

VTBoS FY26 CoC Priority Listing Memo

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide context and rationale to support VT BoS Ranking Committee decisions on ranking, reductions and rejections reflected on the VT BoS Priority Listing that requires Board approval. Board members may ask questions about the process and decisions but may not interfere with scoring decisions already made by the VT BoS Ranking Committee.

Authority for Ranking Committee Decisions and Process

- VT BoS Ranking Committee used the authority granted to it by VT BoS's [Reallocation Policy](#), approved June 16, 2026, to make decisions on reallocating, rejecting and reducing project amounts.
- VT BoS Ranking Committee followed VT BoS's Ranking Strategy, approved July 30, 2026, and [restated below](#), to rank projects based on the approved strategy that optimizes VT BoS's chances of receiving funding for Tier 2 projects.

Note on Future Criteria from Rating & Ranking Committee

The Committee has reviewed multiple years of renewal grants that are very underspent, and with the shift in funding opportunities this year, the Committee recommends placing a minimum threshold of 50-55% grant spenddown on renewal grants for any renewal recipients that are applying for new projects. The Committee is excited to see how these new projects compete nationally and how they impact Vermont positively if awarded.

Context

- Total 2026 funds available to VT BoS are estimated at **\$9,499,009**.
 - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$7,411,755
 - CoC Bonus: \$1,111,763
 - DV Bonus: \$604,903
 - Planning Grant: \$370,588
- HUD requires CoCs to rank all renewal and new projects, except CoC Planning, as part of the competition. Ranking must be based on project outcomes on HUD performance measures and local priorities. HUD allocates funds in two "Tiers".
 - Tier 1: \$4,447,053. 60% of ARD to fund existing projects
 - Tier 2: \$4,681,368. Remaining ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus

2026 VT BoS-Approved* Ranking Strategy

Tier 1 (\$4,447,053)

1. All renewal (non-transition) projects are ranked according to renewal evaluation scores, based on the VT BoS Board-approved renewal evaluation criteria.
 - a. Based on renewal scores and with particular focus on unused grant funds, reallocation will be applied to lower scoring projects to ensure that renewal projects fit in Tier 1, as articulated in VT BoS's Rating, Ranking, & Reallocation Policy.
2. HMIS and SSO-CE project renewals at the bottom of Tier 1 (\$250,367).
3. If VT BoS's existing PSH project is unable to submit as a renewal, VT BoS will consider ranking new PSH project(s) in Tier 1.

Tier 2 (\$4,681,368)

1. New TH or SSO projects that are submitted as 'transition' or 'replacement' applications by organizations with renewal grants awarded in 2025.
 - a. These projects will be ranked according to renewal evaluation score.
 - b. Includes PH to non-PH transition grants.
2. New TH, SSO, SSO-SO, and SSO-CE grants that are NOT being submitted as a transition grant or DV Bonus.
 - a. Projects will be selected until remaining Tier 2 funds are exhausted.
 - b. These projects will be ranked according to new project scoring criteria.
3. To the extent there are remaining Tier 2 funds available, new permanent housing projects that are NOT being submitted as a transition grant or DV Bonus will be ranked according to new project scoring criteria.
4. New DV Bonus projects in order of application score up to \$604,903.

**Note: Since VT BoS approved the FY26 Ranking Strategy, HUD released its [FY26 Annual Renewal Demand Report](#). This report revealed that the DV Bonus was calculated on a different basis than ARD, which resulted in a much lower amount of available DV Bonus funding (\$604,903), which also lowered the overall Tier 2 amount.*

2026 Project Reduction and Rejection Rationale

Context

VT BoS received New, Expansion, and Replacement grant funding requests totaling \$4,534,600, exclusive of DV Bonus requests, which were \$364,701. Below is a breakdown of how HUD's permitted amounts intersect with local requests.

Funding Type	Total Local Request	Allowable HUD Request	Amount reduced
Renewals (Tier 1)	\$4,484,976	\$4,447,053	\$37,923
CoC Bonus + Reallocation (Tier 2)	\$4,534,600	\$4,076,465	\$458,135
DV Bonus (Tier 2)	\$364,701	\$604,903	N/A
			\$496,058

Tier 1 Reductions

Based on renewal project scores, the lowest scoring, competitively ranked project was VSHA's A Way Home Permanent Supportive Housing project, with a score of 16%. This project received a reduction of \$37,923, making the project's total request \$759,956. Coordinated Entry and HMIS projects are listed at the bottom of Tier 1 but are not subject to competitive funding cuts.

Tier 2 CoC Bonus + Reallocation Reductions

Projects were ranked in Tier 2 according to the CoC approved ranking strategy. The lowest ranked project in the CoC portion of Tier 2 was VSHA's PSH Expansion grant. This project was reduced by \$458,135, making the project's total request \$434,113.

Tier 2 DV Bonus

Two projects were submitted, totaling \$364,701. These requests did not exceed the HUD allowed amount of \$604,903, so no reductions were applied.

Voluntary Reallocations

Three voluntary reallocations were submitted this year.

- VSHA: Shelter Plus Care Statewide PSH grant: \$1,035,461 Full Reallocation
- VSHA: A Way Home Rural PSH grant: \$558,162 Full Reallocation
- Brattleboro HA: BraHA PSH grant: \$150,000 Partial Reallocation

VT-500 - VT BoSCoC FY2026 CoC Program Project Ranking

Applicant Name	Project Type	Project Name	Amount Requested from HUD	Reallocated Funds	Score	Rank	New/Renew/Expand/Reallocate	Status	Tier
Washington County Mental Health Services	RRH	Recovery and Reentry Rapid Rehousing	\$439,678	\$0	81%	1	Renewal	Accepted	1
NewStory Center, Inc.	RRH	NewStory Center Rapid Rehousing	\$171,019	\$0	59%	2	Renewal	Accepted	1
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA CoC-PSH (PTH) FY24	\$1,668,533	\$0	49%	3	Renewal	Accepted	1
Brattleboro Housing Authority	PSH	BraHA2024	\$192,334	-\$150,000	30%	4	Renewal - Partial Reallocation	Accepted	1
Groundworks Collaborative, Inc	SSO-SO	ReachOutWorks	\$138,756	\$0	30%	5	Renewal	Accepted	1
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA CoC-PSH ("AWH") FY24	\$759,956	-\$37,923	16%	6	Renewal - Reduced	Accepted	1
State of Vermont	SSO-CE	Coordinated Entry Partnership Combined	\$952,609	0	N/A	7	Renewal	Accepted	1
Institute for Community Alliances	HMIS	Vermont BoS HMIS	\$124,168	\$0	N/A	8	Renewal	Accepted	1
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	TH	New Transitional Housing	\$935,035	\$0	84%	9	Replacement	Accepted	2
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	SSO	New Supportive Services Only Standalone	\$229,485	\$0	80%	10	Replacement	Accepted	2
Dismas of Vermont	TH	Community Beds at Rutland Dismas House and Women's Dismas House (Rutland County)	\$108,649	\$0	100%	11	New	Accepted	2
Vermont State Housing Authority	TH	VSHA COC-TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ("VSHA COC-TH")	\$2,014,350	\$0	94.0%	12	New	Accepted	2
Groundworks	SSO-SO	REACHOUT WORKS EXPANSION	\$263,487	\$0	91.5%	13	Expansion	Accepted	2
Lamoille Community House	SSO-SO	Lamoille Street Outreach Team	\$91,346	\$0	72%	14	New	Accepted	2
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA EXPANSION VT0077	\$434,113	\$0	94.5%	15	Expansion	Accepted	2
NewStory Center	TH	Transitional Housing Project	\$215,936	\$0	100%	16	New	Accepted	2
Umbrella	RRH	Umbrella Rapid Rehousing Program	\$148,765	\$0	92%	17	New	Accepted	2

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TIER 1 PROJECTS ACCEPTED

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Institute for Community Alliances	HMIS	Vermont BoS HMIS	\$ 124,168	N/A	8	Renewal	1
		TIER 1 Subtotal	\$4,447,053		\$0		

TIER 2 PROJECTS ACCEPTED	Project Type	Project Name	Accepted Amount	Score	Rank	New/Renew/Expand/Reallocate	Tier
Elevate Youth Services, Inc.	TH	New Transitional Housing	\$935,035	84%	9	Replacement	2
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Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA EXPANSION VT0077	\$434,113	94.5%	15	Expansion	2
		Tier 2 without DV Bonus subtotal	\$4,076,465				
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Umbrella	RRH	Umbrella Rapid Rehousing Program	\$148,765	92%	17	New	2
		DV Bonus subtotal	\$364,701		\$240,202		

OTHER PROJECTS ACCEPTED

HHA V	Planning	FY26 VT BoS Planning Grant	\$370,588
		Other subtotal	\$370,588

TOTAL HUD REQUEST	\$9,258,807
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FUNDING TYPE - FY26	AMOUNT
Tier 1	\$4,447,053
Tier 2 (Remaining ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus)	\$4,681,368
Planning	\$370,588
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$9,499,009
TOTAL APPLIED FOR	\$9,258,807

REJECTED or REDUCED PROJECTS

Applicant Name	Project Type	Project Name	Rejected or Reduced Amount	Score	Rank
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA CoC-PSH ("AWH") FY24	\$37,923	16%	6
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA EXPANSION VT0077	\$458,135	94.5%	15

Estimated ARD Report Numbers
\$4,447,053 Tier1
\$2,964,702 Remaining ARD
\$1,111,763 CoC Bonus
\$604,903 DV Bonus
\$370,588 CoC Planning

REDUCED PROJECT AMOUNTS - VOLUNTARY REALLOCATION

Applicant Name	Project Type	Project Name	Rejected or Reduced Amount
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA CoC-PSH ("S+C") FY24	\$1,035,461
Brattleboro Housing Authority	PSH	BraHA2024	\$150,000
Vermont State Housing Authority	PSH	VSHA CoC-PSH ("AWH - Rural") FY22	\$558,162
Subtotal			\$1,743,623