

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

**Questions and Answers - #3
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This document summarizes questions received and answered between August 28 and September 4, 2024, via email and TA calls.

A. General Questions

1. Question: Will we receive a confirmation after we submit our online application?

Answer: Yes, all applicants will receive a confirmation email with a pdf copy of the application as submitted. Please note that you must click the “DONE” button on the final screen in order for your application to register as completed in the online portal.

B. Renewal Applications

2. Question: Performance Measure 1A (exit to permanent housing) and 1D (exits to homelessness) seem very similar. If we are writing optional narratives for these factors, how should we differentiate them?

Answer: The calculation methodology for 1A (securing permanent housing) and 1D (exits to homelessness) uses the same data elements, so there are a lot of similarities in terms of what is being measured. However, there is some nuance in terms of what each measure is trying to capture. 1A is looking at whether the project is successful at helping participants secure housing, so the optional narrative should focus on steps the applicant is taking to support housing placements (like, for example, helping with housing search). 1D is looking at whether the program is helping ensure participants do not return to a condition of experiencing homelessness when they exit, which could more broadly focus on all the ways the program helps participants to gain stability, connect to needed service and supports, etc. Given the similarities between those measures, it would be understandable for an applicant to provide overlapping or very similar answers for the optional 1A and 1D narratives.

3. Question: On Question 2A (Program Access), can you clarify what is meant by “time between enrollment and move-in?”

Answer: This question in general is asking applicants to describe steps they are taking to provide a low barrier and fast process for participants to access housing and services. “Time from enrollment to move-in” refers to the amount of time it takes from when an applicant is enrolled in your program to when they actually move into a unit. This method of measuring how long the housing process takes might be more relevant for RRH programs than PSH programs. If your program is a PSH component type, you may provide data on the amount of time it takes from when a participant is referred to your program or project from Coordinated Entry to when they move into a unit.

4. Question: For question 3A1 (Advancing Racial Equity), are we supposed to provide a narrative explanation for each box we check? These questions do not have text fields to enter information.

Answer: The checklist in 3A1 does not require any narrative. You may simply check each policy or practice that applies to your program. Each checked box counts for 2 points, up to a maximum of 8 points. The text box in 3A2 provides a space where you may more fully describe how you are

implementing the items checked. However, if you have already provided details as part of the Monitoring Process, you do not have to provide that information again.

5. Question: For question 4A1 (APR Submission), if our APR due date for the most recently completed grant term has already passed but we have not submitted the APR (in other words, our APR is late), what date should we enter?

Answer: You may enter the estimated date you plan to submit, or you may enter today's date (the date you are submitting the application). Either way, you will receive zero points for this question since the APR is late.

6. Question: For question 4C2 (Grant Spending), do we have the option to enter the total amount of our grant that was spent, even if it has not been fully drawn down in LOCCS?

Answer: You may enter the amount of grant funds you expended in the most recently completed grant period, even if the full amount of spending has not yet been updated in LOCCS. Please note in the Optional Narrative space why you have not yet completed the LOCCS draws for your expenditures.

7. Question: For question 5B (Agency Audit), should we attach our audit to each of our renewals or can we just attach it once? We are submitting multiple applications.

Answer: You may attach it just once and then note in the text box that it applies to the rest of the applications. It is not necessary to provide multiple copies of the same document.

C. New Project Applications

8. Question: Can an applicant apply for funding under the DV-bonus SSO-CE component to acquire an HMIS compliant data system?

Answer: Per the NOFO (page 40), DV bonus funds under this component are available for: *SSO-CE projects to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.* Any applications under this component should support efforts related to the countywide CE system and improving its ability to meet the needs of the DV population.