

**SAN MATEO COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE 2021 CoC NOFO**

A. September 15, 2021 – Q&A from Applicants Meeting

- **How will consolidation of projects work this year?**
Grantees that have two or more projects of the same type may merge them into one grant for ease of administration. The applicant will complete one e-snaps Project Application for each grant (as usual) and then indicate in the Consolidation Screen that they plan to use consolidation. The applicant will select one grant as the “survivor” grant and flag that in the application. A change from last year is that the grantee does not have to also complete an application for the consolidated grant. HUD will merge all existing grants in your program into the “survivor” grant. There is a minimum of two grants that can be merge and a maximum of ten. Projects of different types (e.g., a TH and an RRH or a TH and a PSH) cannot be merged.

- **For the bonus projects, there are additional points for CoC project partners with vouchers other than CoC vouchers. If a portion of the project will use EHV (emergency housing vouchers), can the HUD CoC funds be used to pay for services for those units?**
Yes. As an example, we’ll use a scenario where the applicant is applying for a PSH project to serve 16 participants. You can request HUD CoC funding for 12 vouchers (75% of total vouchers) and leverage 4 EHV’s (25% of total vouchers) and that would garner the bonus points. You can also ask for CoC funding for services for all 16 participants.

- **Can the bonus project be an expansion project?**
Yes. But the new grant (the expanded part of the original project) will be evaluated as a “standalone” new project for the purpose of determining whether it meets the criteria for bonus points for either leverage of non-CoC funded housing or leverage of health care. Resources from the existing project that is being expanded cannot count towards the resources of the new project.

- **For bonus projects, if it’s a 16 unit building but the CoC gives funding for 12 units – when we do HMIS data entry and run our APR, do we report on 12 or 16 units?**
Anyone that is being served in the project is considered a participant and their data must be entered into HMIS, even if the source of their housing subsidy is an EHV or other non-CoC source.

- **If we pursue a project with a proportion of units being subsidized by EHV’s, do these units have to be in HMIS?**
Yes, all units will have to be reported in HMIS. The project must also take referrals from Coordinated Entry.

B. September 16, 2021 – Questions Received Via Email

- **Can you confirm that PSH project applications may request funding solely for supportive services for permanent housing units subsidized with non-CoC funds where the project is dedicating those units to the project?**

That is correct.

- **Can you confirm PSH project applications may request funding partially for supportive services for permanent housing units subsidized with non-CoC funds where the project is dedicating those units to the project?**

That is correct.

- **Can you confirm PSH project applications may request funding a combination of supportive services for permanent housing units subsidized with non-CoC funds where the project is dedicating those units to the project together on the project application with units and services where CoC funding is requested for both the units and the services?**

That is correct.

- **For the project application types listed above, which entity(ies) could be the project applicant (e.g., the housing subsidy provider, the services provider, any entity contracting for these services, or any of the above)?**

Any of the above. The applicant should be the entity that will hold responsibility for the grant (reporting to HUD, managing the funding). The applicant entity can also designate one or more subrecipients of grant funds if there is a need to pass through CoC dollars to a service provider or other partner.