



**Orange County  
Continuum of Care Board Meeting  
July 26, 2023**

# Public Comments

# Board Member Comments

*Thank you!*

The Office of Care Coordination and CoC Board would like to thank Elida Sanchez for her dedicated service as a CoC Board member.

# Business Calendar

# Consent Calendar

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1. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from May 31, 2023
2. Approve CoC Board Meeting Minutes from June 28, 2023
3. Agencies and Jurisdictions Approved for Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Access
  - a. Receive and file list of agencies and jurisdictions approved for HMIS access from April 22, 2023, through July 21, 2023

## **2024 Point in Time**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination

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## Point in Time (PIT) Count

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuum of Cares (CoC) across the nation complete a biennial unsheltered count and an annual sheltered count of all people experiencing homelessness in the community on a single point in time during the last 10 days of January.
- The Office of Care Coordination, in partnership with the Orange County CoC conducts an unsheltered Point In Time count every two years in Orange County.
- At the May 23, 2023, meeting of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the Board of Supervisors approved to contract with Kingdom Causes, Inc. dba City Net (City Net) to provide planning, implementation, and reporting services for the 2024 PIT Count and subsequent years.

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## Benefits of the PIT Count

- Provides an opportunity to have updated information on those experiencing homelessness on the streets and/or emergency shelters, noting changes in subpopulations and service needs and allowing the Orange County CoC and the County of Orange to update the response to homelessness accordingly.
- Increases the County of Orange and Orange County CoC's competitiveness in state and federal funding opportunities.
- Three days of a countywide effort to outreach to all people experiencing homelessness in Orange County and an opportunity to engage and educate the public on homelessness.
- Opportunity to reconcile and update the Veteran Registry and bring us one step closer to ending veteran homelessness.

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## 2024 PIT Count Methodology

- HUD provides guidelines on how to conduct the PIT Count as well as detail the data points to be collected, including but not limited to chronic homelessness, disabling conditions, demographic information such as single adults, families, and specific subpopulations, including veterans, victims of domestic violence and youth.
- The 2024 PIT Count process will have upgraded methodology, enhanced demographic data collection, needs and geographical locations where people are experiencing homelessness, based on lessons learned and feedback received during the 2022 PIT Count.
- Subpopulation specific efforts will be enhanced and include involvement of CoC Committees and local service providers who specialize in serving:
  - ❖ Transitional Aged Youth (TAY)
  - ❖ Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult)
  - ❖ Veterans

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## 2024 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc

- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, is recommending that a 2024 PIT Count Planning Ad Hoc (PIT Ad Hoc) be established to support the formation and planning of a 2024 PIT Count, involving but not limited to representatives from:
  - ❖ People with Lived Expertise
  - ❖ CoC Board
  - ❖ Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency
  - ❖ Agencies primarily serving Transitional Age Youth (TAY)
  - ❖ Orange County Department of Education and/or McKinney-Vento Liaisons
  - ❖ Family Solutions Collaborative
  - ❖ Local City Representatives
  - ❖ Veterans Affairs (VA)
- The Office of Care Coordination, City Net and HUB for Urban Initiatives will also be involved in the facilitation of the PIT Ad Hoc meetings.
- Furthermore, the Office of Care Coordination will collaborate with the Lived Experience Advisory Committee and CoC Board leadership to identify additional areas of expertise that should be represented on the PIT Ad Hoc.

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## Recommended Actions

- b. Approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the CoC Collaborative Applicant, to conduct a 2024 Point in Time Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County.
- c. Establish the 2024 Point in Time Count Planning Ad Hoc.

**FY2023 CoC Program Notice of Funding  
Opportunity (NOFO)**

Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination

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## CoC Program NOFO

- The CoC Program NOFO Competition is facilitated by HUD and occurs annually, inviting CoCs from across the nation to apply for competitive funding.
- Each Fiscal Year (FY) Competition process begins with Registration of the CoC by the CoC Collaborative Applicant, followed by the review of the CoC's Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIW) and the release of the CoC Program NOFO.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, facilitates the local competition process and completes the Consolidated Application that is submitted to HUD, consisting of:
  - ❖ Final Project Priority Listing with the ranking and tiering of new and renewal projects
  - ❖ CoC Application, which includes responses to multiple narrative and data-related questions
- **Lead entities involved:**
  - ❖ County of Orange – Collaborative Applicant to coordinate and complete Consolidated Application
  - ❖ CoC NOFO Ad Hoc (NOFO Ad Hoc) – Develop NOFO policies and processes, including Scoring and Rating criteria, review and evaluate the CoC Renewal Project Applications
  - ❖ CoC Board – Review and approve CoC NOFO policies and processes, including Scoring and Rating criteria and Ranking and Tiering policy; approve final Project Priority Listing, as recommended by the NOFO Ad Hoc

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## Orange County Continuum of Care FY2022 NOFO Award

Total Annual Renewal Amount Awarded: \$28,445,805

CoC Planning Awarded: \$898,289

DV Bonus Awarded: \$250,000

Total CA-602 FY2022 Award Amount: \$31,453,663

CoC Bonus Awarded: \$362,421

*Agencies awarded funding are considered CoC Renewal Projects for FY 2023*

Project Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Total Applied	Total Awarded
1	Interval House	Domestic Violence TH-RRH Program	Joint TH-RRH	\$946,775	\$946,775
2	Interval House	Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH	\$234,783	\$234,783
3	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Henderson House Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$632,877	\$632,877
4	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA	PSH	\$2,957,977	\$2,957,977
5	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II	PSH	\$2,298,858	\$2,298,858
6	Mercy House Living Centers	Mills End and PSH Leasing Consolidation	PSH	\$574,790	\$574,790
7	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project	PSH	\$3,641,354	\$3,641,354
8	Orange County Housing Authority	#4 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA	PSH	\$2,304,462	\$2,304,462
9	Orange County Housing Authority	#1 Consolidated Shelter Plus Care TRA	PSH	\$4,472,267	\$4,472,267
10	Illumination Foundation	Street2Home OC Expansion	PSH	\$1,956,881	\$1,956,881
11	Orange County Housing Authority	Jackson Aisle Shelter Plus Care	PSH	\$389,050	\$389,050
12	Illumination Foundation	Stanton Multi-Service Center	PSH	\$472,533	\$472,533
13	Orange County Housing Authority	#2 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA	PSH	\$1,938,248	\$1,938,248
14	Mercy House Living Centers	Mercy House - CoC Leasing - Renewal	PSH	\$539,006	\$539,006
15	Serving People In Need, Inc.	CoC Rapid Re-Housing	RRH	\$629,234	\$629,234
16	Anaheim Supportive Housing, Inc.	Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments	PSH	\$231,212	\$231,212
17	Mercy House Living Centers	Aqua PSH	PSH	\$295,784	\$295,784
18	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing Collaborative	PSH	\$384,629	\$384,629
19	Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service	PSH for Families	PSH	\$346,067	\$346,067
20	Families Forward	Families Forward Rapid Re-Housing Expansion	RRH	\$579,869	\$579,869
21	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing 2	PSH	\$593,107	\$593,107
22	County of Orange	Coordinated Entry System SSO Grant 2021	SSO-CES	\$1,231,239	\$1,231,239
23	People for Irvine Community Health (211OC)	HMIS Consolidated Community Support NOFA 2021	HMIS	\$650,575	\$650,575
24	Human Options	DV Bonus Project	Joint TH-RRH	\$144,228	\$144,228
			<b>Tier 1 Total</b>	<b>\$ 28,445,805</b>	<b>\$ 28,445,805</b>
	Human Options	DV Bonus Project	Joint TH-RRH	\$1,497,148	\$1,497,148
25	Friendship Shelter	Friendship Shelter Rapid Re-Housing (CoC Bonus)	RRH	\$362,421	\$362,421
26	County of Orange	Coordinated Entry System – DV (DV Bonus)	SSO	\$250,000	\$250,000
27	Human Options	DV Housing First Collaborative Project (DV Bonus)	Joint TH-RRH	\$1,734,683	
28	PATH	PATH Rapid Re-Housing (CoC Bonus)	RRH	\$1,134,727	
			<b>Tier 2 Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,978,979</b>	<b>\$ 2,109,569</b>
			<b>CoC Application Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,424,784</b>	<b>\$ 30,555,374</b>

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## FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO Competition

### NOFO Release

- HUD released the CoC NOFO Competition on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.
- Consolidated and Project Applications have yet to be released

### Funding Available Nationwide:

- CoC Program – \$2,662,000,000
- Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus – \$52,000,000
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) – \$80,000,000
- A portion of funds will be available for CoC Renewal Projects and CoC Bonus Projects.

### Funding Available to the Orange County CoC:

- Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) – \$30,555,374
- CoC Bonus – \$2,138,876
- DV Bonus – \$2,076,061
- CoC Planning – \$1,500,000

**Application Due Date:** September 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. PDT.

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### FY 2023 CoC NOFO: HUD's Homeless Policy Priorities

Ending homelessness for all persons.

Using a Housing First approach.

Reducing unsheltered homelessness.

Improving system performance

Partnering with housing, health, and service agencies.

Promoting racial equity.

Improving assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.

Involving persons with lived experience.

Increasing affordable housing supply.

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## Ranking and Tiering of Projects

### Project Priority Listing and Tiering

- HUD will continue the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding selection process.
  - **Tier 1** is equal to 93 percent of the CoC's ARD. The Orange County CoC Tier 1 is equal to \$28,416,498.
  - **Tier 2** is the difference between Tier 1 and the maximum amount of renewal, reallocation, and CoC Bonus funds that a CoC can apply for excluding the CoC Planning Grant or projects selected with DV Bonus funds.
- If a project application straddles the Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding line, HUD will conditionally select the project application up to the amount of funding that falls within Tier 1.
- All New and Renewal Project Applications must be ranked and approved by the CoC Board as recommended by NOFO Ad Hoc.
- The NOFO Ad Hoc will recommend the ranking of the approved New and Renewal Project Applications in either Tier 1 or Tier 2 as described on pages 26 through 27 of the FY 2023 CoC Program NOFO.

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## Notable Changes in FY 2023 NOFO Compared to FY 2022 NOFO

- **Round 1 YHDP Grants:** HUD will competitively renew or replace projects that were initially funded in the FY 2016 YHDP (Round 1). These projects may be reallocated by CoCs to create new grants.
- **YHDP Special Activities:** The CoC Program NOFO permits YHDP project applicants to integrate Special Activities into the project design through the selection of these activities in Renewal and Replacement project applications.
- **CoC Planning Increase:** HUD increased the maximum grant amount for CoC planning activities (under 24 CFR 578.39) from 3 percent to be the greater of \$50,000 or 5 percent of the applicable FPRN, but not to exceed \$1,500,000.
- **Tier 1 Percent Change:** Tier 1 is equal to 93 percent changed from the previous 95 percent of the CoC's ARD (reference I.B.2.b.(1) of FY 2023 NOFO) minus the Annual Renewal Amounts (ARAs) of YHDP Renewal and Replacement projects that were initially awarded through the FY 2017 YHDP Competition (Round 2) or later.
- **New Eligible CoC Activities:** These following new budget line items (BLIs) will be built into the CoC Program Competition Application process.
  - Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Costs Budget Line Item.
  - Rural Costs Budget Line Item.

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## Notable Changes in FY 2023 NOFO Compared to FY 2022 NOFO

- **Amendment to criteria for qualifying as “homeless”:** For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of VAWA 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless: any individual or family who—
  - is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
  - has no other safe residence; and
  - lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing

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## Notable Changes in FY 2023 NOFO Compared to FY 2022 NOFO

- **Rapid Rehousing:** CoCs are now able to demonstrate the utilization of RRH through Annual Performance Report (APR) or other longitudinal data from HMIS by showing that more households entered permanent housing through RRH programs in the most recent 12-month compared to the previous 12-month period.
  - Previously, CoCs were asked to demonstrate an increase in RRH beds or demonstrate the number of RRH beds in the CoC sufficiently met the need for this type of housing compared to the information in the most recent PIT and HIC data
- **Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness:** CoCs must attach a letter to demonstrate support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area, signed by either:
  1. At least three members involved in the working group (e.g., advisory committee, subcommittee) comprised of individuals with lived experience or
  2. An authorized representative of the workgroup (e.g., a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group.

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## FY 2023 CoC NOFO

- The timeline below details the local dates for the Orange County CoC activities, including submittal of new projects proposal and renewal project application submittals, as well as HUD deadlines.

DATE	ACTIVITY
July 2023	Release of FY2023 CoC Renewal Projects Application
August 2023	Release of FY2023 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects
August 29, 2023	All project applications must be submitted to CoC (per HUD 30 days before deadline).
September 13, 2023	Agencies notified in writing of inclusion of project acceptance, rejection, reduction and/or ranking by the Orange County CoC (per HUD 15 days before deadline).
September 26, 2023	Consolidated Application posted on website for community review (per HUD 2 days before application submission).
September 28, 2023	CoC NOFO Submission Deadline to HUD per HUD guidelines

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## Update on the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO Local Process

- At the June 28, 2023, meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board approved to direct staff to evaluate the prioritization of select subpopulations including, Families, TAY and Older Adults, in the CoC Program NOFO process.
- The Collaborative Applicant collected data from HMIS to evaluate the discussed subpopulations chronic homelessness status to review eligibility for project types such as Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).
- In July 2023, the NOFO Ad Hoc and Collaborative Applicant convened to discuss the CoC Board feedback on the FY2023 CoC Renewal Project Scoring and Rating Criteria approved at the June CoC Board meeting, as well as review the data collected from HMIS on subpopulations chronically homeless status .

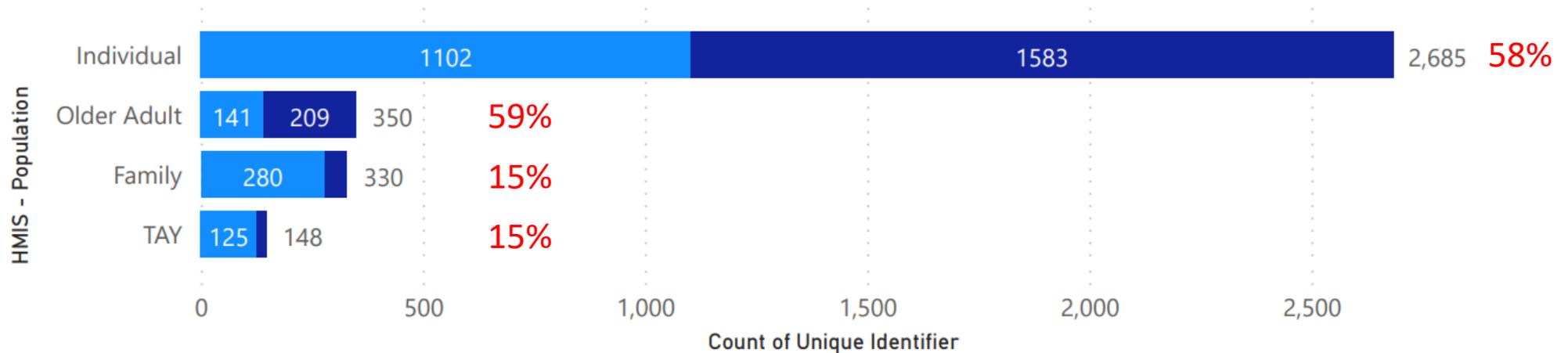
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## Update on the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO Local Process

- The following data was collected regarding subpopulations (Individuals, Families, TAY, and Older Adults) and chronic homelessness (CH) status:

### CH Status by Population

Chronically Homeless Status ● No ● Yes



- As of early July 2023, 15% of Families, 15% of TAY, 59% of Older Adults and 58% of Individuals on the Community Queue identify as experiencing Chronic Homelessness.

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### Update on the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO Local Process

- Based on the data collected regarding subpopulations chronic homelessness status and considering HUD's priority and strong emphasis on serving households with the highest need, the Collaborative Applicant encourages alignment with HUD's priorities and emphasis of serving households with severe service needs to have the most competitive application possible.
- To meet the housing and supportive services needs of specific subpopulations in the Orange County CoC, new projects solicited through the CoC NOFO local competition can include a carve out of a certain percentage of units to be designated to a special population.
- This will be presented for further discussion during the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring Criteria item.

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## Transition Project Scoring and Rating Strategy

- Transition Projects are eligible as renewal project(s) that transition the original project component(s) to another eligible project component. Doing this provides applicants with an opportunity to create a new project and to use a portion of the project's funds to ramp down the original project(s) and ramp up the new project.
- In effort to promote an equitable evaluation of the CoC renewal projects, the NOFO Ad Hoc, in partnership with the Collaborative Applicant, discussed a proposed strategy to support the success of Transition Projects who have not yet completed a full grant term to ensure they are evaluated fairly against other renewal projects in the local competition.
- For the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO Scoring and Rating Criteria, this would mean that Transition Projects would be evaluated only on applicable scoring criteria and a percentage score to assist with the overall rating and ranking of the projects.
- The NOFO Ad Hoc recommends approving the above-described strategy for Transition Projects that have not yet completed a full grant term, if approved, the recommendation would be applicable for the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO and amended year after year, reflecting the most updated scoring criteria.

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## Recommended Action

- c. CoC Renewal Funding
  - i. Approve scoring and rating strategy for Transition Projects that have not yet completed a full grant term to be evaluated using only the applicable scoring criteria from the approved FY2023 CoC Renewal Scoring and Rating Criteria, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.

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## CoC Reallocation Strategy

- HUD incentivizes CoCs to evaluate project performance and gives points in the Consolidated Application that either reallocates funding from lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects or have a process to review the performance of existing projects and reallocate funding from lower performing projects to higher performing projects, as detailed on page 93 of the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO released by HUD.
- Reallocation is a process that CoCs use to shift funds in whole or in part from existing eligible renewal projects to create one or more new projects without affecting the CoC's ARD.
- During the August 24, 2022, meeting of the CoC Board, the CoC Board approved the reallocation policy for reallocating CoC Renewal Projects funding that have a project performance score of less than 60 percent during two CoC NOFO funding cycles for the FY2022 CoC NOFO and ongoing competitions.
- As such, the impact of this policy will be recognized for the first time during the FY2023 CoC NOFO competition process.

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## CoC Reallocation Recommendation

- Based on the CoC Board’s approved reallocation policy, the NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending the reallocation of \$579,869 in funding from the Families Forward Rapid Re-Housing project.
- The NOFO Ad Hoc does not come to this recommendation lightly and has considered the various components of the FY2023 Rating and Ranking Criteria, specifically the project performance measures and thresholds.
- Analysis of Families Forward’s project performance by the HMIS Lead found the following:
  - ❖ Project performance score of less than 60 percent during the last two calendar years
- It is important to acknowledge that project performance can be impacted by the changing landscape of resources and the environment within a community, with parameters around changes to project design and deliverables. Due to the competitive design of the CoC NOFO and funding awards, a project is not able to make major changes to the original scope of work which can result in low performance.

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### Reallocated Funding to a New Project Serving Families

- The Collaborative Applicant met with the NOFO Ad Hoc in July to identify recommended project types and households to be served with the reallocated funding.
- The NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending that the \$579,869 in reallocated funding be utilized to create a new **Rapid Rehousing** or **Permanent Supportive Housing** project that **serves Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult)** that would be solicited through the release of the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals (RFP).
- This recommendation will support the Orange County CoC in developing additional capacity to serve families experiencing homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities and create a new higher performing project.

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## Agency Appeals Process

Should an agency wish to appeal the decision for reallocation of funding, the following formal appeal process can be followed:

1. A formal appeal must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. two (2) business days after the CoC Board decision. The appeal document must consist of a short, written statement (no longer than two pages) of the agency's appeal of the decision addressing the flaw in methodology or in the process used in the decision. The overall performance measurements or data are not a basis for an appeal. The statement can be in the form of a letter or a memo from an individual authorized to represent the agency (i.e., Executive Director).
2. The appeal must be transmitted by email to Sarah Jones ([sarah.jones@ocgov.com](mailto:sarah.jones@ocgov.com)) and Felicia Boehringer ([felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com](mailto:felicia.boehringer@ocgov.com)).
3. The Appeals Panel will be selected from the CoC Board or its designees. The membership of the Appeals Panel will have no conflict of interest in serving.
4. The Appeal Panel will conduct an in person or telephone meeting with a representative(s) of the agency/collaborative who filed the appeal to discuss it, if needed.
5. The Appeal Panel will inform appealing agencies of its decision. (In all cases, the Appeals Committee has the final authority on appeals decisions.)

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## Recommended Actions

### d. CoC Reallocation Recommendations

- i. Approve the reallocation of \$579,869 in funding from the Families Forward Rapid Re-housing Project for the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO.
- ii. Approve the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation to utilize the reallocated funding to solicit new Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing project proposals that serve Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult).

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## CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Overview

- CoC Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **\$2,138,876**
- Per the FY2023 CoC NOFO, new projects eligible to be created through CoC Bonus and/or Reallocation funding include:
  - ❖ Permanent Supportive Housing
  - ❖ Rapid Rehousing
  - ❖ Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) projects
  - ❖ Dedicated HMIS project that can only be carried out by the HMIS Lead
  - ❖ Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system
- The Collaborative Applicant met with the NOFO Ad Hoc to discuss potential recommended priorities for CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding based on HUD's priorities outlined in the NOFO process and current needs presented through system data.

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### CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Priorities

- The members in attendance at the July 13, 2023, NOFO Ad Hoc meeting, recommended Families be prioritized as the eligible population for new projects.
- Due to HUD’s emphasis on serving households with the highest need in the CoC, including households with severe service needs, the Collaborative Applicant recommended the NOFO Ad Hoc consider including additional populations to be served through CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects.
- Upon further review, members of the NOFO Ad Hoc recommended including all households with severe service needs as eligible populations to be served, with an incentive for new CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects to consider designated units for **Families**, **TAY** (ages 18 – 24), **Individual** (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and **Older Adults** (ages 62 and older).
- The Office of Care Coordination supports the widening of eligible populations to be served as it will allow for a more competitive application for the Orange County CoC.
- Furthermore, the NOFO Ad Hoc recommends soliciting **Rapid Rehousing** and **Permanent Supportive Housing** project types for the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding.

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### CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals

- The CoC Board is being asked to approve the Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC, to create and release a Request For Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects, with a focus on serving households with severe service needs and/or designating a minimum percentage of units to any of the following special populations, including Families, TAY (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).
- Additionally, with the release of a CoC Bonus and Reallocation RFP, there is a need to establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received.
- Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals for the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County.
- The Office of Care Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional with involving members who are representative of the population within the homeless service system.

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## FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

- The FY2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria is to be utilized to determine the Tiering and Project Priority Listing for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects as part of the annual CoC Program grant application.
- The NOFO Ad Hoc provided concurrence on the process on the scoring and rating criteria for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and/or Reallocation projects. All projects will be scored on a 140-point scale using the following criteria:

	Criterion	Points	Description of basis for assigning points
1	CoC Participation	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant has demonstrated participation and involvement in the Orange County CoC and core activities of the CoC, such as Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count.</li> <li>• Applicant participates in the local HMIS and completes timely and curate data submissions, as requested.</li> <li>• Applicant participates in the local CES.</li> </ul>
2	Capacity of Applicant and Partner	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past and current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types</li> <li>• Past and current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, administrative, financial, and programmatic components</li> </ul>
3	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability.</li> <li>• Applicant described service delivery approach for serving people with severe service needs.</li> <li>• Applicant described service delivery approach to serving undeserved communities.</li> <li>• Applicant described data driven approach to service delivery.</li> </ul>

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## FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

4	Involving Persons with Lived Experience	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant has a member on Board of Director’s with current and/or past experience of homelessness.</li> <li>• Applicant ensures perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness are meaningfully and intentionally integrated into the decision-making process.</li> <li>• Applicant practices meaningful involvement of people with lived experience in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation.</li> </ul>
5	Proposed Project-Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed project, including service plan and supportive services, is appropriate for the household type and/or subpopulation.</li> <li>• Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to live independently.</li> <li>• Proposed project will implement a Housing first, client-centered approach and evidence-based practices in program operations. To receive full points, applicants must clearly describe the evidence-informed practices that the project will use in policies, procedures, and operations.</li> <li>• Proposed project will have tailored approach to serve people with severe service needs<sup>1</sup> and undeserved communities.</li> </ul>
6	Outcomes	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success.</li> <li>• Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants housing placement and permanent housing retention, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not outputs).</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Severe Service Needs means any combination of the following factors: facing significant challenges or functional impairments, including any physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support in order to maintain permanent housing (this factor focuses on the level of support needed and is not based on disability type); high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities; currently living in an unsheltered situation or having a history of living in an unsheltered situation; experiencing a vulnerability to illness or death; having a risk of continued or repeated homelessness; and having a vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work.

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## FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

7	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including housing services and supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded.</li> </ul>
8	Budget and Match	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated.</li> <li>Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25% is included and documented.</li> <li>Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed.</li> </ul>
9	Leveraging of Resources <sup>2</sup>	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leverage Housing Resources – Project demonstrates that it will provide housing subsidies or subsidizing housing units not currently funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in the case of a permanent supportive housing project, provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project; or</li> <li>(ii) in the case of a rapid re-housing project, serve at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project.</li> <li>(iii) Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Leveraging Healthcare Resources – Project demonstrates the use of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Full points will be given to projects that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) in the case of a substance abuse treatment or recovery provider, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify and choose those services; or</li> <li>(ii) the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.</li> <li>(iii) Provide formal written agreements that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>2</sup> Leveraging of Resources only applies to Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project types. Any Joint Transitional Housing – Permanent Housing: Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources.

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## FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

10	Populations to be Served <sup>3</sup>	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed project primarily serves (75% or more) households with severe service needs; or</li> <li>Proposed Permanent Supportive House project type has minimum of 5 to 10% of units a designated to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).</li> <li>Proposed Rapid Rehousing project type has a minimum of 25% of units designed to serve any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older).</li> </ul>
<b>Total Points</b>		140 Maximum Points Possible	

<sup>3</sup> Criteria only applies to CoC Bonus and Reallocation projects.

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## Recommended Actions

- e. CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals
  - i. Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request for Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing projects that primarily serve households with severe service needs or designate a minimum percentage of units to any of the following special populations, including Families (households with at least one minor child and one adult), Transitional Age Youth (ages 18 – 24), Individual (adult only households) experiencing chronic homelessness and Older Adults (ages 62 and older) as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
  - ii. Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the issued Request for Proposals.
  - iii. Approve FY2023 CoC Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.

# Business Calendar – Item #2

## Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding Overview and Priorities

- DV Bonus Funding Available to the Orange County CoC: **\$2,076,061**
- Eligible Project Types
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Rehousing
  - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
- The NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending that both **Rapid Rehousing** and **Joint TH-RRH** component projects be solicited as part of the local competition process.
- No specific household type was identified as a priority for the DV Bonus funding by the NOFO Ad Hoc.
- HUD evaluates Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH-RRH component projects on several criteria, including the CoC's collaboration with victim service providers, need for the project, quality of the project applicant's experience, demonstration of inclusion of victim-centered practices and demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise.

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### Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Funding Request for Proposals

- To support the solicitation of new DV Bonus Projects, the CoC Board is being asked to approve the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus RFP.
- Additionally, with the release of a DV Bonus RFP there is a need to establish an additional non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received.
- Establishing a Review Panel to review and recommend proposals submitted in response to the DV Bonus Request for Proposals for the FY2023 CoC Program NOFO will support the Orange County CoC in submitting applications that could bring additional housing resources to Orange County that serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- The Office of Care Coordination will outreach to the CoC General Membership and local stakeholders, being intentional with involving members who are representative of the population within the homeless service system, specifically those with expertise in working with survivors.

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### FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria

- The DV Bonus project proposals will also be scored with the FY 2023 CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Scoring and Rating Criteria
- Notable DV Bonus Project Scoring and Rating Criteria to call out:
  - ❖ Any TH-RRH project types will not be scored on the Leveraging of Resources. (20 points)
  - ❖ The Populations to be Served Criteria does not apply to DV Bonus projects. (5 points)

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## Recommended Actions

- f. CoC Bonus and Reallocation Funding Request for Proposals
  - i. Approve the Office of Care Coordination as the Collaborative Applicant for the Orange County CoC to create and issue a DV Bonus Request for Proposals to solicit new Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing – Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH-RRH) projects as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc.
  - ii. Establish a non-conflicted review panel to evaluate proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals.
  - iii. Approve the FY2023 DV Bonus Scoring and Rating Criteria to evaluate proposals as submitted in response to the Request for Proposals.

**CoC Committee Updates**  
CoC Committee Chairs

# Business Calendar – Item #3

## CoC Committee Updates

- a. Policies, Procedures and Standards Committee – Becks Heyhoe
- b. Housing Opportunities Committee – Judson Brown
- c. Service Provider Forum – Nishtha Mohendra
- d. Lived Experience Advisory Committee – Nichole Gideon
- e. Transitional Age Youth Collaborative Committee – Dr. Shauntina Sorrells
- f. Veterans Committee – Eric Richardson
- g. Domestic Violence Committee – Maricela Rios-Faust

**Orange County Homelessness Updates**

Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations,  
and Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination

**System of Care Update**

Zulima Lundy, Director of Operations,  
Office of Care Coordination

# Business Calendar – Item #4

## Host a Focus Group for OC's Older Adults Needs Assessment

- On behalf of the County of Orange, the Office of Care Coordination is reaching out to request invaluable support with the Older Adults Needs Assessment.
- The Older Adults Needs Assessment serves as a powerful tool to identify and prioritize the needs of older adults, ensuring that efforts are focused and responsive to the real issues faced by the community. The results of the survey will be used to support the development of Orange County's Master Plan for Aging.
- The Office of Care Coordination and Advance OC would like to partner with stakeholders to host a virtual focus group to gain a deeper understanding of the unique needs of older adults experiencing homelessness in Orange County, including those sheltered and unsheltered.
  - ❖ Each participant will receive a gift card in the amount of \$30 for their time and participation, and the meeting can also be offered in preferred language if necessary.
  - ❖ It would be most beneficial to partner with a community agency serving older adults experiencing homelessness. Advance OC would like to offer an incentive of \$150 for assistance with gathering a group of 10-15 older adults for this focus group.
- If you have any questions pertaining to this opportunity, please contact Torhon Barnes, Director of Strategic Partnerships, at [Torhon@AdvanceOC.com](mailto:Torhon@AdvanceOC.com) or (818) 694-9125.

**Continuum of Care Update**  
Sarah Jones, CoC Manager,  
Office of Care Coordination

# Business Calendar – Item #4

## Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Survey and Listening Sessions

- California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) is drafting state guidelines for ESG, which will replace the current ESG State Regulations.
- The target date to issue the guidelines and the ESG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is July 31, 2024, for the 2024 HUD ESG annual allocation. HCD is seeking input via a survey and state-wide listening sessions.
- The primary goals of the state guidelines for ESG is:
  - Speed up the deployment of funds to grantees
  - Award funding based on performance outcomes
  - Flexibility
  - Reduce the administrative burden on ESG recipients and HCD
- Your feedback and input into the development of the new ESG guidelines is requested. To access a short survey please click [here](#). Please respond by **Friday, August 11, 2023**.
- HCD will also be holding a series of listening sessions by region via Zoom. To register for the Southern California session on **Tuesday, August 8, 2023, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**, please [Register Here](#)

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California Interagency Council  
on Homelessness (Cal ICH)  
Lived Experience Advisory Board  
**APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN! DUE AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>, 5PM, PDT**

The Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) is recruiting individuals with lived experience of homelessness. LEAB members will share their knowledge to inform California's response to homelessness.

## Who can apply?

Anyone with current or past experience of homelessness can apply. Experiences could include, but are not limited to:

- living outside,
- doubled up or couch surfing,
- staying in a shelter, or
- in a place not meant for living (for example tent, shed, vehicle, or broken down RV)

You will **not** be asked to provide proof of your experience of homelessness.

## How to apply?

Interested individuals must submit an application (11 questions). You can access the application by scanning the QR Code or using the link below. You can complete the application online and once you are done you may submit it instantly.



<https://bit.ly/LEAB-application>

Need a printed copy of the application?  
Ask \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly meetings will be held online via Zoom. CAL ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board members **will be compensated for their participation.**  
You can still apply if you do not have reliable internet or a computer.

We can provide support with filling out the application. Please contact our partners at Homebase using the contact information below. Additionally, you may refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for assistance.

email: [ichleabta@homebaseccc.org](mailto:ichleabta@homebaseccc.org) phone: (510) 542-9770

## Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board Recruitment

- The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) has announced recruitment for Cal ICH's Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB).
- The Cal ICH LEAB will begin to meet monthly via Zoom in September 2023 and members will be compensated for their participation.
- Please feel free to share with program participants and others within your networks.
- Questions can be directed to Cal ICH's partners at Homebase at [ichleabta@homebaseccc.org](mailto:ichleabta@homebaseccc.org) or (510) 542-9770
- [CLICK HERE TO APPLY!](#) Recruitment closes on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.



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## DMV Free ID Policy

- Assembly Bill 1733 established the “DMV Free ID Policy”, a fee waiver for people experiencing homelessness that need to obtain a certified copy of their birth record from the Department of Public Health or a state identification card from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).
- Recent changes the DMV Free ID Policy require CoCs to confirm CoC member agencies that are eligible to receive ID vouchers.
- The Office of Care Coordination, on behalf of the Orange County CoC, is coordinating efforts with the DMV to update this information and will be utilizing the CoC General Membership Roster as the basis to receive ID vouchers.
- Orange County CoC agencies providing direct services to people experiencing homelessness are encouraged to submit CoC general member applications to also gain access to this service.
- Please visit the [CoC General Membership webpage](#) for the current CoC General Membership roster and application.

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## Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) Update

The Office of Care Coordination is working with contracted service providers to lease-up the remaining EHV's as soon as possible to maximize housing stabilization services.

	Allocation	Vouchers Searching	Leased
Anaheim Housing Authority	278	16	260
Garden Grove Housing Authority	117	7	110
Orange County Housing Authority	557	62	466
Santa Ana Housing Authority	89	7	86
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>922</b>

Data updated 7-25-23

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## Training Opportunity: Trauma Informed Care

The Office of Care Coordination will be hosting a training on Trauma Informed Care.

Through this training, service providers will learn the basics of trauma and how it impacts the delivery of homeless services, understand the principles of trauma informed care, and identify ways to incorporate principles into service delivery practices.

- **Date:** Thursday, August 10, 2023
- **Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**This virtual training requires registration. Please register to attend by Wednesday, August 9, 2023.**

- Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtdOqsqzouGtSG3SsFwsxzJt1cP06p2Gsn>

**Next Meeting:**  
Wednesday, August 23, 2023,  
from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

