

CoC 2023 Competition – Bonus Project Evaluation Standard

Organization Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Scoring guidance:

Full points – All standards were met

Partial points– Some standards were met

Zero points – None of the standards were met

HUD Eligibility Threshold

Pass/Fail	All projects must meet the HUD eligibility threshold to be considered. New Permanent Housing projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected:
	1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
	2. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	3. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	4. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).

Implementation of Housing First

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Extent to which the program meets commitment to the Housing First model as detailed in the Housing First Section of the Addendum.	
5	Eliminating Barriers to Entry: The proposed project does not have preconditions to housing such as sobriety, medication, or treatment compliance. All services are voluntary. Intake/interview process is minimal. New project does not restrict access based on ability to work, minimal income, available documentation, or anything beyond HUD minimum standards.	
5	Ability to Rapidly Connect to Permanent Housing and Commitment to Rehouse: The application includes a landlord recruitment and retention plan. Participants are offered choice in housing including location and furnishings.	
5	Sustaining Housing: Application describes a commitment to rehousing households and severely limits terminations. Rehousing is not contingent on service participation, medical compliance, or mandated behavioral health treatment.	
5	Supportive Services: Application describes a plan to provide supportive services to the proposed population including the type and scale, assistance to obtain mainstream benefits and employment, community integration, connection to additional support services such as home health care and behavioral health, low barrier access, and person-centered goal planning.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (20)

Contribution to CoC System Performance Measures

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the project application how the proposed project will contribute to better outcomes for all populations experiencing homelessness.	
5	Extent to which the project reduces the average length of time homeless.	
5	Extent to which the project increases exits to permanent housing.	
5	Extent to which the project reduces returns to homelessness.	
5	Extent to which the project increases retention in permanent housing	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (20)

Timeliness

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the plan for rapid implementation of the program.	
5	Project includes a plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin serve the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule for proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after the grant award. Implementation plan includes strategies for staff recruitment and retention.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (5)

Severity of Barriers

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must identify any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and identify what steps they will take to eliminate the barriers.	
5	Project includes a plan indicating necessary services, partnerships, policies or practices in place to support participants in accessing and maintaining housing.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (5)

Incorporating People with Lived Experience of Homelessness

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: All project applications will be reviewed by a group of people with lived experience of homelessness through the People's Committee. The People's Committee in an extension of the Interagency Commission on Homelessness.	
5	People's Committee Review: The committee with score projects based on the extent to which people with lived experience had meaningful participation in the program design and policies; if the project will meet the needs of the community; and the extent to which the project includes a plan to ensure all staff receive training on best practices.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (5)

Advancing Racial Equity

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe how the proposed project advances racial equity and reduces the disproportionality of BIPOC households in the homeless continuum.	
5	Includes a plan to provide culturally and linguistically competent services based on community needs.	
5	Program has a diversity and inclusion plan that seeks to increase or maintain the racial diversity of agency leadership and frontline staff.	
5	The proposed project will advance racial equity by serving structurally disadvantaged areas.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (15)

Addressing the Needs of LGBTQIA+ Households

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the project application how housing and health care resources will be leveraged.	
5	Agency has an anti-discrimination policy that specifically addresses the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ population.	
5	Application includes a plan to provide culturally competent services to LGBTQ+ households.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (10)

Coordination with Housing and Health Care

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe how the new project will address the needs of LGBTQIA+ households and have anti-discrimination policies.	
5	Leveraging Housing Resources: The extent to which the project uses non-CoC and non-ESG funded housing resources.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (5)

Experience

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe the extent of their experience in the project application.	
3	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing services including but not limited to housing support, behavioral health, case management, and employment to the proposed population.	
3	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing housing to the proposed population.	
5	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in applying a Housing First approach.	
2	Experience creating effective partnerships with other systems of care.	
2	Experience working with underserved and disadvantaged populations	
5	Experience effectively using federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of sub-recipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (20)

Financial

Points Available	Category	Score
	Description: Applicants must demonstrate financial wellness by providing the most recent financial audit; cost effectiveness through the project budget; and experience with federal grants.	
5	Project is cost effective when cost per household is compared to the average cost of PSH or SSO in the CoC.	
5	Program has a diversity and inclusion plan that seeks to increase or maintain the racial diversity of agency leadership and frontline staff.	
5	Financial Wellness: Organization has access to a line of credit and diversity of revenue sources including non-government funding and in-kind contributions. Full points awarded if the applicant or sub-applicant has the ability to bill Medicaid for services.	
5	Clean financial audit	
Total Points		

Maximum Points (20)