

## Domestic Violence Bonus (DV Bonus) Project Design Guidance

Applicants may apply for **Domestic Violence Bonus** funding for projects 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](#), for the following project types:

1. **Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects** that demonstrate a housing first approach.
2. **Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects** that demonstrate a housing first approach.
3. **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 (e.g., to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).

### Applying for a DV Bonus Project:

- A CoC can only submit one project application for a DV SSO-CE project. A CoC may apply for any number of DV RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects provided that each application is for at least \$50,000.
- A CoC may apply for up to 10 percent of its Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN) to create a new DV Bonus project(s); however, this amount is limited to a:
  - o (1) a minimum of \$50,000 if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is less than \$50,000; or
  - o (2) maximum of \$5 million if 10 percent of the CoC's PPRN is more than \$5 million
- A new DV Bonus project may only request 1-year of funding but may request a longer initial grant term not to exceed 18 months.
- A project applicant may also apply to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously funded with DV Bonus funding. However, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV funds through this process. 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, persons served, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

### Ranking and Scoring DV Bonus Projects:

CoCs are required to rank all new DV Bonus projects on the CoC Priority Listing with a unique rank number (and, in the case of an expansion of an existing CoC project, the corresponding renewal project application must be on the Renewal Project Listing with a unique rank number). If a project application designated as DV Bonus is conditionally selected by HUD with DV Bonus funds, HUD will remove the

ranked DV Bonus project from the New Project Listing and all other project applications ranked below the DV Bonus project will slide up one rank position.

For new projects the CoC indicates it would like considered as part of the DV Bonus, HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC Application score and responses to the DV-Bonus-specific questions in the CoC Application using the following 100-point scale:

- **For Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing component projects:**
  - **CoC Score.** Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.
  - **\*New in 2022\* CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers:** Up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on the scoring factors outlined in sections VII.B.1.e and VII.B.2.c and described below:
    - Scoring factor VII.B.1.e: Addressing the Needs of Victims of DV – CoCs must demonstrate that victim service providers are voting members of the CoC and that the CoC regularly collaborates with DV organizations, including to update CoC-wide policies and ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of survivors.
    - Scoring factor VII.B.2.c: Comparable Databases to Evaluate Domestic Violence Providers – CoCs must demonstrate it required organizations serving survivors of domestic violence to submit performance data, including comparable database data if the provider is a victim service provider.
  - **Need for the Project.** Up to 10 (down from 25 points in FY 2021) points based on the extent the CoC is able to quantify the need for the project in its portfolio, the extent of the need, and how the project will fill that gap.
  - **Quality of the Project Applicant.** Up to 15 (down from 25 points in FY 2021) points based on the previous performance of the applicant in serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes.
  - **\*New in 2022\* Demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices:** Up to 8 points based on the quality of the project's plan to address the housing and safety needs of survivors by adopting victim-centered practices (e.g., Housing First, Trauma Informed Care, Confidentiality) in operating their project. Full points will be awarded to project applicants that can demonstrate that they are already adopting victim-centered practices.
  - **\*New in 2022\* Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived experience:** Up to 7 points based on the project's ability to demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in police and program development throughout the project's operation.
  - Additionally, to be eligible to receive RRH or Joint TH and RRH project, the CoC must demonstrate that the project will follow a housing first approach.

- **For Supportive Services Only projects for Coordinated Entry:**
  - **CoC Score.** Up to 50 points in direct proportion to the score received on the CoC Application.
  - **\*New in 2022\* CoC Collaboration with Victim Service Providers:** Up to 10 points in direct proportion to the score received on XXXXX
  - **Need for the Project.** Up to 25 points (down from 50 points in FY 2021) based on the extent to which the CoC is able to demonstrate the need for a Coordinated Entry system that better meets the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and how the project will fill this need.
  - **\*New in 2022\* Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived experience:** Up to 15 points based on the project's ability to demonstrate its plan to involve survivors in police and program development throughout the project's operation