

New Projects: Project-Specific Threshold Requirements

Project Quality Threshold: HUD will review all new project applications to determine if they meet project quality threshold requirements. HUD will not award funds to a new project unless the project was created through reallocation, or the CoC has demonstrated to HUD's satisfaction that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance.

If awarded, a recipient is required to meet all the criteria listed for its component. The housing and services proposed must be appropriate to the needs of the program participants and the community.

- YHDP replacement project applications will be considered as having met project quality threshold requirements if the project application activities and costs are eligible under this NOFO. If a YHDP replacement project application is not for activities and costs that are eligible under this NOFO, it will not be rejected under this project quality threshold and HUD will work with the project applicant to correct or revise information submitted after the final FY 2022 award announcement before executing the grant agreement.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS PROJECTS:

- **For DV Bonus projects** for PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH, the applicant must demonstrate that the project will use **a housing first approach**.

PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECTS (PSH, RRH):

- For new permanent housing projects, applications must receive at least 3 out of 4 possible points (listed below). Quality threshold factors include that:
 1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
 2. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
 3. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
 4. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).

JOINT TH and PH-RRH:

- For new Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 possible points (listed below). Quality threshold factors include that:
 1. The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)
 2. The proposed project will provide enough rapid re-housing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid re-housing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.
 3. The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
 4. The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
 5. Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
 6. The project adheres to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of the NOFO.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO-CE):

- For new Supportive Services Only- Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) projects for centralized or coordinated assessment systems, applications must receive at least 2 out of 4 possible points. Quality threshold factors include that:
 1. The centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
 2. There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.
 3. There is a standardized assessment process.

4. Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (HMIS) PROJECTS:

- For new HMIS projects, applications must receive at least 3 out of 4 possible points to be funded. Quality threshold factors include that:
 1. The HMIS funds will be expended in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation.
 2. The HMIS collects all Universal Data Elements as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards.
 3. The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records.
 4. The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting (e.g., APR, quarterly reports, data for CAPER/ESG reporting) and other reports required by other federal partners.