

- Are DV bonus Transitional Housing projects required to meet the 40 hours/week programming per client?
  - Yes, Transitional Housing projects, regardless of funding tier or source are required to meet all project type requirements.
- What are the eligible costs under the SSO Standalone project type? Do they include flex funding?
  - Eligible costs under Standalone projects include housing search and placement, housing navigation, and benefits coordination to help people access the system. These are specialized examples, but activities would also include items generally considered a part of case management.
  - Flex funds are not considered eligible costs under Standalone projects.
- Are the 40 hrs./week of services per participant required for programs transitioning from PSH to TH?
  - Yes, Transition Grants must be able to meet all threshold requirements of the new project component. For PSH projects transitioning to TH, this includes the 40 hrs./week services.
- Does an applicant have to complete both the local application and the HUD application, or can we choose?
  - All projects must submit **both** a local application through the CoC NOFO Portal, **as well as** an application through the HUD e-snaps portal. Project applications will be considered incomplete without both applications.
- There's something wrong with my NOFO portal login. Who do I contact for support?
  - Please email [HSInfo@azmag.gov](mailto:HSInfo@azmag.gov) for assistance accessing the NOFO portal.
- If an organization has not completed the Notice of Intent to Apply form, can they still apply?
  - Yes! The Notice of Intent to Apply is intended for planning purposes only. Agencies are not required to complete the Notice of Intent to Apply.
- Since completing the Notice of Intent to Apply, details have changed about my project. Can we make corrections to our Intent to Apply submissions?
  - The Notice of Intent to Apply is non-binding and optional, meaning that agencies are not bound to follow what they indicated in their submissions. The Notice of Intent is for planning purposes only.
- What's the difference between Tier 1 funding and Tier 2? Do I have to choose which Tier to apply for?
  - Unless applying for DV bonus funds, applicants do not need to indicate funding tiers. Project ranking, and by extension corresponding project tiers, are compiled by the Rank and Review Committee. Applicants will be alerted

of their project's ranking position and corresponding tier following the CoC Board's approval of the priority ranking list.

- Applicants applying for DV bonus funding may indicate their interest within the local application project application. There will be a checkbox for participants to select if they are pursuing DV bonus funding.
- How much funding is in each of the tiers?
  - Tier 1 is limited to 30% of a CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 is comprised of the remaining 70%, in addition to possible CoC bonus funding. The DV bonus is determined through a separate process.
    - Tier 1: \$15,177,227
    - Tier 2: \$45,531,681
    - DV Bonus: \$4,051,857
- When will the local application portal open?
  - The portal will open either November 26<sup>th</sup> or November 27<sup>th</sup>. MAG staff will alert prospective applicants once the portal has opened.
- Does each applicant need to meet the 25% funding match, or is that only required of the CoC?
  - All recipients must match 25% of all grant funds, except for leasing funds, through alternate funding sources or in-kind contributions from other sources. Project applicants that intend to use program income as a match must provide an estimate of how much program income will be used for the match. For more information, please refer to:
    - Page 10 of the NOFO Announcement
    - [24 CFR 578.73](#)
  - More information about cost sharing and matching can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): [2 CFR 200.1](#)
- Can a Transitional Housing program use CoC funds to pay for utilities, or does that violate the restriction on applying funds to for-profit costs?
  - A Transitional Housing project can pay for utilities using CoC funds. This is an eligible cost.
- Does an applicant that is a Behavioral Health provider meet the Transitional Housing threshold requirement for partnering with providers to provide supportive services?
  - Although we are awaiting additional details from HUD, yes. The project must demonstrate that they will **provide and/or partner** with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services, indicating that these services can be provided by the applicant. Please see Page 55 of the NOFO announcement for more information.

- Is there a sliding scale for the number of hours of services required for clients in Transitional Housing if the clients are employed? If a person gains employment while in our program, will they no longer have to participate in the full 40 hrs./week requirement?
  - The NOFO announcement indicates that the 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. More information can be found on Page 57 of the announcement.
- Can a new applicant apply for more than one new project? Can applicants submit multiple applications under the same project type?
  - Yes, applicants can submit more than one new project application. There are no restrictions on the number of applications submitted.
- What happens if clients do not engage in the required 40 hrs./week of services for Transitional Housing projects?
  - While there is not yet extensive guidance from HUD in this area, the Transitional Housing project type requires clients to participate in services, indicating that clients that would not comply with service requirements would exit the project.
- Do seniors who are unable to work still have to participate in 40 hrs./week service requirements?
  - The NOFO announcement indicates that the 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over the age of 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability. This does not include those with substance use disorders. More information can be found on Page 57 of the NOFO announcement.
- How does HUD determine the allocation of funds to applicants?
  - Applicants submit their project applications to the local funding competition. Through the local competition, the CoC will determine which projects will be placed higher on the priority ranking, which is incorporated into the consolidated application. HUD then evaluates the consolidated application submissions for each CoC. Projects in Tier 1 are typically funded for their full amounts, while projects falling in Tier 2 may receive variable amounts.
- Do you have any way of knowing how the Transitional Housing units are calculated in e-snaps? Will it auto calculate like Rapid Rehousing in previous applications?
  - We do not yet have official guidance from HUD on how to complete the e-snaps application. In addition, the e-snaps portal has not yet opened. Our team is working on resources to support applicants while we await further direction.

- Our agency has multiple locations across the state. Should I submit one application for each location, or should I submit everything under one application?
  - This depends on your program model and administrative design. Applicants must determine how best to organize their applications to suit programmatic and administrative needs. In addition, this process pertains to projects located within Maricopa County. Any projects in other parts of the state may fall under one of the other two Arizona CoCs, links provided below:
    - <https://tpch.net/>
    - <https://housing.az.gov/programs/homeless-special-needs>
- The deadline for the Notice of Intent to Apply was earlier this week. Can we still submit!
  - Yes, please do!
- Does the application require a budget for a single year, or should we prepare multiple?
  - At this time, it appears that e-snaps will likely require a single year budget. There is varying information within the NOFO Announcement. Our team has submitted a question to HUD and will share the guidance accordingly.
- Does an applicant need to have a SAM.gov registration to apply?
  - Yes, an applicant needs an up-to-date SAM.gov registration at the time of application and throughout the life of the award. Registration through SAM.gov can take several weeks. SAM.gov provides each agency with a unique entity identifier (UEI), which is also required for funding. More information about SAM.gov registration can be found on Page 3 of the NOFO Announcement.
- Is there guidance on how to create an e-snaps organization account? How does our agency complete the e-snaps project application?
  - Historically, HUD has provided a robust Application Guide to support applicants through the e-snaps funding process. While HUD has not yet announced the updated version of this guide for this year's competition, past versions of the Application Guide can be found on the HUD website. In addition, our team is working to craft resources to support applicants during this interim window.
- Can I create an e-snaps account, even though the e-snaps applications are not yet available?
  - Yes, users are able to create e-snaps accounts.
- Can you explain how the scorecards differ from the threshold requirements?

- The quality threshold requirements are established by HUD in the NOFO Announcement. In turn, the scorecard is part of the local competition and is crafted by the community. While the NOFO announcement addresses HUD's priorities, the scorecard addresses the CoC's priorities. Project applications will need to meet **both** HUD's thresholds, **as well as** the scorecard's requirements.