

**San Bernardino County Continuum of Care – 2017 Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus
Questions and Answers**

1	Question:	Is an application requesting funding for a DedicatedPLUS preferred to a funding request for a Permanent Supportive Housing project?
	Answer:	The DedicatedPLUS and Permanent Supportive Housing projects are both eligible project types for the local competition. There is not a local preference nor is there by HUD.
2	Question:	Is a new project application preferred over a project expansion application?
	Answer:	No, a new project would not be preferred to a project expansion as long as the expansion meets HUD requirements
3	Question:	How will applicants be scored in regards to Coordinated Entry System (CES) participation?
	Answer:	The 2017-Bonus Project Scoring Summary Sheet will act as a guide to determine applicant scores. In regards to CES participation, the 2017-Bonus Project Scoring Summary sheet notes that project applicants should be scored based on their participation, or commitment to, the CES. The Interagency Council on Homelessness Grant Review Committee (ICHGRC) members will review each application to determine the level of participation and/or commitment to the local CES as noted in the project application.
4	Question:	Can the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), HOME, and/or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) be used as matching funds?
	Answer:	A recipient or subrecipient may use funds from any source provided that funds from the source are not statutorily prohibited to be used as a match. A recipient or subrecipient may use funds from HOME and/or CDBG funds, however, ESG is not an eligible match. The recipient must ensure that any funds used to satisfy the matching requirements are eligible under the laws governing the funds in order to be used as matching funds for a grant awarded under this program.
5	Question:	In regards to Housing Type, can these units be scattered-site apartments, shared housing, or single family homes/townhomes?
	Answer:	Yes, the Housing Type can be scattered-site apartments, shared housing, or single family homes/townhomes.
6	Question:	Is a project application mandated to include 100% match funds?
	Answer:	No, project applications are mandated to include 25% in match funds, however, 100% match funds is strongly encouraged.
7	Question:	The 2017 HUD Continuum of Care Program-San Bernardino County New Application Workshop handout notes that an individual or family that meets the definition of chronically homeless at the time of entry in a Transitional Housing (TH) project that will be eliminated can be served by a DedicatedPLUS project. Does the TH project have to be a HUD CoC Homeless Assistance project?
	Answer:	HUD is not clear if only HUD CoC TH funded projects meet this requirement. However, whether it is CoC or non-CoC funded the same chronically homeless rule would apply.
8	Question:	If an agency applies for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Services utilizing scattered-site tenant based rental assistance, they can't apply for funding for Leased Structures or Operations, correct?
	Answer:	Correct. If an agency applies for rental assistance they may not apply for funding to lease a structure or for Operation expenses.
9	Question:	If an agency applies for scattered site PSH, what address should be entered in response to question VII. Housing Type and Location Detail?

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	Answer:	Please enter the address of the agency’s administrative offices.
10	Question:	What information is needed for Section III. Applicant Experience, regarding leveraging other Federal, State, local and private sector funds?
	Answer:	Please note the applicants experience in administering Federal, State, local and private sector funds.
11	Question:	If the applicant is providing tenant-based scattered site housing, we will not know if the properties use Energy Star appliances. Should we respond N/A?
	Answer:	HUD has removed the Energy Star question in the 2017. Agencies may disregard this question.
12	Question:	Please provide clarification on Section XI. Project Participants-Subpopulations; Describe the unlisted subpopulations referred to above, if applicable. Enter text that describes the person(s) identified in this column and explain how they do not fall under the other categories in columns 1 through 9?
	Answer:	If a subpopulation focus for your organization is not listed, enter text that describes the organization’s subpopulation focus.
13	Question:	Is the match required for 100% of the funding request, including costs requested under leasing?
	Answer:	As noted in the Continuum of Care 2017-Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects Instructions-Amendment I, “A competitive proposal should include at least 100% match funds from sources outside of this grant’s funding request.” HUD mandates a 25% match. The 100% match is a local preference and will make the proposal more competitive on the local level but it is not a requirement. Leasing costs. In regards to leasing, HUD mandates that grant funds must be matched with an amount no less than 25% of the awarded grant amount (excluding the amount awarded to the leasing budget line item) with cash or in-kind resources.
14	Question:	In the Continuum of Care 2017-Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects Application, Section IX –Project Participants, Subpopulations, Tables 1, 2, and 3 include “chronically homeless non-veteran” twice, one of those should be “chronically homeless veterans” correct?
	Answer:	Yes, you are correct. In the Continuum of Care 2017-Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects Application, Section IX –Project Participants, Subpopulations, Tables 1, 2, and 3 should have included a “Chronically Homeless Veterans” column. Continuum of Care 2017-Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects Application, Section IX –Project Participants, Subpopulations, Tables 1, 2, and 3 has been corrected and is now posted to the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership website as Continuum of Care 2017-Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus Projects Application – Revised (7-31-2017).