

STANISLAUS COUNTY 2021 HUD CoC APPLICATION SCORING TOOL
NEW PROJECT

Organization: _____ **Project Name:** _____ **Project Type:** PSH RRH TH-RRH RRH: DV Bonus TH-RRH: DV Bonus CE-SSO

| Summary of Factors | Points |
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| Threshold Requirements | Not Scored |
| Project Aligns with Community Needs | 30 |
| Project Enhances System Performance | 45 |
| Agency Capacity | 15 |
| HMIS | 10 |
| Total | 100 |
| <p><i>Reviewer is granted discretion to adjust score for any item up or down by two points within the maximum point range when score does not reflect the project's contribution to the community, basing said discretion on information in the project's application such as the project size, number of participants, and vulnerability and severity of needs of population served. Please note that the accuracy of the statements made by the applicant will be assessed during the annual CoC monitoring process. If CoC monitoring determines inaccuracies this may affect scoring in future competition years.</i></p> | |

| Performance Evaluation Criteria | Proposed Benchmark/Standard | Maximum Potential Points | Project Score |
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| Threshold Requirement - These factors are required but not scored. If project indicates “no” for any threshold criteria, it is ineligible for CoC funding. | | | |
| 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CES: Project agrees to participate in CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES). HMIS: Project will participate in HMIS or make alternative arrangement if serving survivors of domestic violence. HUD Compliant: Projects will be reviewed for compliance with the eligibility requirements of the CoC Interim Rule and must meet the threshold requirements outlined in the 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity. Policies: Project has policies regarding termination of assistance, client grievances, VAWA protection, and confidentiality that are compliant with HUD CoC Program requirements Equal Access and Non-Discrimination: The project ensures equal access to program participants regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, | “Yes” to all items | N/A | Pass/ Fail |

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| | <p>gender identity, age, familial status or disability. The project complies with all federal and state civil rights and fair housing laws including the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Access Rule.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Match: Match amount equals requirement. • Timing of Project Start: Freedom from logistical obstacles that appear likely to prevent project from beginning performance by HUD’s statutory deadlines (e.g., zoning issues anticipated or regulatory obstacles). | | | |
| Project Aligns with Community Needs – Factors relating to capacity of the homelessness system as a whole in the community | | | | |
| 2 | <p>Renewable Activities: Extent to which the project utilizes the grant funds for renewable activities (e.g., leasing rental subsidies, and housing operations) as opposed to non-renewable funds (e.g., acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation).</p> <p><i>Projects that request 100% of funding for renewable activities receive full points.</i></p> | 100% Renewable Funds | 10 | |
| 3 | <p>Community Needs/Gaps: The project addresses an unmet need, based on agency’s demonstrated capacity to serve an under-served population or area of the County.</p> | Project meets unmet need and fills demonstrated gap in local system of care. | 10 | |
| 4 | <p>Project Readiness: The project will be ready to start by HUD’s statutory deadlines, considering the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory obstacles such as tenant displacement or relocation, ^(SEP)environmental or zoning issues anticipated; ^(SEP) • Whether the agency has a feasible timeline for staffing the project, establishing site control, beginning to draw down funds, and otherwise complying with CoC Program deadlines; ^(SEP) • Whether the agency already has policies and procedures that can be used as-is or easily adapted for use in a CoC-funded project; • Whether the agency has familiarity with the CoC Program Regulations and 2021 CoC NOFA. | Project is prepared to start as rapidly as possible upon availability of grant funds. | 10 | |
| Project Enhances System Performance – Factors relating to success of the homelessness system as a whole in the community. Consider the overall design of the project in light of its outcome objectives, and the Continuum of Care’s goal that permanent housing programs for homeless people result in stable housing and increased income (through benefits or employment). | | | | |
| 5 | Project Design: The program is well-defined and the applicant is eligible. | | | |
| 5a | <p>If Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH, Dedicated PLUS, or Joint TH-RRH): Program design includes provision of comprehensive/intensive case management and supportive services of the appropriate type, scale and location to meet the needs of program participants (as well as transportation if necessary), using a Housing First model, considering the following:</p> | Project is designed to effectively serve the intended population with excellent housing and/or services and | 15 | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5 points) Has the agency developed a concrete plan for providing services to clients and/or referring clients to outside services for support, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What types of services will be provided in-house? What types of services will require referrals? What agencies will accept referrals? How will the referral scheme ensure connection? What is the process for developing client service plans and matching clients with services? For projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking, the degree to which agency's program design objectively improved client safety. (5 points) Is the project staffed appropriately to provide the services, and is the staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served? (5 points) Is the program design intentionally inclusive of and accessible to all eligible clients and take steps to eliminate identified barriers, particularly those faced by racial and ethnic minorities and those over-represented in the local population? | is designed to be inclusive and accessible. | | |
| 5b | <p>If Coordinated Entry: sets forth the community's approach to coordinated entry including how outreach, access, assessment, and referrals will be conducted and how community partners will be involved. Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the design reflect an effective approach to outreach, access, assessment and referrals? How will community partners be involved in coordinated entry? How will other funds be leveraged to support CoC program funds during implementation and operation? Is the project staffed appropriately to achieve its goals? Does the program include involvement of clientele in designing and operating a low barrier system? Is the program design intentionally inclusive of and accessible to all eligible clients? Does the project use evidence-based practices? | Project is designed to effectively serve participants within the CoC and is designed to be inclusive and accessible. | 15 | |
| 6a | <p>If Permanent Housing (PSH, RRH, Dedicated PLUS, or Joint TH-RRH): Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed, considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the project staffed appropriately to operate the housing? Is the staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served? Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities? | Project demonstrates careful planning for housing design. | 10 | |
| 6b | <p>If Coordinated Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (5 points) Will the proposed coordinated entry project cover the CoC's entire geographic area? | Program design is in alignment with the | 10 | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (5 points) Does the coordinated entry process ensure participants are directed to appropriate housing and/or services? Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Will the referral process for homelessness resources be coordinated across CoC and ESG providers? ○ Will the process include a list of all available resources and uniform decision making? ○ How will the process include program participant choice? ○ Will there be a process to reconcile unsuccessful or rejected placements? | coordinated entry system envisioned by the CoC | | |
| 7 | <p>Expected Outcomes: Has the agency demonstrated, through past performance, the ability to successfully carry out the work proposed and effectively provide services to people experiencing housing crises? For example, agency may describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking, the agency should provide examples of outcomes and program operations for existing or prior housing projects that serve(d) a similar population, and/or how they will address those needs going forward. • For projects dedicated to serving any particular subpopulation, the agency should provide examples of outcomes and program operations for existing or prior housing projects that serve(d) a similar population, and/or how they will address those needs going forward. • The agency's experience and outcomes related to the following or comparable measures of housing stability and increased income in any prior housing projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For PSH: The percentage of formerly homeless individuals who remain housed in the permanent supportive housing project or exited to other permanent housing, excluding participants who passed away; ^{[[]]}_{SEP} ○ For RRH/TH/TH-RRH: The percentage of homeless persons who exited the project to a form of permanent housing, excluding participants who passed away; ○ For all projects: The percentage of stayers/leavers that increase cash income from entry to latest status/exit; ^{[[]]}_{SEP} ○ For all projects: The percentage of stayers/leavers with non-cash benefit sources. ^{[[]]}_{SEP} • How the agency has analyzed the outcomes and improved program design and service delivery. ^{[[]]}_{SEP} • Agency may submit supporting documentation, such as a HUD System Performance Measures report. • Are outcomes realistic but sufficiently challenging given the scale of the project? • Are outcomes measurable and appropriate to the population being served? | Project demonstrates past success in other programs, including positive client outcomes and ability to improve programs. | 10 | |

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| | <i>Note: Applicants are strongly encouraged to use their HMIS data to examine client and program outcomes by race and ethnicity. The CoC is exploring additional ways to incorporate data-based or outcomes-based assessment of racial equity into the scoring process for future competitions</i> | | | |
| 8 | <p>Housing First Alignment in Program Design and Implementation: For each bulleted question, projects receive points indicated for “Yes” response or zero points for “No” response, according to project’s response on the Supplemental Application.</p> <p>a. Will the project ensure that potential participants are not disqualified based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic violence history (e.g., separation from abuser, willingness to get protective order, or police involvement)? (2 points) • Active substance use, or history of substance use? (2 points) • Having no or too little income? (1 point) • Existence of criminal record (except as mandated by law)? (1 point) <p>b. Will the project ensure that participants are not terminated from the program based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to increase income or loss of income? (1 point) • Failure to participate in services or make progress on a service plan? (2 points) • Being a victim of domestic violence? (1 point) | “No” to all questions | 10 | |
| Agency Capacity – Scores are consistent across all projects by each applicant agency. Factors measure agency’s capacity and contribution to the homelessness system. | | | | |
| 9 | <p>Administrative Capacity: Does the agency (or agencies) have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all administrative requirements? Consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has the agency successfully handled at least one other federal grant or other major grant of this size and complexity, either in or out of the CoC? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} • Does the agency have a clear staffing plan and project budget that cover both grant management and performance of grant activities? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} • Does the budget show that the project will have enough resources to provide high-quality, reliable services to the target population? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} • Does the budget show that the project will leverage significant outside resources (funding, staff, building space, volunteers, etc.) rather than rely entirely on CoC funds? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} • Does the budget show that the project is taking appropriate measures promote cost effectiveness? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} | Agency demonstrates ability to meet CoC project administrative requirements. | 10 | |
| 10 | <p>Compliance: To what extent does the agency have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any outstanding financial audit findings, local CoC compliance monitoring findings, or other concerns? ^{[[1]]}_{SEP} • Any outstanding HUD monitoring findings or concerns and/or any history ^{[[1]]}_{SEP}of sanctions imposed by HUD, including – but not limited to – suspending disbursements | Agency demonstrates ability to comply with HUD requirements. | 5 | |

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| | <p>(e.g., freezing LOCCS), requiring repayment of grant funds, or de-obligating grant funds due to performance issues? ⁽¹⁾_(SEP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If yes, what steps is the agency taking to resolve any findings or concerns, and to what extent has the program advised the Collaborative Applicant of issues identified by HUD? <p>⁽¹⁾_(SEP) If an agency has no outstanding audit or monitoring findings or concerns and no history of sanctions imposed by HUD, the agency should receive full points. ⁽¹⁾_(SEP)</p> | | | |
| HMIS – Factors based on agencies’ data collection in existing projects | | | | |
| 11 | <p>Data Quality: Is the agency participating in HMIS?</p> <p>If yes, the agency is participating in HMIS, consider data quality such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of agency beds participating in HMIS • Percentage of null/missing data • Percentage of “don’t know” or “refused” data ⁽¹⁾_(SEP) • The percentage of clients that exit to known destinations ⁽¹⁾_(SEP) • The percentage of clients with known income and benefits ⁽¹⁾_(SEP) • Average length of time between when a client enters or exits a program and when the project records the entry or exit <p>If no, the agency is not yet participating in HMIS, consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the plan to effectively track client data and outcomes in the proposed project? • Does the agency have demonstrated success at tracking high quality data? • Does the agency have adequate budget and staffing to collect and record high quality data for the proposed project? | Agency demonstrates commitment to high quality data. | 10 | |