



SNAPS Office Hours

October 10th, 2024

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- A recording of today's session, along with the slide deck and a copy of the Chat and Q&A content will be posted to the HUD.gov within 2-3 business days
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[SNAPS Office Hours – HUD.gov](#)

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Chat Feature

Select the Chat icon to make a comment or ask a question.



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- Robert Walters
- Kevin Turner
- Sidhartha NilaKanta
- LaToya Young
- Janet Jones
- Karen Deblasio
- Ebony Rankin
- William Snow
- Sherri Boyd
- Shara Wells
- Jamisha Andrew



Speakers & Resource Advisors

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- Sakinah Hoyte
- Monique Jackson
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CoC Competition- Priority Listings

Priority Listing Reminders

1

Reviewing applications

- Funding amounts
- Funding Sources
- Component type
- Housing First

2

Ranking Competitive projects

3

Accepting/Approving noncompetitive projects

4

Amending Projects for corrections

5

Updating List prior to submitting.




Reviewing Project Submissions

Verify the accuracy of the project information imported from the project applications: Project Name, Project Number, Applicant Name, Budget Amount, Component Type, Funding Type, etc..

Project applicants entering the incorrect project number (project pin) and funding type are common occurrences.



Amending projects for corrections

- If projects submitted to your priority listing require revisions, collaborative applicants must click the  icon to send the project application back to the project applicant for correction.
- Notify the project applicant in writing (outside of e-snaps) that the project application has been returned to the project applicant and include the reason(s).
- Project applicant returns to e-snaps to make the change(s) required and resubmits the project application in e-snaps.
- Project applicant notifies you in writing the required change(s) was made and the project application was resubmitted to the CoC.
- Collaborative Applicant updates the appropriate Project Listing(s) in e-snaps to review



Ranking and Approving Projects

Competitive Applications must be ranked.

- CoC and DV Renewal
- CoC and DV Bonus
- CoC and DV Reallocation

Noncompetitive must be approved (not ranked)

- YHDP Renewal, Reallocation, Replacement
- CoC Planning and UFA Costs

Rejecting projects



Submission Summary



Before submitting the CoC Priority Listing

Refresh all Project Listings

Update List

Review the Funding Summary for accuracy

Attach the Certification of Consistency with ConPlan





Major Disaster Areas

NOFO Deadline Extension Request

- Disaster must be declared by the President under the Stafford Act
- Extension is not automatic. The request must:
 - Include
 - Nature of disaster (hurricane, tornado, fire, flood, etc)
 - Date(s) the disaster occurred
 - How the disaster affected the Collaborative applicant, CoC, or projects
 - Duration of the impact
 - Extension time requested
 - Send to: CoCDisaster@hud.gov





CoC & Project Applications FAQs

CoC Application FAQ: 1D-10c Feedback Process

Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness

Question: What if our CoC uses a similar feedback process across the CoC and it is not focused on a funding stream (like CoC or ESG)?

Answer: If your CoC uses a feedback process that it applies across the CoC regardless of funding source, then you can refer to that in elements 1 and 2 of your response. Your response to elements 3 and 4 may be similar but must refer to how that process relates to the CoC- or ESG-funded projects.



CoC Application FAQ: 1E-1 Local Competition Deadline

Question: Are we required to attach web posting evidence for Question 1E-1?

Answer: No. We did not require Collaborative Applicants to submit an attachment for 1E-1.

Question: Will we lose points if we submit projects in *e-snaps* after September 30, 2024?

Answer: No. We don't score **CoC Applications** based on when you submit **Project Applications**. Your CoC's local competition deadline must be no later than September 30. CoCs may impose earlier deadlines or may require applicants to submit applications in *e-snaps* after that deadline. The deadline for us to consider projects for funding is October 30, 2024, unless we extend the deadline (e.g., Presidentially-declared disasters).



CoC Application FAQ: DV Bonus Applicant Question 4A-3b Past Performance

Question: What do I enter in Question 4A-3b for the rate of placement and rate of retention if the applicant doesn't currently receive HUD funding?

Answer: This question is about the applicant's experience housing survivors. If HUD never funded a project for the applicant but they received funding from another source for a project providing **housing assistance**, then you should provide performance data on that project. If the applicant never operated a housing project, the response must be zeroes for the two elements in the question because they have no experience.



Project Application FAQs - General

- E-snaps uses the FY23 FMR, please ensure your GIW is using the FY23 FMR amounts
- Please send any GIW changes to your Desk Officer ASAP
- New de minimis rate of 15% is applicable for the FY24 competition
- Amendments must be submitted and approved by October 30th to be included in the FY24 competition.
- Please connect with your Desk Officer to receive updates on any pending Grant Transfers



Project Application FAQs – YHDP

- Under the FY24 competition, YHDP projects will be awarded non-competitively
- YHDP projects may reallocate and can only reallocate from YHDP Renewals. YHDP Reallocations must maintain their YHDP status
- There are three YHDP funding opportunities: YHDP Renewal, YHDP Reallocation and YHDP Replacement. "YHDP New" is only eligible for the Youth Demo program, please do not apply under the "YHDP New" funding opportunity
- YHDP Reallocation and YHDP Replacement share the same application.
- If you want to change the recipient of a grant or apply for an expansion, YHDP projects must select YHDP Reallocation.



Project Application FAQs – DV

- There are now two DV funding types: DV Bonus and DV Reallocation
- DV Bonus acts like the CoC Bonus, but it only serves DV participants
- DV Reallocation can only reallocate from DV Renewal projects. DV Reallocation projects must maintain their DV status



Project Application FAQs

- Please read the Detailed Instructions and e-snaps navigation guides.
- If you still have questions after reading the instructions, then send questions to the AAQ ASAP!
- Do not procrastinate, we only have 20 more days left!





Applicant Checklist

TOPICS

Authorized Representative

Tax Identification Number (TIN)

Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)

Nonprofit Documentation

Code of Conduct

SAM.gov



e-snaps Project Applicant Profile

Review the following information to ensure accuracy and update as needed:

- Name of the organization – not “DBA”, must be the organization’s legal name
- TAX ID Number;
- UEI Number – must match SAM.gov; and
- Organization’s address
- Authorized Representative – the organization’s individual who is authorized to sign a legally binding contract (grant agreement)

You can update your Project Applicant Profile at anytime, it is always available



e-snaps Project Applicant Profile - Attachments

- Ensure the following are attached and can be opened:
 - Nonprofit documentation
 - Must be IRS final determination letter stating 501(c)(3) determination (preferred) or a certification from a licensed CPA that the organization meets each component of the definition of a private nonprofit organization as defined by 24 CFR 578.3
 - Name on the document must match organization's name entered in the Project Applicant Profile
 - Code of Conduct (if your organization is not listed on the [Code of Conduct page on HUD.gov](#))
- Try to open your uploaded documents, if you cannot open the documents, we cannot either - delete and re-upload.



Code of Conduct

- Must ensure an up-to-date copy of the organization's code of conduct, dated and signed by the Executive Director, Chair, or equivalent official, of the governing body of the organization, is available in the [Code of Conduct e-library](#)
- Updates occur quarterly – new Codes are uploaded, expired Codes are removed
- Ensure:
 - Code of Conduct meets the requirements listed on the Code of Conduct page on HUD's website; and
 - Includes the information noted under “The email should contain” section



SAM.gov

- Organization must be registered AND maintain active registration so long as it receives federal funding, including funding from SNAPs Programs
- UEI Number in [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) must match:
 - Organization's Name; and
 - UEI Number entered in the *e-snaps* Project Applicant Profile



What Happens if Information is Missing, Inaccurate, or Expired – Curable Deficiency

- You will receive a curable deficiency email from SNAPS stating the information we need with a due date, generally 5 days from the date of the email
- Must respond to the email and include the information requested (e.g., nonprofit documentation, Code of Conduct)
- Update the information in your *e-snaps* Project Applicant Profile:
 - Authorized Representative
 - TIN
 - UEI
 - Attach nonprofit documentation
- Provide Code of Conduct if requested



SAM.gov Impacts on Funding Release

- **Delays release of awarded funds!!!!**
- HUD cannot process awarded funds in LOCCS until the identified issue(s) is resolved and verified by HUD
- If there is an issue with SAM.gov related to TIN, UEI, or SAM.gov registration you will need to:
 - TIN or UEI – update the TIN or UEI in your *e-snaps* Project Applicant Profile **and** respond to the email with the correct number(s)
 - SAM.gov registration expired – you must reactivate your organization's SAM.gov registration
 - Notify us as soon as the issue(s) is resolved



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH (DVAM)



- **The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) started DVAM as the "Day of Unity" in October 1981 to connect advocates working to end violence against women and children.**
- **Federally designated in 1989.**
- **DVAM is a time to honor and remember those lost to domestic violence and celebrate the progress made to create safer homes and communities.**
- **Connect with your local victim service provider or state-wide DV coalition to learn about events and activities to raise awareness in your community.**

THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)

Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) provides housing protections for survivors of **domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking**.

- VAWA protections cover CoC/ESG-assisted tenants and applicants of CoC/ESG housing assistance who are previous or current survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
- VAWA protections are available to people of all genders, regardless of sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, color, national origin, religion, familial status, disability, or age
- VAWA must be applied consistently with all non-discrimination and fair housing requirements.



VAWA 2022 Reauthorization

On March 15, 2022, VAWA was reauthorized and includes new and expanded requirements that HUD will implement and enforce.

- Effective October 1, 2022, for CoC/ESG program grantees.
- Maintains 2013 Protections; adds New and Expanded Provisions.
- HUD will engage in rulemaking and issue regulations, as appropriate, to fully implement VAWA 2022.
- HUD VAWA Forms: currently being updated
- *NEW* Emergency Transfer Data Collection Form

VAWA letter: [Memo to Emergency Solutions Grant Program Recipients and Continuum of Care Program Recipients, Housing Provisions of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) (June 28, 2023)



VAWA 2022 Key Updates

Definition of Domestic Violence:

- Includes felony or misdemeanor crimes committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim under the family or domestic violence laws of the jurisdiction receiving grant funding.
- Includes verbal, psychological, **economic, or technological** abuse that may or may not constitute criminal behavior

New Eligible CoC Program Activities:

- Facilitating VAWA emergency transfers and ensuring compliance with VAWA confidentiality requirements.
- All recipients under the 2023 NOFO can use this BLI to meet their VAWA emergency transfer and confidentiality requirements.

VAWA 2022 Amended McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless:

(1) is **experiencing trauma** or a **lack of safety** related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, **traumatic**, or life-threatening conditions **related to the violence** against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized.

(2) has no other **safe** residence

(3) lacks the resources to obtain other **safe** permanent housing.

- **may use the new definition** before HUD has completed rulemaking (*must update written standards to reflect how the new category 4 definition will be operationalized*)



Reminder Emergency Transfer Plan

Emergency Transfer Plan must:

- Define who's eligible for an emergency transfer
- Indicate how participants can request an emergency transfer
- List documentation needed to request an emergency transfer
 - Verbal self-certification is sufficient, or grantees may request written request for an emergency transfer.
- Detail the measure of any priority given to tenants who qualify for an emergency transfer under VAWA
- Incorporate confidentiality measures
- Describe how an emergency transfer may occur





Building Partnerships To Ensure Access for Survivors

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WHAT'S YOUR LEVEL OF COLLABORATION?

In the chat, please
share your answer:

On a scale of 1 to 5 (1
being no
collaboration and 5
being high
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What is your CoC's
level of collaboration
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lived expertise of
homelessness?

Myth & Fact in the Chat!

Follow along in the chat as we bust myths about VSP and CoC partnerships!



The Intersections Between Domestic and Sexual Violence, Racism, and Homelessness ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

WHAT IS THE SAFE HOUSING CONSORTIUM?

The federal Safe Housing Partnerships Technical Assistance Consortium (the Consortium) is an innovative, collaborative approach to providing training, technical assistance, and resource development at the critical intersection of domestic violence, homelessness, and housing.



SAFE HOUSING
PARTNERSHIPS

Safe Housing Partnerships Website



Repository of recommended GBV and homeless/housing practices, strategies, and research that include:

- Understanding the Intersection of GBV and Homelessness
 - [Statistics, Infographics, and Research](#)
- Building Relationships
 - [Case Studies For Building Successful Partnerships](#)
- Employing Key Approaches
 - [Prevention, Facilitating and Maintaining Access, and Survivor-centered Services](#)
- Public Policies
 - [VAWA](#)

TIPS TO PROMOTE COC, VSP & SURVIVOR PARTNERSHIPS

Partner with VSPs

- ▶ Find a common language
- ▶ Identify common values
- ▶ Develop group agreements
- ▶ Partner with culturally specific GBV organizations, and state and national GBV organizations
- ▶ Develop a GBV-Homeless Services Taskforce or Coalition

Ethically Partner with Survivor Experts

- ▶ Equitably hire survivors
 - ▶ Safety plan
 - ▶ Compensate survivor experts
 - ▶ Minimize power differentials
 - ▶ Develop group agreements
 - ▶ Practice language justice/create a language access plan
 - ▶ Ensure survivors inform and co-develop policies and procedures
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

[SNAPs Domestic Violence and Homelessness](#)

[HUD VAWA Resources](#)

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San Francisco: Coordinated Entry for Survivors of Violence

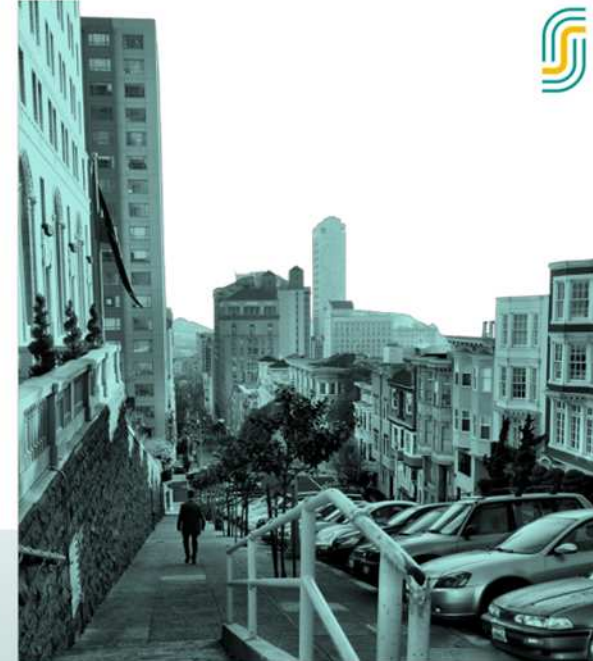


What is CE for Survivors?

- **Population**- includes survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous or life-threatening conditions including human trafficking.
- **Assessment tool**- focuses on survivorship
- **Housing Case Conference**- a biweekly forum with Victim Service Providers to match survivors to DV specific and mainstream housing
- **Client Identifying Information**- lives in the HOPE system, San Francisco's Comparable Database for Victim Service Providers, not in the HMIS.

Program Successes

- Community Needs Assessment is a Coordinated Entry (CE) planning process that **centers survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives** via a collaborative **design process** for the Homelessness Response System (HRS).
- Key Partners: Safe Housing Alliance, Focus Strategies, Homebase, BLISS-TA, Shobana Powell Consulting, Asian Women's Shelter, St Vincent De Paul-Riley Center, San Francisco Safe House



Safe Housing in San Francisco: A Community Needs Assessment

Prepared by the Safe Housing Alliance

Community Needs Assessment



Safe Housing Working Group Language Justice Model

- BLISS-TA supported San Francisco in ensuring that meetings were hosted with simultaneous translation in Spanish, Chinese and Arabic.
- Having consistent interpreters also strengthened trust and rapport with survivors in the working group

<p>Welcome! Safe Housing Working Group Orientation</p> <p>Voices of Women (VOW) Shobana Powell Consulting (SPC) Safe Housing Alliance (SHA)</p>	<p>Bienvenidos! Orientación del Grupo de Trabajo de Vivienda Segura</p> <p>Voices of Women (VOW) Shobana Powell Consulting (SPC) Safe Housing Alliance (SHA)</p>
<p>欢迎! 安全住房工作组简 介会议!</p> <p>女性之声 (VOW) Shobana Powell Consulting (SPC) Safe Housing Alliance (SHA)</p>	<p>مرحباً بكم في الجلسة التعريفية لمجموعة عمل البيوت الآمنة</p> <p>فويس اوف ويمين - صوت النساء (VOW) شوبانا باول للاستشارات (SPC) ساف هوسنج اليس - تحالف الإسكان الآمن (SHA)</p>

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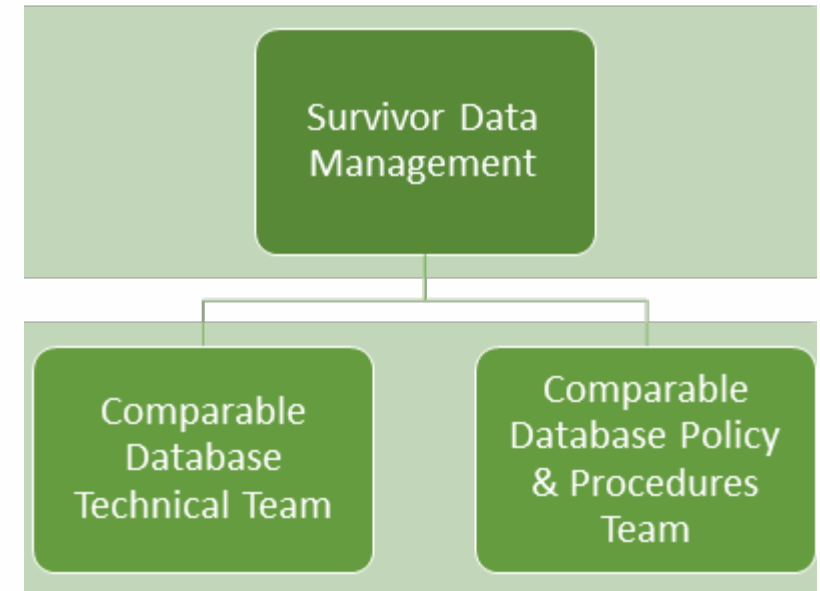
Survivor Compensation

- Beyond gift cards, BLISS-TA compensated survivors for their participation in the Safe Housing Working Group and its subcommittees.
- Compensation was adjusted based on each survivors individual situation to not interfere with other benefits were receiving.



Feedback Loop

- Comparable Database Policy & Procedures: Homebase, Cloudburst, HSH developed policies using best practice, Victim Service Provider and survivor input
- Tech Team: Found ways to make the vision functional
- Survivor Data Management Working Group: provided feedback and alignment



Next Steps

- Beginning **October 1st, 2024**, HSH publicly announced the new Coordinated Entry assessment tool for Survivors of Violence conducted by our Victim Service Providers (VSP) partners:
 - Asian Womens' Shelter (AWS): Phone Assessments
 - Safehouse (SH): Drop In
 - St. Vincent De Paul – Riley Center (SVDP): Drop In
- Public Awareness Campaign





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Thank you!

For more information visit hsh.sfgov.org



Resources

- [CoC Program Competition | HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)
- [ESG and ESG-CV Reporting Office Hours - HUD Exchange](#)
- [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Emergency Solutions Grant Program \(ESG-CV\) Close Out](#)
- [Process \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hdx/guides/pit-hic/#general-pit-guides-and-tools>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/resources-for-lgbthomelessness/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4951/equal-access-staff-training-scenarios/>
- <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/fair-housing/lgbtqia-fair-housing-toolkit/>
- <http://www.hud.gov/vawa>



Questions?

