**2021 ERIE COUNTY CoC RATING CRITERIA FOR NEW PROJECTS**

Under the 2021 HUD Continuum of Care process, the Erie County Continuum of Care is required to rate and rank all new project applications. The HUD CoC Program Rating and Ranking tool that was released from HUD, was modified to meet local priorities and performance outcomes, and is being utilized for the 2021 rating and ranking process. In order to rate all new project applications in a fair and impartial manner, the rating tool consists of a 145-point evaluation system based on experience, design of housing and supportive services, timeliness of implementation of project, reasonable budgets and application accuracy. The benchmarks were developed from the information on individual 2021 project applications, HUD standards as evidenced in the 2021 HUD Notice of Funding Availability, and The Federal Register (24 CFR Part 578). The benchmarks that were established for the evaluation include the following:

* The Provider Has Documented Extensive Experience Working with The Proposed Population and Providing Similar Housing Services
* The Provider Documented that the Program Utilizes a Housing First/Low Barrier Model
* The Provider Has Previous Experience Effectively Utilizing Federal Funds
* The Provider Has a Documented Understanding of the Design of Housing & Supportive Services
* The Provider has a Documented Detailed and Efficient Description of the Plan to Assist Clients to Rapidly Secure and Maintain Permanent Housing
* The Provider Describes a Detailed Method that Clients will be Assisted to Increased Employment/Income and Ability to Live Independently
* The Budgeted Costs are Detailed, Reasonable and Allowable as per the 2018 Notice of Funding Availability and The Federal Register (24 CFR, Part 278), and Allocable (per the 2018 Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report).
* The application contained all required information and was accurate

**Agency Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Project Name:**   **Project Type:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Describe the experience of the applicant and sub-recipients (if any) in working with the proposed population and in providing housing similar to that proposed in the application.**

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| Experience: Working with Proposed Population and Providing Housing Similar to that Proposed in the Application |
|   | 0-15 points |

1. **Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include 1) eligibility criteria; 2) process for accepting new clients; 3) process and criteria for exiting clients. Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity. Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.**

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| Experience: Utilizing a Housing First Approach |
|  | 0-25 points |

1. **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.**

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| Experience: Experience in Effectively Utilizing Federal Funds |
|  | 0-25 points |

1. **Extent to which the applicant**

**A. Demonstrate understanding of the needs of the clients to be served.**

**B. Demonstrate type, scale, and location of the housing fit the needs of the clients to be served**

**C. Demonstrate type and scale of the all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meet**

 **the needs of the clients to be served.**

**D. Demonstrate how clients will be assisted in obtaining and coordinating the provision of**

 **mainstream benefits**

**E. Establish performance measures for housing and income that are objective, measurable,**

 **trackable, and meet or exceed any established HUD, HEARTH or CoC benchmarks.**

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| Extent to Which the Applicant meets A, B, C, D, and E.  |
|  | 0-20 points |

1. **Describe the plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.**

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| Description of Plan to Assist Clients to Rapidly Secure and Maintain PH |
|  | 0-5 points |

1. **Describe how clients will be assisted to increase employment and/or income and to maximize their ability to live independently.**

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| Description of how Clients will be Assisted to Increase Employment and/or Income and to Maximize their Ability to Live Independently |
|  | 0-5 points |

1. **Documented match amount**

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| Documented Match Amount must be at least 25% of budget  |
|  | 0-5 points |

1. **Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable**

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| Budgeted Costs are Reasonable, Allocable, and Allowable |
|  | 0-20 points |

1. **Application completion and accuracy**

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| Application Completeness/Accuracy  |
|  | 0-25 points |