

Cleveland/Cuyahoga Continuum of Care HUD NOFO 2023 New Project Application

Instructions:

Eligible organizations are invited to apply for new project funding in conjunction with the 2023 HUD Continuum of Care competition. The Request for New Project Applications issued by the Cuyahoga County Office of Homeless Services (OHS) provides information on eligible projects for new project funding. The New Project Scoring Tool provides details on how new project applications will be reviewed and scored. The highest scoring projects up to the total amount that can be requested for new projects and new domestic violence projects will be included in the collaborative application submitted to HUD. HUD will determine the actual projects that will receive funding.

Applicants should complete the attached application, export it to a PDF, and email it to OHS NO LATER THAN THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE. Late submissions may be returned without evaluation by the CoC.

There are two sections to the application:

- **Project narrative**
 - The table below has a listing of all rating factors for this RFA and a detailed description of the information required to address the rating factor. Applicants should provide a narrative response to each of the rating factors.
- **Project budget.**
 - Attached to this RFA are two budget spreadsheets – one version is for applicants intending to claim indirect costs – the other version is for applicants not seeking to claim indirect costs. Please use the version that is applicable to your organization.

Please limit the total narrative response to no more than 10 single spaced pages.

OH-502 2023 New Project Application:

Rating Factor	Required Information	Max. Points
1. Experience and System Performance	a. Describe experience in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application. Describe experience in housing people who have been living unsheltered, with zero income, or other high barriers to housing stability. Identify success in meeting HUD system performance measures including increases in employment and income, housing stability and preventing returns to homelessness. If applying for DV Bonus projects, applicant must describe how it follows victim-centered and trauma informed practices.	20
	b. Experience with Housing First – describe any preconditions for project admittance, describe participants that agency has rejected in the past 12 months, process for terminating/eviction; and how your project will address situations that may jeopardize housing so as to ensure that eviction is very rarely employed against participants.	5
	c. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.	5
2. Housing and Supportive Services	a. Describe needs of population to be served; demonstrate that proposed housing/services meet these needs; describe how project will assist participants in accessing mainstream benefits; identify the performance measures the project track to ensure project is meeting participant needs and project goals. Applicants applying for DV Bonus projects must also describe how they will help to ensure the safety of victims. Also for DV Bonus projects, please describe how the applicant involves DV survivors in policy and program development. If applying to expand services funding for PSH projects, please specify the services to be provided and how those services will increase the participants' housing stability.	15
	b. Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs	5
	c. Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.	5

	d. Describe any barriers to participation in your project(s) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities and other marginalized groups, particularly those over-represented among people experiencing homelessness in your community, and identify the steps you have taken to eliminate the barriers	10
3. Financial	a. Project is cost-effective – projected costs/household are consistent with costs for similar projects in CoC – if applying to increase services funding, requested amount is within CoC standards – no narrative required	5
	b. Budgets are correctly calculated, expenses budgeted are reasonable no narrative required	5
	c. Please specify the mainstream resources will be used to cover at least a portion of project expenses	5
	d. Applicant has documented that it has resources to meet required match specify source and amount of match	5
4. Compliance with CoC Requirements	a. Project commits to only accepting participants from coordinated entry; project commits to following Housing First specify commitment to using coordinated entry	5
5. Leveraging housing/healthcare resources	a. Project includes commitments that will leverage non-CoC or ESG resources for housing subsidies; OR Project includes commitments to provide a portion of supportive services funded through mainstream resources specify committed leverage	10
Total Possible Points		100