

# Ulster County Continuum of Care (UCCC) DV Bonus Project RFP 2023

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.

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

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

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

**Which of the below eligible project types are you applying for?**

- Permanent Supportive Housing (must be DedicatedPlus or 100% dedicated to chronically homeless)
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing

**What type of project are you applying for?**

- New project
- Expansion of an existing project

**Eligible DV bonus project must follow a Housing First approach.** Housing First is a recovery-oriented approach to ending homelessness which allows for rapidly housing individuals without screening out or terminating based on any of criteria listed below. Does the proposed project screen out or terminate based on any of the following?

***If any response is “Yes” to any of the following, your project is not eligible to apply for this funding.***

	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"/>

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1. Is the applicant a current member of the Ulster County Continuum of Care(CoC)?  
 **Yes - 10 points**                       **No - 0 points**
  
2. A. Is the agency applying as a current CoC funded grantee?  
 **Yes - 5 pts**                                       **No - 10 pts**
  
- B. If yes, are there any unresolved monitoring or audit findings from HUD or the CoC?  
 **Yes - 0 points**                                       **No - 5 points**
  
3. Is your agency an active participant in the UCCC Coordinated Entry program?  
 **Yes - 3 pts**                                       **No - 0 pts**

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## 4. Project Description (0-20 pts)

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 describing 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.*

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## 5. Agency Experience (0 - 25 points)

Please provide a description addressing the entire scope of your project. **(250 Word Limit)**

- 10 pts project description (target population, services provided, clearly state the number of units/beds requested, and project goals and project outcomes).
- 10 pts if the outreach plan specifies how the project will conduct targeted outreach to persons least likely to apply and/or traditionally underserved populations (i.e. BIPOC, LGBTQ+ community).
- 5 pts if you detail how your project will ensure DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing.

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## 6. Community Need (0-10 pts)

What gap in services or need in the community will this project address or fill? Please provide any anecdotal or quantitative evidence of this gap in the space below and how your project would address it. (0-10 pts)

- 2 points for identifying HUD/local priority populations served through proposed project;
- 2 points for identifying the service gap or need in the community;
- 2 points for detailing data/evidence of the service gap or need in the community;
- 4 points for explaining how the proposed project will address the need.

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7. Does your agency have a policy focused on ensuring equitable services and program outcomes across participants of all races and ethnicities?

**Yes - 3 points**

**No - 0 points**

8. Will the project be able to start within 12 months?

**Yes - 10 pts**

**No - 0 pts**

9. **Lived Experience (0-1 pt)**

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**

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## 10. Diversity and Inclusion (0-5pts.)

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:

- *4pts if applicant has racially and ethnically diverse stakeholder decisionmakers*
- *1pt if applicant can identify a plan for incorporating diverse stakeholder views in the future*

11. 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? **(0-4 pts)**

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

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## 12. System Performance

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

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

## 13. Unsheltered Services

**Briefly** describe the support services your agency has tailored to serve persons coming from an unsheltered situation. (0-2pts)

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## 14. Leveraging Agreements with Housing/Healthcare/Workforce Development

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

**If you checked partnerships above, please respond to 14a-c as appropriate.**

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, or can you procure one before the submission of this year's CoC application?

- Yes- 10 points**
- No - 0 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**

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- 5 points**
- No - 0 points**

14d. The CoC will receive bonus points for successfully demonstrating that agencies are leveraging Healthcare and Housing partnerships. If your project application moves forward, can you confirm that you will be able to provide a contract, MOU, or other formal documentation that demonstrates your partnerships?

- Yes**
- No**

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Please provide a 12-month Budget Proposal (required for review):

ACTIVITY	CoC FUNDS REQUESTED	NOTES
<b>A. Rental Assistance</b>	\$	
<b>B. Support Services</b>	\$	
1. Salaries	\$	
2. Benefits	\$	
3. Other	\$	
<b>C. VAWA (New eligible activity)</b>	\$	
<b>D. Rural Costs (New eligible activity)</b>	\$	
<b>E. Operating</b>	\$	
<b>F. Admin (up to 10%)</b>	\$	
<b>G. Total Project Costs</b>	\$	
MATCH	AMOUNT	SOURCE
<b>H. 25% Match Requirement</b>	\$	

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.)