



Bridges and Bridges RTC Rental Assistance Technical Assistance – Application and Scoring

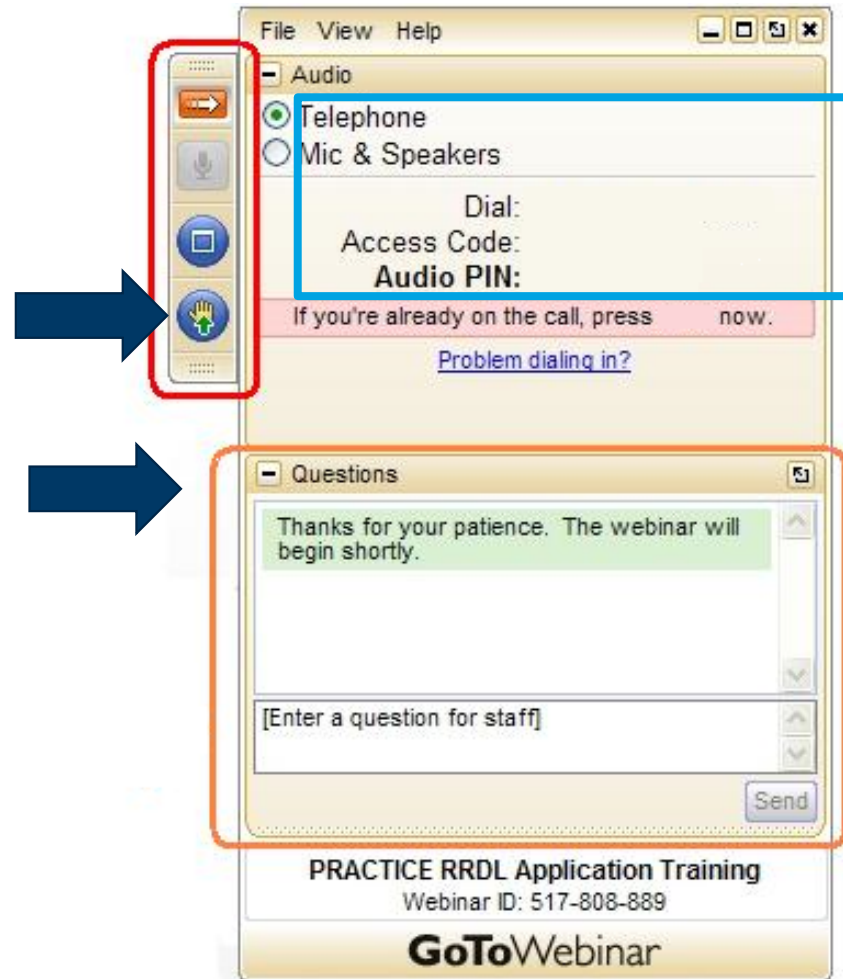
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Agenda

Time	Topic
11:00-11:05	Welcome
11:05-11:10	Reason and Purpose For Webinar
11:10-11:25	Application and Scoring Explained
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Reason for Webinar

- The Bridges RFP process is a competitive application process
- Minnesota Housing has a process to review and score applications for funding
- Minnesota Housing is transparent about the review and scoring process to give information to applicants that will be helpful for future applications and funding rounds
- The information today will familiarize you with the application scoring process.



Application Scoring

Scoring Guidance

SECTION A – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ASSIGNED REVIEWER			
Category	Maximum Points	Score	Comments
Priority Populations	15		
Program Design and Implementation	15		
Diversity and Inclusion	10		
Foundational Service Practices	10		
Services	15		
Bridges RTC ONLY	5		
TOTAL Points from Section A			NOTE: Maximum score for Bridges: 65 points; Maximum score for Bridges RTC: 70 points

Scoring Guidance

SECTION B – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE BRIDGES PROGRAM MANAGER			
Category	Maximum Points	Score	Comments
Performance – NEW APPLICANT	35		
Performance – CURRENT GRANTEE	35		
TOTAL Points from Section B			NOTE: This section is scored by the Bridges program manager.

SECTION C – TO BE TOTALED BY THE BRIDGES PROGRAM MANAGER			
TOTAL POINTS FROM SECTIONS A AND B	Maximum Points	Score	Comments
Bridges Applicants	100		
Bridges RTC Applicants	105		



Review Criteria: Priority Populations

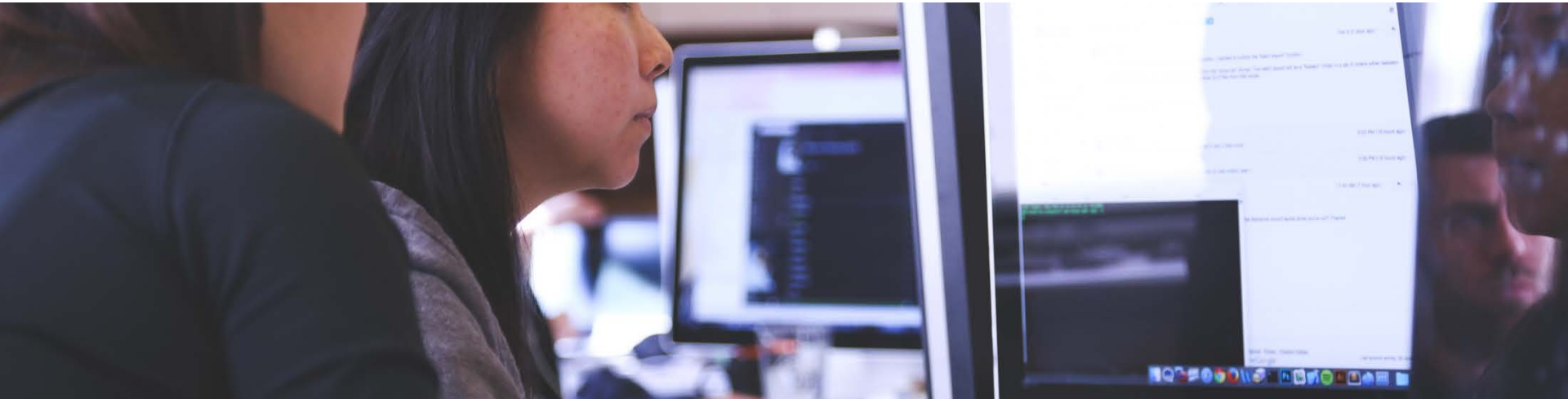
Priority Populations

Bridges is designed to assist people with high needs through the provision of a housing subsidy that is linked with community mental health services. To achieve this goal, administrators must give priority to the following populations, with highest priority given to people residing in an institution or other segregated setting who will be homeless upon discharge.

- People residing in an institution or other segregated setting who will be homeless upon discharge
- People experiencing homelessness who are in need of permanent supportive housing, as determined by an approved assessment tool and referred by Coordinated Entry (CE)
- People who are experiencing homelessness or are at imminent risk of homelessness

Priority Populations (continued)

Priority Populations Maximum Points: 15		
0-4 Points-Low	5-9 Points-Medium	10-15 Points-High
<p>Applicant does not have a creditable plan to reach and serve people residing in an institution or other segregated settings</p> <p>Applicant waiting list practices are not likely to promote equity in access for applicants and the priority population</p> <p>Applicant does not have or has very limited permanent subsidies available for Bridges participants</p>	<p>Applicant describes a plan to reach and serve people residing in an institution or other segregated setting, but the plan lacks detail, needs clarity or continued development</p> <p>Applicant waiting list practices are reasonable and clear, but they may not promote equity in access for applicants and the priority population</p> <p>Applicant has sufficient access to permanent subsidies but continues to advocate for prioritizing Bridges participants in Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) programs in the region</p>	<p>Applicant demonstrates a thoughtful, well defined plan to reach and serve people residing in an institution or other segregated settings</p> <p>Applicant waiting list practices are clearly identified and demonstrate a commitment to promote equity in access for applicants and the priority population</p> <p>Applicant demonstrates that Bridges participants are prioritized for all HCV in the region, which ensures that permanent subsidies are available</p>



Review Criteria: Program Design and Implementation

Program Design and Implementation

- Applicant has developed strong partnerships and resources necessary to provide housing search services across the region and has demonstrated effectiveness in assisting participants in locating/maintaining housing
- If subcontracting, applicant has strong compliance and monitoring standards
- Applicant has a well-established plan to monitor utilization

Program Design and Implementation (continued)

Program Design and Implementation Maximum Points: 15		
0-4 Points-Low	5-9 Points-Medium	10-15 Points-High
<p>Applicant response does not demonstrate a viable plan that would make subsidies available to the entire geographic area; counties and tribal nations do not have access to the program</p> <p>Applicant does not have a plan or the plan is unclear and lacks details on how they will complete inspections and recertifications in the entire region</p> <p>Applicant has not developed the partnerships or resources necessary to provide housing search services across the region</p> <p>If subcontracting, the applicant has not developed compliance and monitoring standards</p> <p>Applicant does not have a plan to monitor utilization</p>	<p>Applicant has an adequate plan to provide subsidies to the entire geographic area, and the applicant continues to develop strategies for effectiveness. Counties and tribal nations have limited access to program</p> <p>Applicant has a plan to complete inspections and recertifications in the entire region, but the resources dedicated do not seem adequate to implement the plan</p> <p>Applicant has developed some of the partnerships and resources necessary to provide housing search services across the region, but more development is needed to be effective</p> <p>If subcontracting, applicant has minimal compliance and monitoring standards</p> <p>Applicant has a reasonable plan to monitor utilization</p>	<p>Applicant has a thoughtful plan and clearly defined strategies to provide subsidies to the entire geographic area, including ensuring that all counties and tribal nations have access to the program</p> <p>Applicant has a reasonable plan and dedicated resources to complete inspections and recertifications in the entire region</p> <p>Applicant has developed strong partnerships and resources necessary to provide housing search services across the region and has demonstrated effectiveness in assisting participants locate/maintain housing</p> <p>If subcontracting, applicant has strong compliance and monitoring standards</p> <p>Applicant has a well-established plan to monitor utilization</p>



Review Criteria: Diversity and Inclusion

Diversity and Inclusion

- The Bridges and Bridges RTC programs are intended to serve people with mental illness as defined in Minn. Stat. 245.462, subd. 20(a)
- The programs are also intended to assist households that have significant or complex barriers to accessing and retaining housing
- The capacity to serve people with mental illness and implement foundational service practices will create better access to the program for this population
- Providers will be required to collect and report data to Minnesota Housing on their progress in this area in an annual progress report

Diversity and Inclusion (continued)

Diversity and Inclusion Maximum Points: 10		
1-3 Points-Low	4-7 Points-Medium	8-10 Points-High
<p>Applicant does not have experience or has a limited plan to be inclusive of all racial and ethnic backgrounds or does not have experience/has limited resources to create a plan for the population to reflect the makeup of the area</p> <p>If tribal nations are included in the applicant's geographic region, the applicant has not created access to the programs or involved the tribal nations in the collaborative process</p> <p>Strategies for reaching and serving underserved or disparately impacted populations are not noted or lack significant detail</p>	<p>Applicant has an adequate plan to be inclusive of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, but their description leaves question as to whether the population will be reflective of the makeup of the service area</p> <p>If tribal nations are included in the applicant's geographic region, the applicant has created limited access to the program, but the applicant is working to improve access and develop collaborations with the tribal nations</p> <p>Strategies for reaching and serving underserved or disparately impacted populations are minimal and need to be further developed</p>	<p>Applicant has a strong understanding of the importance of inclusiveness and has developed a plan that is informed and insightful, and the plan will ensure participants are reflective of the makeup of the services area and that they will have access to the program</p> <p>If tribal nations are included in the applicant's geographic region, the applicant has demonstrated that tribal members have access to the program and have well-established collaborations with the tribal nations</p> <p>Applicant has specific and actionable strategies to reach and serve underserved or disparately impacted populations</p>



Review Criteria: Foundational Service Practices

Foundational Service Practices

Foundational Service Practices Maximum Points: 10		
0-3 Points-Low	4-7 Points-Medium	8-10 Points-High
<p>Applicant has not developed or has minimal strategies to reduce barriers to the program</p> <p>Applicant does not have a process improvement plan to continue to improve access and outcomes for people with mental illness</p>	<p>Applicant has adequate strategies to reduce barriers to the program and is continuing to develop more effective strategies</p> <p>Applicant has an adequate process improvement plan to continue to improve access and strengthen outcomes for people with mental illness</p>	<p>Applicant has described proven and effective strategies to reduce barriers to the program</p> <p>Applicant has described a process improvement plan that will keep policies, staff training and agency practices continuously successful at improving access and outcomes for people with mental illness</p>



Review Criteria: Services

- Applicant describes specific and actionable service strategies that have been effective in ensuring housing stability for participants
- Applicant has a strong, clearly defined plan on how to work with service providers to create service choice for participants
- Applicant has a well-developed process in place to assist participants with the transition to a permanent subsidy

Services (continued)

Services Maximum Points: 15		
0-4 Points-Low	5-9 Points-Medium	10-15 Points-High
<p>Applicant has not developed a model or has a model that is not effective or does not have clear strategies to ensure housing stability for participants</p> <p>Applicant has not developed a plan to work with service providers; service choice is not available for participants</p> <p>Applicant does not have a plan to assist participants with the transition to a permanent subsidy</p>	<p>Applicant has an adequate service model and is continuing to develop clear strategies to ensure housing stability for participants</p> <p>Applicant has an adequate plan on how to work with service providers and to create service choice for participants, but the plan lacks detail or needs to be further defined</p> <p>Applicant has a minimal process to assist most participants with the transition to a permanent subsidy but does not address all needs</p>	<p>Applicant describes specific and actionable service strategies that have been effective in ensuring housing stability for participants</p> <p>Applicant has a strong, clearly defined plan on how to work with service providers to create service choice for participants</p> <p>Applicant has a well-developed process in place to assist participants with the transition to a permanent subsidy</p>



Review Criteria: Bridges RTC Only

Bridges RTC Only

Bridges RTC only Maximum Points: 5		
0-1 Points-Low	2-3 Points-Medium	4-5 Points-High
<p>Applicant has not established a relationship with the Anoka Regional Treatment Center and the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center (RTC)</p> <p>Applicant does not have service resources to assist applicants with finding and maintaining housing, or the resource availability is inadequate</p>	<p>Applicant has an established working relationship with the Anoka Regional Treatment Center and the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center and continues to address barriers in its attempts to fill units</p> <p>Applicant has sufficient service resources to assist most applicants with finding and maintaining housing</p>	<p>Applicant has a well-established relationship with the Anoka Regional Treatment Center and the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, and they have created engagement that leads to RTC openings being filled by qualified participants</p> <p>Applicant has service resources and proven engagement strategies that get applicants into housing and assists them in maintaining housing stability over time</p>



Review Criteria: Current Grantees Only

New Applicants and Current Grantees Performance Review Only(continued)

Current Grantees Performance Review Only: Completed by Bridges Program Manager Maximum Points: 35

Current grantees will be evaluated by:

- Grant fund utilization
- Outcome – households served compared to proposed
- Timely report submission
- Communication with Minnesota Housing
- Budget form responses

Questions?

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