



**LAHSA**

## Informational Session

# Special Funding through the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority

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# Agenda

- 1 DV Bonus background
- 2 Discussion of local application process and decision points
- 3 Discussion of system needs and funding prioritization
- 4 Deep dive into DV rapid rehousing
- 5 Next steps & adjourn

# Federal Continuum of Care (CoC) DV Bonus

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- CoC Program – through the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- DV Bonus
  - Purpose: To provide survivor-specific housing/services and coordinated entry alignment/enhancements
  - Target Populations: survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking (Category 4 of HUD Homeless Definition)
    - human trafficking survivors are eligible
  - Funding is tied to CoC geography
    - LA CoC = all 88 cities in the county except Long Beach, Glendale, Pasadena
    - TODAY's conversation: Focused on funding for the LA CoC

# CoC DV Bonus

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## 2023 Bonus

- LA CoC likely to be eligible for up to \$5M
- HUD's FY23 NOFO will list eligible project types
- Likely to be the same as in prior years
  - Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) for DV
  - Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) – aka “Joint Component”
  - Standalone Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- LA CoC not likely to be super competitive this year

# Eligible Agency-Specific Projects (or multi-agency)

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- Standalone Rapid Rehousing
  - Up to two years of rental assistance and services
- Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH) – aka “Joint Component”
  - Up to two years of services, any combination of services
- Operating period
  - Projects would start late 2024, with a 12-18 month initial grant term
  - Grants are renewable under the annual competition
- Funding amounts – *based on past local* Requests for Proposals (RFPs):
  - Up to \$1.5 million per TH-RRH project
  - Up to \$1 million per RRH project

# CoC DV Bonus – Process – What Typically Happens

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## HUD Releases Notice Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

- Typically, June/July each year
- 90-day turnaround time for submission

## LAHSA Releases New Projects RFP

- Typically, 3-4 weeks after NOFO release
- 30 (or so) days for application submission

## LA CoC Submits Consolidated Application to HUD

- HUD, not LAHSA, determines whether DV Bonus projects will be awarded to the LA CoC



Should we consider a  
different approach this  
year?

# 2023 DV Bonus

Annual Renewal Budget (2023)	150,457,000
2023 Budget	150,457,000
2022 Budget	150,457,000
2021 Budget	150,457,000
2020 Budget	150,457,000
Total Available Budget (2023-Renewal)	150,457,000

Rank Order	Project Number	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Final Score	Priority	Award/Disb	Current Estimate	Final Project Amount
1	CA1001	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1001 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
2	CA1002	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1002 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
3	CA1003	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1003 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
4	CA1004	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1004 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
5	CA1005	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1005 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
6	CA1006	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1006 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
7	CA1007	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1007 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
8	CA1008	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1008 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
9	CA1009	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1009 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
10	CA1010	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1010 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
11	CA1011	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1011 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
12	CA1012	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1012 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
13	CA1013	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1013 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
14	CA1014	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1014 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
15	CA1015	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1015 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
16	CA1016	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1016 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
17	CA1017	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1017 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
18	CA1018	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1018 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000
19	CA1019	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1019 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	400,000	400,000
20	CA1020	Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority	CA1020 Los Angeles County RRH Expansion	RRH	95%	RRH-1	RRH-1	500,000	500,000

Less competitive = HUD will run out of money earlier

## 01 More Competitive

## 02 Less Competitive

1. DV RRH A	\$500,000
2. DV RRH B	\$350,000
3. DV RRH C	\$475,000
4. DV RRH-TH A	\$500,000
5. DV RRH-TH B	\$1,175,000
HUD Funding Cut-off	
6. DV Coordinated Entry	\$2,000,000
TOTAL	\$5,000,000

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# Hypothetical Project Ranking for HUD



# Local RFP vs ITA (Intent to Apply)

DV Bonus – Pros and Cons of an ITA	
Pros	Cons
Lighter lift for LAHSA and for providers, allowing focus on other competition matters	
Bigger lift of RFP only required if funding is awarded by HUD (no “wasted effort”)	
Better program designs and budgets	
May encourage a greater number of applicants, including those not YET qualified for LAHSA/CoC Program funding	
Gives LAHSA and its partners more time to line up housing and healthcare leveraging commitments >>> helps DV bonus project scoring	



## Local RFP vs ITA (cont'd)

DV Bonus – Pros and Cons of an ITA	
Pros	Cons
	Effectively eliminates the option of applying for any site-based projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TH-RRH</li> </ul>
	Leaves only two viable project types (RRH and CES)
	Could harm the scoring competitiveness of RRH projects (but likely can be minimized) (HUD is supportive of an ITA)

**Pro of ITA: Doing an RFP for DV Bonus but not for CoC Bonus, or vice-versa, would be confusing for the community.**

# SSO-CE and System Level Needs

# Eligible System-Level Projects

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## Coordinated Entry Projects

### Current Example

- Domestic Violence Regional Coordinators

### Further examples of Coordinated Entry opportunities

- Creating regional survivor-centered housing location and landlord outreach positions
- Creating regional employment navigator positions

# Proposal for 2023 Coordinated Entry Project

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## What project would do

- Establish 2 FTE DV Matchers within CES
- Create Human Trafficking Regional Coordinators in each SPA
- Oversight/supervision of new system functions

## Who would receive the funding

- Designated VSPs in each SPA – most positions in budget
- LAHSA – DV Matchers, HT System Coordinator, System Alignment Mgr

## What project would cost

- Estimated up to \$1.6M, leaving between \$3.4M for other project types

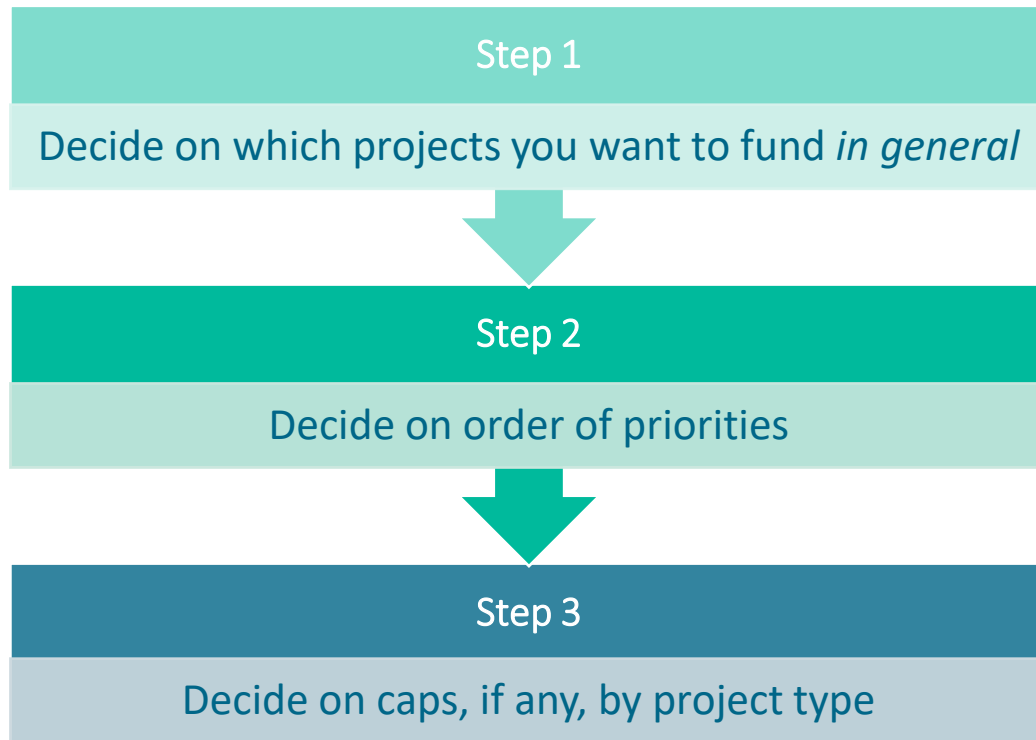
# Questions?

## Feedback on DV CES proposal?

Community  
Input:

Ranking  
Options

# Order of Funding Priorities – if doing an RFP



FY 2023 Project Prioritization - <i>EXAMPLE</i>	
Priorities <i>without caps</i>	Priorities <i>with caps</i>
1. RRH	1. Up to \$2M in RRH Projects
2. TH-RRH	2. Up to \$1.5M in Joint Component (TH-RRH) Projects
3. CES	3. One (1) (CES) Project up to \$1.5M
<b>2. and 3. types fundable <u>only if</u> LAHSA receives fewer than \$5 million in RRH requests</b>	<b>All types are fundable</b>

# Order of Funding Priorities – if doing an ITA

## Option 1: FY 2023 Project Prioritization

### Priorities with *dollar caps*

1. \$2.5 M in RRH Projects
2. \$2.5 M in CES Project

## Option 2: FY 2023 Project Prioritization

### Priorities with *dollar caps*

1. \$1 M in RRH Projects
2. \$2.5 M in CES Project
3. \$1.5 M in RRH Projects

**NOTE: Dollar amounts are hypothetical, not suggestive**

## Option 3: FY 2023 Project Prioritization

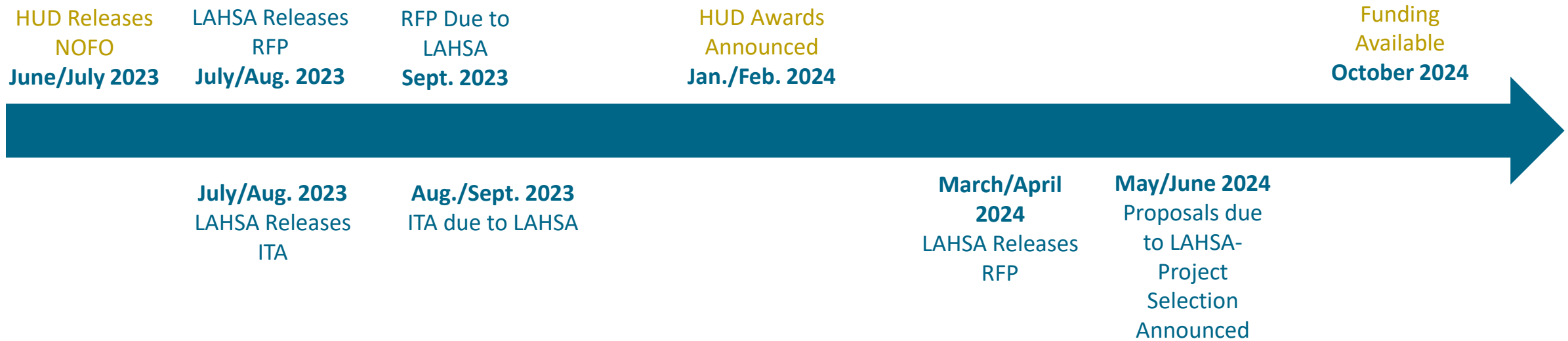
### Priorities with *dollar caps*

1. \$2.5 M in CES Project
2. \$2.5 M in RRH Projects

**How much would you allocate by project type?**



# Timeframe with RFP vs ITA (approximate)



# Defining Project Types:

## CoC Rapid Re- Housing

# Program Design

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## Eligibility

- Survivors
  - Fleeing or attempting to flee
  - Head of Households over 18 years old
- 50% below Area Median Income
- NOTE: Transitional housing participants are NOT eligible for enrollment unless fleeing violence (different from Cal OES DV Housing First and Measure H funded RRH)

## Length of Stay

- 24-month program stay
- Decision driven by client choice and specific circumstances

# Program Design | Rapid Re-Housing

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## Rapid Re-Housing

- Scattered Site
- Transition in place
- Landlord Engagement
- LeaseUp!

## Financial Assistance

- Application fees
- Child care
- Education Services & Employment assistance
- Moving arrangements
- Transportation

# Program Design | Rapid Re-Housing

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## Services

- Advocacy
- Assistance in locating and maintaining employment and gaining economic stability
- Case management
- Crisis/emergency support
- Help repairing credit and rental history
- Mental health counseling for the survivor and children
- Ongoing support with landlords to prevent evictions
- Substance abuse and/or mental health counseling
- Support and assistance with children and child custody related matters

# Miscellaneous Considerations

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## Contract Term

- Typically 18 months for 1<sup>st</sup> term, 12 months thereafter
- Renewable on an annual basis
- FY23 Projects – would start late 2024

## Eligibility to Apply

- LAHSA RFSQ process
- Certification for the CoC Program

## Budget Requirements

- 25% match of requested amount: cash or in-kind
- Reimbursement based contract

# Match Considerations

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## Budgeting Options

- Eligible match activities: Rental Assistance (24 CFR 578.51); Supportive Services (24 CFR 578.53); and Project Administration
- Supportive Services
  - 1. Assessment of Service Needs
  - 2. Assistance with Moving Costs
  - 3. Case Management
  - 4. Child Care
  - 5. Education Services
  - 6. Employment Assistance
  - 7. Food
  - 8. Housing/Counseling Services
  - 9. Legal Services
  - 10. Life Skills
  - 11. Mental Health Services
  - 12. Outpatient Health Services
  - 13. Outreach Services
  - 14. Substance Abuse Treatment Services
  - 15. Transportation
  - 16. Utility Deposits
  - 17. Operating Costs (i.e., non-residential program office)

# Match Considerations

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## Budgeting Options

- Cash
  - Including funding for other programs (ex: Cal OES Housing First, private foundation dollars, etc.)
- In-kind
  - Leveraged existing position
  - Partnerships with organizations providing eligible services (legal services, counseling, childcare, employment)
  - Partnerships with housing organizations (FSCs, housing navigation providers, etc.)



# Defining Project Types:

## Joint Component Program

# Program Background

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- Centers client choice
- Housing First Approach
- Combines Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing

# Program Eligibility & Design

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## Eligibility

- Survivors
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## Length of Stay

- 24-month program stay (any combination of components)
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# Program Design | Transitional Housing

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## Transitional Housing Models

- Congregate vs. scattered-site
- Existing beds vs. new beds

## Services

- Crisis/emergency support
- Obtaining protection orders
- Referrals to child custody related support
- Referrals to immigration support
- Referrals to legal support
- Relocation support
- Safety planning

# Program Design | Rapid Re-Housing

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## Rapid Re-Housing

- Scattered Site
- Transition in place

## Services

- Advocacy
- Assistance in locating and maintaining employment and gaining economic stability
- Help repairing credit and rental history
- Mental health counseling for the survivor and children
- Ongoing support with landlords to prevent evictions
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# Program Design | Rapid Re-Housing (Cont.)

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## Allowable Costs

- Leasing Costs
- Operating Costs
- Rental Assistance
- Supportive Services

## Flexible Funding

- Often used to maximize the impact of the program

## Ineligible costs

- Mental Health Services
- Outpatient Health Services
- Outreach Services
- Substance abuse treatment service

# Next Steps

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## CoC Board Meeting

- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm (in-person but virtual option too)

## VSP Learning Community

- June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:30 am (virtual)

Subscribe to LAHSA's listserv to receive funding notices about the CoC Program competition – [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org)

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