

FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

All proposed projects will be scored on a 150-point scale using the following criteria:

	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	CoC Participation	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has demonstrated participation and involvement in the Orange County CoC and core activities of the CoC, such as Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count. • Applicant participates in the local HMIS and completes timely and accurate data submissions, as requested. • Applicant participates in the local Coordinated Entry System (CES).
2	Capacity of Applicant and Partner	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types • Past and current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, administrative, financial, and programmatic components
3	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability. • Applicant described service delivery approach for serving people with severe service needs¹. • Applicant described service delivery approach to serving communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Applicant described data driven approach to service delivery.
4	Involving Persons with Lived Experience	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has a member on Board of Directors with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness. • Applicant ensures perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are

¹ Severe Service Needs means any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.

			<p>meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the decision-making process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant practices meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation.
5	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project, including service plan and supportive services, is appropriate for the household type and/or subpopulation. • Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to live independently. • Proposed project will implement a Housing first, client-centered approach; plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking² by adopting victim-centered practices; and other evidence-based practices in program operations. To receive full points, applicants must clearly describe the evidence-informed practices that the project will use in policies, procedures, and operations. • Proposed project will have tailored approach to serve people with severe service needs and communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Proposed project will address and eliminate barriers experienced by people disproportionately impacted by homelessness, including individuals and families who are within the Black or African American; American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; Latina/e/o; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Other Gender or Sexual Identities (LGBTQIA+) communities.
6	Outcomes	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. • Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants housing placement and permanent housing retention, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not

² Inclusive of survivors protected under the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#)

			outputs).
7	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including housing services and supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded.
8	Budget and Match	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated. Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25 percent and it is included and documented. Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed.
9	Leveraging of Resources³	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage Housing Resources (up to 10 points) – Project demonstrates that it will provide housing subsidies or subsidizing housing units not currently funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in the case of a permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project; or (ii) in the case of a rapid re-housing project, serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. (iii) Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. Leveraging Healthcare Resources (up to 10 points) – Project demonstrates the use of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will

³ Leveraging of Resources only applies to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project types. Any Joint Transitional Housing – Permanent Housing: Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/PH-RRH) project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources. Note: Formal letters of commitment are required. Support letters will not be accepted.

			<p>provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who quality and choose those services; or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (ii) the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization. ○ (iii) Provide formal written agreements that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.
10	Populations to be Served	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed project primarily serves (75 percent or more) households with severe service needs; or • Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing project type has minimum of 5 to 10 percent of units a designated to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).⁴ • Proposed Rapid Rehousing project type has a minimum of 25 percent of units designed to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).⁵
Total Points		150 Maximum Points Possible ⁶	

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⁶ Joint TH/PH-RRH project proposals will be evaluated on a 130-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources.