**WI Balance of State CoC – Competition**

**Supplemental Information – DV RRH only (FY23)**

This document is sent to the CoC-funded DV RRH sub-recipients only. This is a supplemental request. This is not the same as the “Request for Local Coalition Information” sent to each coalition or the “Supplemental Information” request sent to each CoC-funded housing project. There are some questions in this year’s CoC application that are specific to only CoC-funded DV RRH projects. *\*If you are a sub-recipient of the Balance of State’s DV RRH grant and have a direct CoC-funded housing project, you focus these responses only on the DV RRH grant.*

All answers need to address the question asked. For example, if the question says “how” – then the description must include the process by which something is done. If the question says “describe” – then the answer should be a detailed explanation. There must be detail, concrete examples, and names. Quality is more important than quantity in your responses. Information must be specific rather than generalizations. **Please do not just restate the question. You do not have to write in paragraph form – bullet points and lists work.** perspectives.

Please return responses no later than **Monday, August 21st** to the CoC Director at [carrie.poser@wibos.org](mailto:carrie.poser@wibos.org). Late submission or incomplete submissions will negatively impact your specific CoC-funded grant on the CoC Project Scoring Tool (-2 points).

**Note:** this is a supplemental request for CoC-funded DV RRH subrecipients only.

Updated CoC Competition information can be found at: <https://www.wiboscoc.org/2023-hud-coc-competition.html>

**QUESTIONS**

**1C-3. Ensuring Families are not Separated**

In the chart below, indicate how your agency ensures your DV RRH project does not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member’s self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Yes/No |
| Your agency conducted mandatory training to ensure families are not separated. |  |
| Your agency conducted optional training to ensure family members are not separated. |  |
| Adopted an anti-discrimination policy |  |

**IC-5b. Coordinated Annual Training**

Describe the type of training provided (in-house or external) for project staff that addresses best practices (e.g. trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence. Include the frequency of the training (e.g. monthly, annually).

**1C-5e. Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures**

Describe how your DV RRH project staff communicate to all (regardless of known survivor status) people seeking or receiving CoC program housing assistance:

1. The emergency transfer plan policies and procedures.
2. The process for people to request an emergency transfer.
3. The process for your agency to respond to a request for an emergency transfer.

**1C-5f. Access to Housing for Survivors of DV, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors**

Describe how your DV RRH project ensures that survivors of DV have safe access to all the housing and services available within the coalition.

*“All” means that the coalition should be providing the same access to housing and services as all other populations experiencing homelessness, not just help from victim service organizations.*

Describe how your DV RRH project proactively identifies systemic barriers within the coalition’s homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of DV.

*“Proactively” means getting in front of the issues rather than waiting for or merely responding to something negative.*

**1C-5g. Ensuring Survivors with a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-wide Policy and Procedures**

Describe how your agency ensures survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your project policies and programs. *Note: range means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of DV.* The response must include:

* The role(s) and expertise of the survivor(s) involved – not names;
* How the agency safely engaged, recruited, trained, and compensated survivors to do this work; and
* The intentional and meaningful integration of survivors’ feedback

Describe how your agency accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors. *Examples can include asking for name, gender, pronoun, language preferences; multiple options for safe communication; consent to disclose.*

**1D-6. Mainstream Benefits**

1. Does your agency or coalition partners update program staff annually on the following mainstream resources available for program participants:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Mainstream Benefit** | **Yes/No** |
| Food Stamps |  |
| SSI-Supplemental Security Income |  |
| SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance |  |
| TANF-Temporary Assistance for Need Families |  |
| Substance Abuse Programs |  |
| Employment Assistance Programs |  |
| Other: |  |

1. Describe how (the process) your agency or coalition systematically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources (listed above).
2. Describe how your project staff collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services.
3. Describe how your agency promotes the use of SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR) within your agency and/or coalition.
   1. How many people in your agency are currently SOAR certified?

**1D-10c. Implemented Strategies that Address Know Disparities**

a. As it relates to your CoC-funded DV RRH project specifically, describe the racial disparities in the outcomes for your project.

b. What is the agency’s plan to address those specific outcome issues?

**1D-11a. Active Participation of People with Lived Experience of Homelessness (including survivors of DV)**

a. How many people with lived experience of homelessness are currently on your agency’s Board of Directors? \_\_\_\_

b. How many people with lived experience of homelessness are currently on a committee or advisory board for your agency? \_\_\_\_

c. How many people with lived experience of homelessness currently work for your agency? \_\_\_\_

**2C-5 & 5a. Increasing Employment and non-employment cash income**

a. How do your program staff work with program participants to increase their employment income?

b. How do your program staff work with program participants to increase their non-employment cash income?

c. How frequently are your program staff updating income (employment and non-employment) in HMIS or Osnium?

**4A-3. Assessing Need**

a. What is the total number of survivors of DV in your coalition need housing or services, including those you are currently serving in your DV RRH (enrolled)?

b. What is the total number of survivors of DV that your DV RRH is currently serving (enrolled)?

c. What is the unmet need in your coalition? Subtract (b) from (a): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

d. How did you calculate the number of (a)? Include data source(s).

e. How did you calculate the number of (b)? Include your data source(s).

f. What else is needed in the coalition in order to meet this need? This includes a description of the barriers and what other projects or services are needed.

**4A-3b.1 Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention**

a. What is the percentage of survivors that you enroll in DV RRH and then house (move-in date)?

b. How did you calculate the number of (a)? Include data source(s).

c. What is the percentage of those survivors that you house that remain housed (do not re-enter the homeless system)?

d. How did you calculate the number of (c)? Include data source(s).

**4A-3c. Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivors**

a. Describe how the DV RRH project ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing.

b. Describe how the DV RRH has determined which supportive services each household receives.

c. Describe how the DV RRH project connected survivors with those supportive services.

d. Describe how the DV RRH project moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain – address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

**4A-3d. Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety**

Describe how the DV RRH project ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing

homelessness by:

a. taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the enrollment and intake process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;

b. helping survivors find safe housing;

c. keeping information and locations confidential

d. training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and

e. taking security measures for units that support survivor’s physical safety and location confidentiality

**4A-3d.1. Applicant Experience in Evaluating their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety**

Describe how the DV RRH project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the project.

**4A-3e. Applicant Experience in Trauma informed, Victim Centered Approaches**

Thinking about the last grant year (21-22) and current grant year, describe how your agency used trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors in each of the following:

a. Prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;

b. 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);

c. Providing program participants access to information on trauma (e.g training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma);

d. Emphasizing program participants’ strengths (e.g. strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans includes assessments of program participants strengths and works toward goals and aspirations);

e. Centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity (e.g. training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination language access, improving services to be culturally responsible, accessible, and trauma-informed);

f. Providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants (e.g. groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs); and

g. Offering support for survivor parenting (e.g. trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connection to legal services).

**4A-3f. Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors**

This question is specific to the needs that DV survivors have and how did the DV RRH project help meet those needs. This could be directly with supportive service grant funding. This could be by partnering with a different agency and referrals.

Look at the last grant year (21-22) and/or the current grant year (22-23). Describe below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

Examples -

* **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 ensured 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 3-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, systems 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.