

Sonoma County Continuum of Care

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Sonoma County Continuum of Care Local Competition 2021 Bonus Projects, DV Bonus, and Reallocation Request for Proposals

Bidder's Conference

September 08, 2021
10:00am-11:30am
Zoom Login:

Agenda

1. Introductions/Agenda Review

2. The Continuum of Care & Annual Competition (10 minutes)

Documents:

- Local CoC Competition Webpage: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/CDC/Homeless-Services/Funding-Opportunities/Continuum-of-Care-Competition/>
- Continuum of Care Interim Rule: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>
- CoC Program Toolkit (introduction): <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/introduction-to-the-coc-program/#coc-program-laws-regulations-and-notices>
- HUD CoC NOFO: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2021-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>
 - Renewal Applicant Detailed Instructions: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-Renewal-Project-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>
 - Renewal Applicant Navigational Guide: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-Renewal-Project-Application-Navigational-Guide.pdf>
 - New Project Detailed Instructions: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-New-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>
 - New Project Navigational Guide: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-New-Project-Application-Navigational-Guide.pdf>

3. Notice of Funding Opportunity & Timeline (10 minutes)

Amounts Available: **\$ 199,829** Bonus project(s); **\$ 329,953** DV Bonus Project(s)

TBD New Project(s) through reallocation: Approximately **\$ 368,435**

- *Term of initial award: typically 1 year, with exceptions, see HUD CoC NOFO page 32 "New Project Grant Terms".*

Documents:

- See *Sonoma County Request for Proposals*, especially p. 2-11.
- Timeline, Attachment 1, page 12

- **Introduction to E-snaps Technical Assistance session:** Friday, September 10, 2021, 1:30-3:30pm, held via Zoom.
- **Technical assistance session #2: Project Applications in E-Snaps,** Tuesday, September 14, 9:30am – 11:00am held via Zoom. NOTE: You may work directly on your submission with assistance using your laptop during the session.
- Applications due in e-snaps by **11:59 PM, September 24, 2021.**

4. New Bonus Projects - Eligible applicants, uses & budget scenarios
(30 minutes)

BONUS funds may be used for the following eligible components Supportive services must be provided, not necessarily through the grant:

- *Rapid Re-Housing Projects must serve homeless individuals or families, transition age youth ages 18-24, and persons who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homelessness, including persons fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence situations. Please review the requirements set for in the CoC NOFO.*
- *Permanent Supportive Housing Projects serving 100% chronically homeless individuals or meet the requirements of DedicatedPlus*
- *DV Bonus projects providing housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Per the federal NOFO, Sonoma County CoC may submit applications for one of each of the following projects: 1) Rapid Re-housing project 2) Joint TH and PH-RRH project, 3) SSO projects for Coordinated Entry to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's Coordinated Entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, and 4) Expand an existing renewal project, not dedicated to this population, so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.*
- *Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-Housing projects which include transitional housing and permanent housing-rapid re-housing in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness, including victims of domestic violence.*
- *Bonus Projects may include expansion of existing CoC-funded projects. HUD is no longer allowing expansion of non-CoC funded projects.(see CoC NOFO page 32)*
- *Applicants may consolidate projects in the Competition (please talk with HUD Field Office and CoC Coordinator before doing this)*
- *Project applicants may use DedicatedPLUS when creating a new project application through reallocation or permanent housing bonus and renewal project applications may choose to change a 100 percent dedicated project to a DedicatedPLUS project. A DedicatedPLUS project is defined as a permanent supportive housing project where 100% of beds are dedicated to serve individuals with disabilities and families in which one adult or child has a disability, including unaccompanied homeless youth, and participants meet the requirements of chronically homeless as defined in 24 CFR 578.3.*

Eligible expenses include:

- *Acquisition/Rehab/New Construction (capital - not renewable)*
- *Leasing or Rental Assistance*
- *Housing operating expenses*
- *Administrative Expense limited to 10% of program expense.*
- *Review CoC NOFO to ensure consistency with HUD's strategic directions and to position project design so that this is a competitive project.*
- *See local RFP for local scoring criteria, Attachment 3, page 13-15.*
- *See CoC Interim Rule for a description of eligible expenses.*

REALLOCATION projects: Same criteria as Bonus and DV Bonus. Additional reallocated funding will be announced the week of September 13, 2021 if applicable.

Documents:

- *Eligible applicants are defined by the CoC Interim Rule <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/hearth-coc-program-interim-rule/>: nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHE).*
- *Regulations affecting project design are found in the CoC Interim Rule, § 578.39 through § 578.63.*
- *2021 NOFO specifics: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2021-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>*
- *Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/notice-cpd-16-11-prioritizing-persons-experiencing-chronic-homelessness-and-other-vulnerable-homeless-persons-in-psh.pdf>*

5. New Bonus Project/DV Bonus Scoring (10 minutes)

Documents:

- *2021 Sonoma County Request for Proposals – Attachment 3, p. 13-15*
- *Supplemental Questionnaire, Attachment 5 of RFP*

6. Materials to be Submitted (5 minutes)

- *Additional materials for new applicants, see page 6 RFP.*
- *Final submission in **E-Snaps September 24, 2021 by 11:59pm***

7. Other requirements (15 minutes)

Participation in Homeless Management Information System

Participation in Continuum of Care membership meetings, working groups, Coordinated Entry, 2022 Point In Time Homeless Count

Section 3 applies to construction/rehab (training materials on www.hudexchange.info)

Certifications & Consistency with Consolidated Plans – *CoC Coordinator does this*

Match Requirements – *Program Income can be used a source of match for this year’s competition; no requirements for leverage*

Code of Conduct: Please be sure this is updated.

Documents:

- *Match Documentation*

6. New Project Rating & Ranking/Appeals (5 minutes)

Projects will be ranked by 2021 CoC Competition Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee on October 1, 2021

Final approval by the CoC Board on October 7, 2021.

Decisions are final; applicants can file a solo application if they are rejected.

8. E-snaps electronic submission system (5 minutes)

Key websites:

- <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/> to join HUD's listserv
- <https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=SNAPS%20Competitions&list=SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L> sign up for technical announcements on the NOFO.
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/e-snaps/guides/coc-program-competition-resources/> HUD guidance, training modules, and a wide range of other information are also available via the links on this page.
- <https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf> opens e-snaps.

9. Other Resources

- Karissa White, Continuum of Care Coordinator: 565-1884, Karissa.White@sonoma-county.org
- Daniel Overbury Howland, HMIS Coordinator, 565-7541, Daniel.Overbury-Howland@sonoma-county.org
- Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Manager, 791-8140, Michael.Gause@sonoma-county.org

10. Questions & Answers (10 minutes)