

STANISLAUS COUNTY 2022 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
Threshold Requirements	Not Scored
Project Aligns with Community Needs	10
Project Enhances System Performance	70
Agency Capacity	15
Racial Equity Factors	5
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	Data Source	Maximum Potential Points	Project Score
Threshold Requirement - These factors are required but not scored. If project indicates “no” for any threshold criteria, it is ineligible for CoC funding.				
<p>1</p> <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. Equal Access and Non-Discrimination: The project ensures equal access to program participants regardless of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, 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. 	“Yes” to all items	HUD Project Application	N/A	Pass/ Fail

	<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	HUD Project Application	5	
3	<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, environmental or zoning issues anticipated; • 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; • 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 2022 CoC NOFA. 	Project is prepared to start as rapidly as possible upon availability of grant funds.	HUD Project Application	5	
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).					
4	Project Design: The program is well-defined and the applicant is eligible.				
4a	<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	HUD Project Application	15	

	<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.			
4b	<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.	HUD Project Application	15	
5a	<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.	HUD Project Application	10	
5b	<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	HUD Project Application	10	

	<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			
6	<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; ○ 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; ○ For all projects: The percentage of stayers/leavers with non-cash benefit sources. • How the agency has analyzed the outcomes and improved program design and service delivery. • 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.	HUD Project Application	40	

	<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>				
7	<p>Housing First Alignment in Program Design and Implementation: For each bulleted question, projects receive points indicated for each box checked on the project 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)? (1 point) • Active substance use, or history of substance use? (1 point) • Having no or too little income? (0.5 point) • Existence of criminal record (except as mandated by law)? (0.5 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? (0.5 point) • Failure to participate in services or make progress on a service plan? (1 point) • Being a victim of domestic violence? (0.5 point) 	Boxes Checked	HUD Project Application	5	
Agency Capacity – Scores are consistent across all projects by each applicant agency. Factors measure agency’s capacity and contribution to the homelessness system.					
8	<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? • Does the agency have a clear staffing plan and project budget that cover both grant management and performance of grant activities? • Does the budget show that the project will have enough resources to provide high-quality, reliable services to the target population? • 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? • Does the budget show that the project is taking appropriate measures promote cost effectiveness? 	Agency demonstrates ability to meet CoC project administrative requirements.	HUD Project Application	10	
9	<p>Compliance: To what extent does the agency have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any delinquent debt to any federal agency. • If yes, has the agency negotiated a repayment plan or has made other arrangements satisfactory to HUD? 	Agency demonstrates ability to comply with HUD requirements.	HUD Project Application	5	

	<i>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.</i>				
Racial Equity Factors – Outcomes that contribute to addressing racial equity and disparities within the community.					
13	<p>Racial Equity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the agency have under-represented and/or minority individuals (BIPOC, LTBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions? (1 point) Does the agency’s organizational board of directors include representation from individuals with lived experience? If not, how does the agency incorporate feedback from individuals with lived experience? (1 point) Has the agency reviewed its internal policies with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers that exacerbate disparities and outcomes? (1 point) Does the agency describe a comprehensible plan for reviewing program participant outcomes with an equity lens (including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age)? If already implementing a plan, are the findings described? (1 point) Has the agency identified whether programmatic changes are needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable? If yes, are the findings described? If no, does the agency describe steps they will take to identify programmatic changes? (1 point) 	Project is addressing racial disparities within the agency’s operational structure	Supplemental Survey	5	
Timeliness Penalties					
	<p>Local Application: Penalties for late application materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any late application received within 48 hours of the due date/time will receive a 15-point score reduction. Late applications received after 48 hours will not be accepted. <p>The Review and Rank Committee has the discretion to waive the late application points deduction if it determines that emergency or extreme situations existed.</p>			0	