



FY2020 CoC Program Competition New Project Scoring Tool

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THRESHOLD CRITERIA

<p>1. Applicant Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant is active CoC participant; attends mandatory trainings and meetings. • Neither applicant nor sub-recipients (if applicable) are for-profit entities. • Agency is on the HUD Code of Conduct List. • Application contains valid DUNS number. • Application contains valid SAM CAGE code.
<p>2. Participant Eligibility</p> <p>Project will only accept participants that can be documented as eligible for project’s component type based on housing and disability status as identified via risk assessment.</p>
<p>3. Coordinated Entry</p> <p>Project participates in coordinated entry to the extent possible for the project type (with special consideration for DV projects’ equivalent systems).</p>
<p>4. HMIS or Alternative Database</p> <p>Project enters data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS to the extent possible for the project type (with special consideration for DV projects’ equivalent systems).</p>
<p>5. Quarterly Monitoring of Drawdowns and Match</p> <p>Project monitoring for any existing projects shows at least quarterly funding drawdowns, submitting an eLOCCS attachment, and match documentation.</p>
<p>6. Written Policies & Procedures</p> <p>Project has written policies and procedures consistent with minimum HUD requirements.</p>
<p>7. Equal Access/Fair Housing</p> <p>Project provides housing and/or services without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, or local residency status, in accordance with federal guidelines.</p>
<p>8. Grant Agreement Timeline Viability</p> <p>Project will feasibly be under grant agreement by September 30, 2023.</p>
<p>9. Match Forms and Letters</p> <p>Project’s application contains a signed and dated match letter, and MOU, if applicable. According match amount(s) are equal to or greater than 25% of rental assistance, supportive services, and admin line items.</p>



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SECTION 1 – AGENCY EXPERIENCE & CAPACITY

(23 PTS)

Factor	Points
<p>1A – Agency Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your agency’s experience providing assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. How will your agency leverage these experiences in coming grants? 	3
<p>1B – Organizational Structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe your agency’s organizational and management structure. How does its structure promote fiscal and managerial efficiency? • Describe your board membership’s composition, oversight, and accountability measures. 	3
<p>1C – Financial Management Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe agency’s experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in your project application, given funding and time limits; (2 pts) and ○ Leveraging other federal, state, local, and private sector funds. (2 pts) • What accounting practices are used to calculate and bill any fees imposed on participants? (1 pt) 	5



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<p>1D – Participation in Regional Efforts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail your selected participation in the above regional efforts. Specify the effort(s) made (e.g. date, time, activity, role, description, etc.) (6 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Indicate regional efforts in which your agency participated between April 2019 and March 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project Homeless Connect, Family Connect and/or Pop-up PHC ▪ Homeless Census (PIT) ▪ Mainstream Programs Basic Training (MPBT) – Attendee/Presenter ▪ NHA Provider Meeting ▪ Southern Nevada Homeless Continuum of Care (SNH CoC) monthly board meetings ▪ SNH CoC Membership ▪ SNH CoC Working Groups – participated in 6 or more meetings ▪ Other (with explanation) • Does your agency currently participate in the SNH CoC’s Coordinated Entry System? If so, describe your agency’s Coordinated Entry capacities. (2 pts) 	8
<p>1E – Commitment to Including Consumers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the agency have a homeless or formerly homeless person on staff or their board? (1pt) • Does the agency have a Consumer Advisory Board? (1pt) • Does the agency administer consumer satisfaction surveys and/or make changes based on results of consumer feedback? How are surveys made accessible across language and literacy barriers? (1pt) • Will the program involve consumers in designing and operating the program? (1pt) 	4



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SECTION 2 – SCOPE OF PROJECT

(21 PTS)

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<p>2A – Project Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the proposed project and its activities at full operational capacity. Include details on the location(s) of services and housing, and how the project’s activities will be made available to clients using evidence-based practices, including but not limited to Equal Access and Housing First principles. • If applicable, detail the project’s use of existing homeless services and/or housing facilities or projects. • If applicable, detail any responsibilities the applicant and potential subrecipients (if any) will have in development, operation, and/or maintenance of properties. 	9
<p>2B – Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe proposed staffing, and the schedule for proposed activities. How will staff be trained in a manner appropriate to the needs of the proposed client population? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please include staff experience and/or training toward equal access and cultural competency concerns as applicable to your prospective clientele (e.g. background, experience, culture, language, physical ability, literacy, trauma-informed care, mental healthcare). 	4



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<p>2C – Housing First Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent do the project’s written policies and procedures ensure that participants are not screened out based on the following criteria? (2 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Having too little or no income ○ Active, or history of, substance use or a substance use disorder ○ Having a criminal record (with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions) ○ History of domestic violence (e.g., lack of a protective order, period of separation from abuser, or law enforcement involvement) • To what extent do the project’s written policies and procedures ensure that participants are not terminated from the program for the following reasons? (2 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Failure to participate in supportive services (with exception for HUD-mandated monthly case management meetings for RRH participants) ○ Failure to make progress on a service plan ○ Loss of income or failure to improve income ○ Being a survivor of domestic violence ○ Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area • Describe how the project minimizes barriers to entry and retention. (1 pt) 	5
<p>2D – Agency Collaborations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe agency collaborations with: (2 pts) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Other homelessness service providers ○ Service providers not specific to homelessness • Describe whether project participants will have access to SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) or comparable services. Please note if this is inapplicable for your project type. (1 pt) 	3



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SECTION 3 – PROJECT GOALS & OBJECTIVES

(25 PTS)

For expansion projects, the performance of the existing renewal project will be considered by reviewers.

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<p>3A – Permanent Housing Access and Retention</p> <p><u>PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how participants will be assisted to obtain and maintain housing. (7 pts) Describe how the project will measure performance and evaluate this goal. (4 pts) <p><u>CE projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the project ensure that participants are directed to appropriate housing and services according to individual needs? (8 pts) How will the project advertise to reach prospective clients facing the greatest housing barriers within the CoC? (3 pts) 	11
<p>3B – Increase Jobs, Income and Self-Sufficiency</p> <p><u>PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how participants are assisted to increase their employment and/or benefits income, and further their independence. If applicable, describe how clients are assisted to maintain employment upon project exit. (5 pts) <p><u>CE projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the project’s plan to coordinate mainstream health, social services, and employment programs to ensure participants are assisted to obtain benefit resources for which they are eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education). (5 pts) 	5



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<p>3C – Program Access/Exits</p> <p><u>PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH projects: Program Exits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the project’s discharge plans. (3 pts) • Describe how the project will ensure clients do not exit to homelessness. (2 pts) <p><u>CE projects: Accessibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the project is made accessible to all prospective clients within the CoC’s geographic area, who seek information on homelessness assistance, especially including those experiencing heightened barriers (physical ability, language, literacy, trauma-informed care, etc.). (5 pts) 	5
<p>3D – Coordinated Entry/Assessment</p> <p><u>PSH, RRH, & Joint TH-RRH projects:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the referral process for the project ensures that participants are directed to appropriate housing and/or services. (2 pts) • If the project includes differences in access, entry, assessment, or referral for certain populations, are those differences limited only to 5 specific groups (Chronically Homeless, Individuals, Families, Youth, and persons at risk of homelessness)? If not, please explain. (2 pts) <p><u>CE projects:</u> Describe the project’s comprehensive standardized assessment process. (4 pts)</p>	4



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SECTION 4 – COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

(16 PTS)

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<p>4A – Rapid Re-housing Projects for Adults without Children <i>Community Priority: Increase Rapid Rehousing (RRH) for Adults without children.</i></p> <p>16 points may be awarded for new RRH projects for Adults without Children.</p>	16
<p>4B – DedicatedPLUS <i>Community Priority: For any new or reallocated funds, prioritize DedicatedPLUS PSH projects.</i></p> <p>A DedicatedPLUS project is defined as a permanent supportive housing project where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to serve individuals, households with children, and unaccompanied youth that at intake meet one of the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) experiencing chronic homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 578.3; (2) residing in a transitional housing project that will be eliminated and meets the definition of chronically homeless in effect at the time in which the individual or family entered the transitional housing project; (3) residing in a place not meant for human habitation, emergency shelter, or Safe Haven and had been admitted and enrolled in a permanent housing project within the last year but were unable to maintain a housing placement and met the definition of chronic homeless as defined by 24 CFR 578.3 prior to entering the project; (4) residing in transitional housing funded by a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project and who were experiencing chronic homelessness as defined at 24 CFR 578.3; (5) residing and has resided in a place not meant for human habitation, Safe Haven, or emergency shelter for at least 12 months in the last three years, but has not done so on four separate occasions and the individual or head of household meet the definition of 'homeless individual with a disability; or (6) receiving assistance through a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-funded homeless assistance program and met one of the above criteria at initial intake to the VA's homeless assistance system. <p>16 points may be awarded for new PSH projects that are DedicatedPLUS.</p>	16
Factor	Points



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4C – DV Bonus

HUD has offered DV Bonus funding for two consecutive years since 2018 for new RRH, Joint TH-RRH, and CE projects. These projects must be dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence as defined at [24 CFR 578.3, Category 4, \(i\)-\(iii\)](#).

HUD assesses the quality of project applicants based on the applicant’s prior performance in safely housing and serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, and/or human trafficking.

The project must employ trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches. It is considered a best practice for projects serving survivors of domestic violence to have certified staff (40-65-hour training course) to provide confidential supportive services.

In anticipation of continued HUD emphasis on DV Bonus funding, 16 points are available for new DV projects under the DV Bonus funding. **Describe your project’s capacity to provide for this unique subpopulation.**

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SECTION 5 – BUDGET

(15 PTS.)

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<p>5A – Budget Forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are the amounts requested per line item appropriate for the project goals and objectives? (4 pts) • Are all costs eligible? Do descriptions match project narrative? (4 pts) • Are all supportive services identified in the table fully explained in the budget form? (4 pts) • Are admin costs less than or equal to 10% of total budget? (3 pts) 	<p>15</p>