



**Request for Applications #091824- CoC- DV Bonus
Projects and CoC Bonus Projects**

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**ADDENDUM NUMBER ONE (1)
Request for Applications for 2024 Continuum of Care Funding
CoC and Domestic Violence Bonus Projects**

Addendum Number One (1) Explanation:

This addendum is to share the questions that were received for the RFA for the 2024 CoC Bonus Projects and DV Bonus Projects and the responses.

1. I attended the CoC meeting the other day that you hosted. There was no discussion on renewals, I too am relatively new at this process. I know ... submitted letters of intent to renew our 4 grants. 3 for rental assistance and 1 for supportive services. Is that all you are requiring for renewals? I thought in the past we had another step.

Answer: The CoC project renewal process is not related to this RFA.

2. The CoC Bonus is quite higher than last year, can we apply for partial funds?

Answer: The minimum funding request for the CoC Bonus is \$551,084. The minimum funding request for the DV Bonus is \$688,856. If you apply for both the CoC Bonus, and the DV Bonus, the minimum funding request is \$1,239,940. Human and Veteran Services reserves the right to award more or less than the amount of funds requested based on the funding available.

3. Is it required that the applicant apply for the full amount of \$551,084? If not, what is the minimum?

Answer: Please see the answer to question #2.

4. Given ... has several CoC awards up for renewal, could we apply for the bonus as an expansion of one of the renewals?

Answer: The CoC Bonus Project is for new projects. Eligible activities are listed on pages 7 & 8 of the RFA.

CoC Bonus Project Eligible Activities:

CoC Bonus funding for new projects can be used for the following project types:

- **Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)** – to include project-based and/or scattered site rental assistance/leasing projects with supportive services for individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness.



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- **Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)** - housing search and relocation services and short and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.
- **Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing Combination Projects (TH/RRH)** - project combines two existing program components—transitional housing and rapid rehousing in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

DV Bonus Project Eligible Activities:

New DV Bonus projects are subject to the limitation on new projects in the NOFO. The following projects are eligible for New DV Bonus projects:

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- **Joint Transitional Housing – Rapid Rehousing Combination Projects (TH-RRH)** - project combines two existing program components—transitional housing and rapid rehousing in a single project to serve individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

5. Can we consider a consolidation of several of the renewals?

Answer: The CoC project renewal process is not related to this RFA.

6. What's the maximum amount of grant gov funding allowed for a first-time homeowner?

Answer: Please see the answer to question #4 for eligible activities.

7. A colleague of mine that owns a Title Company up in Michigan has been filing multiple closing disclosure statements in the amounts of \$75,000 plus for first time home buyers. Is that how this Grant is going to help the homeless get into private mortgage homeownership here in Florida?

Answer: Please see the answer to question #4 for eligible activities.

8. For the Homeowner Improvements can this grant be used to help current homeowners?

Answer: Please see the answer to question #4 for eligible activities.



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9. ... placed a woman on SSI into a permanent home and paid cash to the landlord back in January 2024 upon the Landlord's request. Would this situation be reimbursable to match the grant going forward?

Answer: If an eligible activity, proof of the cash withdrawal and payment would be required prior to reimbursement.

10. Now, we understand that we are a small growing non-profit organization and we do not have a million dollars sitting in our reserve account so we can help place the homeless into permanent housing, but what we do have is a credit line Amex credit card company and that's how we pay these real estate companies the move-in costs upfront for our homeless clients. Would this Amex payment system be acceptable to HVS regarding the reimbursement gov grant funding?

Answer: You can pay for expenses with a credit card or line of credit; however, our grants are paid on a reimbursement basis. The credit card or line of credit must be paid in full each month before the expense can be reimbursed. The proof of payment will be part of the required supporting documentation sent to HVS each month with the payment request.

11. Can we use our Amex company as a 25% match guideline to show credibility with a written letter from Amex in order for us to be awarded the RRH gov. grant?

Answer: Cost sharing or matching guidelines can be found on page 34 of the [HUD NOFA](#).