

FY 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) –Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects  
Request for Applications-Addendum II

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Are there any cities or geographic regions within the County of San Bernardino that are excluded from submitting proposals in response to the FY 2021 CoC Competition –DV Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects Request for Applications (RFA)?</b>
	Answer:	No, there are not any cities or geographic regions within San Bernardino County that are excluded from submitting project proposals in response to the FY 2021 CoC Competition –DV Bonus and CoC Bonus, Projects RFA. The San Bernardino County CoC boundaries include the geographic area within the County of San Bernardino, including 24 incorporated cities and all unincorporated areas.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is \$746,435 the maximum amount available in the entire San Bernardino County CoC for the CoC Bonus project(s)? Or is \$746,435 the maximum amount that an individual agency may apply for?</b>
	Answer:	\$746,435 is the maximum amount that was made available by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the entire San Bernardino County CoC for CoC Bonus project(s).
<b>3.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is \$2,239,034 the maximum amount available in the San Bernardino County CoC for the DV Bonus projects? Or is \$2,239,034 the maximum amount that an individual agency may apply for?</b>
	Answer:	\$2,239,034 is the maximum amount that was made available by HUD for the entire San Bernardino County CoC for DV Bonus Project(s).
<b>4.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>If an organization wants to act as both the housing and supportive services provider of a Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing (PH) – Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) program component, is the expectation that the housing provider can obtain supportive services assistance as shown under the CoC Bonus or DV program since there is no joint TH and PSH component? Does the joint nature of TH and PH suggest that you need to have beds assigned to both transitional and permanent housing at each site location proposed or just a mix obtained from looking at a different site location? If food is usually provided under transitional housing, then how is that reimbursed since Rapid Rehousing appears to be tenant rent assistance only.</b>
	Answer:	The Joint TH and PH-RRH component project combines two existing program components–transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid rehousing–in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness. When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project, the recipient or subrecipient 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 participants. RRH rental assistance is for transitional housing residents only. Please refer to Section III.B.2.q of the FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for additional program requirements.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Who provides the RRH program resident? Is it the County of San Bernardino CoC through its CES or is it the housing provider who identifies and finds those program residents using housing first principles? In other words, does the County of San Bernardino CoC hand you the eligible resident/recipients?</b>
	Answer:	All projects must participate in coordinated entry and the selection of program participants must be consistent with the CoC's coordinated entry process. Eligible program participants will be referred to the appropriate housing provider through the CoC's coordinated entry process.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>We are a non-profit organization not currently using the HMIS system. The County has its own separate HMIS system. If you apply for HMIS funding, are you developing a computer and software system that complements and assists with our organization reporting into the County HMIS system or a stand-alone system?</b>
	Answer:	All CoC Program recipients must participate in the local HMIS; unless a recipient is a victim service provider or legal service provider, in which case it must use a comparable database and provide de-

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		<p>identified information to the CoC. If you are applying for a New Project through the DV Bonus or CoC Bonus funds you may request funds for HMIS costs under the HMIS Line-Item budget for costs associated with HMIS participation to enter program participants into the San Bernardino County CoC HMIS data base. Victim service providers and legal service providers may also request HMIS funds in their project application budgets to enable them to enter data into a comparable database.</p> <p>Please note - Only the current HMIS Lead agency may apply for the Dedicated HMIS project costs at 24 CFR 58.37(a)(4), which is the recipient or subrecipient of an HMIS grant and is listed on the HMIS.</p>
7.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>What type of services are funded through the Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project component?</b>
	Answer:	Funds awarded through the SSO-CE program component, must be used to develop, or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system.
8.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>The City of Victorville is applying for Project Homekey Round 2 funds to construct a 168-bed Wellness Center Campus. Is it possible to use CoC Bonus Project Funds to cover operational expenses on campus related to support services (Case management, housing navigation, substance use disorder counseling, etc)?</b>
	Answer:	It is possible to apply for supportive services as a PH-PSH; PH-RRH, or Joint TH-PH-RRH project. Shelter is not an eligible activity. A Coordinated Entry System is the only SSO (Supportive Services Only) project allowed.
9.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Are newly proposed projects acceptable and not just prior existing or CoC grant renewal projects?</b>
	Answer:	<p>The FY 2021 CoC DV Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects RFA is accepting proposals for new projects and new expansion projects for existing projects.</p> <p>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).</p>
10.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>On the FY 2021 CoC Competition –DV Bonus and CoC Bonus Projects RFA, Application, page 7 of 47, Question #2 “Project Milestones”, what do the letters “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” reference in the “Days from Execution of Grant Agreement” Section?</b>
	Answer:	The letters “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” reference the columns an agency will populate for <b>each primary project location or structure</b> . If an agency operates the project at only one primary location an agency may only populate column “A”. Agencies should populate the columns with the number of days from the execution of the grant agreement that each of the milestones noted will occur if this project is selected for conditional award.
11.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>When does the funding begin for these projects?</b>
	Answer:	If an agency is conditionally awarded by HUD, funding may begin once the agency and HUD sign the project agreement.
12.	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Is there a page limit for the number of attachments that can be included? i.e., we would like to include letters of testimonials from clients.</b>
	Answer:	No, there is not a limit on the number of attachments that may be included with a submitted proposal.
13.	<b>Question:</b>	For the sections that do not pertain to us do we keep them blank, or do we include a statement indicating that they are not applicable to us if there is not a “yes” or “no” option.

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	Answer:	If a section within the application does not apply to an agency’s project, put N/A (not applicable) in the field blank.
<b>14.</b>	<b>Question:</b>	<b>Can Board and Care Facilities be considered as units provided through our organization since we place people as part of our program?</b>
	Answer:	To be considered housing units, the housing project must be either permanent supportive housing or Rapid Rehousing and the project applicant must participate in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and all referrals to the housing project must come through the local Coordinated Entry System. See 24 CFR Section 578.3 for the definition of Permanent Housing. The CoC Program interim rule allows rental assistance and leasing funds for permanent housing (including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing) or transitional housing (see 24 CFR 578.3 and 24 CFR 578.37 for more information on transitional and permanent housing). Note, if CoC Program funds are used to pay for rental assistance in this type of housing, all other CoC Program requirements must be met. This includes, for example, requirements related to Housing Quality Standards, rent reasonableness, lease requirements, and resident rent calculations. CoC Program funds for rental assistance or leasing cannot be used to pay for an individual's stay in an institution.