

HUD 2021 Request for Proposal (RFP) Question & Answer Log

Date Received	RFP	Question	Answer
9/16/2021	0000360	We operate The Anchor, which is our Crisis Stabilization Housing, would qualify for the Supportive Services Grant. We don't fund this as a CoC project, but it is part of our continuum of care. We did get HHAP funds toward the operations, but we are lacking in Supportive Services. But, again, it is not a voucher program and we don't place through CES since we only house for 90 days while we try to get people into treatment or next step toward self-sufficiency. Would services at this facility count/qualify?	The only components that will be funded in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition are: 1. PH (PSH and RRH); 2. TH; 3. SSO; and 4. HMIS. Additionally, Collaborative Applicants may apply for projects that include the TH and PH-RRH component in a single project, a Joint TH and PH-RRH component project. A project proposal to provide supportive services to support a 90-day bridge housing projects would not be eligible under any of the mentioned component types.
9/16/2021	0000358	What is the longest term of rapid rehousing? 12 months or can it be longer even though the grant period is only 1 year?	Rapid Rehousing may provide supportive services for short-term (up to 3 months) and/or medium-term (for 3 to 24 months) tenant-based rental assistance. For details, please consult 24 CFR § 578.51 and § 578.53.
9/16/2021	0000358	Once a project is approved will the organization also need to enter the project info in ESnapS?	Organizations submitting proposals must work with Riverside County CoC staff for CoC Staff to complete the new project applications in HUD E-snaps system prior to October 12, 2021. Applications of selected proposals approved by the Riverside County CoC Board of Governance will be submitted as part of the Riverside County CoC's application for the FY2021 CoC Program Competition. Registering the project with HUD E-snaps does not imply an intent to award, award, or guarantee a contract with the County of any kind.
9/16/2021	0000358	Where would the costs of ongoing utilities go?	For <u>Leasing</u> projects, include costs of ongoing utilities in the Operating Costs category. For <u>Rental Assistance</u> projects, add costs of the ongoing utilities to the monthly rent cost.

			For <u>Rental Assistance</u> , please note that in many cases, the actual rent paid under the grant will be less than the full rent of the unit, if the program participant is required to pay a portion of the rent based on their income.
9/16/2021	0000358	Under the budget where would we include security deposits?	<p>Add <u>1/12th</u> of the security deposit cost to the monthly rent cost. When we convert the monthly rent cost into a full year budget, the full year budget will then include the full security deposit.</p> <p>Please note that security deposits cannot exceed the cost of 2 months' actual rent. An advance payment of the last month's rent may be provided to the landlord, in addition to the security deposit and payment of the first month's rent.</p>
9/16/2021	0000358	Most of our organization's funds, and virtually all of our projects are funded through CoC funds. What if I don't have three other funders who have funded housing projects (but may have funded other types of projects) ?	Most suitable references would be funders of Bidders existing housing projects. With justifiable explanation, funders of other similar projects are acceptable.
9/16/2021	0000353	Do applications need to meet a minimum budget amount to be competitive?	HUD specifies that PH-RRH and joint TH and PH-RRH projects applications under DV Bonus are for at least \$50,000 per project application. There is no minimum budget amount requirement under CoC Bonus and other project types under DV Bonus.
9/16/2021	0000353	Will the CoC put forth more than 1 bonus project for submission to HUD or just one project?	CoC will include all new projects that pass threshold review, evaluation, ranking and Riverside County CoC Board of Governance approval in its application to HUD except that HUD limits to one (1) Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project application per CoC. CES lead agency is the only entity that can apply for SSO-CE project application.
9/16/2021	All	What is the term of the grant?	Proposals selected and approved by Riverside County CoC Board of Governance will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

			part of the Riverside County CoC's application for the FY2021 CoC Program Competition. Once awarded by HUD, the new projects will be funded for a 12-month operation with the earliest possible start date of 2/1/2022. HUD understands that new projects may need additional time for new project preparation and ramp up and would allow the new projects to have up to a grant term up to 18 months to spend the 12-month funding. All projects award through the FY2021 CoC Program Competition must end by 12/31/2023.
9/21/2021	All	Does the RivcoPRO portal allow for simultaneous users?	Yes. multiple staff from the same agency can be in the same RFP at the same time. However, if both are working on the same question, the staff person who 'saves' last would clear and save over the other staff person.
9/21/2021	All	I have downloaded the questions which were produced in .xls. Do they upload as a CSV?	The County recommends uploading questions/answers as they were downloaded. Furthermore, if any errors are received Bidders can answer questions individually.
9/21/2021	All	Is there a budget ceiling on the new DV supportive services component?	There is not a budget ceiling or cap on the amount an agency can request in their application, however, the total allocation for Domestic Violence Bonus is \$2,043,019.
9/22/2021	0000359	I am applying for my first RFP at Riverside County for Transitional Housing COIARC-RFP-0000359. I was sent an invite but wanted to make sure that my agency is qualified because I noticed in one of the summaries it mentioned "non-profit". I am a sole proprietor. Am I qualified?	Only organizations recognized as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or government entities may receive HUD CoC Program funding.
9/26/2021	0000353	Would you please provide some additional clarification on the question. Are negative findings any type of findings or findings that have not been cleared? Should we also include findings that may have occurred during a monitoring visit from the County? Does your organization have any negative findings from program monitoring by any funding source during the past 2 years? Please describe and upload a copy of your most recent program	Whether an item is a negative finding or not depends on how it is recorded in the monitoring or audit report by the funding / administrative, or audit agency. Service providers are expected to adhere to all provisions in their executed contracts or agreements and related rules and regulations at all time during the period of performance. If a funding / administrative or audit agency considers and records in the monitoring / audit report a finding that has been corrected as a finding, it will be considered a negative finding. If a

		monitoring report, preferably from a federal or state funded program. With justifiable explanation, program monitoring report from any funding source would be acceptable even if your latest one is over two years old.	funding/administrative or audit agency is satisfied with a finding that has been corrected and therefore does not record it in the monitoring/audit, it will not be considered a negative finding.
9/29/2021	All	Do we need to submit match documentation with this application?	While match amounts, whether cash or in-kind, must be clearly specified in the proposal, submitting a match letter / document is optional at this point. If you choose to submit a copy during application stage, please use the 2021 CoC Match Template .
9/29/2021	0000353	Is it mandatory that every application have a Healthcare Letter of Commitment?	Letters of Commitment from healthcare organizations are encouraged from project applications leveraging healthcare resources and partnerships. HUD is providing 10 additional Healthcare Bonus points in the CoC Program Competition for submitting project applications that establish these resources and relationships.