

**FY2023 CoC Application Rating Criteria – New and Renewal DV Bonus Projects
San Luis Obispo County**

Project Name: _____ **Rater:** _____ **Score:** _____
Agency Name: _____ **Date:** _____ **HSOC Subcommittee Ranking:** _____

Type of Project (PSH): _____
Cost per Client: _____

A Project Eligibility Threshold

A1	HUD Threshold Requirements	YES	NO
	See Threshold Requirements in Section V.C.3 of the NOFO: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive YHDP.pdf		
	Active SAM registration		
	Applicant has Valid UEI number in application.		
	CoC Program Eligibility		
	Financial and Management Capacity		
	Certifications		
	Population Served		
	HMIS Participation - Project applicants agree to participate in a local HMIS system. Victim service providers use a comparable database that captures the required HMIS data in addition to meeting the needs of the local HMIS.		
	Applicant has no Outstanding Delinquent Federal Debts		
	Applicant has no Debarments and/or Suspensions		
	Sufficiency of Financial Management System		
	Recipient or applicant confirms all statements in application are truthful.		
	Mandatory Disclosure Requirement		
	Prohibition Against Lobbying Activities		
	Equal Participation of Faith-Based Organizations in HUD Programs and Activities		
	Resolution of Civil Rights Matters		
A2	CoC Threshold Requirements	YES	NO
	Project applicant participates in Coordinated Entry.		

Project applicant implements Housing First and/or Lower Barrier approach.		
Project applicant can demonstrate documented/secure minimum match funding.		
Project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit, as defined locally.		
Project is financially feasible.		
Project applicant actively participates in the CoC.		
Project applicant's data quality is at or above 90%.		
Project applicant's bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%.		
Project applicant's most recent organizational audit/financial review is acceptable.		
Applicant passes threshold review:		

COMMENTS:

B Applicant Experience

		<i>Application Question</i>	Points Available: 80			
B1	Grant Management		<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	Applicant Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants	S8	0 points No or limited experience utilizing federal funds	1-4 points Some experience utilizing federal funds, satisfactory drawdown experience	5 points Significant experience utilizing federal funds, satisfactory drawdown experience	

B2	Housing First				
	Housing First project; housing project is using a Housing First approach by providing low barriers that do not have service participation requirements or preconditions to entry and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing. Demonstrate that at least 75% of the project application commit to operating as Housing First. Any applicant that indicates it will use a Housing First approach will be required to operate as a Housing First project	<i>S10, S11</i>	0 points Project is not using a Housing First Approach		10 points Project is using a Housing First Approach as demonstrated by their policies and procedures or has a plan to incorporate into a new project
B3	Applicant Experience Providing Housing to DV Survivors				
	1) Ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing 2) Prioritized survivors using Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan, etc., 3) Determined which supportive services survivors needed 4) Connected survivors to supportive services 5) Assisted housing to housing they could sustain and addressed housing stability after the housing subsidy ends	<i>S12</i>	0 Points No prior experience	1 – 4 Points Some prior experience	5 Points Years of organizational experience
	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors	<i>S13</i>	0-9 points 74% or less	10-19 points 75% to 89%	20 points 90% or greater

	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors	<i>S14</i>	0-9 points 74% or less	10-19 points 75% to 89%	20 points 90% or greater	
B4	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety					
	1) Taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors 2) Making determinations and placements into safe housing 3) Keeping information and locations confidential 4) Training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices 5) Taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality	<i>S18</i>	0 Points No prior experience	1 – 4 Points Some prior experience	5 Points Years of organizational experience	
B5	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety					
	The project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project	<i>S19</i>	0 Points No prior experience	1 – 4 Points Some prior experience	5 Points Years of organizational experience	
B6	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches					
	1) Prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program	<i>S20</i>	0 Points No prior experience	1 – 4 Points Some prior experience	5 Points Years of	

<p>participants' wishes and stated needs</p> <p>2) Establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials</p> <p>3) providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma</p> <p>4) Emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations</p> <p>5) Centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed</p> <p>6) Providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs</p> <p>7) Offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed</p>				<p>organizational experience</p>	
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	parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services				
B7	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors				
	Applicant provided examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.	<i>S12</i>	0 Points No prior experience	1 – 4 Points Some prior experience	5 Points Years of organizational experience
					Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

C Need for DV Coordinated Entry Project

		<i>Application Question</i>	Points Available: 15			
C1	Inadequacies of the CoC's current Coordinated Entry		<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	Defines/identifies systemic barriers within the Coordinated Entry system to meeting the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking	<i>S1</i>	0 Points Applicant did not adequately define the barriers in the CE system to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	1-5 Points Applicant somewhat defined the barriers in the CE system to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	6-10 Points Applicant clearly defined the barriers in the CE system to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	
	How the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified	<i>S2</i>	0 Points Applicant did not adequately define a strategy for	1 – 4 points Applicant somewhat defined a strategy for addressing the	5 Points Applicant clearly defined a strategy for addressing the	

		addressing the inadequacies of the current CES	inadequacies of the current CES	inadequacies of the current CES	
				Subtotal:	

COMMENTS:

D Need for DV Permanent Housing Project

Application Question

Points Available: 15

D1	Unmet need of DV Survivors		<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	Unmet need of DV survivors needing housing and services	<i>S3, S4</i>	0 Points Applicant did not adequately define the unmet need for PH project	1 – 4 Points Applicant somewhat defined the unmet need for PH project	5 points Applicant clearly defined the unmet need for PH project	
	Defines/identifies systemic barriers to meeting the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking needing housing and services	<i>S7</i>	0 Points Applicant did not adequately define the barriers to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	1-5 Points Applicant somewhat defined the barriers to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	6-10 Points Applicant clearly defined the barriers to meeting the needs of DV Survivors	
					Subtotal:	

COMMENTS:

E Design of Housing and Supportive Services

Application
Question

Points Available: 85

E3	Leveraging Housing Resources	S29	Weak	Adequate	Exceptional	SCORE
	The project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs. (Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units may be funded through any of the following sources: Private organizations; State or local government, including through the use of HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan; Public Housing Agencies, including through the use of a set aside or limited preference; Faith-based organizations; or Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs)		0 points Application does not include a letter of commitment or the letter or commitment does not meet the criteria for points		10 points Project successfully leverages other housing resources provided to at least 50% of the units (for PSH projects) or 50% of the participants (for RRH projects). Must provide letter of commitment	
	The project applicant has a current strategy used to recruit landlords and described how well it works at identifying units across the entire CoC area, including areas where the CoC has historically not been able to find units	S30, S31, S32	0 points Applicant does not have a current recruitment strategy	1-4 points Applicant has a recruitment strategy	5 points Applicant has a strong recruitment strategy and will use data to update their strategy	
E4	Leveraging Health Resources					
	The project will utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. (Sources of health care resources include: Direct contributions from a	S33	0 points Application does not include a letter of commitment or the letter or commitment		10 points Letter of commitment includes: value of the commitment, and	

<p>public or private health insurance provider to the project (e.g., Medicaid), and Provision of health care services, including mental health services, by a private or public organization (including FQHCs and state or local health departments) tailored to the program participants of the project, direct partnerships with organizations that provide healthcare services, including mental health services to individuals and families (including FQHCs and state and local public health departments) experiencing homelessness who have HIV/AIDS). Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider)</p>		<p>does not meet the criteria for points</p>		<p>dates the healthcare resources will be provided. In the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who quality and choose those services; or the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 50 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization. In-kind resources must be valued at the local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by grant funds.</p>	
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E5	New Project Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches					
	<p>Applicant provided examples on the new project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs 2) Establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power Differentials 3) Provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma 4) Emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires, and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans works towards survivor defined goals and aspirations 5) Center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally 	<p>S20</p>	<p>1 - 3 Points Applicant provided minimal examples of Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches</p>	<p>4 – 7 Points Applicant provided some but not all examples of Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches</p>	<p>8 - 10 Points Applicant provided all examples of Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches</p>	

	responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed 6) Provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs 7) Offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services					
E6	Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development					
	The applicant described how the new project will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise	S23	0 Points Applicant does not have a plan to involve survivors	1-5 Points Applicant somewhat described a plan to involve survivors	6-10 Points Applicant has a thorough plan to involve survivors	
	The applicant described how the new project will involve survivors in policy and program development throughout the project's operation	S24	0 Points Applicant does not have a plan to involve survivors in policy and program development	1-5 Points Applicant somewhat described a plan to involve survivors in policy and program development	6-10 Points Applicant has a thorough plan to involve survivors in policy and program development	
E7	Employment and Income Growth					
	Estimated change in earned income for adult system leavers	S26	1-3 points 0 to 14%	4-7 points 15% to 24%	8-10 points 25% or greater	
	Estimated change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers	S27	1-3 points 0 to 14%	4-7 points 15% to 24%	8-10 points 25% or greater	
	Estimated change in total income for adult system leavers	S28	1-3 points 0 to 14%	4-7 points 15% to 24%	8-10 points 25% or greater	
						Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

F Severity of Needs Served

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Question*

Points Available: 15

F1	Severity of Needs Served	<i>S34</i>	<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	% of participants to be served will be chronically homeless	<i>S34</i>	0-1 points Less than 50%	2-4 points 51% - 74%	5 points 75% or higher	
	% of participants to be served will have no or low income	<i>S35</i>	0-1 points Less than 50%	2-4 points 51% - 74%	5 points 75% or higher	
	% of participants to be served that have history of victimization/abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse	<i>S36</i>	0-1 points Less than 50%	2-4 points 51% - 74%	5 points 75% or higher	
Subtotal:						

COMMENTS:

G Timeliness

Application
Question

Points Available: 10

G1	Timeliness		Weak	Adequate	Exceptional	SCORE
	Applicant has a plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Applicant provided a detailed schedule of proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award	S37, 3B	0-3 points It's unclear whether the project can sufficiently meet project milestones	4-7 points Project might encounter some delays	8-10 points Applicant identified realistic milestones on timeline for the activity	
Subtotal:						

COMMENTS:

H Financial

Application
Question

Points Available: 20

H1	Organization's Most Recent Audit		Weak	Adequate	Exceptional	SCORE
	1) Found no exceptions to standard practices, 2) Identified agency as 'low risk', 3) Indicates no findings	S9	0 points Failed to meet two or more criteria	1-4 points Failed to meet one of the three criteria	5 points Met all three criteria	
H2	Documented Match					
	Documented match amount meets HUD requirements	6D	0 points No		5 points Yes	
H3	Project Budget					
	Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	6E	0-3 points	4-7 points	8-10 points	

		Budget is lacking key pieces to support success of program	Provides budget and demonstrates ability to expend funds within grant term; information provided suggests budget is realistic and is mostly adequate to sustain program through grant term	Provides thorough budget and budget narrative sufficient to demonstrate sustainable financial support for proposed activity beyond grant term; budget and program design suggest program has all necessary components	
					Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

I Project Effectiveness

		<i>Application Question</i>	Points Available: 20			
I1	Cost Effectiveness		<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	Project cost per person does not exceed average local costs for such services by more than 7%	<i>6E</i>	0-6 points Costs are reasonable or cost per person is very high compared to projects of serving similar populations with similar models	7-14 points Costs are reasonable and per person cost is relatively within range of other projects serving similar populations with similar models	15-20 points Costs are reasonable and per person costs are lower than other successful programs using similar models and serving a similar population	
					Subtotal:	

COMMENTS:

J Equity Factors

Application Question

Points Available: 30

J1	Equity Factors	<i>Inadequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	SCORE
	Project applicant has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	0 points No	5 points Yes	
	Project applicant’s Board of Directors includes representatives from more than one person with lived experience	0 points No	5 points Yes	
	Project identifies barriers to participation (e.g. lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population	0 points No	10 points Yes	
	Applicant has taken or will take steps to eliminate barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population	0 points No	10 points Yes	
Subtotal:				

COMMENTS:

K Alignment with the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness

Application Question

Points Available: 10

K1	Alignment with the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness	<i>Weak</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	<i>Exceptional</i>	SCORE
	The project will align with a Line of Effort to support the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness (2022- 2027)	0-3 points Project does not align or poorly aligns with a Line of Effort	4-7 points Project somewhat aligns with a Line of Effort	8-10 points Project aligns well with a Line Effort	
	<i>S50</i>				Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

L Involve individuals with lived experience

Application Question

Points Available: 20

L1	Involve individuals with lived experience	<i>Inadequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	SCORE
	Project applicant has relational process for receiving and incorporating feedback from people with lived experience	0 points No	10 points Yes	
	<i>S46</i>			

Applicant provided examples of professional development and employment opportunities provided to individuals with lived experience	S45	0 points No	10 points Yes	
				Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

M The project addresses the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals

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Points Available: 10

M1	The project addresses the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals		<i>Inadequate</i>	<i>Adequate</i>	SCORE
	The agency has anti-discrimination policies in place	S48	0 points No	5 points Yes	
	The agency has a plan to ensure that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter and housing, free from discrimination	S49	0 points No	5 points Yes	
					Subtotal:

COMMENTS:

	Subtotals:	CE Project	PH Project	TOTAL AVAILABLE
B	Applicant Experience			80
C	Need for new DV Coordinated Entry Project			15
D	Need for DV Permanent Housing Project			85
E	Design of Housing and Supportive Services			15
F	Severity of Needs Served			10
G	Timeliness			20
H	Financial			20
I	Project Effectiveness			30
J	Equity Factors			10
K	Alignment with the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness			20
L	Involve individuals with lived experience			10
M	The project addresses the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals			
	TOTAL SCORE:			315