



2026 Annual Project Evaluation Guidance

Overview

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made funding available to provide housing and support services to homeless persons through an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition across 400 Continuums of Care (CoC).

The NYC CoC conducts a performance evaluation for all HUD-funded projects to help inform the project ranking used in the NOFO application.¹ **The 2026 Evaluation is based on the 2025 calendar year (1/1/2025 to 12/31/2025).**

Evaluation Approach

The Evaluation score is based on a project's **HMIS performance**. **HMIS Performance** is calculated from several HMIS metrics for the 2025 calendar year. HMIS metrics used in the Evaluation are listed in the table below.

In addition to **HMIS Performance**, **Spend-Down** and **CAPS Participation** will also be considered for evaluation purposes. Spend-Down is collected from financial data provided by the SAGE system. **CAPS Participation** will be based on if an HMIS project is participating in the CAPS system. This is defined as the project being active in CAPS and having an up-to-date turnaround document (TAD) report.

Evaluation Timeline

Activity	Calendar	Resources
Evaluation Information Session (x2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of Evaluation Guidance, which includes a Timeline and HMIS User Guide 	Week of 4/20	NYC DSS HMIS & CoC Teams
HMIS Team runs HMIS Evaluation Tool for PSH HUD-funded projects	Week of 5/11	NYC DSS HMIS Team
Publish Annual Project Evaluation Results	Week of 6/15	NYC DSS HMIS Team

¹ Ranking criteria and considerations will vary depending on the priorities of the 2026 NOFO. They may include factors like funding sources, populations served, and the project's 2025 annual evaluation score.



HMIS Metrics and Evaluation Weighting by Project Type

Metric Category	Metric	PSH	RRH (Existing Projects)	RRH (New Projects) ²	TH
Housing Stabilization	% of persons who remain in PSH or exit to permanent housing	45%			
	% of persons who exit to permanent housing		40%		40%
	% exiting to non-homeless destinations		5%		5%
	% moved in of those served more than 30 days		15%	60%	
	% moved in between 8 and 90 days		5%	20%	
Utilization	% average project utilization	30%			10%
	% ESNAPS target number of people served		5%	5%	
Income & Benefits	% of people who maintained or increased any income from project start to latest annual assessment or exit	5%			
	% of people who increased earned income from project start to latest annual assessment or exit		15%		25%
	% of people with 1 or more sources of non-cash benefits at latest annual assessment or exit	5%			5%
	% of people with health insurance as of latest assessment	5%			5%
Data Quality	% of overall non-missing or invalid data for the following categories of data fields ³ : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personally Identifying Information (Name, DOB, Race and Ethnicity)⁴ • Universal Data Elements (Project Start Date, Relationship to Head of Household, Disabling Condition)⁵ • Income and Housing Quality (Exit Destination, Income and Sources at Start, Income and Sources at Annual Assessment, Income and Sources at Exit) 	10%	15%	15%	10%

² New RRH projects are projects that are evaluated for the first time in 2026.

³ Each category will make up an equal proportion of the overall score.

⁴ Source APR Q6a. Does not include Social Security Number or Gender.

⁵ Source APR 66b. Does not include Veteran Status or Enrollment CoC.



Metric Category	Metric	PSH	RRH (Existing Projects)	RRH (New Projects) ²	TH
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chronic Homelessness (<i>PSH only</i>: % of records unable to calculate chronic homelessness)⁶ Housing Move-in-Date (<i>PSH only</i>: % of housed clients with missing housing move-in-dates) 				
HMIS Uploads	% of monthly uploads that were uploaded to <i>and</i> accepted into the HMIS warehouse within the first 10 business days of the month.	For 2026, all projects will automatically receive the same number of points for HMIS uploads.			

Notes:

- Only PSH, TH, and RRH projects will be evaluated. SNOFO and YHDP programs that do not have a PSH, TH, or RRH designation will not be evaluated.
- TH-RRH programs will be evaluated as an RRH program.
- The HMIS Evaluation Tool will be used to calculate performance for PSH projects.
- TH and RRH projects will be evaluated by the HMIS team using calendar year 2025 APRs in the HMIS Data warehouse.
- **Victim Service Providers (VSPs) will submit their 2025 calendar year APRs to the HMIS Team for evaluation.**
- There are no formal appeals for the 2026 Evaluation. Providers may contact the HMIS Team directly to discuss differences in their spend-down reports with SAGE, and data discrepancies/alignment between their individual HMIS-compliant source systems and the NYC Data warehouse used by NYC DSS.

Project Spend-Down

Fully drawing down on funds by the conclusion of a contract year is a HUD requirement and projects are expected to make roughly equal drawdowns at least quarterly. Evaluation points for drawdowns are based on a scale. Funds not spent by the end of a contract period are recaptured by HUD and could signal that the contract is too large and needs to be right-sized. Projects that have been unable to draw down their funds due to experiencing technical issues with LOCCS must notify the HUD Field Office and the NYC CoC immediately.



Questions

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- General inquiries, process, approach, timeline
- Spend-Down
- VSP APRs
- RRH projects

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- HMIS Evaluation Tool for PSH
- PSH projects
- TH projects