**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.