

AUGUST 7, 2019 – CHAT TRANSCRIPT

Q: kim perkins: Will there be access to this powerpoint?

Christie Bevis: Kim, yes. We will make the webinar recording and the slides available post webinar.

Q: Lorraine Gray: Christie, how would we get it?

Christie Bevis: You will be able to find the webinar recording and slides on safehousingpartnerships.org/NOFA.

Naomi Cummings 2: Power point is available in the square right below this chat box. I just downloaded and printed it.

Note: Christie Bevis: For all: The DV and Housing TA Consortium is available to provide technical assistance. You can visit the safehousingpartnerships.org site to request TA.

Q: Christina Schiffner Santschi: If we were a DV Bonus project funded last year and are now a renewal project, are we eligible to apply for additional DV Bonus funds this year?

Christie Bevis: Claudia: Great question. The DV Bonus projects awarded funding in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition are eligible to apply for renewal in the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition provided: a. the project has an operating end date in Calendar Year (CY) 2020 (between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020); and b. continues to serve 100 percent survivors of domestic violence, date violence, or stalking.

Q: Janai Aubry: Can a DV Bonus SSO-CE project be expanded to create a HMIS comparable database?

Christie Bevis: Janai: Thanks for asking. No, it cannot.

Christie Bevis: Janai: To expand, SSO-CE projects should be focused on expanding the CoC's coordinated entry process to better serve survivors

Q: La Donna Combs: Is this grant the one due October 30th? Because I saw that something was due on September 30th?

Christie Bevis: LaDonna: The CoC Program Competition NOFA is due on September 30th.

La Donna Combs: The grant from Coc HUD we are applying for was due on Oct 30th. Was the date changed?

Christie Bevis: LaDonna: I wonder if you might be thinking about the NOFA HUD released on Specialized Housing and Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking.

La Donna Combs: Yes I think that is the one. I think that is not this webinar correct?

Christie Bevis: LaDonna, no. This webinar is for the CoC Program Competition which is geared more broadly towards homelessness; although, we are focusing on VSPs serving survivors of DV, dating violence and stalking.

Q: Kay Mathews: are the dv bonus funds in this nofa expected to fund renewals AND new projects?

Christie Bevis: Kay, New projects only are funded out of the FY2019 CoC DV Bonus

Q: La Donna Combs: Does the agency applying have to have the HMIS Data Base?

Christie Bevis: LaDonna, it depends. Victim Service providers can use comparable databases. All other programs are required to use HMIS.

Christie Bevis: LaDonna, see <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-When-to-Use-a-Comparable-Database.pdf>

Q: Ho Nguyen: We have a VSP provider that plans on partnering with their local HRA. There are some concerns around the local HRA inputting PII into HMIS. The VSP will provide the services and the HRA will provide the RRH subsidy. How much information does the VSP have to give the HRA? How can the VSP minimize PII?

Christie Bevis: Ho, Great question! I think it might require a bit more time to unpack than we have here. Of course, we are always happy to touch base with you post webinar to answer or provide TA.

Q: Angela Larson 2: We are not a domestic violence service provider, but the DV providers in our area are our partners in this project. Since we aren't a DV provider can we put our information into HMIS and select the "do not share" option so that no one other than our agency can see any of it?

Christie Bevis: Angela: Thanks so much for the feedback on what your community is doing

Christie Bevis: Angela: Victim Service Providers can not enter PII into HMIS. There are some great resources on safehousingpartnerships.org that explore this and NNEDV (and Debbie) are a great resource for you as well.

Debbie Fox: Angela==happy to be a resource you can email me at: dfox@nnedv.org

Q: Kayla Robinson: Is it okay if there is no personal identifying info on HMIS for a DV victim and client identities are kept anonymous (put into HMIS in anonymous)?

Christie Bevis: Kayla - You are not able to submit anonymous records into HMIS.

Q: Christina Schiffner Santschi: Based on rental rates in our area, we can only afford one unit of RRH, and we are spending 72% of the budget on that unit. However, we can offer access to 4 units of TH since we have other funding for that. Does that meet the qualification that we need to devote more resources to RRH than TH?

Christie Bevis: Christina: To clarify, are you asking in the context of whether or not your project is eligible for expansion?

Christina Schiffner Santschi: Yes, expansion, though the budget I am talking about is only for the expansion \$. The total expansion will include 2 RRH units and 8 TH unites.

Christie Bevis: For Christina - here is what the NOFA says on expansion: Expansion. The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. For the new expansion project to be selected for conditional award the renewal project application must also be selected for conditional award. DV Bonus funds can only be used to expand an existing renewal project if the expansion project is dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking who qualify under paragraph (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3.

Christie Bevis: Christina, part two: For projects that are expanding their current CoC Program-funded project, project applicants will be required to submit three project applications:(1) the renewal project application that will be expanded; and(2) a new project application with just the expansion information; and(3) a renewal project application that incorporates the renewal and new expansion activities and the combined budget line items for the renewal and the new expansion.

Christina Schiffner Santschi: Thank yo, Christie. So it sounds like there is not a required number of RRH vs TH units for expansion projects.

Christie Bevis: Christina S-S: Yes, but For Christina - yes., but I encourage you to touch base with her CoC before you submit the application.

Christie Bevis: Oops, Sorry Christina. I goofed on trying to copy and paste my answer.

Christina Schiffner Santschi: Got it. Yes, we are in communication with our CoC. Thanks for the help!

Q: Lisa Rider: Currently funded for TH-RRH, we would like to submit an application that will only expand the RRH component of the project as an expansion to the current project. Is this acceptable?

Christie Bevis: Lisa R. -- Yes.

Q: Janai Aubry: Why doesn't the DV Bonus allow for PH-PSH?

Christie Bevis: Janai - This is a really good question, but we are not sure why that component was not included in the DV Bonus. PH-PSH projects serving survivors are eligible under regular CoC and CoC Bonus funds -- just not the DV Bonus.

Christie Bevis: Janai: I would suggest that you send feedback to HUD suggesting that component type for future DV Bonus.

Q: Kritika Kailash: if a DV agency provides only transitional housing, are they still eligible for the DV bonus?

Christie Bevis: Kritika - yes, but TH is not an eligible component under the DV Bonus. Her agency can submit an application to her local CoC but the program component type must be one of three project types PH-RRH, Joint Component or SSO-CE allowed

Q: Angela Hogan: Can you clarify the definitions of "Survivors of DV" versus "Fleeing DV" as it applies to the HUD Definition?

Christie Bevis: Angela: I would like to pose your question during Q and A.

Christie Bevis: Angela: Would you mind providing a little more context for your question?

Angela Hogan: To the why not PH-PSH question...PSH is for the highest need people with permanent disabilities that effect a clients ability to be fully self sufficient.

Angela Hogan: Christie: Misunderstanding of the definition has caused confusion in our CoC. We need a definition of "Survivor" is there a length of time or presenting danger? There is a HUD definition of "Fleeing DV" which is much more narrow than "Survivor".

Angela Hogan: Christie: Example that actually happend...A client presented for DV-RRH assistance. The abuser was in jail and would be for an extended period of time. Is she fleeing? Is there a current threat or danger?

Peg Hacskaylo: Angela: Answer for Angela: HUD allows for survivors to self certify. She is fleeing if she presents for housing and declares she's fleeing. Period.

Angela Hogan: Peg: There is a limit on how many, what % of Chronically homeless can self certify. Does that # or % apply to DV?

Peg Hacskaylo: Angela: Please submit that to the HUD AAQ

Q: Angela Larson 2: Can you guys use last initials? We have two Angela's that are asking questions and I'm not sure if you are talking to her or to me. :) Thanks!

Peg Hacskaylo: Sorry about that - I meant that response for Angela H - Please submit your question to the HUD AAQ. Thanks!

Q: Mary Duarte: Besides the powerpoint, will the chat box info and narrative under "English Captioning" be available after the webinar?

Christie Bevis: Mary: Thanks for asking. We will make the transcript from the closed captioning available. We will probably try and clean up the chat box and post to SHP so it will be easier to follow.

Q: Tiffany Mills: If we plan to submit a new application for DV Bonus, which applications do we need to complete, only the DV Bonus Program Application?

Christie Bevis: Tiffany - There is no specific DV Bonus Program Application. You will need to submit a project application to your CoC, be sure to designate that it is a DV Bonus application. There is a place in e-snaps where you can designate that.

Q: stan stelter: Will we have access to presentation?

Christie Bevis: Oops, Sorry. Stan you asked about the PPT. Yes, they will be available on SHP.org!

Q: LaToya Young: you can use the funds to expand your current TH program to the JCP, right?

Karla Vierthaler: Latoya: Yes, as long as the expansion meets the requirements outlined in the NOFA

Q: Angela Hogan: There is a time limit (30 days I think) of providing case management services prior to PH move in date. Each CoC has guidelines time limits of what they consider "Rapid" in RRH

Christie Bevis: Angela H.: To confirm, please submit your questions to HUD via AAQ - <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Christie Bevis: For Angela H. - To clarify, please submit your questions on RRH case management time period and the definition question to AAQ.

Angela Hogan: Christie: The HEARTH Act covers the length of time requirements of HUD funded RRH

Q: Angela Hogan: As a CoC Director, I would strongly encourage DV providers to study the HEARTH Act if they intend to apply for and administer HUD CoC Funding

Christie Bevis: Thanks Angela. This is a great suggestion.

Q: Naomi Cummings 2: Is TBRA considered a rapid rehousing project?

Yes, rapid rehousing could have TBRA. From the HUD Exchange:

Rental Assistance Costs

Rental assistance is an eligible cost category under the PH and TH program components and may be tenant-based (TBRA), sponsor-based (SBRA), or project-based (PBRA), depending upon the component type.

Rental assistance may be short-term for up to 3 months; medium-term for 3 to 24 months; or long-term for more than 24 months. The length of assistance depends upon the component type under which the cost is funded. Recipients must serve as many program participants as identified in their funding application to HUD, but, if the amount reserved for the term of the grant exceeds the amount needed to pay actual costs, the excess funds may be used to cover property damage, rent increases, or the rental needs of a greater number of program participants.

- **TBRA.** Program participants select any appropriately sized unit within the CoC's geographic area, although recipients or subrecipients may restrict the location under certain circumstances to ensure the availability of the appropriate supportive services. Except for victims of domestic violence, program participants may not retain their rental assistance if they relocate to a unit outside the CoC's geographic area.
- **SBRA.** Program participants must reside in housing owned or leased by a sponsor organization and arranged through a contract between the recipient and the sponsor organization.
- **PBRA.** Program participants must reside in housing provided through a contract with the owner of an existing structure whereby the owner agrees to lease subsidized units to program participants. Program participants may not retain their rental assistance if they relocate to a unit outside the project.

When rental assistance funds are used to pay rent on units, the lease must be between the program participant and the landowner. Each program participant, on whose behalf rental assistance payments are made, must pay a contribution toward rent consistent with the requirements of the interim rule.

Q: Angela Larson 2: One question that has come up...as you know, sometimes after people flee, they end up getting back together with their abuser. If they are in this project, is their guidance on how to handle it if they want the abuser to move in with them? They would no longer be fleeing DV.

According to HUD CoC guidelines they would still be eligible for RRH and JCP and would need to be assessed for another person and their income that is in the unit. If a victim service provider does not serve survivors if they have returned to their abuser (based on it no longer aligning with mission) according to their VAWA housing rights they cannot be exited from housing based on their survivors status. It is also important to keep in mind that many abusers are coerce and many times survivors do not have a choice. It is recommended that if a victim service provider can no longer serve the survivor in their program they are required under the VAWA Housing Rights to do an CoC Emergency Transfer Process to another agency that can serve both the survivor and her partner.

Q: Mary Duarte: If we are new to HUD funding and CoC's ... what is the best way to learn all the lingo and acronyms?

Join your CoC board and read the HUD Exchange about the CoC Program: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/>. There is also a section on definitions and concepts in the [FY19 NOFA](#) (see pp 14 – 21).

Q: Suzanne Clarke: Will there only be one DV Bonus awarded per county?

In the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, CoCs will be able to apply for a DV Bonus for Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) projects, Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects, and SSO projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE). As CoCs often comprise multiple counties and regions, the DV Bonus projects are not necessarily limited to one per county. Rather the ranking and prioritization of the CoC is what matters in terms of how many projects are awarded per CoC or county. The overall CoC score will also impact how many projects are awarded per CoC.

Additionally, while a CoC can only submit one project application for an SSO-CE project, it may apply for any number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$25,000. (See page 7 of the [CoC NOFA](#))

Q: Amberlie Phillips: What if the DV organization owns the TH units - are they able to receive housing costs for the TH portion of the project, and then move people out with the PH-RRH portion?

Yes. See:

- Item n. Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Project (pp 18-19 of [NOFA](#))
- Eligibility Information for Joint TH and PH-RRH, Section V.C.3(pp 35- 37 of [NOFA](#))

Questions Reviewed During Live Q&A with TA Team:

Q: Nadia Lucchin: What is considered "swift" in terms of moving into permanent housing?

Christie Bevis: Nadia: Great question. Do you mind if I pose this during the Q &A session?

Q: Kay Mathews: Peg's comment regarding length of stay for DV in RRH as being longer doesn't appear to be evident in how HUD views program success. Is this a new "view"?

Christie Bevis: Kay, also a great question that I would like to pose during Q&A so the whole group can hear.

Q: Kay Mathews: Could we get a little more clarity on what those "barriers" might be for potential joint project DV victim?

Christie Bevis: Kay, your question too for Q and A

Kay Mathews: specific to joint projects

Kay Mathews: so not referring to mental health or SA along with dv

Q: Gwyn Kaitis: Can you clarify where people are placed for RRH? Do private landlords participate, does the dv program need to acquire buildings etc.

Christie Bevis: Gwyn: Would love to post your Q during the Q and A.

Q: Janai Aubry: Is there any information on how long HUD will be offering DV Bonus funds?

Q: Gwyn Kaitis: Do we need to pay anything to join the COC in our areas?

stan stelter: We have to in North dakota

stan stelter: Pay, that is

Q: Kay Mathews: I'd still like a bit more on where funding for 2018 funded DV bonus programs are to be funded for a renewal if not through the DV Bonus funds...meaning renewals and new project are vying for same funds

Karla Vierthaler: Kay Mathews - new DV Bonus projects are funded under the DV Bonus.

Kay Mathews: last year and this year HUD says they are one year only and same as last years language'

Angela Larson 2: Kay, It probably says one year only because in the past new projects could be multi-year.

Angela Larson 2: But you will likely be able to renew it annually as part of the renewal process, regardless if they make more DV Bonus project funds available after this year. It's part of the annual renewal demand they just mentioned.

A few resources for y'all!

Safe Housing Partnerships: www.safehousingpartnerships.org

DV Coordinated Entry FAQ: <https://safehousingpartnerships.org/sites/default/files/2017-07/FAQ-Coordinated%20Entry-DV-SA-6-2017.pdf>

Joint Component Project FAQ: https://safehousingpartnerships.org/sites/default/files/2019-03/NRCDV_SHP-JointTransitionalHousing-Sept2018.pdf

Applying for DV Bonus Projects During the CoC Program Competition -
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5851/applying-for-dv-bonus-projects-during-the-coc-program-competition/>

To post a question via SHP.org, <https://safehousingpartnerships.org/technical-assistance>

You can also submit questions to HUD Ask A Question:
<https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

The recorded webinar, PPT slides and supporting information will be posted to SHP.org – NOFA landing page: <https://safehousingpartnerships.org/NOFA>