



2021 DUPAGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE RANKING CRITERIA

Priorities	Criteria	Maximum Points
See question 2. Lower the barrier to serving those with the highest needs.	Project serves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chronically homeless • LGBTQ persons • Youth • Veterans • Low or no income • Current substance abuse, significant health or behavioral health challenges, or functional impairments • Coming from the streets • Criminal history • Abuse/victimization or a history of victimization/abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Childhood Abuse 	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p><i>(1 point for each population served up to 5 maximum)</i></p>
See question 3. Project has committed to utilizing a Housing First approach.	Project meets all HUD criteria, including persons are not terminated for: a) failure to participate in support services, b) failure to make progress on a service plan, c) loss of income, d) being a victim of domestic violence or e) any other activity not included in a typical lease agreement.	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p><i>(1 point for each criteria met)</i></p>
See question 4. Project has committed to using a Low Barrier approach	Project does NOT screen participants out for: a) too little or no income b) active substance abuse c) criminal record d) DV victim e) any other activity not included in a typical lease agreement.	<p style="text-align: center;">5</p> <p><i>(1 point for each criteria met)</i></p>
See question 5. Organization demonstrates understanding and implementation of Housing First. <i>NAEH Housing First Self-Assessment Tool added to the ZoomGrants Document Reference Library</i>	Applicant provides general explanation of their Housing First approach, including any plans to expand or strengthen program, lower barriers, and <i>address housing for persons hardest to serve, including those with criminal history.</i>	Up to 3 points

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See question 6. Veterans' priority – designating current beds, adding new beds, or re-prioritizing current beds through turnover for Veterans.	Project has beds designated for veterans either through current beds, turnover or new beds. List how many beds are designated for Veterans.	3 <i>(1 point for each designated bed for Veterans with a maximum of 3 points available)</i>
See question 7. Ensures that the project assists participants to the maximum extent in obtaining mainstream benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project provides transportation assistance to appointments • Use of a single application form for 4 or more benefits • Annual follow-ups to ensure benefits are received and renewed • Helps participants applying for SSI/SSDI get the technical assistance they need • Has a staff person who has completed SOAR training in the past 24 months 	5 <i>1 point for each criteria met (up to 5 points possible)</i>
See question 8. Monitor the capacity of the project to operate with full unit utilization.	Give the project's unit occupancy rate over the past operating year.	5 5 points if unit occupancy was 95% or over 4 points if unit occupancy was 90% or over 3 points if unit occupancy was between 80-90% 0 points if unit occupancy was less than 80%
See questions 9. & 10. Meets CoC System Performance goals of housing stability and income. THESE ARE FOR RENEWAL PROJECTS ONLY.	<p>a) Measurable outcomes of the project meet these HUD housing stability goals: 80% of participants remaining in Permanent Supportive Housing or exiting to another permanent housing destination or exiting transitional housing to a permanent housing destination: FOR RENEWALS ONLY (5 points)</p> <p>b) Measurable outcomes of the project meet these HUD income goals: 50% of participants (leavers and stayers) meeting employment income OR total income measures: FOR RENEWALS ONLY (5 points)</p>	10 a) 5 points if at least 80%, 2 points if at least 65%, 0 points if below 65% b) 5 points if at least 50%, 2 points if at least 25%, 0 points if under 25%
See question 11. Monitor the amount of funds unspent from each renewal project for possible reallocation to new beds in order to utilize all CoC funds most effectively.	Indicate the percentage and amount of funds that were unspent. 5 points if 0 – 5% are unspent 4 points if 5.1 – 10 % are unspent	5

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See question 12. Monitor the capacity of the project to meet HUD reporting requirements. THIS IS FOR RENEWAL PROJECTS ONLY .	Timely submission of the project Annual Progress Report (APR) for the last operating year in Sage on or before the due date .	5
See question 13. Made program modifications when appropriate, to best serve its participants. THIS IS FOR RENEWAL PROJECTS ONLY .	Agency adequately describes qualitative and quantitative evidence which demonstrated either the strength of the program or the need for improvements, change, or no changes.	2
See question 14. Realistic timetables have been established to achieve proposed project goals. THIS IS FOR NEW PROJECTS ONLY .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific action steps are listed to achieve project goals • Staffing is available and realistic • Demonstrates that project is ready to start 	10
See questions 15 - 17. Proposed project ensures that persons of all races, ethnicities, <i>gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities</i> have equal opportunity and access to the project. <i>HUD Final Rule on Equal Access added to the ZoomGrants Document Reference Library.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated process used to ensure persons of persons of all races, ethnicities, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities have equal opportunity and access to the project. • Identified cross cultural strengths that currently exist within the organization. • Provided appropriate explanation of changes made to improve service delivery to culturally diverse populations. • Provided Cultural Competency Training or educational instruction to agency leadership, staff or board to build awareness, knowledge and skills related to cultural difference. • Identified the data used to develop a plan to support the organization's goals for cultural competency. • Provided information of right to receive language assistance and consumer related materials. 	6 (1 point for each, up to 6 points maximum)
See Questions 18 and 19 - Applicant has demonstrated capacity to achieve proposed project goals and verified use of best practices through a third party review.	2 points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Financial and organizational review OR program review • End result is funding, licensure, certification, or accreditation for a specific time period. 	5

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	<p>3 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Financial and organizational review, site visit, program review – (Has 2 of these 3 items) • End result is funding, licensure, certification, or accreditation for a specific time period <p>5 points (MUST include all 5 items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application process • Financial and organizational review • Program review • Site visit • End result is funding, licensure, certification, or accreditation for a specific time period 	
<p>See question 20. Proposed activity meets DuPage County CoC goals for ending homelessness, agency collaborates within and outside the CoC, project demonstrates a need filled within the CoC, project does not duplicate services offered by other CoC programs or projects.</p> <p><i>CoC Goals for Ending Homelessness added to the ZoomGrants Document Reference Library</i></p>	<p>RENEWAL PROJECTS: Agency demonstrates capacity to:</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Serve individuals experiencing homelessness who are the most vulnerable and have the most severe service needs.</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Quickly connect those experiencing homelessness to housing assistance and services.</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Provide options which maximize client choice in the housing and services they receive.</p> <p>NEW PROJECTS: Agency demonstrates capacity to:</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Actively collaborates and cooperates with other DuPage CoC members (and related non-CoC organizations)</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Project does not duplicate services offered by other CoC programs or projects</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Project demonstrates a need filled within the CoC</p>	3
<p>See question 21. Applicant follows McKinney Vento laws regarding education of homeless students.</p>	<p><u>1 point</u> = Agency has a dedicated staff person to coordinate linkages to services for homeless students.</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Agency has developed policies and procedures.</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = Agency has adopted policies and procedures through Board Action.</p>	<p>4</p> <p>(1 point for each criteria met)</p>

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	<u>1 point</u> = Agency has written agreement(s) with agencies serving infants, toddlers and preschool children (i.e. MOU w/Head Start program)	
See question 22 and UPLOADED COST FORMS . Funding request is appropriate to scope/size of proposed project.	<u>5 points</u> = Includes an acceptable budget in sufficient detail, costs are adequately tied to project activities, all costs are justified and reasonable <u>4 points</u> = demonstrates draw down of funds on at least a quarterly basis	New Projects – up to 5 points Renewals – up to 9 points
See question 23 and UPLOADED COST FORMS . Applicant organization demonstrates it has local support and has identified sources of non-federal 25% cash match.	<u>1 point</u> = Meet minimum requirement of having 25% match with identified sources of non-federal cash match in appropriate amount/s.	1
See Question 24 - Applicant organization has demonstrated a level of participation in the DuPage County Continuum of Care CONTINUUM COMMITTEE CHAIRS WILL PROVIDE THIS SCORE.	Active and regular participation in Continuum committee meetings: <u>1 point</u> = Active in one committee <u>2 points</u> = Active in two committees <u>3 points</u> = Active in three or more committees <i>And / Or:</i> <u>2 points</u> = Agency has employed a Committee Chairperson <i>in the past twelve months</i> with regular and active participation and/or a staff member with active participation in special CoC projects, subcommittees, task forces, etc. with chairperson recommendation.	5 <i>(Up to 5 points possible)</i>
See Question 24 - Applicant HMIS Participation. HMIS LEAD WILL PROVIDE THIS SCORE.	<u>5 points</u> = Contributes consistent and quality data containing the Minimum Data Elements and Program specific data elements for all clients served. At least 50% of agency end users have been certified. Agency has addressed any issues identified at last security monitoring visit. Agency Data Administrator attends all mandatory training sessions and meetings. <u>3 points</u> = Contributes consistent and high- quality data containing the Minimum Data Elements and Program specific data elements for all clients served or domestic violence service provider that has demonstrated utilization of comparable data base.	5 <i>(Up to 5 points possible)</i>

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	<p><u>1 point</u> = Contributes data but is not of sufficient quality to meet standards.</p> <p><u>0 points</u> = Domestic violence service provider that cannot demonstrate utilization of comparable data base.</p>	
<p>See Questions 24 - Applicant participates in CoC Street Count planning and implementation during years when CoC Biennial Point in Time Street Count activity takes place.</p> <p>CONTINUUM STREET COUNT COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE THIS SCORE.</p>	<p><u>5 points</u> = One decision maker staff participates in each planning meeting. Two staff and two volunteers participate on the night of the count OR being chair or co-chair of the committee.</p> <p><u>3 points</u> = One decision maker participates in each planning meeting. One staff and two volunteers participate in the training and on the night of the count.</p> <p><u>1 point</u> = One staff and one volunteer participate in the training and on the night of the count.</p>	<p>5 (Up to 5 points possible)</p>
<p>See Question 25. Applicant has demonstrated the need for this project targeted to survivors of domestic violence who meet the definition of homeless.</p> <p>THIS IS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECTS ONLY.</p>	<p><u>2 points</u> = Agency has data to quantify the need for this project within the CoC from a database comparable to or using HMIS.</p> <p><u>3 points</u> = Agency has demonstrated the extent of need for this project within the CoC, identified gaps within the system, and how this project will fill this gap.</p>	<p>5 (Up to 5 points possible)</p>
<p>See Question 26. Previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence and their ability to house and improve safety for the population served.</p> <p>THIS IS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECTS ONLY.</p>	<p><u>3 points</u> – Agency has adequately described previous project performance in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking</p> <p><u>2 points</u> – Agency has demonstrated the ability to successfully house/shelter domestic violence survivors and improve program safety outcomes as shown with data.</p>	<p>5 (Up to 5 points possible)</p>
		<p>Total Points Renewal = 0 Total Points NEW = 0 Total Points DV = 0</p>