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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS-New or Expanding Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) and or Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project(s)

The Alliance for Housing is requesting proposals for funding under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care Homeless Assistance Program.

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is for Alliance for Housing, Oakland County Continuum of Care (CoC) partners to work with the Alliance to support those experiencing domestic violence (DV) in the community. The CoC is looking for new or expansion proposal for DV Rapid Rehousing (RRH). Please see the FY2024 - 2025 NOFO for full requirements. The DV bonus amount for Oakland County is estimated at \$1,088,322. Out of the proposals received the Alliance Prioritization Committee will choose no more than two DV projects to be added to the new applications in the FY2024-2025 competition. Please see Section III.B.4.(4)(a)(c) of the NOFO for details about the DV Bonus/ expansion. Each application must be at least \$50,000.

For faith-based applicants please see section III.A.2 of the HUD CoC NOFO.

A project applicant may apply to expand an existing renewal project, including one that was previously awarded with DV Bonus funding, in accordance with section I.B.2.b.(6) of the NOFO; however, only the new project application for the expansion will be considered for DV Bonus funds through this process. DV Bonus funding may be used to expand an existing renewal project that is not dedicated to serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1) or (4) of the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3, so long as the DV Bonus funds for expansion are solely for additional units, beds, or services dedicated to persons eligible to be served with DV Bonus funding.

Check off which you are applying for:

If an agency is submitting a proposal for an expansion of an eligible renewal in the CoC program, they must indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to exiting program participants.

- **If you are applying for DV RRH, answer all the questions that have DV RRH in front of them.**
- **If you are applying for DV SSO-CE, answer all the questions that have SSO-CE in front of them.**
- **If it states "For both DV RRH and SSO-CE" in front of the question, answer it no matter which type of program you are applying for.**

- Expansion: List the name and grant number for the existing project: _____
- New DV RRH
- New SSO CE DV

- If the potential sub-recipient is a victim service provider they must use a comparable data base and provide de-identified information to the CoC.
- **Potential sub-recipients must submit the required certifications as specified in the NOFO, for example, unexpired SAM registration, Unique Entity ID. Eligible project applicants for the CoC Program Competition are found at [24 CFR 578.15](#), must also comply with RRH requirements at [24 CFR 578.37](#).**

DV RRH Projects must follow a [Housing First](#) approach. RRH project can provide medium to long term rental assistance (up to 24 months). This allocation will only fund a new or expansion RRH project that serves DV. This can include admin and support services in addition to the housing portion.

Legal Name of Organization: _____

Project name: _____

Project type: _____

1. **(For DV RRH and SSO- CE)** Please describe your organization's experience with utilizing a [Housing First](#) approach. Housing First is an approach to quickly and successfully connect people experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without barriers or preconditions such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. Please explain how this project will utilize Housing First as a part of:
 - a. Project eligibility criteria

b. The process for accepting new clients

c. Confirm that this project will following Housing First

Yes, I confirm

No, I do not confirm

2. **(For DV RRH and SSO- CE)** Can you share your experience with managing or utilizing federal funds for housing programs? If you haven't worked with federal funds before, how do you plan to familiarize yourself with the requirements and procedures to ensure effective management?

3. **(For DV RRH and SSO- CE)** Please describe the extent to which your organization and this project demonstrates understanding of the needs of the clients to be served, specifically those experiencing [Category 4](#) homelessness.

4. **(For DV RRH and SSO- CE)** Describe how your agency will use a trauma informed approach and client centered approach, and what type of training your agency has received in regards to using a trauma informed and client centered approach.

5. **(For DV RRH and SSO- CE)** Describe your agencies experience and capacity with working with persons experiencing Category 4 homelessness.

6. **(For DV RRH)** Describe the type and scale of all supportive services, regardless of funding source, meets the needs of the client to be served.

7. **(For DV RRH)** Describe how clients will be assisted in obtaining mainstream resources.
8. **(For DV RRH)** Explain how your agency will meet or exceed established HUD or CoC benchmarks. For example increased income, getting connected to employment.
9. **(For DV RRH)** Explain the project plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, accessible, and acceptable to their needs.
10. **(For DV RRH)** Will the project leverage health resources? Please explain
 Yes No
11. **(For DV RRH)** Provide a description of the proposed project. Please include number of households served within the RRH component in your response.
(For DV RRH and SSO-CE) Include proposed budget including 25% match (in-kind or cash) if you need more space please add an attachment.

12. **(For DV RRH)** Outline the strategy for quickly implementing the program, detailing how the project will be prepared to house the first participant. Include a timeline of planned activities for 60, 120, and 180 days following the grant award.

13. **(For DV RRH)** Explain how the project will work within Fair Market Rent rates.

14. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Most recent audit: _____

a. Were there any findings: Yes No

b. If yes, please explain:

15. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Has your organization been identified as "low risk" (per 2 CFR 200.520) Yes No (If no, please explain)

16. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Does your agency have any Federal Debts? Yes No. If yes please explain.

17. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Will your agency be able to provide documented match that meets HUD requirements?

a. Yes No

b. Please explain the source of the match for this proposed project. Projects funded under the HUD CoC Program requires a 25 percent match of the awarded grant amount minus funds for leasing. Cash or in-kind resources will satisfy the match requirement. (per 24 CFR 578.73)

18. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Please describe how the project will engage with and adhere to the policies and procedures of the Coordinated Entry system established by the Oakland County Continuum of Care, including referring clients through HMIS or a comparable data base.

19. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Does your agency have underrepresented individuals (such as BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership roles?
a. Yes No
b. If not, please explain how you plan to address this.

20. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Does your agency have a board of directors that's includes representation from more than one person with lived experience? If no, please explain how you will this?
a. Yes No (Please explain)

21. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Does your agency have a process for receiving and integrating feedback from individuals with lived experience, or a plan to develop one? Yes No
a. Please explain.

22. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Has your agency reviewed its internal policies and procedures through an equity lens and developed a plan to create and implement equitable policies that avoid imposing undue barriers or worsening disparities in outcomes? If not, how do you plan

to address this?

- a. Yes No
- b. Please explain.

23. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Does your agency have a plan to review program participant outcomes through an equity lens, including disaggregating data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age? If you are already implementing such a plan, please describe the findings from the outcomes review.

- a. Yes No

24. **(For DV RRH and SSO-CE)** Describe how your agency currently works with the Homeless Management Information System or describe the comparable data base you use.

Applications can be submitted to Ashley Cuniberti via email at acuniberti-alliance@oaklandoaklandhomeless.org by **Thursday September 12th, 2024, 5PM**. No proposals will be accepted after this timeline.

Applications will be reviewed by the Alliance Prioritization Committee. The Alliance Prioritization Committee will review applications and those meeting and exceeding the needed requirements and standards will be recommended for funding.

For additional information please contact Leah McCall at lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org

Scoring Criteria

1. Housing First Approach (15 points)

- **Score:**
 - Project eligibility criteria: 0-5 points
 - Process for accepting new clients: 0-5 points
 - Confirmation of following Housing First: 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the proposal clearly describe the use of the Housing First approach, including the removal of barriers, and confirm its commitment to this methodology?

2. Experience with Federal Funds (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization have experience managing federal funds? If not, is there a clear and practical plan to become familiar with federal requirements?

3. Understanding Client Needs (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** How well does the organization demonstrate an understanding of the needs of clients, particularly those experiencing Category 4 homelessness?

4. Trauma-Informed and Client-Centered Approach (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization use a trauma-informed and client-centered approach? Is there evidence of relevant training?

5. Experience with Category 4 Homelessness (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** What is the organization's experience and capacity in working with individuals experiencing Category 4 homelessness?

6. DV RRH Only - Supportive Services Plan (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the project include comprehensive supportive services that meet the needs of the clients?

7. DV RRH Only - Mainstream Resources Assistance (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points

- **Evaluation:** How will the project assist clients in obtaining mainstream benefits?

8. DV RRH Only - Performance Measures (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Are the proposed performance measures for housing and income clear, objective, measurable, and aligned with HUD or CoC benchmarks?

9. DV RRH Only - Housing Plan (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** How effectively does the project plan to secure and maintain permanent housing that is safe, affordable, and accessible?

10. DV RRH Only - Leveraging Health Resources (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Will the project leverage health resources for the clients?

11. DV RRH Only - Project Description and Budget (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the project description provide clear details, including the number of households to be served, and include a detailed budget with the required 25% match?

12. DV RRH Only - Implementation Strategy (10 points)

- **Score:** 0-10 points
- **Evaluation:** Is there a clear and feasible strategy for quickly implementing the program, including a detailed timeline for the first 60, 120, and 180 days?

13. DV RRH Only - Cost-Effectiveness (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the agency explain how they will work within FMR?

14. Audit Findings (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Were there any findings in the most recent audit? If so, how were they addressed?

15. Risk Assessment (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Has the organization been identified as "low risk" per 2 CFR 200.520? If not, how do they plan to mitigate risk? If low risk full points will awarded, if high risk zero points will be awarded.

16. Federal Debts (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization have any federal debts? If so, how will they address them?

17. Match Documentation (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points

- **Evaluation:** Can the organization provide the required 25% match? Are the sources of the match clearly explained?

18.Coordinated Entry System Engagement (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** How will the project engage with and adhere to the Coordinated Entry system, including referrals through HMIS or a comparable data base?

19.Diversity in Leadership (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization have underrepresented individuals in managerial and leadership roles? If not, is there a plan to address this?

20.Board Representation (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the board of directors include more than one person with lived experience? If not, how will this be addressed?

21.Feedback Integration (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization have a process for receiving and integrating feedback from individuals with lived experience?

22.Equity Lens Review (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Has the organization reviewed its internal policies through an equity lens? If not, is there a plan to address this?

23.Outcome Review through an Equity Lens (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** Does the organization have a plan to review program outcomes through an equity lens, disaggregating data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age?

24.HMIS Collaboration or Comparable data base (5 points)

- **Score:** 0-5 points
- **Evaluation:** How does the organization currently work with the Homeless Management Information System? Or describe the comparable data base used?

Total Score for DV RRH /175
Total Score for SSO-CE /110
Reviewer Comments:

This scoring document provides a comprehensive evaluation framework for the RFP. Each section aligns with the questions and requirements outlined in the RFP, ensuring that proposals are thoroughly assessed across all relevant areas.