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Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects

The County of San Bernardino 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 providing assistance to homeless populations within the County of San Bernardino. The County of San Bernardino is a Housing First Continuum of Care (CoC) and is interested in receiving new permanent supportive housing projects that meet the requirements of DedicatedPLUS as defined in Section III.A.3.d. of the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC 2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NoFA) or new permanent supportive housing projects where 100 percent of the beds are dedicated to chronic homelessness.

OHS seeks projects that can make maximum efficient, economical, and effective use of the prospective allocation of the Continuum of Care (CoC) funds through the McKinney-Vento Act. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act (Public Law 111-22), substantially amended and reauthorized the McKinney-Vento Act.

Agencies are strongly encouraged to read the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC 2017 Notice of Funding Availability (NoFA) at the following link: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE - Local Eligibility Requirements - \$699,256 will be available for a Permanent Housing Bonus Project to provide Permanent Supportive Housing projects only. Applicants may only request a 1 year grant term. The ICH Grant Review Committee voted to seek Permanent Supportive Housing projects only and will prioritize agencies that submit an application to serve the chronically homeless with a chronic health and/or physical disability disabling condition. The 2017 San Bernardino County Homeless Count and Survey revealed that there were more than 400 unsheltered adults who were chronically homeless. Chronic homelessness is defined by HUD as being homeless one year or more, at least four times during the past three years for a total of 12 months, and having a disabling condition. The count and survey also revealed that 72% of the more than 400 unsheltered adults had a chronic health care condition and that 96% had a chronic health care condition and/or mental health and substance use problems. **Agencies that submit an application to serve clients with chronic health and/or physical disability disabling conditions will be given preference.**

HUD and the local CoC will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project under the permanent housing bonus in order to expand existing eligible permanent supportive housing renewal projects that will increase the number of units in the project, or allow the recipient to serve additional persons. Project applicants must demonstrate that they are not replacing other funding sources. Project applicants that intend to submit a new permanent housing bonus project for the purposes of expanding an eligible permanent supportive renewal project must:

- a. provide the eligible renewal grant number that the project applicant requests to expand on the new project application;
- b. indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, for the CoC's geographic area.

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A competitive proposal should include at least 100% match funds from sources outside of this grant's funding request. It is expected that most of the match funds will be from health care sources. Many chronically homeless persons receive little or no health care and no continuity of care while socially isolated on the streets. It is likely that nearly all persons served will be in need of health care for chronic conditions once they are housed. Permanent supportive housing provides the residential stability to receive the appropriate level of health care, including mental health care and substance use treatment, which have likely been co-occurring. A competitive proposal must show that all persons housed will receive the necessary level of health care to maintain their health and housing. Agencies must serve individuals and families that meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless. Applications submitted on or before the submission due date noted in Section I, C. in this document will be reviewed by the San Bernardino County ICH Grant Review Committee. The ICH Grant Review Committee 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.

The San Bernardino County CoC 2017-Bonus Project Scoring Guideline can be accessed on the San Bernardino County Partnership website at the following link: <http://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sbchp/coc-competition-2017/> The attached Project Application must be submitted to the Homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov on or before 5:00 PM on Monday, August 7, 2017 (PDT) for consideration by the ICH Grant Review Committee.

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I. **Project Requirement and Priorities:**

A. Eligible activities/projects for the Funds:

Applicants may apply for the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus only.

Agencies are strongly encouraged to read the HUD CoC 2017 NoFA at the following link:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2017-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

The San Bernardino County ICH Grant Review Committee voted to seek Permanent Supportive Housing projects only and will prioritize agencies that serve the chronically homeless with a chronic health and/or physical disability disabling condition. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are nonprofit organizations, States, local governments, and instrumentalities of State and local governments, and public housing agencies. Applications shall only be considered from project applicants in good standing with HUD, which means that the applicant does not have any open monitoring or audit findings, history of slow expenditure of grant funds- outstanding obligation to HUD that is in arrears or for which a payment schedule has not been agreed upon, or history of serving ineligible program participants, expending funds on ineligible costs, or failing to expend funds within statutorily established timeframes.

Applicants must have a plan for **rapid implementation** of the program; the project narrative must document how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant within 6 months of the award and a connection to **mainstream service systems**. Applicants must agree to enter client data into the San Bernardino CoC HMIS, participate in the annual homeless counts, and participate fully in the **Coordinated Entry System** as it is developed and comply with all other County of San Bernardino CoC Policies and Procedures. The project must be located within the County of San Bernardino CoC and the applicant must meet Match requirements as noted by HUD in the CoC 2017 Program Competition NoFA. Applications must demonstrate experience in operating a successful **Housing First** project and have a plan for outreach to the eligible population.

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B. Eligible Population for the Permanent Housing Bonus component:

- Permanent Housing Bonus (\$699,256):
 - **Permanent Supportive Housing Only** - All projects must dedicate 100% of units to chronically homeless individuals and/or families, as defined by HUD (See Appendix for the definition of chronically homeless). **Agencies serving clients with chronic health and/or physical disability disabling conditions are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Applications focusing on the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of chronically homeless individuals and families which includes, but is not limited to: income, current or past substance abuse, criminal record—with the exception of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance should be strongly encouraged.

C. *Submission Timeframe:

San Bernardino County CoC 2017 New Permanent Housing Bonus Programs Application Issued	Date: July 18, 2017
San Bernardino County CoC 2017 New Permanent Housing Bonus Programs Workshop Department of Behavioral Health 303 E. Vanderbilt Way, Rm 109A San Bernardino, CA PLEASE CALL 909 386-8297 ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2017 TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.	Date: July 26, 2017 Time: 10:00 a.m. - Noon
Deadline for submission of questions	Date: July 28, 2017 Time: 11:59 p.m. (PDT) Submission: 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: August 1, 2017
Tentative Deadline for Electronic Submission for local Application Materials	Date: August 7, 2017 Time: 11:59 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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II. 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. The authorized representative must have a strong knowledge of the application and the authority to make revisions to the approved project in order to strengthen the CoC's overall score. During this process OHS and the agency representative(s) will work together to finalize, and enter into e-snaps, project information 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.