

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

Organization Name: _____ **Project Name:** _____

Low barrier/Housing First shelters and permanent housing projects are proven effective in engaging and assisting all sub-populations of homeless persons 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. 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 (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?
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

6. Will/Does the project require participants to have a mental health evaluation prior to project entry?
Yes No

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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 for facility/project - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing*)?
- Yes No N/A
14. Will/Does the project include curfews and/or required ‘lights out’ time for all *participants* (*applicable for facility/project - 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

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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 - 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 - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing for households with children*)?

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 for facility/project - 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 projects that serve households with children under the age of 18*)?

Yes No N/A

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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 - based emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent housing, scattered site permanent housing*)?

Yes No N/A

24. Will/Does the project exclude participants who do not have a form of identification (*applicable for emergency shelters*)?

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 _____