

San Bernardino City and County CoC FY 2026

CoC Domestic Violence Bonus Project Scoring Guidelines

Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2026 CoC DV Bonus new projects will be reviewed by the San Bernardino City and County CoC Grant Review Committee (GRC).

CoC DV Bonus projects will be reviewed and scored by the GRC for recommendation to the United States Housing and Urban Development (HUD) based on the following:

Threshold Review: Before scoring, applications must pass local threshold review, including applicant eligibility, DV Bonus project eligibility, eligible participant population, match documentation, budget eligibility, HMIS or comparable database participation, e-snaps completeness, and required FY 2026 certifications. Projects that do not meet the threshold will be rejected.

HUD Project Eligibility and Quality Threshold Alignment (Pass/Fail)

- Project proposes an eligible FY 2026 DV Bonus project component: Transitional Housing (TH), or Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE).
- Project narrative and attachments demonstrate alignment with the applicable HUD FY 2026 project quality threshold requirements for the proposed component type.
- Project demonstrates that the proposed population is eligible under the FY 2026 NOFO, 24 CFR Part 578, and applicable VAWA requirements.

A. Experience and Capacity (35 points Maximum)

- Applicant demonstrates experience and capacity operating eligible housing, supportive services, victim services, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking survivor projects. The extent to which the DV Bonus project fills a gap in the community's Continuum of Care (CoC) and addresses an eligible population.
- The applicant demonstrates fiscal accountability, grant management capacity, staffing readiness, compliance history, and ability to expend funds timely.
- The applicant provides documentation for the required match and demonstrates the proposed budget is within the available DV Bonus or DV Reallocation funding.
- The extent to which the proposed project meets HUD's threshold.

B. DV Survivor Experience, Safety Planning, and Trauma informed Project Design (25 points Maximum)

- Project funding is dedicated to eligible survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, including individuals and families who are fleeing or attempting to flee and who lack the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.
- Project demonstrates a trauma-informed, survivor-centered approach, including safety planning, confidentiality protections, and appropriate coordination with victim service providers.
- SSO-CE projects demonstrate policies, procedures, and practices that equip coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors and improve coordination with victim service provider systems where separate systems exist.

C. System Performance, Housing Outcomes, and Local Need Component Threshold

Alignment (20 points Maximum)

- Project fills a documented gap in the CoC response for survivors and addresses local need for safe housing, transitional housing, coordinated entry access, or survivor-specific supportive services.
- Project includes measurable outcomes for safe housing placement or retention, successful exits, reduced returns to homelessness, increased employment income, mainstream benefits, or improved data quality.
- Project demonstrates how performance will be tracked and reported in HMIS or a comparable database, consistent with applicable confidentiality requirements.

D. Supportive Services, Recovery, Employment, and Mainstream Linkages (10 points Maximum)

- Project provides or partners to provide eligible supportive services necessary to help survivors obtain housing, maintain housing, and move toward stability and self-sufficiency.
- Project demonstrates linkages to appropriate health, behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, peer support, employment, benefits, legal, childcare, transportation, and other mainstream resources without compromising participant safety or confidentiality.

E. Cost Effectiveness, Match, and Leveraging (10 points Maximum)

- Project cost per household or person served is reasonable and consistent with 2 CFR 200.404.
- Project demonstrates required match, leveraging, and coordination with mainstream health, social service, employment, benefit, and other public or private resources.
- Project budget is reasonable, allowable, allocable, and necessary for the proposed activities.

HUD FY 2026 DV Bonus Project Quality Threshold: Projects must meet the applicable HUD threshold minimum before being recommended for funding.

Project Type	HUD Points Available	Minimum Required	FY 2026 NOFO Reference
Transitional Housing (TH)	8	6	Pages 63-64
SSO Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)	4	3	Pages 66-67