

MCKINNEY-VENTO CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2023 MARIN COC NEW PROJECT SCORING TOOL

Instructions: Project Review Panel members will score new project applications using the 2023 New/Reallocated Project Scoring Tool. Scores from each panel member are averaged together to create the project’s final score.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA	Total Points
<p>Threshold Criteria These factors are required, but not scored. If the program indicates “no” for any threshold criteria, it is ineligible for CoC funding.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicant: Applicants and subrecipients (if any) are eligible to receive CoC funding, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-profit organizations; • States; • Local governments; or, • Instrumentalities of States or local governments. 	N/A
<p>Eligible Project Type: Programs must be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent supportive housing projects that serve 100 percent chronically homeless individuals and families, including youth experiencing chronic homelessness, or a DedicatedPlus population; • Rapid rehousing projects for homeless individuals and families, including youth, who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. • Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, which include transitional housing and rapid rehousing in a single project; • Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); or, • Supportive Services Only (SSO) for Coordinated Entry. 	N/A
<p>HMIS Implementation: Programs are required to participate in HMIS, unless the project is a victim-service agency, serving survivors of domestic violence, or a legal services agency, in which case it will enter data into a comparable database.</p>	N/A
<p>Participation in Coordinated Entry: Project commits to participating in Coordinated Entry in compliance with the Policies and Procedures, including all provisions outlining Additional Safeguards for Survivors of Domestic Violence.</p>	N/A
<p>Participant Eligibility: The project will only accept participants that can be documented as eligible for this project’s program type based on their housing and disability status.</p>	N/A
<p>Compliance with HUD CoC Program Requirements: The project will provide equal access and fair housing without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, local residency status, or any other protected category (this includes ensuring privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in projects).</p>	N/A
<p>DV Projects Only: Housing projects that are applying for DV Bonus funding must demonstrate that they use trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches.</p>	N/A

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1	Program Quality, Appropriateness, and Readiness	50 points	
1a	Program Design: The program is well-defined and the applicant is eligible.		
1a1	<p>If Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH, DedicatedPLUS, or Joint TH-RRH): Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed. Program design includes provision of appropriate supportive services. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the project staffed appropriately to meet the needs of the population to be served? (Non-DV Project=6 pts/DV Project=5 pts) • Are staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served? (Non-DV Project=6 pts/DV Project=5 pts) • Does the project involve persons with lived expertise of homelessness in policy and program development? (For DV Projects, this means DV Survivors with lived expertise) (Non-DV Project=6 pts/DV Project=5 pts) • Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities? (Non-DV Project=6 pts/DV Project=5 pts) • Does the method of service delivery described include culture-specific/sensitive elements (e.g., trauma-informed care) and take steps to eliminate identified barriers, particularly those faced by persons of different races and ethnicities and those over-represented in the local population? (Non-DV Project=6 pts/DV Project=5 pts) • DV Projects: Does the program design include safety planning and confidentiality protocols? Do program staff utilize trauma-informed and client-centered approaches? (DV Project=5 pts) 	30 points	
1a2	<p>If Coordinated Entry: Program design is in alignment with the coordinated entry system envisioned by the CoC. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the system easily accessible for all persons within the CoC’s geographic area who are seeking information regarding homeless assistance? • Is there a strategy for advertising the program that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC’s geographic area? • Is there a standardized assessment process? • Does the program ensure that program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs? 		
1a3	If HMIS: Program design is in alignment with the CoC’s data needs. Consider		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the HMIS collect all Universal Data Elements and will the project conduct trainings and otherwise prepare projects for the new HUD Data Standards? Will the project provide data in a form that can be analyzed to assist the CoC in assessing homeless needs, allocating resources, and coordinating services? Does the HMIS un-duplicate client records? Does the HMIS produce all HUD-required reports and provide data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APRs, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting)? 		
1b	<p>Program Outcomes: Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the identified program outcomes realistic but sufficiently challenging given the scale of the project? Are the outcomes measurable and appropriate to the population to be served/project proposed? How do the identified program outcomes compare to performance outcomes from other projects administered by the applicant? DV Projects: how do the identified program outcomes compare to performance outcomes from other <i>DV Survivor-Dedicated</i> projects administered by the applicant? 	10 Points	
1c	<p>Alignment with Community Needs and Priorities: Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the agency indicate the extent to which the program addresses unmet community needs by serving an underserved area or population? Does the agency align with and support CoC priorities (e.g., through participation in or leadership of CoC planning activities)? If PH: Does the program align with Housing First principles (including low barriers to entry, participation in Coordinated Entry, client-centered service delivery, and prioritization based on need)? 	10 points	
2	Agency/Collaborative Capacity	30 points	
2a	<p>Past Performance: The agency submitting the application has demonstrated, through past performance, the ability to successfully carry out the work they propose. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whether the agency has successfully served persons experiencing homelessness as a particular subpopulation; DV Projects: Whether the agency has successfully served <i>survivors of Domestic Violence</i> as a particular subpopulation; Whether the agency possesses experience in handling a similar program (e.g., if the program will involve 	10 points	

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	relocation of tenants, the experience of the agency in handling relocation).		
2b	<p>Agency Capacity: The agency has the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all grant audit, administrative, and reporting requirements. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the agency voluntarily surrendered CoC funding or has the CoC reallocated funding from the agency in the past 3 years? • Does the agency have any outstanding HUD findings and/or financial audit findings? • Has HUD de-obligated any of the agency's grant funds in the past three operating years? • Does agency staff currently possess administrative experience to comply with HUD data collection, reporting, and other administrative requirements? 	10 points	
2c	<p>Quality Assurance: The agency maintains policies, procedures, and actions to ensure continuous quality improvement. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the agency have policies regarding termination of assistance, client grievances, Equal Access/non-discrimination, ADA and fair housing requirements, VAWA protection, and confidentiality that are compliant with HUD CoC Program requirements? • Is the agency implementing evidence-based practices, including Housing First and Coordinated Entry? • Does the agency train its staff to ensure high quality of care? • Does the agency assess quality of service and consumer satisfaction through surveys, focus groups, etc.? • Does the agency monitor program performance using data? 	10 points	
3	Budget & Timeliness	10 points	
3a	Budget: The program's budget is clearly articulated, with no unnecessary or unexplained items.	5 points	
3b	Timeliness: The program will be ready to begin operations in a timely manner.	5 points	
4	Consistency with HUD and Local Priorities	10 points	
4a	Permanent Supportive Housing: This application is for a Permanent Supportive Housing project.	10 points	
4b	DedicatedPLUS: This application is for a DedicatedPLUS project.	8 points	
4c	Joint TH-RRH: This application is for a joint transitional housing and rapid rehousing component project.	6 points	
4d	Rapid Rehousing: This application is for a Rapid Rehousing project.	5 points	

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4e	Coordinated Entry: This application is for a Coordinated Entry project.	5 points	
4f	HMIS: This application is for an HMIS project.	5 points	
5	Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points	5 points	
5a	<p>Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing project that utilizes healthcare resources not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs:</p> <p>Bonus points are available for new projects that meet the below criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent Supportive Housing project that provides housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not currently funded through the CoC or ESG Programs for least 25 percent of the units included in the project; OR • Rapid Rehousing project that provides housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not currently funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project; AND • Must utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness, documented with a written commitment from a health care organization to provide substance use treatment or recovery services to all interested program participants who qualify or to provide services equal in value to 25 percent of the funding being requested by the project. Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider. 	5 points	