

**Housing First Solano Continuum of Care  
McKinney-Vento Continuum of Care Program Grants  
New Project Scoring Factors 2016**

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**Scoring**

THRESHOLD CRITERIA (Required but not scored; if project does not meet any of the criteria, it is ineligible)		Maximum Available Score	Did Project meet threshold?
I	<b>Project Type:</b> The project is for permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing, or for a coordinated entry system.	N/A	
II	<b>Eligibility of Participants:</b> The project will serve eligible persons who are homeless using HUD's definition. This may include homeless youth and persons fleeing domestic violence or trafficking.	N/A	
	If the project will be <u>permanent supportive housing</u> , it will serve 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>	N/A	
	If the project will be <u>rapid rehousing</u> , it will serve homeless households living on the streets or in emergency shelter.	N/A	
	If the project will be <u>coordinated entry</u> , it will provide referrals and facilitate access to services for all groups covered under the HUD definition of homelessness.	N/A	
III	<b>HMIS Participation:</b> The application clearly indicates that the agency intends to participate in HMIS in the event that the project is funded.	N/A	
IV	The project utilizes the grant funds for renewable activities (e.g. leasing, rental subsidies, housing operations as opposed to nonrenewable funds for acquisition, construction or rehabilitation)	N/A	
V	The project will participate in Coordinated Entry	N/A	

**1. Project's Work is Consistent with Community Needs (20 points possible)**

FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS and COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS	Possible Points	Points Awarded
The project is permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless households	5	
The project is rapid rehousing for households coming from streets or emergency shelter	3	

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
<p>The extent to which the applicant's project will follow the Housing First model that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure participants are not screened out based on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Having little or no income</li> <li>○ Active, or history of, substance abuse</li> <li>○ Having a criminal record (exceptions for state-mandated restrictions)</li> <li>○ History of experiencing domestic violence (e.g., lack of protective order)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ensures participants are not terminated from the program for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Failure to participate in supportive services</li> <li>○ Failure to make progress on a service plan</li> <li>○ Loss of income or failure to improve income</li> <li>○ Being a victim of domestic violence</li> <li>○ Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in project's geographic area</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	15	

<b>FOR COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
The extent to which the project will be accessible by individuals and families in all geographic areas of the CoC	8	
<p>The extent to which the applicant's project will serve all populations in the CoC, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals</li> <li>• The chronically homeless</li> <li>• Individuals and families fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking (particularly those seeking shelter or services from non-victim service providers)</li> <li>• Families with children (particularly male children) under the age of 18.</li> <li>• Transition-age youth</li> <li>• LGBT</li> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• Homeless persons re-entering from public institutions (subject to eligibility)</li> </ul>	7	

## **2. Project Quality, Appropriateness, and Project Readiness (30 points possible)**

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

the project's ability to enhance system performance and reduce homelessness on a system-wide level.

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Population to be served is well-defined and eligible, and will prioritize serving people with the highest need.	5	
Program design includes provision of comprehensive/intensive case management and appropriate supportive services. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the project staffed appropriately to provide the services?</li> <li>• Are staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served?</li> <li>• Does the program include involvement of clientele in designing and operating the program?</li> <li>• Is the program design intentionally inclusive of and accessible to all eligible clients?</li> </ul>	5	
Projected performance measures are realistic but sufficiently challenging given the scale of the project. Outcomes are measurable and appropriate to the population being served. <b>Minimally project outcomes should include:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85% maintain permanent housing And either:</li> <li>• the employment rate of persons exiting the project is at least 20% or</li> <li>• at least a 10% annual increase in the number of people who have income through benefits or employment.</li> </ul>	5	
Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the project staffed appropriately to operate the housing?</li> <li>• Are staff trained to meet the needs of the population to be served?</li> <li>• Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities?</li> <li>• Is the project located such that basic amenities (e.g. grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) are easily accessible?</li> </ul>	5	
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. Consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the agency demonstrate a track record of enrolling clients in all mainstream services for which they are eligible?</li> </ul>	5	
The project will be ready to start by HUD's statutory deadlines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider regulatory obstacles such as tenant displacement or relocation, environmental or zoning issues anticipated.</li> </ul>	5	

<b>FOR COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
A. Program Design: 1. The project utilizes the VI-SPDAT, the assessment tool selected by the CoC.	5	
2. The project will be well publicized countywide. Publicizing may occur through physical notices posted in key locations (e.g. food pantries, faith communities, County offices, other service providers, and others), newspaper notices, etc.	5	
B. Program outcomes: The implementation timetable and milestones are realistic but sufficiently challenging.	8	
C. Coordination: Needs assessment, resource allocation and service coordination will be improved through the coordinated assessment project.	7	
D. The project will be ready to start by HUD's statutory deadlines.	5	

### **3. Budget and Cost Effectiveness**

**(10 points possible)**

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS and COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
Are budgeted staff and expenses adequate to support the proposed program? Is budget clearly articulated, with no unnecessary or unexplained items? Applicants must submit a project budget containing both CoC and non-CoC (match & leverage) funds.	10	

### **4. Agency Capacity**

**(25 points possible)**

Does the agency have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all grant audit, administrative, and reporting requirements? Consider:

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS and COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Have they/has it successfully handled federal or other major grants of this size without difficulty or problems in the past 5 years? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider whether the agency/agencies regularly draw down their HUD grant funds throughout the grant year and meet the administrative and reporting requirements of their grants.</li> </ul>	5	
Any outstanding HUD findings or concerns and/or financial audit findings in the past three years & extent to which the program has responded to the outstanding HUD findings or concerns.	5	
Has HUD de-obligated any of the agency's grant funds and if so, why? Has HUD instituted any sanctions on the grant, including but not limited to suspending disbursements or requiring repayment of grant funds?	5	
Have the agencies/has the agency submitting this application	10	

demonstrated, through past performance, the ability to successfully carry out the work they propose and have they/has it successfully served homeless people as a particular group? 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).		
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#### 5. HMIS Participation

(10 points possible)

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS and COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
Does the application indicate clearly that the agency intends to participate in HMIS in the event that the project is funded? Does the agency demonstrate active HMIS participation for any of its other projects? Does the agency demonstrate capacity to meet the training and data entry requirements of HMIS? If the agency is currently using HMIS, how is its data quality?	10	

#### 6. Leverage

(5 points possible)

<b>FOR PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS and COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEMS</b>	<b>Possible Points</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>
What is the proportion of leveraged resources to grant requested (5 points)? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Projects leveraging 150% will receive 5 points.</li> <li>○ Projects leveraging 100% will receive 3 points.</li> <li>○ Projects leveraging 50% will receive 2 points.</li> </ul>	5	