

1. FROM HUD FAQ – This resolves uncertainty during local webinar

What is a supportive service only (SSO) project?

Answer: SSO projects provide supportive services such as street outreach, treatment, healthcare, job training, or childcare to sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals and families. SSO projects only provide supportive services, and do not provide housing or housing assistance, such as rental assistance. SSO projects can serve individuals residing in shelter, including shelters operated by the SSO recipient.

2. What constitutes a supportive service participation agreement? (From HUD FAQ)

Answer: Supportive Service participation agreements require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use disorder treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h). The agreement may be in a contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent. An example of a supportive service participation requirement is a requirement that participants meet with a case manager at least once a month. This is an existing requirement of Rapid Rehousing projects. 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(ii)(F).

3. How can I decide if I should apply for all my agency renewals?

Answer: Applicants should carefully review if their renewals can comply with FY26 HUD CoC goals and threshold review. Do you have an alternative funding source to maintain housing. Renewal permanent housing applicants who voluntarily reallocate HUD CoC renewal funding will receive 5 bonus points on other renewal or new project applications. To receive bonus points renewal applicants must have a plan to ensure all stay permanently housed.

4. Can we apply for an expansion of our existing TAY housing program rather than a brand-new TH project?

Answer: When considering whether your project qualifies as "new," it does mean new to the CoC. Projects that increase the number of beds and do not have another funding source to continue operating are more likely to be prioritized during scoring.

5. Can we apply for an expansion of our renewal permanent housing project?

*Answer: HUD allows renewal projects to apply for expansion in the categories identified in the NOFO, for example there are no new RRH or PSH projects. Expansion projects are scored separately just like new projects. Applications for expansion projects should be high performing, **meet the threshold criteria identified by HUD on pages 60-66 of the HUD CoC NOFO**, and be aligned with the VC CoC NOFO.*

6. Do we need to select which tier we believe we should be a part of in the application? Or does the CoC decide that upon their review?

Answer: The Data, Performance and Evaluation Committee will review project applications and provide recommendations regarding ranking and tier placement for consideration through the CoC review process.

7. When we submit the application in e-snaps for the local NOFO. If there are revisions needed before the collaborative application to HUD, do the earlier versions go to HUD?

Answer: Applicants will submit draft applications through the local competition process. Following review and Board approval, only the final approved project application will be submitted to HUD.

8. If we have questions regarding e-snaps, can we contact Pat Leslie directly? Or who do we contact?

Answer: All questions must be directed to venturacoc@venturacounty.gov

9. For the Recipient Performance section that is due in the application in e-snaps (HUD Monitoring, Drawdowns etc). Is this only for renewals then? Is there a way for new projects to describe performance?

Answer: All projects will be scored on performance outcomes on HUD grants, similar projects or other grants. New applicants that do not have CoC grant experience may describe their experience administering other federal, state, local, or philanthropic grants, including grant management, expenditure history, monitoring results, program outcomes, and organizational capacity.

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10. If you are preparing a new transitional housing project, but are in the process of onboarding to HMIS are you still eligible? When would onboarding need to be completed?

Answer: Yes. Applicants may apply while onboarding to HMIS; however, applicants should demonstrate a reasonable plan and timeline for HMIS participation. Successful applicants will be expected to comply with HMIS requirements consistent with HUD regulations and CoC policies.

11. What is the maximum award size the VCCoC will entertain for a new SSO or TH project?

Answer: There is a finite amount of funding that each COC Can apply to HUD for. The maximum award size will be determined once HUD publishes the CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report.

12. Should all application details (participants served, budget, etc.) be for a one-year timeframe?

Answer Yes. For purposes of Ventura County's local competition, applicants should submit a one-year operating budget and funding request. If a project is selected for inclusion in the CoC application, Ventura County will work with the applicant to ensure the final HUD submission reflects the grant term permitted under the FY 2026 NOFO and HUD guidance. CoC funding has been awarded consistently on an annual basis and rental Assistance is adjusted based on annual Fair Market Rents.

13. Would our project be considered a new project because it has not previously received HUD CoC funding, or would it not qualify as new because these beds already exist within the system? Put another way, is a project only considered "new" if it adds new beds or capacity?

Answer: When considering whether your project qualifies as "new," it does mean new to the CoC. Projects that increase the number of beds and do not have another funding source to continue operating are more likely to be prioritized during scoring.

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14. If an application is awarded less than the amount requested, can we negotiate the project timeline or scope of work before accepting the award?

Answer: If a lesser award amount is recommended, we will work with applicants to adjust the scope of work before submitting to HUD. This ensures the project can still move forward in alignment with the available funding.

15. Will the County provide all organizations with a compiled Q&A document so we're all equally informed?

Answer, Yes, to keep everyone equally informed, we will provide a running Q&A document. Applicants should regularly access the CoC NOFO webpage (<https://coc.venturacounty.gov/hud-fy-26-coc-nofo-information/>). It will be made available to all organizations that attended the webinar.

16. On the attached slide, is there relevance to the order and amounts of the Tier 2 entries? If so, please clarify. Or is it all just sample data in random order?

Sample of FY26 VC CoC Tiers 1 and 2

FY26 Annual Renewal Demand = \$3,749,587			CoC Planning = \$321,110			
Tier 1 (60% cap) = \$2,249,752			Estimated CoC Bonus = \$798,000			
Tier 2 = \$1,499,834			Estimated DV Bonus = \$1,000,000			
HUD TH and SSO Set Aside (approx. 30%) = \$1,124,876						
Rank	Grantee Name	Project Name	Project Type	Grant Amount	# Units / # Served	Score
Tier 1						
1	County of Ventura	HMIS/Coordinated Entry System	HMIS	\$429,370	N/A	N/A
2	Organization 1	Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$500,000	30	98
3	Organization 2	Rapid Rehousing for Prioritized Subpopulation	PSH	\$800,000	50	96
4	Organization 3	Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$100,	20	96
5	Organization 4	Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$420,030	30	95
			Tier 1	\$2,249,752		
Tier 2 (Remainder of ARD + CoC Bonus + DV Bonus)						
6	Organization 5	Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal	PSH	\$254,494	30	95
7	Organization 6	New Transitional Housing	TH	\$200,000	10	93
8	Organization 7	New Transitional Housing	TH	\$694,139	25	91
9	Organization 8	Transition Grant (PSH to TH)	TH	\$250,000	15	90
12	Organization 9	New Domestic Violence Transitional Housing	DV TH	\$1,000,000	40	88
13	Organization 10	New Transitional Housing	TH	\$395,558	20	85
14	Organization 11	Supportive Services Only (Street Outreach)	SSO	\$300,000	0	85
15	Organization 12	Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal	TH	\$203,643	25	85
			Tier 2	\$3,297,834		

* Tier 2 projects are at risk and are dependent on CoC Collaborative Application score, project ranking, service participation requirements in the national competition and/or set aside process to be funded.

Answer: The slide you referenced is sample data, intended to illustrate expectations for the competition. We anticipate that high-scoring renewal permanent housing projects will be placed in Tier 1 to maximize funding and maintain housing opportunities, while Transitional Housing and SSO projects will dominate Tier 2 for the HUD set-aside.