

# Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative

New/DV Bonus Project RFP 2022 (Reallocation, New Bonus, and/or DV Bonus Projects)

Application may not exceed six (6) pages

**Please note: if your project is selected to move forward in applying for New CoC funding, you will need to submit an application in Esnap. If your project is selected to move forward in applying for DV Bonus CoC funding, you will need to submit an application in Esnap and work with the Collaborative Applicant to fill out the DV Bonus section of the CoC Application. Being selected through the Rank & Review process does not guarantee funding; rather it allows the project to apply for CoC funding to HUD, which is a competitive process.**

## Project Information

Applicant/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box of the project type you are applying for:

### a. New/Reallocated Projects Only

- Permanent Supportive Housing that is either Dedicated PLUS OR has 100% of beds dedicated to persons experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing
- Joint TH and PH-RRH (project must be housing first)

### b. DV Bonus Projects Only

- Rapid Rehousing (PH RRH) projects that demonstrate trauma informed, victim centered approaches - minimum \$50,000 per project (must be housing first)
- Joint TH and PH RRH component projects that demonstrate trauma informed, victim centered approaches - minimum \$50,000 per project (must be housing first)
- SSO project for CE to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC's CE to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Please check the box to signify whether the project being applied for is a:

- New Project       Expansion Project

1. Is the applicant a current member of the Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative (RCHSC) Continuum of Care (CoC)?  Yes - 10 pts  No - 0 pts

a. If no, what is the agency's current involvement with the RCHSC CoC?

2. Is the agency applying as a current CoC funded grantee? Yes - 5 pts No - 10 pts  
a. If yes, are there any unresolved monitoring or audit findings from HUD or the CoC?  
Yes - 0 pts No - 3 pts
3. Is your agency an active participant in the RCHSC Coordinated Entry program?  
Yes – 5 pts No - 0 pts  
a. If no, is your agency willing to become an active participant in the RCHSC Coordinated Entry program?  
Yes – 2 pts No - 0 pts
4. HMIS Participation
- a. **New/Reallocated Projects Only**
- i. Is your agency an active participant in the HMIS System?  
Yes – 3 pts No - 0 pts
- ii. If no, is your agency willing and able to become an active participant in the HMIS System?  
0- 3 pts if agency details how HMIS implementation will be accomplished

**b. DV Bonus Projects Only**

- i. Does your agency currently report in a DV system that is comparable to the HMIS system?  
Yes – 3 pts No - 0 pts
- ii. If not, how will you implement a comparable HMIS system for this project, for reporting purposes?  
0- 3 pts if agency details how comparable HMIS system implementation will be accomplished.

5. Agency Experience

**a. New/Reallocated Projects Only:** Please provide a detailed description of the agency's experience in administering projects dedicated to serving an underserved population (i.e. your target population). Please specify the name of current or past programs, and note the funding sources. **0-10 pts**

- 4 pts for detailing past experience serving and underserved population
- 2 points for explaining how you have connected clients to supportive services
- 2 points for providing an example of how your agency has moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—and how the agency will address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends
- 2 points for describing how you prioritize program participant choice

**b. DV Bonus Projects Only:** Please provide a detailed description of the agency's experience in administering projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Please specify the name of current or past programs and note the funding sources. **0-20 pts**

- 5 points for past experience serving a domestic violence survivor population
- 3 points for explaining how you have connected survivors to supportive services
- 3 points for providing an example of how your agency has moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—and how the agency will address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends
- 3 points for describing how you prioritize program participant choice while ensuring safety of your clients
- 3 points for describing how the program will establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions with clients are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
- 3 points if you describe how your program will place emphasis on program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans include assessments of program participants strengths and works towards goals and aspirations

6. **New/Reallocated Projects Only: Priority Population**

Does your project designate 100% of beds to Mental Health, Substance Abuse, CH, Co-Occurring Conditions, and/or Families? Yes - 5 pts No - 0 pts

- a. If your project is not serving 100% of the above listed priority populations, please describe how your project is addressing an unmet need for the population your project will serve. (0-3 points)

7. Project Description

- a. **New/Reallocated Projects Only:** Please provide a project description that addresses the entire scope of your project. Please include the target population that will be served and the outreach plan. **(0 – 15 points)**

- 10 points if you outline a detailed strategy that will be used to help participants regain and maintain housing stability.
- 1 point if the project clearly states the number of units/beds requested
- 2 points if an outreach plan is noted and specifies how the project will conduct targeted outreach to persons least likely to apply and/or traditionally underserved populations (i.e. BIPOC, LGBTQ+ community)
- 2 points if the budget notes at least 80 percent of the requested funds are dedicated to housing

- b. **DV Bonus Projects Only:** Please provide a detailed description of the agency’s experience in administering projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. **(up to 20 points)**
- 5 points for past experience serving a domestic violence survivor population
  - 3 points for explaining how you have connected survivors to supportive services
  - 3 points for providing an example of how your agency has moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—and how the agency will address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends
  - 3 points for describing how you prioritize program participant choice while ensuring safety of your clients
  - 3 points for describing how the program will establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions with clients are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
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8. Housing First (0-25 pts)

Housing First is a recovery-oriented approach to end homelessness by rapidly housing individuals **without** screening out or terminating consumers based on any of the criteria below. Does your project screen out or terminate consumers based on any the following?

**Note: Eligible DV bonus project must follow a Housing First approach. If you respond “Yes” to any of the following, your project is not be eligible to apply for this funding.**

**New/Reallocated Projects Only: Any Yes - 0 All No - 25 pts**

**DV Bonus Projects Only: No Points**

	Yes	No
Having too little or no income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Active or history of substance abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
History of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to participate in supportive services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to make progress on a service plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of income or failure to improve income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Being a victim of domestic violence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found in the project’s geographic area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Please describe how the need for this project within this geographic area was identified. Please note where in the **Ten-Year Plan/Addendum to the Ten-Year Plan** it points to this gap in service, and using the most recent HMIS Annual Report (or DV equivalent) note the population in need of this service.

*0-5 pts*

2.5 points for referencing a gap in service within the Ten-Year Plan/Addendum to the Ten Year Plan

2.5 points for relating the project's target population to the most recent HMIS annual report (or DVEquivalent)

10. **New/Reallocated Projects Only:** Describe the support services your agency has tailored to serve persons coming from an unsheltered situation. (2pt)

11. Describe how your agency ensures equitable services and program outcomes across participants of all races and ethnicities. Applicants should give 3-4 examples of how their agency provides equitable services. (0-3 pts)

12. Does your agency have someone with lived experience of homelessness within its Leadership, who are involved with programmatic and funding decisions?

Yes- 1 points  No – 0 points

13. How will this project reduce the average length of time homeless for project participants? (0-2pts)

- Up to 2pts if applicant describes how their project will serve those with the longest lengths of time homeless and strategies for reducing length of time homeless

14. Does your agency have relationships/partnerships with any of the below? Check all that apply. (1 pt for each checked box)

Public/Private Healthcare Organizations

PHAs, local housing organizations, or other non-CoC/ESG funding streams

Local Workforce Development Sectors

14a. If you checked Public/Private Healthcare Organizations, does your agency have a written commitment from a health care organization with the value of the commitment and the date(s) the healthcare resources will be provided (should provide services during grant term), or can you procure one by September 15<sup>th</sup> if your project is chosen to move forward\*?

Yes- 10 points  No – 0 points

*\*Please note, this commitment will be submitted with the CoC's full CoC Application so the CoC is awarded additional points.*

14b. If you checked PHAs, local housing organizations, or other non-CoC/ESG funding streams, will your project utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG by: **providing at least 25 percent of the units** included in the project; or in the case of a rapid re-housing project, **serve at least 25 percent of the program participants** anticipated to be served by the project\*?

Yes- 10 points  No – 0 points

*\*Please note, this commitment will be submitted with the CoC's full CoC Application so the CoC is awarded additional points.*

14c. If you checked Local Workforce Development Sectors, do you have a written commitment or other document demonstrating your partnership, or could you procure one if your project is chosen to move forward?

Yes- 10 points  No – 0 points

15. Does your agency have a racially and ethnically diverse group of stakeholders who are responsible for making programmatic and funding decisions? If not, how does your agency plan to incorporate the views of a diverse set of stakeholders into reviewing your policies, procedures, and funding decisions? Provide your response below. (0-4 pts)

- 4pts if applicant has racially and ethnically diverse stakeholder decisionmakers
- 3pts if applicant can identify a plan for incorporating diverse stakeholder views in the future

16. Does your organization partner with other organizations with expertise in serving the LGBTQ+ population? If yes, how will you leverage those partnerships to serve your project participants? (0-6 pts)

- 3 points if applicant identifies specific organizations that they partner with
- 3 points if applicant describes how they will leverage the partnership(s) for project clients

19. Will the project be able to start within 12 months?  Yes - 5 pts  No - 0 pts

20. Please provide a 12 month budget that address the entire scope of your project. (Required for review)

ACTIVITY	CoC FUNDS REQUESTED	NOTES
A. Rental Assistance	\$	
B. Support Services	\$	
1. Salaries	\$	
2. Benefits	\$	
3. Other	\$	
C. Operating	\$	
D. Admin	\$	
E. Total Project Costs	\$	
MATCH	AMOUNT	SOURCE
F. 25% Match Requirement	\$	