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2016 Scorecard for CoC Funds: New Projects

This scorecard will be used by the Balance of State Project Review Committee to score applications for new projects. This scorecard has four goals:

- Fund organizations that have the capacity to run effective programs (can manage and administer the program, can operate on reimbursement basis, have experience serving this population or a similar one)
- Fund projects that reflect the Balance of State Continuum of Care & HUD’s priorities: permanent supportive housing and serving the chronically homeless and veterans
- Incentivize agencies to be good partners (participating in community efforts to end homelessness, on HMIS, helping create infrastructure for their community’s homeless service system to operate effectively throughout the year)
- Ensure that funded projects are being good stewards of BoS CoC funding and performing to BoS CoC standards

The BoS Project Review Committee may ask applicant agencies to provide additional information to determine agency capacity to: implement projects in a timely manner with successful outcomes, score well on the HUD Annual Performance Report (APR), and avoid jeopardizing overall agency stability or future funding for the NC BoS CoC.

[References in brackets indicate the section of the application that will be used to score each question. These references will be updated as needed after HUD has released the 2015 application.]

Reviewer:			
Applicant:			
Project Name:			
Project Type (circle one)	PH:PSH	PH:RRH	SSO
Reviewer Signature:		Date:	

PROJECT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS							
<p>New projects must receive at least the standard and minimum score in each section. If a standard or minimum is not met, further review will be triggered. After further review, the Project Review Committee will determine potential consequences, including whether the project is</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Maximum Score Possible:</td> <td style="width: 50%;">PSH: 172</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>RRH: 156</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>SSO: 108</td> </tr> </table>	Maximum Score Possible:	PSH: 172		RRH: 156		SSO: 108
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ineligible for inclusion in final BoS CoC application or will receive reduced funding. Thresholds are a requirement for new grantees. Grantees that do not meet thresholds will not be put through the funding process.	Project Score:	
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Combined Scoring

This section is scored by two reviewers, a member of the NC BoS Project Review Committee and an NCCEH staff person, and these two scores are averaged for each question. Find more information on the Project Review Committee in the NC BoS CoC Governance Charter: www.ncceh.org/bos

Section I: Organizational Capacity

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score	
0	Standard Met		
Consistency with Mission		Possible Score	Project Score
Does the project fit within the mission of the agency? Does the agency currently serve homeless households in their community? <i>[Agency Form]</i>		Standard (met, unmet)	

Section II: Accuracy

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score	
15	10		
Accuracy and Appropriateness of Response		Possible Score	Project Score
Is the project description completed and accurate? <i>[Proj. App: 3B]</i>		2	
Does the agency describe prior experience serving homeless persons that has prepared the agency for administering this grant? <i>[Agency Form]</i>		2	



Are questions regarding services completed and accurate? <i>[Proj. App: 4A]</i>	2	
Are questions regarding outreach completed and accurate? <i>[Proj. App: 5C]</i>	2	
Are questions regarding housing for participants completed and accurate? <i>[Proj. App: 4B]</i>	2	
Are the standard performance measures completed? Are the goals appropriate for the project and are the descriptions complete? (Score includes required Standard Performance Measures. Additional Performance Measures are not required.) <i>[Proj. App: 6A & 6B]</i>	4	
Is the overall application complete, accurate, and error-free?	1	

Section III: BoS & HUD Priorities

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score	
PSH: 90	PSH: 38		
RRH: 75	RRH: 15		
SSO: 40	SSO: Standards Met		
Community Need Statement		Possible Score	Project Score
New CoC projects must demonstrate that they are meeting an existing need in their community. Projects must describe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What community need the new project will address including local data (PIT count, coordinated assessment outcomes, etc.) that demonstrates the need • How the community has used other resources to address this need 		Standard (met, unmet, N/A)	
Targeting People with Disabilities			
What percentage of the adults served by the project are expected to		Possible Score	Project



be people with disabilities? <i>[Proj. App: 5B]</i>		Score
Less than 100%	0	
100%	8	
Targeting Veterans		
What percentage of the adults served by the project are expected to be veterans? <i>[Proj. App: 5B]</i>	Possible Score	Project Score
Less than 25%	0	
Between 25% and 49%	4	
Between 50% and 74%	8	
Between 75% and 99%	12	
100%	16	
Targeting People Who Are Chronically Homeless		
What percentage of the people (adults and children) served by the project are expected to be chronically homeless? <i>[Proj. App: 5B]</i>	Possible Score	Project Score
Less than 25%	0	
Between 25% and 49%	4	
Between 50% and 74%	8	
Between 75% and 99%	12	
100%	16	
Permanent Housing Projects (PSH and RRH)		
Is this a permanent supportive housing (PSH) project requesting any funds for housing? <i>[Proj. App: 3A, question 4 (should say PH); 3B, question 7 (should say PSH); 7J (should have leasing or rental assistance funds)]</i>	Possible Score	Project Score



	Yes	20	
	No	0	
Is this a rapid re-housing (RRH) project that is requesting any funds for housing? <i>[Proj. App: 3A, question 4 (should say PH); 3B, question 7 (should say RRH); 7I (should have leasing or rental assistance funds)]</i>			
	Yes	5	
	No	0	
Rental assistance projects are preferred to leasing projects as rental assistance projects adjust to FMR and provide tenants with a lease in their name. Projects that wish to provide leasing must submit a written statement that explains why the project is not applying as a rental assistance project.		Standard (met, unmet, N/A)	
For rapid re-housing projects: Applicants must be currently receiving Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) RRH funds and in good standing with the ESG office or operating a RRH program with other funding sources that adheres to the RRH program standards. Exceptions may be made for public housing authorities (Note: PHAs are not eligible to apply for ESG funds but are eligible for CoC funding).		Threshold (met, unmet, N/A)	
Supportive Services Only (SSO) Projects		Possible Score	Project Score
For SSO projects: Applicants must submit a statement demonstrating that the region has developed sufficient permanent supportive housing resources. The statement must clarify what elements of the SSO project make it preferable to a permanent supportive housing project.		NA for the 2016 Competition	
Housing Over Services			
Total \$ request for housing activities (acquisition, rehab, construction, rental assistance, leased units, and/or leased structures): <i>[Proj. App: 7J]</i>			
Total \$ budget request: <i>[Proj. App.: 7J, line 8 or 9]</i>			



Percentage of total budget devoted to housing activities (housing activities request ÷ total request x 100):	Possible Score	Project Score
Less than 35%	0	
Between 35% and 54.9%	5	
Between 55% and 74.9%	10	
Between 75% and 84.9%	20	
Between 85% and 100%	30	
<p>While services are an important component of supporting households in maintaining their housing, HUD prioritizes using CoC program funds for housing and using other sources of available funding to provide services. Projects requesting HUD funding to provide supportive services must provide a plan on how these services will be funded in the future from alternate sources. Please include these elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other potential sources of funding that the project is working to secure to fund supportive services. • A plan for when the project will reduce its use of CoC funds for services. 	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Housing First	Possible Score	Project Score
Is this a Housing First project? <i>[Proj. App: 3B, 5d]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet)	
Key Elements of Permanent Supportive Housing		
If this project is a permanent supportive housing (PSH) project, does it include the following key elements of permanent supportive housing as defined by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) ¹ ? <i>[Program, eligibility requirements, sample lease, program rules, house rules (if any). NCCEH will provide a form for applicants to list services and indicate</i>		

¹ US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Mental Health Services. (2010) Permanent Supportive Housing: Building Your Program (Evidence- Based Practices KIT). Retrieved from <http://store.samhsa.gov/shin/content//SMA10-4510/SMA10-4510-06-BuildingYourProgram-PSH.pdf>



<i>if they are required or optional.] If project does not meet all standards, the Project Review Committee will determine if the project is ineligible for inclusion in the BoS CoC application.</i>		
Leases or rental agreements do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by someone who does not have a disability.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Participation in services is voluntary and tenants cannot be evicted for rejecting services.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
House rules, if any, are similar to those found in housing for people who do not have disabilities and do not restrict visitors or otherwise interfere with a life in the community.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Housing is not time-limited, and the lease is renewable at tenants' and owners' option.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Tenants have choices in the support services that they receive. They are asked about their choices and can choose from a range of services, and different tenants receive different types of services based on their needs and preferences.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
As needs change over time, tenants can receive more intensive or less intensive support services without losing their homes.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Rapid Re-housing Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards		
If this project is a Rapid Re-housing project, does it include the following program standards as defined by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and Abt Associates ² ? <i>[eligibility requirements, sample lease, program policies and rules, etc.] If project does not meet all standards, the Project Review Committee will determine if the project is ineligible for inclusion in the BoS CoC application.</i>		
Core Program Standard: Housing Identification		

² http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/Rapid%20Re-Housing%20Performance%20Benchmarks%20and%20Program%20Standards_2016.pdf
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<p>Program designates staff whose responsibility is to identify and recruit landlords and encourage them to rent to homeless households served by the program. Staff have the knowledge, skills, and agency resources to: understand landlords' perspectives, understand landlord and tenant rights and responsibilities, and negotiate landlord supports. A program may have dedicated staff for whom this is the primary responsibility. If a program does not have a dedicated staff person(s) who performs this function, case manager job descriptions must include responsibilities including landlord recruitment and negotiation and at least some of the program's case managers must be trained in this specialized skill set to perform the recruitment function effectively. <i>(Note: This answer will be scored based on information provided on the RRH Provider Form.)</i></p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	
<p>Program has written policies and procedures for landlord recruitment activities, including screening out potential landlord partners who have a history of poor compliance with their legal responsibilities and fair housing practices.</p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	
<p>Program offers a standard, basic level of support to all landlords who lease to program participants. This support is detailed in a written policy distributed to landlords. Program can negotiate additional supports, as needed, on a case-by-case basis</p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	
<p>Program has a written policy requiring staff to explain to participants basic landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities and the requirements of their specific lease.</p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	
<p>Core Program Standard: Rent and Move-In Assistance</p>		
<p>Program staff are trained on regulatory requirements of all rapid re-housing funding streams and on the ethical use and application of a program's financial assistance policies, including, but not limited to initial and ongoing eligibility criteria, program requirements, and assistance maximums. Program has a routine way to onboard new staff and to keep staff regularly updated on changing regulations and/or program policies.</p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	
<p>Program has clearly defined policies and procedures for determining the amount of financial assistance provided to a participant, as well as defined and objective standards for when case management and financial assistance should continue and end. Guidelines are flexible enough to respond to the varied and changing needs of program participants, including</p>	<p>Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)</p>	



participants with zero income.		
A progressive approach is used to determine the duration and amount of rent assistance. Financial assistance is not a standard “package” and is flexible enough to adjust to households’ unique needs and resources, especially as participants’ financial circumstances or housing costs change. Policies detailing this progressive approach include clear and fair decision guidelines and processes for reassessment for the continuation and amount of financial assistance. Policies and procedures also detail when and how rapid re-housing assistance is used as a bridge to a permanent subsidy or permanent supportive housing placement.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Core Program Standard: Rapid Re-housing Case Management and Services		
Except where dictated by the funder, program participants direct when, where, and how often case management meetings occur. Meetings occur in a participant’s home and/or in a location of the participant’s choosing whenever possible. (<i>Note: The intent of this standard is that program participants are involved in creating a mutually agreed upon time, place and frequency of meetings with the case manager.</i>)	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
When case management and service compliance is not mandated by federal or state regulation, services offered by a program have voluntary participation.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Program has clearly defined relationships with employment and income programs that it can connect program participants to when appropriate.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Program has clearly defined policies and objective standards for when case management should continue and end. These guidelines are flexible enough to respond to the varied and changing needs of program participants. In instances where cases are continued outside of these defined policies and objective standards, there is a review and approval process.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Core Program Standard: Program Philosophy and Design		
Program staff are trained on the principles of Housing First and oriented to the basic program philosophy of rapid re-housing. Program has routine way of onboarding new staff that includes training on Housing First and rapid re-housing principles.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	



Program has well-defined and written screening processes that use consistent and transparent decision criteria. Criteria do not include screening possible participants out for income or lack thereof.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Eligibility criteria for the program do not include a period of sobriety, a commitment to participation in treatment, or any other criteria designed to “predict” long-term housing stability other than willingness to engage the program and work on a self-directed housing plan	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	
Leases for program participants are legally binding, written leases. Leases with additional requirements, such as drug testing or program participation, are not allowed.	Standard (met, unmet, unmet-Documentation not provided, N/A)	

Section IV: Scope of Services

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score	
8	6		
Service Needs		Possible Score	Project Score
Do services adequately and appropriately meet anticipated service needs? <i>[Proj. App: 4A]</i>		4	
Employment Services		Possible Score	Project Score
Does the project provide or link participants to employment services? Does the program have employment goals? <i>[Proj. App: 4A]</i>		2	
Access to Mainstream Benefits		Possible Score	Project Score
Does the project include services to help participants access mainstream benefits, including but not limited to using SOAR trained caseworkers? <i>[Proj. App: 4A]</i>		2	



Staff Scoring

The following section is scored by NCEH. Staff use standardized scoring methods to ensure fairness.

Section V: Organizational Capacity

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score
22	8	
Completed Similar Projects	Possible Score	Project Score
Has the agency successfully implemented a CoC-funded project of the same project type (PSH, RRH or SSO)? <i>[Proj. App: 3B; interview with agency]</i>		
Has successfully implemented the same project type	8	
Has not implemented the same project type	0	
If not , has the agency successfully implemented this same type of project (permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, coordinated assessment) using another funding source? <i>[Proj. App: 3B; interview with agency]</i>	4	
If the answer to either above question is yes, are the same staff that were operating the program at that time going to be operating the proposed project? <i>[Proj. App: 3B; interview with agency]</i>	2	
If none of the above, has the agency successfully implemented a different HUD-funded project (ESG, Section 8, HPRP, etc.)? <i>[Proj. App: 3B; interview with agency]</i>	2	
Agency Stability	Possible Score	Project Score
Has the agency been in operation for at least 3 years? <i>[Proj. App: 3B; interview with agency]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet)	
Non-profits only: Did the applicant submit a signed audit letter and a copy of their budget from the most recent fiscal year? (Financial statements will be used to assess fiscal stability of the applicant agency. Financial statements that demonstrate instability may result	Threshold (met, unmet, N/A)	



in the agency not meeting requirements.) <i>[Audit letter and budget]</i>		
Non-profits only: Does the agency have the financial capacity to operate this project on a reimbursement basis? <i>[Budget]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet, N/A)	
Non-profits only: Has the agency submitted a list of their board of directors and a copy of the minutes from their three most recent board meetings? Does the agency have an active and engaged board of directors? <i>[Board list and minutes]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet, N/A)	
Capacity to Provide Needed Services	Possible Score	Project Score
Does the agency have the capacity to provide the services that will be needed? a) Do the services described seem adequate and appropriate and b) is the staffing pattern or subcontract plan adequate and appropriate? Do program staff have sufficient experience and knowledge to effectively run the type of program being applied for? <i>[Proj. App: 3B and 4A; organizational chart]</i>	Standard (met, unmet, N/A)	
Administrative Capacity	Possible Score	Project Score
Is the administrative staff separate from the services staff? <i>[Organizational chart]</i>	3	
Is funding for the administrative staff stable? Is there adequate administrative staff to ensure agency stability throughout program implementation? <i>[Budget]</i>	3	

Section VI: Match & Leverage

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score
8	Standards met	
Documentation of Match	Possible Score	Project Score
Do match letters sufficiently document the required match for the project type?	Standard (met, unmet)	



Leverage		
Total leverage: [Proj. App: 7I]		
Total \$ request from HUD: [Proj. App: 7J]		
Ratio of leverage to request (leverage ÷ request):	Possible Score	Project Score
Ratio at least 1.5:1	Standard (met, unmet)	
Ratio 1.5 to 1.99:1	4	
Ratio 2:1 or more	8	

Section VII: Performance

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score
PSH: 29	Standards met	
RRH: 28		
SSO: 15		
CoC APR Scores	Possible Score	Project Score
The following project performance scores are based on HMIS Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015.		
What is the program's unit utilization rate?		
95% or higher	2	
0-94%	0	
Did 100% of program participants enter the program from an eligible homeless situation?		
Yes	1	



No	0	
Rapid Re-Housing Applicants: what percentage of program participants exited to a permanent housing destination?		
Below 80%	0	
Performance met RRH Performance Benchmark Goal: At least 80%	2	
Permanent Supportive Housing Programs: what percentage of program participants exited to a permanent housing destination? (if no exits, 10 points is automatically awarded)		
Below 80%	0	
80% or higher	2	
What percentage of program participants exited to a known destination?		
95% or higher	1	
0-94%	0	
What percentage of program participants were employed at program exit?		
Performance met HUD Goal: At least 20%	0	
Performance met BoS Goal: At least 28%	1	
What percentage of program participants were receiving mainstream benefits at program exit?		
Performance met HUD Goal: At least 20%	0	
Performance met BoS Goal: At least 75%	1	
Permanent Supportive Housing programs: what percentage of program participants remained in the program for 6 months or longer?		
Performance met HUD Goal: At least 80%	0	
Performance met BoS Goal: At least 94%	1	



HMIS Participation (Per federal law, domestic violence programs are prohibited from using HMIS and are exempted from this section.)		
If the agency has additional beds (not a part of this project application), are those beds also being entered into the system? <i>[HMIS report; HIC]</i>	Possible Score	Project Score
Yes	5	
No	0	
Does the agency commit to enter 100% of the beds into HMIS (with client consent)? <i>[Interview with agency]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet)	
HUD Monitoring Findings	Possible Score	Project Score
If the agency has other existing projects, are there any HUD monitoring findings currently associated with any of these projects? If so, findings must be resolved or explained to the satisfaction of the Review Committee for the application to meet the standard. <i>[Interview with agency]</i>	Standard (met, unmet, N/A)	
Previous Project Spending Rates	Possible Score	Project Score
These questions are for agencies that have other CoC projects that have been operating for at least one year at the time of the NOFA release. <i>[APR, If APR is not available, agencies will submit a LOCS screenshot of final draw for last completed year. If agencies are spending less than 90% of funding, they must submit a narrative explaining why the agency is underspending their grant.]</i>		
Amount awarded <i>[LOCCS portfolio]</i>		
Amount spent (percentage rounded to the nearest whole number)		
Percentage 90+%	Standard (met, not met, NA)	
How many grant extensions from HUD were given in for a reason other than merging grants? <i>[Interview with agency]</i>		
0	15	
1	0	
2+	further review	



Section VIII: Agency's Relationship to Community

Possible Points	Minimum	Project Score
0	Standards met	
Participation in Regional Committee Activities The following participation questions will be scored based on the project participation in all Regional Committees within their grant coverage area.		
Did the applicant participate in 75% of Regional Committee meetings from July 2015 - June 2016? <i>[Regional Committee Approval Form]</i>	Standard (met, unmet)	
Application has been presented to Regional Committee and has been approved for consideration by the BoS Project Review Committee <i>[Regional Committee Approval Form]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet)	
Participated in regional ESG application process <i>[Regional Committee Approval Form]</i>	Standard (met, unmet)	
Recipient agrees to participate in the local Coordinated Assessment process as designed by the Regional Committee <i>[Interview with applicant]</i>	Threshold (met, unmet)	

Section IX: Deductions

Possible Points -	Minimum	Project Score	
-25	No more than loss of -15		
Budget		Possible Score	Project Score
If questions regarding the budget are not complete and accurate, subtract up to 5 points.		-5	
Deadlines		Possible Score	Project Score
Specific dates for deadlines will be clarified as the NOFA timeline is discerned or published.			
If the online application was NOT completed correctly, subtract up to 10 points.		-10	
If required accompanying documents were NOT completed correctly,		-10	



subtract up to 10 points.		
The online application and accompanying documents must be turned in on time.	Threshold (met, not met)	

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