



Appendix B. New Project Application Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

Does the project meet the threshold criteria for HUD and Three County CoC?

(Yes/No) _____

<u>Section</u>	<u>Total Points</u>	<u>Score</u>
A - Experience	10 Points	___/10
B. HUD Priorities for New Projects for PSH or RRH	5 points	___/5
HUD Priorities for New Projects for Joint TH/RRH	8 points	___/8
C - Financial	12 Points	___/12
D – Implementation Timeline	2 Points	___/2
E - Equity Factors	12 Points	___/12
F. Local Three County CoC Priorities	2 pts each.	___/14
Total	PSH/RRH - 55 Joint TH/RRH - 58	PSH/RRH - ___/55 Joint TH/RRH - ___/58

A. Experience – 10 Points

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
<p>Experience of the applicant in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.</p> <p>Experience effectively utilizing federal funds and performing activities proposed in the application.</p>	<p>IV.B.1</p>	<p>5 years experience with population/housing type, and 5 years experience in providing housing = 3 Points</p> <p>5 years experience with population OR 5 years experience providing housing = 2 points</p> <p>Experience but under 5 years = 1 points</p> <p>No experience = 0 points</p>	
<p>Experience in leveraging Federal, State, local, and private sector funds.</p>	<p>IV.B.2</p>	<p>5 years experience with population/housing type, and 5 years experience in providing housing = 3 Points</p> <p>5 years experience with population OR 5 years experience providing housing = 2 points</p> <p>Experience but under 5 years = 1 points</p> <p>No experience = 0 points</p>	

<p>Experience with using a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exiting clients. Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry and that entry is allowed regardless of past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.</p>	<p>IV.B.3</p>	<p>Experience using Housing First approach = 2 points</p> <p>Experience using Low Threshold approach = 1 points</p> <p>No experience using Housing First or Low Threshold = 0 points</p>	
<p>Establishes performance measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable, trackable and meet or exceed established HUD or CoC benchmarks.</p>	<p>IV.C.1c</p>	<p>2 points</p>	

B. HUD New Project Ranking (FY24 NOFO III.C.4.b)

Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing – 5 points

New Permanent Housing projects must receive at least 4 out of the 5 points available for this project type. **New Permanent Housing projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.**

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
<p>The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants.</p>	<p>IV.C.1a</p>	<p>1 point</p>	
<p>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</p>	<p>IV.C.1b</p>	<p>1 point</p>	

services regardless of funding source.			
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, SNAP, local Workforce office, early childhood education)	IV.C.13, 14, 15	1 point	
Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g. provides the participants with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, and additional assistance to ensure retention of PH).	IV.C.11, 12, 13	1 point	
The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.	IV.A	1 point	

Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing – 8 points

New Joint TH/PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 6 out of 8 points available for this project type. **New Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects that do not receive at least 6 points will be rejected.**

Criteria	Response Found	Points Available	Points Given
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)	IV.C.1a	1 point	
The proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that	IV.C.20	2 points	

has twice as many resources for the RRH portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as the TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.			
The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.	IV.C.1b	1 point	
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 which meets the needs of program participants (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education)	IV.C.13, 14, 15	1 point	
Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g. provides the participants with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing)	IV.C.11, 12, 13	1 point	
The project adheres to a Housing First model as defined in section I.B.2.b.(15) of the NOFO	IV.B.3	1 point	
The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve.	IV.A	1 point	

C. Financial – 12 Points

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
Organization's most recent audit: 1) found no exceptions to standard practices; 2) identified agency as 'low-risk', and 3) indicates no findings.	Review of Audit provided	Meets all 3 criteria = 3 points Findings but addressed = 2 points Findings not addressed = 0 points	
Organization has not returned any funds to HUD (or other federal government agency) or the state on any existing grants in the last two years	IV.D.2	Not returned any funds = 3 points Has returned funds but provided explanation and has controls in place to maximize spending = 2 points	
(If applicable) Have you consistently drawn down funds at least quarterly on all HUD CoC grants in the last two years?	IV.D.3	Not applicable or has consistently drawn down at least quarterly = 3 points Has not drawn consistently but provided explanation and has controls in place = 2 points	
(If applicable) Have you submitted on-time Annual Progress Reports (APRs) for all HUD CoC grants in the last two years?	IV.D.4	Not applicable or yes = 3 points Provided explanation = 2 points	

D. Implementation Timeline – 2 Points

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
Describe the plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant.	IV.E.1	2 points	

E. Equity Factors – Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies – 12 Points

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
Inclusion of underrepresented individuals in managerial and leadership positions.	IV.F.1	<p>Already in place, satisfactory plan = 3 points</p> <p>Plan to implement/plan needs work = 2 points</p> <p>No plan/unsatisfactory answer= 0 points</p>	
Board of Directors includes representation from more than one person (or 10%, whichever is greater) with lived experience	IV.F.2	<p>Already in place, satisfactory plan = 3 points</p> <p>Plan to implement/plan needs work = 2 points</p> <p>No plan/unsatisfactory answer= 0 points</p>	

Has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback on policies from persons with lived experience	IV.F.3	<p>Already in place, satisfactory plan = 3 points</p> <p>Plan to implement/plan needs work = 2 points</p> <p>No plan/unsatisfactory answer= 0 points</p>	
Plan for reviewing equity outcomes dashboard to determine whether programmatic changes are needed	IV.F.5	<p>Already in place, satisfactory plan = 3 points</p> <p>Plan to implement/plan needs work = 2 points</p> <p>No plan/unsatisfactory answer= 0 points</p>	

F. Local Three County Priority Bonus Pts.: 2 points

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Response Found</u>	<u>Points Available</u>	<u>Points Given</u>
Project will utilize HUD's Joint Component for Transitional Housing – PSH-Rapid Rehousing	IV. A. 3.	2	
Project is dedicated to individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking survivors of domestic violence. (24CFR 578.3) or 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.	IV. A. 2 and IV. A. 3	2	
Project will increase the supply of Permanent Supportive Housing in Berkshire County	IV. A. 3 and IV. C. 1	2	

Project leverages housing resources with housing subsidies or units not funded through the CoC or ESG program	IV. C.16	2	
Project leverages health resources, including a partnership commitment with a healthcare organization	IV. C.17	2	
Project demonstrates a plan to move participants into housing within 30 days from program entrance. <i>(Examples: Project has acquired housing units/demonstrated agreement with area landlord/Housing authority/will utilize a current inventory of housing resources.)</i>	IV. C. 2	2	No spread
Agency has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens demonstrates demonstrate racial equity measures in service delivery; and policies have been introduced in order to ensure safety, privacy, respect, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation for LGBTQ+ persons	IV. F. 4	2	

Signature of Reviewer

Date

Print Name of Reviewer