

FY21 CoC Program NOFO

MA-500 Boston CoC New Project Scoring Tool

Sponsor:

Program:

Amount Requested:

Source: CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, Reallocation, Combined Reallocation/CoC Bonus

New Project Quality Threshold Review (Part 1)				
Criteria Topic	Scored Criteria	Criteria Source	Pass/Fail	Notes
Project Quality Threshold Criteria	Does the applicant meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program and can they provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).	Project application The agency must identify as a non-profit agency and be able to provide status documentation		
	Does applicant demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal funds	Project application; as described in 2B in new project application		
	Applicants must submit the required certifications specified in this NOFO.	Project application. Agency must be able to provide a 5013c certification per the		

		NOFO (DND as recipient will sign HUD forms)		
	Does the population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and Section II.B.11.f of this NOFO	Project application		
	Does the applicant agree to participate in the Boston CoC Coordinated Entry System?	Project Application		
	Does the applicant agree to participate in a local HMIS system, if not a DV provider agency? If applicant is a domestic victim service provider, do they use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.	Project Application		

If project does not score “pass” in ALL of the above criteria- the project application does not meet minimum CoC and HUD threshold for funding and is not eligible for inclusion in the Boston CoC 2021 application to HUD.

New Project Quality Threshold Review (Part 2)

Rating Factor for New Project Type	Points Available	Criteria	Number of Points	Notes
Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing				
New PSH and RRH projects MUST receive at least 3 out of 4 point for this project type.	1	The type of housing proposed including the number of units, will fit to needs of the program participants		
New PSH or RRH Projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1	The type of supportive services that will be offered will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain PH		
	1	Project has a specific plan to ensuring participants will be individually assessed to obtain the benefits of MS health, social and employment programs,		

		which they are eligible for		
	1	Participants are assisted to obtain and remain in PH in a manner that fits their needs		
Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-housing				
New Joint TH and PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. New Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.	1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)		
	1	The proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid rehousing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project		
	1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain		

		permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source		
	1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply and which meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).		
	1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).		
	1	The project adheres to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of this NOFO.		
SSO-Coordinated Entry				
New SSO-Coordinated Entry project applications must receive at least 2 out	1	The CE system is easily available/reachable for all persons within who are seeking information		

of the 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 2 points will be rejected.		regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's		
	1	There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.		
	1	There is a standardized assessment process.		
	1	Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.		
Criteria Topic	Scored Criteria	Criteria Source	Points	¹ Score
Agency Past Performance	1. The proposal demonstrates successful experience working with the eligible target population(s)	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	2. The proposal demonstrates successful experience working with HUD funded projects including: leasing units, administering rental assistance, providing supportive services, and utilizing HMIS, as applicable to the proposed project	project application	10 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	3. The agency has past experience operating similar types of programs and services, working with the subpopulation, and achieving 80% participants maintain PH housing for at least 12	project application, agency CoC program portfolio	10 pts: yes 0 pts: no If agency does not have CoC/ESG or comparable	

¹ Start tally score here (do not include above threshold values in final score tally)

	months or from exiting RRH or TH, program provides evidence participants achieve increased income		awards/ projects	
	4. Linkages and collaborations with other resources and providers are leveraged and discussed (evidenced by signed MOUs, contracts)	project application	2 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	5. Agency has given back a project/funds/subsidies to serve homeless households to DND without a budget management plan, in the last 5 years	DND monitoring and portfolio	5 pts: no 0 pts: yes	
Program Design	6. The project will practice a Housing First/Low Barrier model	project application	10 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	7. The proposal describes a management plan and reasonable plan for effective and timely start up of the proposed activities	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	7a. If RRH, PSH or Joint TH-RRH the proposal describes how the sponsor will manage housing search challenges and quick identification and lease up of physical units for clients. Proposal references existing relationships with property owners, managers, existing units leased by sponsor, PBVs, etc.	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pt: no	
	7b. Does the PH (PSH, RRH or Joint) project have specific housing units or properties	project application	10 pts: yes 5 pts: no, but proposal describes	

	identified for participants (i.e. proposing project/sponsor based model using with units already identified)?		detailed viable unit acquisition strategy 0 pts: no strategy	
	8. The proposed staffing level is adequate to support the project (i.e. for RRH, 1 FTE to max. 30 households; for CH 1 FTE for 15 - 20 households)	project application	2 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	9. The proposal includes performance measurements related to housing stability: a) The proposal describes how participants will be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing for at least 12 months (if PSH program) b) The proposal describes how participants will be assisted to obtain permanent housing upon exiting a RRH program (RRH program or Joint TH-RRH)	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	10. The proposal includes performance measurements related to how participants will be assisted to increase both their employment, access to mainstream resources and/or non-employment income and maximize their ability to live independently	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
Subpopulations proposed to serve	11. PH projects to serve families ONLY (individual projects add 5 pts): does		5 pts.- yes	

	proposal describe a detailed relationship and collaboration (past or future) with McKinney-Vento education providers/education liaisons			
	12. PH projects to serve families ONLY (individual projects add 5 pts): does proposal describe how the program will partner with local education agencies and how they find / inform / connect homeless families to benefits they qualify for		5 pts.-yes	
	13. Other sub-populations priorities: *Veterans * Chronically homeless *Families * Youth *DV	project application	1 pt for each sub-population(5 max. pts)	
Fiscal Planning and Agency Performance	14. The project shows a diverse mix of funding or primary reliance on CoC Program (supportive services, leasing, rental assistance etc.)	project application	10 pts: mix of funding 5 pts: reliance of CoC funds	
	15. The project demonstrates cost effectiveness; use industry standards for matrix= families \$4,000 per year, CH program 1 csmgr per 17 clients, RRH 1 csmgr per 40 - 50 clients per year	project application	10 pts: Within range 0 pts: Not in range	
	16. Funds requested are reasonable in relationship to stated goals and objectives (review if costs and direct	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	

	assistance seem too high or too low to achieve proposed outcomes)			
	17. Sponsor/applicant provides match commitments totaling 25% of the HUD funding requested (minus leasing dollars) and demonstrates effective use of the match resources	project application	2 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	18. Prioritizes households with the longest time homeless and highest barriers to housing, through the CoCs Coordinated Entry System ² (including CAS ³ when applicable)	project application	2 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
	19. Agency audit A-133 or supplement external audit has no major findings/"low risk"	project application, agency CoC program portfolio	2 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
CoC Needs/Gaps Analysis	20. The proposed project fills a need or gap in the existing homeless assistance system and is not duplicative of other mainstream resources	project application	5 pts: yes 0 pts: no	

² The Boston CoC has implemented a Coordinated Entry System to ensure homelessness is rare, brief and non-recurring. The CES framework drives the CoC to systematically prevent or divert people from becoming homeless whenever possible; and if people do become homeless, swiftly connect them to permanent housing with the appropriate level of supports to ensure they remain housed. The CES system within our CoC also complies with HUD's *Notice Establishing Additional Requirements for a Continuum of Care Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System (CPD-17-01)*.

³ CAS is the Boston CoCs electronic database that "matches" available referrals from the CES system to eligible and prioritized households.

	<p>21. The proposed project has made a convincing rationale, backed by data and/or a CoC needs analysis, that the project will address identified system gaps, thereby furthering HUD and CoC goals of ending homelessness for the target population to be served</p>	<p>project application</p>	<p>5 pts: yes 0 pts: no</p>	
<p>Equity</p> <p>To “yes” under this element, projects must submit evidence or an attestation that satisfies the scoring element criteria. To qualify, the actions below must have been taken within the last three years.</p>	<p>22. The project applicant assessed whether black, indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) face barriers to equitably accessing or receiving services from their organization.</p> <p>23. The applicant addressed the above assessment or made a written commitment to addressing BIPOC barriers identified, OR no barriers were identified in the assessment above.</p> <p>24. The applicant assess whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other people whose genders or sexualities are heteronormative (LGBTQ+) people face barriers to equitably accessing or receiving</p>	<p>project application</p>	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Yes/No</p> <p>Yes/No</p>	

	<p>services from their organization.</p> <p>25. Does the project applicant address or made a written commitment to addressing LGBTQ+ barriers identified above, OR no barriers were identified in the assessment above.</p>		Yes/No	
Leveraging Substance Abuse Treatment and Healthcare Resources (for PSH and RRH Project)	<p>26. Does project have a commitment in the form of a formal written agreement that includes, at minimum, (1) the value of the commitment and; (2) the dates the healthcare resources will be provided.</p>		10 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
Leveraging Housing Resources	<p>27. Does the new project (PSH or RRH) propose to utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.</p>		10 pts: yes 0 pts: no	
<p>The reviewer may assign partial points to each question if proposal semi/partially addressed question/scoring criteria. The maximum points total available points for a PH (PSH, RRH or Joint TH-RRH) Projects = 150; Non-Housing projects (SSO-CE) total available points = 120</p>				