

2025 MCKINNEY-VENTO CONTINUUM OF CARE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

2025 NEW SSO PROJECT SCORING TOOL

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

(Required but not scored. If “no” for any threshold criteria, the project is ineligible.)

Item	Maximum Score
HMIS Implementation: Projects that do not participate, or have not agreed to participate, are not eligible for funding, unless it is a victim-service agency utilizing a comparable database. Project has agreed to participate in the local HMIS.	N/A
Reporting: Projects must abide by all reporting requirements, including conducting an annual assessment of the service needs of program participants.	N/A
Training and Technical Assistance: All projects must agree to be responsive to training and technical assistance from the Collaborative Applicant and the Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB).	N/A
Recent Financial Statement: Projects must provide an up to date (within last 21 months) audited financial statement, and single audit (if applicable).	N/A

SCORED CRITERIA

Scoring Factors		Points
1	Program Design	50
1a	Service Provision and Partnerships <p>The agency has a clear plan to link clientele with appropriate services to support increasing self-sufficiency. The plan details which services are to be provided by the agency, versus those provided via referral to partnerships, and details how services will be tailored to individual clientele need. The proposed project additionally has a plan for how services will be provided to those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not engage traditionally in support services.</p> <p>Street Outreach: The agency has shown a history a partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation and has a plan to connect unsheltered individuals with emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or independent living, or disconnected family.</p>	30
1b	Promoting Permanent Housing and Preventing Returns to Homelessness <p>The agency can demonstrate that the support services project is necessary to asset people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. The proposed project provides services that help clientele obtain and/or maintain housing, focusing on reducing returns to homelessness.</p>	20

2	Mainstream Resources	10
2a	Client Mainstream Resource Connection/Access	
	The agency ensures that incoming clients are screened and/or connected to mainstream resources for which they are eligible. Staff are trained on available mainstream resources for which clients may qualify and know how to provide the appropriate referrals.	10

3	Budget, Management, and Experience	40
3a	Budget and Experience	
	<p>Project budget balances robust, yet cost-effective expenses to support the proposal. No line items appear unnecessary, nor unjustified by the proposal. Staffing is sufficient to the scope of the program, with consideration for the clientele's unique needs.</p> <p>Organization has experience and financial capacity to managing a federal grant and operate a project that serves households experiencing homelessness. Agency can demonstrate experience serving the target population or has a plan to ensure permanent housing retention/exits, and connections to increasing employment income.</p>	10
3b	Budget Priority	
	<p>Proposed project can align with current HUD and NOFO Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support services are required with some type of service agreement, when applicable • Majority of services are to be provided in an opportunity zone • Project will verify immigration status through SAVE or work with governmental partner to verify immigration status through SAVE • Project can demonstrate that services provided will help reduce encampments • The project provides substance use treatment services • Project provides outreach services to those least likely to engage with the system 	30

Total:	100
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