

**Oakland/Berkeley/Alameda County Continuum of Care (CoC)
2024 CoC Local Application Process**

**Questions and Answers - #2
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This document summarizes questions received and answered between August 20 and August 27, 2024, via email and TA calls.

A. General Questions

1. Question: When are HUD Project Applications due in E-SNAPs?

Answer: All applicants (new and renewal) should complete their HUD Project Application in E-SNAPs by September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Please export the application to pdf and email to the NOFO Consultant at kate@kbristol.com and cc: Alameda@homebaseccc.org. Please do not hit “submit” in E-SNAPs. There will be an informational E-SNAPs TA session on September 16 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Details may be found on the EveryOne Home NOFO webpage: <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/hud-coc-nofa/>. This session is targeted to organizations that are new to E-SNAPs.

B. Renewal Applications

2. Question: For Scoring Factor 4A1 (Timely APR submission), the application instructions say that if the APR for our most recently completed grant term is not yet due, we should provide information for the prior grant term. Would this also apply for Scoring Factor 4A2 (Timely Draw Downs)? In other words, if our grant period ended July 31, 2024 and our APR is not due until Oct. 31, 2024, we will provide information on the APR submission for the previous grant period, ending July 31, 2023. Should we provide draw down data for the grant period ending July 31, 2023 or July 31, 2024?

Answer: In this situation, you may provide draw down information for either of the two grant periods.

C. New Project Applications

3. Question: Has HUD released the final amounts available for new projects?

Answer: Yes. The HUD ARD report may be downloaded here:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2024-CoC-Estimated-ARD-Report.pdf>

The Oakland/Berkeley/Alameda County CoC is eligible to apply for up to \$5,996,033 for new projects under the CoC bonus, and up to \$2,847,859 for new projects serving the DV population under the DV bonus.

4. Question: We have a transitional housing project and are interested in seeking CoC funding for services we provide to participants. Can we apply under the Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) component?

Answer: No. The SSO-CE component provides funding to: “develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system.” (NOFO, page 40). Any project applying under this component must request funds to operate the countywide CE system.

5. Question: We operate a mobile outreach team that connects people who are experiencing homelessness to the Coordinated Entry System. Can we apply under the Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) component?

Answer: No. The SSO-CE component provides funding to: “develop or operate a Coordinated Entry system.” (NOFO, page 40). Any project applying under this component must request funds to operate the countywide CE system.

6. Question: Can we apply for funding for a transitional housing project?

Answer: No. Transitional housing is not an eligible program type for new CoC funding.

7. Question: If we are applying for the Joint TH/RRH component, do we have to provide both Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH)?

Answer: Yes. You must provide both. However, you cannot require participants to enroll in both components. Participants must be given the option to receive only the TH or only the RRH assistance. Applicants for new projects under the TH/RRH component should carefully read the NOFO and the relevant CoC regulations to ensure you are complying with all requirements, including:

- NOFO, page 18. “Project applicants must provide details in the project description of how TH and RRH assistance will be provided.” Note that the RRH component of the project **MUST** provide tenant-based rental assistance to eligible participants. If not requesting CoC funds for rental assistance, the applicant must indicate what other funding source will be used to provide the rental assistance for participants.
- NOFO, page 18. “When a program participant is enrolled in a Joint TH/PH-RRH component project, the recipient or subrecipient must be able to provide both components, including the units supported by the TH component and the tenant-based rental assistance and services provided through the PH-RRH component, to all participants. A program participant may choose to receive only the assistance provided through the TH portion of the project or the assistance provided through the PH-RRH component, but the recipient or subrecipient must make both types of assistance available. (Page 18)
- NOFO, page 61. One of HUD’s threshold review criteria is that: “the proposed project will provide enough rapid rehousing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the RRH portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.”

8. Question: Can we house rapid rehousing participants in a building that we own?

Answer: No. Rapid rehousing programs must provide participants with a time-limited (up to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance subsidy. When the subsidy period ends, the participant stays in the unit and assumes payment of 100% of the rent. If you are housing participants in a building you own, you cannot require them to leave their unit when the subsidy period ends. Also, note that rental assistance funds cannot be used on any units that already have rental assistance or operating costs from another source.

9. Question: Can we house transitional housing participants in a building that we own?

Answer: Yes. Transitional housing units can be provided in a building owned by the applicant, and the CoC grant may pay for the costs of operating the units. However, please note that transitional housing by itself is not an eligible program type for new CoC funding. TH may be provided as part of a Joint TH/RRH project.

10. Question: Can a project originally funded under the DV bonus apply for a transition grant?

Answer: No, DV renewals are not eligible to use the transition grant process. See NOFO, page 22.

11. Question: If we apply for funding for a new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project, what will happen to clients who are placed in a permanent housing unit if we were not renewed in future years? How would their rent be supported indefinitely?

Answer: This is a risk the applicant must assume. All CoC grantees must apply annually for a grant renewal and the funding is not guaranteed. There is always a risk of being placed in Tier 2 and the grant not being renewed.

12. Question: There appears to be a formula error on the Supportive Services tab of the Budget Template. Row 17 (operating costs) does not appear to be part of the total calculation for that tab.

Answer: This is a formula error. Corrected versions of the budget templates will be posted at: <https://everyonehome.org/main/continuum-of-care/hud-coc-nofa/>.

13. Question. Since this year's NOFO covers 2024 and 2025, should we apply for a two-year grant?

Answer: No. While the NOFO allows for multi-year initial grant periods for new projects, applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for one year of funding. This maximizes the annual renewal amount of the grant. If your grant is awarded through the 2024 NOFO process, you will have an opportunity to renew it in 2025.

14. Question: If we are awarded funding in the 2024 NOFO process, when can we expect to receive the funds?

Answer: You can expect HUD to issue an announcement of whether your grant was funded in January or February of 2025. However, you should not expect to receive an executed grant agreement until late in calendar year 2025.

D. Match Requirements

15. Question: Does the 25% match apply to all line items?

Answer: All CoC grants must have matching resources coming from another source in an amount equal to 25% of the CoC funds requested, *minus leasing*.