

# FY 2023 Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals Overview August 9, 2023

# Welcome!

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# FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO Overview

#### **CoC Program NOFO**

- The CoC Program NOFO Competition is facilitated by HUD and occurs annually, inviting CoCs from across the nation to apply for competitive funding.
- Each Fiscal Year (FY) Competition process begins with Registration of the CoC by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, followed by the review of the CoC's Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIW) and the release of the CoC Program NOFO.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, facilitates the local competition process and completes the Consolidated Application that is submitted to HUD, consisting of:
  - Final Project Priority Listing with the ranking and tiering of new and renewal projects
  - CoC Application, which includes responses to multiple narrative and data-related questions
- Lead entities involved:
  - County of Orange Collaborative Applicant to coordinate and complete Consolidated Application
  - Coc NOFO Ad Hoc (NOFO Ad Hoc) Develop NOFO policies and processes, including Scoring and Rating criteria, review and evaluate the CoC Renewal Project Applications
  - CoC Board Review and approve CoC NOFO policies and processes, including Scoring and Rating criteria and Ranking and Tiering policy; approve final Project Priority Listing, as recommended by the NOFO Ad Hoc

# FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO Overview

#### FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO Competition

#### **NOFO Release**

- HUD released the CoC NOFO Competition on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.
- Consolidated and Project Applications have yet to be released

#### Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program \$2,662,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus \$52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) \$80,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

#### Funding Available to the Orange County CoC:

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) \$30,555,374
- CoC Bonus \$2,138,876
- DV Bonus \$2,076,061
- CoC Planning \$1,500,000

Application Due Date: September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PDT.

### FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO Overview

#### FY 2023 CoC NOFO: HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities

Ending homelessness for all persons.

Using a Housing First approach.

Reducing unsheltered homelessness.

Improving system performance

Partnering with housing, health, and service agencies.

Promoting racial equity.

Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.

Involving persons with lived experience.

Increasing affordable housing supply.

# FY2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding RFP

#### **RFP Overview**

- **Bid Title**: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects
- **Bid Starts**: August 4, 2023, at 4:50 p.m. (PDT)
- Bid Ends: August 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (PDT)
  - <u>RFP Detailed Description: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus,</u> <u>Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects (PDF)</u>
  - <u>RFP Application: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects (PDF)</u>
  - <u>RFP Application: FY 2023 Request for Proposals for Domestic Violence Bonus, Continuum of</u> <u>Care Bonus and Reallocation Projects (Word)</u>
- Eligible project types: New projects and Expansion projects
  - Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects
  - Permanent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/ PH-RRH) Projects

#### **CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Overview**

- CoC Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **\$2,138,876**
- Current reallocation funding available: **\$579,869** in funding to solicit new project proposals that serve families (households with at least one minor child and one adult).
  - The Orange County CoC may have additional funding available for new projects and/or expansion projects through the reallocation process as the CoC NOFO local competition continues, as the review and evaluation of renewal projects is still underway.
- Eligible CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation project types:
  - Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects
  - Permanent Housing Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects

#### **CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Overview**

- Eligible households to be served with CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation funding:
  - CoC Bonus: Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 coming directly from the streets or emergency shelters and include persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other people meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the HUD definition of homeless.
  - Reallocation Funding: Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult) experiencing homelessness, either sheltered or unsheltered per the HUD definition of homeless.

#### **CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Overview**

- Additionally, proposed CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects will prioritize serving households with severe service needs and undeserved communities. <u>Severe service needs</u> means any combination of the following factors:
  - Facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type);
  - High utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death;
  - Having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and
  - Having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.
- Proposed project(s) should primarily serve (75 percent or more) households with severe service needs or include designated units to serve any of the following populations, including families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (TAY) (ages 18 – 24), individuals (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and older adults (ages 62 and older).

# **DV Bonus Funding**

#### **Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding Overview and Priorities**

- DV Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **\$2,076,061**
- Eligible DV Bonus project types:
  - Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH/ PH-RRH) Projects
- Eligible households to be served with DV Bonus funding:
  - Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3).
  - Per the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO, new projects and expansion projects proposed and funded through the DV Bonus cannot exclusively serve human traffic victims but may serve this segment of the population as part of the total population to be served.

# **DV Bonus Funding**

#### **Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding Overview and Priorities**

- Eligible households to be served with DV Bonus funding:
  - For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless: any individual or family who—
    - is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
    - has no other safe residence; and
    - lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

# **Required Documents Checklist**

#### **New and Expansion Project Application Checklist**

- Cover Letter (signed by Authorized Signatory)
- Exhibit 1: Lead Agency Information Form

Current CoC-Funded Agencies do not need to complete Exhibits 1 to 4 of the RFP and may begin with Exhibit 5

- Attachment 1: Organizational Chart include Board of Director's body as it relates to the entire organization, and organization's staff names and titles/positions
- Attachment 2: Board of Directors' Roster and Resolution authorizing submittal of the RFP for new or expansion project application in response to the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO competition process
- Attachment 3: State Certificate of Status
- Attachment 4: Agency's Code of Conduct
- Attachment 5: 501(c)3 Certification, if applicable
- Exhibit 2: Financial Assessment
  - Attachment 6: Two most recent single audits , previously known as the OMB Circular A-133 audit, if applicable. If not applicable, please instead submit the two most recent agency financial audits by a certified public accountant (CPA)
- Exhibit 3: Orange County Continuum of Care Participation
- Exhibit 4: Terms and Conditions

# **Required Documents Checklist**

#### **New and Expansion Project Application Checklist**

- Exhibit 5: Related Services Experience and Approach
  - Attachment 7: HMIS Project Performance Report for all of agency's current project types
- Exhibit 6: Integrating Persons with Lived Experience
- Exhibit 7: Project Information Form
  - Attachment 8: Certification of Consistency in the Consolidated Plan
  - Attachment 9: Environmental Information Limited Scope Environmental Review Form or Environmental review of Categorically Excluded not Subject to Section 58.5 or Environmental Clearance Letter
  - Attachment 10: Financial Commitment 25% Match Documentation, including letters of match commitment and/or in-kind Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Exhibit 8: Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Resources
  - Attachment 11: Housing Resources Leveraging Commitment(s)
  - Attachment 12: Healthcare Resource Leveraging Formal Agreement
- HUD CoC Project Application (e-SNAPS)

#### Reminders

- For instructions for completing Attachment 8: Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan and Attachment 9: Environmental Information the Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan, visit the Orange County CoC FY2023 CoC NOFO webpage, at <u>https://ceo.ocgov.com/fy2023cocnofo</u>
- Most recent documentation must be submitted for each exhibit and attachment.
- Do not leave any blank responses without an explanation (e.g., if the question is not applicable, indicate N/A).
- All documents with a signature block must be signed by the authorized representative(s).
- Review Scoring and Rating Criteria to ensure application responses capture all requirements and desired project components
  - This is key for Leveraging of Housing and Healthcare Resources supporting documentation

#### FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

- The FY2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria is to be utilized to determine the Tiering and Project Priority Listing for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects as part of the annual CoC Program grant application.
- All projects will be scored on a 140-point scale.
  - Any TH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources. (20 points)
  - The Populations to be Served Criteria does not apply to DV Bonus projects. (5 points)

#### FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

	Criterion	Points	Description of basis for assigning points
1	CoC Participation	Up to 10 points	<ul> <li>Applicant has demonstrated participation and involvement in the Orange County CoC and core activities of the CoC, such as Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count.</li> <li>Applicant participates in the local HMIS and completes timely and curate data submissions, as requested.</li> <li>Applicant participates in the local CES.</li> </ul>
2	Capacity of Applicant and Partner	Up to 10 points	<ul> <li>Past and current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types</li> <li>Past and current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, administrative, financial, and programmatic components</li> </ul>
3	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul> <li>Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability.</li> <li>Applicant described service delivery approach for serving people with severe service needs.</li> <li>Applicant described service delivery approach to serving undeserved communities.</li> <li>Applicant described data driven approach to service delivery.</li> </ul>
4	Involving Persons with Lived Experience	Up to 20 points	<ul> <li>Applicant has a member on Board of Director's with current and/or past experience of homelessness.</li> <li>Applicant ensures perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the decision-making process.</li> <li>Applicant practices meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation.</li> </ul>

#### FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

5	Proposed Project- Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul> <li>Proposed project, including service plan and supportive services, is appropriate for the household type and/or subpopulation.</li> <li>Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to live independently.</li> <li>Proposed project will implement a Housing first, client-centered approach; plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by adopting victim-centered practices; and other evidence-based practices in program operations. To receive full points, applicants must clearly describe the evidence-informed practices that the project will use in policies, procedures, and operations.</li> <li>Proposed project will have tailored approach to serve people with severe service needs and undeserved communities.</li> </ul>
6	Outcomes	Up to 10 points	<ul> <li>Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success.</li> <li>Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants housing placement and permanent housing retention, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not outputs).</li> </ul>
7	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul> <li>Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including housing services and supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded.</li> </ul>
8	Budget and Match	Up to 10 points	<ul> <li>Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated.</li> <li>Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25% is included and documented.</li> <li>Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed.</li> </ul>

# **Scoring and Rating Criteria**

#### FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

9	Leveraging of Resources <sup>2</sup>	Up to 20 points	<ul> <li>Leverage Housing Resources – Project demonstrates that it will provide housing subsidies or subsiding housing units not currently funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that:         <ul> <li>(i) in the case of a permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project; or</li> <li>(ii) in the case of a rapid re-housing project, serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.</li> <li>(iii) Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Leveraging Healthcare Resources – Project demonstrates the use of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Full points will be given to projects that:         <ul> <li>(i) in the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who quality and choose those services; or</li> <li>(ii) the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.</li> <li>(iii) Provide formal written agreements that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
10	Populations to be Served <sup>3</sup>	Up to 5 points	<ul> <li>Proposed project primarily serves (75 percent or more) households with severe service needs; or</li> <li>Proposed PSH project type has minimum of 5 to 10 percent of units a designated to serve any of the following special populations, including families, TAY, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and older adults.</li> <li>Proposed RRH project type has a minimum of 25 percent of units designed to serve any of the following special populations, including families, TAY, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness and older adults.</li> </ul>
Total Points 140 points		140 points	

<sup>2</sup> Leveraging of Resources only applies to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project types. Any Joint Transitional Housing – Permanent Housing: Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources.

<sup>3</sup> Criteria only applies to CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects.

#### **Timeline and Due Dates**

Activity	Dates
HUD released FY2023 CoC Program NOFO	July 5, 2023
Request for Proposals (RFP) of New Projects to be Released – CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation	August 4, 2023
Technical Assistance office hours via Microsoft Teams. Contact Felicia Boehringer at <u>felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com</u> and Jasmin Miranda at <u>jasmin.miranda@ocgov.com</u> to schedule an appointment	August 7, 2023, to August 21, 2023
Question and Answer Period Ends	August 21, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT)
Deadline for Agencies to submit proposals in response to FY2023 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation Projects to the County's Office of Care Coordination	August 24, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (PDT)
Deadline for the County's Office of Care Coordination to notify all agencies concerned regarding project acceptance, rejection, or reduction by the Orange County CoC	September 13, 2023
County's Office of Care Coordination to post consolidated application for FY2023 CoC Program NOFO on webpage	September 26, 2023
HUD submission deadline for FY2023 CoC Program NOFO	September 28, 2023

#### **Submission Requirements**

 The 2023 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation Projects including all Exhibits and Attachments must be hand delivered by 12:00 pm PDT on August 24, 2023, via Dropbox and printed binder submissions to:

> County of Orange Office of Care Coordination Attention: Felicia Boehringer 601 N. Ross St., 5th Floor Santa Ana, CA 92701 (714) 834-4454 felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com

• The Office of Care Coordination will share parking and binder drop-off instructions on the <u>FY 2023 CoC NOFO webpage</u>.

#### **Submission Requirements**

#### **Technical Requirements**

- One (1) printed original with signatures and three (3) complete copies in binders with clearly marked tab dividers for all exhibits, attachments, and supporting documents.
- One (1) electronic copy via Dropbox with completed Request for Proposals submittal exhibits, attachments, and supporting documents to be organized and separated per Document Presentation Requirements.
  - Note: Do not submit all Exhibits and Attachments as one condensed file. Each Exhibit and Attachment should be labeled as a separate file.
  - DropBox Instructions:
    - i. Create a DropBox account.
    - ii. Click <u>here</u> to view instructions on how to use Dropbox or visit <u>https://learn.dropbox.com/self-guided-learning/dropbox-fundamentals-course/how-to-use-dropbox</u>
    - iii. Option 1: Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:
      - 1. <u>CareCoordination@ocgov.com</u>
      - 2. felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com
      - 3. <u>sarah.jones@ocgov.com</u>
      - 4. jasmin.miranda@ocgov.com

iv. Option 2: Copy the Dropbox link to the files and paste it into an email to the above email addresses.

#### **Submission Requirements**

#### **Document Presentation Requirements**

- No late submissions will be accepted.
- Clearly identify which version is the original and which is the copy on the cover page of the submittal.
- Tab dividers must be clearly labeled between each exhibit and attachment.
- All sections must be numbered separately within tab dividers in accordance with the Document Checklist.
- Most recent documentation must be submitted for each exhibit and attachment.
- Do not leave any blank responses without an explanation (e.g., if the question is not applicable, indicate N/A).
- All documents with a signature block must be signed by the authorized representative(s).
- All required documents must be included and legible in the submission.

## **Technical Assistance Contact Information and Resources**

- For questions or requests for scheduling technical assistance office hours related to the FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation RFP, please contact the Office of Care Coordination at <u>CareCoordination@ocgov.com</u> and Cc Sarah Jones: <u>sarah.jones@ocgov.com</u>, Felicia Boehringer: <u>felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com</u> and Jasmin Miranda: jasmin.Miranda@ocgov.com
- Additional instructional guides for completing new project applications are available on the <u>HUD CoC Program NOFO Competition website</u>
- Questions related to e-snaps access (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to <u>e-snaps@hud.gov</u>

# **Questions?**





