

MONTEREY/SAN BENITO CONTINUUM OF CARE

Frequently Asked Questions – 2023 NOFO

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These FAQs come from questions submitted during the Bidder's Conference and office hours for the 2023 NOFO. Additional questions submitted via email that would apply to most or all applicants are also included.

1. (for YHDP) If the current project is funded through 2024, do we need to reapply this year for continued funding beyond the 2022-24 contract?

- Yes, you would need to apply for renewal funding for YHDP funding to continue your project through 2025. Normally, HUD sends contracts in the fall. Although we are having the competition now, contracts will be coming in the fall. By the time YHDP projects receive contracts it will be fall 2024, which is why YHDP projects must reapply now to secure funding for the future.

2. Is the CoC Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) the same, higher, or lower than last year?

- The ARD for the CoC is higher this year because of bonus funding secured last year and the inclusion of YHDP projects into the ARD. The CoC's ARD is still in process of being finalized by HUD, as of 7/26.

3. Is there any application form that is supposed to accompany the Esnaps application due on the 21st and in connection with the oral interview?

- No. The only application to complete is the Esnaps application. You'll export the Esnaps application to PDF and upload it to Submittable by the 21st. The Rank and Review Panel will utilize interviews for additional and clarifying information.

4. Can we apply for new project funds if our shelter receives less funding and has funds to operate for only 6 months instead of a full year? Can we apply for new funding to cover the gap?

- Shelters are not an eligible project type for CoC funding.

5. If you provided rapid rehousing for people staying at a shelter, is that an eligible activity?

- Rapid rehousing is an eligible project type for CoC funding. However, all projects funded through CoC funding must receive referrals from the coordinated entry system (CARS). The project must take into account how the referral process would work if they intend to serve people staying in the shelter but must take referrals through CARS.

6. For existing projects (i.e., renewal projects), would the organization need to submit two separate applications if they want to apply for a new project?

- Yes, if you're applying for a totally new and distinct project from the existing renewal project, you would submit a separate application for new funding. Renewal projects can also submit an application for new funding to expand their existing renewal project.

7. What is the difference for this year's application? Can projects cut and paste responses from last year?

- The project applications released by HUD should look similar to, if not identical to, previous years' applications. Projects should review the application and their responses closely, updating where necessary and ensuring they answer all questions completely.

8. Our official HUD APR years are different than the APR years requested for the project applications. Is there a reason for this?

- The date range for the APR for the NOFO competition was established to align with HUD's original timeline for the NOFO competition (aiming to release the NOFO in the spring). The CoC keeps the timeline consistent each year with the APR data used spanning from April through March.

9. Is CoC funding available for multi-year periods?

- Applicants can request a multi-year grant term from HUD. However, it is recommended (both by HUD and the CoC) to request a one-year grant term.

10. Can CoC funds be used for acquisition or rehab?

- According to the NOFO, yes, CoC funds can be used for acquisition or rehab for a new project. Expansion projects (renewal projects applying for bonus funds to expand the project) may not apply for acquisition or rehab. Projects requesting construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation costs must request a minimum of a 3-year grant term and may request up to a 5-year grant term. For more detailed information about grant terms, please refer to section III.B.3.f of the NOFO.

11. If we had a new grant, what would be the grant year?

- New projects can specify their preferred length of their grant term (e.g., 1 year, 3 years, etc.) during the application process. Generally, CoC project grant terms start on, or before, October 1st of the year they are funded, though this is not written anywhere in the NOFO. For agencies that have never received CoC funding, it may take longer to execute a grant agreement. If you have a specific grant start date in mind and would like more clarification on if you can select a specific start date in your grant agreement with HUD when you are awarded, please submit a question to HUD at CoCNOFO@hud.gov.

12. For YHDP projects, is it ok to request funds for RRH rental assistance if we didn't request it in Year 1?

- According to the NOFO, sponsor-based rental assistance and project-based rental assistance in RRH are eligible "Special YHDP activities." Under the renewal process, YHDP renewal project applications may include requests to add eligible activities (including "Special YHDP activities") to a project and shift up to 10 percent of funds from one approved eligible activity to another. YHDP projects are limited to renewing their current funding and may not request an expansion to add funds to their projects.