

## Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care Housing First / Low Barrier Questionnaire

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Project Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Low barrier/Housing First housing projects are proven effective in engaging and assisting all sub-populations of homeless persons on a path to permanent stable housing. Communities have demonstrated that projects can be well-run 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 .5 points. An N/A answer will receive .5 points. Maximum points is 12. The higher the score, the closer the project is to being Housing First/Low Barrier.

**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 background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check for site-based projects with legal requirements)?  
Yes  No
  
2. 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
  
3. Will/Does the project require participants to be clean and sober prior to project entry and/or during project stay?  
Yes  No
  
4. Will/Does the project require alcohol/drug tests on participants suspected of being under the influence?  
Yes  No
  
5. 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
  
6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?  
Yes  No

7. 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
8. Will/Does the project require participants to have income at time of project entry?  
Yes  No
9. Will/Does the project require participants to obtain an income as a condition of remaining in the project?  
Yes  No
10. 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
11. Will/Does the project require participants to be ‘progressing’ in their goals in order to remain in the project?  
Yes  No
12. 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
13. Will/Does project participant have to do “chores” as a part of project stay and/or will project participants who do work around the facility receive special treatment or are rewarded with special benefits (*applicable to site – based housing*)?  
Yes  No  N/A
14. Will/Does the project include curfews and/or required ‘lights out’ time for all participants (*applicable to site - based housing*)?  
Yes  No  N/A
15. 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

16. 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*)?

Yes       No       N/A

17. 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

18. Will/Do project participants have to travel to the agency’s office(s) to receive the majority of their services, including case management, after they are housed (*applicable to scattered-site housing projects*)?

Yes       No       N/A

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

Yes       No       N/A

20. 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*)?

Yes       No       N/A

21. 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, from residing together at the project (*applicable to for housing projects*)?

Yes       No       N/A

22. 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*)?

Yes       No       N/A

23. 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*)?

Yes       No       N/A

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

Yes  No  N/A

**TOTAL SCORE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_