Napa County Continuum of Care
2018 Continuum of Care Program Grants
NEW PROJECT SCORING FACTORS
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I.   **Overview**

Threshold Requirements

All new projects are reviewed for the below factors, which are required but not scored. If the project is not compliant with any of the below threshold criteria, it is ineligible for CoC funding.

HUD Thresholds	The project is compliant with the eligibility requirements of the CoC Interim Rule and Subsequent Notices and meets the threshold requirements outlined in the current Notice of Funding Availability.
Housing First	The project's policies include a commitment to identifying and lowering barriers to housing.
Coordinated Entry	The project will participate in the Coordinated Entry System. Projects that have not agreed to participate in Coordinated Entry are not eligible for funding. Victim-service agencies or those serving survivors of domestic violence shall participate in Coordinated Entry while protecting client data and safety to ensure fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process and housing and services opportunities.
HMIS Implementation	The project will enter data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS (or parallel database for survivors of domestic violence)
Match	The agency has committed to match 25% of the grant.
Equal Access & Non-Discrimination	The project ensures equal access for all program participants regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, familial status or disability. The project complies with all federal and state civil rights and fair housing laws including the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Access Rule.

Scoring Factors

Factor	Possible	Points Earned
1. Project's Work is Consistent with HUD Priorities	20	
2. Project Design and Readiness	30	
3. Agency Capacity	40	
4. Budget	10	
TOTAL	100	
Reallocation Bonus*	5	

*Note: Reallocation Bonus available for projects that voluntarily reallocate a renewal project		

II.   Detailed Breakdown by Factor

1. Project's Work is Consistent with HUD Priorities and Contributes to Improving System Performance   (20 points possible)

Factor	Possible Points	Total Points

1.A. HUD Priorities
    Permanent supportive housing = 20 points
    Rapid Re-housing = 10 points
    Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-housing = 10 points
    HMIS = 5 points
    Coordinated entry = 5 points
	20	

2. Project Design and 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 housing programs for homeless people result in stable housing and increased income (through benefits or employment).

Threshold Criteria: The project must be ready to start by HUD's statutory deadlines.

Factor	Possible Points	Total Points
2.A. Program Design **For PSH; RRH; Joint TH and PH-RRH:** Housing where participants will reside is fully described and appropriate to the program design proposed. Program design includes provision of appropriate supportive services. • Will the type of housing, number, and configuration of units fit the needs of program participants? • Will the type of supportive services offered ensure successful retention or help participants obtain permanent housing? • Is there a plan in place that will help participants obtain mainstream health, social, and employment income and benefits?	20	

• Will participants be assisted with obtaining and remaining in permanent housing? • Does the project adhere to a housing first model? • 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? • Will the program be physically accessible to persons with disabilities? **For DV Bonus Projects**: • Is the program designed using best practices in addressing survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking? • Does the program demonstrate staff knowledge of VAWA regulations, safety planning, and creating links to survivor-specific networks and services? **For Expansion Projects**: • Is the part of the project being expanded clearly articulated? • Does the applicant demonstrate that it is not replacing other funding sources?		
2.B. Services Partnership or Capacity There is a committed relationship with (a) service provider(s) with a signed letter of commitment or MOU; if agency is providing services itself, they have shown they have the funds to do that.	5	
2.C. Program Outcomes Program outcomes are realistic but sufficiently challenging given the scale of the project. Outcomes are measurable and appropriate to the population being served.	5	

3. **Agency Capacity**   **(40 points possible)**

Factor	Possible Points	Total Points
3.A. Agency Capacity • Does the agency have the expertise, staff, procedural, and administrative structure needed to meet all grant audit, administrative, and reporting requirements? • Does the agency draw down grant funds regularly throughout the grant year? • Does the agency have any outstanding HUD findings and/or financial audit findings? • Has HUD deobligated any of the agency's grant funds in the past three operating years? • Does the application packet that was submitted reflect an agency with capacity that is sufficient to carry out the HUD administrative requirements? • **For DV Bonus Projects:** Does the applicant demonstrate previous experience serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes? If the applicant has past experience in permanent housing, are they partnered with an agency who demonstrates such experience?	20	
3.B. HMIS Participation Is the agency/program actively participating in the HMIS, or furthering the goals of the system by providing information or infrastructure? • Consider: the percentage of the program's clients who have data entered into HMIS; HMIS Data Completeness Report Card Note: Domestic Violence programs do not participate in HMIS.	5	
3.C. CoC Participation Does the agency and/or project sponsor participate in the CoC and Continuum of Care-related committee meetings?	5	
3.D. Quality Assurance Does the agency maintain policies, procedures, and actions to ensure continuous quality improvement?	10	

• Is the agency implementing evidence-based practices and approaches, including Housing First and Coordinated Entry? • Does the agency train its staff to ensure high quality of care? • Does the agency assess quality of service and consumer satisfaction through surveys, focus groups, etc.? • Does the agency monitor program performance using data?		

4. Budget   (10 points possible)

Factor	Possible Points	Total Points
4.A. Budget Do the proposed budget and match reflect sufficient resources to accomplish project goals in a cost-effective manner?	10	

5. Reallocation Bonus   (5 points possible)

Factor	Possible Points	Total Points
5.A. Reallocation Did the agency voluntarily reallocate a renewal project? • How much funding was reallocated? • What was the project type?	5	