

Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative

New/DV Bonus Project RFP 2023 (Reallocation, New Bonus, and/or DV Bonus Projects)

Please note: if your project is selected to move forward in applying for New CoC funding, you will need to submit an application in Esnaps. If your project is selected to move forward in applying for DV Bonus CoC funding, you will need to submit an application in Esnaps 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. Within the past CoC contract year, what percentage of funds have you returned to HUD for all CoC-funded projects? Please attach your last year of eLOCCS closeout.

% of funds returned: _____

0% = 5pts; >20% = 3pts; >50% = 0pts

4. Is your agency an active participant in the RCHSC Coordinated Entry program as evidenced by at least 75% participation in the Housing Review Team, Prevention Review Team and CE Committee? (Participation to be verified by CE lead)

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 – 3 pts No - 0 pts

5. 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?
3 pts if agency details how comparable HMIS system implementation will be accomplished.

6. 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). **0-20 pts**

- 8 pts for detailing past experience serving and underserved population
- 6 points for explaining how you have connected clients to supportive services
- 6 points for detailing other funding sources the agency uses/has used in the past to serve HUD-Defined Homeless populations.

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**

- 8 points for past experience serving a domestic violence survivor population
- 4 points for explaining how you have connected survivors to supportive services
- 4 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;
- 4 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

7. **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)

8. 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. **(0 – 15 points)**
- 10 points if you outline a detailed strategy that will be used to help participants regain and maintain housing stability.
 - 4 points if the population includes chronically homeless or unsheltered homeless
 - 1 point if the project clearly states the number of units/beds requested

- b. **DV Bonus Projects Only:** Please provide a *description* addressing the entire scope of your project. Please include an outreach plan to the targeted population. **(Up to 15 pts)**
- 10 pts project description (target population, services provided, clearly state the number of units/beds requested, and project goals and project outcomes)
 - 4 pts if a clear and detailed outreach plan is included 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)
 - 1 pts if you detail how your project will ensure DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing

9. 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: DV bonus projects must follow a Housing First approach. If you respond “Yes” to any of the following, your DV bonus project is not 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"/>

10. Please describe how the need for this project within this geographic area was identified. Please provide any anecdotal or quantitative evidence for this gap and how your project would address it. Use the most recent HMIS Annual Report (or DV equivalent) to note the population in need of this service. (up to 10 pts)
- 2 points for referencing a gap in services
 - 2 points for detailing data/evidence of the service gap or need in the community
 - 2 points for identifying HUD/local priority populations served through the proposed project
 - 4 points for explaining how the proposed project will address the need

11. **New/Reallocated Projects Only:** How will program participants be assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing (0-2pts)

12. Does your agency have someone **with** lived experience of homelessness within its Executive Leadership who are involved with programmatic and funding decisions?
- Yes- 1 points No – 0 points

AND

- If your project serves victims of domestic violence, does your agency include survivors of domestic violence in policy and program development?
- 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 before the submission of this year's CoC application?

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

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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. Describe the specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services and employment programs for which program participants are eligible. (0-5pts)

16. 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)

- If yes- 4pts if applicant has racially and ethnically diverse stakeholder decisionmakers
- If No- 3pts if the applicant does NOT have a diverse group of stakeholders but can identify a plan for incorporating diverse stakeholder views in the future

17. 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

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

19. 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 (80% total budget less Admin)	\$	
B. Support Services (20% total budget less Admin)	\$	
1. Salaries	\$	
2. Benefits	\$	
3. Other	\$	
C. VAWA (New Eligible Activity)	\$	
D. Rural Costs (New Eligible Activity)	\$	
E. Operating	\$	
F. Admin	\$	
G. Total Project Costs	\$	
MATCH	AMOUNT	SOURCE
H. 25% Match Requirement	\$	

Please attach:

- 501c3 documentation
- If applicable: Formal Housing leveraging commitments (contracts, MOU with PHA, etc.)
- If applicable: Formal Healthcare leveraging commitments (MOUs, service agreements, etc.)