



Request for Proposals for
**2015 Continuum of Care Permanent Housing Bonus
(RFP DBH 15 - 98)**

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This Addendum No. 2 is to provide the following amendments to RFP 15-98:

1. **Revise the deadline for the submission of questions to Friday, October 2, 2015 at 12:59 p.m. (PDT) Submit questions to:**
homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov
2. **Revise the date Questions and Answers will be posted to Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 3:59 p.m. (PDT) at** <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp>

NOTE: Yellow highlights indicate revisions.

3. I. **OBJECTIVE**

The County of San Bernardino Office of Homeless Services (OHS), acting on behalf of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership, is requesting proposals from nonprofit and local government organizations providing assistance to homeless populations within the County of San Bernardino. The County of San Bernardino is a "Housing First" County and is interested in receiving proposals that seek to create new and dedicated Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) to serve the chronically homeless and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) to serve families. OHS seeks project(s) to implement a local continuum of care-wide Permanent Housing program that will implement a "Housing First" approach in accordance with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership's 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness. The proposal must include a

component of direct street engagement with a coordinated and comprehensive outreach approach that will employ sufficient Employment and Housing Guides to cover each region of the County and sufficient administrative oversight.

4. II. BACKGROUND

Ending chronic homelessness is the first goal of Opening Doors. Opening Doors is the nation's first comprehensive strategy to prevent and end homelessness; it serves as a roadmap for joint action by 19 United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) member agencies along with local and state partners in the public and private sectors.

The Permanent Housing Bonus is available to all Continuum of Care (CoC) to apply for funding to create new permanent supportive housing projects that will exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals and families and/or rapid re-housing projects that will serve individuals, families or unaccompanied youth who come directly from the streets, emergency shelters, or are fleeing domestic violence; or other persons who meet the criteria of homelessness as defined by HUD and meet all other criteria for PSH or RRH housing (i.e., individuals and households with children who enter directly from the streets or emergency shelter). The San Bernardino County CoC is eligible to apply for up to \$1,528,358 for bonus projects. New projects must meet the project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in Sections V.F.2.d and V.F.2.e of the Revised Notice of Funding Availability for the 2015 Continuum of Care Program Competition which can be found on the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership website at <http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/>.

5. IV. PROCUREMENT CONDITIONS

C. CoC Homeless Program Questions

Questions regarding this procurement must be sent, via e-mail to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov by 12:59 pm (PDT) on Friday, October 2, 2015. In the subject line please type: Permanent Bonus Question to ensure the e-mail is properly routed. Please note that OHS is only permitted to answer questions and shall not provide assistance that may provide a competitive advantage to a proposal.

6. V. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Program Requirements

3. Both Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Bonus applicants must:

a. Submit a project applicant that is in good standing with HUD, which means that the project applicant

does not have any open monitoring Findings, or history of slow expenditure of grant funds;

- b. Demonstrate a plan for rapid implementation of the program; the project narrative must document how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant within 6 months of the award.
- c. Demonstrate a connection to mainstream service systems; and
- d. Be a current participant or agree to participate in the CoC's coordinated assessment system which must already be implemented prior to HUD executing a grant agreement.
- e. Statutory and Regulatory Requirements - Project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the Act and CoC Program interim rule. Project applicants can obtain a copy of the Act and the CoC Program interim rule on the HYD Exchange or by contacting the NOFA Information Center at 1-800-HUD-8929 (1-800-483-8929)

5. Project Eligibility Threshold

HUD will review all projects to determine if they meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard. If HUD determines that the applicable standards are not met for a project, the project will be rejected from the competition. Any project requesting renewal funding will be considered as having met these requirements through its previously approved grant application unless information to the contrary is received (e.g., monitoring findings, results from investigations by the Office of Inspector General, the recipient routinely does not draw down funds from LOCCS at least once per quarter, consistently late APRs.). Approval of new and renewal projects is not a determination by HUD that a recipient is in compliance with applicable fair housing and civil requirements.

- a. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in 24 CFR part 578 and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
- b. Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity

and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and to administer Federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant/subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds for renewing projects or other Federal funds.

- c. Project applicants must submit the required certifications as specified in **the 2015 Revised NOFA**.