

MA-511 CoC Project Scoring and Selection Process with Final Ranking 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Competition

The MA-511 Continuum of Care (South Shore Network CoC) executed this year's CoC project ranking and selection process in accordance with the MA-511 Continuum of Care Policies and Procedures Manual which can be found on the CoC website at: [CoC Nuts and Bolts – South Shore Continuum of Care \(southshorecoc.org\)](https://southshorecoc.org). A summary of the process is below:

Step 1: Project Review Committee: The CoC's Project Review Committee reviews, scores, and ranks all new and renewal projects to be considered for HUD's CoC funding competition. The Executive Committee appointed the following people to complete the scoring and reviews: Sean Glennon – City of Quincy, Christine Bowes – City of Quincy, Tandah Etienne – Friends of the Homeless, and Jazmine Bradsher – City of Brockton. Kate Fulton and Liz Rogers from Father Bill's & MainSpring served as staff to the Committee. The Committee met on 8/9/23 to finalize scores and ranking for each project.

Step 2: Scoring: Renewal projects are scored using the Renewal Project Scoring Tool, which was revised this year to enhance our evaluation of project capacity, cost efficiency, and performance. Projects were reviewed and scored based on objective criteria gathered from Annual Performance Reports (APRs), narrative responses submitted by applicants, and the HUD Boston Field Office for compliance issues. Projects from victim-services providers are evaluated using the APR that pulls data from a comparable database, and the method for reviewing those projects is outlined in the CoC Policies & Procedures Manual (link above). Each of the 2023 renewal project scoring tools (PH, HMIS, CE, Racial Equity Self Report) can also be found in the CoC Policy Manual. New projects were required to submit a letter of intent and concept paper per the CoC's public notice of availability of funds no later than 7/28/23. The Project Review Committee reviewed each using the New Project Threshold Review Tool found in the CoC Policy Manual. Those meeting threshold criteria were invited to submit full applications in esnaps by 8/28/23. All proposals were asked to submit full applications this year. The Project Review Committee then scored the new projects using the New Project Scoring Tools (PH New Project Scoring Tool and the HMIS New Project Scoring Tool) also found in the CoC Policy Manual.

Step 3: Accept/Reject Project Applications: All new and renewal projects that were submitted aligned with the CoC's and HUD's priorities and scored high enough on project performance to be recommended for funding. None were rejected or reduced during the 2023 competition.

Step 4: Reallocation: This year there were no voluntary reallocations. The Review Committee did not recommend any involuntary reallocations because all renewal projects were found in the scoring process to contribute to systems performance and warrant continued funding.

Step 5: Project Ranking: The HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) required that projects be placed in two tiers:

- Tier 1: projects funded if meet eligibility and adequate CoC score = 93% of the CoC's total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
- Tier 2: funding will be based on the CoC's and project's competitive score = remaining 7% of ARD + allowable value of new Bonus or DV Bonus projects
- Ranking: The Project Review Committee proposed the following plan for ranking, which was approved by the Executive Committee on 9/8/23:
 - Permanent Housing renewals first, in order of score – to preserve the CoC-funded housing units and not put participants at risk of repeated homelessness.
 - The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) renewal project and the South Shore Coordinated Entry Project were moved ahead of the lowest-ranking PH renewal to maximize the number of projects falling into Tier 1. This resulted in the Rapid Rehousing and Supports for DV Survivors Project straddling Tier 1 and 2, with a portion of the project's 2022 expansion falling into Tier 2.

- New projects submitted for bonus funds were placed into Tier 2 after all renewals and ranked in the following manner:
 1. HMIS Brockton Expansion Project – this Bonus project to be operated by Father Bill’s & MainSpring would provide gap funding for HMIS staffing and licensure costs. The existing contract has not received an increase in over 15 years.
 2. BCIJ Consolidated Project Expansion – this Bonus project to be operated by Father Bill’s & MainSpring would expand the program to add 16 units of PSH for chronically homeless individuals. It also proposes to leverage 6 additional state-funded housing units and behavioral health services provided by Bay State Community Services.
 3. RRH & Supports for DV Survivors Expansion – this DV Bonus project would further expand the program operated by Family & Community Resources to add 10 units of RRH for survivors.
- As per the HUD NOFO, a \$451,658 planning grant will be funded separately from the tiering and ranking process as long as it meets threshold eligibility.

Step 6: Final Approval of Project Ranking and Selection: The Project Review Committee presents a recommendation to the Executive Committee, for final review and a formal vote on the projects to be included in the CoC Consolidated Application and their ranking. On September 8, 2023, the Executive Committee formally approved the project ranking and selection, which is shown below as well as on the CoC website at [CoC Nuts and Bolts – South Shore Continuum of Care \(southshorecoc.org\)](https://www.southshorecoc.org).

South Shore CoC (MA-511) Project Ranking - 2023 HUD Continuum of Care Competition							
Rank	Score	Applicant Name	Project Name	Type	Amount	Accepted / Rejected / Reduced	Project Summary
1	94	City of Quincy	Father Bill's Project	PSH	\$3,281,596	Accepted	155 scattered site units under the DedicatedPLUS model for individuals and families. 36 units are for veterans, 8 for DV survivors, and 4 for DMH clients.
2	91	Old Colony Y	Supportive Housing for Families Expansion Project	PSH	\$474,197	Accepted	17 scattered site units for chronically homeless families
3	91	Father Bill's & MainSpring	My Home Consolidated Project	PSH	\$989,133	Accepted	45 scattered site units for chronically homeless individuals and families
4	90	City of Quincy	BCIJ Consolidated Project	PSH	\$2,675,261	Accepted	116 scattered site units for chronically homeless individuals and families
5	81.5	Father Bill's & MainSpring	Work Express Housing	PSH	\$159,828	Accepted	16 units for chronically homeless individuals at Spring St., Brockton
6	100	City of Quincy	HMIS Brockton	HMIS	\$113,007	Accepted	Homeless management info system for entire CoC
7	100	City of Quincy	South Shore Coordinated Entry Project	SSO-CE	\$165,309	Accepted	Coordination and direct service staff capacity to meet HUD Coordinated Entry requirements

8	76	City of Quincy	Rapid Rehousing for DV Survivors	RRH	\$1,174,822	Accepted	45 units of RRH for survivors of DV, sexual assault, stalking
			Total Renewal		\$9,033,153		
			New Projects:				
9	100	City of Quincy	HMIS Brockton Expansion (Bonus)	HMIS	\$149,996	Accepted	HMIS gap funding for staff and software license fees
10	96	City of Quincy	BCIJ Consolidated Project Expansion (Bonus)	PSH	\$481,197	Accepted	PSH for 16 homeless individuals
11	96	City of Quincy	RRH & Supports for DV Survivors Expansion (DV Bonus)	RRH	\$371,794	Accepted	RRH services for 10 additional families who are survivors of domestic violence
NA	NA	City of Quincy	Planning Grant	Planning	\$451,658	Accepted	Funds for CoC planning, coordinated entry process, application preparation, project monitoring, homeless census, etc.
			Total 2023 Funding Request		\$10,487,798		