

Summary of October 2025 Updates to TXBoS CoC Competition Policies

General Updates

- Consolidated four separate Competition Policies into a single unified document.
- Added a **Table of Contents** and a **Version Updates** table for improved navigation and transparency.
- Minor edits throughout to improve grammar, clarity, and flow.

Purpose & Scope

- Combined introductory paragraphs from all four policies into a single, cohesive introduction.
- Added a new section: **Recusal of Conflicted Members of the TX BoS CoC Board**, defining conflict of interest and outlining recusal requirements.

Review and Scoring Policy

- Reorganized **Review Process** and **Scoring Process** to clearly distinguish procedures for **Renewal vs. New Applicants**.
- Updated **Eligibility Requirements** and **Scoring Criteria** to use “including, but not limited to” language for flexibility.
- Removed specific procedural timelines (e.g., “72 hours”) and replaced with general language to allow adaptability to future NOFOs.
- Added detailed guidance for evaluating **Victim Service Providers**, including use of comparable databases and alternative benchmarks.
- Introduced a new **Bonus Points Policy**:
 - Removed fixed 10-point cap per project.
 - Allows annual determination of bonus categories and values based on HUD priorities, gaps analysis, and community input.

Ranking Policy

- Added explicit language regarding **Non-Conflicted Members of the CoC Board** as decision-makers.

- Expanded discretion for ranking projects in **Tier 1 and Tier 2**, including:
 - Strategic placement of New Projects in Tier 1.
 - Consideration of multi-year performance trends for Renewal Projects.
 - Flexibility to adjust rankings based on CoC priorities and funding preservation.

Conditional Inclusion Policy

- Broadened criteria for **Conditional Inclusion** beyond the previous limit of two thresholds.
- Clarified that **Quality Review Plans (QRPs)** and technical assistance will be tailored to project needs.
- Updated procedures to allow flexible timing and frequency of QRPs, regardless of annual or biennial competition cycles.

Reallocation Policy

- Added **Discretionary Reallocation Authority** to the Involuntary Reallocation section:
 - Allows the CoC Board to consider strategic alignment, underutilization, and compliance issues.
- Updated **Involuntary Reallocation Procedure**:
 - Includes multi-year performance and spending analysis.
 - Clarifies that agencies will be notified and given opportunity to provide context before decisions.
- Clarified **Voluntary Reallocation Procedure**:
 - Specifies eligibility criteria and responsibilities for agencies choosing to reallocate.
 - Emphasizes technical assistance and participant protection during transitions.