

Santa Cruz County 2024 CoC New 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) New projects of the following types proposing to use funds reallocated (including voluntary or transitional reallocations) from renewals and/or new project bonus funds: 9 points for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PSH with rental assistance serving 100% chronically homeless persons with emphasis on the longest histories of homelessness and most severe needs PSH with rental assistance serving 100% DedicatedPLUS project type with emphasis on the longest histories of homelessness and most severe needs Joint TH and RRH projects RRH for homeless individuals or families, including unaccompanied youth 1 bonus point for: New 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>10 points for:</p> <p>(b) New DV bonus projects of the following types:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> RRH projects that must follow a Housing First approach Joint TH and RRH projects that must follow a Housing First approach CES project to meet the needs of DV survivors, demonstrating trauma-informed and victim-centered approach. <p>5 points for:</p> <p>(a) New projects of the following types proposing to use funds reallocated from renewals or CoC bonus funds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PSH projects <u>not</u> dedicated 100% to chronically homeless DedicatedPLUS populations. <p>0 points for: – All other projects.</p>	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <p>9 points: New realloc or bonus:</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, RRH, or TH-RRH immigrants or justice involved allowable <p>10 points: New DV Bonus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RRH - Housing 1st TH-RRH - Housing 1st CES – DV focused <p>5 points: New realloc or bonus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSH – <100% CH or Det.+ <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</p>	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <p>CH population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 points – 100% CH 	

	served in the application who are experiencing chronic homelessness, or are survivors or domestic violence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7.5 points – 70-99% • 5 points – 50-69% • 2.5 points – 25-49% • 1 point – 1-24% • 0 points – 0%. OR DV population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 100% DV dedicated • 0 points – <100%. (DV CES projects will receive 10 points)	
3A	NEW CoC HOUSING PROJECTS ONLY – PROGRAM DESIGN	20 POINTS POSSIBLE	
	<p>Narrative Responses: Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed. Program design includes provision of appropriate supportive services. Consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Are the program annual measurable goals appropriate to the program type and sufficiently challenging? 2. Will the majority of homeless participants come from the streets, emergency shelters, or other appropriate setting given population served and project type? 3. Is the program’s outreach plan sufficient and feasible population served and project type? 4. Are the types and frequency of services appropriate for the population served and project type? 5. Are the strategies to help participants obtain and remain in permanent housing appropriate for the population served and project type? 6. Are the strategies to help participants increase their employment and income and live independently appropriate for the population served and project type? 7. <i>Victim Service Providers only</i> – Is the plan to increase the safety of project participants appropriate and feasible? 8. <i>Victim Service Providers only</i> – Does the application clearly describe a feasible plan to implement a Housing First strategy? 	Non-DV projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points – measurable goals • 4 points – majority come from streets or shelters • 3 points – outreach plan • 3 points – supportive services • 3 points – obtain PH • 3 points – income & live independently DV projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 points – measurable goals • 3 points – majority come from streets or shelters • 2 points – outreach plan • 2 points – supportive services • 2 points – obtain PH • 2 points – income & live independently • 3 points – safety plan • 3 points Housing First 	
3B	NEW COORDINATED ENTRY PROJECTS ONLY – PROGRAM DESIGN (DV CES ONLY)	20 POINTS POSSIBLE	
	Narrative Responses: The application clearly describes feasible approaches or plans for all of the following DV CES program design	DV CES projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points – geographic 	

	<p>factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The geographic accessibility of the proposed system for all persons within the CoC’s geographic area who are seeking information regarding homeless assistance; 2. The strategy for advertising the project that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC’s geographic area; 3. The standardized assessment process proposed (or the process to choose a standardized assessment system); 4. Whether/how the system will ensure that program participants are directed to the appropriate housing and services to fit their needs; and 5. The strategy for implement a trauma-informed, client-centered approach. 	<p>access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 points - Advertising • 4 points – Standard assessment • 4 points – directing to housing & services • 4 points – trauma informed, client centered 	
4	PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS	20 POINTS POSSIBLE (CES & HMIS projects will receive 15 points)	
4A	<p>Coordinated Entry Participation: The minimum percentage of new clients the program commits to taking from CES referral.</p>	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 95% - 100% CES commitment • 8 points – 90% - 94% • 6 points – 85% - 89% • 4 points – 80% - 84% • 2 points – 75% - 79% • 1 points – 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"> 1. Does the project prioritize client selection based on duration of homelessness and vulnerability? 2. Does the project accept all clients regardless of substance use history, or current use? 3. Does the project accept clients who are diagnosed with, or show symptoms of, a mental illness? 4. Does the project accept clients regardless of criminal history? 5. Does the project accept clients regardless of income or financial resources? 6. 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</p>	<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>housing?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No minimum income 2. No required current employment 3. No required state issued photo id 4. Need not show sobriety (drugs or alcohol) 5. OK to have symptoms of mental illness 6. Need not have transportation 7. No required specific disabling condition (e.g., MH, SA, HIV/AIDS) 8. Need not show use medication. 		
5	FINANCIAL AND COST EFFECTIVENESS	10 POINTS POSSIBLE	
5A	<p>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>	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 points – 90% - 100% housing activities • 8 points – 80% - 89% • 6 points – 70% - 79% • 4 points – 60% - 69% • 2 points – 50% - 99% • 0 points – below 50%. <p>(DV CES projects will receive 8 points)</p>	
6	AGENCY EXPERIENCE/CAPACITY	10 POINTS POSSIBLE	
6A	<p>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>	<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	<p>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>	<p>10 Pt 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	<p>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:</p> <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 3. CES Participation – Accepting and successfully housing program referrals through CES 	<p>10 Points Available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points – priority population • 2 point – program design • 1 point – CES participation • 2 points – Housing First • 1 point – Mainstream 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 points – Equity factors 	
7	<p>Mainstream Resources</p> <p>The number of strategies the program will use 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 reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, 	<p>10 POINTS POSSIBLE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 point per “yes” response • 0 points “no” response 	

	gender identity, and or/age.		
9	<p>Community Collaboration and Participation</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	