**Summary of 2024 HUD CoC NOFO Scoring Tool and Policy Updates**

* **Policies:**
  + The FMCoC is not accepting new project applications for Coordinated Entry projects;
  + Puts projects on notice that Sage APRs may be used for the 2025 competition (rather than the standard competition period);
  + Changes references to the Collaborative Applicant to Homebase for conflict reasons;
  + Missing/late/seriously incomplete applications: changes discretion as to whether to review to the Review and Rank Panel;
  + Adds language to cover projects with new direct recipients or subrecipients (utilized only for grants that get transferred mid-contract);
  + Resumes auto-ranking projects without 12 months of operating data and Coordinated Entry projects (vs. the Benchmarks that have been required the past 2 years);
  + Members of the Appeals Panel should have the same qualifications as the Review and Rank Panel;
  + Only renewal projects are eligible to appeal + other changes to the appeals process;
* **Renewal Scoring Tool:**
  + Updates to Client Participation in Program Design and Policy-Making (from 5 points to 9, updated strategies to select and narratives);
  + Moved Financial Audit from scored factor to threshold;
  + Added additional Housing First strategies for selection and points;
  + Removed Narrative Factors that are not distinguishing or that will be handled outside of NOFO:
    - VAWA Compliance factor
    - Ensure Clients are Notified of their Rights
    - General Services Narrative
    - Agency Contribution to CES
    - Special Populations
  + Made Racial Equity an objectively scored factor vs. narrative;
  + Changed point values to correspond to overall decreased total points.
* **New Scoring Tool:**
  + Renewal agencies only need to complete agency questions once, even if applying for a new project;
  + All Agency updates made to renewal tool above were also made to the new tool;
  + Split the Project Access to Housing factor between RRH and PSH and created new RRH-specific scoring factors;
  + Added additional housing needs for the “Housing Meets Client Needs” factor;
  + Removed HQS and Project Outcomes factors;
  + Combined “Enroll Clients in Benefits” and “Community Coordination” and “Project Staffing” factors into the “Stabilize Clients in Housing” factor;
  + Made minor edits to the Full Utilization factors;
  + Bonus Points are for new PSH projects that are scattered site or for broad projects serving many subpopulations and disabilities;
  + Changed point values to correspond to overall decreased total points.