

HUD 2021 CoC Permanent Housing Bonus and Reallocation Funds Advisory

HUD has announced the availability of funds for 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) project renewals and new bonus funds. Please see the link to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO): [View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#) You will also find all other application documents and relevant information on the HUD Exchange FY2021 CoC Program Competition page as it becomes available: [FY 2021 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Competition: Funding Availability - HUD Exchange](#). **HUD frequently amends competition materials, and this site should be checked frequently for any updates.**

This message will provide details on the Bonus and the Reallocation Process, and we encourage existing and new applicants to consider these opportunities to create new CoC-funded projects.

First, up to \$399,365 is available to our CoC to fund new projects under the Bonus component of the application.

The CoC is eligible to apply for more than one Bonus project.

Funding must be used to create new permanent supportive housing projects that will exclusively serve chronically homeless individuals and families or those within the DedicatedPlus definition in the NOFO, rapid re-housing projects, joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing projects (also defined in the NOFO), dedicated HMIS projects, and/or Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry projects.

Second, up to \$498,316 is available under the Domestic Violence Bonus opportunity.

Similar to recent years, DV Bonus funds are being made available as part of this year's competition in order to support projects that assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. DV Bonus projects must take the form of either Rapid Rehousing, Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing, or SSO-Coordinated Entry. Projects created with these funds must comply with HEARTH Act rules, follow a Housing-First approach, and participate in the coordinated entry system.

*Bonus and DV Bonus projects will be part of the overall ranking and tiering process. This CoC's Policies & Procedures state that we will give priority ranking to **renewal projects FIRST...and THEN to new Bonus or DV Bonus projects**. Also note that HUD is allowing project applicants to apply for a new expansion project under the DV Bonus, Reallocation, and CoC 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. See page 40 of the CoC NOFO for more details on expansion projects.

Third, the CoC will initiate its annual Reallocation Process. As mentioned in my previous email, the CoC's Reallocation Process is outlined in the CoC Policies & Procedures Manual, which is attached to this email for your reference. The CoC will once again evaluate opportunities for reallocation. At this time, the CoC doesn't anticipate reallocating any of the renewal projects this year. However, the Project Review Committee will assess all renewal projects to determine the viability of reallocating CoC projects to create new high performing projects. A recommendation will be made to the Executive Committee for a final vote. New projects created through reallocation must take the form of one of the project types listed under the Bonus information above. Existing applicants may also voluntarily reallocate all or a portion of their projects, and should contact me

immediately at sglennon@quincyma.gov if you intend to do so. If resources become available through reallocation, a separate email will be sent to the full CoC membership to seek new or existing applicants for new reallocation projects.

So with that said, any entity wishing to be considered by the CoC for submission of Bonus, DV Bonus, or Reallocation (should reallocated resources become available) project application(s) must submit a concept paper by 12:00 P.M. on September 15, 2021 to my attention. Concept papers must be submitted via e-mail to sglennon@quincyma.gov. Please request a "read" or "delivery" receipt for confirmation. Concept papers must include:

- a description of the project's purpose and how the proposed project will contribute to systems performance goals;
- an overview of the target population;
- detailed descriptions of the housing assistance and supportive services to be offered;
- proposed performance measures;
- a description of the applicant's ability to conduct data collection and reporting;
- a description of potential barriers to participation among persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly among those overrepresented in the CoC homeless population;
- proposed strategies to address potential barriers to participation among persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those overrepresented in the CoC homeless population;
- and a project budget.

Any entity planning to submit a concept paper is requested to send a **notice of intent** (only one-to-two sentences) indicating the following for each project: your agency's intent to submit a concept paper, whether it will request funds under the Bonus or DV Bonus category, and whether it will be permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, joint TH-RRH, HMIS, or SSO-Coordinated Entry. Should reallocation funds become available the CoC will work with interested applicants to identify use of such funds. Include the estimated amount of your request, and for housing projects include the target population. Please send this to my attention by email at sglennon@quincyma.gov by **Monday, September 13, 2021**. There are a lot of technical and programmatic ramifications in the application, which is why I am requesting the notice of intent in advance of concept paper submissions.

All CoC-approved project applications and attachments must be submitted in the online application system (e-snaps) **on or before October 15, 2021**. You will be informed if your concept paper has been selected so you can proceed with the application.

The Regional Network encourages diverse partners (existing grantees and new applicants) to submit applications. However, please keep in mind the following:

- There are many technical definitions and restrictions on how these funds may be used and for which populations. You must be familiar with 24 CFR part 578 (the CoC Program interim rule): <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/CoCProgramInterimRule.pdf> and HUD CPD 16-11 "Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in PSH:" <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5108/notice-cpd-16-11-prioritizing->

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- HUD will require that any funded project participate in the CoC's coordinated entry system, which means potentially eligible homeless persons will be screened and prioritized from the entire CoC, not solely from any one agency. Projects must also be low-threshold and adhere to Housing First as described in the CoC materials. All applicants must be familiar with these HUD CoC concepts and the impact on project implementation.
- HUD has placed a very tight timeline on the application process, so please keep agency capacity in mind when deciding whether or not to apply for a bonus project this year. Liz Rogers, representing Father Bill's & MainSpring as the CoC's Support Entity, is serving as the point person for technical questions. You may reach out to her with questions about the new Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation funds prior to the September 15th concept paper deadline at lrogers@helpfbms.org.

IN SUMMARY:

August 18, 2021 - HUD COC NOFO Released

August 20, 2021 - CoC general membership informed of NOFO release and deadlines/requirements (through 2 separate e-mails)

September 13, 2021 - DEADLINE to submit NOTICE(S) OF INTENT

September 15, 2021 - DEALINE to submit CONCEPT PAPER(S)

October 1, 2021 - (Optional) DEADLINE to submit draft e-snaps APPLICATION NARRATIVES to Liz Rogers for review

October 15, 2021 - DEADLINE to submit APPLICATIONS in HUD e-snaps system

November 1, 2021 - Project applicants will be informed whether or not their project(s) will be included in the CoC Consolidated Application

November 16, 2021 - DEADLINE for CoC to submit Consolidated Application to HUD

If you have any other questions about the program competition, please feel free to contact me. We are once again on an accelerated schedule, and I thank you for your cooperation.

Very sincerely,

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