

El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care
Continuum of Care Program Competition
Project Scoring Tool
CoC Program New Projects

Name of Applicant Agency: _____

CoC Program Component Type: New Permanent Supportive Housing
 New Rapid Rehousing
 New Coordinated Entry
 New TH/RRH Hybrid Project

Name of Applicant Project: _____

Letter	Threshold Criteria	Met or Not Met?
A	HMIS Implementation: Projects that do not participate in HMIS are not eligible for funding, unless the project is a victim service agency, serving survivors of domestic violence, or a legal services agency.	
B	Coordinated Entry: Projects that have not agreed to participate in Coordinated Entry are not eligible for funding, unless the project is a victim-service agency or serving survivors of domestic violence.	
C	Eligible Applicant: Applicant and subrecipient (if any) are eligible. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments.	
D	Equal Access: The project ensures equal access for program participants regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification, in compliance with federal law and HUD policy.	
E	Compliance with Fair Housing: Project has policies and procedures in place which ensure compliance with the Fair Housing Act including, but not limited to, no residency requirements for project entry.	

#	Scored Criteria	Max Points	Awarded Points
1	<p>PROGRAM DESIGN:</p> <p>For Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing Projects: Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed. Program design includes provision of appropriate supportive services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the program design include the use of innovative or evidence-based practices? • Is the project staffed appropriately to operate the housing/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? 	20	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities? <p>For Coordinated Entry: Program design is in alignment with coordinated entry system design requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the system easily accessible for all persons within the CoC’s geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance? Is there a strategy for advertising the program that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC’s geographic area? Is there a standardized assessment process? Does the program ensure that program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services? 		
2	<p>Site control: The program has either secured the housing for the project, or if not secured, adequately describes how the program will acquire the necessary housing for the project type. Consider things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For PSH: Is the program single site or scattered site? Has the agency secured a lease for the site location? For RRH: Does the agency describe how it will locate housing for project participants? Does the agency already have relationships with existing landlords to expedite housing placements? What experience does the agency have in housing low or no-income individual in a scattered-site model? For Coordinated Entry: Does the agency describe where the coordinated entry points will be located? Has it secured those locations? Are there alternative access points (phone system, mobile outreach, etc.) which negate the need for multiple-points of access? 	20	
3	<p>Community Coordination: Program will have adequate connections to the broader homeless Continuum of Care. Consider things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The extent to which the agency has existing relationships with other services or agencies. The detail to which service linkages are described. Award less points for general statements, more points for concrete descriptions of service linkages and delivery. The program’s ability to accept referrals from the Coordinated Entry system and any barriers which would prevent full participation (e.g. funding limitations, geographic constraints, etc.) 	15	
4	<p>Housing First: Program states it is Housing First, meaning it is no- or low-barrier in terms of project entry and project participation requirements. Consider the extent to which the project requires the following:</p>	15	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project does not require detox treatment and/or days of sobriety to enter • The project does not separate families upon program entry • The project does not prohibit program entry on the basis of mental illness diagnosis and does not have a policy requiring medication and/or treatment compliance to enter • The project does not bar clients based on past (nonviolent) rule infractions • The project accepts all clients regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification and follows all fair housing laws • The project does not exclude persons with zero income and/ or limited or no work history • The project does not terminate program participants for any of the above listed issues. The project also does not terminate participants for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ low or no income, ○ current or past substance use, ○ history of domestic violence, ○ failure to participate in supportive services, ○ failure to make progress on a service plan, and ○ criminal records – with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance. <p>For Coordinated Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the project proposal describe a plan to prevent screening people out of the coordinated entry process due to perceived barriers related to housing or services and ensuring that all participants have fair and equal access to the Coordinated Entry System, including people with disabilities or limited English proficiency? • Do they have a plan for marketing the system, in concert with the CoC, to ensure equal access? • Will the staff administering assessments use culturally and linguistically competent practices and incorporate cultural and linguistic competency training into the required annual training protocols for participating projects and staff members? 		
5	<p>Participant Evaluation and Support: Consider the extent to which the program description has considered connecting clients to mainstream resources:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do the program’s policies consider client needs and choice in determining what mainstream resources or job training programs are appropriate for the participant? • If the program cannot link clients to mainstream services itself, does it have strong partnerships with other organizations who can provide the necessary job training skills? 	10	

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	<p>For Coordinated Entry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the agency have a plan for diverting clients who might be able to self-resolve? Evaluate how the agency will connect clients to self-help resources when appropriate. 		
6	<p>Agency Resources and Experience: Program conducts or provides access to training for staff on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify. Consider things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agency plans for staff training on benefits eligibility Agency linkages with mainstream benefit providers Agency capacity to provide mainstream benefits, such as SOAR training <p>Agency has successfully operated at least one program similar to the one proposed for at least one year and/or has a strong grant management, compliance and performance history. If the agency has not operated a program like this before, the agency can demonstrate that it has sufficient experience and success in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing homeless housing or services; or Administering rental assistance; and Can manage complex reporting 	10	
7	<p>Project Types That Align with HUD Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing Permanent Housing with all beds dedicated to the Chronically Homeless (PSH; RRH; or TH/RRH hybrid) = 10 points. SSO For Coordinated Entry = 10 points Providing Permanent Housing with <u>some</u> beds dedicated or prioritized for Chronically Homeless (PSH; RRH; or TH/RRH hybrid) = 5 points. 	5	
8	<p>The Program targets a specialized population, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Victims of Domestic Violence/Trafficking Families with Children Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness Veterans. 	5	
	Total	100	