FY2024 Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals Overview

August 30, 2024

Welcome!

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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 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO Competition

NOFO Release

- HUD released the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC NOFO Competition (FY24/25 NOFO) on Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- **For the first time, HUD is issuing a 2-year CoC Program NOFO** as authorized by the consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.

Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program – $3,524,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus – $52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) – $188,000,000
- 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) – $32,801,133
- CoC Bonus – $3,936,136
- DV Bonus – $3,623,391
- CoC Planning – $1,500,000

Application Due Date: October 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. PDT

FY2024 and FY2025 CoC NOFO: HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities

Ending homelessness for all persons.

Use 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/expertise.

Building an effective workforce.

Increasing affordable housing supply.

FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding RFP

RFP Overview

- **Bid Title**: FY2024 Request for Proposals for Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Projects

- **Bid Starts**: August 22, 2024, at 4:35 p.m. (PDT)

- **Bid Ends**: September 12, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT)

  ❖ [RFP Detailed Description: FY2024 Request for Proposals for Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Projects](#)

  ❖ [RFP Application: FY2024 Request for Proposals for Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Projects (PDF)](#)

  ❖ [RFP Application: FY2024 Request for Proposals for Continuum of Care Bonus, Domestic Violence Bonus and Reallocation Projects (Word)](#)

- **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

CoC Bonus Funding Overview

- CoC Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **$3,936,136**

- Eligible CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation project types:

  ❖ Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects

  ❖ Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects

- The RFP will be utilized to identify new projects and/or expansion projects for the CoC Bonus available through the FY2024 CoC Program NOFO funding and any additional reallocation funds that become available.

- All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding

Reallocation Funding Overview

- Current reallocation funding available: **$242,702** in funding to solicit new **PSH** project proposals that serve **Older Adults** (ages 62 and older).

- The CoC Board accepted voluntary reallocation of funding from Anaheim Supportive Housing's Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments project for Older Adults in Anaheim, part of Orange County's North Service Planning Area.

  - ❖ 12 units/households are only receiving supportive services under the CoC grant funding, as rental assistance is provided through an Anaheim Supportive Housing voucher.
  - ❖ Two (2) units/households are receiving both rental assistance and supportive services through the CoC grant.

- Proposals for the reallocation funding should seek to propose a new or expansion project that includes a tenant-based, scattered-site model allowing for current program participants housed in the Anaheim project to be served as well as new program participants regionally throughout Orange County.

- Note: Additional reallocation may be available as the evaluation of renewal projects is still underway

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding: Eligible Populations to be Served

- 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 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act 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: Older Adults (ages 62 and older) experiencing homelessness, either sheltered or unsheltered per the HUD definition of homeless.

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding

Focusing on Severe Service Needs

- 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.

- 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

- DV Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **$3,623,391**
- 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 FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, new projects and expansion projects proposed and funded through the DV Bonus cannot exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking 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 (cont.):
  - ❖ 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.

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Required Documents Checklist

New and Expansion Project Application Checklist

- Cover Letter (signed by Authorized Representative)

- Exhibit 1: Lead Agency Information Form
  - 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 project application in the FY2024 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

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New and Expansion Project Application Checklist

- Exhibit 5: Related Services Experience and Approach
    - o 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
    - o Attachment 8: Certification of Consistency in the Consolidated Plan
    - o Attachment 9: Environmental Information Limited Scope Environmental Review Form, Environmental Review of Categorically Excluded not Subject to Section 58.5, Environmental Clearance Letter, or signed Environmental Review Documentation
    - o 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
    - o Attachment 11: Housing Resources Leveraging Commitments
    - o Attachment 12: Healthcare Resource Leveraging Formal Agreement
- HUD CoC Project Application (e-SNAPS)

Required Documents Checklist

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 FY2024 CoC NOFO webpage, at https://ceo.ocgov.com/fy2024cocnofo

- 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

Scoring and Rating Criteria

FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

- The FY2024 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, except Joint TH/PH-RRH projects, will be scored on a 150-point scale.
  - ❖ Any Joint TH/PH-RRH project proposals will be evaluated on a 130-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources

Scoring and Rating Criteria

FY2024 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	• 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. • Applicant participates in the local HMIS and completes timely and curate data submissions, as requested. • Applicant participates in the local Coordinated Entry System (CES).
2	Capacity of Applicant and Partner	Up to 10 points	• Past and current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types • Past and current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, administrative, financial, and programmatic components
3	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	• Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability. • Applicant described service delivery approach for serving people with severe service needs[1]. • Applicant described service delivery approach to serving communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Applicant described data driven approach to service delivery.
4	Involving Persons with Lived Experience	Up to 20 points	• Applicant has a member on Board of Directors with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness. • Applicant ensures perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the decision-making process. • Applicant practices meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation.

Scoring and Rating Criteria

FY2024 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

	Criterion	Points	Description of basis for assigning points
5	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	• Proposed project, including service plan and supportive services, is appropriate for the household type and/or subpopulation. • 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. • Proposed project will implement a Housing first, client-centered approach; plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking[2] 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. • Proposed project will have tailored approach to serve people with severe service needs and communities who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population. • Proposed project will address and eliminate barriers experienced by people disproportionately impacted by homelessness, including individuals and families who are within the Black or African American; American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous; Latina/e/o; and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Other Gender or Sexual Identities (LGBTQIA+) communities.
6	Outcomes	Up to 10 points	• 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. • 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).
7	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	• 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.

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	Criterion	Points	Description of basis for assigning points
8	Budget and Match	Up to 10 points	• Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated. • Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25% and it is included and documented. • Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed.

9	Leveraging of Resources[3]	Up to 20 points	• 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% of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that:
			   ○ (i) in the case of a permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 25% of the units included in the project; or
			   ○ (ii) in the case of a rapid re-housing project, serve at least 25% of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.
			   ○ (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.
			• 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:
			   ○ (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
			   ○ (ii) the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25% of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.
			   ○ (iii) Provide formal written agreements that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

[3] 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/PH-RRH) project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources. Note: Formal letters of commitment are required. Support letters will not be accepted.

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	Criterion	Points	Description of basis for assigning points
10	Populations to be Served	Up to 15 points	• Proposed project primarily serves (75% or more) households with severe service needs; or • Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing project type has minimum of 5 to 10% of units a designated to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).[4] • Proposed Rapid Rehousing project type has a minimum of 25% of units designed to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).[5]
Total Points		150 Maximum Points Possible[6]	

[4] Criteria only applies to CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects.

[5] Criteria only applies to CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects.

[6] Joint TH/PH-RRH project proposals will be evaluated on a 130-point scale, as Joint TH/PH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources.

Timeline and Submission Requirements

Timeline and Due Dates

Activity	Dates
HUD released FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO	July 31, 2024
Request for Proposals (RFP) of New Projects to be Released – CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation	August 22, 2024
Technical Assistance office hours via Microsoft Teams. Contact Felicia Boehringer at felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com and Jasmin Miranda at jasmin.miranda@ocgov.com to schedule an appointment	August 22, 2024, to September 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT)
Question and Answer Period Ends	September 10, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. (PDT)
Deadline for Agencies to submit proposals in response to FY2024 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects to the County's Office of Care Coordination	**September 12, 2024, at 5:00 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	October 15, 2024
County's Office of Care Coordination to post consolidated application for FY2024 CoC Program NOFO on webpage	October 28, 2024
HUD submission deadline for FY2024 and FY2025 CoC Program NOFO	October 30, 2024

Timeline and Submission Requirements

Submission Requirements

- The FY2024 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects including all Exhibits and Attachments must be submitted by **September 12, 2024, at 5:00 pm** PDT, via Dropbox to:

- **Option 1:** Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:
    1. CareCoordination@ocgov.com
    2. felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com
    3. sarah.jones@ocgov.com

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

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Submission Requirements

Technical Requirements

- 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:
    1. Create a Dropbox account.
    2. Click here to view instructions on how to use Dropbox or visit https://learn.dropbox.com/self-guided-learning/dropbox-fundamentals-course/how-to-use-dropbox
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Document Presentation Requirements

- No late submissions will be accepted.

- All sections must be numbered separately in accordance with the Document Checklist.

- Most recent documentation must be submitted for each exhibit and attachment.

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- 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 and CoC Staff Support

Office Hours for Technical Assistance are Available!

- Technical Assistance Office Hours via Microsoft Teams
  - ❖ Available from August 22, 2024, to September 9, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
  - ❖ To schedule an appointment, contact Felicia Boehringer at felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com and Jasmin Miranda at jasmin.miranda@ocgov.com to schedule an appointment
- General Questions
  - ❖ For questions related to the RFP, please contact the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ocgov.com and Cc Sarah Jones: sarah.jones@ocgov.com, Felicia Boehringer: felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com , Jasmin Miranda: jasmin.Miranda@ocgov.com and William Voelker william.voelker@ocgov.com
- Additional instructional guides for completing new project applications are available on the HUD CoC Program NOFO Competition website
- Questions related to e-snaps access (e.g., password lockout, access to user's application account, updating Applicant Profile) must be submitted to e-snaps@hud.gov

Questions?