

Rental Assistance Program

DRAFT Rating Criteria

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1. Program Need Rating Criteria Rental Assistance (scored in total on a scale of 1-5)	
1.1	Description of the need to be addressed by the Rental Assistance Program.
1.2	The target population is identified (e.g., gender, age, offense history, criminogenic factors, behavioral health issues, release date from prison) and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationship of the identified target population to the purpose of the Rental Assistance Program. • Needs of identified target populations (e.g. homeless).
1.3	Service gaps that contribute to the need are identified.
1.4	Relevant local qualitative and/or quantitative data with citations in support of the need are provided.

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2. Program Description Rating Criteria Warm Hand- off Reentry Services (scored in total on a scale of 1-5)	
2.1	2.2 Description of the proposed rental assistance services (subsidized rent, vouchers, first month's rent, security deposit, landlord incentives etc.) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for selecting the types and kinds of rental assistance to be provided to each participant • How the services will be delivered, including length and duration • Standards and methodology for determining amount of rental assistance funding to be made available to participants • The roles, responsibilities and activities of staff delivering services
2.2	Rationale for the proposed program which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The selection of evidence-based, promising, informed, or innovative practices, interventions, and services • A description of relevant evidence or research with citations to support the selection of the proposed program for the target population and the community.
2.3	Description of the extent to which the program supports Housing First Guiding Principles, including a harm reduction model.
2.4	Description of applicant's experience administering rental assistance services for the target population, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant's current capacity to serve clients and provide access to rental assistance • How the proposed project, if funded, will increase capacity • Description of readiness to proceed if funded
2.5	Description of the relationship between the total number of individuals projected to be served and the target population needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreements with partnering or referring organizations that will help ensure the projected number of participants are served
2.6	The plan for selecting, recruiting and referring participants who are representative of the target population.

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2.7	<p>Description of the proposed project's goals and objectives that includes the relationship to the need and intent of the Rental Assistance Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Work Plan is completed identifying the top three goals and objectives and how these will be achieved in terms of the activities, responsible staff/partners, and start and end dates.
2.8	<p>Description of outreach and community engagement efforts to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts to include/hire people with lived experience into the program. • The extent to which the program promotes inter-agency and community collaboration.

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3. Program Budget Rating Criteria Rental Assistance (scored in total on a scale of 1-5)	
3.1	Complete and detailed budget information is provided in each section and includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Language supporting each expense Expenses that are tied to planned program activities.
3.2	The implementation timeline contained within the Work Plan document describes how contracts and services will be in place to support completion of the project by the end of the grant cycle.