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**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:00:00** Welcome everyone, and thanks to today's debriefing webinar. Uh, we're very happy you've all joined. We have a great turnout today. Uh, I'm going to just jump right into things. We have a lot of content we want to share with you. I want to start with some housekeeping notes. First of all, I'm Norm Sochar. I'm the director of HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs, uh, the Snaps Office, and you have many other snaps uh, staff here to, uh, answer questions, to present information. Uh, if you have any questions, please type them in the chat window. Uh, and if you don't mind, please, uh, please put to everyone in the chat, we want everyone to see the benefit of, uh, the questions and our responses. We will, as you can see on the slide, we will post a recording of today's session. It takes a few days. Uh, we will also post a chat, uh, sorry, a copy of the chat and q and a content.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:00:58** Uh, we are asking you actually not to use the q and a feature, but to put things in the chat window, uh, that way, uh, it's a little easier for us to, uh, to, um, keep everything all in one place. Uh, I see from the comments that may be not everyone has access to the chat window. I'm just going to ask the event producer if you can, uh, take a look and see if you can make the everyone option available to everyone. Uh, for those of you who do not have, who can't hear what I'm saying, I guess this is kind of a, uh, not going to work this way, but if you're having trouble with audio, uh, please go ahead and, uh, put something in the chat window. The event producer will help you, uh, uh, and provide some information to help you get connected to audio. Um, so again, put, uh, put things in the chat window, uh, and we will answer questions from the chat panel, uh, during and after the presentation. So let's go to the next slide, please.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:02:08** So, if you don't know how to, uh, see the chat window, uh, this little graphic here, ha, is sort of at the bottom of your screen and there is a little, uh, bubble to the right that has one of those iMessage bubbles or, uh, whatever other messaging service you use. And it says chat. If you click on that, everyone, uh, to, if you click on that, you will be able to see the chat window. Uh, you can expand it, uh, to make it a little bigger so it's easier to see what is going on. Um, but, uh, again, and I, the event producer has turned on the everyone. So again if you can send your chats to everyone, uh, that would be great. Uh, so let's go to the next slide, please.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:02:58** So, I'm going to start here with, uh, let's go to the next slide, please. I'm going to start with an overview of the competition, uh, and then we will dive into, uh, many of these topics as we go. Next slide, please. Great. So, for an overview of funding, uh, HUD awarded actually close to \$3.2 billion, uh, in funding, including about \$196 million for new projects. You can see the breakdown of funding for those new projects. Uh, 81 million for new permanent supportive housing projects, 60 million for new wrapped rehousing, 34 million for new joint transitional housing, rapid rehousing projects, uh, 12 million for coordinated debt entry and 5 million for HMIS. Many of these projects were related to DV bonus funding, domestic violence bonus funding. Uh, latoya will come on in a few minutes and talk more about that. So let's go to our next slide. Next slide please. I want to provide an overview of how does the competition work, how do people, uh, how do we select projects?

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:04:09** So, as you know, uh, if you work really closely with the, uh, COC applications and you submit the, uh, priority listings, there are two tiers of funding. So we ask every COC to submit a ranked list of all their projects. And, uh, whatever's on the list that is within, at the

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top of the list, uh, for the first 93% of a C C'S a RD annual renewal demand, uh, those are projects that are in tier one. We review those to be sure that they meet eligibility criteria and that they pass certain threshold requirements. Uh, but if they do, then they are awarded, uh, projects that are ranked lower than tier one on a community's priority listing are, uh, in tier two. And those, we also review to be sure they meet threshold and that they're eligible and all those things. But then they are subject to a competitive process.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:05:12** And that competitive process, uh, really is not just within one particular community, but between different, uh, COCs. So I want to, uh, talk a little bit about, um, there are a couple things that are excluded from the tiering process. So they're, uh, they're not competitively awarded, and those include COC planning grants, UFA cost grants. And this year, YHDP grants, other than grants for tier, uh, sorry for round one of YHDP, uh, round one of YHDP was in, in the tiering process. But rounds two and later, uh, were awarded non-com competitively and not included in the tiering process. Uh, uh, so let's go to, oh, and, uh, wanted to do a quick, uh, summary of how much a community was eligible for total. And, uh, so, uh, the total amount of community was eligible for, uh, was the COCs, um, annual renewal demand, uh, plus, uh, amounts available for, uh, COC and DV bonus projects. Uh, plus whatever you had for, if you're around two or later YHDP Community, youth Homelessness Demonstration program community, uh, then those amounts as well. Let's go to the next slide, please.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:06:44** So, um, how do we decide how much, uh, which tier two projects get funded? Well, there are three factors we use. The first is the COC score. So that's the most important, uh, most important factor, and it's worth up to 50 points. Uh, so A COC that theoretically got all 200 points on their COC score would've gotten 50 points in this ranking. Uh, and everything else is proportional. So if you had a hundred and a hundred points, then you would've gotten 25 points, uh, for this, uh, for your tier two project COC score. The second most important factor is what we call COC project ranking. I will discuss this more in a second. Because we have a graphic on the next slide that describes this, but this is worth up to 40 points. Essentially, it is a measure of how the COC ranked the project.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:07:42** So projects, uh, near the top of tier two on the C C's priority listing are going to get, uh, close to 40 points and ones that are at the bottom. Uh, if the COC applied for everything it was eligible for are going to get near zero points. So this is a way for us to give weight to how the, how the COC ranked those projects. And then the third factor was commitment to housing first, uh, practices. Uh, so that was worth up to 10 points. So let's go to the, and by the way, uh, any project that committed to, uh, to using housing first practices is going to be required, uh, to actually operate, uh, you know, consistent with housing first practices. Uh, so that gets incorporated into the, um, applicant's, uh, grant agreement. So let's go to the next slide, please. And here we have a graphic that sort of describes, uh, how the tiering process works.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:08:42** And I apologize. I know these are really small, uh, letters, so it's a little hard to read. Uh, but I find that a graphic is a much easier way to, uh, to see sort of how we do the tier two score. So first of all, we, we have a grant. We have a COC with, uh, with several projects, um, seven projects in total. So A through G, uh, A through D are completely in tier one. We cut off A, B, and C because those aren't important. They're all in tier one. And the, the stack of the bar here is just how much the project is applying for. So you see that we just sort of stack the projects A, B, C,

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D, and part of e are located within this particular, this is a fake COC, this is not anybody's real data. Uh, but, um, uh, up to that tier one line, uh, the first four projects plus part of the fifth project are all in tier one.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:09:46** So we reviewed those four projects plus the tier one portion of that fifth project. If they met threshold requirements, the project was awarded. Uh, and in the case of that fifth project, uh, if the only the tier one part of the project, uh, was awarded, then you would just get a reduced amount for the project equal to whatever was, uh, in tier one. And then for the second part of that f that that project E and for project F and G, uh, these, this is how we calculate that project score. Again, we keep this stat going, and you can kind of imagine there's just this ruler on the left side, and you just draw a line from the middle of the project to the, you know, ruler. And that determines how many points, uh, that project is going to get. In the nofo, there's actually a, uh, a formula, uh, it's a rather sort of, uh, complicated looking formula. Uh, it might take you back to your algebra nightmares in high school. Uh, we apologize for that, but this is what that formula does, is it stacks up all the projects and it, uh, it sort of assigns, it finds out where on the ruler each of those projects, uh, lands. And that gives us the, um, that gives us the amount that you got for that COC project ranking score. Uh, let's go to the next slide, please.

**Norm Suchar, HUD 00:11:20** So now I'm going to turn things over to Latoya, who is going to walk us through the DV bonus selection and ranking process. So, latoya, over to you.

**LaToya Young, HUD 00:11:30** Thanks, norm. Um, hi everyone. I'm Latoya Young and I'm going to go over the DV bonus awards. Um, so as a reminder, the DV bonus is available for projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. CoCs could apply for up to 10% of its preliminary pr, otherwise known as the PPRN, to create a new DV bonus project, or a minimum of 50,000. If 10% of the COC's PPRN is less than 50,000 or a maximum of 5 million, um, if 10% of the COC'S PPRN is more than 5 million or whichever is less. And so in terms of the scoring, um, HUD of water, a point value to each DV bonus project application, combining both the COC application score and responses to the DV bonus specific questions in the COC application using a 100 point scale. And so, as we've outlined here on the screen for the rapid rehousing, joint the component and the permanent housing wrap rehousing, we awarded up to 50 points for the COC score.

**LaToya Young, HUD 00:13:00** There were up to 10 points awarded for the COC collaboration with victim service providers. Um, there were also up to 10 points provided to the, the need, uh, for the project, um, part of the application. Um, there were up to 15 points for the quality of the project applicant experience in the DV bonus. Um, in addition to that, up to eight points for the demonstration of inclusion of victim service practice, Vic, I'm sorry, victim-centered practices. And then up to seven points awarded for the demonstration of, uh, the COC'S plan or the DV bo DV bonus project to include survivors with lived expertise. Now, when we get down to the supportive services only coordinated entry component, then um, up to 50 points were awarded to the COC score. In addition to that, there were up to 10 points for the COC collaboration with victim service providers, um, and then, uh, up to 25 points for the need of the project. And then last, but not least, up to 15 points for the demonstration, um, of the plan to include survivors with lived expertise. Next slide, please.

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**LaToya Young, HUD 00:14:21** Okay, so, um, here's a little bit about how the awards were awarded for the DV bonus for FY 23 competition. HUD awarded DV bonus projects to 47, um, Continuum of Cares in 24 states. That also includes CLCs and rural, suburban and urban communities. And so of those new DV bonus project awarded, um, 991,000 was awarded for SSO coordinated entry projects. There was also 9.6 million awarded for the joint transitional housing, rapid rehousing projects. And then there was also 23.8 million, um, for the rapid rehousing projects under the DB bonus. And so that's a little bit about the DB bonus. Um, and so I'm going to turn things over to Karen to talk about our next slides, Karen.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:15:26** Okay. Can everybody hear me?

**LaToya Young, HUD 00:15:29** Yes, we can hear you Karen

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:15:33** <laugh>. Okay, thank you. Um, okay. So, um, next slide please. Okay, so thank you Norman LaToya for that overview. Um, I'm going to dig down a little deeper and talk, um, specifically about the, the Continuum of Care application, um, and provide you with an overview on that. Um, next slide, please. Oh, sorry, sorry, there. Um, so the, one of the biggest pieces that we are looking at and that we're reviewing in the COC application is we're looking for you all to describe your local competition, right? So we're looking to make sure that you're ranking projects based on performance and needs. We're looking to make sure that you're reviewing all project applications, excuse me, we check to make sure all local deadlines are met. So it's important that all attachments are clear. We'll talk about that a lot over the next several slides. Um, so these are some of the one, just big piece of that, um, that consolidated application that we have an entire team looking at, um, all the pieces that go into the local competition.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:16:41** Next slide, please. So, why do some CoCs receive increased funding? Um, basically they receive increased funding because they score higher by demonstrating a couple of different things in their application. And those things are listed here. So, um, they're able to, uh, demonstrate that they've reduced homelessness in their communities. They're able to demonstrate that they've used performance criteria to rank projects, they've increased our age unit. They, um, are able to explain their commitment and demonstrate their commitment to helping first, um, or they've relo uh, reallocated lower performing projects. So those are ways that you can score well, um, in the application. Um, next slide please. The next set of slides we're going to flip to when scores are below average. Um, so the good news is that, um, on average for any given question, roughly, um, you know, three quarters of COC, 73% of C Cs got full points on, on any given question. So that's great. But we also, you know, recognize that there's a quarter or 25% or, you know, around that may not be scoring well. Um, so over the next few slides, I'm going to talk a little bit more in depth around each of these points that you see here on the slide, reasons why, um, uh, CS may score lower on any given question.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:18:05** Uh, as you can see here, sometimes, um, responses are not complete or the responses don't meet the criteria that's outlined in the detailed instructions in order to give you full points. And we also come across, um, areas where the question may be unclear, and that's where we try to improve upon in the next, in, in the following, um, years if we're able to. Um, before we go to the next slide, and I get a little bit more in depth, I just want to note that SNAP staff does a lot of analysis at the end of each competition to see where questions can be improved on, um, to see where we can improve on the detailed instructions and where we can

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provide additional guidance to CS throughout the year on certain topics. So, um, we, we do look very closely at the scores and what we're seeing in the scores and the trends in order to be able to help you guys, you know, improve each year. Uh, next slide please.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:19:02** Okay, so one of the first things on the previous slide we mentioned that one of the reasons COCs may score lower on some applications, um, or some questions, sorry, is that, um, answers may be incomplete. Um, so we pay attention to these when we're, um, evaluating and looking at scores. And we find oftentimes, um, the questions that we see that people do are not able to provide complete answers, where there's a lot of parts to the question we ask you to re to kind of respond about all things identified in a question. And I have examples later on, or, um, a lot of times incomplete answers are also kind of the symptom of, um, the question's not clear. And we'll talk about that in a couple of slides as well. Next slide, please. So this is an example of an, um, where we see some incomplete answers, um, answers incomplete, uh, yeah, I guess incomplete answers on the questions.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:20:00** Um, this is an example of missing information. Oftentimes either the attachment isn't there. Um, this is question one E one, sorry, this is where we ask for proof of the web posting of your Co C's local competition deadline. And often, um, the attachment just isn't there. Um, we've, we've, uh, noticed sometimes that people may, um, attach the wrong file. They think they're attaching their, the screenshot of their web posting, and it's the wrong file. So obviously we can't give credit for that. Um, or the date may be missing from the attachments. So it's a web posting is a screenshot, but there's no date, so we can't see that. It's proof that, you know, that's when you posted. Um, we also see folks entering dates outside of the required timeframe here, and that that obviously will impact your score as well. Uh, next slide, please,

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:20:52** Karen

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:20:53** Uhhuh <affirmative>.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:20:55** Uh, so can we back up to that slide for a second? Uh, another issue that we find is when we are, when we are looking at deadlines and posting requirements, we are talking about the whole competition. So we need to see evidence that you posted, uh, these public postings in advance of the deadlines. And for people, this is especially, uh, true for people who, uh, for, for communities that do their competitions, before even we might announce our competition, it's important to have that documentation showing that you, uh, posted stuff in advance. And this, and this is, could be NOI and I, notices of intent or RFP requests that are actually a part of the competition. Uh, some CLCs require people to, to say they want to apply before they actually let them apply. So any kind of thing that you would have required as part of the competition, whatever that first thing was, we, and, and subsequent things that require a public post, we want to see that it was posted in advance of the deadline.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:22:10** Perfect. Thank you, Kevin. I think we can go on. Yep. So, um, I also mentioned on a previous slide, unclear questions. Um, and as I said, we do a lot of analysis looking at scores, looking at how people scored each question just to see where's, you know, where we can improve either our guidance. And sometimes we do kind of come to the conclusion that if the question probably wasn't as clear as it could have been, and sometimes we just can't see that until we see your, your answers and how people are scoring. Um, so again, if I said we may make

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changes to the question, we may make changes to the detail instruction or both for the next competition. Um, one thing that we have found is people, you may, you know, be hearing this and think, well, how is that fair? We have looked very closely to make sure, usually when a question is unclear, it's unclear for everybody.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:22:59** Um, we've looked very closely to make sure this, these are really not negatively impacting COC scores. Um, because again, it's something that we need to improve upon for everyone. Um, and generally, you know, if a question's unclear, it's just unclear across the board and people just, you know, aren't scoring that great, um, on the question. And we want to do better than the following year. So the next slide is actually, I think, a great example of this. This is, this is one of our newer questions. Um, we, we observed some incomplete answers for this question, and we suspect that it may be because the question could have been clearer. So we're hoping to improve on this. If this question is something that we ask again, um, an example of how we may clarify this. So you see this is question one C five E, and, um, we're asking about emergency transfer planning.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:23:48** This is in respect to, um, you know, uh, uh, responding to folks with, uh, dating violent sexual assault, stalking, um, domestic violence histories. And as you can see at the bottom part of the detailed instructions was asking you to describe, you know, how you communicate, whether you have policies around emergency transfer plans, the process that clients, um, have to take to request an emergency transfer plan. And then finally, the process that you use to respond to individuals. This, there's just a lot in this question, and we think that we can do better. Um, one of the things, rather than say, describe how you, um, whether you have policies and procedures, that could be a yes or no, do you have policies and procedures? So these are some of the things, um, that we, you know, that we try to improve upon and that we look for each year when we're looking at how people scored on a question and, and, you know, and then looking at the question to see where we can improve upon.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:24:45** So we just want you to know that we're definitely, um, looking to see where we can improve as well. Next slide, please. Um, so this is actually just again, to this, uh, the DV question in the emergency transfer question. We also want to make sure some of these, again, there were a lot of new questions this year on survivors of domestic violence and dating violence, and we want to make sure that you guys have resources, not just when you're seeing the question in the, in the competition, but that you have resources and you know, what's available throughout the year. Um, so we, you know, we want to make sure that we're doing a good job, again throughout the year, letting you guys know that there were webinars about, um, you know, uh, V 2022, and we do have, um, tools available to you, um, related to emergency transfer planning. So that's something that we're also, um, you know, working hard to make sure throughout the year that you guys have access to all of this and you're aware of, of this information. Next slide, please.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:25:47** Okay. So one of the final things that we're, um, that we noticed and we observed when, uh, COCs are scoring, uh, kind of below average on some of the questions, um, or is that third point that was on that first slide where COCs just aren't meeting the criteria. And really, we find this as most common with questions on performance and data. And we know that really this, this reflects, there's really nothing, um, this reflects the reality on the ground. Um, I want to go to the next slide. Because this is the example. I feel like we use it every year, but it's the best,

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one of the best ways to, um, kind of show where OCS just don't meet the criteria, but we try to, um, help you guys or try to, you know, give you guys a chance to explain, um, oh, sorry, next slide please.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:26:36** So this is question two A five. This is the bed coverage question. Um, you either love it or you hate it. I think, in my opinion, um, these are the kinds of questions that we know based on the data that we have. Uh, not everybody's going to get full points. Um, we know that only about 55% of COCs meet the maximum point requirement of 85% bed coverage across the board. So that means that only 55% of our COCs are going to get full points on this question. So we, um, we allow you, or we provide you an opportunity to explain why, you know, per perhaps your emergency shelter beds are not at 85%, why are they at, you know, 50% or, you know, at 0%. If you've got one faith-based rescue mission, and they, you can, you know, you've tried for years and you can't get them to use HMIS, we do provide opportunity for communities to explain why the coverage is below 85%.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:27:35** Um, we do that, you know, this enables us to give you partial points or buyback points. May not equate to full points, but it also is not completely dinging you. Um, and we're also looking to see, you know, what you're doing, you know, um, hopefully you're continuing to work with folks, um, to try to increase that bed coverage. But, um, um, so that, you know, this again, is an example of just where we know they're, they're just, you know, you're not able to demonstrate that you're meeting the criteria, but we also want to work with you and not ding you completely, um, if it's something that you know you're working on, but it's just, you know, something that is difficult to do in your particular community. So hopefully these examples have been helpful, helpful for you, and you'll keep them in mind. Um, for future competition, what I'd like to do now is turn it over to Kevin Turner. He's a snap specialist. He just chimed in a couple slides ago, but he's going to continue to talk with you about how you can continue to improve your CSV submission. Kevin.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:28:33** Thanks, Karen. Next slide, please. So, uh, we want to say that we noticed a significant difference in, uh, how you all responded to questions, and we want to, we want to thank you, uh, go back up one, we want to thank you for, uh, listening to us and hearing our previous comments, and we were hoping that they would be helpful, and we think that they were based on, uh, the improvement in the scores. And while we have seen improvement, there's still some, there's still some improvement that, that, uh, people could realize. And we, we know that, uh, we know that this is, uh, due to the use of the detailed instructions. And so it's important to use the detailed instructions. What we, what we have said in the past is we are really not trying to trick you on any of these questions. And if we're, if we're not clear, it's not because we are not trying desperately to be clear, but one of the thing I should tell you about the detailed instructions is that, uh, uh, generally the detailed instructions that we give you to answer the question are the same instructions we give the reviewers to review the question.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:29:51** And so they're using the same standard that we've applied to you to review them. And so that's just an important point to make. The other thing is, uh, Karen already pointed this out that sometimes people don't respond to all the elements in multi-part questions. We have, uh, we have, uh, requested that you number questions, uh, to the multi-part questions with your responses lining up with the questions, which helps you to organize and helps us to review. So it, uh, we, we still, uh, expressed that we would like for you to continue to do that. And,

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and if, if it's a multi-part question, if you could just answer them in the order, uh, that'd be very helpful. And, uh, yeah, you're responding to specific elements and, and we say, if you don't understand a question, we don't have a problem, you know, answering questions that we can answer. So we have that COP nofo, uh, mailbox. Next slide, please.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:30:59** So, uh, like we said in our pre-briefing, these slides of, uh, the attachments are very important. And without the attachments in the one e section, you know, if, if, if you don't have the proper attachments, it's going to be very difficult for you to score well. And so when, again, if we're looking for public postings, you have the, uh, you have the 30 day requirement, you have the two day requirement, the different requirements, we are looking to see if, if they're actually met. And the best way to do this is through a screenshot, and we put some screenshots in the detailed instructions. And, and there's several ways that you could do this. Uh, one of them is if you have a screenshot and you have a, and you have a time and, and date at the bottom, uh, right corner of your screen, like, uh, I think Windows typically does.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:31:49** And then some of, some people use the popup calendar on their, on their computer when they're doing the screenshot. That's where we really want to see the evidence. Oftentimes, there are screenshots where dates are on the screen, and we're actually, we want to see a system generated date, uh, from your computer showing that this picture was taken on your computer at a specific point in time. And, uh, let's see, for the one e two questions, we need, uh, your local competition scoring tool, showing the points, showing how you are going to assign points to projects. We look at that and we look at that one scored renewal project application to determine one if you followed your process, and two, if the, if, if the points line up. And so those are very important that, that we, that we get those so that we're able to, uh, score the applications and give you maximum points. And we have, we have a lot of detailed instruction in there, and if we see that there's something lacking there, we will try to, you know, beef those up. But, uh, that's what we could say about that. Next slide, please.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:33:18** So I'm turning this over now to Sid for project application overview.

**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:33:25** Thanks, Kevin. Uh, you can go to the next slide, please. So, um, one thing that's really important for EAPs and just getting through this whole pro, getting through the whole competition process is updating your EAPs applicant profiles. Um, it really saves a lot of time and avoids, um, deficiencies in your application. Uh, so when before you start the applications, be it, be it your COC application or project application, really asking you, uh, review your SAP profiles, make sure everything is up to date, contact information, um, whoever is the, you know, the primary contact, and please make sure that your UEI information's correct. Uh, we cannot go to grant agreement if your UEI is not current. So that is something to make sure that you are, that you have the current UEI in your profile. Um, so it's just very important to make sure all that information is up to date. Uh, with that, I'm going to pass it now over to Robert.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:34:30** Thank you, Sid. Alright, so, uh, for many of you, this is, uh, can be somewhat, uh, repetitive information. Uh, but we do, uh, receive, uh, a good number of questions about the reallocation process. Um, and, and, and essentially the reallocation process is, uh, the process by which CLCs would shift funds in whole or in part from existing COC funded projects that are eligible for, for renewal to create one or more new projects. And that includes, uh, uh, projects, uh, for new applications, uh, or projects to expand existing renewal grants. Uh, and, uh, projects



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that want to, I guess, add new activities, uh, to an existing project, uh, uh, through the expansion process. Uh, in general, COC should establish a reallocation strategy, uh, to make the COC program more competitive locally and to ensure that lower performing projects are not automatically renewed. Um, while HUD does monitor projects for performance, HUD expects COCs to monitor, monitor the performance of COC grants to support the best possible outcomes.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:35:44** And, and of course, based on, uh, your community's needs, projects that are not meeting the Co C'S performance goals or HUD requirements should be considered for corrective actions, or they should be reallocated by the COC. Um, at minimum, the CO C'S reallocation strategy, uh, should be used to encourage active management and oversight of the projects in the Co C'S geography and ensure that the C C's portfolio of grants are effective and efficient, uh, to increase the focus on data and performance is another, uh, strategy that, uh, the reallocation, uh, process should include. Um, the reallocation strategy should, uh, encourage, uh, COCs to allocate resources, uh, to the types of projects that are most likely to reduce homelessness and to ensure projects are tailored to meet the specific needs of the communities. As priorities can change over time, uh, depending on demographics or, uh, just the nature of, uh, homelessness within your, uh, COC.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:36:51** Um, c Cs should direct, uh, funding towards projects that serve the highest need, uh, for individuals and families. They should be rapidly moving, uh, participants from homelessness and, uh, helping participants obtain permanent housing and projects should be moving, uh, participants to permanent housing, uh, as, as quickly as possible. So, uh, those are some of the things that you want to look for, uh, when you're looking at these projects and, uh, identifying, uh, what processes you want to, uh, incorporate in your reallocation strategy. And then this is not, um, the end all be all. Of course, you tailor this process based on, uh, what's, uh, most needed in your community. Next slide.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:37:41** Alright, so, HUD has theder, um, has identified several common reallocation errors over the years. Um, for example, uh, COCs have reallocated first year renewals or attempted to, um, but HUD recognizes that first year grants take time to get started. Uh, so these grants are not likely to meet the performance outcomes expected, uh, in comparison to grants that have been operating for some time. So therefore, uh, as stated in the nofo projects cannot be reallocated until after they've completed at least one full renewal year under the COC program. So we have to give, uh, these projects an opportunity to, uh, to, to roll out their programs. Another common error is, uh, co C'S failure to identify new projects with funds made available through reallocation. Uh, we've encountered, uh, situations where CLCs would reduce budgets or eliminate grants through reallocation, and either not fully allocating the rea reallocated funds for new projects, or not reallocating the funds to a new project at all.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:38:53** Uh, this results in the loss of funding and, uh, reduce a RD for the COC if HUD is unable to decipher the C c's intentions or reconcile the error. So, as you know, the reduced RRD uh, results in a lower tier one cutoff and a reduction in available COC bonus funds. That's if the C C'S a RD is higher than A-P-P-R-N, uh, the pre preliminary program need that, uh, Latoya mentioned earlier, um, COC should also ensure that the total budgets for new projects created through real, through the reallocation process do not exceed the reallocated amount available from reduced and eliminated projects. If the budgets exceed that amount, uh, reallocated

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by the COC as provided on the forms in the COC priority listing, the budget will be reduced by HUD, and the project must further, uh, be further reviewed for, uh, feasibility. Uh, depending on how much, uh, money or funding, uh, the budget has to be reduced by snaps has also encountered instances where CLCs may have intended to fund new projects with reallocated funding, but the project applicant failed to identify in its application on Form six A, that it is applying for reallocated funding.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:40:15** So COC should confirm, uh, the correct funding source, uh, COC bonus DV bonus or reallocation is selected by the applicant. When reviewing the new, uh, project priority listing, uh, there's a, there's a table that, uh, will identify the funding source there. So failure to correct this discrepancy prior to the application submission deadline could result in a scenario where HUD may reject the new project application for the lack of available COC bonus funding. Uh, because if it's not identified as reallocation, we assume that it's COC bonus. Um, but that's because Grant is not correctly identified as a new project funded through reallocation, uh, on the priority listing. So that that takes a little investigation by us. And, uh, it can prolong, uh, the process for, uh, I guess rolling out the awards CLCs and project applicants must also be careful not to confuse, uh, the reallocation expansion, consolidation, and, and transition grant application processes.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:41:20** Um, the FY 2023 NOFO authorizes CLCs to, to reallocate funding for new and expanded supportive housing, rapid rehousing joint T-H-R-H-H-M-I-S and new, uh, SSO projects for, uh, coordinated entry. Um, new projects created through reallocation must also serve new participants and may also be used by applicants that wish to reallocate their expiring grant to change this project model. And that's where a transition grant, uh, may not sufficiently address the changes that are needed. Um, and transition grants, as I mentioned, uh, before, it's essentially to, uh, change the project's, uh, component, uh, and gives the, the project the opportunity to, uh, continue operating under its existing component to, um, transition over to the new component. So that's somewhat different there. Um, so it's important to note that if a pro provider submits a request to reallocate a renewal project to make a significant change, uh, to its project model, it is still considered a new project, and it must only serve participants that are, that meet the eligibility criteria of the new created project.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:42:35** In other words, existing part participants are not likely to meet the homeless eligibility criteria, uh, to be transferred for, uh, the, from the Eliminated project to the new Reallocated project. Um, so, so carefully look at, uh, the, uh, initial, uh, criteria or the initial, uh, eligibility, uh, status of, uh, the participants because, um, you might be required to, uh, have them transition out of, uh, your project altogether. Um, projects to expand an existing renewal project must use reallocated funding to fund new activities or serve new participants. CLCs may use resources from an existing project such as staff or office supplies, but it's not simply a continuation of an existing project serving existing participants. Um, the expansion funding may be used to provide housing or service to existing participants that are not currently provided by the project or the expansion grant may fund new and existing activities.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:43:41** So the project can serve additional participants. Is, is important to note that it's not to provide the exact same services that the project was already providing. Uh, previously consolidations are also often misconstrued. Um, renewal projects that are part of a

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consolidation should not be reallocated. If renewal project is reallocated, it becomes ineligible, uh, to be included in a consolidation. And every renewal project application for consolidations, the applicant must complete the renewal grant consolidation, uh, and renewal grant expansion screen, uh, and actively identify the project is part of expansion. And hub will then combine those renewal projects in a single consolidated project.

**Rob Waters, HUD 00:44:28** When submitting transition grant applications, CLCs must ensure the project application and the priority listing both accurately identifies the grant or grants reallocated to create a transition grant. While the transition grant process goes through the same track as reallocation, and the project or projects being transitioned must be fully reallocated to create the new grant transition. Grants follow the same operating gear, uh, as the grant being eliminated. So that's a little bit of background on the, the different types of, uh, processes that we don't want or we want CLCs to pay particular attention to. Um, and let me go to the next slide. I have a little more information here. All right. So to summarize, CC should carefully read the COC program, nofo and their sections on consolidations, expansions, transitions, and reallocation. So fully understand their differences. Um, they should carefully, COC should carefully review the priority listing, uh, to ensure the reallocation transition and new project listings are accurate. Um, carefully follow the detailed instructions in each snap navigation guides posted on the CC program competitions page on her.gov. And any questions or issues with the process should be directed to the COC nofo@her.gov inbox. But this please make sure, uh, this is of course, for next year, uh, give enough time to receive technical assistance and allow, uh, for troubleshooting prior to the application submission deadline. Hopefully this information was helpful. Uh, think, uh, Sid, you're up next.

**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:46:10** Alright, thank you. Uh, good, great. Uh, project start dates. Um, so one thing we've noticed over the years is projects that have start dates that are like early, early January, February, um, can have, can have trouble getting money, you know, having their money in locks, uh, on time. And that can result in, you know, delays to funding. And what we, what we've realized is, um, uh, kind of a recommendation we've kind of made to, for new grants that are coming in is possibly avoiding those months, the January, February, early March months, um, of, of operating start dates and moving after the march date for your to start your grants. Um, this will help ensure more so that you, you know, if there are any funding issues, you know, if funding is late into locks or, you know, the competition starts late, that, um, you might, you might, you won't encounter the same issues that you had if you started your grant, uh, earlier in the process.

**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:47:10** And again, this is more for new projects, uh, that, you know, that haven't had their, had an operating start data end date, uh, created yet. Um, if possible, just starting your new projects in July, uh, is a possibility. One way to kind of, um, give yourself that time is we do a lot, we have the option of, uh, requesting an, um, an extended grant term, an initial extended grant term of you can, uh, you can request up to 18, um, 18 months or six extra months on top of that, uh, 12 month term, uh, to help you kind of extend that, that, um, that operating year out if you, um, need help in, you know, start, uh, startup costs. Uh, but in terms of just making sure that you know there's funding available and you're not, you're not encountering any undue financial hardship, we do recommend thinking about starting your grant a little bit later in the year rather than right at the start of, like, right at the start of January. Uh, next slide please.

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**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:48:10** Unfunded renewal projects. So we've seen a couple of questions about this. Um, so hopefully this answers some questions and we'll try to answer it during the q and a session as well. Um, so what can you do if, um, you know, how does it select your renewal project for funding? Uh, something we, we first state, you know, you need to work with your local field office and your ta, uh, to do for a couple of things. One is you can extend your grants out with the remaining funds available. Uh, so it's kind of, so if there are that you have a renewal grant that is not going to be funded, but has some funding, um, left to spend, you may, you are, you can be, you can be allowed to extend that grant to spend it down, um, to, um, help either, you know, finish off the grant or, or start transitioning people to different projects.

**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:48:53** Um, other options are to just close out the grant. If there are no funds available, just start the closeout process. Um, we know that when a grant does not get funded, there's, there's a possibility that that project may not get other, you know, may not be able to get funded from other places. Uh, and so that, that might necessitate, um, transitioning participants to other projects. So that is an area where you would need to talk to your field office and to your <INAUDIBLE> officer, your ta, to determine what is the best path forward of transitioning people, uh, to different projects. Um, and lastly, if there are certain projects that have restrictive covenants. Um, so these are projects that were, uh, that got HUD funding as, um, as like an act as a new construction long ago. And so they were under like a 20 year restrictive covenant.

**Sidhartha Nilakanta, HUD 00:49:38** And if those projects don't get funded, uh, the restricted covenant is still in place. So you, uh, you would have to talk to your field officer, TA or desk officer about thinking of things such as like a change of use memo, uh, to change, um, of changing the, the purpose of that grant and how we'll operate. Uh, next slide please. Uh, we also saw some questions about FMRs. Uh, so we base FMR adjustments on the HUD FMRs in effect for the, for the day of the competition, uh, during the fiscal year. So for example, for the, for this FY 23 competition, um, it closed between October 1st, 2022 and September 30th, 2023. And because it closed between the, the, that time, the FY 2023 FMRs apply. Uh, so if you're, so for those who are asking about, you know, the FMR bumps, um, we are the f the 20 23 3. The 2023 FMRs are what we will apply to the, uh, FY 23, uh, competition. Uh, you can go to the next slide. I believe I'm passing this now off to Karen. Karen, are you there?

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:51:09** Hello? Karen's having technical difficulty physical.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:51:13** Can you guys hear me? Is

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:51:14** William? Oh yes.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:51:17** Okay. So I have lost my screen for some reason. So I believe we are, if you're tossing it to me, we're at the question and answer portion.

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:51:26** Yes.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:51:27** Okay. Um, so what I'd like to do while I try to get everything back up here, sorry, um, <laugh>, I'm going to, uh, I think we had some questions about question one E. Um, and Ebony Rankin is on the phone and she has offered to, um, give us some clarity, I think on some of the questions. There were several questions in the chat, but I don't know, they have all been answered. So Ebony, can I turn it over to you to talk about one E?

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**Ebony Rankin, HUD 00:51:55** Uh, yes, uh, Karen, thanks. And, uh, uh, thank you guys for, there was a lot of people who had a, a question about just one E scores in general and how they're not adding up. When I went back and looked, um, we, we, the intention was to include the scores for one E two and one E three, but the scores only include the total totality of your one E two scores, which was a maximum of 18 points and not 21 points. Um, now what we can do is, uh, um, redo the, redo the, um, the debriefing to include the one E three question, which had a maximum of three points. So, uh, some of you, some of you who see 18 out of 21 may have gotten, um, you know, your total 21 points and the section on the bottom, that's just one E that's says 27 points. That one is correct. We just need to add, you know, your one E three scores to your debriefing.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:53:03** Thank you, Ebony. Um, so I'm just looking through some of the questions. Um, we have been trying to answer questions in the chat, um, as they've been coming in. Um, thank you for all of the really great questions. We definitely appreciate that. Um, what we'd like to do now, we have about a half an hour left, so we'd like to try to address some of the, the questions. Um, and it maybe addressed some that we were not able to address in the chat. I know there were a couple of questions about, um, tenants and projects that were, that don't receive renewal funding. I think that was addressed just a couple of slides ago. Um, I think the biggest issue there is, um, you know, it, we know that it happens and we've worked with communities in the past to find community specific solutions. Um, each community's a little bit different.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:53:52** Um, it, we know it's a, it's a difficult and challenging situation to be in. So really reach out to your field office, um, talk about requesting some technical assistance, um, to be able to work through what you can do with those folks to continue their services and continue their housing if unfortunately a project does not get, um, does not get renewed. Um, so I think we're, I don't think that was answered in the chat, but like I said, it was answered in the slide. Um, let me see here. I'm looking through the Google doc. I cannot see the chat because I've lost the video for some reason. So if anybody has any that they want to jump in, um, what I think I might do, William, I'm going to put you on the spot. Hopefully you're, um, you're still with us. Um, there are a couple of questions that have to do with the debrief in general.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:54:45** This is either, I guess maybe a William or Ebony, just the debrief about, um, why do we only send out scores for certain questions and can we get, um, you know, can we get the scores for all of the questions and that sort of thing. And I feel like, you know, we get this question every year, so I just, it might be helpful for folks to just kind of explain why we do the debrief and the way that we do. Um, the one thing I will say before I kick it over, um, to, um, you know, to folks to, to kind of talk about, um, how we do the debriefing is that, you know, uh, we, I did see a couple of folks ask about getting, uh, like a community specific kind of one-on-one with HUD to go over their application. And unfortunately we just, we don't have the resources to do that.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:55:31** And if we can't do it for everybody, we can't do it for, for just, you know, one, one or two COCs or a handful of COCs that ask. So that's why we try to do the debriefing documents to provide you with this, with this debrief. Um, you know, with this debrief, uh, we just, we try to, um, do as much as we can, um, within the parameters that we, you know, that, that we kind of faced, um, you know, uh, with what we can share, um, since the questions stay the same, you know, year, year to year. So I'm not sure, um, I know Norm usually responds to this question and he had to jump off. Um, I'm not sure, um, Ebony, uh, if Ebony or William, if you guys want to say

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anything about the debrief, anything additional about the debrief? If not, it's okay. People can always write in and ask, um, additional questions if they'd like. Yeah,

**Ebony Rankin, HUD 00:56:24** I definitely, I mean, we definitely hear, hear, uh, it, um, when, when everyone wants all of their s their, uh, scores to all their questions, uh, right now we, um, are providing scores of, uh, very, you know, strategic questions for COCs, uh, is something I know that I'm taking back and, and, and definitely appreciate, uh, folks putting that out there. But I don't have any, any other, uh, input to that.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:57:01** Thanks, Stephanie. Okay. Sorry, I'm just, bear with me. I'm just looking through our, um, document to see what other questions still need answered. Again, if anybody on the team has anything, um, that you've answered in chat that you think might be worth, uh, bringing up here, let me know. Um, I think there was, um, okay, so, um, there was a question about, um, somebody wrote in, in, in the chat and said that they saw a significant increase in actual rent projects. Um, they wanted to know what is HUD's process for increasing actual rent projects and how do, how do projects change from actual rent to FMR? Um, oh, sorry, I'm reading the question from the chat. And then they clarified and they said we saw an increase in funding for actual rent projects, not an increase in the number of projects. So basically they're asking about, um, about, uh, actual rents.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:58:04** Um, there is a process I would say that if you are, uh, familiar, or I'm sorry, if you're interested, um, in, in changing, you should talk with your, uh, your field office and they can talk to you about, um, about the actual, about moving from FMR to actual rents. Not something that we, um, you can do that, but once you make the change, we ask that you stick with that you can't go from year to year actual to FMR back to actual, that sort of thing. So, um, definitely talk with your, um, your field office about, um, about that if you have questions. Um, so, um, I also,

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:58:43** Well, they,

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:58:43** Oh,

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:58:45** Well they also asking about the amount because, uh, as I understand it, when it comes to people using actual rents, they, uh, we, there is an adjustment. It, it's not just like the FMR, there's a, there's a calculation, but people who use actual rents on FMRs increase, uh, they get a increase as well.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:59:10** Yeah, they do. Oh, okay. Yeah, maybe I'm misunderstanding the question. I'm not sure. Um, well,

**Kevin Turner, HUD 00:59:18** I misunderstanding it too, but

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 00:59:20** Yeah. Um, so there's another question. It looks like somebody, um, posed in the chat that I don't know that we were able to answer. Um, how is a RD determined and can it be increased? So the a RD is the annual renewal demand. Um, it's based on the funding associated with all eligible renewal projects. So it can only be increased if you receive additional funding. So this generally occurs if your COC is awarded a new project. It may also occur when A COC is awarded A-Y-H-D-P or youth Homelessness demonstration project or grant, um, and they

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renew in the COC competition. So those are the two main ways that a RD is, um, is increased. I'm looking to see, um, any other questions? Um,

**William Snow, HUD 01:00:19** Karen, I can jump in. There was a question say, um,

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:00:24** Thanks William.

**William Snow, HUD 01:00:25** Folks asked about will there be more explanation around the usability for the longitudinal system analysis or LSA data? So the short answer is not really in the competition. This is one of those things where actually we'd love to provide as much support as we can outside of the competition. You have lots on your plate, and the idea is to use the submission process, which is open for months, right? It, it opens in October or November, closes in late January. Uh, and there's a lot of back and forth with your data with questions. So usability is ultimately, uh, a factor of the data quality in addition to the bed coverage. So to understand whether or not your data is usable, almost all of that is brought out in details and questions that are asked back to the continuum of care during that LSA submission process. So we strongly encourage you to actually use that process again, partly because you have limited time when the competition's open.

**William Snow, HUD 01:01:27** We want you to have time to ask questions and understand that data. Uh, but those are the factors that determine it. And, uh, we saw a lot of continuums take advantage of that this year in the most recent LSA submission process, and that was fantastic. Uh, we want you to ask those questions. We want to be able to answer them, uh, and note that sometimes your LSA will get closed out and it doesn't mean you have high usability. Uh, we've seen some situations where there is a common, uh, understanding that this data is not available and it will not be available, and we don't want to keep asking you questions if that's the case. And so the file, uh, gets closed out with your understanding as well as ours. So just pay close attention to the notes. Uh, some of it is, uh, intended to, again, remove some of the burden on you if, if questions aren't known as well. Um, but we'd love to see the engagement you all did in this last process.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:02:25** Thanks, William. Um, I'm going to go ahead and address another question that was put in the chat that I don't believe we're able to answer yet in the chat. And this is regarding, um, PHAs housing authorities. And the person asked, is there any rule that states that PHAs are encouraged, um, and encouraged to work with COCs? So it, we recognized at HUD all across HUD that PHA partners are very important in the effort to permanently house people who are experiencing homelessness. Unfortunately, um, the statutory or and regulatory authority for PHAs, um, does not require them to engage in C So there is, with C Cs, there's no rule, there's nothing in the statute that we can point to that say, says You must do this, or you are out of compliance with something. Um, unfortunately that does not exist. However, um, we work closely with our partners in the Office of Public and Indian Housing, or PIH, which is, you know, another part of HUD.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:03:28** Um, we work very closely with them, um, so that they encourage their PSA, their PA sorry to work with COCs. Um, over the years we've seen a lot of progress, um, due to, um, a couple of different things. The emergency housing vouchers, um, ehs, um, and we'll continue to support COCs to be able to work with PHAs and encourage PHAs to work with COCs. And this is also something where, when we try to, you know, if we see best practices of our TA

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providers or working with communities and they have best practices or examples of how, how to increase this collaboration, um, we will certainly pass that along, um, through TA products, webinars, things like that. Um, you know, if, um, when we, when we identify, you know, uh, a success story, um, because we know that it, in some, in some areas it is difficult and it is challenging and we're trying to work with our partners, um, like I said in PIH to or, you know, so that, that they're working, um, to get the message down for their PHAs that they should be working with Co cs. Um, okay. Anybody else have any other questions while I take a minute to just scan real quickly here?

**William Snow, HUD 01:04:39** Um, yeah, I'll jump in. There was a question about 1D five. This is the rapid rehousing question. Uh, this has always been a challenging question year. We were hoping that people would be, uh, more excited about it because we made changes, right? To reflect the fact that the housing inventory count is not always the best place to capture changes in rapture, uh, rapid rehousing. So we expanded that to include, uh, largely HMIS or, um, comparable database data as well. Uh, and this was a tough year for that. So we think the change was positive. Um, but actually the scores overall were almost identical when we looked at the number of COCs that got full points. And we think the reason largely was tied to the reality that E-S-G-C-V funding, which is a core source of rapid rehousing funding, uh, was expiring. So we knew that as a result of that, actually other sources, uh, that the scores would likely be lower this year.

**William Snow, HUD 01:05:39** We did change some things within scoring to kind of find ways to give more points, but, uh, where it wasn't necessarily an increase, but even so the, we think the impact of the SGCV piece in particular just had an, had a large impact on the result. So we, we are aware of that. Um, hopefully Karen, we'll kind of highlight when we end this, uh, session. We'll, uh, provide to you some of the distribution information so you can kind of get some, uh, some stats or some insight into how other COCs scored on that and some other questions. So I would encourage you to look at that to kind of see where did other COCs stack up on this 1D five question.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:06:28** Thanks William. And yeah, actually as you were talking, I was thinking I might, we, we still can go through some questions, but um, I want to, uh, kind of, if someone who's controlling the slides, I can't even remember who that is, can go to the next slide. Um, just to note, as we said, these slides are all going to be posted, um, in a couple of days. I think that at the beginning we said two to three days, we shoot for that to be honest, but we have to, these have to go through a 5 0 8 compliance process and we can't post them publicly until we know that they're accessible to everybody. So, um, sometimes it does take longer than two to three days. Um, so if you don't see them right away, um, I'd say check back a day or two later, but hopefully they'll be up by, you know, midweek next week at the very latest.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:07:09** Um, but what William to William's point, um, we're providing in the slides an appendix and there's, so you don't have to go through, um, all of the slides, but this is kind of the cover slide to the appendix and then there's like, I think maybe 15 or 20 slides after this that essentially show the distribution of scores for all of the questions, um, that are in your debriefing. So if you essentially want to see how you scored related to, um, other COCs, you know, I mentioned earlier in the presentation on one of my slides that, um, on average on any given question, about 73% of COCs are getting full points. But, you know, that's helpful. It's a helpful tidbit, but it, um, it might be more helpful to see kind of the point distribution and the score



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distribution, um, with certain questions. Because I do recognize in the chat people have a lot of questions specific to certain questions that they are questioning. Why did they get a higher score last year and a lower score this year and that sort of thing. Um, and so this might be helpful to kind of just look at to see where you kind of fall, um, across the board. And, you know, again, we're not going to go through every single slide because there's many of them. Um, but we'll, um, just wanted to point that out and let you know that you should look for that, um, when you, when you review these slides, uh, once they're posted. So,

**Kevin Turner, HUD 01:08:32** So, uh, one other thing about the slides though, I think, don't they cover sections and not, they are tranches of questions, not individual questions, right? And they may cover a few individual questions, but I think they're covering the sections, aren't they covering the sections that kind of line up with the sections that are covered in the debriefing document?

**William Snow, HUD 01:08:52** So they line up not to the sections at the end, but they line up to the questions outlined in the db bonus or in the, sorry, in the debriefing document. So where we talk about, um, what is it 1D 11 where there's lots of parts, those are all combined to reflect the average score across all those parts. But that would map to the points that you would see in the debriefing document. So our whole goal was for you to be able to say, oh, I got 11 out of 12 points. How did other people, uh, do relative to the score that I got?

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:09:34** Thanks Lynn. Um, okay, so I'm looking to see if there are any other questions that we can answer now. Um, we are doing our best to answer. A lot of these are very specific to why did I score this, and those are really hard to answer on a national webinar like this. Um, so we definitely want to encourage you to submit questions to CSD nofo at HUD dot gov if you have them, you know, and if they're not, we're not able to answer them here today. Um, I'm just looking through the chat. I, I am able to see the chat now again, I just lost my screen, but it's back. Um, I'm not sure if there are any other questions that we're really able to answer that we haven't touched on. Anybody have anything? Lemme check the Google doc real quick. I think we've, I think we've covered all that we can cover, um, like I said, without getting, um, very community specific. Um, anybody have any final thoughts or any final themes that they've, that they've seen through the chat that maybe I missed?

**William Snow, HUD 01:10:53** So Karen, we see a few questions near the end here about the two year nofo. Uh, again, this answers similar to in the past, if this is actually a statutory requirement for us to do a one year no phone. So we don't actually have the flexibility within HUD to make that decision. That being said, uh, we have talked to our congressional partners over the past several years, as have you, and let them know the importance of allowing, uh, a longer timeframe, at least a two year nofo if possible, that was included in the Senate markup for FY 2024. That's a decision that rests at the congressional level. Um, but we are hopeful that will happen and look forward to maybe even hearing a budget decision at the end of this week. So everyone's fingers crossed there and, uh, we'll await congressional action, uh, in that, in that regard.

**Karen DeBlasio, HUD 01:11:44** Thanks William. I missed that. I didn't see that. So thank you. Okay. Um, I just do one final scan. Bear with me. I don't see anything else that's standing out that we talked about PHAs. Um, yeah, so I think I'm going to go ahead and wrap up. We're a couple minutes early, but I want to thank everybody that joined us. Hopefully this was helpful, um, for you all. Um, we really appreciate all of the hard work that you guys do day in and day out, all year long

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for the, our clients and the folks that, you know, we all come to work every day to serve and we appreciate that you guys are in the trenches doing this every day. Um, appreciate all of the hub staff that we're able to be on the debriefing today. Again, I hope that this was helpful, um, and we look forward to, uh, talking with you, uh, again soon for the 2024 competition. So everybody take care. Again, thank you for participating today. Um, and enjoy the rest of your week.