

Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care  
2023 Project Ranking Tool

Reviewer  
Agency  
Project  
Project Type

Threshold Questions All require "YES" or an accepted justification to move forward with applic

Threshold Criteria	Yes	No	Source	Notes
Project complies with eligibility requirements of the CoC Interim Rule and Subsequent Notices and meets threshold requirements outlined in the HUD 2023 NOFO			Non-profit Documentation	
Project does utilize the Housing First Model (checklist and application)			1) Project Application Section 3B #5 2) Supplemental Application Q4 3) Housing First Checklist	
Project will follow the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, including HUD's Equal Access Rule, when it is			Supplemental Application Q6	
Project does or will participate in HMIS or an equivalent database			Supplemental Application Q16-20	
Project has written documentation of match that meets HUD's standards			Project Application Section 6I	
Applicant is an active CoC Participant			1) Committee List Submitted by Collaborative Application 2) Letter of Good Standing 3) Supplement Application Q12	
Application and supplemental application are complete			Review of Items Submitted	
Applicant does not have any unresolved HUD monitoring findings			Project Application Recipient Performance	
Current audit does not have findings or does have corrective action plan in place if so			Supplemental Application Q1	
<b>Projects that serve families:</b>				
The project accepts all families with children 18 and under without regard to age or gender			Supplemental Application Q7b	
The project has a staff person responsible for ensuring that children are enrolled in school and connected to services in the community			Supplemental Application Q7a	

I. Project readiness and management	Source Data	Points Breakdown	Total Points	Notes
Organization has experience in effectively utilizing federal funds	Project Application	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		

and performing the activities proposed in the application including working with and addressing the target population(s) identified housing and supportive service needs; developing and implementing relevant program systems, services, and/or residential property construction and rehab; identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources; and managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems.	section 2B #1			
		Yes		5
		No		0
The estimated schedule for proposed activities is realistic and exhibits timely project implementation	Project Application section 3B #2	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Highly Realistic		5
		Realistic		3
		Not Realistic		0
Organization has a financial management structure that operates accordingly with generally accepted accounting principles or has designated a fiscal agent that will maintain a functioning accounting system for the organization.	Project Application Section 2B #3	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Yes		5
		No		0
Organization provides information proving they have experience in leveraging Federal, State, local, and private sector funds	Project Application Section 2B #2	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Yes		5
		No		0
<b>Category I. Maximum Points</b>				<b>20</b>
				<b>0</b>

II. Project Services and Support	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Describes the entire scope of the project including each of the following: target population to be served, project plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive services needs, anticipated project outcome(s), coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit), and how CoC program funding will be used. If the project will implement service participation requirements or requirements that go beyond what is typically included in a lease agreement, the scope also includes those requirements and how they are to be implemented	1) Project Application Section 3B 2) Supplemental Application Q5 and Q8 3) Attached MOUs	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Yes		5
		No		0
Agency has a plan for equitable and inclusive outreach to individuals that are specifically in underserved and overrepresented populations such as racial/ethnic groups and the LGBTQIA+ population.	Supplemental Application Q5 and Q11	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Yes		5
		No		0
The type, frequency, and duration of the supportive services proposed fit the needs of the population to be served	1) Project Application Section	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Yes		5

	4A #3 2) Supplemental Application Q8	No	0		
This project outlines how it will assist clients to successfully obtain and maintain permanent housing including the following: how the project will determine the right type of housing, how the project will work with landlords to address possible issues and challenges if rental assistance or leasing assistance is used, type of assistance and support to be provided to program participants to overcome challenges to permanent housing, and how the project will work with program participants to set goals toward retention of permanent housing. If project will exclusively assist victims of domestic violence, the description must include safety planning addressing the needs of this particular homeless population towards meeting the goal of obtaining and maintaining house.	Project Application Section 4A #1	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Project staff have training and skill-set including trauma-informed approach, expertise, etc. to serve specific populations including vulnerable populations.	1) Project Application Section 3B 2) Supplemental Application Q5	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Project has specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which program participants may be eligible including the following: assisting program participants with obtaining and increasing employment income, the type of mainstream services the project will assist program participants with obtaining to increase non-employment income, the type of social services the project will provide access and help program participants obtain, and access to healthcare benefits and resources	1) Project Application Section 4A #2 2) Supplemental Application Q8 3) Attached MOUs	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Project is a permanent housing project (PSH, RRH)	Project Application Section 3A and 4B	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Project confirms Housing First Approach and specifically explains how their agency follows this practice while limiting barriers to individuals needing assistance with housing.	1) Project Application Section 3B #5 2) Supplemental Application Q4	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Housing First Plan is implemented and agency prevents barriers to all populations	5		
		Housing First Plan is not yet implemented but agency does have a plan to proceed	3		
		Housing First Plan is not			

		implemented with no plan to proceed			
				0	
<b>Category II Total Maximum Points</b>				<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>

III. HMIS	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
<a href="#">The agency has experience using HMIS or a comparable database: Homeless System Response</a>	Supplemental Application Q16-20	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Has experience with HMIS	5	
		Some experience with HMIS but some concern with capacity	3	
		No experience with HMIS and significant concerns	0	
		<b>OR</b>		
		Has experience with HMIS comparable database or client-level data management	5	
		Some experience with comparable database or client-level data management but some concern with capacity	3	
		No experience with HMIS comparable database or client-level data management and significant concerns	1	
<b>Category III Total Maximum Points</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

IV. Meaningful engagement of people with lived experience of homelessness in project design, policy-making, and decision-making	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
Project demonstrates experience and plan to incorporate people with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making, feedback, and operation of the program or past projects	Supplemental Application Q10	<b>Total 6 Points</b>		
		Someone with lived experience of homelessness is on agency board (involving survivors of domestic violence)	1	
		Agency employs staff members with lived experience of homelessness	1	
		Program provides opportunities to provide anonymous feedback during program and at program exit	1	
		Agency has diverse staff and board including BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community members	1	
		Program provides sound examples of		

		ways that participants are meaningfully engaged in program design and operation in addition to how their involvement influenced the program			
<b>Category IV Total Maximum Points</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>V. Active participation in Continuum of Care</b>	<b>Source Data</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
Involvement in a Balance of State or Local Homeless Coalition Committee (could include PIT Count committee, Planning committee, strategic planning committee, or other committee not listed)	1) Committee List Submitted by Collaborative Applicant 2) Letter of Good Standing 3) Supplemental Application Q12	<b>Total 2 Point</b>			
		Yes	2		
		No	0		
<b>Category V Total Maximum Points</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>VI. Community Need</b>	<b>Source Data</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Demonstrated Geographical Need	Supplemental Application Q2	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Statistical evidence proves the demonstrated need for this project in the geographic area	5	
		Only limited statistical evidence provided to prove the demonstrated need for this project in the geographic area	3	
		No statistical evidence was provided to prove the demonstrated needs for this project in the geographic area	0	
In the case where the similar services exist, the service is still relevant and a reasonable plan to avoid duplication of services is in place.	Supplemental Application Q3	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		Organization states there are other services being provided and shows plan in place to avoid duplication while working with partners	5	
		Organization states that are other services being provided in the area but does not show plan in place to avoid duplication	3	
		Organization is not sure if there are other services being provided in the area and does not show plan in place to avoid duplication		

			0		
		<b>OR</b>			
		There are currently no services being provided in this area with no issue of duplication to occur	5		
The agency exhibits local partnerships through compliance with educational assurances (if serving children), LHC participation and strategic MOUs, and leveraging to meet real program needs.	1) Supplemental Application Q7a 2) Attached MOUs	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Agency states they work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes, if applicable, and provides examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	5		
		Agency states they work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes, if applicable, but does not provide examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	3		
		Agency does not work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes and does not provide examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	0		
The agency accepts all families with children 18 and under without regard to age and gender	1) Supplemental Application Q7B	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Agency employs SOAR trained staff	1) Project Application Section 4A 2)	<b>Total 3 Points</b>			
		Yes	3		
		No	0		
The targeted sub-population for this project is a current proven need in the community.	1) Project Application Section 3B, 5B 2) Supplemental Application Q5	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Program make-up, goals, and associated services are tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population and the applicant has adequate skills and experience to administer the tailored project	5		
		Program make-up, goals, and associated services are not tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population, but the applicant has adequate skills and experience with plans to implement and administer the tailored project <b>OR</b>			
		Program make-up, goals, and associated services are tailored to meet the needs of the sub-			

		<p>population, but the applicant does not have adequate skills and experience with plans to administer the tailored project</p> <p>3</p>		
		<p>Program make-up, goals, and associated services are not tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population, and the applicant does not have adequate skills and experience to administer the tailored project if implemented</p> <p>0</p>		
		<b>OR</b>		
		<p>This project does not serve a specific sub-population</p> <p>5</p>		
<p>Equitable and inclusive outreach to individuals that are specifically in underserved and overrepresented populations such as racial/ethnic groups and LGBTQIA+ population.</p>	<p>1) Supplemental Application Q9</p>	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		
		<p>The outreach plan for the project participants is inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, and targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), feasibly implemented and leverages community support</p> <p>5</p>		
		<p>The outreach plan for the project participants is not currently inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, nor targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), not feasibly implemented, and does not leverage community support, but the agency has provided plans of future changes to correct this</p> <p>3</p>		
		<p>The outreach plan for the project participants is not currently inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, nor targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), not feasibly implemented, and does not leverage community support with no future plans to correct this</p> <p>0</p>		
<p>Agency has confirmed committment to assist in development</p>	<p>1) Project</p>	<b>Total 5 Points</b>		

and implementation as well as participation in the CoC's coordinated entry system	Application 3B #4 2) Supplemental Application Q6	Yes	5	
		No	0	
<b>VI. Maximum Points</b>			<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>VII. Increasing Safety for Survivors of Domestic Violence</b>	<b>Source Data</b>	<b>Points Available</b>		<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Housing case managers and direct supervisors trained in trauma-informed care, which includes "trauma and its impact" and "trauma-informed care."	Supplemental Application Q13	<b>Total 1 Point</b>			
		Yes	1		
		No	0		
Housing case managers and direct supervisors completed training for serving survivors of domestic violence (DV 101)	Supplemental Application Q14	<b>Total 1 Point</b>			
		Yes	1		
		No	0		
Agency has an emergency transfer and re-housing policy that, at minimum, mirrors the VAWA emergency transfer policy in the Entry Point Policies and Procedures	Supplemental Application Q15	<b>Total 1 Point</b>			
		Yes	1		
		No	0		
<b>VII. Maximum Points</b>			<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	

<b>VIII. Project Budget</b>	<b>Source Data</b>	<b>Points Available</b>		<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Project can be under grant be 09/15/2025	Project Application Section 6A	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Project Budget provides a description for any eligible cost item listed along with annual assistance requested	Project Application Section 6-Budgets that pertain to project	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Match is secured with source(s) documented	Project Application- 6I	<b>Total 5 Points</b>			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
<b>VIII. Maximum Points</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	



IX. Program Exits	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
Successful Program exits from 10/1/2021-09/30/2022(PSH)	Supplemental Application #21	<b>Total 10 points</b>		
		75% or above	10	
25.1%-74.9%	5			
25% or below	0			
		<a href="#">2022 System Performance Average for AR503: 100.0% (M7b2: Successful PH Exits at link below) Reference Link</a>		
Successful Program exits from 10/1/2021-09/30/2022 (ES, SH, TH, and RRH)	Supplemental Application #21	<b>Total 10 points</b>		
		30.3% or above	10	
20.1%-30.2%	5			
20% or below	0			
		<a href="#">2022 System Performance Average for AR503: 30.3% (M7b1: Successful ES, SH, TH, RRH at link below) Reference Link</a>		
<b>Category IX. Maximum Points</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

X. Increase Income	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
% of persons age 18 and older who increased earned income at program exit from 10/1/2021-9/30/2022	Supplemental Application #22	<b>Total 10 points</b>		
		41.3% or above	10	
30.1%-41.2%	5			
30.0% or below	0			
		<a href="#">2022 System Performance Average for AR503: 41.3% (M4: Lvrs Increase Earned Inc. at link below) Reference Link</a>		
% of person age 18 and older who increased total income at program exit, either by gaining a source of income or by increasing the amount of their total income from 10/1/2021-9/30/2022	Supplemental Application #23	<b>Total 10 points</b>		
		41.3% or above	10	
30.1%-41.2%	5			
30.0% or below	0			
		<a href="#">2022 System Performance Average for AR503: 41.3% (M4: Lvrs Increase Total Inc. at link below) Reference Link</a>		
<b>Category X. Maximum Points</b>			<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

XI. Project Serves Vulnerable Population	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
% of persons served by a PH program who meet locally defined vulnerable conditions at entry based on organization assessment from 10/1/2021-09/30/2022:	Supplemental Application #24	<b>Total 6 points</b>		
		50% or greater w/2 or more conditions	6	
Mental Illness	30%-49.9% w/2 or more conditions	4		
Alcohol Abuse	10%-29.9% w/2 or more conditions	2		
Chronic Health Conditions	Below 10% w/2 or more conditions	0		
HIV/AIDS				
Development Disabilities				
Physical Disabilities				
% of persons served by a RRH, TH, or TH-RRH program who meet locally defined vulnerable conditions at entry based on organization assessment from 10/1/2021-09/30/2022:	Supplemental Application Q24	<b>Total 6 points</b>		
		50% or greater w/2 or more		

		conditions	6	
Mental Illness		30%-49.9% w/2 or more conditions	4	
Alcohol Abuse				
Chronic Health Conditions		10%-29.9% w/2 or more conditions	2	
HIV/AIDS		Below 10% w/2 or more conditions		
Development Disabilities				
Physical Disabilities			0	
Project specifically serves vulnerable populations that might face additional barriers such as:	Supplemental Application Q11	<b>Total 10 Points</b>		
High utilization of crisis and emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities				
History of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse				
Length of time homeless				
Low Income				
No Income				
Only project of its kind in the CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation		Yes	10	
Risk of continued homelessness				
Significant challenges or functional impairments, including physical, mental, developmental, or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing(focuses on the level of support needed not disability type);				
Substance abuse-current or past;				
Unsheltered homelessness-especially youth and children;				
Vulnerability to illness or death;				
Vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work.		No	0	
<b>Category XI. Maximum Points</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>XII. Utilizing New and Existing Resources Effectively to Improve the Homeless System</b>	<b>Source Data</b>	<b>Points Available</b>	<b>Points Awarded</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Projects are consistently utilizing grant resources (any state and federal grant funds during most recent completed grant year of each one--will average for the percentage).	Supplemental Application Q25	<b>Total 10 points</b>		
		Less than 2% of spent at grant award year end	10	
		More than 2% not spent at grant award year end but sufficient justification presented to explain	5	
		More than 2% not spent at grant award year end and no sufficient	0	



