



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
 FY 2022 HUD CoC Program –
 Supplemental Application (DV Bonus)

On August 1, 2022, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition.

The County of San Luis Obispo is requesting proposals for the FY 2022 Continuum of Care Program competition administered by HUD, and will be accepting applications for renewal projects, as well as new bonus funding projects.

All FY22 Continuum of Care Program applicants will need to submit a supplemental application in addition to the HUD application submitted in e-snaps.

Please submit Supplemental Applications by email to ss_homelessgrants@co.slo.ca.us or deliver to George Solis at the County Department of Social Services, 3433 S. Higuera, San Luis Obispo, CA.

Both the esnaps and Supplemental Application must be received no later than Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at 5pm

Additionally, additional documents described on page 13 of this RFP must be submitted by email or in person no later than August 31, 2022.

I. PRIMARY APPLICANT INFORMATION

Organization Name	
UEI Number	
Contact Person/Title	
Phone Number	
Email	
Address	
City, State, Zip	

II. PROJECT

Project Name	
Application Type	DV Bonus – Rapid Rehousing DV Bonus – Joint Transitional Housing/ Rapid Rehousing DE Bonus – Coordinated Entry

III. NEED FOR NEW DV Project

<p>1. (Coordinated Entry Projects) Describe the inadequacies of the CoC’s current Coordinated Entry that limits its ability to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking</p>	
<p>2. (Coordinated Entry Projects) Describe how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified</p>	
<p>3. (RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects) Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:</p>	
<p>4. (RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects) Enter the number of survivors that are currently being served in the CoC:</p>	

5. (RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects) Describe how you calculated the number of survivors needing housing or services

6. (RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects) what data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects) was used to calculate the number of survivors needing housing or services

7. (RRH or Joint TH-RRH Projects) if the CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain all barriers to meeting those needs.

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE

8. Describe experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding, including satisfactory drawdowns and performance for existing grants as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients (if applicable), regular drawdowns, timely resolution of monitoring findings, and timely submission of required reporting on existing grants.

9. What is the date of the organization’s most recent audit? (Attachment requirement)

Please submit a copy of the organization’s most recent audit by email (ss_homelessgrants@co.slo.ca.us) or in person to George Solis at DSS no later than August 31, 2022.

10. Housing First and/or Lower Barrier Implementation (Attachment requirement)

Describe experience with utilizing a Housing First approach. Include

- A) eligibility criteria;**
- B) process for accepting new clients;**
- C) process and criteria for exiting clients.**

Must demonstrate there are no preconditions to entry, allowing entry regardless of current or past substance abuse, income, criminal records (with exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance), marital status, familial status, self-disclosed or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Must demonstrate the project has a process to address situations that may jeopardize housing or project assistance to ensure that project participation is terminated in only the most severe cases.

Existing projects should submit a copy of the project’s relevant policies and procedures by email (ss_homelessgrants@co.slo.ca.us) or in person to George Solis at DSS no later than October 4, 2021.

11. Describe how Housing First protocols will be incorporated into the proposed project and what will you do to ensure that people can succeed in programs that cannot have service participation requirements or prerequisites. *Housing First is a model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing that does not have service participation requirements or preconditions (such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold). Transitional housing and supportive service only projects are considered using a Housing First model for the purposes of this application if they operate with low barriers, work to quickly move people into permanent housing, do not require participation in supportive services, and, for transitional housing projects, do not require preconditions for moving into the transitional housing (e.g., sobriety or minimum income threshold) but do provide or assist with access to such supportive services if needed and requested by program participants.*

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE PROVIDING HOUSING TO DV SURVIVORS (RRH & Joint TH-RRH)

12. Describe policies or procedures how the project applicant:
a. Ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing;

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b. Prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.

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c. Determined which supportive services survivors needed

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d. Connected survivors to supportive services

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e. Assisted housing to housing they could sustain and addressed housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.	
13. Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors	%
14. Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors	%
15. Describe how the applicant calculated the rate of housing placement and rate of retention	
16. Do the rates account for exits to safe housing destinations?	
17. What data source was used to calculate the rates (e.g. comparable database, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects)	

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE IN ENSURING DV SURVIVOR SAFETY (RRH & Joint TH-RRH)

18. Describe policies or procedures of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:
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a. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors
b. making determinations and placements into safe housing
c. by keeping information and locations confidential
d. by training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices
e. by taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE IN EVALUATING THEIR ABILITY TO ENSURE DV SURVIVOR SAFETY (RRH & Joint TH-RRH)

19. Describe how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE IN TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACHES (RRH & Joint TH-RRH)

20. Describe policies or procedures of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors:
a. by prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs

b. by establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials

c. by providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma
d. by emphasizing program participants’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations
e. by centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed
f. by providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs

g. by offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services

IV. APPLICANT EXPERIENCE IN MEETING SERVICE NEEDS OF DV SURVIVORS (RRH & Joint TH-RRH)

21. Describe examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

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f. Provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs
g. Offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services

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<p>26. For the proposed project, please estimate the expected % of households that will experience an increase in non-employment income from program start to program exit:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">%</p>
<p>27. For the proposed project, please estimate the expected % of households that will experience an increase in total income from program start to program exit:</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">%</p>

IV. Leveraging Housing Resources

28. (RRH & Joint TH-RRH Projects), describe how the project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs. (Housing subsidies or subsidized housing units may be funded through any of the following sources: Private organizations; State or local government, including through the use of HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan; Public Housing Agencies, including through the use of a set aside or limited preference; Faith-based organizations; or Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs.)

Applicants must attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. For a new permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 50 percent of the units included in the project; or for a new rapid re-housing project, serve at least 50 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.

29. (RRH & Joint TH-RRH Projects), describe the current strategy used to recruit landlords and show how well it works at identifying units across the entire CoC area, including areas where the CoC has historically not been able to finds units.

30. (RRH & Joint TH-RRH Projects), identify any new practices that have been implemented to recruit landlords in the past 3 years and the lessons learned from implementing those practices.

31. (RRH & Joint TH-RRH Projects), describe how you will use data to update your landlord recruitment strategy.

IV. Leveraging Healthcare Resources

32. (RRH & Joint TH-RRH Projects), describe how the project will utilize healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. (Sources of health care resources include: Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project (e.g., Medicaid), and Provision of health care services, including mental health services, by a private or public organization (including FQHCs and state or local health departments) tailored to the program participants of the project, direct partnerships with organizations that provide healthcare services, including mental health services to individuals and families (including FQHCs and state and local public health departments) experiencing homelessness who have HIV/AIDS). Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements. Eligibility criteria cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider).

Applicants must attach formal written agreements and must include: value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided. In the case of 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 the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 50 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.

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In-kind resources must be valued at the local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by grant funds.

V. Addressing Severity of Needs

33. Estimated percentage of participants to be served that are chronically homeless:	%
34. Estimated percentage of participants to be served that have low or no income:	%
35. Estimated percentage of participants to be served that have history of victimization/abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse:	%

VI. Timeliness

36. Describe plan for rapid implementation of the program, documenting how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant. Provide a detailed schedule of

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proposed activities for 60 days, 120 days, and 180 days after grant award. Please also estimate the average time from a client’s program entry to housing placement.

VII. Project Effectiveness

37. Coordinated Entry Participation- Minimum percent of entries projected to come from CE referrals	
38. Projected number of households to exit to permanent housing	

VIII. Equity Factors

<p>39. Project has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions</p>	<p>YES NO</p>
<p>40. Project's organizational board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived experience (per 24 CFR 578.75(g) Participation of Homeless Individuals)</p>	<p>YES NO</p>
<p>41. Describe how your organization has 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.</p>	
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42. Describe the actions the organization has taken or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

43. Describe the actions the organization will take to serve subpopulations that the CoC has identified as being underserved.

IX. Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decision Making and Providing Professional Development and Employment Opportunities.

44. Describe and provide examples of Professional Development (e.g. internships, continuing education, skill-based training) and employment opportunities provided to individuals with lived experience of homelessness by your organization.

45. Do you have a mechanism for obtaining feedback from program participants? Please describe (e.g. annual focus groups, consumer advisory panels, etc.).

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46. Do you agree to work with the CoC’s Working Group for the Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside

YES

NO

X. Addressing the Needs of LGBTQ+ Individuals

47. Does your agency have anti-discrimination policies in place.? (if so, please provide copy as an attachment)

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48. Describe what actions your organization will you take to ensure that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?

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XI. Alignment with the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness

49. Describe how the project will align with a Line of Effort to support the San Luis Obispo Countywide Plan to address homelessness (2022- 2027).

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X. Attachments

Attachment A – Organizations most recent audit (Required)

Attach a copy of the organizations most recent audit no later than August 31, 2022

Attachment B – Project’s Policies and Procedures (Required)

Attach a copy of the project’s Housing First Policies and Procedures no later than August 31, 2022

Attachment C – Leveraging Housing Resources Commitment

PSH, RRH, Joint TH-RRH Applicants must attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. For a new permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 50 percent of the units included in the project; or for a new rapid re-housing project, serve at least 50 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.

Attachment D – Leveraging Health Care Resources Commitment

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Attachment E – Supplemental Answers to Questions (Optional)

If you need more room to answer any of the application questions, please attach the additional information here. Include the question number for each question being answered.

For other additional or optional attachments, please label them clearly (e.g. Attachment E – “Title”).

XI. APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Supplemental Applications will be due to Homeless Services Unit, County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services, August 31, 2022, 5PM.

Applicants may submit digital or hard copy applications to the locations below:

1. Soft Copy – email to SS_HomelessGrants@co.slo.ca.us
Subject line: FY 2022 HUD CoC Unsheltered Set Homelessness Aside Supplemental Application – (Applicant Name)
2. Hard Copies – Mail or Drop-off
Attn: Homeless Services Unit
County of San Luis Obispo Department of Social Services
3433 South Higuera Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403