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| The following Criteria reflects the values and priorities of the Worcester City and County CoC and Youth Action Board as they consider project applications that propose projects aimed at ending youth homelessness.  |

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| **Part 1: Threshold Requirements** *(Not scored, but required)* | **Measure** | **Pass Threshold? Yes/No** |
|  | 1. The proposal is located and/or can provide services within Worcester County
2. Applicant has experience and capacity serving diverse populations including but not limited to LGBTQ+ youth, youth of color, non-citizen youth, pregnant and parenting youth, etc.
3. The proposal will utilize recommendations of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) and the CoC to improve the project and overall YHDP impact.
4. The proposal adheres to housing first practices while serving households experiencing homelessness.
5. The project applicant agrees to participate in the Worcester CoC HMIS/DVMIS system.
6. The project applicant agrees to take referrals ONLY from the Worcester County Coordinated Entry System.
7. The organization is **not** suspended or debarred from receiving federal funds and in good standing with all government and funding contracts.
8. The organization has a current and valid UEI/SAMs number.
9. The organization has an active registration status in the United States System for Award Management.
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| **Part 2: Project Design** | **Measure** | **Scoring** |
| **Criterion 1-Objective Measure**Goal: Project is grounded in CCP vision statement, principles, and goals *(30 pts total)* | 1. Proposal directly relates project activities to furthering the vision statement and accomplishing goals outlined in the RFP and that are reflective of the CCP2. Proposal specifically mentions how the project will be trauma-informed and have positive youth development approach 3. Proposal demonstrates youth choice and /or participant-driven, individualized services  | 1=8 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_2=11 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_3=11 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Criterion 2-Objective Measure**Goal: Project effectively serves youth and young adults*(20 pts total)* | 1.Applicant has demonstrated success with serving youth and young adults previously OrDemonstrates intent to increase their knowledge and successful practice with serving youth and young adults2. Applicant partners with experienced youth serving or housing organization3. Applicant demonstrates an understanding or the special and unique needs of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness.  | 1=10 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_2=5 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_3=5 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Criterion 3-Objective Measure**Goal: Project commits to Advancing Equity *(20 pts total)* | 1.Demonstrates equity in staffing, including training and support 2. Applicant already has or intends to hire people with lived experience at all staffing levels in the organization.3. Has a clear strategy to provide outreach, engagement, and housing interventions to serve historically underserved youth populations (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, other marginalized communities).4. Project commits to meeting youth where they are at, raising them up for future opportunities.5. Has documented intent to collaborate with specific service provider organizations and advocacy groups that represent under-served populations. | 1=4 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_2=4 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_3=4 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_4=4 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_5=4 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Criterion 4-Objective Measure**Goal: Project participants (youth being served in the project) have influence over project activities. *(20 pts total)*  | 1.Projects give participants decision-making power over project operations, including policy changes 2.Project participants regularly have an opportunity to review project operations, outcomes, etc.3. Project demonstrates youth leadership | 1=10 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_ 2=5 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_3=5 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Criterion 5-Objective Measure**Goal: People with lived experience of homeless were actively involved the development of the project proposal. *(20 pts total)* | 1.Applicant provides specific details of the input received from youth and young adults that was incorporated into the project design2. Project narrative demonstrates how youth are integral to project development, implementation, and monitoring. | 1=10 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_2=10 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Criterion 6-Objective Measure**Goal: Project is committed to correctly following Housing First principles. *(20 pts total)* | 1.Project will not have pre-conditions to housing assistance.2. All services offered are voluntary and participants cannot be terminated for not engaging in services.3. Project promotes attainment and retention of housing | 1=8 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_2=8 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_3=4 points, awarded \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
| **Part 3: Bonus Points** *(10 pts total)* | **Measure** | **Scoring** |
|  | 1. Applicant provides specific details of the input they received from youth and young adults that was incorporated into the project design.
2. A youth with lived experience sits on the organization’s Board of Directors.
3. Project demonstrates plan to serve rural areas and/or already serves rural areas.
 | 1=2 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_2=5 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_3=3 points, awarded\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Total: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |
|  | **Total Points Awarded** |  |
|  | **Total Points Possible** | **140** |