



**Orange County
Special Meeting
Continuum of Care Board
September 2, 2021**

**FY2021 CoC Notice of Funding
Opportunity (NOFO)**

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CoC NOFO Ad Hoc

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Update on the FY2021 CoC NOFO Process

- The annual CoC NOFO Competition was released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on August 18, 2021.
- The following information provides the estimated funding amounts available to the Orange County CoC for the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO.
 - **Preliminary Pro Rate Needs (PPRN):** \$18,243,039
 - **Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD):** \$28,231,737
 - **CoC Bonus:** \$1,411,587
 - **DV Bonus:** \$2,736,456
 - **CoC Planning:** \$846,952

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Update on the FY2021 CoC NOFO and Ad Hoc

- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is comprised of non-conflicted members of the CoC Board and have been tasked with providing unbiased recommendations to the CoC Board around the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO.
- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc membership includes George Searcy, Matt Bates, and Natalie Bui.
- On August 25, the Orange County CoC Board approved the renewal and new project process for the FY2021 COC Program NOFO.
- On August 31, CoC NOFO Ad Hoc met to discuss the funding priorities for the Domestic Violence Bonus Funding, the CoC Bonus Funding and any potential reallocation funding.

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Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus

- Funding available: \$2,736,456
- HUD will award a point value to each project application combining both the CoC application score and responses to the domestic violence bonus specific questions in the CoC Application using the a 100-point scale:
- Eligible Project Types
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
 - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- **Ad Hoc's Recommendation:** The Domestic Violence Bonus Request for Proposals be limited to Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional and Rapid Rehousing component projects.

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CoC Bonus

- Funding available: \$1,411,587
- New projects created through reallocation or CoC Bonus processes include:
 - Permanent Supportive Housing Projects
 - Rapid Rehousing Projects
 - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing component projects.
 - Dedicated HMIS project to be carried out by the HMIS Lead
 - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry System
- **Ad Hoc's Recommendation:** CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding Request to only solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.

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Bonus Points

- Prioritization of projects that serve individuals will provide increased capacity to the largest segment of the homeless population in accessing available housing resources, including rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing.
- The CoC NOFO highlights a priority to partner with housing, healthcare and services agencies to support addressing homelessness to maximize the use of mainstream and other community-based resources. The CoC NOFO has assigned up to 10 bonus points to CoCs that submit new project applications demonstrating coordination with housing providers and healthcare organizations.
- By implementing bonus points in the local process, the Orange County CoC will be better positioned to receive those 10 bonus points and increase the competitive nature of the CoC and its Collaborative Application as a whole.

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Recommendations

- Approve the release of the Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing projects.
- Approve the release of the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals to solicit proposals for Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
- Approve the utilization of bonus points for proposals in response to the CoC Bonus Funding and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals that serve individuals and/or demonstrate coordination with housing and healthcare organizations.

