



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 	5 <i>(1 point for each population served up to 5 maximum)</i>
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.	5 <i>(1 point for each criteria met)</i>
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.	5 <i>(1 point for each criteria met)</i>
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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<p>See question 6. Veterans’ priority – designating current beds, adding new beds, or re-prioritizing current beds through turnover for Veterans.</p>	<p>Project has beds designated for veterans either through current beds, turnover or new beds. List how many beds are designated for Veterans.</p>	<p>3 <i>(1 point for each designated bed for Veterans with a maximum of 3 points available)</i></p>
<p>See question 7. Ensures that the project assists participants to the maximum extent in obtaining mainstream benefits.</p>	<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 	<p>5 <i>1 point for each criteria met (up to 5 points possible)</i></p>
<p>See question 8. Monitor the capacity of the project to operate with full unit utilization.</p>	<p>Give the project’s unit occupancy rate over the past operating year.</p>	<p>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%</p>
<p>See questions 9. & 10. Meets CoC System Performance goals of housing stability and income. THESE ARE FOR RENEWAL PROJECTS ONLY.</p>	<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>	<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%</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>5</p>

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THIS IS FOR RENEWAL PROJECTS ONLY .	2 points if 10.1 – 15% are unspent 0 points if 15.1% or more are unspent	
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 <i>(1 point for each, up to 6 points maximum)</i>
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.	<p>2 points</p> <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. <i>CoC Goals for Ending Homelessness added to the ZoomGrants Document Reference Library</i></p>	<p>RENEWAL PROJECTS: Agency demonstrates capacity to: <u>1 point</u> = Serve individuals experiencing homelessness who are the most vulnerable and have the most severe service needs. <u>1 point</u> = Quickly connect those experiencing homelessness to housing assistance and services. <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: <u>1 point</u> = Actively collaborates and cooperates with other DuPage CoC members (and related non-CoC organizations) <u>1 point</u> = Project does not duplicate services offered by other CoC programs or projects <u>1 point</u> = Project demonstrates a need filled within the CoC</p>	<p>3</p>
<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. <u>1 point</u> = Agency has developed policies and procedures. <u>1 point</u> = Agency has adopted policies and procedures through Board Action.</p>	<p>4 <i>(1 point for each criteria met)</i></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 <i>(Up to 5 points possible)</i></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 <i>(Up to 5 points possible)</i></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 <i>(Up to 5 points possible)</i></p>
		<p>Total Points Renewal = 96 Total Points NEW = 75 Total Points DV = 85</p>