

FY2018 HUD/CoC

DV Bonus New Project Applications Information

Included in the FY2018 HUD/Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is information regarding the \$50 million Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. As this is new Bonus funding for Domestic Violence the Worcester City and County CoC wants to ensure as wide an audience as possible is aware of this opportunity and to provide Technical Support to those agencies who may be interested in learning more about and/or applying for this funding.

The full FY2018 HUD/Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) can be viewed and downloaded here <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2018-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf> and the following information is excerpted from that document:

“Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus. The FY 2018 HUD Appropriations Act provides up to \$50 million for “rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects providing coordinated entry and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines are critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.” In the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus for PH-RRH projects, Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, and SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). A CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), or a minimum of \$50,000, whichever is greater, or a maximum of \$5 million, whichever is less, to create up to three DV Bonus projects.”

The only persons who may be served in projects funded through the DV Bonus are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. Additionally, all projects funded through the DV Bonus must adopt a housing first approach. The types of DV projects that may be considered include:

- (1) Permanent Housing/Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects that must follow a housing first approach.
- (2) Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section II.C.3.m of this NOFA that must follow a housing first approach.
- (3) SSO Projects for Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC’s coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).

Each project application must meet specific threshold requirements. For the DV Bonus new project applications, this includes (by type of project):

Rating Factor for New Project Types	Points Available	Threshold Criteria
Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing		
New permanent housing projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
	1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).

	1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
Joint TH and PH-RRH		
New Joint TH and PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.	1	The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)
	1	The proposed project will provide enough rapid re-housing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid re-housing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.

1	The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
1	The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
1	Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
1	The project adheres to a housing first model as defined in Section III.C.3.I of this NOFA.

SSO-Coordinated Entry		
New SSO-Coordinated Entry project applications (also known as centralized or coordinated assessment) must receive at least 2 out of the 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 2 of the 4 points available will be rejected.	1	The centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
	1	There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.
	1	There is a standardized assessment process.
	1	Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

What is a Housing First approach?

Housing First prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions. CoC Program funded projects should help individuals and families move quickly into permanent housing, and the CoC should measure and help projects reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. Additionally, CoCs should engage landlords and property owners, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods.

Additionally, HUD will review and score each new DV Bonus project application based, in part, on the following criteria:

- Need for the Project. Up to 25 points based on the extent the CoC is able to quantify the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill that gap.
- Quality of the Project Applicant. Up to 25 points based on the previous performance

of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.

All New and Renewal Project Applications must be completed no later than August 16, 2018. A Bidder's Conference has been scheduled for July 30, 2018 from 2:00 – 3:00 at CMHA, 6 Institute Road, Worcester, MA 01609.

As this is a new funding opportunity, should you have any questions, or would like to discuss this funding opportunity prior to the Bidder's Conference you are encouraged to contact:

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