

**Passaic County Continuum of Care 2018
Project Evaluation/Scoring Criteria**

Maximum points available for Project evaluation– 50 points

Maximum points available for Project performance– 50 points

Maximum points available for Monitoring– 40 points

1. Sponsor Capacity/Project Value (15 points)

A maximum of 15 points will be awarded if:

- The agency has been effectively implementing the project under review or has implemented similar projects in a timely fashion
- The project under review provides a valuable service/housing opportunity to the homeless in Passaic County
- The project will provide or does provide adequate services to all clients
- The agencies involved with this project attend and participate in both Full Membership and Subcommittee meetings of the PCICH.

2. Project Type (10 points)

Because of the focus and priority of both HUD and the local Continuum on providing the homeless with permanent housing the following points will be awarded based on program type:

- 10 points will be awarded to permanent housing projects
- 10 points will be awarded to rapid rehousing projects
- 8 points will be awarded to coordinated assessment projects
- 5 points will be awarded for transitional housing projects

3. HUD Priority (PSH Programs Only) – Chronic Homelessness (7 points)

As seen in the past few Continuum of Care funding cycles, HUD is placing a large emphasis on the ability to house the chronically homeless to keep in line with the Opening Doors Plan. For this reason, the following points will be awarded based on the percentage of chronically homeless being specifically served by the project:

- 7 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated 100% of their beds to the chronically homeless
- 5 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated or prioritized at least 75% of their beds to the chronically homeless
- 3 points will be awarded to any project that has dedicated or prioritized at least 50% of their beds to the chronically homeless

4. Housing First Model (7 points)

The CoC has been successful in utilizing best practices to work towards ending homelessness. One of the most effective best practices and HUD policy priorities has been for projects to utilize a housing first approach to housing. To receive the 7 points associated with being a housing first project, the project must both:

- Demonstrate that they are a low barrier program by showing that participants are not screened out of their program due to the reasons stated in question 6 of the application
- Demonstrate that clients are not terminated from the program for the reasons outlined in question 7 of the application

5. Budget Appropriateness (5 points)

Due to recent budget constraints and reductions in funding, it is essential for the local Continuum process to ensure all projects are requesting appropriate funds for projects. For these reasons maximum points will be awarded to projects in which:

- The budget is reasonable and appropriate for the number of households/persons that are expected to serve
- Administration funds requested do not exceed 7% of the total of the budget line items
- Project budget demonstrates match funding available of 25% of the total budget requested (this includes admin and excludes any leasing dollars).

6. Participation in Local Initiatives – Coordinated Assessment (6 points)

HUD has continued to put an emphasis on collaboration and the requirement of having a coordinated system for accessing services in the community. For this reason, maximum points will be awarded to projects in which:

- The applicant has been an active participant in the Coordinated Assessment subcommittee meetings
- The project has started utilizing the Housing Prioritization List for referrals

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Project Evaluation Score Sheet**

Name of Agency: _____

Project Name: _____

1. Sponsor Capacity/Project Value (15 points) _____

2. Project Type (10 points) _____

3. HUD Priority (PSH Only) – Chronic Homelessness (7 points) _____

4. Housing First Model (7 points) _____

5. Budget Appropriateness (5 points) _____

6. Participation in Local Initiatives (6 points) _____

7. Project performance (50 points) _____

8. Monitoring (40 points) _____

Total Score _____

Total Percentage _____