

Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care Housing First / Low Barrier Questionnaire

Organization Name: _____ Project Name: _____

Low barrier/Housing First projects are proven effective in engaging and assisting all sub-populations of people experiencing homelessness to 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 1 point. An N/A answer will receive 1 point (if the N/A is based on the project type stated in the question is not the project type for this project). Maximum points is 24. 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 (other than a sexual offender/predator check for site-based projects serving minors)?

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)?

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

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6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation, including if a participant discloses mental health conditions (*excluding those who present a danger to self or others*) prior to project entry?
- Yes No
7. Will/Does the project require project participants, who demonstrate / disclose 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 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 the project 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 for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing*)?
- Yes No N/A

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14. Will/Does the project include curfews and/or required 'lights out' time for all participants (*applicable for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent 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 (*applicable for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing; scattered site housing*)? *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.*

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 PSH, RRH and HP 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 Street Outreach and Engagement 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 for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing for households with children*)?

Yes No N/A

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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 for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing, scattered site permanent housing*)?

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 all project types that serve households with children under the age of 18*)?

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 for facility/project/site - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing; and scattered site permanent housing*)?

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 _____