



Fiscal Year 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects Request for Applications - Addendum I

1.	Question:	The City of San Bernardino is developing its first navigation center, which will provide non-congregate living units, recuperative care and wraparound supportive services. The City has Letters of Commitment (LOCs) for funding from healthcare organizations, but it does not have LOCs from housing agencies. The lead operator of the navigation center will employ housing navigators to build relationships with landlords, R&B operators, and residential facilities to expand housing options as the city builds more affordable housing units. Can the City proceed as an CoC Bonus applicant under new projects without an LOC for housing?
	Answer:	<p>Yes. Per Section I.B.3.d of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants, HUD will award up to 14 points to CoCs that submit new PSH and RRH project applications demonstrating coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations. Agencies may submit an application that includes a written commitment from a healthcare organization or written commitment that demonstrates the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. However, competitive applications will include both a written commitment from a healthcare organization and a written commitment that demonstrates the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PLEASE NOTE - New Projects Created Through Reallocation or CoC Bonus processes are: (a) Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) projects; (b) Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects; (c) Joint Transitional Housing/PH-RRH (TH/PH-RRH) component projects; (d) Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) project for the costs at 24 CFR 578.37(a)(4) that may 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; (e) Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system. • PLEASE NOTE - HUD states that Emergency Shelter is not an eligible activity for the annual CoC Program application. • <u>Permanent housing means community-based housing without a designated length of stay and includes both permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing. To be permanent housing, the program participant must be the tenant on a lease for a term of at least one year, which is renewable for terms that are a minimum of one month long and is terminable only for cause.</u> • <u>A Joint TH and PH-RRH Component project is a project type that includes two existing program components – TH and PH-RRH – in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Agencies must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the transitional housing component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all program participants up to 24 months as needed by the program participants.</u>

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2.	Question:	We are a housing service provider, and we often provide emergency motel vouchers and wrap around support for Domestic Violent victims. We are interested in submitting a proposal to launch a new Domestic Violent transitional home that could be utilized in emergency situations while participants look for work and get back on their feet. There would certainly be a supportive services component. Would this be the type of project that could possibly be funded for a new applicant who has never received COC DV funding but has a strong infrastructure and history in place? We would (if funded) utilize the money for procurement of a home to safely provide shelter for families/victims of DV.
	Answer:	The local CoC does not determine funding for new projects. Agencies may submit a response to the local Request for Applications which will be reviewed and scored by the Grant Review Committee. Applicants that score high and meet HUD requirements may be recommended to the local Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH). If the ICH approves the application, the applicant will be invited to apply to HUD as part of the CoC's Consolidated Application. It's important to note that HUD makes the final determination on which projects will be funded. Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the HUD NOFO for FY 2023 CoC Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants in its entirety to determine if a project meets HUD requirements. The HUD NOFO for FY 2023 CoC Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants may be accessed at the following link: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
3.	Question:	What is the <u>local deadline</u> for electronic submission of the e-snaps PDF Application and attachments?
	Answer:	A PDF version of the New Project Application must be submitted to the Office of Homeless Services via the homelessrpf@hss.sbcounty.gov on or before 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 11, 2023.
4.	Question:	The “esnaps “application ask for an “Applicant Identifier”. Is this the same as a UEI#? Or is this something the County fills out before the final submission to HUD?
	Answer:	Per the HUD, CoC New Project Application Detailed Instructions: Fiscal Year 2023 CoC Program Competition, All Projects – Part 1: HUD Forms and Certifications, Page 6, Applicant Identifier. No action required, leave this field blank. You can access the CoC Program Competition Project Application Detailed Instructions and Navigational Guides at the following link: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition
5.	Question:	Does an applicant have to provide a written commitment from a healthcare organization <u>and</u> a LOC that demonstrates the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project? In other words, do we have to leverage both healthcare resources <u>and</u> housing resources beyond the match requirement? Can an applicant provide either healthcare resources <u>or</u> provide housing resources?
	Answer:	Per Section I.B.3.d of the NOFO, HUD will award up to 14 points to CoCs that submit new PSH and RRH project applications demonstrating coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations. Agencies may submit an application that includes a written commitment from a healthcare organization or written commitment that demonstrates the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. However, competitive applications will include both a written commitment from a healthcare organization and a written commitment that demonstrates the number of subsidies or unit being provided to support the project.

**Answers are derived directly from the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants - FR-6700-N-25*

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