San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2026 Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion and Transition Grants Projects Request for Applications (RFA)

The San Bernardino County Office of Homeless Services (OHS), on behalf of the San Bernardino City and County Continuum of Care (CoC), is requesting applications from nonprofit, including faith based nonprofit organizations, tribal, and local government organizations to develop new housing, supportive services, and system improvement projects that align with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY 2026 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition. Applications selected through this local process will be submitted to HUD as part of the CoC's Consolidated application.

This RFA is issued in accordance with the HUD FY 2026 CoC Competition and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, Opportunity No. **CPD-2600-DC-0025** (the "FY 2026 NOFO"), which sets forth new requirements and priorities for DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition Grant projects. The FY 2026 NOFO emphasizes increased competition, reductions in unsheltered homelessness and encampments, treatment and recovery, transitional housing, supportive services, employment and self-sufficiency, public safety coordination, and objective project ranking based on performance and system impact.

The FY 2026 NOFO may be accessed through the HUD website and Grants.gov and is incorporated herein by this reference. Successful applicants will prepare a project application in HUD's electronic CoC Program Application and Grants Management System, known as e-snaps. OHS, as the Collaborative Applicant, will submit the approved and ranked project applications with the CoC Consolidated Application to HUD.

Goals and Objectives

1. Improving Outcomes.

The FY 2026 NOFO prioritizes meaningful and sustained reductions in homelessness, including reductions in unsheltered homelessness and encampments, increased self-sufficiency, improved income and employment outcomes, exits to unsubsidized or permanent housing, and reductions in returns to homelessness. Applicants must describe how the proposed projects will improve local system performance and advance measurable outcomes. This NOFO also makes a significant investment in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects to ensure that those who can recover and achieve self-sufficiency have the support to do so.

2. Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability.

HUD has increased competition in the FY 2026 CoC Program by setting Tier 1 at 60 percent of the CoC's Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Applicants should understand that funding is highly competitive and that local project ranking must be based on objective criteria, system performance, capacity, cost-effectiveness, and alignment with HUD and CoC priorities. Competition ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.

3. Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care.

The FY 2026 NOFO places renewed emphasis on the full continuum of eligible CoC components, including Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, Permanent Housing, and HMIS. HUD has made a significant national investment in new projects, with a priority for Transitional Housing and Supportive Services Only projects, to support a balanced local homelessness response.

4. Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency.

Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that connect program participants to treatment and recovery services, behavioral health care, substance use disorder treatment, peer support, recovery navigation, and mainstream health resources. Projects may include supportive service participation requirements consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h), individual need, and applicable HUD requirements. This NOFO devotes resources to Transitional Housing programs and Supportive Service Only projects with the goal of improving health and long-term economic independence for homeless individuals and families. The NOFO encourages investment in treatment-focused beds, recovery housing, and partnership with community behavioral healthcare providers, drug courts, and other addiction and severe mental illness treatment providers.

5. Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency.

Applicants should demonstrate how projects will increase employment, employment income, job training, workforce participation, education, and access to mainstream benefits and services. Applicants are encouraged to partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare providers, community colleges, apprenticeship programs, and other employment resources. CoCs should prioritize projects that help lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.

6. Advancing Public Safety for All.

Applicants should describe how proposed projects will coordinate, when appropriate, with first responders, law enforcement, outreach teams, emergency shelter providers, treatment programs, local government, and community partners to reduce unsheltered homelessness, address encampments, improve safety, and connect people to appropriate services and housing. CoCs should work with law enforcement, first responders, and their state and local governments to reduce encampments, public camping, and public drug use in order to address barriers to maintaining housing and increasing self-sufficiency.

7. Minimizing Trauma for Vulnerable Populations.

Projects must ensure participant safety and provide trauma-informed care, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

8. Expanding Access Based on Merit and Not Ideology

HUD emphasizes equal opportunity for eligible applicants, including faith-based organizations, and equal access to program benefits without unlawful discrimination. Applicants must comply with federal civil rights, fair housing, nondiscrimination, and other applicable requirements. To that end, this NOFO prohibits the use of federal funds being used for any type of racial preferences, even under the guise of "diversity, equity, and inclusion." HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs, recognizing all relevant protections provided by subsection c of HUD's Equal Participation Rule, 24 CFR § 5.109.

Funding Availability

Final local FY 2026 funding amounts will be determined based on HUD's published CoC amounts, including Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN), Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN), Annual Renewal Demand (ARD), Tier 1, CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, CoC Planning, and any applicable reallocation amounts.

CoC Bonus Projects	Approximately $3,030,835
DV Bonus Projects	Approximately $4,041,113
Potential Reallocation	To Be Determined (TBD)

The FY 2026 NOFO allows CoCs to use up to 15 percent of their FPRN to create new CoC Bonus project applications.

The FY 2026 NOFO allows CoCs to apply for DV Bonus projects where the total amount for one year of funding for all DV Bonus applications is up to 20 percent of the CoC's PPRN.

IMPORTANT - Applicants must be able to prepare the application when it is available in e-snaps. E-snaps is the electronic CoC Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process.

NEW TO E-SNAPS? Detailed instructions on how to create an account in e-snaps and access a Project Application in e-snaps can be found at https://esnaps.hud.gov and through HUD's CoC Program resources. The CoC strongly encourages agencies that do not have an account in e-snaps to create an account even if the CoC Project Application has not yet been made available in e-snaps.

Applicants must prepare their application in e-snaps, create a PDF version of the e-snaps application, and submit the PDF version of the application and attachments to homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov by July 31, 2026.

I. New Projects created through the CoC Bonus or Reallocation process.

An agency may apply for funding approximately, $3,030,835. Projects created through the CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation process must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements outlined in the FY 2026 NOFO.

The following project components are eligible for New CoC Bonus or CoC Reallocation Projects:

- Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects
- Transitional Housing (TH) projects

- Supportive Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project to develop or operate a centralized or coordinated assessment system

For new projects created through the CoC Bonus process, HUD must determine whether the CoC has demonstrated that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC's system performance. Applicants must therefore address system performance, cost-effectiveness, capacity, participant outcomes, and alignment with HUD and CoC priorities in their project narratives.

II. New Projects created through the DV Bonus or DV Reallocation process.

An agency may apply for funding approximately $4,041,113. Projects created through the DV Bonus or DV Reallocation process must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in the FY 2026 NOFO.

The following project components are eligible for New DV Bonus projects:

- Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)
- Transitional Housing (TH)

DV Bonus and DV Reallocation projects must be dedicated to individuals and families experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and who qualify as homeless under applicable HUD requirements. TH applications must demonstrate the applicant's experience serving this population and ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes. SSO-CE applications must demonstrate how the project will equip coordinated entry to better meet the needs of this population.

The FY 2026 NOFO permits each CoC to submit only one new SSO-CE DV Bonus project. There is no limit to the number of TH DV Bonus project applications, provided each application requests at least $50,000 and otherwise meets HUD and local competition requirements.

III. Expansion Projects

HUD will allow eligible project applicants to apply for new expansion projects to expand existing CoC Renewal or DV Renewal projects to increase the number of units, beds, persons served, services provided to existing program participants, or to add additional activities to HMIS and SSO-CE projects.

An agency may apply for expansion funding through CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation, subject to applicable funding availability and HUD requirements. Expansion projects must be for the same component as the project being expanded, must meet project eligibility and project quality thresholds, and the renewal project being expanded must have an expiration date in CY 2027.

Project applicants intending to submit new project applications for the purpose of expanding an eligible renewal in the CoC Program must:

- Submit a separate renewal project application and a separate new project application with expansion information; both projects must be ranked by the CoC with unique rank numbers.
- Enter the grant number of the eligible renewal project proposed for expansion in the new project application.
- Indicate how the new project application will expand units, beds, services, persons served, or services provided to existing program participants, or, for HMIS or SSO-CE projects, how current activities will be expanded for the CoC's geographic area.
- Ensure the funding request for the expansion grant is within the funding parameters allowed under CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation amounts available.

If a project application does not meet the expansion requirements, or if the renewal project proposed for expansion is not selected for award, HUD will review the new expansion project and may consider it as a standalone project during the selection process, provided that the project is feasible on its own with the requested funding and passes project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements.

If both the new expansion project and the renewal project it expands are conditionally selected for funding, one grant agreement incorporating both approved project applications will be executed.

The following limitations apply to expansion grant applications:

- If the new expansion project exceeds the amount of funding available to the CoC under the reallocation or Bonus processes, HUD will reduce the funding request to the available amount, which could affect the activities of the new expansion project.
- HUD will not fund expansion applications that include requests for capital costs, including new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition, and will only allow 1-year funding requests for expansion projects.
- Recipients cannot apply to expand a project included in a grant consolidation during the same funding year. If an applicant applies to expand a project included in a grant consolidation, HUD may consider the expansion project for funding if it meets all requirements of a new standalone project.
- CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation funding cannot be used to expand a YHDP renewal project.
- If CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, or DV Reallocation funding is used to expand a DV Renewal project, the entire expanded project must be 100 percent dedicated to serving eligible individuals and families fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and must meet applicable DV project requirements.

IV. Transition Grants

CoCs may use the Transition Grant process described in FY 2026 NOFO Sec. II.B.3.k to create new projects. HUD reminds CoCs that individuals living in Permanent Housing may be eligible for Transitional Housing (see HUD guidance) and encourages CoCs to assess the unique needs of individuals and families to provide appropriate assistance to meet their needs.

HUD will allow project applicants to apply for a Transition Grant to transition an eligible CoC renewal project, including an eligible Special NOFO project or DV Renewal project, from one program component to another eligible component through the reallocation process. A Transition Grant is considered a new project application and must fully transition to the new component by the end of the one-year grant term.

A project applicant may apply for a Transition Grant only if the renewal project being transitioned has an expiration date in CY 2027 and the project applicant is the recipient listed on the current grant agreement for the eligible renewal project being eliminated or reduced to create the new project. The Transition Grant must be created through reallocation and must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD in the FY 2026 NOFO.

Project applicants seeking a Transition Grant must:

- Obtain CoC approval to submit the Transition Grant application;
- Submit the new project application in e-snaps as a Transition Grant;
- Identify the grant number(s) of the eligible renewal project(s) being eliminated or reduced to create the Transition Grant;
- Attach a copy of the most recently awarded project application for the project(s) being eliminated or reduced;
- Demonstrate that the proposed new project component is eligible under the FY 2026 CoC NOFO;
- Demonstrate that the new project will meet all applicable project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements;
- Demonstrate that the project can fully transition to the new component by the end of the one-year grant term; and
- Ensure that the Transition Grant funding request does not exceed the amount of eligible renewal funding being reallocated from the project being eliminated or reduced to create the Transition Grant.

If a project application identifies the project as a Transition Grant and the CoC accepts the new Transition Grant project on the New Project Application Project Listing in the CoC Priority Listing, HUD will consider this acceptance as CoC consent.

Transition Grant applications awarded FY 2026 funds must fully transition to the new component by the end of the one-year grant term and may only apply for renewal in the next CoC Program Competition under the component to which the project transitioned.

If HUD determines that a new project submitted as a Transition Grant does not qualify as a Transition Grant but otherwise meets all new project requirements, HUD may award the project as a new non-transition grant project. If this occurs, the new project operating start date will be reflected in the grant agreement.

V. Cost Sharing or Matching

This Program requires cost sharing or matching. 24 CFR 578.73 requires that recipients must match all grant funds, except for leasing funds, with no less than 25 percent of funds or in-kind contributions from other sources. 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. HUD will not require YHDP Renewal or replacement projects to meet the 25 percent match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for homeless youth or if the recipient has already had a match exemption approved for this renewal as provided in Section I.C.1.b.4 of Appendix A of the FY 2022 Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program NOFO (FR-6700-N-35). All match contributions must be documented and eligible under 24 CFR 578.73.

VI. Application Requirements

E-snaps is the electronic CoC Program Application and Grants Management System that HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs uses to support the CoC Program funding application and grant awards process. All CoC New Project Applications created in response to this RFA must be completed in e-snaps but must not be submitted directly to HUD by the applicant. Applicants must not select the "Submit" button in e-snaps. Instead, the CoC New Project Application must be exported from e-snaps as a PDF copy and submitted to OHS in accordance with this RFA. New project applications are currently not available in e-snaps.

A separate CoC New Project Application is required for each project application submitted in response to this RFA, including each CoC Bonus Project, CoC Reallocation Project, DV Bonus Project, DV Reallocation Project, New Expansion Project, and Transition Grant. An agency may not apply for or combine the DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Reallocation, New Expansion, and Transition Grant processes in the same CoC New Project Application document.

For any Transition Grant application, the project applicant must identify the eligible renewal project being eliminated or reduced to create the Transition Grant, include the applicable grant number, attach the most recently awarded project application for the project being transitioned, and ensure the project is identified in e-snaps as a Transition Grant.

Applicants must submit all required HUD forms, certifications, narratives, budgets, eligibility documentation, match documentation, and required attachments in accordance with the FY 2026 NOFO and local instructions. Nonprofit applicants and nonprofit subrecipients must attach eligibility documentation. Applicants must ensure their organization has a Code of Conduct that complies with 2 CFR part 200 and HUD requirements.

Required FY 2026 certifications include, but are not limited to, certifications that the project applicant will not engage in illegal racial discrimination and will not operate drug injection sites or safe consumption sites in violation of federal law, knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under its control, or knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia. These certifications do not require program participants to be sober to receive assistance, participate in treatment to receive assistance, or be evicted or exited from assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program policy or lease requirement, except as otherwise allowable under HUD requirements.

VII. Application Submission

Submit the PDF copy of the completed CoC New Project Application created via e-snaps and all attachments to the Office of Homeless Services at homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov. CoC New Project Applications submitted on or before the submission due date noted in Section IX of this RFA will be reviewed by the San Bernardino City and County CoC Grant Review Committee (GRC). The GRC will make final recommendations to the San Bernardino City and County CoC for submission to HUD.

VIII. DV, CoC Bonus, Reallocation, Expansion, and Transition Grants Scoring Guidelines

The San Bernardino County CoC FY 2026 DV Bonus, CoC Bonus, and Reallocation Projects Scoring Guideline will be posted on the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP) website at https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/coc-grants/. Applicants must review the local scoring guideline, this RFA, and the FY 2026 NOFO before submitting an application.

Scoring and Minimum Threshold: All RFA submissions will be evaluated using the local CoC scoring tool and applicable HUD project quality threshold criteria. **Please note that a minimum threshold of 70 points** is required for consideration. Applications scoring below this threshold will not be recommended for funding. Providers are encouraged to review the scoring criteria carefully to ensure alignment with HUD priorities and maximize competitiveness. Projects must also meet the HUD minimum project quality thresholds and scoring criteria of the FY 2026 NOFO. The minimum local score criterion (70 points) is a local selection standard and does not alter or limit federally defined eligibility for submission to HUD.

Transition Grant applications will be scored using the applicable local scoring criteria and must also meet the HUD project eligibility and project quality threshold criteria for the new component proposed in the Transition Grant application.

OHS will notify project applicants, in writing outside of e-snaps, who submitted their project applications to the CoC by August 11, 2026, whether their project application(s) will be accepted and ranked, rejected, or reduced on the CoC Priority Listing no later than 15 days before the NOFO application submission deadline, and where a project application is being rejected or reduced, the CoC must indicate the reason(s) for the rejection or reduction.

Additional FY 2026 Review Considerations

Applicants should also address the following FY 2026 NOFO priorities in their project narratives where applicable:

- Reduction in unsheltered homelessness and encampments.
- Treatment and recovery service access, including behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, peer recovery, recovery housing, and warm hand-offs.
- Employment, job training, workforce development, income growth, and exits to unsubsidized or permanent housing.
- Supportive service participation requirements that are individualized and consistent with 24 CFR 578.75(h) and VAWA protections.
- Coordination with first responders, law enforcement, emergency shelter, street outreach, local government, and public safety partners.
- Partnerships with victim service providers, healthcare, behavioral health, workforce development, public housing agencies, child welfare, education, veteran service organizations, justice re-entry partners, aging and elderly service providers, and family reunification resources.
- Compliance with federal civil rights, fair housing, VAWA, confidentiality, HMIS/comparable database, environmental, financial management, and audit requirements.

IX. Application Deadline

A separate Project Application, PDF version created in e-snaps, for each CoC Bonus, CoC Reallocation, DV Bonus, DV Reallocation, New Expansion, or Transition Grant project must be submitted to Homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov no later than July 15, 2026 by 2:00 PM PST to be considered for recommendation to the San Bernardino City and County CoC by the GRC.

X. 2026 RFA Submission Timeline:

San Bernardino County Continuum of Care (CoC) FY 2026 Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus, CoC Bonus, Reallocation and Transition Grants Projects Request for Applications (RFA) is released	June 24, 2026
San Bernardino County CoC FY 2026 DV, CoC Bonus, Reallocation and Transition Grants **Workshop:** - Attendance is optional. - Please RSVP by email to: HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov - Please note "Workshop RSVP" in the subject line. - Include your name, phone number, and email address in the body of the email.	June 25, 2026 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Questions - Deadline for submission of questions	June 30, 2026 by 4:00 PM PST
Questions and Answers will be posted as an Addendum to the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership (SBCHP) website at: https://sbchp.sbcounty.gov/	July 7, 2026
Deadline for Electronic Submission for all CoC New Project Applications created in response to this RFA: - Type "2026 CoC Project Application" in the subject line. - Include your name, phone number, and email address in the body of the email.	July 15, 2026 by 2:00 PM PST Submission: homelessrfp@hss.sbcounty.gov
Notification to applicants of accepted, rejected, reduced, and ranked project applications.	No later than August 11, 2026, unless HUD changes the application deadline.
HUD FY 2026 CoC Consolidated Application Deadline	August 26, 2026, 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

*All dates are subject to change as deemed necessary by OHS.

XI. Appeal Process

In the event an appeal arises concerning the application prior to the recommendation to the San Bernardino City and County CoC, the applicant raising the appeal shall submit a request for resolution in writing to OHS. Applicant may appeal the recommendation being made to the San Bernardino City and County CoC to the GRC or an Ad Hoc Committee, provided the Appeal is submitted:

1. In writing
2. Via email to OHS at HomelessRFP@hss.sbcounty.gov on or before July 22, 2026 by 3PM PST.
3. With "Appeal – FY 2026 CoC Projects Request for Applications" in the subject line of the email.

An Appeal can only be brought on the following grounds:

4. Failure of OHS to follow the selection procedures and adhere to requirements specified in the RFA or any addenda or amendments.
5. Violation of conflict of interest as provided by California Government Code Section 87100 et seq.
6. Violation of State or Federal law.

Appeals will not be accepted for any other reasons than those stated above.

Upon receipt of the formal Appeal, the GRC or Ad Hoc Committee will attempt to resolve the Appeal. An Appeal shall be disallowed when, in the judgment of the GRC or Ad Hoc Committee, it has been submitted: (1) as a delay tactic; (2) for the purpose of posturing the Applicant advantageously for future procurement; (3) in a form that deviates from the one prescribed; (4) without adequate factual basis or merit; or (5) in an untimely manner.

The GRC or Ad Hoc Committee shall decide concerning the appeal and notify the applicant submitting the Appeal within a reasonable timeframe prior to the tentatively scheduled date for the recommendation to the CoC Board on August 6, 2026. The decision of the GRC or Ad Hoc Committee shall be deemed final.

Alternatively, an appeal panel consisting of the GRC or an Ad Hoc Committee shall hear the Appeal. The appeal hearing will be tentatively held on July 31, 2026. If an appealing applicant does not appear at the Appeal hearing as scheduled, the Appeal will be disallowed.

The hearing is informal, in that it is not subject to the strict rules of evidence or procedure, and live witnesses, if any, will not be sworn. All relevant evidence is admissible, including hearsay. It will be up to the Appeal Panel members to consider the credibility of the evidence and the weight to give it.

The Panel will determine by at least three (3) affirmative votes: 1) whether the Appeal was submitted timely; 2) whether the Appeal is based on at least one of the three designated grounds identified above; and 3) whether the grounds on which the Appeal are based have been substantiated.

If any of the grounds are determined to be valid, the Panel will also decide if the valid portion of the Appeal has so tainted the RFA process that it is unfair to the applicant or whether the valid grounds for the Appeal are in the nature of harmless error and that the RFA process was fair to the Applicant. The Panel will not re-evaluate the Applications.

An Applicant appealing the results of any of the processes described herein must follow the procedures set forth. By submitting a "Letter of Intent to Appeal", the Applicant has agreed that the appeal procedures herein shall precede any action in a judicial or quasi-judicial tribunal regarding this application. Applicants that do not follow these procedures shall not be considered. The appeal procedures constitute the sole administrative remedy available to the Applicant under this RFA. Upon exhaustion of this remedy no additional recourse is available.

XII. HUD Appeals Process

See Section VIII.D, Debriefing and Appeals, of the FY 2026 NOFO. The FY 2026 NOFO can be accessed through the HUD website and Grants.gov.

XIII. Modifications:

The County reserves the right to issue addenda if the County considers that additional clarifications are needed.

XIV. Projects Recommended for Funding:

Agencies recommended for funding by the San Bernardino City and County CoC through this RFA will be required to attend a mandatory final review meeting with OHS staff. The authorized representative must have a strong knowledge of the application and the authority to revise the approved project to strengthen the CoC's overall score and ensure compliance with the FY 2026 NOFO. During this process, OHS staff and the agency representative will work together to clarify, finalize, and enter project information into e-snaps for inclusion in the CoC application to HUD. OHS will notify the authorized representative identified by the agency of all subsequent submission requirements and meeting dates and locations.

The issuance of any award under this Request for Applications (RFA) is contingent upon the availability of funds provided by HUD through the FY 2026 Continuum of Care Program Competition. If approved for funding, the applicant will receive the award directly from HUD as part of the CoC Program's competitive grant process. No award is guaranteed by submission of an application, local recommendation, or inclusion in the CoC Consolidated Application.

ATTACHMENT A

Additional Terms and Conditions

- **Assistance to Applicants with a Disability**

Applicants with a disability may request accommodation regarding the means of communicating this RFA or participating in the procurement process. For more information, contact Annette Florez at Annette.Florez@hss.sbcounty.gov or Claudia Doyle at Claudia.Doyle@hss.sbcounty.gov no later than ten (10) days prior to the Deadline for Electronic Submission.

- **Required Review**

Applicants should carefully review this RFA for defects and questionable or objectionable material. Comments from Applicants concerning defects and objectionable material in this RFA must be made in writing and received by July 10, 2026 prior to the deadline for submission of questions or at least ten (10) calendar days before the Deadline for Electronic Submission, whichever occurs last. This will allow issuance of any necessary amendments or addendums to the RFA. Protests based on any omission or error, or on the content of this RFA, may be disallowed if not submitted in writing to Annette.Florez@hss.sbcounty.gov or Claudia.Doyle@hss.sbcounty.gov prior to the deadline for submission of questions or at least ten (10) calendar days before the Deadline for Electronic Submission (whichever occurs last).

- **Right of Rejection**

Applications must comply with all of the terms of the RFA, and all applicable local, state, and federal laws, codes, and regulations. Any Application may be rejected that does not comply with all material and substantial terms, conditions, and performance requirements of the RFA. Further, an Application from any entity that is a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary, or that is under common ownership, control, or management with any other entity submitting an Application in response to this RFA may be rejected.

No Application shall be rejected, however, if it contains a minor irregularity, defect, or variation that the County determines is immaterial or inconsequential, the County may choose to accept the Application.

- Minor irregularities may be waived by the County when they are any of the following:

Do not affect responsiveness;

- Are merely a matter of form or format;
- Do not change the relative standing or otherwise prejudice other offers;
- Do not change the meaning or scope of the RFA;
- Are trivial, negligible, or immaterial in nature;
- Do not reflect a material change in the work; or
- Do not constitute a substantial reservation against a requirement or provision.

In such cases the Applicant will be notified of the deficiency in the Application and given an opportunity to correct the irregularity, defect or variation or the County may elect to waive the deficiency and accept the Application. The decision to provide a waiver shall in no way modify or compromise the overall purpose of the submittal, nor excuse the Applicant from compliance with all requirements if awarded a Contract.

This RFA does not commit the County to award a contract. The County reserves the right to reject any or all Applications if it is in the best interest of the County to do so. The County also reserves the right to terminate this RFA process at any time.

- **Public Records Act**

All Applications and other material submitted become the property of the County and are subject to release according to the California Public Records Act (Government Code section 7920.000 et seq.). All application information, including cost information, will be held in confidence during the evaluation and negotiation process. Thereafter, all applications are subject to becoming a non-exempt public record. If an applicant believes any portion of its application is exempt from public disclosure, it must identify the specific portions believed to be confidential and include a brief description of the reasons for exemption, including citation to supporting legal authority. Applications marked "Confidential" in their entirety will not be honored.

- **Employment of Former County Officials**

Information must be provided regarding former County Administrative Officials who are employed by or represent Applicant. The information provided must include a list of former County Administrative Officials who terminated County employment within the last five years and who are now officers, principals, partners, associates, or members of Applicant and should also include the employment and/or representative capacity and the dates these individuals began employment with or representation of Applicant.

- **Disclosure of Criminal and Civil Proceedings**

The County reserves the right to request information regarding criminal or civil proceedings from the Applicant selected for award. Failure to provide requested information may result in disqualification from the selection process. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process. The County also reserves the right to obtain the requested information by way of a background check performed by an investigative firm. The selected Applicant may also be requested to provide information to clarify initial responses. Negative information provided or discovered may result in disqualification from the selection process and no award of Contract.

The selected Applicant may be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees (as that term is defined herein), within the last ten years, has been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense arising directly or indirectly from the conduct of the firm's business, or whether the firm, or any of it partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, has within the last ten years, been indicted on or had charges brought against it or them (if still pending) or convicted of any crime or offense involving financial misconduct or fraud. If the response is affirmative, the Applicant will be asked to describe any such indictments or charges (and the status thereof), convictions and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

In addition, the selected Applicant may also be asked to disclose whether the firm, or any of its partners, principals, members, associates or key employees, within the last ten years, has been the subject of legal proceedings as defined herein arising directly from the provision of services by the firm or those individuals. "Legal proceedings" means any civil actions filed in a court of competent jurisdiction, or any matters filed by an administrative or regulatory body with jurisdiction over the firm or the individuals. If the response is affirmative, the Applicant will be asked to describe any such legal proceedings (and the status and disposition thereof) and the surrounding circumstances in detail.

For purposes of this provision "key employees" includes any individuals providing direct service to the County. "Key employees" do not include clerical personnel providing service at the firm's offices or locations.

- **Debarment and Suspension; California Secretary of State Business Entity Registration**

Applicant certifies that neither it nor its principals or subcontractors are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency. (See the following United States General Services Administration's System for Award Management website https://www.sam.gov). Applicant also certifies that if it or any of the subcontractors listed in the application are business entities that must be registered with the California Secretary of State, they are registered and in good standing with the Secretary of State.

- **Unsatisfactory Performance**

Applicant affirms that it has no record of unsatisfactory performance with the County in the twenty-four (24) month period immediately preceding the date of issuance of this RFA.

- **Prevailing Wage Laws**

Applicant certifies that it is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code sections 1720 et seq. and 1770 et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000 et seq. If the Services/Scope of Work are being performed as part of an applicable public works or maintenance project and if the total compensation is $1,000 or more, Applicant agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws.

The following terms apply to contracts issued by San Bernardino County. All direct HUD awardees will be governed by HUD contract standards.

- **Indemnification and Insurance Requirements**

Applicant will agree to indemnify, defend (with counsel reasonably approved by County) and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents and volunteers (Indemnitees) from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages and/or liability arising out of this Contract from any cause whatsoever, including the acts, errors or omissions of any person and for any costs or expenses incurred by the County on account of any claim except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. This indemnification provision shall apply regardless of the existence or degree of fault of Indemnitees. The indemnification obligation applies to the County's "active" as well as "passive" negligence but does not apply to the County's "sole negligence" or "willful misconduct" within the meaning of Civil Code Section 2782.

- **Additional Insured**

All policies, except for the Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions and Professional Liability policies shall contain additional endorsements naming the County and its officers, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to liabilities arising out of the performance of Services hereunder. The additional insured endorsements shall not limit the scope of coverage for the County to vicarious liability but shall allow coverage for the County to the full extent provided by the policy. Such additional insured coverage shall be at least as broad as Additional Insured (Form B) endorsement form ISO, CG 2010.11 85.

- **Waiver of Subrogation Rights**

The Consultant shall require the carriers of the required coverages to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, agents, volunteers, Contractors, and Subcontractors. All general or auto liability insurance coverage provided shall not prohibit the Consultant and Consultant's employees or agents from waiving the right of subrogation prior to a loss or claim. The Consultant hereby waives all rights of subrogation against the County.

- **Policies Primary and Non-Contributory**

All policies required herein are to be primary and non-contributory with any insurance or self-insurance programs carried or administered by the County.

- **Severability of Interests**

Consultant agrees to ensure that coverage provided to meet these requirements is applicable separately to each insured and there will be no cross liability exclusions that preclude coverage for suits between the Consultant and County or between the County and any other insured or additional insured under the policy.

- **Proof of Coverage**

Consultant shall furnish Certificates of Insurance to the County Department administering the Contract evidencing the insurance coverage at the time the Contract is executed, additional endorsements, as required shall be provided prior to the commencement of performance of Services hereunder, which will agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its authorized officers, employees, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liability arising out of this Contract from any cause whatsoever, except where such indemnification is prohibited by law. Applicant shall maintain all applicable insurance required by County standards, including workers compensation/employers liability, commercial general liability, automobile liability, umbrella liability where applicable, abuse/molestation insurance where applicable, and cyber liability insurance where applicable. Insurance requirements are subject to periodic review by the County.

- **Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability**

A program of Workers' Compensation insurance or a State-approved Self-Insurance Program in an amount and form to meet all applicable requirements of the Labor Code of the State of California, including Employer's Liability with two hundred and fifty thousand dollar ($250,000) limits, covering all persons, including volunteers, providing services on behalf of the Consultant and all risks to such persons under this Contract.

If Consultant has no employees, it may certify or warrant to County that it does not currently have any employees or individuals who are defined as "employees" under the Labor Code and the requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage will be waived by the County's Director of Risk Management.

With respect to Contractors that are non-profit corporations organized under California or Federal law, volunteers for such entities are required to be covered by Workers' Compensation insurance.

- **Commercial/General Liability Insurance**

Consultant shall carry General Liability Insurance covering all operations performed by or on behalf of Consultant providing coverage for bodily injury and property damage with a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000), per occurrence. The policy coverage shall include:

- Premises operations and mobile equipment.
- Products and completed operations.
- Broad form property damage (including completed operations)
- Explosion, collapse and underground hazards.
- Personal Injury
- Contractual liability
- $2,000,000 general aggregate limit

- **Automobile Liability Insurance**

Primary insurance coverage shall be written on ISO Business Auto coverage form for all owned, hired and non-owned automobiles or symbol 1 (any auto). The policy shall have a combined single limit of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage, per occurrence.

If Consultant is transporting one or more non-employee passengers in performance of Services, the automobile liability policy shall have a combined single limit of two million dollars ($2,000,000) for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence.

If Consultant owns no autos, a non-owned auto endorsement to the General Liability policy described above is acceptable.

- **Umbrella Liability Insurance**

An umbrella (over primary) or excess policy may be used to comply with limits or other primary coverage requirements. When used, the umbrella policy shall apply to bodily injury/property damage, personal injury/advertising injury and shall include a “dropdown” provision providing primary coverage for any liability not covered by the primary policy. The coverage shall also apply to automobile liability.

- If insurance coverage is provided on a “claims made” policy, the “retroactive date” shall be shown and must be before the date of the start of the Contract work. The claims made insurance shall be maintained

- **if applicable** **Abuse/Molestation Insurance** – Consultant shall have abuse or molestation insurance providing coverage for all employees for the actual or threatened abuse or molestation by anyone of any person in the care, custody, or control of any insured, including negligent employment, investigation and supervision. The policy shall provide coverage for both defense and indemnity with liability limits of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000) with a two million dollars ($2,000,000) aggregate limit.

- **if applicable** **Cyber Liability Insurance**
- Cyber Liability Insurance with limits of no less than $1,000,000 for each occurrence or event with an annual aggregate of $2,000,000 covering privacy violations, information theft, damage to or destruction of electronic information, intentional and/or unintentional release of private information, alteration of electronic information, extortion and network security. The policy shall protect the involved County entities and cover breach response cost as well as regulatory fines and penalties.