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FY2023 NOFO Application Review Brief

This was a particularly daunting process this year, and the Project Evaluation Committee met for nearly three hours carefully evaluating the scores and projects to ensure that our ranking prioritizes projects that have the greatest potential for meeting the needs within the CoC. Our Advisory Group was presented with two options, and chose the ranking below. We will be sending out the individual ranking sheets to projects, and the list below can also be found on the CoC’s webpage at [Continuum of Care Programs (COC) | Mass.gov](https://www.mass.gov/info-details/continuum-of-care-programs-coc) where you can also find a detailed description of the NOFO process and final collaborative application when it is ready. If you would like a debriefing discussion, please contact me at [karen.byron@mass.gov](mailto:karen.byron@mass.gov), and we will arrange one after the NOFO submission.

In 2023 This year, we received applications for:

* 39 renewal projects
* 1 CE (coordinated entry) renewal, 1 HMIS (homeless management information system) renewal
* 1 DV CE (domestic violence coordinated entry) project – this is a new project requested using domestic violence bonus funds
* 4 New project requests
  + 1 for TH-RRH for survivors of domestic violence using domestic violence bonus funds to expand New Dawn
  + 1 to expand Welcome Home to provide new PH-PSH units for individuals and families through bonus funding
  + 1 to expand Disabled Family Leasing to provide new PH-PSH for families  through bonus funding
  + 1 new project for PH-PSH for individuals out of reallocation funds, Crossroads 1
* 2 Transition requests –
  + 1 to convert TSS TH-RRH Combined to TSS PH-RRH Transition
  + 1 to convert CTI PH-PSH for People Experiencing Chronic Homelessness  to CTI PH-RRH
* 6 YHDP grants renewals – not ranked
* 1 Planning grant – not ranked

My sincere thanks for the many hours our committees and membership have put in over the last few months developing a new ranking tool, creating a DEI evaluation structure, participating in the PLEE (persons with Lived Expertise and Experience of Homelessness) Committee, reviewing and submitting renewal project applications, creating new project applications, participating in the ranking and review process, and contributing information to assist us in developing the collaborative application.