

COC NOFO Technical Assistance Q&A Supplemental

The following questions and responses are informed by the group and individual technical assistance sessions held from the project application opening through July 8th.

Question 1: How will projects eligible for the CoC Bonus or DV Bonus be selected and ranked?

Answer: CoC Bonus and DV Bonus criteria are listed in the NOFO. Projects eligible for these bonus funds may either be placed within the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) or within an eligible Bonus category. This decision will be made by the Continuum of Care Board based on the evaluation of projects described in the RFP scoring criteria, as well as their assessment of which application package is most likely to be successful in the national funding competition. Projects eligible for the DV Bonus must complete the DV supplemental form regardless of anticipated placement.

Question 2: Can I apply for a project with a transitional housing component if I do not yet have a project location or housing unit identified? How should I document the project location in this case?

Answer: Yes. Information on timing requirements for projects planning to acquire housing after receiving a grant award decision can be found here: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Virtual-Binders-At-A-Glance-Grant-Cycle.pdf>. To account for this on the Scope of Work form, enter: "address to be identified following grant award."

Question 3: What size project or budget amount will be most competitive in the local competition?

Answer: Continuum of Care and YHDP projects vary significantly, with some around \$70,000 and others exceeding \$1 million. Projects must have a minimum budget of \$50,000. As a whole, the Continuum of Care has a capped renewal allowance of approximately \$6.8 million. No other specific guidance concerning project budgets or scope is available.

Question 4: How does the CoC decide which projects are placed in Tier 1 and Tier 2?

Answer: The CoC Board will receive a recommendation package from the CoC RFP Committee containing funding and ranking proposals. The Board will evaluate this package and may accept or adjust either the funding amounts or the ranking placement of projects. This process considers a project's initial score, alongside evaluations of what constitutes the most competitive overall package to achieve success under the HUD NOFO.

Question 5: Is my project required to use Coordinated Entry?

Answer: Yes. All projects funded under the CoC are required to integrate with Coordinated

Entry, whether they are housing programs or supportive service projects. However, not all projects are required to receive referrals from Coordinated Entry. For example, Street Outreach projects may engage with individuals in the community and make referrals to Coordinated Entry or perform in-field entry assessments. CoC funds used for housing projects must exclusively support individuals who enter through Coordinated Entry.

Question 6: Can I increase or decrease the budget for a renewing project?

Answer: Yes, either can be done. For renewing projects requesting a budget increase, HUD will review the existing budget portion as a renewal, and the increased portion as an expansion project. Decreased budgets are also allowable; the decreased portion of funds will be reallocated to other new or expanding projects.