



Request for Applications #09-2021-COC

Lee County Human and Veterans Services
2440 Thompson St. Fort Myers, FL 33901

September 7, 2021

ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE (1)

Request for Applications for 2021 Continuum of Care Funding

The following represents clarification, additions, deletions, and/or modifications to the above referenced Request for Applications. This addendum shall hereafter be regarded as part of the RFA. Items not referenced herein remain unchanged, including funding window dates. Words, phrases or sentences with a strikethrough represent deletions to the original RFA. Underlined words and bolded phrases or sentences represent additions to the original RFA.

Additions, page 2:

Bonus Points will be awarded to projects that coordinate with housing providers, workforce development boards, and healthcare organizations to provide permanent housing and rapid rehousing with integrated services. Points will be awarded for projects that have written documentation to demonstrate:

- Partnership with public and private healthcare organizations to assist program participants to obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs;
- Partnership with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities.

Bonus points will be awarded to applicants that demonstrate active engagement of persons with lived experience. Active engagement may be demonstrated through membership on the organization's board, having persons with lived experience in paid staff positions, or through a regular, documented process for consulting persons with lived experience in program design. Points may also be provided if the organization demonstrates that Board and staff composition are representative of the population being served.

Additions, page 18:

10. Required Attachments

- a. Documentation of Match Funds
- b. Applicants Annual Operating Budget
- c. Chart of Key Project Staff
- d. Documentation of Project's Alignment with Community Goals
- e. Documentation of National Best Practices or Evidence Based Program design
- g. Proof of 501c3 Status
- h. Documentation of Engagement of Persons with Lived Experience and Representation**

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Revisions, Appendix 3:

The 2021 Lee County Project Ranking Tool has been updated to include up to 10 bonus points for applicants that demonstrate active engagement of persons with lived experience. Active engagement may be demonstrated through membership on the organization's board, having persons with lived experience in paid staff positions, or through a regular, documented process for consulting persons with lived experience in program design. Points may also be provided if the organization demonstrates that Board and staff composition are representative of the population being served.

The new ranking tool is below.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE NOFA ARE AND SHALL REMAIN THE SAME.

**2021 Lee County CoC Funding
Project Ranking Tool**

<p align="center"><i>This portion of the ranking tool will be completed by the Collaborative Applicant (Lee County HVS).</i></p>	<p align="center">Threshold Requirements</p>
	<p align="center">Proposal was submitted by deadline. <i>If no, ineligible to apply.</i></p>
<p align="center">Applicant is a local government or non-profit organization with 501c3 Status. <i>If no, ineligible to apply.</i></p>	<p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p align="center">Applicant agency has been in operation for at least 12 months prior to application deadline. <i>If no, ineligible to apply.</i></p>	<p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p align="center">Organization is NOT listed on the excluded parties list. <i>If no, ineligible to apply.</i></p>	<p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p align="center">Application is signed by agency official designated to execute contracts. <i>If no, ineligible to apply.</i></p>	<p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p align="center">Eligible to Apply</p>	<p align="center"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </p>
<p align="center">HVS Review Staff Initial: Date of Threshold Review:</p>	

Project Scoring

Please enter your score for each scoring criteria based on the project proposal.

*While most scoring factors are related to specific questions, reviewer may consider all elements of the proposal to determine score for each item.
Please use only whole and half points.*

<p>Housing First: The project will strictly adhere to low barrier and housing first practices, that centers on providing people experiencing homelessness with housing as quickly as possible (within 30 days or less) – and then providing services as needed. Maximum Point Value: 10</p>	
<p>Alignment with Community Goals and Needs: The project will assist the CoC in achieving stated goals and/or is a project specifically identified as a priority within the RFA. The project will help to ensure homelessness in Lee County is rare brief and one-time, and fill a gap in services or housing. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>Innovation and Best Practices: The project is innovative, and addresses housing and service needs in manner not already found within the CoC, or addresses housing and service needs for a population not currently being served in the CoC. The project is designed around a national best practice or existing evidence based program. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>Agency's Capacity and Experience: The agency has at least 12 months experience addressing the needs of and providing services to low income households who are homeless, formerly homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The agency also makes clear efforts to provide quality services through a person centered, housing focused model and ensuring "soft hand-offs" when referrals are required. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>Timeliness: The agency has a clear schedule for project implementation, spending, and reporting, and will be able to carry out activities within the funding period. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>Budget, Match and Leverage: The project has a reasonable budget, all anticipated costs are eligible under one of the available funding sources, and adequate match has been committed. The project also uses leveraged funds to expand available housing and services. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>Project Outcomes: The project has a estimated outcomes that are within CoC and HUD standards, and support the goal of making homelessness in Lee County rare, brief, and one-time. Addressing - Length of time person remains homeless; Extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness: Number of persons no longer homeless; Jobs and income growth. Maximum Point Value: 10</p>	
<p>Proposal Presentation: The proposal is organized, and adheres to RFA instructions. Narratives are clear and concise, and the proposal presents new and original information to be considered for funding. Maximum Point Value: 5</p>	
<p>BONUS POINTS Workforce Coordination: Does the project coordinate with workforce development boards to provide permanent housing and rapid rehousing with integrated services. Points will be awarded for projects that have written documentation to demonstrate partnership with local workforce development centers to improve employment opportunities. Maximum Point Value: 10</p>	
<p>BONUS POINTS Health Care Coordination: Does the project coordinate with healthcare organizations to provide permanent housing and rapid rehousing with integrated services. Points should only be awarded for projects that have written documentation to demonstrate partnership with public and private healthcare organizations to assist program participants to obtain medical insurance to address healthcare needs. Maximum Point Value: 10</p>	
<p>BONUS POINTS Engagement of Persons with Lived Experience & Equity: Does the project applicant demonstrate active engagement of persons with lived experience. Active engagement may be demonstrated through membership on the organization's board, having persons with lived experience in paid staff positions, or through a regular, documented process for consulting persons with lived experience in program design. Is the organization's Board and Staff composition representative of the population being served. Maximum Point Value: 10</p>	
Total	0.00

Total Available Points = 80