

Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2022 –Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and CoC Bonus Request for Applications

FY 2022 CoC Competition –DV Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects Request for Applications (RFA)

The San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), acting on behalf of the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership and the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH), is requesting proposals from nonprofit and local government organizations aiding homeless populations within the County of San Bernardino. The County of San Bernardino is a Housing First Continuum of Care (CoC) and is accepting new housing project applications that meet the requirements of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Projects and CoC Bonus Projects as noted in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 CoC Competition. The HUD NOFO FY 2022 CoC Competition may be accessed at the following link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=342855>

Addressing Racial Inequities. Responses to preventing and ending homelessness should address racial inequities to ensure successful outcomes for all persons experiencing homelessness using proven approaches. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review their policies, procedures, and processes with attention to identifying barriers that result in racial disparities and taking steps to eliminate barriers to improve racial equity and to address disparities.

Coordination with Housing and Healthcare. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 directs HUD to provide incentives to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services. In the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may receive up to 14 points on the CoC Application if the CoC Priority Listing includes new project applications created through reallocation or the CoC Bonus that utilizes housing vouchers and healthcare provided through an array of healthcare services providers. See Section VII.B.6 of the HUD FY 2022 CoC NOFO.

The CoC strongly encourages agencies to submit applications that demonstrate a partnership between housing, healthcare, and supportive services providers to expand housing options, such as permanent supportive housing, housing subsidies, and rapid rehousing. PLEASE NOTE – A written Commitment from a healthcare organization with the value of the commitment and the date(s) healthcare resources must be included with the application.

NEW THIS YEAR - Applicants interested in applying in response to the San Bernardino CoC FY 2022 CoC DV Bonus and CoC Bonus RFA must complete the application when it is available in e-snaps. On Monday, August 1, 2022, HUD announced that the Project Applications should be available in e-snaps within the next two weeks. E-snaps is the electronic CoC Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process for the CoC Program. Applicants must complete the project application in e-snaps, create a PDF version of the e-snaps application and submit the PDF version of the application and attachments to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov.

NEW TO E-SNAPS? Detailed instructions on how to create an account in e-snaps and access a Project Application in e-snaps can be found at the following link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/> The CoC strongly encourages agencies that do not have an account in e-snaps to create an account in e-snaps even if the CoC Project Application has not yet been made available in e-snaps

The local deadline for electronic submission of the e-snaps PDF Application and attachments is no later than Monday, August 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (PDT). Applicants must complete their application in e-snaps, create a PDF version of the e-snaps application and submit the PDF version of the application and attachments to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov.

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- I. New Projects for CoC Bonus. – An agency may apply for funding up to \$718,865 (estimated) for new CoC Bonus projects.** Projects created through the CoC Bonus must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in Sections V.C.4.b and c of the NOFO. The local CoC strongly encourages agencies to submit applications that will provide Permanent Housing, as stated in Section II.B.4 of the NOFO, that coordinates with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services. The following program components are eligible for new CoC Bonus projects:
- Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing (PH-PSH) projects:
 - Permanent housing-rapid rehousing (PH-RRH) projects:
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects:
 - Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead: or
 - Supportive services only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
- II. New Projects for DV Bonus – An agency may apply for funding up to \$1,336,351 (estimated) for new DV Bonus projects.** New Projects that want to be considered for the DV Bonus Project, are projects that are dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. New DV Bonus projects must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3. New DV Bonus projects are subject to the limitation on new projects in Section II.B.11.e of HUD FY 2022 CoC NOFO. The following project components are eligible for New DV Bonus projects:
- Permanent Housing-Rapid re-housing projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3),
 - Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects defined in Section III.B.2.r of the NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3), or
 - Supportive services only coordinated entry project to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- III. New Expansion Projects** – HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project (see Section III.B.2.j of the NOFO) through reallocation (if applicable), CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects that will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects. If the new expansion project will expand an existing eligible CoC Program renewal project HUD will not fund capital costs (i.e., new constructions, rehabilitation, or acquisition) and will only allow 1-year funding requests. (See Section V.B.4.a.6 of the NOFO)
- An agency may apply for funding up to \$718,865 (estimated) if the New Expansion Project is created through the CoC Bonus. See Section I of this RFA for a list of eligible program components.
 - An agency may apply for funding up to \$1,336,351 (estimated) if the New Expansion Project is created through the DV Bonus Project. See Section II of this RFA for a list of eligible program components.

Project applicants intending to submit new project applications for the purposes of expanding an eligible renewal in the CoC Program must:

- Enter the grant number of the eligible renewal project, proposed for expansion, in the new project application,

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- Indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS or SSO-Coordinated Entry projects, how the current activities will be expanded for the CoC's geographic area, and
- Ensure the funding request for the expansion grant is within the funding parameters allowed under reallocation (if applicable), CoC Bonus, or DV Bonus available amounts.

Project applicants may expand an existing renewal project that is not currently dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless (24 CFR 578.3) to dedicate additional beds, units, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants to this population.

The new expansion project application must meet the project eligibility and project quality thresholds in Sections V.C.4.b and c. of the NOFO. If the new expansion project exceeds the amount of funding available under the reallocation (if applicable) or Bonus processes, HUD will reduce the funding request to the available amount, which could affect the activities of the new expansion project. If both the new expansion project and the CoC Program renewal project it expands are conditionally selected for funding, one grant agreement incorporating both approved project applications will be executed. If the renewal project application is not conditionally selected for funding, the expansion project application will not be selected.

To apply for an expansion grant, project applicants must submit separate renewal and new project applications, and both must be ranked by the CoC with unique rank numbers.

V. CoC Appeal Process

In the event a dispute arises concerning the Evaluation process, the Project Applicant raising the dispute shall submit a request for resolution in writing to OHS by email to HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov on August 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m. The Project Applicant may appeal the recommended award or denial of award (Protest).

The Appeal will be presented at the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) meeting on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. If a protesting Project Applicant does not attend the virtual ICH meeting on August 31, 2022, the Protest will be disallowed.

VI. HUD Appeals Process

See Section X. of the HUD FY 2022 CoC NOFO Competition for detailed instructions. The HUD FY 2022 CoC NOFO can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?opId=342855>

VII. Matching Funds

A competitive proposal should include at least 25% match funds from sources outside of this grant's funding request. The recipient or subrecipient must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources.

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VIII. Application Requirements

All applications received in response to this RFA must be completed in e-snaps. E-snaps is the electronic Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD’s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process for the CoC Program. A separate application for the CoC Bonus, New Expansion and Reallocation Project is required. An agency may not apply for the DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, New Expansion and Reallocation Project on the same application document.

VII. Application Submission

Complete the Project Application in e-snaps, DO NOT SELECT THE SUBMIT BUTTON, export the Project Application, and submit a PDF copy of the completed Project Application and attachments to the Office of Homeless Services at homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov. Please type **RFA Submission** in the subject line.

Applications submitted on or before the submission due date noted in Section IX in this document will be reviewed by the San Bernardino County GRC. The GRC will make final recommendations to the ICH Board for submission to HUD.

VIII. DV and CoC Bonus Scoring Guidelines

The San Bernardino County CoC 2022- DV Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects Scoring Guideline can be accessed on the San Bernardino County Partnership website at the following link: <https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/coc-grants/>

IX. Application Deadline

A separate Project Application, PDF version created in e-snaps, for each project must be submitted to the Homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov no later than August 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m. (PDT) to be considered for an award by the GRC.

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Submission Timeline:

*All dates are subject to change as deemed necessary by OHS.

San Bernardino County CoC 2022 DV and CoC Bonus Program Announcement and RFA is released	*Date: Monday, August 8, 2022
Virtual San Bernardino County CoC 2022 DV and CoC Bonus Project Workshop (Please RSVP by emailing homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov . Type “DV and CoC Bonus Project Workshop RSVP” in the subject line and include your name, phone number, and email address in the body of the email. Further instructions for attending the virtual workshop will be emailed to you.)	*Date: Thursday, August 11, 2022 Time: 9:00 a.m.
Deadline for submission of questions PLEASE NOTE – ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA THE HOMELESSRFP@HSS.SBCOUNTY.GOV. OHS STAFF MAY NOT ANSWER INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS.	*Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 Time: 2:00 p.m. Submit Questions to: homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov
PLEASE NOTE - Questions and Answers will be posted as an Addendum on the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership at the following link: https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/coc-grants/	*Date: Friday, August 19, 2022 Time: 2:00 p.m.
Deadline for Electronic Submission for local Application Materials	*Date: Monday, August 22, 2022 Time: 2:00 p.m. (PDT) Submission: homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov

I. Modifications:

The County reserves the right to issue addenda if the County considers that additional clarifications are needed. Projects Recommended for Funding: Agencies recommended for funding by the local ICH will be required to attend a mandatory final review meeting with OHS. The authorized representative must have a strong knowledge of the application and the authority to revise the approved project to strengthen the CoC’s overall score. During this process OHS and the agency representative(s) will work together to finalize and enter project information into e-snaps for inclusion in the Partnerships final application to HUD. OHS will notify the authorized representative identified by the agency of all subsequent submission requirements and meeting dates and locations.