

San Bernardino County Continuum of Care 2020-HHAP Regional Project Scoring Guidelines For Desert Region

The **Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program** funding provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practice framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

All HHAP Regional Project Applications will be reviewed by their respective **SBCHP Regional Steering Committee** which will submit their recommendations to the **Interagency Council on Homelessness** for final approval. All project applications will be reviewed and scored by the Regional Steering Committees based on the following:

- The extent to which the proposed project meets the CoC's HHAP Project Eligibility threshold.
- The extent to which the proposed project is for an eligible use that will expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations – persons who are literally homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.
- The extent to which the proposed project addresses a Regional priority activity and/or target population.
- The extent to which the proposed project aligns with CoC goals, strategies, and services, both short-term and long-term, to reduce homelessness and make it non-recurring.

Scoring Criteria for Desert Region

A. Housing First Emphasis (25 points)

- The extent to which applicant conforms to California and the CoC's Housing First Policy.
- Housing Emphasis-Housing First practice includes rapid placement and stabilization for viable housing options and does not have service participation requirements or pre-conditions.

B. Project Focus (25 points)

- The extent to which the proposed project is for a HHAP eligible use.
- The extent to which the proposed project supports regional coordination and helps to expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.
- The extent to which the proposed project applies a best-practice framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and/or supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.
- The extent to which the proposed project will expend funds on evidence-based solutions that address and prevent homelessness among eligible populations.

C. Experience and Capacity (25 points)

- The applicant's experience and capacity in providing similar services, length and type of experience it has working with the homeless, the quality of programs/services it provides, and the experience level of key staff.
- The applicant's ability to adequately describe the target population and address the requirements set out in the CoC HHAP RFA.

D. Budget Detail (10 points)

- The applicant's proposed budget costs are adequate and realistic to complete the project.

E. Collaboration (15 points)

- The applicant's ability to collaborate with other agencies and/or municipalities.