

FY 2021 CoC Competition –DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and New Expansion Projects Request for Applications (RFA) - Revised

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, CoC Bonus Projects, and New Expansion Projects as noted in the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The HUD CoC 2021 NOFO may be accessed at the following link:

https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/SPM/documents/FY21_Continuum_of_Care_Competition.pdf

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 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 2021 CoC Program Competition, CoCs may receive up to 10 bonus points on the CoC Application if the CoC Priority Listing includes new project applications through the CoC Bonus that utilizes housing vouchers and healthcare provided through an array of healthcare services providers. See Section VII.B.6 of the NOFO for additional details. **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 health care organization with the value of the commitment and the date(s) healthcare resources must be included with the application.**

The deadline for electronic submission of local Application Materials is no later than Thursday, September 30, 2021, by 2:00 p.m. (PDT). Applicants must complete and submit their applications to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov.

***PLEASE NOTE – On September 16, 2021, at the San Bernardino County Grant Review Committee (GRC) meeting, GRC committee members voted to forgo the reallocation of funds for FY 2021 CoC Competition Renewal projects. Therefore, there are not reallocation funds available for projects in this RFA.**

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- I. New Projects for CoC Bonus. – An agency may apply for funding up to \$746,345 (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.3.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 Transitional Housing (TH) and PH-RRH component projects:
 - 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: 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 \$2,239,034 (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 are subject to the limitation on new projects in Section II.B.1.a of the NOFO. The following project components are eligible for New DV Bonus projects:
- 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 TH and PH-RRH component projects defined in Section III.B.2.q 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
 - SSO-CE 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 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. Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) projects cannot use the expansion process.**
- An agency may apply for funding up to \$746,345 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 \$2,239,034 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.

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

- Include the grant PIN Number and the name of the project that is eligible for renewal on the local application where indicated,
- 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-CE 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 the 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.3.b and c. of the NOFO. If the new expansion project exceeds the amount of funding available under the 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.

If recommended by the local ICH for funding, project applicants will be required to submit: (1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and (2) a new project application with the expansion information.

For the new expansion project to be selected for a conditional award, the renewal project application must also be selected for conditional award. 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; however, as explained in Section II.B.11.e, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds.

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IV. 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 no later than 10:00 A.M. (local time) on Tuesday, October 12, 2021. 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 October 13, 2021. If a protesting Project Applicant does not attend the virtual October 13, 2021, ICH meeting, the Protest will be disallowed.

Eligible project applicants that attempted to participate in the CoC planning process in the geographic area in which they operate, that believe they were denied the right to participate in a reasonable manner, may submit a solo project application to HUD and may be awarded a grant from HUD by following the procedure found in 24 CFR 578.35. Solo applicants must submit their solo project application in e-snaps to HUD by 8:00 PM EST, on November 16, 2021. See Section X.C of the FY CoC Competition NOFO for additional information regarding the Solo Applicant appeal process.

V. 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.

VI. 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. Agencies recommended and approved by the ICH for submission to HUD are required to submit a final proposal through HUD's e-snaps system.

VII. The San Bernardino County CoC 2021- DV Bonus Projects Scoring Guideline 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-competition-2021/>.

VIII. A separate application for the DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and New Expansion is required. An agency may not apply for the DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and New Expansion Project on the same application document.

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IX. A separate Project Application for each project must be submitted to the HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov no later than Thursday, September 30, 2021, by 2:00 p.m. (PDT) for consideration by the GRC.

*Submission Timeline:

San Bernardino County CoC 2021 DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and New Expansion Project Program Request for Applications and Application Released	Date: Friday, September 10, 2021
Virtual San Bernardino County CoC 2021 DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and New Expansion Project Workshop (Please RSVP by emailing homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov . Type “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: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (PDT)
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, September 22, 2021 Time: 10:00 a.m. (PDT) 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 website at http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/	Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021
Deadline for Electronic Submission for local Application Materials	Date: Thursday, September 30, 2021 Time: 2:00 p.m. (PDT) Submission: homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov

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

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X. 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.