

Continuum of Care FY2016

Project Evaluation Criteria Concept Paper Scoring Criteria

Maximum points available – 20 points

1. Sponsor Capacity/Project Value (5 points)

A maximum of 5 points will be awarded if:

- The agency has been effectively implementing the project under review or has implemented similar projects in a timely fashion
- The project under review provides a valuable service/housing opportunity to the homeless in Bergen County
- The agency has appropriately committed to the local planning efforts of the Continuum
- The agency has attended at least 6 of the Continuum of Care meetings held in the last year

2. Project Type (5 points)

Because of the focus and priority of both HUD and the local Continuum on providing the homeless with permanent housing the following points will be awarded based on program type:

- 5 points will be awarded to permanent housing projects
- 5 points will be awarded to rapid rehousing projects
- 3 points will be awarded for HMIS projects
- 1 points will be awarded for transitional housing projects
- 0 points will be awarded for Supportive Service Only projects

3. HUD Priority – Chronic Homelessness (3 points)

As seen in the past few Continuum of Care funding cycles, HUD is placing a large emphasis on the ability to house the chronically homeless to keep in line with the Opening Doors Plan. For this reason, the following points will be awarded based on the percentage of chronically homeless being specifically served by the project:

- 3 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated 100% of their beds to the chronically homeless
- 2 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated or prioritized at least 75% of their beds to the chronically homeless
- 1 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated or prioritized at least 50% of their beds to the chronically homeless

4. Housing First Model (3 points)

The CoC has been successful in utilizing best practices to work towards ending homelessness. One of the most effective best practices and HUD policy priorities has been for projects to utilize a housing first approach to housing. To receive the 3 points associated with being a housing first project, the project must both:

- Demonstrate that they are a low barrier program by showing that participants are not screened out of their program due to the reasons stated in question 6 of the concept paper narrative
- Demonstrate that clients are not terminated from the program for the reasons outlined in question 7 of the concept paper

5. Budget Appropriateness (2 points)

Due to recent budget constraints and reductions in funding, it is essential for the local Continuum process to ensure all projects are requesting appropriate funds for projects as well as utilizing any funding they are currently receiving. For these reasons maximum points will be awarded to projects in which:

- The budget is reasonable and appropriate for the number of households/persons that are expected to serve
- Administration funds requested do not exceed 7% of the total of the budget line items
- Project budget demonstrates match funding available of 25% of the total budget requested (this includes admin and excludes any leasing dollars).

6. Leveraging (2 points)

HUD has continued put an emphasis on collaboration and the use of non-CoC funds to supplement the funding they are providing for CoC projects. For this reason, the following points will be awarded based on leveraging sources provided in the concept paper:

- 2 points will be awarded to projects that identify at least 150% leveraging
- 1 points will be awarded to projects that identify at least 100% leveraging

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Concept Paper Score Sheet**

Name of Agency: _____

Project Name: _____

- 1. **Sponsor Capacity/Project Value (5 points)** _____

- 2. **Project Type (5 points)** _____

- 3. **HUD Priority – Chronic Homelessness (3 points)** _____

- 4. **Housing First Model (3 points)** _____

- 5. **Budget Appropriateness (2 points)** _____

- 6. **Leveraging (2 points)** _____

Total Score _____

Total Possible _____