

FY2024 TN-501 Memphis/Shelby County Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Supplemental Application

If you are applying for a Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus project in the FY2024 Memphis/ Shelby County CoC Program Competition, you will need to submit the following:

- 1) **A new project application completed and submitted in e-snaps**
- 2) This DV Bonus Supplemental Application
- 3) The Housing First Agreement
- 4) The Coordinated Entry System Agreement

DV Bonus Supplemental application

These supplemental questions will be reviewed, scored, and approved by the CoC Rank and Review Committee. The Supplemental application be submitted no later than: **September 27, 2024 at 3:00 pm CT.**

One electronic PDF copy of the DV Bonus Supplemental Questions, the housing first agreement and the coordinated entry system agreement must be submitted via email to: **Stephanie@cafth.org** by the deadline above.

Please ensure that all portions of each question are answered and identified in each response and character limits are not exceeded

Applicant Information			
Name of Agency:			
Executive Director/CEO:			
Street Address:	City:	Zip Code:	
Telephone:	Fax:	E-Mail:	
Applicant Federal Tax ID Number:			
UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) Number:			

Application Preparer/Contact:		
Telephone:	Fax:	E-Mail:

Project Information		
Name of Project (must match project name in e-snaps)	TYPE (RRH or Joint TH-RRH)	Total CoC DV Bonus Funds Requested

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1. Project Applicant Experience – Rate of Housing Placement and Rate of Housing Retention

To calculate the rate of housing placement and housing retention you must enter the percentage of DV survivors applying for housing that were placed into permanent housing (1a), and the percentage of those DV survivors that remained housed (1b).

1a. Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage: _____

1b. Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage: _____

Describe in the field below:

1. How the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention reported in 1a-1b;
2. whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3. the data source (e.g., comparable database, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects)

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2. Project Applicant Experience – Ensuring DV Survivor Safety

Describe in the field below how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

1. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3. keeping information and locations confidential;
4. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

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3. Project Applicant Experience – Providing Housing to DV Survivor Applicants

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant:

- 1. ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
- 2. prioritized survivors—you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;
- 3. determined which supportive services survivors needed;
- 4. connected survivors to supportive services; and
- 5. moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

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4. Project Applicant Experience – Evaluating Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety

a. Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served.

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5. Project Applicant Experience – Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches

Guidance—Though you can provide examples of experience not listed, you must address elements 1 through 7.

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience in using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors in each of the following:

1. prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2. establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3. providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on trauma;
4. emphasizing program participants’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5. centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6. providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7. offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

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6. Project Applicant Experience – Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

Guidance—Examples—During funding year 2024, ABC Project staff provided the following supportive services to DV survivors:

- Child custody—ABC project assisted DV survivors to pursue child custody by making legal services available through its partner EFG Legal Services, provided transportation, and provided a support group for others experiencing similar challenges. ABC ensures that the survivors' safety needs were addressed by maintaining confidentiality, using harm reduction.
- Bad Credit History—ABC project used case management to quickly assess whether survivors needed credit repair services, provided through our partner, Credit Repair, Inc., which specializes in assisting survivors to restore their credit, which is often necessary to obtain affordable housing for survivors whose credit has been damaged.
- Housing Search and Counseling—ABC project employed a housing navigator to identify local landlords and apartments. Using the housing navigator resulted in a three-week decrease in the amount of time it previously took survivors to locate units.
- Crisis DV Services—ABC project employed advocates that staff a 24/7 DV crisis helpline and provide trauma-informed support, including safety planning, emergency shelter, and assistance in navigating restraining order processes
- Long-term Housing Stability Safety Planning—ABC project works with program participants to develop long-term housing safety plans in preparation for the program participant exiting the project, which includes self-advocacy, legal support, representative support, community accompaniment.
- Education Services—ABC partnered with a local community college to enroll 5 survivors in GED classes, a 100 percent increase from last year where we did not have the funding to provide this service. Currently there are 10 survivors on the waiting list for future GED classes.

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7. New Project Implementation – Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches

Guidance–

- This question requires you to provide examples of how the applicant **will implement the new project, not the applicant’s experience operating an existing project.**
- Though you can provide other examples of how the applicant will implement the new project, you must address elements 1 through 7.

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project will:

1. prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2. establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3. provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4. emphasize program participants’ strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans works towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5. center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
6. provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and

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7. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

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8. Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development

Guidance:

This question asks you to explain how you will involve survivors in policy and program development, operation, and evaluation of your new PH-RRH or Joint TH-PH-RRH project.

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1. With a range of lived expertise, and
2. In policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

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