**Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care**

**Housing First / Low Barrier Questionnaire**

**Organization Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

**Project Name:** Click or tap here to enter text.

Housing First/Low barrier housing projects are proven effective in engaging and assisting all sub-populations of persons experiencing homelessness on a path to permanent stable housing. Communities have demonstrated that projects can be effective and safe without requirements that keep many homeless individuals from entering and/or remaining in their project.

Please answer the following questions related to the proposed project’s eligibility criteria and project rules. The questionnaire will be scored with each “yes” answer receiving 0 points and each “no” answer receiving 1/3rd point. An N/A answer will receive 1/3rd point. The maximum points possible is 8 1/3. The higher the score, the closer the project is to being Housing First/Low Barrier however **projects with scores of 6 or more will be considered meeting the Housing First threshold requirement.** Projects that do not meet the Housing First Threshold may appeal this requirement with the OH-500 CoC Board, the Homeless Clearinghouse, before continuing the OH-500 CoC Application process.

Do not alter, change, or add additional information to this questionnaire. Questionnaires submitted that are altered, changed, or have additional comments will be considered void and will receive a score of 0.

1. Will/Does the project require a credit or financial, rental history, criminal background, or “housing readiness” screening prior to project entry (*excluding sexual offender/predator check for site-based projects with legal requirements*)?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project prohibit persons with certain criminal convictions (e.g. violent felonies, arson) from entering your project (*excluding registered sexual offender/predator for site-based projects with legal requirements*)?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to be sober prior to project entry and/or during project stay?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require alcohol/drug tests on participants suspected of being under the influence?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does a positive alcohol/drug test result in termination from the project and/or require participant to participate in substance abuse treatment and/or detox to resume project services?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require project participants who demonstrate mental health symptoms to participate in mental health services and/or medication compliance (*excluding those who present a danger to self or others*) as a condition of services?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to have income at time of project entry?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to obtain or increase income as a condition of remaining in the project?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to participate in supportive services (such as vocational training, employment preparation, budgeting, or life skills classes; not including required case management meetings) as a condition of continued services?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to be ‘progressing’ in their goals in order to remain in the project?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project require participants to sign a services plan agreement to receive your services? (*Please note a service plan is not the same as a housing plan*).

Yes  No

1. Will/Does project participant have to do “chores” as a part of project stay? (*applicable to site – based housing* *only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does the project include curfews and/or required ‘lights out’ time for all participants? (*applicable to site - based housing only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does the project exclude or refuse project entry based on race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or gender expression?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project include any requirements, outside of those typically found in a lease agreement or in “community-living” conduct rules? Examples of acceptable ‘community-living’ rules include agreement to be non-violent, agreement to no weapons on site, agreement to no alcohol/drug consumption on site. (*applicable to housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will a project participant be asked/forced to leave the project and/or will agency refuse service if project participant is disrespectful to a staff member or other project participant, including making verbal threats, acting belligerently, or “having an attitude?”

Yes  No

1. Will/does your project terminate participants when evicted from housing? (*applicable to scattered-site housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Do project participants have to travel to the agency’s office(s) to receive the majority of services, including case management?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project exclude any dependent children in the household, based on age and/or gender, from remaining with the household at the project? (*applicable to housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does the project prohibit any member(s) of a household (*as defined by the household*), based on age, gender, biological relationship and/or marital status, or being a survivor of domestic violence from residing together at the project? (*applicable to housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does the project exclude any family composition type: single dad, single mom, same gender couples, opposite-gender couples, multi-generational, and non-romantic groups who present for services as a family? (*applicable to housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does project require project participants to be “placed” in accordance with their sex assigned at birth and/or “perceived” gender; and/or require participant to “prove” their gender identity prior to receiving services? (*applicable to housing projects only*)

Yes  No  N/A

1. Will/Does your project terminate for stays less than 90 days in an institution?

Yes  No

1. Will/Does the project exclude participants who do not have a form of identification?

Yes  No

Total Score:Click or tap here to enter text.

# Certification of Responses

I attest that the answers above are true and are provided by marking Yes, No, or N/A without any additional comment or clarification.

**Authorized Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Authorized Applicant Name and Title**:Click or tap here to enter text.

**Date Submitted**: Click or tap to enter a date.