance Grants

Passed by the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness, 4/22/2009

The 2009 Ranking Policies are passed as follows:

1. **HUD Samaritan Initiative Bonus Project(s)**
2. **New Permanent Housing Projects - \$1,000,000**
3. **Supportive Housing Initiative Project - \$160,000**
4. **HMIS Project**
5. **Renewal Projects Passing Threshold and Minimum Score In Order of Program Type, then Evaluation Tool Score:**
 - a. **Permanent Housing and Safe Haven**
 - b. **Transitional Housing**
 - c. **Supportive Services Only**
6. **Renewal Projects Not Passing Threshold or Minimum Score**
7. **New Permanent Housing Projects (remaining)**

The 2009 Ranking Policies Detail:

1. **HUD Samaritan Initiative Bonus Project(s)** - The project or projects selected for the Samaritan Initiative Bonus Project (totaling approximately \$4.2 million) will be ranked first at the top position in the project priority chart. The project(s) must meet all HUD Criteria as described in the NOFA and must be ready to proceed in calendar year 2010. The Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness stipulates that the project(s) will be withdrawn if HUD does not fund the Samaritan Initiative with new dollars.
2. **New Permanent Housing Projects (up to \$1,000,000 total)** – New permanent housing project(s) selected by the New Project Selection Panel will be ranked, totaling up to an \$1,000,000 set-aside. The New Project Selection Panel will manage the selection process of new projects, under the direction of the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness. The new project(s) must meet all HUD Criteria as described in the NOFA and must be ready to proceed in calendar year 2010.
3. **Supportive Housing Initiative Project** - Mercy Housing Lakefront's SHI Project will be ranked in the next position on the project priority chart. For the 2009 NOFA, the total funding request for the SHI project cannot exceed \$160,000. This request, for operations dollars, was a part of the original Supportive Housing Initiative Project commitment made by the Chicago Continuum of Care in 2004.
4. **HMIS Project** - The full amount of the HMIS project will be ranked and must meet all threshold criteria.
5. **Renewal Projects Passing Threshold** – All renewal projects passing threshold, and **scoring a 50 or above** on the Evaluation Instrument, will be ranked in order of their HUD component type as follows:
 - **Permanent Housing (PH) and Safe Haven (SH)** by Evaluation Instrument score*
 - **Transitional Housing (TH)** by Evaluation Instrument score*
 - **Supportive Services Only (SSO)** by Evaluation Instrument score*
6. **Renewal Projects Not Passing Threshold** - Any renewal project that does not pass threshold review criteria, or **meet the minimum score of 50**, will be ranked according to Evaluation Instrument score* in a non-competitive position after renewals passing threshold review criteria in order of #5 above.
7. **New Permanent Housing Projects (remaining)** – New permanent housing projects that were not funded with the set-aside listed above in #4, will be ranked in a non-competitive position in the order provided by the New Project Selection Panel.

* If two projects have the same score, the tiebreaker will be determined by the project's SHP request housing (including leasing and operations) to services ratio. The project with the higher housing to services ratio will be ranked above or higher than the project with the lower housing to services ratio.