

Santa Cruz County 2024 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Reviewer: _____ Check that not conflicted per CoC policy ___

Agency/Project: _____

No.	Scoring Criteria	Points Possible	Points
1	<p>Housing/Project Type Points will be awarded based upon local priority for the following housing/project types:</p> <p>10 points for:</p> <p>(a) Renewal projects of the following types:</p> <p>9 points for:</p> <p>a. PSH serving 100% chronically homeless persons with emphasis on the longest histories of homelessness and most severe needs</p> <p>b. PSH serving 100% DedicatedPLUS project type with emphasis on the longest histories of homelessness and most severe</p> <p>c. RRH for homeless individuals or families, including unaccompanied youth</p> <p>d. Joint TH and RRH projects</p> <p>1 bonus point for: Renewal PSH, RRH, or TH-RRH projects serving CH, DedicatedPLUS, or other populations that specifically identify immigrants and/or persons with justice system involvement as an allowable client subpopulation</p> <p>5 points for:</p> <p>(a) Renewal projects of the following types:</p> <p>a. PSH projects <u>not</u> dedicated 100% to chronically homeless or DedicatedPLUS populations.</p> <p>0 points for: – All other projects.</p>	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <p>9 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSH – 100% CH • PSH – 100% Ded.+ • RRH • TH-RRH <p>1 bonus point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSH immigrants or justice involved allowable <p>5 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSH – <100% CH or Ded.+ <p>0 points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other projects 	
2	<p>Priority Population Served - Addresses Chronic Homeless, Youth, or DV Population(s) Projects will receive points based on the percentage of clients served in the application who are experiencing chronic homelessness, or are survivors or domestic violence.</p>	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <p>CH population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 100% CH • 7.5 points – 70-99% • 5 points – 50-69% • 2.5 points – 25-49% • 1 point – 1-24% • 0 points – 0%. <p>OR</p> <p>DV population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 100% DV dedicated • 0 points – <100%. <p>(CES & HMIS projects will</p>	

		receive 10 points)	
3	PERFORMANCE MEASURES	20 POINTS POSSIBLE (CES, HMIS, and first-year projects without a full year of HMIS data will receive 15 points)	
3A	CoC RENEWAL HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY:	20 POINTS POSSIBLE	
3A 1	Housing Stability: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For PSH, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined retain permanent housing for 7 months or more? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – at least 90% For transitional housing and RRH, did you meet the standard in helping leavers find and move into permanent housing? HUD and CoC Performance Standard – at least 90% 	7 Points Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 points – 90% or more 3½ points – 80%-89% 0 points - <80% 	
3A 2	Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase income from employment AND non-cash benefits from mainstream sources? CoC Performance Standard – at least 75% For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping ADULT leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase income from employment ONLY? CoC Performance Standard – at least 25% 	5 Points Available All Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2½ points – 75% or more 1½ points – 65%-74% 0 points - <65% Employment Income <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2½ points – 25% or more 1½ points – 15%-24% 0 points - <15% 	
3A 3	Non-Cash Mainstream Benefits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in helping leavers and stayers combined maintain or increase at least one source of non-cash benefits? CoC Performance Standard – at least 50% 	2 Points Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – 50% or more 1 point – 40%-49% 0 points - <40% 	
3A 4	Program Occupancy (bed utilization): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that average program occupancy met CoC standard. CoC Performance Standard – at least 90% for the year 	2 Points Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – 90% or more 1 point – 80%-89% 0 points - <80% 	
3A 5	Returns to Homelessness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For all projects except HMIS, did you meet the standard in ensuring that leavers did not exit to non-permanent destinations (e.g., shelters, transitional housing, hotels, motels, and the streets)? CoC Performance Standard – no more than 20% 	2 Points Available <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – 20% or less 1 point – 21%-30% 0 points - >30% 	
3A 6	Length of Stay: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For PSH only, did you meet the standard by increasing the annual average LOS in permanent housing for leavers and stayers combined? – higher LOS average than previous APR year 	2 Points Available PSH: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – higher LOS than previous year 0 points – lower LOS 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For TH and RRH only, did you meet the standard by <u>decreasing</u> the annual average LOS in TH or RRH for leavers? – lower LOS average than previous APR year 	<p>than previous year TH & RRH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 points – lower LOS than previous year 0 points – higher LOS than previous year 	
3A 7	<p>Victim Service Providers only - Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please propose at least one relevant measure of the degree of participant safety that you will commit to using in the future. 	Not Scored This Year	
4	PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS	20 POINTS POSSIBLE (CES & HMIS projects will receive 15 points)	
4A	<p>Coordinated Entry Participation: The minimum percentage of new clients since 1/1/23 who came from CES referral.</p>	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points – 95% - 100% from CES referral 8 points – 90% - 94% 6 points – 85% - 89% 4 points – 80% - 84% 2 points – 75% - 79% 1 point – 70% - 74% 0 points – below 70%. 	
4B	<p>Housing First Fidelity Assessment: Serving People with the Highest Barriers to Housing: To what extent does your project embrace the following Housing First approaches?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does the project prioritize client selection based on duration of homelessness and vulnerability? Does the project accept all clients regardless of substance use history, or current use? Does the project accept clients who are diagnosed with, or show symptoms of, a mental illness? Does the project accept clients regardless of criminal history? Does the project accept clients regardless of income or financial resources? Does the project use a harm-reduction model for drugs and/or alcohol use? <p>Removing Barriers to Housing: To what extent does your project eliminate the following barriers to housing?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No minimum income No required current employment No required state issued photo id Need not show sobriety (drugs or alcohol) OK to have symptoms of mental illness Need not have transportation 	<p>10 Points Available</p> <p>Housing First approaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 point “yes” response 0 points “no” response <p>Removing housing barriers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/2 point per “yes” response 0 points per “no” response 	

	<p>7. No required specific disabling condition (e.g., MH, SA, HIV/AIDS)</p> <p>8. Need not show use medication.</p>		
5	FINANCIAL AND COST EFFECTIVENESS	10 POINTS POSSIBLE	
5A	Housing vs. Service Funding: The percentage of <i>program</i> funding (not including admin) proposed to be used on housing activities (acquisition, construction, rehab, and housing operations) vs. percentage funding used on non-housing activities (supportive services, services-only operations, and HMIS).	<p>2 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points renewal – 75% - 100% housing activities • 1 points renewal – 50% - 74% • 0 points – below 50%. (CES and HMIS projects will receive 2 points) 	
5B	Drawdown completeness: The percentage of overall HUD grant drawn down in the most recent completed program year recorded in the most recent APR.	<p>8 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 points – 100% of budgeted funds successfully drawn • 7 points – 98% - 99% • 6 points – 96% - 97% • 5 points – 94% - 95% • 4 points – 92% - 93% • 3 points – 90% - 91% • 2 points – 88% - 89% • 1 point – 86% - 87% • 0 points – below 86%. 	
6	AGENCY EXPERIENCE/CAPACITY	20 POINTS POSSIBLE	
6A	Agency Years of Experience Number of years of agency experience in implementing the proposed program OR similar program type (e.g., RRH or PSH)	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 8+ years • 8 points – 5 to 7 years • 6 points – 4 to 6 years • 4 points – 2 to 3 years • 2 points – 1 to 2 years • 0 points – below 1 year 	
6B	Capacity Issues Points will be deducted if in the past year (7/1/23-present): (1) the program had a CoC risk assessment AND did not carry out any actions to correct and risk issue(s) identified, (2) the agency has unresolved HUD monitoring findings in CoC programs, or (3) the agency has been late in submitting a CoC APR.	<p>10 Pts Deduction Possible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points deduction – no action risk issues • 3 points deduction – unresolved findings • 4 points deduction – late APR 	
6C	Narrative Responses - Past Experience in Key Areas Please (1) describe your agencies prior experience, and (2) provide at least one example of agency success, in the following key areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority Population Served - Serving clients who are experiencing chronic homelessness, or are survivors of domestic violence 2. Program Design – Operating a similar type of program 	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points – priority population • 2 point – program design • 1 point – CES 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. CES Participation – Accepting and successfully housing program referrals through CES 4. Housing First – Embracing Housing First approaches and removing participant barriers to housing 5. Mainstream Resources – Implementing strategies to help participants access federal mainstream benefits 6. Equity Factors – Implementing agency leadership, governance, and policy changes and assessing and improving participant outcomes with and equity lens 	<p>participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points – Housing First • 1 point – Mainstream resources • 2 points – Equity factors 	
7	<p>Mainstream Resources</p> <p>The number of strategies the program has identified to help clients access federal mainstream benefits, including Medicaid; State Children’s Health Insurance Program; TANF (CalWORKS); Food Stamps; SSI; Workforce Investment Act; <i>Employment Income</i>; Welfare to Work Grant Programs and Veterans Health Care.</p>	<p>7 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 points – 7 - 8 strategies used • 5 points – 5 - 6 used • 3 point – 3 - 4 used • 2 points – 2 used • 1 point – 1 used • 0 points – 0 used 	
8	<p>Equity Factors</p> <p>Agency will receive one point for each of the following factors that it has implemented OR commits to implement within one year:</p> <p>Agency leadership, governance, and policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agency has individuals representing BIPOC in managerial and leadership positions 2. Agency has individuals representing LGBTQ+ in managerial and leadership positions 3. Agency board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience 4. Agency has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience 5. Agency has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers. 6. Agency has provided at least one staff training since 1/1/21 on enhancing equity for BIPOC and/or LGBTQ+. <p>Program participant outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Agency has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age 8. Agency has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable for overrepresented races or ethnicities and developed a plan to make those changes 9. Agency has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable for LGBTQ+ persons and developed a plan to make those changes 10. Agency is working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for 	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point per “yes” response • 0 points “no” response 	

	reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and or/age.		
9	<p>Community Collaboration and Participation (3 points possible)</p> <p>To what extent does the applicant agency support the Housing for Health Partnership (H4HP) by: (1) participating in meetings of the H4HP general membership, (2) participating in HMIS by entering client data into HMIS for 100% of its programs that are listed in the 2024 Housing Inventory Chart (HIC); and (3) participating in CES with no housing referral denials except where there is an appropriate reason for denial under an exception listed in the CES Policies and Procedures, section 7.3.5?</p> <p><i>Sub-scores will be determined by H4HP staff based upon appropriate H4HP and documentation for the period from July 1, 2023, to the present time.</i></p>	<p>3 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <p>H4HP meeting participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point: Agency attends 75% to 100% • 0 points: Agency attends 0% to 74% <p>HMIS participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point: Has data for 100% HIC • 0 points: Has data for less than 100% HIC <p>CES participation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point: Agency receives CES housing referrals and has no inappropriate denials • 0 points: Agency does not receive CES housing referrals OR has had inappropriate denials 	
	TOTAL	110 POINTS POSSIBLE	