

Addendum

FY2016 HUD Renewal Application

Component I: Project Accessibility, Client Support, Housing Stability and connection to non-CoC resources (45 pts)

ALL PROJECTS (SSO/TH/PH-RRH/PSH):

Project Accessibility:

Admission/tenant screening and selection practices promote the acceptance of applicants regardless of the client:

- Sobriety or use of substances;
- Completion of treatment;
- Minimum income requirements; and
- Participation in services.

Admission/tenant screening and selection practices provide access for each person experiencing homelessness to inclusive and nondiscriminatory shelter, housing and services, including those who are transgender and gender non-conforming.

Client Support and Stability:

Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem-solving over therapeutic goals. Service plans are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.

Case managers/service coordinators are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for client/tenant engagement such as motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.

Connection to Non-CoC resources:

Detail how your agency/project is participating in the planning process for the implementation of the Affordable Care in Washington State and how your project is encouraging project recipients to participate in enrollment and outreach activities to ensure eligible households take advantage of new healthcare options.

HOUSING PROVIDERS ONLY (TH/PH-RRH/PSH):

Project Accessibility:

- Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history.
- Applicants are not rejected on the basis of minor criminal convictions.
- Applicants are seldom rejected on the basis of behaviors that indicate lack of “housing readiness.”
- Applicants are not rejected because of lack of resources to pay application, deposit or other fees and/or applicants are given reasonable flexibility to pay required program entry fees.

Client Support and Housing Stability:

- Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent supportive or transitional housing tenancy.
- Use of alcohol or drugs in itself (without other lease violations) is not considered a reason for eviction.
- Tenants in permanent supportive housing and transitional housing are given reasonable flexibility in paying their tenant share or program fee (after subsidy) on time and offered special payment arrangements (e.g. payment plan) for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management.
- Services are informed by a harm reduction philosophy that recognizes that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of the tenants’ lives, where tenants are engage in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.
- Actions that can cause a tenant to be terminated are limited to those that are necessary to protect the health and safety of other residents and staff.

TH ONLY:

Client Support and Housing Stability:

Transitional housing programs serving the prioritized populations of fleeing DV, exiting an institution and/or unaccompanied/independent youth are providing services applicable to that special population.

Actions that can cause a participant to be terminated are limited to those that are necessary to protect the health and safety of other residents and staff.