



Addendum #1 to RFA No. 24-03

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This Addendum is intended to provide responses to questions submitted for the above referenced Request for Applications (RFA). Any information contained herein will be considered part of the RFA.

Responses to submitted questions are indicated below in blue font.

1. What is the maximum single award amount?

The maximum award amount under this CoC Builds RFA is based on each CoC's Final Pro Rata Need for the Fiscal Year 2024 CoC Competition, which is the higher of the CoC's Preliminary Pro Rata Need or Annual Renewal Demand. For the SBC CoC, the maximum amount available for a single project is \$7,500,000. An award pursuant to this this Request for Applications (RFA) is contingent upon an award from HUD.

HUD will award no more than 20 percent of the final award for non-capital costs eligible CoC activities associated with the PSH project, and no more than 10 percent of the final award for administrative costs associated with the PSH project. The Collaborative Applicant reserves the right to retain a portion of the final award for administrative costs for efforts including funding coordination, contracting, program monitoring and oversight, data collection and evaluation, and reporting.

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2. What is the anticipated date of HUD award?

If selected by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Awardees are expected to execute the grant agreement with HUD no later than September 1, 2025. Then, once the Office of Homeless Services (OHS), the Collaborative Applicant, has entered into an agreement with HUD, OHS will enter into an agreement with the project Applicant.

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3. What would be the ideal number of beds/units? what about cost per unit/bed?

It will be up to the Applicant to determine what is feasible based on the site. The evaluation will take multiple factors into consideration, so it is possible that a smaller project may be selected over one that proposes to develop or rehabilitate more units. Please refer to the HUD CoC Builds Program objectives and goals, and the Review Criteria exhibit.

4. Is this project only open exclusively for permanent housing units? Will temporary housing be considered?

CoC Builds targets efforts within a CoC geographic area to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

5. Is this geared towards the disabled (individual or family with individual)?

The CoC Builds Program Competition is geared towards increasing PSH to meet the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness, as outlined in 24 CFR 578.37(a)(1)(i), where at least one (1) individual in the household has a disability.

6. We have a few residential houses in the area we want to rehab and are considering the construction of ADUs. Will this be a valid project?

Please refer to regulations for Rehabilitation (24 CFR 578.45) and New Construction (24 CFR 578.47) to confirm if proposed Project aligns with eligible uses of CoC Builds funding.

7. How many awardees are there just for SBC?

Only one (1) project within the SBC CoC geographic area may be selected for submission to the CoC Builds program competition.

8. Can the funds be used for scattered site programs and not necessarily only for project based?

Applicant must be able to provide proof of site control for proposed Projects that encompass the rehabilitation or new constructions of multiple sites.

9. Can a Startup org JV with another org that has the two years financial history?

No, the Applicant must submit the financial documentation as indicated in Section VII, Section B of the RFA.

10. Campaign Contribution (Page 44 of 62):

- a. Request for Applications Title under Application Information: Are we to list the project name on this first line?
- b. Request for Applications Number: Where do we get the Application Number?

The RFA title is CoC Builds. The project name does not need to be listed on the first line of, or anywhere within, Attachment K. The Application Number is 24-03. It is found on the cover page of the RFA and in the top right header of the remaining pages within the RFA.

11. Are applicants required to obtain a Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (page 12) from the jurisdiction where the project is located OR could an applicant receive a certification from the County?

Applicants must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the proposed project will be located that the applicant's project application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved consolidated plan. Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between June 1, 2024, and October 31, 2024.

12. What is the funding commitment that an applicant must make related to providing employment and training for low- and very low-income persons? Will the County provide any training or assistance to help applicants meet the Section 3 requirements?

The Section 3 benchmarks are minimum targets that must be reached in order for HUD to consider a recipient in compliance. Recipient agencies are required to make best efforts, or to the greatest extent feasible, to achieve the benchmarks required for the number of labor hours performed by both Section 3 workers and Targeted Section 3 workers.

Please refer to the [Section 3 Benchmark Notice](#) and the [Section 3 Portal](#).

13. Are there page limits to the narratives on Attachment L? If yes, can a separate document be submitted?
- a) Development Experience
 - b) Leveraging Experience
 - c) Managing Homeless Projects

There are no page limits, but Applicant should aim to be both detailed and concise. Separate documents may be submitted. Please include the narrative title and number the pages (e.g., 1 of 2; 2 of 2) if separate documents are submitted.

14. Attachment L, Coordination with Housing Providers, Healthcare Organizations, and Social Service Providers:
- a. How can the leveraged housing resources through the coordination with housing providers, healthcare organizations, and social service providers be put towards the new construction, acquisition, and rehabilitation?
 - b. How do these leveraged housing resources also provide subsidies?

The Applicant is expected to identify the non-CoC funded housing resources being leveraged. Applicant may submit letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the percentage of subsidies, number of units, access to housing resources (e.g., supportive services, home-based and long-term services and supports, primary and medical care, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment and recovery, and other services) and in-kind resources being provided to support the project.