

**2023 Continuum of Care (CoC)  
Program Competition:  
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Summary**



## A. Funding

Approximately \$3,134,000,000 is available nationally.

Funds available for CoC include:

1. \$14,377,308 for Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
2. \$1,640,501 for DV Bonus
3. \$1,148,351 for CoC Bonus

# 1. Annual Renewal Demand

- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) is the total amount of funds for all of the CoC's projects previously funded and eligible for renewal.
- Eligible Renewal Project is a project that will be under grant agreement by December 31, 2023, and will have an expiration date in calendar year 2024 (between January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024).
- CoC has 17 projects eligible for renewal.

## 2. DV Bonus

HUD has made at least \$52,000,000 available nationally for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

To be considered for the DV Bonus, new projects must be:

- **Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH)** projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3);
- **Joint Transitional Housing/Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH/PH-RRH)** component projects 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 (SSO-CE)** projects 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.

## DV Bonus (Cont.)

Only one SSO-CE project can be submitted per CoC; however, there is no limit on the number of PH-RRH and Joint TH/PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000.

DV Bonus funds may be used to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously awarded with DV Bonus funding, in accordance with section I.B.2.b.(8) of the NOFO; however, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds.

### 3. CoC Bonus

CoCs may receive up to 14 points on the CoC Application if the FY 2023 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 service providers.

New projects created through CoC Bonus includes:

- Permanent Housing-Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects;
- PH-RRH projects; and
- Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects.

# Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

Create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide PSH and RRH services.

## *Leveraging Housing Resources*

- Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.
- In the case of PSH, provide at least 25 percent of units included in the project.
- In the case of RRH, serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.
- Formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.

## Coordination with Housing and Healthcare (Cont.)

### *Leveraging Healthcare Resources.*

A written commitment from a healthcare organization that:

- In the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or
- The value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.



## CoC Bonus (Cont.)

- **Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)** project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead or subrecipient may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- **SSO-CE** project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

## 4. Reallocation

Reallocation is a process CoCs use to shift funds in whole or part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without decreasing the CoC's ARD.

CoCs may submit new projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus, or new DV Bonus projects.

## Reallocation (Cont.)

New projects created through Reallocation includes:

- PH-PSH projects;
- PH-RRH projects; and
- Joint TH/PH-RRH component projects.

## Reallocation (Cont.)

New projects created through Reallocation also includes:

- Dedicated HMIS project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead, which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS Lead form in the CoC Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. Additionally, if the CoC has organizations within its geographic area that are victim service providers, the HMIS Lead or subrecipient may request HMIS funds for a comparable database. Victim service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enter data into a comparable database.
- SSO-CE project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.

## 5. Expansion Project

Expansion is the process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area.

HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects to increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

## **Expansion Project (Cont.)**

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.

DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is 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 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act; however, as explained in section I.B.3.I of this NOFO, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds.

## Expansion Project (Cont.)

For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit:

- The renewal project application that will be expanded; and
- A new project application with the expansion information.

## 6. Match

- The CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount minus funds for leasing.
- Cash or in-kind resources will satisfy the match requirement.
- All costs paid for with matching funds must be for activities that are eligible under the CoC Program, even if the recipient is not receiving CoC Program grant funds for that activity. Match resources may be from public (not statutorily prohibited by funding agency from being used as a match) or private resources.

## 7. Leverage

- Leverage is any amount over the 25% minimum match provided to the CoC project.



## B. HUD Requirements

- **Participation in the HMIS**
  - The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act requires that all communities have an HMIS and collect information from their CoC funded projects. CoC recipients must submit an Annual Performance Report using their HMIS data. Victim service providers are prohibited from entering client-level data into an HMIS and must instead enter data into a comparable database.
- **Participation in the Coordinated Entry System**
  - 24 CFR 578.23(c)(9) and (11) requires all CoC program recipients and subrecipients to use the centralized or coordinated assessment system established by CoCs.
  - Section 578.23(c)(9) of the CoC Program Rule exempts a victim service provider from using the CoC's coordinated entry process if the victim service provider uses a coordinated entry process that otherwise meets HUD's requirements.
- **Housing First Compliance**
  - Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions.

## C. CoC Project Review and Ranking

### 1. Priority Listing

- Project applications must be completed by project applicants for all new and renewal projects.
- Project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by CoC.
- HUD expects each CoC to implement a thorough review and oversight process at the local level for both new and renewal project applications.

## 2. Tier 1 and 2

Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's ARD minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) renewal and YHDP replacement projects.

Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for but does not include YHDP renewal or YHDP replacement projects, CoC planning projects, and if applicable, Unified Funding Agency (UFA) Costs projects or projects selected with DV Bonus funds. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 2 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position.

## Tier 1 and 2 (Con't)

- Higher ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 1 and lower ranked projects will be assigned to Tier 2.
- If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1.

## **D. Miscellaneous Notes:**

HUD will allow new projects to request one year of funding with a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months. HUD has determined that most new projects requesting one year of funding normally take approximately three to six months to begin fully operating the new project (e.g., hiring staff, developing partnerships with landowners if leasing or renting). Therefore, a new project requesting one year of funding may request a grant term of 12 months to 18 months that will allow for the additional start-up process. Any new projects requesting capital costs (i.e., new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation) are not eligible for one-year funding requests.