

Sonoma County Continuum of Care Bidder's Conference

September 8, 2021

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Introductions & Agenda Review

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The Continuum of Care and Annual Competition

- ▶ The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- ▶ The Sonoma County Community Development Commission is the Lead Applicant for the Continuum of Care Program.
- ▶ As required from HUD, annual competitions for new and renewal projects are held in accordance with federal regulations and requirements.
- ▶ The CoC Program is a national competitive funding stream, with the potential to renew each year as funding is available. Therefore, projects must be scored and ranked in accordance with HUD's requirements as well as Sonoma County local priorities.

Notice of Funding Opportunity and Timeline

▶ Amounts Available:

- ▶ CoC Bonus Funding: **\$199,829**
- ▶ Domestic Violence Bonus Funding: **\$329,953**
- ▶ Approximate Reallocation Funding: **\$368,435**

▶ Timeline:

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| ▶ Bidder's Conference for NEW Projects | September 8, 2021 |
| ▶ Renewal/Reallocation Questionnaires | September 10, 2021 |
| ▶ Technical Assistance Session (e-snaps) | September 10, 2021 |
| ▶ Technical Assistance Session (applications) | September 14, 2021 |
| ▶ Local Submissions in E-Snaps | September 24, 2021 |
| ▶ Publication new project selections/priority rank | October 15, 2021 |
| ▶ Application technical review/corrections | October 12, 2021- November 1, 2021 |
| ▶ Public Positing of full consolidated Application | November 10, 2021 |
| ▶ Final Submission by CoC | November 16, 2021 |

New Bonus Projects - Eligible Applicants, Uses & Budget Scenarios

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.

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- ▶ 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 30-32).
- ▶ 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.
 - ▶ Projects that were awarded as DedicatedPLUS in a previous CoC Program Competition are required to include households with children to qualify as a DedicatedPLUS project in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.

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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 14-16.
- ▶ See CoC Interim Rule for a description of eligible expenses.
- ▶ REALLOCATION projects: Same criteria as Bonus and DV Bonus. Reallocated funding will be announced the week of *September 13, 2021*.

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- ▶ CoC Program Toolkit (overview of the Program and its requirements): <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/>
- ▶ 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, and instrumentalities of local governments.
- ▶ 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>
- ▶ New Project Detailed Instructions: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2021-New-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>

Other Requirements

- ▶ Coordinated Entry System Referrals
- ▶ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Participation
- ▶ Participation in the Sonoma County Continuum of Care
 - ▶ CoC Quarterly Membership Meetings
 - ▶ CoC Committees
 - ▶ Annual Homeless Point in Time Counts
- ▶ 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 competition; (leasing costs excluded)
- ▶ Code of Conduct (If you have not received CoC funds please complete and file online)

New Project Rating & Ranking/Appeals

- ▶ New projects will be ranked by the 2021 CoC Competition Evaluation Ad Hoc Committee Meeting on **October 1, 2021**
- ▶ Final approvals will be determined by the CoC Board on **October 7, 2021**
- ▶ Publication new project selections and the final priority ranking will be published on **October 15, 2021**
- ▶ Application technical review/corrections will take place from **October 12, 2021 through November 1, 2021 (Karissa, Daniel, Adam, Madison, and Michael will help with your submissions)**
- ▶ **Rejected applicants may submit independently of the CoC if they choose; contact the Ending Homelessness Team and refer to the process in the NOFO if this occurs.**

E-snaps electronic submission system

E-snaps is the electronic Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process for the CoC Program.

- ▶ If you are new to the Continuum of Care Program, you must sign up to obtain an e-snaps account through the HUD Exchange website here:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/>
- ▶ Prior to coming to the technical assistance session for e-snaps assistance, your organization will need to obtain a DUNS number, register with the federal government's System for Award Management (SAM), and set up an e-snaps account.
 - ▶ DUNS: by phone at 866-705-5711 or on line at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. This number is required for all following steps so must be completed first
 - ▶ System for Award Management (SAM) at <https://sam.gov/SAM/pages/public/loginFAQ.jsf>

Other Resources

- ▶ Contact Karissa White Continuum of Care Coordinator : 565-1884, Karissa.White@sonoma-county.org
 - ▶ Contact for instructions to join the Sonoma County Continuum of Care listserv.
- ▶ Daniel Overbury Howland, HMIS Coordinator, 565-7541, Daniel.Overbury-Howland@sonoma-county.org
- ▶ Michael Gause, Ending Homelessness Manager, Michael.Gause@Sonoma-county.org
- ▶ Madison Murray, Administrative Aide, Madison.Murray@Sonoma-county.org
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Other Questions?