

HUD CoC Program NOFA Frequently Asked Questions & Answers:

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MATCH:

Q: What documentation does my project need to provide for in-kind match?

A: In Project Applications, it is not necessary to provide proof of in-kind match. If the project has a current letter verifying in-kind match, it may be attached, but it is not required. HUD will require any letters of in-kind match to be provided at the time of contracting.

DV BONUS:

Q: How will projects applying for the DV bonus be ranked?

A: DV Bonus ranking – It will be ranked nationally, based on how CoC scores, demonstrated need for DV project, capacity of provider to implement project (safety planning, knowing how to work with population, etc.). First points awarded based on overall CoC score; second points awarded based on individual project scoring

Additional information on DV ranking and how bonus may be used:

- Ranked above regular bonus project – will take \$ from regular bonus amount
- Ranked below regular bonus – will then determine how far down the list HUD goes in funding
- Have to be very careful how DV bonus is ranked, because it will affect other bonus funds and anything ranked below it.
- Can have up to 3 projects for DV bonus per CoC
- Cannot use reallocation \$ for DV bonus

Clarification of who is eligible to be served under the DV Bonus:

- **DV Bonus as defined in NOFA:** A DV Bonus is a project that is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking as defined in paragraph (4) at 24 CFR 578.3.
- Under the definition section in the NOFA, it states:
k. Homelessness and Human Trafficking. HUD is clarifying that persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3; and, therefore, the individuals may be eligible for certain forms of homeless assistance under the CoC Program, subject to other restrictions that may apply. HUD considers human trafficking, including sex trafficking, to be “other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the

individual or family member” under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3. HUD will consider an individual or family as homeless under paragraph 4 of the homeless definition under the following circumstances where an individual or family is fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking that has:

- (1) either taken place within the individuals or family's primary night-time residence;
- (2) made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary night-time residence; and the individual or family has no other residence; or
- (3) the individual or family lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

Based on this, the response to the question asked, whether Human Trafficking would be eligible -- the answer is yes.

2) **Consolidation Ranking:** If any of the separate projects is not funded, then the Consolidation will not be funded, but the other projects that make up the consolidation will be funded. For example if 3 projects are requesting consolidation and one is at the bottom of Tier 2 and is not funded but the other 2 are in Tier 1 or high enough in Tier 2 to be funded, the 2 that are in Tier 1 or high in Tier 2 will be funded as individual projects and there will be no Consolidated project.

3) **DV Bonus Ranking:** We are working on getting greater clarification on this -- we will provide updates as we get them

SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW:

DMA will receive PDF versions of Project Applications via the Gmail account (macch.ne501@gmail.com). All projects will complete projects then save as a PDF (DO NOT HIT SUBMIT!!), and email to email address above.

Most likely, no one will be able to click “submitting without changes” for following reasons:

1. Housing First question – one of the checks transferred incorrectly, so no projects will likely automatically populate as Housing First
2. If had housing costs in budget last year, it was pre-filled with 2017 budget that was submitted, not including the increase that HUD awarded for Fair Market Rents (FMR's) last year.
3. Match chart – have to put in date of match, and need to unlock in order to update.

GRANT CONSOLIDATIONS:

Q: Can you consolidate (combine) grants where one has a “leasing” budget and the other has a “rental assistance” budget?

A: No, you cannot combine grants where one is leasing and another is rental assistance. All Budget Line Items (BLI's) must line up on consolidations.