NEW PROJECT APPLICATION Details

Section 1: Effective Program Design

1. Provide a description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. (0 to 5 points)
   a. NOFO & Unsheltered NOFO: Copy from eSNAPS application (Unsheltered NOFO: Question 1.a; NOFO: Question 3.b)
   b. Unsheltered NOFO: include how the proposed project is consistent with the CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs (Refer to New Project Orientation Slide '*Significantly Reducing Chronic Unsheltered Homelessness in Dallas and Collin Counties: CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs*").
   c. NOFO: Include how the proposed program aligns with the funding priorities outlined in the FY 2022 CoC Ranking Policy.

2. Summarize how the type of housing and services proposed (with COC and other funding sources) will help program participants quickly obtain and retain permanent housing. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words
   a. Provide a description of the scope of the project including the target population(s) to be served, project plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive service needs of program participants (with CoC or other funding sources), and the strategies that will help participants quickly obtain and retain permanent housing.

3. Describe how eligible program participants will be assisted to obtain benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words
   a. Describe how this project will help program participants obtain the benefits for which they are eligible. (e.g. Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local workforce development agencies etc). Additionally, if you will coordinate with other partners, include their role in meeting this criterion.

4. Explain how the project will utilize a Housing First Approach. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words
   a. Provide a description of the Housing First practices that will be employed, with specific details about how the project will ensure there are:
      ▪ No preconditions for entry into the program.
      ▪ No barriers to housing such as denying program entry due to criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by law), lack of income, or active substance use.
      ▪ No termination of project participants for lack of participation in services or compliance with rules outside of standard lease terms.
      ▪ Provide examples that illustrate experience utilizing a Housing First approach.

Section 2: Financial Management Capacity

5. Describe the organization's experience in effectively administering federal funds or other public or private funding. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words
   a. Provide examples that demonstrate experience with issues such as timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submissions of required reporting on existing grants.

6. Does the most recent agency audit demonstrate there were no unresolved material findings? (0 to 5 points): Limit 500 words
   a. Attach the most recent agency audit, management letter, and response to management letter.
   b. Provide comments related to any material or unresolved findings reported.

Section 3 - System Performance Improvement

7. Describe how the project will measure effectiveness and contribute to improvements in the CoC's overall system performance. (0 to 5 points): (Limit 700 words)
   a. Identify performance measures, anticipated outcomes, and the process for evaluating project effectiveness.
   b. Provide information about how the project will contribute to overall improvement in the CoC's system performance measures.

8. Provide justification for project costs and cost effectiveness (0 to 5 points): (Limit 700 Words)
   a. Include info from E-Snaps, total units [4b], Summary Budget [6e]
   b. Using total project costs requested and total households to be served, provide the cost per household expected for the project. (Total households annually / total annual project cost = cost per household).
   c. Provide further narrative to justify cost per household and cost effectiveness.

9. Describe the experience of the applicant in assisting households to become stably housed and effectively carrying out the activities proposed. (0 to 5 points): (Limit 700 words)
   a. Provide examples that illustrate experience such as working with the target population(s), developing and implementing relevant program services, identifying housing units, etc.

Section 4 - Timeliness

10. Describe the plan for prompt implementation of the project (0 to 5 points). (Limit 700 Words)
    a. Demonstrate how the program will begin housing people as quickly as possible. (HUD encourages projects providing rental assistance to begin within 12 months of award, and no later than 24 months).
    b. Include a schedule of activities for the first 180 days after grant award.

Section 5 - Promoting Equity and Inclusion

11. Detail the applicant's strategy to identify and address racial disparities in program outcomes. (0 to 10 points). (Limit 700 Words)

12. Detail the applicant's strategy to provide culturally appropriate services (0-10 points) (Limit 700 words)
    a. Examples include hiring people with lived experience of homelessness to deliver and design services, ensuring service delivery teams are diverse and representative of the people the agency is serving, partnering with agencies who serve people from underserved communities, etc).

13. Specify what anti-discrimination policies the organization will implement related to serving LGBTQ+ individuals. (0 to 5 points). (Limit 700 Words)
    a. Include specific policies from the organization's handbook.
    b. Describe how your policy aligns with the CoC Non-Discrimination Policy related HUD's *Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity Rule* (Page 74) https://mdhadallas.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/TX-600-CoC-Policies-and-Procedures-approved-3-29-19.pdf

14. Describe how the applicant will integrate people with lived experience of homelessness into the design and delivery of services. (0 to 10 points). Limit 700 Words.
    a. Provide a description of the ways the agency will include people with live experience of homelessness in project decision making, planning, improvements, and implementation.

Section 6 – Coordination

HUD will preference CoCs who demonstrate that they are applying for Permanent Housing (PH) projects that leverage housing and healthcare resources **not funded** through the CoC or ESG program. Applicants will receive full points if their application is submitted with documentation demonstrating commitment for leveraged housing and or healthcare resources in accordance with HUD requirements outlined below.

15. Detail the applicant's existing partnerships that will be used to integrate program participants into housing. (0 to 5 points). (Limit 700 Words)
    a. Describe current partnerships that can be leveraged for this new project (e.g. furniture vendors, food banks, healthcare, etc.)
16. Describe how the project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words
    a. Full points will be awarded to projects who attach a letter of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that clearly demonstrate that the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project will:
        i. For Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects, provide at least **50 percent** of the units included in the project

        ii.   For Rapid Re-housing (RRH), serve at least **50 percent** of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project

17. Describe how the project will utilize health care resources not funded through the CoC or ESG programs to support program participants. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a. Full points will be awarded to projects who attach a letter of commitment or formal agreement from a healthcare organization that demonstrates the value of the assistance being provided is at least:

        iii.   An amount that is equivalent to **50 percent** of the funding being requested for the project will be covered by the healthcare organization; or

        iv.   In the case of a substance use treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services **for all** program participants who qualify and choose those service.

Section 7 – DV Bonus

18. Detail the applicant's experience in providing housing to DV Survivors. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a.   Describe how the applicant moves DV survivors housing, prioritizes survivors, determines supportive services, connects to services, and addresses housing stability

19. Detail the applicant's experience in ensuring DV survivor safety. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a.   Describe examples of how the applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness including privacy/confidentiality during intake and interview, placements into safe-housing, information and location confidentiality, staff training, security measures that support survivors

20. How does the applicant evaluate their ability to ensure DV survivor safety? (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a.   Describe the evaluation method used,
    b.   Describe any areas identified for improvement for the proposed project

21. Detail the applicant's experience in trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches for DV survivors. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a.   Describe examples of the applicant's experience in trauma-informed, victim-centered that include prioritization and placement of participants, agency culture, trauma resources, staff training, client choice, support options, and participant's strengths

22. Detail the supportive services offered for DV survivors during funding year 2021. (0 to 5 points): Limit 700 words

    a.   Examples could include child custody, financial literacy, housing search, crisis services, housing stability, etc.