

CoC 2024 Competition – BONUS Project Evaluation Criterion

Organization Name:

Project Name:

Scoring guidance: Full points – All criteria are met.

Partial points – Some criteria are met.

Zero points – None of the criteria are met.

HUD Eligibility Threshold

Pass/Fail	<p>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.</p>
	<p>1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will meet the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>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 and meet the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).</p>
	<p>4. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a the manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, housing that meets accessibility-related needs, and additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).</p>

Implementation of Housing First (20 points)

Available Pts	Description: The extent to which the program meets fidelity to the Housing First model as detailed in the Housing First Section of the Addendum.	Score
5	<p>Eliminating Barriers to Entry: The proposed project does not require preconditions for housing, such as sobriety, medication, or treatment compliance. All services are voluntary. The intake/interview process is minimal. The new project does not restrict access based on ability to work, minimal income, available documentation, or anything beyond HUD minimum standards.</p>	
5	<p>Ability to Rapidly Connect to Permanent Housing and Commitment to Rehouse: The application includes a landlord recruitment and retention plan. Participants are offered choices in housing, including location and furnishings.</p>	

5	Sustaining Housing: The 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: The 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 Housing First Points		0

Contribution to CoC System Performance Measures (20 pts)

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

Timeliness (5 pts)

Available Pts	Description: Applicants must describe the plan for rapid implementation of the program.	Score
5	The project includes a plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin serving the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule for proposed activities 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after the grant award. The implementation plan includes strategies for staff recruitment and retention.	
Total Timeliness Points		0

Severity of Barriers (5 pts)

Available Pts	Description: Applicants must identify systemic barriers to participation faced by persons of different races, ethnicities, genders, and ages, particularly those overrepresented in the local homelessness population, and identify what steps they will take to eliminate the barriers.	Score
2.5	The project includes a plan indicating necessary services, partnerships, policies, or practices to support participants in accessing and maintaining housing.	
2.5	The project includes a plan to accept individuals facing the most significant barriers to entry, including those related to immigration status, identification and vital documents requirements, and Medicaid eligibility	

	Total Severity of Barriers Points	0
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Incorporating People with Lived Experience of Homelessness (5 pts)

Available Pts	Description	Score
	Description: Through the People's Committee, an extension of the Interagency Commission on Homelessness, all renewal applications will be reviewed by a group of people with lived experience of homelessness.	
5	People's Committee Review: The committee will score projects based on the extent to which people with lived experience had meaningful participation in the program design and policies; whether 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		0

Experience Promoting Racial Equity (3 pts)

Available Pts	Description	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe how the proposed project advances racial equity and reduces the disproportionality of BIPOC households in the homeless continuum.	
1	Includes a plan to provide culturally and linguistically competent services based on community needs.	
1	The program has a diversity and inclusion plan that seeks to increase or maintain the racial diversity of agency leadership and frontline staff.	
1	The proposed project will advance racial equity by serving structurally disadvantaged areas	
Total Equity Points		0

Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ+ households (2 points)

Available Pts	Description	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe how the new project will address the needs of LGBTQ+ households and have anti-discrimination policies.	
1	The agency has an anti-discrimination policy that specifically addresses the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ population.	
1	The application includes a plan to provide culturally competent services to LGBTQ+ households.	
Total LGBTQ+ Needs Points		

Coordination with Housing and Health Care (10 pts)

Available Pts	Description	Score
	Description: Applicants must describe in the project application how housing and healthcare resources will be leveraged.	

5	Leveraging Housing Resources: The extent to which the project uses non-CoC and non-ESG funded housing resources.	
5	Leveraging Health Care Resources: The extent to which the project uses healthcare resources to provide supportive services or funding.	
Total Coordination Points		0

Experience (15 pts)

Available Pts	Description: Applicants must describe the extent of their experience in the project application.	Score
2	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.	
2	Experience of the applicant or sub-recipients in providing housing to the proposed population.	
3	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.	
4	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 Experience Points		0

Financial (15 pts)

Available Pts	Description: Applicants must demonstrate financial wellness by providing the most recent financial audit, cost-effectiveness through the project budget, and experience with federal grants.	Score
5	The project is cost-effective when the cost per household is compared to the average cost of PSH or SSO in the CoC.	
5	Financial Wellness: The organization has access to a line of credit and diverse revenue sources, including non-government funding and in-kind contributions. Full points are awarded if the applicant or sub-applicant can bill Medicaid for services.	
2.5	Clean financial audit.	
2.5	The agency can meet the 25% match requirement.	
Total Financial Points		0