



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

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This Addendum No. 3 is to provide the following amendments to RFP 15-98:

Attachment IV
Summary Information on the
Supportive Housing Program

The **Leasing** of sites to be used as permanent housing for the homeless, or the leasing of a site to be used for the provision of supportive social services. If requesting funds to lease housing units, you must not exceed the following monthly Fair Market Rates¹:

- Efficiency Unit (0-bedroom) \$788
- 1-bedroom Unit \$908
- 2-bedroom Unit \$1,153
- 3-bedroom Unit \$1,629
- 4-bedroom Unit \$1,987

Provision of essential **social services** to the homeless, including services concerned with employment, health, drug abuse, and education, and may include, (but are not limited to):

- Outreach;
- Housing search assistance;
- Life-skills training;
- Medical services and psychological counseling and supervision;

¹http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/fmr/fmrs/FY2015_code/2015summary.odn

- Employment services;
- Nutritional assistance;
- Substance abuse treatment and counseling;
- Assistance in obtaining other federal, state, and local assistance including mental health benefits, employment counseling, medical assistance, veteran's benefits, and income support assistance such as Supplemental Security Income benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, General Assistance, and Food Stamps;
- Other services such as child care, transportation, job placement and job training; and Staff salaries necessary to provide the above service.

Operation costs of or permanent housing to assist the homeless

Relocation assistance for households displaced because of actions related to acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation.

Homeless Management Information System: funding to acquire the hardware, software, set up and operate such a system. These funds may only be used to establish program specific systems that will link to the County's HMIS system that is currently in development.

Costs for HMIS must be reasonable in light of the populations served and level of services rendered.

Administration, limited to 10% of grant funds for program activities described above.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Cash Match

Agencies must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions. See Section 24 CFR 578.73 Matching Requirements. A nonprofit or local government agency recipient selected through this RFP process must demonstrate its capacity to provide this match in a timely manner following notification of a conditional grant award. In calculating the amount of the matching funds for the capital funds, an agency may include the documented value of any donated material or a building.

Assistance to the Homeless

Homeless individuals must be given assistance in obtaining appropriate supportive services, including permanent housing, medical and mental health treatment, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living; and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Questions and Answers to RFP 15-98:

1	Question:	Application Checklist – Section B –requires materials for projects recommended for funding: Why is this section included with the initial application? What is the timeline for this section?
	Answer:	Application Checklist - Section B is included in the Request For Proposals to make agencies aware of additional requirements prior to submitting their proposals. A timeline will be established once the project has been selected by the Interagency Council on Homelessness Grant Review Committee for recommendation to United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for funding.
2	Question:	In regards to Section B - Is this just for projects that pass the first stage and then are recommended for funding? What is the timeline for this section?
	Answer:	See response to Question 1.
3	Question:	When is the Mandatory Technical Assistance Workshop?
	Answer:	A Mandatory Technical Assistance Workshop will be scheduled once the Interagency Council on Homelessness Grant Review Committee selects the project(s) that will be recommended to HUD for funding.
4	Question:	When will notifications go out about the recommendations made after the initial review?
	Answer:	Notification regarding recommendation for funding will be sent to all applicants that submitted a project applicant. The notification will be sent on or before October 20, 2015.
5	Question:	Is the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Funds Request For Proposals the only one currently out, or do you have other Notice of Funding Availability available?
	Answer:	The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Funds Request for Proposals is the only one currently out. For future notices, please check ePro through the San Bernardino County Purchasing website at: http://www.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/main/eProcurement/eProGuide.aspx
6	Question:	Please confirm that agencies may apply for \$1,528,358?
	Answer:	Agencies may apply up to \$1,528,358. Please see RFP DBH 15-98, Section VI. Maximum Award Amount.
7	Question:	Applicants must apply for at least 70% of \$1,528,358?
	Answer:	Applicants may apply for funds up to \$1,528,358. Please see RFP DBH 15-98, Section VI. Maximum Award Amount.
8	Question:	Is this funding available only for tenant based rental assistance and/or project based rental assistance.
	Answer:	Please review CFR 24 578.37 for program components and uses of assistance.
9	Question:	The rental assistance will be according to the following; Efficiency Unit (0-bedroom) \$788; 1-bedroom Unit \$908; 2-bedroom Unit \$1,153; 3-bedroom Unit \$1,629; 4-bedroom Unit \$1,987.
	Answer:	HUD mandates that agencies may not provide rental assistance above the amount established in the Fair Market Rates for the CoC's region.
10	Question:	If a Barstow agency provides services for The IE such as Victorville, Apple Valley etc., are they eligible to apply for this grant under San Bernardino geo codes?
	Answer:	Yes, Barstow is within the San Bernardino Continuum of Care geo code region.
11	Question:	Section VII gives the option for 1 to 5 years for new projects. Does the county prefer to utilize all funds within the first year or is there a preference to extend the number of years funds will provide services. Will this impact how proposals will be evaluated?

	Answer:	Projects may request funding for 1 year.
12	Question:	In section VII, other than the exceptions listed, does the applicant have the choice of term? 1-year, 2-years, 3-years, 4-years, or 15-years?
	Answer:	Projects may request funding for 1 year.
13	Question:	What is the term for new projects that request scattered-site leasing?
	Answer:	Projects may request funding for 1 year.
14	Question:	I'm unable to find HUD Sections V.E.c.d. and V.E.c.2.e.
	Answer:	The reference to Sections V.E.c.d. and V.E.c.2.e. was revised to read Sections V.F.2.d and V.F.2.e in the RFP DBH 15-98 Addendum No. 2. Sections V.F.2.d and V.F.2.e can be found in the "Revised FY 2015 Continuum of Care Program Notice of Funding Availability" which is posted on the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership website at http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/ under the "Announcements" and at the following website address: https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/ .
15	Question:	On the webinar yesterday it was noted that we can also build Supportive Housing along with the Homes with the Chronic Homeless for the November HUD Funding; is this correct?
	Answer:	It is not clear which webinar is referenced in your question but RFP DBH 15 – 98 is requesting proposals for new Permanent Housing Bonus projects. The Permanent Housing Bonus 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.
16	Question:	We plan to build 32 Chronic Homeless homes not knowing if they are families I am building a two story metal building shell (acceptable to Mr. Daniel Nackerman Exec. Director Housing Authority)(Unacceptable to the high desert county department of Land Use/building and safety.) The building design is such that storage closets become a stairway up enabling families to walkup stairs and one bedroom/full bath downstairs and upstairs. Are these assumptions true?
	Answer:	No response provided. The question is unclear as it relates to the RFP.
17	Question:	I am not ground ready to build until April 2017. It may take me a week to open escrow I have the necessary money to open escrow; then Given 6 months to process a CUP Rural Commercial Zone Change yield a build time frame of April. I know that I can estimate my costs by Oct 8 Do I wait until next year or shall I apply now?
	Answer:	Please review CFR 24 578.25-578.31 for Application and Grant Award processes.
18	Question:	We are unable to use your: http://www.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/main/default.aspx And Unable to use your: http://www.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/. To read project eligibility and threshold requirements established by HUD in Section V.F.2.d and V.F.2.e
	Answer:	The link for the Notice of Funding Availability from HUD that contains sections V.F.2.d. and V.F.2.e. is available at the following website address: https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/fy-2015-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/
19	Question:	When will the next funding for new project be offered?
	Answer:	HUD released the FY 2015 CoC NoFA on September 17, 2015, however, the dates and times of the release vary each year.
20.	Question:	In regards to Section 4B of the application which includes Housing Type and Location, do locations need to be identified at this time?
	Answer:	Please review CFR 24 578.25 for site control information.