



# **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

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## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) APPLICANTS SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS**

2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and  
Renewal of Youth Homelessness  
Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grants

### **Local Competition Request for Proposals (RFP)**

This addendum is issued to modify the previously issued FY 2023 NOFO local competition documents and/or given for informational purposes and is hereby made a part of the RFP documents.

This addendum replaces Attachment 2 in the original RFP document and consists of four (4) pages.

## Attachment 2: DV Bonus

The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 provides funding for Rapid Re-Housing projects and Supportive Services projects providing Coordinated Entry, and for eligible activities that the Secretary determines to be critical in order to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

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.

### **Applicants for DV Renewal Applications and/or New DV Bonus Funding: Required Information and Supplemental Questions**

A PDF of the following must be submitted with the funding application package. Be sure to include each item listed below:

1. Applicant Name
2. Project Name
3. Project Type:
  - a. PH-RRH
  - b. PH-PSH
4. For ALL DV APPLICANTS – respond to Section 1 below. Please provide comprehensive responses to each requested item.
5. For NEW DV BONUS PROJECT APPLICANTS – respond to Section 1 and Section 2 below. Please provide comprehensive responses to each requested item.

**New DV Bonus project applicants are *strongly* encouraged to incorporate healthcare and housing partnership components with their application.**

<b>SECTION 1 – REQUIRED FOR ALL DV PROJECT APPLICANTS</b>	
<b>A. DV Partnerships</b>	
1.	Describe how your organization collaborates with federally-funded programs and statewide victim services providers, such as state domestic violence coalitions and state sexual assault coalitions, that would influence the development of CoC-wide policies (examples: CoC Emergency Transfer Policy and DV Coordinated Entry policies).
2.	Describe how your organization collaborates with other organizations that help provide housing and services to DV survivors to: (a) update CoC-wide policies; and (b) ensure services provided in the Marion-Polk region are trauma informed and can meet the needs of survivors.
<b>B. Survivor/Lived Experience Participation</b>	
3.	Describe how your organization assists the CoC (MWVHA) to ensure that survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of CoC-wide policy and programs, including (a) the role(s) and expertise of the survivor(s) involved; (b) how your organization assisted the CoC to safely engage, recruit, train, and compensate survivors to do this work; and (c) the intentional and meaningful integration of survivors' feedback.
4.	Describe how your organization assisted the CoC (MWVHA) in accounting for the unique and complex needs of survivors, such as asking for name, gender, and language preferences; providing multiple options for safe communication with survivors and ensuring survivors consent to any disclosure of their status and participation with the CoC.;

<b>SECTION 2 – REQUIRED FOR NEW DV BONUS PROJECT APPLICANTS</b>	
1.	Provide a calculation to assist the CoC in justifying the community need for funding new DV Bonus Projects in the Marion-Polk region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) List the estimated number of overall survivors in the Marion-Polk region that need housing or services; and</li> <li>b) List the number of survivors your organization is currently serving.</li> </ul>
2.	Describe how your organization calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in Item 1(a) above, including the data source(s); e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data sources.
3.	If the CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors, please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.
4.	Based on the applicant's latest funding cycle, calculate the rate of housing placement and housing retention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage: identify the percentage of DV survivors applying for housing that were placed into permanent housing.</li> <li>b) Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage: identify the percentage of those DV survivors that remained housed.</li> </ul>

5.	<p>For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in the question above, describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) how both rates were calculated;</li> <li>b) whether the rates account for exits to safe housing destinations; and</li> <li>c) the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Describe how the applicant evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project. Examples include self-assessments, independent audits and reviews, peer reviews, and obtaining expertise in best practices implementation.</p>
7.	<p>Describe your organization's plan for the New DV Bonus Project to use trauma informed, victim centered practices, including how the new project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;</li> <li>b) establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;</li> <li>c) provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;</li> <li>d) emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;</li> <li>e) center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;</li> <li>f) provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and</li> <li>g) offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Describe how the New DV Bonus Project will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development throughout the project's operation. Range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Your response must describe steps and actions the New DV Bonus Project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures – this response is not about how survivors have been involved in past projects.</p>