

Northern Nevada CoC 2023 NOFO Applicant Meeting Attendance & Q&A

August 2, 2023 9 AM

Attendees:

- Benjamin Castro, RISE
- Cora Carroll, WC-HSA
- Ciera Lindsay, City of Reno
- Edward Coleman, Black Community Collective (BCC)
- Elaine Wiseman, City of Reno
- Julianna Glock, VOA
- Michelle Brister, Safe Embrace
- Ida Peeks, WC-HSA
- Hannah Meadows, Safe Embrace
- Alyssa Ropell, DVRC
- Kaytlin Canner, City of Reno
- Andrea, Awaken

HHS/Civitas Staff:

- Emily Elyse, CoC Matchmaker, HHS
- Catrina Peters, CoC Coordinator, HHS
- Kyle Jenkins, CIVITAS
- Maggie Blake, CIVITAS
- Grace Orr, CIVITAS

Questions from the Community:

- Is "outreach" defined further? The element of housing first. Would attending resource events qualify? If yes, is there a required number of events we'd need to attend?
- Can there be an income requirement for TH programs? Also, re: dv bonus what does it mean "supportive services is for coordinated entry only"?
 - Response:
 - Outreach in this sense is a providers' ability to conduct outreach to people experiencing homelessness such as conducting street outreach, outreach events such as homeless connect, etc. There is not a minimum number of events required.
 - There is not an income requirement for Transitional housing programs however, Rapid-Rehousing program clients are required to pay 30% of their adjusted income towards rent per the CoC policy which can be found [here](#).
 - Income restrictions can add barriers for your program. For example, someone may have income from VA benefits or disability, however they have mental illness that is causing their homelessness and are in need of housing assistance to exit homelessness.
 - Regarding supportive services, supportive services only grants are no longer allowed other than for Coordinated Entry.

Additional Clarifications:

Per 2023 NOFO FAQ, found here: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2023-Project-Application-FAQs.pdf>

Can DV Bonus Can Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects be dedicated to serving survivors of human trafficking (or another group that qualifies as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3)?

No. As defined by Congress in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, DV Bonus projects must be dedicated to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who qualify under the definition of homeless at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. While survivors of human trafficking and other vulnerable populations may qualify as homeless under paragraph (4) of the homeless definition at 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (as recently updated by VAWA 2023) and are often also victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 does not authorize the selection of DV Bonus applications dedicated to exclusively serving survivors of human trafficking.