

SYSTEMWIDE DIVERSION INITIATIVE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SCORECARD

Continuum of Care Program Funding Competition

Scoring Procedure

Applications containing all required items and submitted by the deadline will be reviewed and scored based on the selection criteria outlined below.

Agency Experience		
<p>Q1. Provide information about established agency policies and practices that illustrate your commitment to utilizing a Housing First approach. This includes specific details about how the agency currently ensures there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No preconditions for entry into the program. b. No barriers to housing such as denying program entry due to service needs, criminal background, lack of income, or active substance use. 		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant policies and practices illustrate full commitment to utilizing a Housing first approach.	5	
Applicant policies and practices illustrate limited commitment to utilizing a Housing first approach.	3	
No details provided.	0	
<p>Q2. Describe your agency's experience working with households experiencing homelessness to quickly regain housing.</p>		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates experience working with households experiencing homelessness to quickly regain housing	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited experience working with households experiencing homelessness to quickly regain housing	3	
No clear experience demonstrated	0	
<p>Q3. Provide examples of how your agency assesses clients' strengths and support networks.</p>		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant examples clearly demonstrate the agency's ability to assess clients' strengths and support networks	5	
Applicant examples somewhat demonstrate the agency's ability to assess clients' strengths and support networks	3	
No clear ability demonstrated	0	

Q4. Describe your agency's experience providing conflict resolution and mediation support to clients.		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates experience providing conflict resolution and mediation support to clients	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited experience providing conflict resolution and mediation support to clients	3	
No clear experience demonstrated	0	
Financial Management Capacity		
Q5. Did your agency have an independent audit or a review of certified financial statements within the last 18 months?		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant did have an audit or a review of certified financial statements within the last 18 months	5	
Applicant did not have an audit or a review of certified financial statements within the last 18 months	0	
Q6. In the independent audit or financial review, was there a management/internal control letter included in the audit?		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant had a management/internal control letter included.	0	
Applicant did not have a management/internal control letter included.	5	
Q7. Does the auditor's report indicate that the agency complies with all GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles)?		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Agency complies with all GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).	5	
Agency does not comply with all GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles).	0	
Q8. Does the auditor's report contain an "unqualified" opinion?		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Report does not contain an "unqualified" opinion.	5	
Report does contain an "unqualified" opinion.	0	

Program Design

Q9. Describe how individuals who become homeless will be supported to immediately find alternative housing options and avoid entering shelter and or unsheltered homelessness. Please include a description of any existing full-time staff that are dedicated to Housing Problem Solving or Diversion.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates comprehensive plan to support households in finding immediate alternative housing with the support of existing or potential staff	10	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan to support households in finding immediate alternative housing with the support of existing or potential staff	5	
No clear plan.	0	

Q10. Describe the policies and practices your agency will establish to ensure the Systemwide Diversion Initiative aligns to Housing First Principles. Include specific details about how the agency will ensure there are:

- No preconditions for entry into the program.
- No barriers to housing such as denying program entry due to service needs, criminal background, lack of income, or active substance use.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes how policies and practices will ensure that their agency will align with Housing First Principles.	5	
Applicant partially describes how policies and practices will ensure that their agency will align with Housing First Principles.	3	
No clear description.	0	

Q11. Provide your agency's approach to training and coaching staff to ensure they are proficient in critical Diversion skills (mediation and conflict resolution, housing problem-solving, active and empathetic listening, and strengths-based service delivery., etc)

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes the approach to training and coaching on critical Diversion skills.	5	
Applicant partially describes the approach to training and coaching on critical Diversion skills.	3	
No clear description.	0	

Q12. Describe the plan and timeline for prompt implementation of the project. Please include major events, activities, and when they will take place leading up to the project's start date. (bullet point and chronological order).

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Applicant clearly demonstrates comprehensive plan for prompt implementation of the project.	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan for prompt implementation of the project.	3	
No clear plan	0	

Q13. Is your agency a designated Access Point for the community's Coordinated Access System (CAS)? If not, please describe your agency's willingness to become an Access Point for the homeless response system.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant is a designated CAS Access Point or clearly describes the agency's willingness to become an Access Point for the homeless response system	5	
Applicant is not a designated CAS Access Point and partially describes the agency's willingness to become an Access Point for the homeless response system	3	
Not currently a designated Access Point and has not described willingness to become an Access Point.	0	

Promoting Equity and Inclusion

Q14. Describe how the applicant will integrate people with lived experience of homelessness into the design and delivery of services.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant fully describes how they will integrate people with lived experience into the design and delivery of services.	5	
Applicant partially describes how they will integrate people with lived experience into the design and delivery of services.	3	
No clear description	0	

Q15. Detail the applicant's strategy to identify and address racial disparities in program outcomes.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant fully details their strategy to identify and address racial disparities in program outcomes.	10	
Applicant partially details their strategy to identify and address racial disparities in program outcomes.	5	
No clear details.	0	

Q16. Describe how your agency accommodates non-English speaking clients		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant fully describes how their agency accommodates non-English speaking clients	5	
Applicant partially describes how their agency accommodates non-English speaking clients	3	
No clear details.	0	
Q17. Describe how your board and staff reflect the population the project will serve. Attach Board Composition.		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly	5	
Applicant partially details existing partnerships that will be used to integrate program participants into housing.	3	
No clear details.	0	
Q18. Describe how the agency ensures individuals that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) receive housing and services free from discrimination?		
Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes how the agency ensures (LGBTQ+) individuals receive housing and services free from discrimination.	5	
Applicant partially describes how the agency ensures (LGBTQ+) individuals receive housing and services free from discrimination.	3	
No clear description	0	
Total Points Available	100	