



**Mississippi Home Corporation  
Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program  
Homeowner Rehabilitation**

Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) is releasing a draft of the HOME Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, 2020 Application Scoring Criteria and Rating factors. The purpose of issuing this draft is to bring awareness of the application criteria and scoring rating factors to potential applicants prior to opening of the 2020 Application Cycle. In addition, MHC is soliciting public comments to allow the public to provide comments and input of the proposed criteria and rating factors. Comments will be accepted beginning February 13, 2020 through February 24, 2020, 5:00 p.m. All comments will be reviewed and issued a response.

**Program Overview**

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is a homeownership housing component under the HOME Program. The amount set-aside for this activity is based on federal appropriations and availability of funds. The maximum award for the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program for 2020 is \$600,000. Eligible applicants are local units of government and if funded, serves as sub-recipients of HOME funds. Eligible beneficiaries are low-income households or individuals with an annual gross income that does not exceed 80% of the area median income for the area where units are located. Eligible activities are rehabilitation, reconstruction and replacement of existing owner-occupied single-family housing units.

The application cycle for the HOME/Homeowner Rehabilitation Program is a competitive process and held on an annual basis. An application must meet threshold & scoring requirements in order to be eligible for reservation of a HOME award. MHC uses a scoring standard with a 232-point scale to process and select applications for funding. Applications must score a minimum of 130 points to be considered for funding. By adhering to the scoring criteria, applications can receive up to 232 points based on the final rating criteria. Selection criteria are used to objectively score applications for funding. Application are considered for funding in the order from high to low scoring until all funds are awarded. The following criteria provides details by which points are assigned for competitive scoring under the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program:

<b>Application Scoring Factors</b>		<b>Maximum Points</b>
1.	Documentation of Need	25 points
2.	Concerted Revitalization Plan	30 points
3.	Previously Funded	60 Points
4.	MBE/WBE	25 Points
5.	Project Timely Completion	60 Points
6.	Administrator Project Management Experience	22 Points
7.	Community/Supportive Services	10 points
<b>Maximum Points</b>		<b>232 points</b>

**Explanation of Rating Factors**

**1. Documentation of Need**

**Points**

MHC will review each application for the level of poverty rate by counties.

35 – 45 above	25
25 – 34.99	15
0 – 24.99	5

**Documentation of Need Points \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Concerted Revitalization Plan-**

**Up to 30 Points**

**Ten points (10)** may be awarded to developments located in a community that has a concerted revitalization plan. A letter from the county/city/town signed by the jurisdiction's authorized representative must be provided in the application. The letter must list significant actions the jurisdiction has implemented within the last 48 months prior to March 2020, within one and one-half (1.5) mile radius of the proposed target area of the streets or neighborhoods in which the project will take place. These actions may include, but are not limited to street overlay, park improvement, water and sewer maintenance or improvement, street lighting, vacant property demolition, construction or substantial preservation of community facilities.

**Twenty points (20)** may be awarded, if in addition to listing significant **actions**, the jurisdiction provides evidence that the target area falls within the boundaries designated in community revitalization plan.

Documentation must include:

- 1) Copy of the plan, or information on how the plan may be accessed, date adopted, evidenced by minutes of the jurisdiction;
- 2) A detailed description of actions taken within 48 months of March 2020, to carry out improvements set out in the plan;
- 3) Actions to be taken within the next 36 months following application for HOME funds to accomplish the plan;
- 4) How the housing activities proposed specifically contribute to accomplishing goals of the Revitalization Plan.
  - a) **Five (5) points** will be awarded for each proposed activity that is accompanied by evidence that funds are budgeted for the action.
  - b) **Two (2) points** will be awarded for each action that is accompanied by evidence that funds have been requested in a grant application or other proposed funding source.
  - c) **One (1) point** will be awarded for proposed actions that are not accompanied by evidence of funding.

**Concerted Revitalization Plan Points \_\_\_\_\_**

**3. Previous Funding**

Applicants never previously funded	60
Applicant funded prior to federal grant year 2013	20
Applicants funded between federal grant years 2014-2019	10

**4. MBE/WBE**

Previous participation by MBE/WBE contractors 2014-2019

Applicants with 20% or more MBE/ WBE Participation	25
Applicants with 10% to 19.9% MBE/WBE Participation	15
Applicants with 1% to 9.9% MBE/WBE Participation	10
Applicant may substitute MBE/WBE performance on other HUD funded activity if jurisdiction has not received a HOME grant in the period	5
No documented MBE/WBE performance on HUD-funded activities	0

MBE/WBE Points \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Project Timely Completion**

Applicants will receive points based on timely completion of previous HOME projects funded 2014-2019. **Points received will be based on the IDIS contract setup date and the date of the project closeout transmittal letter.**

Under 12 months	60
13 months – 18 months	45
19 months – 24 months	30
25 months – 30 months	15
31 months and beyond	0

Project Timely Completion Points \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Administrator Project Management Experience**

**Up to 22 points** will be awarded based on the project management performance with previous projects with the HOME Rehabilitation/Reconstruction program. The maximum points are as follows:

- 1) Experience – 6 points
- 2) Production – 10 points
- 3) Timely Completion – 6 points

Points will be awarded solely to the administrator preparing the application.

**Experience:** Number of years working with HOME Program as a project manager exercising significant project responsibilities with the company or partnership administering the grant. Proof documentation for the qualifying project to include previous/current project name, year completed.

10 years or more	6
10 years – 6 years	4
5 years – 1 year	2

**Production:** Number of units completed within the HOME Program. Proof documentation to include previous/current project name, project number, and number of units completed during the timeframe 2014-2019.

50 units or more	10
40 units – 30 units	8
29 units – 20 units	6
19 units – 10 units	4
9 units – 1 unit	2

**Timely Completion:** Average number of months taken to complete all projects closed from 2014-2019. Proof documentation to include previous project name and project number.

Under 18 months	6
19 months – 24 months	4
25 months – 36 months	2

**Administrator Project Management Experience Points** \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Community/Supportive Services**

Provide commitment letters(s) from proposed partner(s) . **10 points**

**Two (2) points** will be awarded for each community service up to five (5) or more services.

**Community/Supportive Services Points** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL POINTS RECEIVED** \_\_\_\_\_