Housing First Self Questionnaire

Northeast Minnesota Continuum of Care – 504

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| **Agency Name:** |  |
| **CoC Project Name(s):** |  |
| **Name & Title of Person Completing this Form:** |  |

# Instructions

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain permanent stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can operate well and safely without requirements that prevent many people living on the streets and in the shelter system from entering and/or remaining in housing.

As part of the NOFA solicitation for new and renewal projects, applicants are required to answer the following questions related to the proposed project’s eligibility criteria and project rules. Each question will be scored as indicated. At the completion of the questionnaire, the applicant will tabulate the total score. Maximum points are 15.

**For the 2019 NOFA competition, this assessment is required for CoC-funded housing sites only.**

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|  | Low Barrier Access: | Points Received |
|  | **Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project prohibit all persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission (excluding registered sexual offenders)?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project require participants to be clean and sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status and are transgendered persons served according to the gender with which they identify?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project expedite the admission process including aiding in assembling necessary documents in order to support the application for admission and using person-centered and flexible processes for admission to the project?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project actively participate in CoC meetings including committee meetings, and participate in the PIT/HIC count processes, etc.?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
| Section 1 Total Points | |  |

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| 2. | Housing Retention | Points Received |
|  | **Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project require participants to obtain legitimate income as a condition of remaining in the project?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not being allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?**  Yes  No  [No = 1 point] |  |
| Section 2 Total Points | |  |

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|  | Participant Engagement | Points Received |
|  | **Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community-based services?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 1 point] |  |
|  | **Are project staff trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches?**  Yes  No  [Yes = 2 points] |  |
| Section 3 Total Points | |  |
| Total Points (Section 1 + Section 2 + Section 3) | |  |

# Housing First Narrative

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| **Please provide a brief overview of housing first practices within your CoC project, including any recent changes to your project to improve housing first practices (approximately 300 words or less):** |
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| **If you scored less than 10 on this assessment, please provide an explanation for how your agency plans to improve your housing first practices for your CoC project (approximately 300 words or less):** |
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| **Please provide any additional information that you would like the Ranking & Review Committee to consider regarding housing first for your project application:** |
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**Certification of Responses**

I attest that the answers above are true and are provided without any additional comment or clarification.

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| **Agency Name:** |  |
| **Name and Title of Agency Representative:** |  |
| **Signature:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |