

**Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care
City of Somerville: Collaborative Applicant
(MA-517)**

Subject: RFP: New Bonus & DV Bonus funding – 2019 CoC NOFA application

Dear Somerville-Arlington CoC Partners:

The Somerville-Arlington Continuum of Care (CoC) and the City of Somerville as the Collaborative Applicant (CA) is seeking applications for projects as part of the FY2019 HUD Continuum of Care competition. Below are the categories of possible projects. New projects can be created through the Bonus or Domestic Violence Bonus categories within the HUD funding limits designated for this CoC. The amounts available are listed next to the appropriate categories and represent information currently available. If HUD modifies the estimated ARD, or if reallocation is made available, we will update this RFP. Please note the timeline process for application in the CoC Competition Calendar.

Attached are two documents: Letter of Intent form, and the CoC Competition Calendar.

The first step will be to submit a letter of intent by **August 1st** at 12 pm.

Prospective applicants should carefully review the HUD Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for project application detailed instructions, definitions, and all related resources posted here on the HUD Exchange website: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2019-CoC-Program-Competition-NOFA.pdf>

Requests for proposals of the following projects:

- A) Bonus and Reallocation
- B) DV Bonus
- C) Expansion to expand an eligible renewal project
- D) Consolidation of 2 or more eligible renewal projects
- E) Transition grants

Providers are strongly encouraged to submit applications for new projects. The CoC will offer the assistance of the CoC planning consultants to help answer questions and strengthen applications.

- A) New Bonus and Reallocation Projects:** Up to \$105,503
CoC's may submit new project applications under the Bonus and reallocation process. In FY 2019 HUD will allow projects and CoCs to combine the CoC Bonus and reallocation funding available in a single project, as both new CoC Bonus and new projects created through the reallocation process have the same eligible components:

1. PH-PSH - Permanent Housing-Permanent Support Housing
2. PH-RRH – Permanent Housing-Rapid Re-Housing
3. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects
4. Dedicated HMIS projects
5. SSO-CE – Support Services only to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system

Carefully review the NOFA, especially Sections V.C.3.b and V.C.3.c, III.B.2.c, VII.B.1.c for details on the Bonus categories and Reallocation sections II.B.1, III.B.2.t. For Both: V.B.2.d.(1), V.B.3.a.(3), V.B.3.a.(5)

B) New Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus: Up to \$211,000

Up to \$50 million is available for the DV Bonus which will provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking (see paragraph 4 of 24 CFR 578.3 for definitions.) Project requirement details are in sections II.B.3 and II.B.10.e. The types of projects allowable under the DV Bonus are:

1. Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH) projects
2. Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects as defined in Section II.C.3M of the NOFA
3. SSO 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, 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.

Note: Providers requesting DV Bonus funds who are selected by the CoC to submit full applications will be expected to work with the CoC and its planning consultants to help provide information on the estimated numbers of DV survivors in the CoC, unmet needs, and related information as part of completion of the overall CoC application. These are additional questions that the CoC must complete when it applies for DV Bonus projects.

All Applicants for New Bonus and DV Bonus Projects must:

- (1) Submit a Letter of Intent by Thursday, **August 1st** to Heidi Burbidge: hburbidge@somervillema.gov with a cc: to Karen Byron at krbyron@byrongrantconsulting.com. See the attached form with a summary of the project request. See below for the process and timeline.
- (2) Carefully review the *Project Eligibility Threshold* requirements (NOFA – Section V C. 3). The Project Review Committee will consider these in reviewing project applications and deciding on inclusion of projects in the final CoC consolidated application to HUD.

(3) Participate in Somerville-Arlington CoC Coordinated Entry if the projects are funded.

C) Expansion Projects for Eligible Renewal Projects

The process by which a renewal project applicant submits a new project application to expand its current operations by adding units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or in the case of HMIS, increase the current HMIS activities within the CoC's geographic area. New project expansion applications may only request a 1 - year grant term. To apply, project applicants must submit separate renewal and new project applications and submit a single renewal application that includes that includes the combined information from the renewal and new project applications. See NOFA Sections III.C.2.j, V.B.2.3.2, V.B.3.a.(5)

D) Consolidated Projects for Eligible Renewal Projects

Eligible renewal project applicants will have the ability to consolidate two or more eligible renewal projects (but no more than 4 projects) into one project application. The projects being combined during a grant consolidation will continue uninterrupted. To be eligible for consolidation, projects must have the same recipient and be for the same component; and they will be funded in this competition only with FY 2018 funds. See NOFA Sections for details and restrictions: II.B.5, III.C.3.e, V.B.2.b(4), V.B.3.a.(6)

E) Transition Grants

Project applicants can transition an existing renewable component (e.g., TH) to another component (e.g., PH-RRH). To take advantage of the transition grant, the project applicant must use the reallocation process to eliminate at least one existing eligible renewal component to a project for one of the eligible new project components: (PH-PSH, PH_RRH, Joint TH and PH-RRH, dedicated HMIS, or SSO-CE. See NOFA Section III.C.3.v

Timeline and Process:

July 23

RFP Issued for New, Reallocated, Bonus Funds and DV Bonus Fund concept papers

August 1

New Project concept papers due by 12 pm

August 2

Ranking and Review Committee meets to review new, bonus and and DV bonus applications

August 16

First Draft of Applications for New, Consolidated, Renewal, Reallocated, Transition, DV Bonus and/or Bonus funds due by 5 pm

August 20

Review of Consolidated Application

August 21

Comments regarding project applications back to applicants

August 28

Final project applications and all attachments due in e-SNAPS

August 30

All Applications received by CoC (HUD requires 30 days before submission)