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OVERVIEW

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issues this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to invite applications from eligible applicants for the program and purpose described within this NOFO. Prospective applicants should carefully read all instructions in all sections to avoid sending an incomplete or ineligible application. HUD funding is highly competitive. Failure to respond accurately to any submission requirement could result in an incomplete or noncompetitive proposal.

During the selection process HUD is prohibited from disclosing 1) information regarding any applicant's relative standing, 2) the amount of assistance requested by an applicant, and 3) any information contained in the application. Prior to the application deadline, HUD may not disclose the identity of any applicant or the number of applicants that have applied for assistance.

PLEASE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY: The link to the FY2023 HUD NOFO can be found at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349091>

All applications are to be created in *e-snaps under FL-514*.
<https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

TIMELINE

- **August 17, 2023 at 10am** Project Applicant webinar: This webinar will relay key information related to this year's NOFO.

ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7128394124?pwd=T2NrTzNHYi9VZmViT2NBL2E3RjZkQ0T09>

A recording of the webinar will be posted on Marion County Community Services' website.

- **September 1, 2023** All project applications are required to be submitted to the CoC via e-snaps, as well as via email to NofQuestionsMarionCounty@gmail.com (please refer to the items to include section for more detailed information) – **IMPORTANT: EXPORT AS A PDF BUT DO NOT HIT SUBMIT YET IN E-SNAPS!**
- **September 11, 2023** Rating and Ranking will begin scoring projects.
- **September 13, 2023** (15 days prior to submission deadline) → The CoC is required to notify all project applicants who submitted their project applications to the CoC by the CoC-established deadline whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked on the CoC Priority Listing, rejected, or reduced by the CoC.
- **September 25, 2023** → CoCs must post on their website (or a partner's website) all parts of the CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application attachments and the Priority Listing, and notify community members and key stakeholders that the CoC Consolidated Application is available.

Items To Include

Send the following to kailah.mckie@marionfl.org by 11:59pm Eastern Time on September 1, 2023:

1. Submit **one PDF** of the following items **per project**, with a table of contents and each item separated by a title page:
 - a. Cover sheet including the name and phone number for the contact person that will be available for Rating & Ranking questions. This person should be knowledgeable about your agency and project application(s).
 - b. Esnaps application
 - c. Project Policies and Procedures
 - d. Match letter(s), or letter indicating when you expect to receive match documentation
 - e. All renewals must submit an ARP for the date range of 8/1/2022 - 7/31/2023. HMIS projects, and CES projects should not submit an APR
 - f. e-LOCCS report showing draws for most recent operating year – or for renewals only– operating year to date if program is in its first year
2. Submit **one PDF** of the following items **per agency**, with a table of contents and each item separated by a title page:
 - a. Applicant Profile as submitted through e-snaps
 - b. Most recent Audit, if applicable
 - c. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable
 - d. 501c3, if not on file with the CoC
 - e. HUD Monitoring Letter and all correspondence with HUD, if applicable

LOCAL FUNDING AMOUNTS

This year's PPRN (formula amount we can request): \$2,392,311 (available for new or expansion projects \$1,961,123)

ARD (Annual renewal demand): \$431,188

Tier 1 (93% of ARD): \$401,005

CoC Bonus: \$167,463

DV Bonus: \$239,233

CoC Planning: \$119,617

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

With some exceptions for Federally recognized Indian tribes and their instrumentalities, project applicants must discuss how the applicant will carry out the proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations, and how applicants will meet the requirements of the definition of AFFH at 24 CFR 5.151. Applicants may propose activities that are consistent with their jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments (AI), an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), or other means of fair housing planning that meaningfully supports their AFFH certification. If the applicant will carry out proposed activities in a jurisdiction with an AFH, the proposed activities should be consistent with the AFH's fair housing goals and with fair housing strategies specified in the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan or Public Housing Agency Plan. Applicants will describe how their proposed NOFO activities are aligned with AFFH requirements, as specified at 24 CFR 578.93(c), in response to Rating Factor V.B.1.p

<https://www.hud.gov/affh>

New Eligible CoC Activities

There are new budget line items (BLIs) this year; applicants wishing to utilize these new BLIs can request a budget modification during the competition to add funds to these items from an existing line item:

VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Costs/Emergency Transfer

All CoC projects providing services that fall under VAWA, regardless of if your entire project is VAWA-focused, may utilize BLI's for these examples of eligible costs for emergency transfer facilitation to include the costs of assessing, coordinating, approving, denying and implementing a survivor's emergency transfer which includes:

- (i) Assistance with moving costs. Reasonable moving costs to move survivors for an emergency transfer.
- (ii) Assistance with travel costs. Reasonable travel costs for survivors and their families to travel for an emergency transfer.
- (iii) (Security Deposits. Grant funds can be used to pay for security deposits of the safe units the survivor is transferring to via an emergency transfer.
- (iv) Utilities. Grant funds can be used to pay for costs of establishing utility assistance in the safe unit the survivor is transferring to.
- (v) Housing Fees. Fees associated with getting survivor into a safe unit via emergency transfer, includes but not limited to application fees, broker fees, holding fees, trash fees, pet fees where the person believes they need their pet to be safe, etc.
- (vi) Case management. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to assess,

coordinate and implement emergency transfers.

- (vii) Housing navigation. Grant funds can be used to pay staff time necessary to identify safe units and facilitate moves into housing for survivors through emergency transfers.
- (viii) Technology to make an available unit safe. Grant funds can be used to pay for technology that the individual believes is needed to make the unit safe, including but not limited to doorbell cameras, security systems, phone and internet service when necessary to support security systems for the unit, etc.

DV-BASED REVISED DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

HUD has modified the definition of homelessness for individuals fleeing from or attempting to flee domestic violence or other dangerous or life-threatening situations to align with the McKinney Vento section 103b definition, which states:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER DANGEROUS OR LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the Secretary shall consider to be homeless any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized, and who have no other residence and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

This means individuals fleeing or attempting to flee due to domestic violence no longer have to be classified as being chronically homeless.

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD DEFINITION

Under certain conditions, a child can be classified as a head of household.

HOUSING VOUCHERS

CoCs may receive up to 14 points on the CoC Application if the FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing includes new project applications created through reallocation or the CoC Bonus that utilizes housing vouchers and healthcare provided through an array of healthcare services providers. See section V.B.6 of HUD'S NOFO for additional details.

HUD CoC Policy Priorities

HUD's Strategic Goals: HUD's FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan lays out this administration's strategy for ensuring everyone has an affordable, healthy place to live. Over the course of the next four years HUD will pursue two overarching priorities focused on increasing equity and improving customer experience across all HUD programs.

Five strategic goals undergird the Plan as follows:

- Strategic Goal 1: Support Underserved Communities
- Strategic Goal 2: Ensure Access to and Increase the Production of Affordable Housing
- Strategic Goal 3: Promote Homeownership
- Strategic Goal 4: Advance Sustainable Communities
- Strategic Goal 5: Strengthen HUD’s Internal Capacity

The five goals of the **FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan** present the core vision of what we hope to accomplish, the strategies to accomplish those objectives, and the indicators of success.

Eligible Types of New Projects Created Through Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- Through this NOFO, up to \$102 million is available nationally for DV Bonus projects, which are dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.
- A CoC may apply the following types of projects:
 - **Rapid Rehousing** that adopts a housing first approach and is dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.
 - **Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing** that adopts a housing first approach and is dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking; and
 - **Supportive Services Only projects for Coordinated Entry** to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC’s coordinated entry to better meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness who are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/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).
- **Number of Applications.** A CoC may apply for any number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH- RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000. A CoC can only submit one project application for an SSO-CE project.
- **Expansion Projects.** A CoC may apply to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously funded with DV Bonus funding. DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking 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.
- **Project Quality Threshold for DV Bonus.** To be eligible to receive a DV Bonus project for PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH, a CoC must demonstrate it ranks projects based on how they improve system performance as outlined in Section VII.B.2.b of the NOFO. Additionally, to be eligible to receive a DV Bonus project for PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH- RRH component, all projects funded through the DV Bonus must adopt a housing first approach.

- **Ranking.** CoCs are required to rank all DV Bonus projects on the New Project Listing of the CoC Priority Listing with a unique rank number and the corresponding renewal project application must be on the Renewal Project Listing with a unique rank number. A new DV Bonus project that expands an existing renewal project will only be selected if the renewal project is conditionally selected in Tier 1 or 2. If the renewal project application is selected for conditional award with CoC Program funds and the new DV Bonus expansion project is approved for selection, HUD will only select the new DV Bonus project with DV Bonus funds and HUD will remove the new DV Bonus project from the New Project Listing and all other project applications ranked below the new DV Bonus project will move up one rank position.

NEW PROJECTS:

Refer to these links if unsure about your program. These are the rules and laws that govern the CoC and CoC projects.

- [FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO \(NOFO\)*](#),
- [24 CFR part 578 \(the Rule\)*](#),
- [The McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by the HEARTH Act \(the Act\)](#),

Project Details:

Select the following links to review the detailed instructions for the appropriate project type:

- [PH-PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing](#)
- [PH-RRH: Rapid Re-Housing](#)
- [Joint TH and PH-RRH: Rapid Re-Housing](#)
- [SSO-CE: Coordinated Entry](#)
- [HMIS: Homeless Management Information Systems](#)

These are complete instructions including what can and cannot be included in your projects and your budgets.

Coordinated Entry (CE) is the only SSO (supported services only) project allowed.

