

Update and FY 2023 CoC NOFO AAQ

Updates

Technical Update to Request for Projects

\$32,156,290 - Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)

\$4,032,474 – YHDP Renewal funds, included ARD.

Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

For projects with scattered site locations, you can submit Consolidated Plan references for the city where your organization’s central office is located, plus the County Plan.

Leveraging Healthcare or Housing Resources

As noted in the Request for Project Applications, the CoC is seeking new Bonus projects that integrate housing and health services. The NOFO indicates that these resources must come from non-CoC or ESG funds and must be documented. Leveraging Healthcare Resources will require a written commitment from a healthcare organization with the value of the commitment and the date(s) healthcare resources will be provided. For leveraging housing resources, the following is required: a letter, contract, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. On our rtfhsd.org website you can find a sample [Match – Leverage Health Care – any source](#) and [Match – Leverage Housing – any source](#).

Question: *If expanding a current joint project, do both project components need to be expanded or can you expand upon only one project component?*

Answer: You can expand upon just one project component by adding units, beds, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, however you want to make sure the joint program as whole will be able to adequately serve all participants through both project components to help people move into and stabilize in permanent housing.

Note: Existing participants means those that continue to be served after the expansion occurs as well as new participants. Expansion funds cannot be used to pay for participants who already exited the program.

From HUD’s [FY 2023 Project Application FAQs](#)

“The expansion process cannot propose providing existing program participants with the same level of housing and services funded through the CoC Program. Therefore, an expansion project must meet at least one of the following criteria:

a. serve new program participants that meet the HUD definition of homelessness.

- b. provide existing program participants with an expanded level of CoC-eligible services.*
- c. provide existing program participants with facilities that meet health and safety standards.*
- d. provide the same activities that are CoC Program-eligible but were previously paid for by a different eligible non-renewable source. Applicants are prohibited from using CoC Program funds to replace state or local funds previously used, or designated for use, to assist homeless persons; for more information refer to 24 CFR 578.87(a).*
- e. provide expanded coordinated entry services to new and existing program participants, only eligible for SSO-CE.*
- f. provide expanded HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area (HMIS grants only)."*

Question: *For the Furthering Equity Report Form, is it to be completed on behalf of the project applicant/organization that signed the commitment letter only or sub-recipients or both?*

Answer: The Furthering Equity Report Form should be signed by the CoC recipient who submitted and signed the Commitment to Furthering Equity Letter under the FY 2020 CoC Program Competition. For YHDP awards RTFH has required YHDP subrecipients to submit a Furthering Equity Report Form.

Question: *What start date do you need to have for new projects?*

For new project proposals you are required to enter a proposed start date and end date of the project within the project application. Projects should be for a 1-year term and should have a start date within the calendar year of 2024 and an end data in cycle year 2025. However, contracts cannot be executed until HUD has publicly released the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Award Announcement. HUD typically will award funds within the first quarter of the following year (Jan-March of 2024). The [FY 2023 CoC New Project Application Detailed Instructions](#) can be found under the NOFO page at rtfhsd.org. More resources can also be found on the [HUD's CoC Program Competition Page](#).

Question: *Can you go over the code of conduct requirement again? Is this required for renewal projects as well?*

Answer: All project applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with the requirements of 2 CFR part 200 and is on file with HUD at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/spm/gmohgmt/grantsinfo/conduct. If the organization's Code of Conduct does not appear on HUD's website, the project applicant must attach its Code of Conduct that includes all required information to its Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps*. RTFH can offer a template of a code of conduct if needed. However, HUD did update their Code of Conduct on Oct 28, 2022.

Question: *Can you direct me to a good definition of the practices of Housing First? For instance, can a program require a participant to receive case management?*

Answer: On the rtfhsd.org website you can find a [Housing First Checklist](#) and [Housing First Assessment Tool](#) that will assist you with Housing First program implementation. As part of the rating and ranking process we ask to see copies of documents used to inform participants of the organizations housing first policies; such as project intake/admission forms reflecting the specifics of your Housing First approach.

Question: *Do DV dedicated projects need to go through CES?*

Answer: Please go to the rtfhsd.org website to learn more about CES as it pertains to DV dedicated programs. The following video expands upon the DV CES Process [DV CES Process Overview Video](#). More information about the CES and DV dedicated programs can be found on page 22 of the current [CES Policies and Procedures](#).

Question: *Are current renewal projects (which was an expansion of a previous renewal) still eligible for further expansion?*

Answer: Renewals (Noting that the YHDP, CoC Planning, and Safe Haven grants are not eligible for expansion) can apply for expansion (per NOFO restrictions) even if they have been previously expanded. However, projects that were recently expanded that have not had at least one year of services, will be challenged to demonstrate performance of the expanded project.

Question: *If we have multiple renewal awards, do we just need to fill out one Furthering Equity Report Form for our organization?*

Answer: You only need to submit one Furthering Equity Report Form to demonstrate how your organization met each action step.