



2024

New Project Request for Proposals:
New and Expanded Funding Opportunities
Rhode Island Continuum of Care

Important Dates

Start of Local CoC Competition	May 3, 2024
Webinar for New Project Request for Proposals	May 15, 2024 Session 1: 1 pm to 2:30PM; May 20, 2024 Session 2: 10:30 – 1 pm *Both sessions will contain the same content
DEADLINE: New Project Proposals submitted to CoC Planner	June 14 at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time
Notification to applicants regarding whether project will be included in Collaborative Application – Anticipated	July 9, 2024
HUD NOFO released	TBD
New and Renewal Applications Submitted in e-snaps	TBD
Final Project Priority List released by CoC	TBD
CoC application publicly posted	TBD
Application submitted to HUD	TBD



What's New for 2024

- Two-year competition starting next year
- HUD has funding to provide salary increases for supportive services staff
- Anticipated new focus on aging and people experiencing homelessness
- Expansion requests allowed for HMIS and CE – consistent with CoC evaluation

Rhode Island CoC Resources

RI CoC Website

- [Continuum of Care | RI Housing](#)

Inquiries and requests
for assistance:

- Ebioteau@RIHousing.com



Respond to RFP and priorities

DV (Cat 4):
RRH & Joint TH/RRH

Category 1 &4:
PSH, RRH, Joint
TH/RRH
Expansion HMIS/CE



Selected applicants submit new project application - esnaps

Must meet local deadlines
HUD will review for threshold and project quality



To be Eligible:

Nonprofit or local government
Capacity to administer Federal funds
Appropriate experience

RI Process

New Project Opportunities – Regular Bonus and Reallocation Estimate: \$900,000

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Must serve 100% chronic homeless or DedicatedPLUS
- Can include rental assistance, leasing and/or Operations funding
- May serve Category 1 or 4 of People Experiencing HUD Homelessness

Rapid Rehousing

- Tenant based rental assistance, supportive services, admin funding
- Assistance limited to 24 months
- May serve Category 1 or 4 of People Experiencing HUD Homelessness

Joint TH/RRH

- TH funded with operations or leasing
- RRH tenant based rental assistance only
- Supportive services and admin for both components
- Participants must be offered choice of TH or RRH
- Total assistance limited to 24 months
- May serve Category 1 or 4 of People Experiencing HUD Homelessness

New Project
Opportunities
DV Bonus and
reallocation,
Estimated
funding
\$1,200,000

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) or
Joint TH/RRH– DV Survivors
only

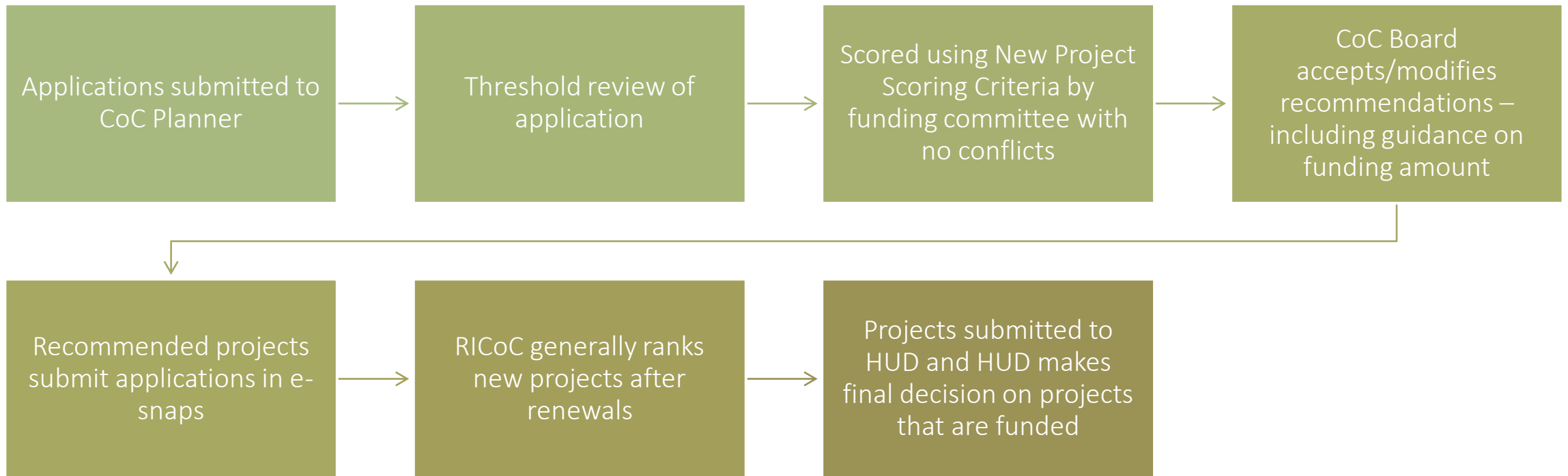
All DV Bonus projects must
follow Housing First, be
trauma-informed, and
person-centered



New Projects Also Accepted for Coordinated Entry and HMIS Expansion

CoC Board has designated lead entities for HMIS and Coordinated Entry. Only Designated leads may apply to expand.

- CE and HMIS applications will be scored competitively
- CE Scoring based on improvements to CE system, consistency with strategies proposed by CES Evaluation Workgroup, increased trainings, increased efficiencies and responsiveness, increased access
- HMIS Scoring based on: current HMIS data quality, most recent HMIS scoring in CoC application, build HMIS reporting capacity in alignment with the CES Evaluation Workgroup



Selection Process for New Projects

Regular bonus projects funded based on individual project scores received based on:

CoC Application Score
Housing First
Ranking points – based on where project is ranked and amount of funding requested



DV Bonus projects scored on:

CoC application score
Collaboration between CoC and victim services providers
Need for the project
Involvement of people with lived experience in policy and program development
Demonstrated use of victim-centered practices
Quality of the applicant's experience in serving survivors

Different Selection Processes for DV and Regular Bonus/Reallocation Projects



Apply for at least one PSH or RRH project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized units from a source other than CoC or ESG

For PSH, at least 25% of units in project or

For RRH, at least 25% of participants

Are funded with other than CoC or ESG (private, state/local, PHAs, faith based)

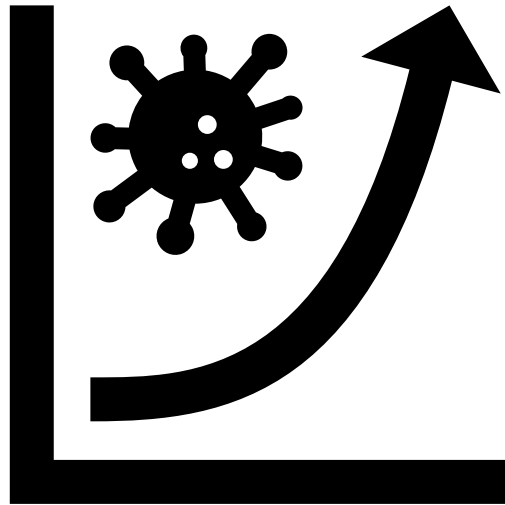


Apply for at least one PSH or RRH that utilizes health care resources to help PEH

Health care provider agrees to cover 25% of the funding being requested for the project or if substance use treatment provider can offer (but not require) treatment to all participants who qualify for services and choose to participate

Points to CoC for Specific New Projects expected for 2024

Expansion Process



Renewal
applicant
can submit
an
Expansion
application
to:

- Provide more units of housing
- Provide additional services to current participants
- Bring existing facilities up to government health or safety standards
- To expand, must indicate in renewal application and must submit a new application to cover expanded portion

Grant Term for New Projects

May request one year of funding



May request in initial year the one year of funding be used for a period of up to 18 months – not for expansion

Indirect Costs

Approach to indirect costs must be consistent across all Federal awards

- If you request for new project application, must request for all renewals and all Federal grants that permit it

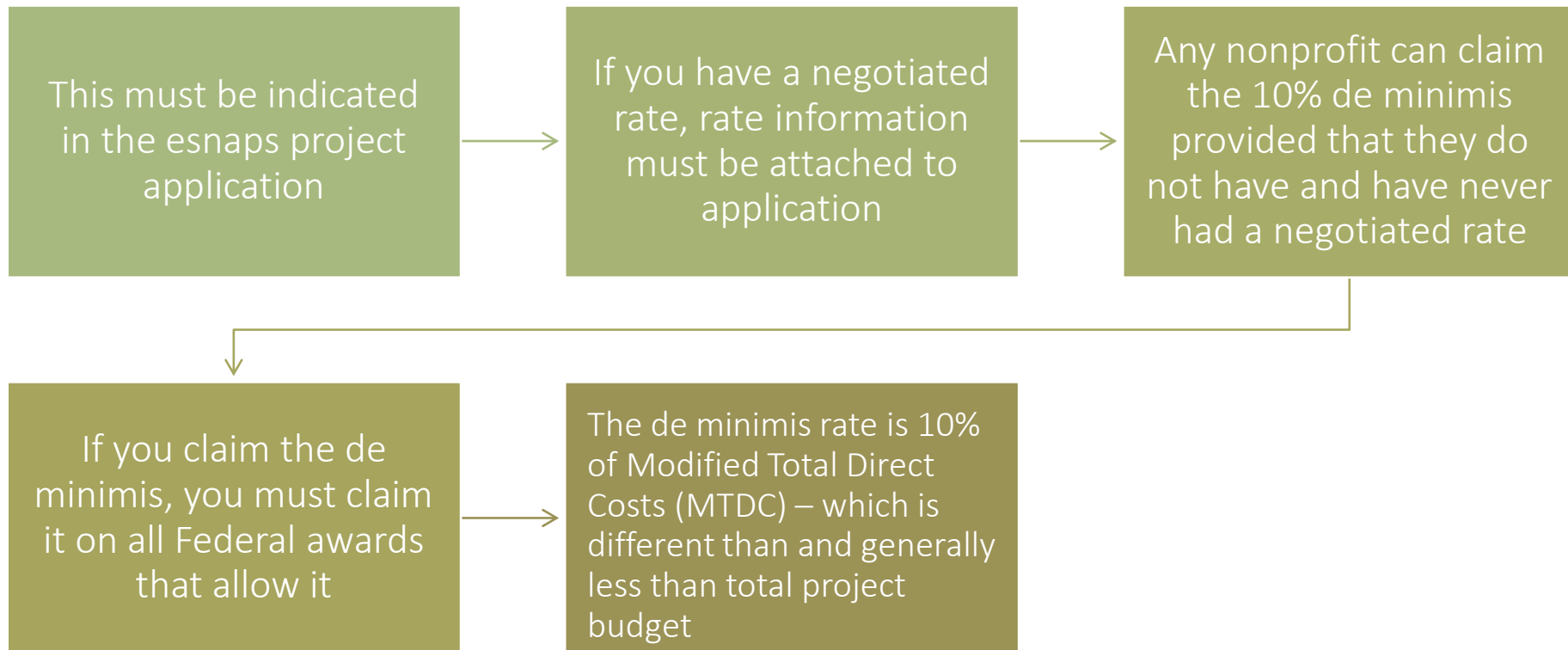
Indirect cost percentage is always applied to a direct costs base – what can be included in base varies

If your agency has a negotiated indirect cost rate, that must be used

If no negotiated rate, may use de minimis 10%

- De minimis rate is only applied to Modified Total Direct Costs – which excludes many budget line items

If you intend to claim indirect costs



Administrative and Indirect

Applicants may request up to 10% of total funding requested for admin expenses

Admin costs are direct expenses and must have documentation including personnel costs

Indirect costs can be claimed on eligible admin and other direct costs





VAWA Costs

Eligible for all new project types

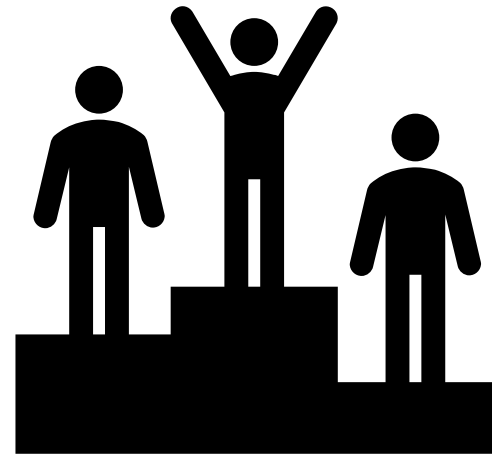
Emergency transfer facilitation (Assistance with moving costs, assistance with travel costs, security deposits, utilities, housing fees, case management, housing navigation, technology to improve unit safety)

Monitoring compliance with VAWA Confidentiality Requirements (Monitoring and evaluating compliance, developing strategies for corrective actions and remedies, evaluation of confidentiality P&P, training on compliance, reporting to collaborative applicant and HUD, methodology to protect survivor information)

Threshold Criteria for New Projects

Certifications:

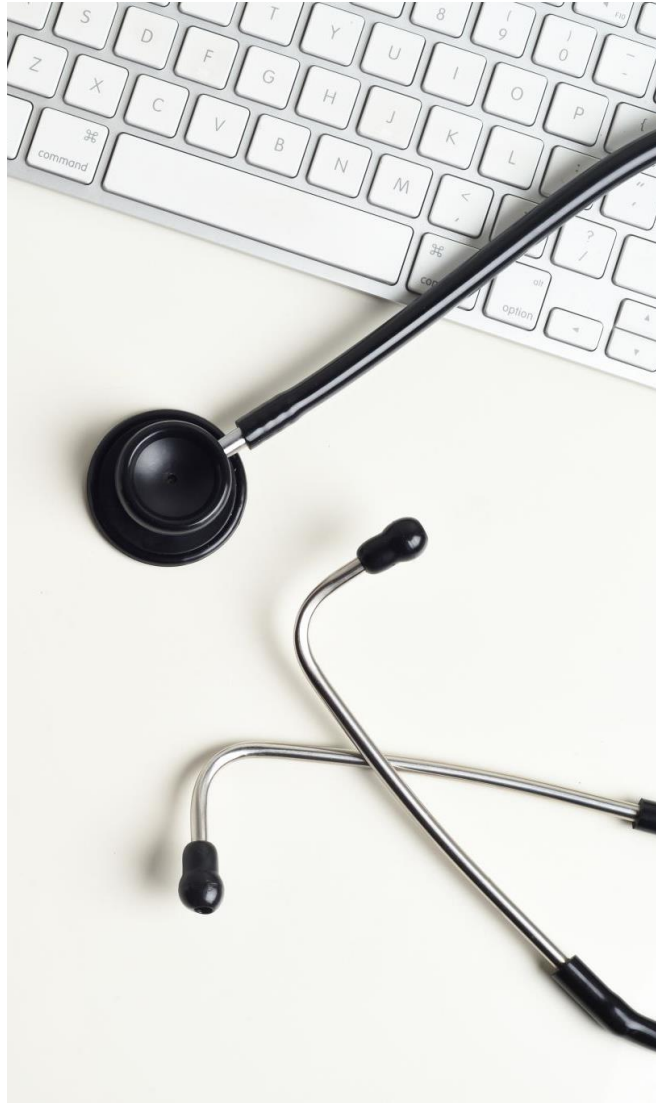
- Use HMIS or DV comparable database
- Follow Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures
- Housing First/Low Barrier and describe approach
- No outstanding Federal debts, debarments, or suspensions from contracting with Federal gov't
- Accounting system that meets standards at 2 CFR 200.302
- Compliance with Equal Access and Fair Housing
- Use of trauma informed care
- Target population meets category 1 or 4 definitions
- Meet matching funding requirements



Scoring Criteria – New Projects

Factor	Points
Understanding of Housing First/Low Barrier approach and describe how it will be implemented in project	10
Experience – project type and target population, supportive service provision	10
Ability to manage Federal funds and leverage other funds	5
Organizational capacity to deliver project as proposed	5
Collaboration to expand resources available to participants	10
Program design – additional 5 points if housing units for project are in place	10 + 5 bonus
Incorporate People with Lived Experience of Homelessness in organization governance, program design and implementation	10
Reasonable time frame, staffing plan, caseloads	10
Supportive services are adequate and appropriate for population	10
Costs are reasonable and activities are eligible	10
Letters of support from at least one collaborating agency	10

10



Healthcare/Housing Leverage Bonus Points

Healthcare leverage:

1. For substance use treatment – offer treatment to all participants who qualify for services and choose to participate
2. For mainstream healthcare provider, commitment to provide at least 25% of total funds requested from healthcare resources

Housing leverage:

1. Housing assistance from other than CoC or ESG to support 25% of units (PSH) or participants (RRH)

10 Bonus points for meeting either (or both) requirements

Budget Forms

Use Excel forms for projects claiming indirect or no-indirect

Form is set up to compute indirect only for those costs included in MTDC

Only enter data in the yellow tinted rows – Sample budget form:

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES BUDGET All Project Types				
Eligible Costs	Quantity AND Description	Direct Costs	Indirect	Total
Annual Assessment of Service			\$0	\$0
Case Management			\$0	\$0
Assistance with Moving Costs				\$0
Child Care				\$0
Employment Assistance/Job			\$0	\$0
Education Services			\$0	\$0
Life Skills Training			\$0	\$0
Legal Services			\$0	\$0
Outreach Services			\$0	\$0
Housing Search/Counseling			\$0	\$0
Food				\$0
Transportation			\$0	\$0
Outpatient Health Services				\$0
Mental Health Services				\$0
Substance Abuse Treatment				\$0
Utility Deposits				\$0
Operating Costs				\$0
Total Annual Assistance Requested		\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Term				1 year
Total Request for Grant Term				\$0

Application Process

Submit to RCoC Planner – Ebioteau@RIHousing.com – Deadline: June 14th at 3pm Eastern Daylight Time

Application may not exceed 10 pages – excluding budgets and support letters [1 inch margins, 12 point font]

Contents:

- Introduction page – 1 page limit
- Demonstrate that threshold factors are met – 3 pages limit
- Respond to each scoring criterion – 6 pages limit
- Complete budgets using provided budget forms [[Funding RI Continuum of Care](#)]
- *One for de minimis; one for non indirect costs – if negotiated rate must use that*

Eligible Activities by Component Type

PSH (Bonus and Reallocation Only)	RRH (Reallocation/Bonus/DV Bonus)	Joint TH/RRH (Reallocation/Bonus/DV Bonus)
Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction		
Leased Units/Leased Structures		TH – leased units
Rental Assistance (Tenant/Sponsor/Project)	Rental Assistance (Tenant Based)	RRH – tenant based rental assistance only
Supportive Services	Supportive Services	Supportive services both TH/RRH
Operations		TH - Operations
HMIS	HMIS	HMIS
VAWA Costs	VAWA Costs	VAWA Costs
Administrative	Administrative	Administrative



Questions CoC website:

<https://www.rihousing.com/continuum-of-care/>

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