

# Schenectady County (NY-507) Homeless Services Planning Board DV Bonus Project RFP 2024

**Please note: 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.**

1. Applicant/Agency Name:
2. Agency Point of Contact:
3. Proposed Project Name:
4. Physical Agency Address:
5. Address of proposed project (if applicable):
6. Total number of units and beds being applied for (if applicable):
7. Total number of households/clients project proposes to serve:
8. Which of the below eligible project types are you applying for?

- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing

9. What type of project are you applying for?

- New project
- Expansion of an existing project

10. Will the project be able to begin within 12 months?  Yes  No

11. Is the agency applying a current CoC funded grantee?

Yes  No

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**12. Housing First**

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. The HSPB CoC prioritizes projects that have a Housing First approach. Does your project screen out or terminate consumers based on any the following? ***If you respond “Yes” to any of the following, your project is not be 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"/>
Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13. A. Is the applicant a current member of the HSPB Continuum of Care (CoC)?**

Yes – 10 points    No – 0 points

**B. If the applicant is not currently a member of the HSPB CoC, do you agree to join the CoC and regularly attend membership meetings if your application moves forward?**

Yes – 5 points    No – 0 points

**14. Does your agency have any unresolved monitoring or audit findings from HUD or the CoC?**

Yes – 0 points    No – 6 points

If yes, please explain:

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**15.** A. Is your agency an active participant in the HSPB Coordinated Entry?

Yes – 5 pts     No - 0 pts

B. Does your agency have and utilize an HMIS-Comparable database? If not, will your agency comply with HUD data standards if awarded?

Yes – 5 pts     No - 0 pts

**16.** Please provide a brief project description that addresses the scope of your project.

Please include the target population that will be served and the reason why this project is being proposed. **(0 – 2 points)**

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17. 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)**
- **4 points** for past experience serving a domestic violence survivor population
  - **3 points** for explaining how your program fosters support and build a network of additional supports to better provide for the multitude of needs a survivor may present with.
  - **3 points** for explaining how during the 24 months of your program, you will prepare survivors for moving into a sustainable housing situation.
  - **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 client agency and 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.
  - **1 point** for describing opportunities for survivors to engage with the agency and support even after their 24 months of programing ends.

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**18.** 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 and how your project would address it. **(0-12 pts)**

- **2 points** for identifying local priority populations served through proposed project;
- **3 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;
- **5 points** for explaining how the proposed project will address the need (including how the project type (i.e. PSH, RRH) and budget (i.e. amount of support services) will support participants in maintaining housing stability.

**19.** How will this project reduce the average length of time homeless for project participants? **(0-5 pts)**

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

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20. The CoC will receive up to 14 points for successfully demonstrating that agencies are leveraging Healthcare and Housing partnerships to bolster CoC programs. Does your agency have relationships/partnerships with any of the below? Check all that apply.

[Public/Private Healthcare Organizations](#)

[PHAs, local housing organizations, or other non-CoC/ESG funding streams](#)

No eligible partnerships at this time

21. 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?

a. *If the partnership is with a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for **all program participants who qualify** and choose those services; or*

b. *in the case of non-substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is **equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested** for the new CoC project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.*

**Please include this documentation with your application to receive full points.**

Yes- 10 points  No - 0 points

22. 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\*?

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Yes- 10 points  No - 0 points

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**23. Racial Equity and Barriers to Participation (0-5 pts)**

*(only respond if you are not currently CoC-funded)*

Has your project identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population? What steps have you taken or will take to eliminate the identified barriers?

*Some Barriers might include: language barriers, consistent access to transportation, access to the Coordinated Entry process, lack of consistent communication from provider agencies, etc.*

- **2 pts** if the applicant describes barriers to participation faced by those over-represented in the homelessness population
- **3 pts** if the applicant describes tangible actions taken at the agency and/or project level to eliminate identified barriers

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#### 24. Diversity and Inclusion: (0-5 pts)

*(only respond if you are not currently CoC-funded)*

Please tell us what your agency has done over the last year to promote Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) at the program and agency level. Check out the [HUD Fair Housing Toolkit](#) as a resource.

- **3 pts** for providing a specific example of an action or initiative taken to promote DEI and/or a specific example of an action or initiative taken to support the LGBTQIA+ Community.
- **2 pt** for participating in outside committees or workgroups that promote DEI in the CoC.

#### 25. Feedback from Program Participants/Persons with Lived Experience & Decision-Making (0-5 pts)

*(only respond if you are not currently CoC-funded)*

What proactive processes does your agency have to receive and incorporate feedback from persons with lived experience?

- 3 pts if applicant specifies how often **participants** will be asked for feedback about their programs and services and explains how feedback will be used to implement programmatic changes.
- 2 pts if agency describes how **employees** with lived experience are involved in decision-making and/or policy creation.

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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:

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