HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT INSTRUCTIONS

As part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), CoC-Funded Agencies are being asked to utilize the Housing First Assessment Tool developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

HUD encourages the use of the Housing First Assessment Tool to implement and strengthen Housing First approaches. This tool can be used to assess and measure a project's progress in aligning with Housing First best practice standards and help identify where the project doing well and where improvements can be made. The Housing First Assessment Tool can be used as an iterative tool to track progress on implementing Housing First over time and is a great opportunity to initiate Housing First conversations among various levels of staff.

Please complete the applicable Housing First Assessment for your proposed project.

The following document is required for Attachment 14:

1. **Housing First Assessment Tool** – This is a macro-enabled Excel workbook (.XLSM). After you download and open this file, you will see a warning message in yellow at the top of the workbook warning you about the macros. You must click "Enable content" for the tool to function properly. Excel workbook template: https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Ffiles.hudexchange.info%2Fresources%2Fdocuments%2FHousing-First-Assessment-Tool.xlsm

Completed Housing First Assessment Excel workbooks should be included as Attachment 14 in both printed and electronic form as part of the FY2023 CoC Renewal Project Application submission.

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