**FY24 CoC Program NOFO**

**Supplemental Questions for New SSO-CE, PH-RRH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Applications**

As a portion of the CoC Application, HUD has indicated that projects which apply to be funded through the DV Bonus will be scored based on the answers included in the FY2024 & 2025 CoC Application, the extent the CoC quantifies the need for the project, and the quality of the project application. To ensure that projects requesting funding through the DV Bonus have the highest likelihood of being awarded, ECHO is requiring all Applicants of DV Bonus projects to complete the following supplemental questions found in the CoC Application for the project type they are applying for (For SSO-CE: **1C-5, 1C-5a, 4A-2a, & 4A2b ONLY**/ For PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH- RRH: **1C-5, 1C-5a, &** **4A-3 through 4A-3j**). The responses to this questionnaire will *not* be scored by the Austin / Travis County CoC Independent Review Team, though these cumulative responses will impact HUD’s award considerations of projects nationally. The applicant may duplicate responses from the application’s e-snaps submission so long as the question is responded to fully. Full information can be found at [CoC NOFO](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-6800-N-25.pdf) Sections I.B.2.b.(6) and I.B.3.j., and [FY2024 & 2025 CoC Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2024-CoC-Application-Detailed-Instructions-07-31-24.pdf) pages 14-15, & 60-69. **Please submit your response to these questions via email at** **nofo@austinecho.org** **no later than the submission deadline: Friday, September 20th, 2024 at 6:00PM (CST).**

**1C-5**. **Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.**

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

**Guidance–**

1. For this question, collaboration could include:
	* discussions in CoC meetings;
	* working groups; and
	* CoC-lead or CoC-sponsored technical assistance.

Checking yes for **element 4** of this question indicates that your CoC collaborates with organizations that provide housing and services to households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, which may include organizations funded by:

* + HUD CoC Program;
	+ HUD Emergency Solutions Grants Program;
	+ U.S. Department of Justice Programs; and
	+ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services programs.

In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Organizations** |  |
| **1.** State Domestic Violence Coalitions | Yes/No |
| **2.** State Sexual Assault Coalitions | Yes/No |
| **3.** Anti-trafficking Service Providers | Yes/No |
| **4.** Other Organizations that Help this Population | Yes/No |

**1C-5a**. **Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.**

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

**Guidance–**For both elements of this question, your response must specifically address collaborations with the:

1. CoC Program; and
2. ESG Program.

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in **Question 1C-5** to:

1. update CoC-wide policies; and
2. ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC’s geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

Limit 2,500 Characters

**4A-2a. Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacies through the New SSO-CE DV**

**Bonus Project. NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(c)**

Describe in the field below:

1. the inadequacies of your 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; and
2. how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in **element 1** of this question. Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-2b. Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(3)(d)

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1. with a range of lived expertise; and

# Guidance–

* 1. For **element 1** of this question, range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
1. in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation.

# Guidance–

**B.** For **element 2** of this question, your response must describe steps and actions the new project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures–this response is not about how survivors have been involved in past projects.

Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3. Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC’s Geographic Area.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)

# Guidance–

1. For **element 1** of this question, enter the total number of survivors of domestic violence in your CoC’s geographic area that need housing or services, including survivors projects are currently serving.
2. For **element 2** of this question, enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving.
3. *e-snaps* will calculate the difference between elements 1 and 2, which represents the unmet need for housing and services for survivors of domestic violence in your CoC.
4. **Element 1** represents the total need, while **element 2** is the subset of element 1 that are currently being served. For example:

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| --- |
| **1. Enter the number of survivors that need 100****housing or services** |
| **2. Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving.** | **75** |
| **Unmet Need** | **25** |

The difference between how many survivors need housing and services and the number your CoC is currently serving is 25–which represents the unmet need for this example.

1. A negative number in the **Unmet Need** field indicates there is no unmet need for DV survivors in your CoC.

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| --- | --- |
| **1.** Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services |  |
| **2.** Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving |  |
| **3.** Unmet Need |  |

# 4A-3a. How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in

**question 4A-3.** element 1 and element 2; **and**

# Guidance–

* 1. For **element 1** of this question, the data you provide **must indicate** that the number of people associated with domestic violence are people seeking **housing and services**. Merely stating the number of people who reported domestic violence experience or the number of domestic violence incidents reported by law enforcement are **not sufficient responses unless there is a further tie to housing or services**.
1. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); **or**
2. if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

# Guidance–

**B.** Only respond to **element 3** of this question if you do not have data to support unmet need.

Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3b. Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)

# Guidance–

1. Only submit information **once** for each **unique applicant** applying for PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus funding regardless of the number of new projects the **unique applicant** is applying for in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. If you **do not submit information** for any applicant applying for DV Bonus funding, project applications that applicant submits **will not be eligible** for DV Bonus funding and those projects will compete with all other projects your CoC ranks in its New Project Priority Listings.
2. Your CoC may apply for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH component DV Bonus projects up to the DV Bonus amount listed on the **FY 2024 Estimated ARD Report**. We will reduce or remove the lowest ranked New DV Bonus project(s) submitted if the amount your CoC’s funding requests exceeds your CoC’s total available DV Bonus amount.
3. **Questions 4A-3. through 4A-3g.** address the **applicant’s experience** providing housing and services to DV survivors–you must provide information based on experience with the applicant’s latest funding cycle, regardless of the funding source.
4. Q**uestions 4A-3h. through 4A-3j.** address how the applicant plans to implement the new project(s) if we award funding.
5. To calculate the **rate of housing placement** and **housing retention** you must enter the percentage of DV survivors applying for housing that were placed into permanent housing (**element 6** of this question), and the percentage of those DV survivors that remained housed (**element 7** of this question).
6. We will only remove New DV Bonus projects from New Projects Priority Lists **if we conditionally select them for DV Bonus funding**, otherwise the projects maintain their rank order. Your CoC **should not** assume that New DV Bonus project applications will score high enough to receive DV Bonus funding.
7. Use the list feature icon  to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects–only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC’s **FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects**:

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| --- | --- |
| **1.** Applicant Name |  |
| **2.** Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage |  |
| **3.** Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage |  |

# 4A-3b.1. Applicant’s Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in

**question 4B-3b.**, describe in the field below:

1. how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement;
2. whether the rate for housing placement accounts for exits to safe housing destinations;
3. how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention; and
4. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

Limit 1,500 Characters

# 4A-3c. Applicant’s Experience Housing DV Survivors.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

1. ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2. prioritized survivors–you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan;
3. determined survivors’ supportive services needs;
4. connected survivors to supportive services; and
5. moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain–address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3d. Applicant’s Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors’ Safety.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3. keeping survivors’ information and locations confidential;
4. training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors’ physical safety and location confidentiality.

Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3d.1. Applicant’s Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors’ Safety.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project’s operation.

Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3e. Applicant’s Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

# Guidance–

* 1. For this question, you must explain the applicant’s experience **operating an existing project**.

Describe in the field below the project applicant’s experience in:

1. prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2. placing survivors in permanent housing;

# Guidance–

* 1. For **element 2** of this question, your response must address the **project’s experience** in placing survivors in permanent housing**, not Transitional housing**. Examples of permanent housing include, but are not limited to:
		1. HUD-funded projects:
			+ Permanent Housing;
			+ Permanent Supportive Housing, for household with at least one member with a disability;
			+ Rapid Rehousing, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance;
			+ Housing Choice Voucher (HCV); and
			+ HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH).
		2. Non-HUD-funded projects:
			+ rental by program participant, no ongoing housing subsidy;
			+ rental by program participant, ongoing housing subsidy;
			+ staying or living with family, permanent tenure; and
			+ staying or living with friends, permanent tenure.
1. placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and

placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs. Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3f. Applicant’s Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

**Guidance–**Though you can provide examples of experience not listed, **you must address elements 1 through 6**.

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma- informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:

1. establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2. providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;
3. emphasizing survivors’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor- defined goals and aspirations;
4. 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;
5. providing a variety of opportunities for survivors’ connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

Limit 5,000 Characters

# 4A-3g. Applicant’s Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)

**Guidance–**Examples include:

* + **Child custody–**ABC project assisted DV survivors to pursue child custody by making legal services available through its partner EFG Legal Services, provided transportation, and provided a support group for others experiencing similar challenges. ABC ensured that the survivors’ safety needs were addressed by maintaining confidentiality, using harm reduction.
	+ **Bad Credit History–**ABC project used case management to quickly assess whether survivors needed credit repair services, provided through our partner, Credit Repair, Inc., which specializes in assisting survivors to restore their credit, which is often necessary to obtain affordable housing for survivors whose credit has been damaged.
	+ **Housing Search and Counseling**–ABC project employed a housing navigator to identify local landlords and apartments. Using the housing navigator resulted in a 3-week decrease in the amount of time it previously took survivors to locate units.
	+ **Crisis DV Services**–ABC project employed advocates that staff a 24/7 DV crisis helpline and provide trauma-informed support, including safety planning, emergency shelter, and assistance in navigating restraining order processes.
	+ **Long-term housing stability safety planning**–ABC project works with program participants to develop long-term housing safety plans in preparation for the program participant exiting the project, which includes self-advocacy, systems advocacy, legal support, representative support, community accompaniment.
	+ **Education Services**–ABC partnered with a local community college to enroll 5 survivors in GED classes, a 100 percent increase from last year where we did not have the funding to provide this service. Currently there are 10 survivors on the waiting list for future GED classes.

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

Limit 5,000 Characters

# 4A-3h. Applicant’s Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)

# Guidance–

1. This question requires you to explain how the applicant **will implement the new project**, not the applicant’s experience operating an existing project.

Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:

1. prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;
2. place program participants in permanent housing;

# Guidance–

1. We recognize that applicants may apply for **Joint TH and PH-RRH** component projects. However, for **element 2** of this question, your response must address how the project will place program participants in Permanent Housing, **not** Transitional housing, in the **PH-RRH** component of the new project. Examples of permanent housing include, but are not limited to:
	1. HUD-funded projects:
		* Permanent Housing;
		* Permanent Supportive Housing, for household with at least one member with a disability;
		* Rapid Rehousing, which provides up to 24 months of rental assistance;
		* Housing Choice Voucher (HCV); and
		* HUD-Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH).
	2. Non-HUD-funded projects:
		* rental by program participant, no ongoing housing subsidy;
		* rental by program participant, ongoing housing subsidy;
		* staying or living with family, permanent tenure; and
		* staying or living with friends, permanent tenure.
2. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
3. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs. Limit 2,500 Characters

# 4A-3i. Applicant’s Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)

# Guidance–

* 1. This question requires you to provide examples of how the applicant **will implement the new project**, not the applicant’s experience operating an existing project.
	2. Though you can provide other examples of how the applicant will implement the new project(s), **you must address elements 1 through 6**.

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:

1. establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2. provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3. emphasize program participants’ strengths–for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4. center 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;
5. provide a variety of opportunities for program participants’ connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

Limit 5,000 Characters

# 4A-3j. Applicant’s Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).

NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)

# Guidance–

* 1. This question requires you to provide examples of how the applicant **will implement the new project**, not the applicant’s experience operating an existing project.

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1. with a range of lived expertise; and

# Guidance–

* 1. For **element 1** of this question, range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
1. in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation.

# Guidance–

* 1. For **element 2** of this question, your response must describe steps/actions the new project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures.

Limit 2,500 Characters