Annual CoC NOFO DV Bonus Narrative Questions

These DV Bonus questions are specific to Collaborative applications for DV projects that have successfully passed the threshold review and are advancing to the review committee process. Please provide your responses to the following questions, making sure to adhere to the specified character limits. The numbers before each section, such as 4A-3c, refer to the corresponding NOFO section in the collaborative application. While some of this information may have already been addressed in your project application, kindly provide relevant details about the program here as well.

4A-3c. Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. Limit 2500 characters for this section.

1. ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2. prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;
3. determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4. connected survivors to supportive services; and
5. moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.


1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3. keeping information and locations confidential;
4. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors’ physical safety and location confidentiality.

4A-3d.1. Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project. Limit 2500 characters for this section.
4A-3e. Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. Limit 5000 characters

1. prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;

2. establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;

3. providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;

4. emphasizing program participants’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;

5. centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;

6. providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and

7. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.


A. This question requires you to provide examples of how the applicant will implement the new project, not the applicant’s experience operating an existing project.

B. Though you can provide other examples of how the applicant will implement the new project(s), you must address elements 1 through 7.

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will: Limit 5000 Characters

1. prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2. establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;

3. provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;

4. emphasize program participants’ strengths–for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans works towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;

5. center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;

6. provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and

7. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.


A. For element 1 of this question, range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

B. For element 2 of this question, your response must describe steps and actions the new project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures–this response is not about how survivors have been involved in past projects.

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors: Limit 2500 Characters

1. with a range of lived expertise; and

2. in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation.