

# Alabama Balance of State Continuum of Care DV Bonus Projects Application Questions (FY24 & FY25 NOFO)

These questions are designed to gather detailed responses from applicants applying for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project funding. The responses will allow reviewers to evaluate and score the applications based on the criteria outlined in the FY24 HUD CoC NOFO.

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## Section 1: Project Type & Eligibility

### 1. Eligible Applicant

- Please provide a brief description of your organization, including its legal status (nonprofit, state, or local government). Attach any documentation that demonstrates your organization's eligibility for CoC funding.
- How does your organization's mission align with serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking?

### 2. DV Bonus Project Type

- Which type of DV Bonus project are you proposing (e.g., Rapid Re-Housing, Joint TH-RRH, Coordinated Entry)? Describe how the project will meet the needs of survivors.
- What specific population(s) will the project serve, and how does it align with HUD's priorities for survivors of domestic violence and other forms of violence?

### 3. Survivor-Centered Approach

- Describe how your project implements a survivor-centered approach. How will your project ensure that services are tailored to the unique needs of survivors, including safety and confidentiality?
  - What strategies will be used to prioritize survivor autonomy and ensure that services are voluntary and supportive?
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## Section 2: Project Design & Survivor Safety

### 1. Project Design

- Provide a comprehensive description of the project, including housing models, service delivery strategies, and program design. What specific services will be offered to DV survivors, and how will these services be delivered?
- How will the project address critical needs such as safe housing, access to legal services, mental health support, and economic empowerment?

### 2. Trauma-Informed Care

- Describe how trauma-informed practices will be integrated into your project. How will staff be trained to provide services that are sensitive to the needs of DV survivors?
- How will your organization ensure that the physical and emotional safety of survivors is prioritized throughout their participation in the program?

### 3. Safety Measures

- What specific safety measures are in place to protect participants, such as confidential locations, security protocols, and safety planning?
- How does the project collaborate with law enforcement, legal aid, or other entities to enhance survivor safety?

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### Section 3: Performance and Outcomes

#### 1. Performance Measures

- What performance measures will be used to evaluate the success of your project? Please describe specific goals related to housing stability, increasing survivor safety, and improving participants' self-sufficiency.
- How do these performance measures align with HUD's system performance goals for reducing homelessness and improving outcomes for DV survivors?

#### 2. Expected Outcomes

- What are the expected outcomes for survivors participating in this project? Please provide measurable outcomes that reflect improved safety, housing stability, and access to supportive services.
- How will your organization track and evaluate these outcomes to ensure continuous improvement?

#### 3. Budget and Financial Feasibility

- Provide a detailed project budget, including all sources of funding and how CoC funds will be used. Explain how the budget supports the proposed activities and ensures the project's sustainability.
  - Does your organization have experience managing federal funds? Please describe your financial management systems and how they will be used to ensure accountability.
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### Section 4: Organizational Capacity & Experience

#### 1. Experience with DV Populations

- Describe your organization's experience in working with survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. What successful outcomes have you achieved in similar projects?
- How does your organization ensure that its services are culturally sensitive and appropriate for diverse populations?

#### 2. Organizational Capacity

- Provide an overview of your organization's staffing structure and qualifications of key staff involved in the project. How will you ensure that your staff are trained and prepared to provide trauma-informed services to survivors?
- Describe any partnerships or collaborations that will support the project's implementation.

#### 3. Past Performance on Grants

- Has your organization received and successfully managed federal, state, or local grants in the past? If so, please describe any notable accomplishments or challenges.
  - Have there been any performance or compliance issues in the management of previous grants? If yes, please describe how they were resolved.
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## Section 5: Leverage and Community Impact

### 1. Leveraged Resources

- What additional resources (in-kind, cash, or services) has your organization secured to support the project? Please describe the significance of these leveraged resources and how they will enhance the project.
- Provide documentation of commitments from partners or funders, such as letters of support or agreements.

### 2. Community Collaboration

- Describe the partnerships you have developed with local stakeholders (e.g., law enforcement, legal aid, healthcare providers, other victim service providers). How will these collaborations enhance service delivery and improve outcomes for survivors?
- How does your project fit within the broader community's efforts to address homelessness and domestic violence?

### 3. Addressing Racial Equity and Vulnerable Populations

- What specific strategies does your project use to promote racial equity and ensure that underserved and historically marginalized populations (e.g., survivors of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities) have equitable access to services?
  - How will your organization track and address disparities in service delivery to ensure inclusivity and equitable outcomes?
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## Section 6: DV-Specific Bonus Points

### 1. Innovative Practices for DV Survivors

- Describe any innovative practices or models that your project will implement to serve survivors of domestic violence. How will these innovations improve outcomes for participants, such as safety, housing stability, or access to services?
- Provide evidence or examples of similar innovative approaches that have proven successful in other contexts.

### 2. Geographic Coverage & Service Gaps

- Does your project serve a high-need or underserved geographic area within the CoC? Please describe the geographic area and explain why it is a priority for your CoC.
  - How will the project address service gaps in this area, particularly for DV survivors who have limited access to housing and supportive services?
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## Final Considerations

### 1. Why should your project be funded?

- Summarize the key strengths of your project and explain why it is a strong candidate for CoC DV Bonus funding. How will it meet the unique needs of DV survivors in your community?