**KS-507 BOS COC**

**The CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness**

**with Severe Needs**

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| **Approved Performance & Compliance Committee:**  **7/21/2022** | **Approved Steering Committee:**  **7/21/2022** |
| **Revised Performance & Compliance Committee:**  **N/A** | **Revised Steering Committee:**  **N/A** |

**POLICY**

KS-507 KS Balance of State Continuum of Care (KS BoS CoC), in response to HUD’s Special CoC NOFO has determined that the following policy will be applied for the design of the CoC Plan as outlined in the HUD Special CoC NOFO as outlined on pages 45 to 53.

The Performance and Compliance Committee, in coordination with the CoC Collaborative Applicant, is responsible for designing the CoC Plan. Final Approval will be provided by the CoC Steering Committee.

The Rank and Review Panel will evaluate project applications and rank them in priority order, utilizing the CoC Plan and other defined priorities in other policies. The intention of this document is to illustrate the required aspects for the CoC and for project applications.

1. **Leveraging Housing Resources:** CoCs that demonstrate efforts to increase the number of permanent housing units available to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including the extent to which the amount of assistance provided will be supplemented with other, non-CoC Program and non-ESG funded, housing resources that are not already dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and how landlords are incentivized to house individuals experiencing homelessness. **(18 Points)**
2. **Leveraging Healthcare Resources:** CoCs that develop permanent housing projects that utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. **(10 Points)**
3. **CoCs Current Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals and Families Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness:** CoC’s that have current strategies to regularly engage individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the locations where they reside and connect them to low barrier shelter, temporary housing, or permanent housing as available and appropriate. **(9 Points)**
4. **Updating the CoCs Strategy to Identify, Shelter, and House Individuals Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Data and Performance:** CoCs that demonstrate they will continuously review data and best practices and use that information to update their strategies to reduce unsheltered homelessness. (**8 Points)**
5. **Identify and Prioritize Households Experiencing or with Histories of Unsheltered Homelessness:** CoCs that demonstrate a comprehensive method to identify and provide street outreach services to individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, and with histories of unsheltered homelessness and prioritize them for permanent housing. (**12 Points)**
6. **Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Decision Making:** CoCs meaningfully include persons with lived experience of homelessness in the decision-making process of the CoC. (**5 Points)**
7. **Supporting Underserved Communities and Supporting Equitable Community Development:** CoCs support and serve underserved communities in their geographic area and offer equitable housing interventions to address their needs. **(8 Points)**

The points assigned to each of the above components were assigned by HUD and not determined by the KS BoS CoC.