

Continuum of Care Written Standard for Rankings and Ratings Protocol

PA-506 Berks County/ Berks Coalition to End Homelessness

I. Purpose

Berks Coalition to End Homelessness, Inc.'s NOFA protocols for the Continuum of Care (CoC) establishes a transparent framework for the annual CoC NOFA scoring, ranking and approval process. In order to best serve our community members through provision of effective projects and capturing the maximum funds available, projects which most closely align with the HUD and CoC priorities will be prioritized for funding. This document will be reviewed and approved by both the NOFA workgroup, made up of representatives of agencies applying for funding, and the Performance Evaluation and Selection Committee, outlined below.

The HUD Performance Evaluation and Selection Committee ("the Committee") consists only of non-CoC or ESG funded Advisory Board Members and also non-voting members of BCEH staff. Please see Appendix A for a list of the current members of the Performance Evaluation Committee. The duties are to oversee all monitoring of funding agencies (which is performed by BCEH staff), develop and revise the monitoring tool, perform ratings and rankings for all applications to the NOFA, and conduct HMIS user evaluations including evaluating completeness and determining whether a new applicant should receive an HMIS license. Agencies are able to submit new and renewal applications. The Committee will score these applications, based on criteria explained below, and place projects into Tier 1 and Tier 2 levels of funding.

II. FY2019 HUD Funding Availability

Total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): \$2,762,261. Bonus project: 216,279DV Bonus: \$360,465
Planning Funds: \$108,139 (planning funds are not ranked)

III. FY19 PA-506 Focus Areas

This year BCEH would like to highlight the following project types for Ranking priority:

1. Rapid Rehousing
2. Permanent Supportive Housing projects moving to Dedicated Plus
3. Youth Projects in all component types (PSH, RRH, Th-RRH)

IV. Application Process (Scoring and Ranking Overview)

On behalf of the CoC, BCEH issues new and renewal applications for agencies seeking CoC funding. Applications can be found in the appendices of this document and on BCEH website at BCEH.org. Agencies are able to submit both renewal and new project applications. Please be advised for FY20, only projects that scored in Tier 1 in the previous year's competition are eligible to apply for an expansion of the existing project. The criteria for the scoring of both types of projects can be found below. Additionally; Applications are split into two sections: threshold requirements and performance measures. Projects and agencies must meet threshold requirements to be considered in the funding competition. Performance measures will be used to determine ranking in the funding competition.

Both New and Renewal Applications are due August 30th at 11:59pm ET. A digital copy must be sent to Jack Williams at Jack@Bceh.org by the due date.

A. New Projects (80 points)

Each agency considering applying for a new project will be required to submit an application to the BCEH Executive Director, including an operating budget. Agencies are asked to ensure that operating budget is scalable to adjust based on geographic need. Please see Appendix B for a copy of the current new project application. The Committee then reviews and scores applications for adherence to the following HUD and local threshold criteria:

Threshold Requirements

- Commitment to participation in HMIS
- Commitment to participation in Coordinated Entry
- Commitment to Housing First/ Low Barrier Implementation
- Documented Minimum Match
- Reasonable Cost (as compared to amount of bonus/reallocation dollars available)
- All budget items are allowable
- Fiscal stability of Organization (Management letter of most recent audit)
- BCEH Membership or commitment to membership
- Policy on Client Centered Practices
- Commitment to Addressing Racial Disparity

Performance Measures/Community Need

- Demonstrated need for project (10 points)
- Supportive services provided to increase income (10 points)
- Youth Advisory Board Question (5 points)
- Project implementation plan (10 points)
- Plan for housing retention (10 points)
- Projects meeting CoC funding priorities (10 points)

- o Rapid Rehousing
- o Dedicated Plus PSH
- o Youth Projects
- Targeting Hard to Serve Populations (5 points)
 - o Chronically Homeless
 - o Youth
 - o Fleeing DV
 - o No Income at Entry
- Cost Effectiveness (5 points)
- Drawdown Efficiency: Experience utilizing federal or other governmental funds (10 points)
- NOFA Workgroup (5 points)

B. DV Bonus Applications (80 points)

Each agency considering applying for a new DV bonus project will be required to submit an application to BCEH’s Executive Director, including an operating budget. Agencies are asked to ensure that operating budget is scalable to adjust based on geographic need. Please see Appendix C for a copy of the current DV project application. The Committee then reviews and scores applications for adherence to the following HUD and local threshold criteria:

Threshold Requirements

- Commitment to tracking data and ability to pull reports in database comparable to HMIS
- Commitment to participation in Coordinated Entry
- Commitment to Housing First/ Low Barrier Implementation
- Documented Minimum Match
- Reasonable Total Cost (as compared to amount of bonus dollars available)
- All budget items are allowable
- Fiscal stability of Organization (Management letter of most recent audit)
- BCEH Membership or commitment to membership
- Policy on Client Centered Practices
- Commitment to Addressing Racial Disparity

Performance Measures

- Demonstrated need for project (10 points)
- Supportive services provided to increase income (10 points)
- Youth Advisory Board Question (5 points)
- Project implementation plan (10 points)
- Plan for housing retention (10 points)
- Demonstrated experience in serving survivors of DV (15 points)
- Cost Effectiveness (5 points)
- Drawdown Efficiency: Experience utilizing federal or other governmental funds (10 points)