



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

Notice of Funding for Homeless Services *FY 2021 Continuum of Care Competition*

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the 2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) program on August 18, 2021. The full NOFA can be found on the [HUD Exchange website](#).

The CoC Program is designed to accomplish several goals, including:

- Promoting a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- Providing funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, states, Indian Tribes or tribally designated housing entities, and local government to quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness;
- Promoting access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
- Optimizing self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

APPLICATION QUICK FACTS

Eligible agencies within the Davis/Woodland/ Yolo County Continuum of Care (CA-521) (also known as the Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)) are potentially eligible to receive an estimated combined total of \$664,786, divided as follows:

- \$557,569 in renewal funding (*annual renewal demand*)
- \$33,239 in CoC Bonus funding
- \$99,718 in Domestic Violence Bonus funding
- \$19,944 in CoC Planning funding

HUD FUNDING PRIORITIES

To support its goal of ending homelessness, HUD prioritizes:

- End homelessness for all persons;
- Use a Housing First approach;
- Reduce unsheltered homelessness;
- Improve system performance;
- Partner with housing, health, and services agencies;
- Address racial equity;
- Involve persons with lived experience;

As in previous years, HUD will prioritize funding in alignment with the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021 and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act 2020. This includes requirements such as:



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- Requests for new project applications are not allowed, other than through reallocation unless the CoC evaluates and competitively ranks projects based on how they improve system performance;
- HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the capacity to reallocate funding from lower to higher performing projects.

More detailed information regarding HUD's funding priorities can be found in Section II of the NOFA.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

CoCs may request renewals for existing projects, or may use reallocation, the CoC bonus, or the domestic violence bonus to request funding for new projects as described below. Eligible entities include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, Indian Tribes and public housing agencies.

Renewal Projects

Awards made under the CoC Program are eligible for renewal with FY 2021 funds if they are currently in operation and have an executed grant agreement that is dated no later than December 31, 2021 and expire in CY 2022.

- **Note:** HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a new expansion project through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes. See section V of the HUD NOFO for more information.

New Projects

CoCs may submit new projects created through reallocation, CoC Bonus, or a combination of reallocation and CoC Bonus, new DV Bonus projects, CoC planning project. The following types of project applications will be eligible for completion and submission under the HUD NOFO.

- New projects through **Reallocation or CoC Bonus processes:**
 - Permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects (PH-PSH).
 - Permanent housing-rapid re-housing projects (PH-RRH).
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing projects.
 - Dedicated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) projects carried out by the HMIS lead.
 - Supportive services only coordinated entry (SSO-CE) project.
- New Projects through the **Domestic Violence Bonus (DV Bonus):**
 - Permanent housing-rapid re-housing projects dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless.
 - Joint transitional housing and Permanent Housing-rapid re-Housing projects as defined in Section III.B.2.q of the HUD NOFO dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who are defined as homeless.



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- Supportive services only projects for coordinated entry (SSO-CE) to implement policies, procedures and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- **Please Note:**
 - The CoC may only submit one project application for an SSO-CE project.
 - There is no limit on the number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000.
 - A project applicant may also apply to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously awarded with DV Bonus funding
 - DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.
- Through the **transition grant**, the Yolo CoC may request to fund a new project to transition an eligible renewal project being eliminated through reallocation from one program component to another eligible new component over a 1-year period. No more than 50 percent of each transition grant may be used for costs of eligible activities of the program component originally funded.
- Through the **expansion process** HUD will allow CoCs to apply for a new "expansion project" through reallocation, CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus processes to expand existing projects will increase the number of units, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-Coordinated Entry projects.
 - Applicants must submit the following:
 1. Enter the grant number of the project that is eligible for renewal the project applicant requests to expand on the new project application;
 2. Indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS or SSO-Coordinated Entry projects, how the current activities will be expanded for the CoC's geographic area; and
 3. Ensure the funding request for the expansion grant is within the funding parameters allowed under reallocation, CoC Bonus, or DV Bonus available amounts.
- Through the **consolidation process**, CoCs may combine two or more (but no more than ten) eligible renewal projects (e.g., permanent housing-permanent supportive housing projects) through the renewal project application



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YOLO COC PROJECT REVIEW AND RANKING

Project applications submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY 2021 CoC Priority Listing as part of the CoC Consolidated Application must be reviewed and either accepted and ranked, approved, or rejected by the CoC. CoCs will be required to rank all new reallocated, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and renewal project applications submitted by project applicants. Once the final projects have been selected, the CoC must rank the project applications in two tiers. HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding selection process.

- Tier 1 will be equal to 100% of the combined Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) for the Yolo CoC. This is \$557,569 for FY2021.
- Tier 2 is the difference between Tier 1 (\$557,569) and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds (\$33,239) that a CoC can apply for but does not include, CoC planning projects (\$19,944), or projects selected with DV Bonus funds (\$99,718). Tier 2 for the Yolo CoC will be \$33,239

HUD Selection

- Project applications in Tier 1 will be conditionally selected from the highest scoring CoC to the lowest scoring CoC, provided the project applications pass both project eligibility and project quality threshold review, and if applicable, project renewal threshold.
- Project applications placed in Tier 2 will be assessed for project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements, and if applicable, project renewal threshold requirements, and funding will be determined using the CoC Application score as well as the factors listed in Section II.B.11 of the HUD NOFO.
- If a project application is straddling the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1. If HUD does not fund the Tier 2 portion, HUD may award the project at the reduced amount, provided the project is still feasible with the reduced funding.
- For new DV Bonus projects the CoC indicates it would like considered, HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC Application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using a 100-point scale. CoCs are required to rank all new DV Bonus project with a unique rank number. If a DV Bonus project ranked in Tier 2 is selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will be removed from this tier and the projects below it will move up one rank position. However, if a new DV Bonus project is not selected with DV Bonus funds, the project will retain its ranked position (see Section II.B.11.e of the HUD NOFO). A new DV Bonus project that expands an existing renewal project will only be selected if the renewal project is conditionally selected in Tier 1 or 2. If the renewal project application is selected for conditional award with CoC Program funds and the new DV Bonus expansion project is approved for selection, HUD will only select the new DV Bonus project with DV Bonus funds and HUD will remove the new DV Bonus project from the New Project Listing and all other project applications ranked below the new DV Bonus project will move up one rank position.



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APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Eligible applicants must submit a project application in the [e-snaps system](#) no later than **11:59pm on October 15, 2021**.
- Applicants requesting funding for new projects should express their intent to apply to the Yolo County Homeless Services Team at Anisa.Vallejo@yolocounty.org or no later than **5:00pm on Thursday, October 7, 2021**.
- Project applicants will be notified regarding the status of their application (including approval or denial, and ranking if approved) no later than **5:00pm on Friday, October 29, 2021**.



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APPENDIX A: APPLICATION TIMELINE

8/17/21	HUD released Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for 2021 CoC Competition
9/23/21	CoC Technical Subcommittee revises project ranking and selection process
10/1/21	CoC formally adopts project ranking and selection process and posts online
10/7/21	Notice of Intent Due to Homeless Services Team for New Projects
10/15/21 @ 11:59pm	Project applications must be submitted to CoC in e-snaps
10/18/21	Homeless Services Team conducts threshold review of project applications
10/20/21-10/28/21	Ranking of project applications
10/29/21	CoC formally adopts project ranking at special HPAC Meeting
10/29/21 @ 5:00pm	Notification letters issued to applicants
11/10/21	CoC Coordinator sends comments and corrections to project applicants on apps
11/8/21	Project applicants return final corrected applications in e-snaps
11/10/21	CoC target for uploading the entire collaborative application and project priority listing to the HPAC website
11/12/21	CoC target for submitting collaborative application and project priority listing
11/16/21 @ 4:59pm	CoC application due to HUD



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APPENDIX B: HUD SCORING

The following chart describes the CoC Application criteria that will be used to establish CoC scores:

CoC Coordination and Engagement	96 Points
Inclusive Structure and Participation	4
Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private and Other Organizations	2
Ensuring Families are not Separated	2
CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth	3
Addressing the Needs of Victims of Domestic Violence	5
Addressing the Needs of LGBT Individuals	5
Public Housing Agencies	10
Discharge Planning	3
Housing First	10
Street Outreach	3
Criminalization	2
Rapid Re-Housing	10
Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance	4
Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System	3
Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness	7
Persons with Lived Experience	1
Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC's Geographic Area	20
Promoting Volunteering and Community Service	2
Section 3 Requirements for CoCs (<i>only applicable to new construction or rehabilitation projects</i>)	-2 (<i>if req. not met</i>)
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking	30 Points
Objective Criteria	8
Using System Performance Measures	8
Use of a Comparable Database to Evaluate Domestic Violence Providers	2
Rapid Return to Permanent Housing and Severity of Barriers Experienced by Program Participants	4
Promote Racial Equity in the local CoC Process	1
Reallocating Projects	4
Ranking and Selection Process	3
Homeless Management Information System	11 Points
Housing Inventory Count (HIC)	1
Comparable Database for DV Providers.	2
Bed Coverage	6
Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) Submission	2
Point-in-Time Count	3 Points
PIT Count and Data Submissions	2
Effectively Counting Youth	1
System Performance	23 Points
Reducing the Number of Homeless Individuals and Families	1
Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless	3
Length of Time Homeless	6
Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention	5
Returns to Homelessness	4
Jobs and Income Growth	4



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Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points.	10 Bonus Points
Leveraging Housing Resources	5
Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	5
CoC Merger Bonus Points.	15 Bonus Points
Merged CoCs between FY 2020 CoC Program Registration and FY2021 CoC Program Registration	5
CoC Application score in FY 2018 or FY 2019.	10