

Project Name: _____

Scorer's Name: _____

FY 2025-2026 COC PROGRAM COMPETITION NOFO SCORING, RANKING
AND SELECTION
2025 NEW SSO PROJECT SCORING TOOL

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Required but not scored. If “no” for any threshold criteria, the project is ineligible.

Federal Threshold Criteria: In addition to the criteria listed below, agencies must provide proof of the following: Active SAMS registration; Valid UEI Number; Nonprofit documentation; Not disbarred and otherwise federally qualified; Financial capacity and sufficient financial management system; and Code of Conduct on file with HUD.

CoC Threshold Criteria: Include participation in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS); use of qualified housing types; implementation of a housing with supportive services; documentation of the required minimum match; and policies that ensure non-discriminatory access to services for all participants.

Threshold Item	Yes/No
HMIS Implementation: Projects that do not participate, or have not agreed to participate, are not eligible for funding, unless it is a victim-service agency utilizing a comparable database. Project has agreed to participate in the local HMIS.	Yes/No
Coordinated Entry: Projects that have not agreed to participate in Coordinated Entry, when it is available for the program type , are not eligible for funding. Victim-service agencies or those serving survivors of domestic violence shall participate with Coordinated Entry while protecting client data and safety to ensure fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process and housing and services opportunities.	Yes/No
Reporting: Projects must abide by all reporting requirements, including conducting an annual assessment of the service needs of program participants.	Yes/No
Nondiscrimination: The project applicant certifies compliance with all applicable nondiscrimination requirements and affirms that it does not use racial preferences or engage in unlawful discriminatory practices.	Yes/No
Harm-Reduction Restriction: The project applicant certifies they do not engage in or permit any activities prohibited under HUD's FY 2025 harm-reduction restrictions (safe consumption sites, drug paraphernalia distribution, or permitting illicit drug use).	Yes/No
Definitions: The project applicant certifies that it does not rely on any definition of sex other than a binary definition for humans.	Yes/No
Match: The agency has committed to match 25% of the grant award.	Yes/No

SCORED CRITERIA

Scoring Factors		Possible Points	Points Awarded
1	Program Design	45	
1a	Service Provision and Partnerships		
	The agency has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness in helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs.	5	
	<p>The agency has a clear plan to link clientele with appropriate services to support increasing self-sufficiency. This includes supplementing the project with resources from other private or public sources (e.g. mainstream health, social, and employment programs).</p> <p>The plan details which services are to be provided by the agency, versus those provided via referral to partners, and details how services will be tailored to individual clientele need.</p>	5	
	The agency has a plan for how services will be provided to those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage in support services.	5	
	The agency demonstrates a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation.	5	
	The agency has agreements in place demonstrating partnerships with first responders and law enforcement.	5	
	The agency has a plan to connect unsheltered individuals with emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or independent living, or disconnected family.	5	
1b	Promoting Permanent Housing and Preventing Returns to Homelessness		
	The agency can demonstrate that the support services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency.	5	
	Returns to Homelessness: The proposed project provides services that help clientele obtain and/or maintain housing, focusing on reducing returns to homelessness.	10	

Scoring Factors		Possible Points	Points Awarded
2	Mainstream Resources	10	
2a	Client Mainstream Resource Connection/Access		
	The agency ensures that incoming clients are screened and/or connected to mainstream resources for which they are eligible.	5	
	Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify and know how to provide the appropriate referrals.	5	

Scoring Factors		Possible Points	Points Awarded
3	Budget, Management, and Experience	45	
3a	Budget and Experience		
	Project budget balances robust, yet cost-effective expenses to support the proposal. No line items appear unnecessary, nor unjustified by the proposal. Staffing is sufficient to the scope of the program, with consideration for the clientele's unique needs.	4	
	Organization has experience with federal funds and demonstrates financial capacity to manage a federal grant.	3	
	Organization has no unresolved findings and clean monitoring reports.	3	
	Employment Income: Agency can demonstrate experience serving the target population and has a plan to ensure permanent housing retention/exits, and connections to increasing employment income.	5	
3b	Budget Priority Proposed project aligns with current HUD and NOFO Priorities:		
	Supportive Service Participation: Support services are required with some type of service agreement, when applicable.	10	
	Majority of services are to be provided in an opportunity zone.	3	
	Project will verify immigration status through SAVE or work with governmental partner to verify immigration status through SAVE.	3	
	Project can demonstrate that services provided will help reduce encampments.	7	
	The project provides substance use treatment services, either directly or through a partnering agency.	7	

Total:		100	
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