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HUMBOLDT HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COALITION
HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM

2015 NEW PROJECT SCORING MEASUREMENTS

This application is submitted to compete for reallocated funding and Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus funding. Items of note for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus applicants are in bold.

The reallocated funding can be used for new permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless households (individuals or families) or rapid rehousing for individuals or families with children coming from streets or emergency shelter.

The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus funding may be used for permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless households (individuals or families) ONLY.

Projects serving chronically homeless people (particularly chronically homeless people with the longest duration of homelessness) will receive some additional points for serving a preferred population.

I. Overview

Factor	Possible Points	This Score
Threshold for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus	No Points	
1. Project's Work is Consistent with Community Needs	30	
2. Project Readiness	25	
3. Budget and Cost Effectiveness	10	
4. Agency Capacity	20	
5. Leverage	15	
Total	100	

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II. Detail

Threshold for Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus

	Yes or No
The project will serve only chronically homeless people. <i>(Definition: individuals from streets, emergency shelters, safe havens, or an institution for less than 90 days and was chronically homeless at entry into the institution that has been homeless in such places for at least one year or at least 4 times in 3 years and that has a diagnosed disability, or families with a head of household that meets the definition of chronically homeless)</i>	
Leasing or Rental Assistance: The project will provide scattered-site leasing or tenant-based rental assistance; or, if the applicant can provide a deed or long-term lease demonstrating site control for a building or units where evidence of site control exceeds the requested grant term, and where the building or units are ready to be occupied no later than 6 months after the award of funds, the applicant may instead request operating costs or project-based rental assistance.	
Standing with HUD: The project applicant is in good standing with HUD, meaning that the applicant does not have any open monitoring findings or history of slow expenditure of grant funds.	
Funding Use: The applicant requests no less than 70 percent of total program funding (not including funds for administration) for leasing, rental assistance, or operating costs. No more than 30 percent of the total program funding may be used for supportive services costs and the types of supportive services for which the funding may be used is limited to assistance with moving costs, case management, food, housing/search and counseling services, life skills, outreach services, transportation, and utility deposits (only if not included in rental/lease agreement).	
Rapid Implementation: Applicant demonstrates a plan for rapid implementation of the program; the project narrative documents how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant within 6 months of the award.	
Mainstream Services: Applicant demonstrates a connection to mainstream service systems.	
Coordinated Assessment: The applicant is a current participant or agrees to	

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participate in the CoC's coordinated assessment system, which must already be implemented prior to HUD executing a grant agreement.	
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1. Project's Work is Consistent with Community Needs (30 points possible)

	Possible Points	Project Score
<p>Continuum Priorities:</p> <p>New permanent housing: leasing, rental assistance and operations, not acquisition, rehabilitation or new construction</p> <p><i>Permanent Supportive Housing (created either through reallocated or Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus funds) must serve 100% chronically homeless persons. Projects should serve chronically homeless persons who are most in need, in accordance with Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing</i></p> <p>For Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus applicants: Project should serve chronically homeless persons who are most in need, in accordance with Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing.</p> <p><i>Rapid Rehousing must serve families or individuals coming from the streets or emergency shelter.</i></p>	10	Scored by HomeBase
<p>The extent to which the applicant's project will follow the Housing First model.</p> <p>Consider: Does the project provide housing without preconditions (including sobriety, minimum income, background checks, or credit checks) or required service participation?</p>	5	
<p>The extent to which this project uses its grant toward "housing activities" versus supportive services. "Housing activities" are leasing,</p>	15 points	Scored by HomeBase

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rental assistance, housing operations, construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition. Threshold = 80% housing activities 80-85% housing activities = 6 pts. 86-90% housing activities = 9 pts. 91-95% housing activities = 12 pts. 96-100% housing activities = 15 pts.		
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2. Project Quality, Appropriateness and Project Readiness (25 points possible)

Consider the overall design of the project in light of its outcome objectives, and the Continuum of Care’s goals that permanent housing programs for homeless people result in stable housing and increased income (through benefits or employment).

Threshold Criteria: The project will be ready to start by HUD’s statutory deadlines.

Projects Created with Reallocated Funds:

- Projects **NOT** receiving construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation funding: Demonstrate site control within one year of grant award letter
- Projects receiving construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation funding: Demonstrate site control within two years of *announcement of funding awards (not signing grant award letter)*
 - Begin construction within 9 months of grant award letter and complete within 24 months of grant award letter
 - Begin supportive services or operations in the building within 3 months after complete construction/rehabilitation
 - Commence all activities which can be conducted independent of construction within 12 months of grant award letter

For Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus applicants:

- **The project must demonstrate a plan to begin housing project participants within 6 months of award of funds.**

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Program design includes provision of appropriate supportive services.	5 points	

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<p>Consider: Is the project staffed appropriately to provide the services? Are staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served? Does the program include involvement of clientele in designing and operating the program? Does the method of service delivery described include culture-specific/sensitive elements? Do program materials reflect cultural competency? Does the program demonstrate a plan for programmatic accessibility to those with disabilities?</p>		
<p>Program outcomes are realistic but sufficiently challenging given the scale of the project. Outcomes are measurable and appropriate to the population being served.</p> <p>Minimally project outcomes should include 80% maintaining permanent housing for at least 6 months and at least a 20% increase in income through benefits or employment.</p>	5 points	
<p>Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed.</p> <p>Consider: Is the project staffed appropriately to operate the housing? Are staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served? Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities?</p> <p>For Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus applicants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project will provide scattered-site leasing or tenant-based rental assistance; or, if the applicant can provide a deed or long-term lease demonstrating site control for a building or units where evidence of site control exceeds the requested grant term, and where the building or units are ready to be occupied no later than 6 months after the award of funds, the applicant may instead request operating costs or project-based rental assistance. The project will operate using a Housing First model. The project must demonstrate that it has experience in operating a successful housing first program, and clearly describe a program design that is offered without preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold) or service participation requirements. Rapid 	5 points	

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<p>placement and stabilization in permanent housing must be primary goals.</p>		
<p>Linkages to other services or agencies are described, and confirming letters of support provided.</p>	5 points	
<p>The project has policies and procedures to ensure that all homeless clients will be individually assisted to identify, apply for and obtain benefits under mainstream health and social service programs.</p> <p>Consider: Does the <i>agency</i> demonstrate a track record of enrolling clients in all mainstream services for which they are eligible?</p> <p><i>(For projects serving families)</i> Does the project have a plan for policies and procedures that are consistent with, and that do not restrict the rights of children and families under the McKinney-Vento Education subtitle and other laws regarding education and homelessness? Does the project have a designated staff person responsible for ensuring children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services?</p> <p>(For Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus applications): Does the applicant demonstrate that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. specific activities are in place to identify and enroll all Medicaid-eligible program participants and 2. the project includes Medicaid-financed services, including case management, tenancy supports, behavioral health services, or other services important to supporting housing stability. Project applicants may include Medicaid-financed services either by the recipient receiving Medicaid coverage payments for services provided to project participants or through formal partnerships with one or more Medicaid billable providers (e.g., Federally Qualified Health Centers), not including Medicaid-financed services provided in a hospital setting. Where projects can demonstrate that there are barriers to including Medicaid-financed services in the project, applicant must demonstrate that the project leveraged non-Medicaid resources available in the CoC's geographic area, including mainstream behavioral health system resources such as mental health or substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants or state behavioral health system funding. 	5 points	

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3. Budget and Cost Effectiveness

(10 points possible)

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Is program cost-effective compared to other new permanent housing applications?	8	
Is budget clearly articulated, with no unnecessary or unexplained items?	2	

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4. Agency Capacity

(20 points possible)

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<p>Does the agency have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all grant audit, administrative, and reporting requirements?</p> <p>Consider: Has the agency successfully handled federal or other major grants of this size without difficulty or problems? Are there outstanding HUD findings (regarding another project) and/or financial audit findings? Has HUD deobligated any of the agency’s other program grant funds? Are the agency’s HUD grant funds being drawn down regularly throughout the grant year? Does the application packet that was submitted reflect an agency with capacity that is sufficient to carry out the HUD administrative requirements?</p>	10	
<p>Has the agency submitting this application demonstrated, through past performance, the ability to successfully carry out the work they propose and has it successfully served homeless people as a particular group?</p> <p>Consider: The experience of the agency in handling a like project (e.g. if the project will involve relocation of tenants, what experience does the agency have with relocation).</p>	4	
<p>Does the agency participate in Continuum of Care-related planning meetings?</p>	6 points	

5. Leverage

(15 points possible)

Leverage Amount	Possible Points	This Score
3 x grant request = 15 points	15 points	Scored by HomeBase
2 x grant request = 10 points		

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= grant request = 5 points Less than grant request = 0 points		
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