



ARCH — AL-507 Continuum of Care

FY2026 CoC Competition: DV Bonus Cheat Sheet

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What Is the DV Bonus?

A DV Bonus project must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (and their children). Per the FY2026 CoC NOFO (Section II.B.3.e), CoCs may apply for DV Bonus projects up to 20% of their Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN).

Eligible Project Types — FY2026

Per NOFO Section II.B.3.e(4): “DV Bonus and DV Reallocation may only be used to create new SSO-Coordinated Entry, Rapid Re-housing (PH-RRH), and Transitional Housing (TH) projects.” An agency applying for the DV Bonus may propose one of these three — it is not limited to Rapid Re-Housing.

Project Type	What It Funds	Key Notes
Rapid Re-Housing (PH-RRH)	Rental assistance Housing identification Case management Supportive services HMIS-comparable database costs Administration	Standard RRH eligible costs under 24 CFR 578, serving DV/SA/stalking survivors.
Transitional Housing (TH)	Temporary housing, up to 24 months Supportive services	Applicant must show experience serving survivors fleeing DV, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.
SSO – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE)	Coordinated entry assessments, navigation, safety planning, referrals — see full breakdown below	The ONLY SSO project type allowed under the DV Bonus. Standard/general SSO is NOT eligible.

Note on Joint TH/PH-RRH

Joint TH/PH-RRH is not an eligible NEW DV Bonus project type for FY2026. This is a change from prior years — the NOFO now makes standalone Transitional Housing eligible for the DV Bonus instead. The NOFO still references Joint TH/PH-RRH elsewhere because existing Joint TH/PH-RRH projects may continue as renewal projects; that general program language does not authorize creating a new FY2026 DV Bonus Joint TH/PH-RRH project.

SSO-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE): Deep Dive

This is the only SSO project type allowed under the DV Bonus. A DV Bonus SSO-CE project is NOT a housing program and NOT traditional case management. Its purpose is to create and operate a victim service provider coordinated entry system that connects survivors to the most appropriate housing and services while maintaining confidentiality. HUD specifically allows victim service providers to operate a CE process separate from the CoC's HMIS-based system, provided it meets HUD's coordinated entry requirements.

SSO-CE CAN fund	SSO-CE CANNOT fund
• Coordinated entry assessments for survivors • Housing navigation & problem-solving • Safety planning & crisis intervention • Eligibility determination • Matching survivors to available housing resources • Referrals to RRH, TH, PSH, ESG, mainstream benefits, legal aid, etc. • Coordinating with the CoC's CE system while protecting confidentiality • Trauma-informed / survivor-centered CE policy development • Case conferencing (when appropriate & confidential) • HMIS-comparable database data collection • Staff salaries, supervision, training, eligible admin costs	• Rental assistance • Leasing • Operating housing • Hotel or motel stays • Utility assistance • Security deposits • Direct financial assistance for housing

What HUD Is Really Looking For

HUD describes SSO-CE projects as implementing policies, procedures, and practices that improve coordinated entry for survivors CoC-wide — not as an internal intake process for one agency. Examples HUD cites:

- Creating a trauma-informed, survivor-centered coordinated entry process
- Improving coordination between the CoC's coordinated entry system and the victim service provider's CE process
- Involving survivors with lived experience in the design and implementation of the CE process

In other words: the project belongs to the CoC's coordinated entry process, even when one victim service provider operates it. The agency is expected to coordinate with the CoC and other providers serving survivors — providing access across the geographic area and referring to the most appropriate resources, not just its own programs.

ARCH's Expectations for an SSO-CE Awardee

ARCH expects any agency awarded SSO-CE DV Bonus funding to:

- Coordinate with ARCH as the Collaborative Applicant and CE Lead
- Participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry policies and governance
- Work with all DV victim service providers in AL-507 that choose to participate — not only clients entering through their own organization
- Operate the confidential, survivor-centered CE process on behalf of the CoC's DV system
- Make referrals based on participant choice, safety, and project availability — not solely into their own programs

A DV agency should not receive SSO-CE funds simply to coordinate services for its own clients — that looks like agency case management, not a CoC coordinated entry project.

Questions For Applicants to Think About

- Who is the designated victim service provider CE lead?
- Is the project designed to benefit the entire DV coordinated entry process within the CoC?
- Will other DV shelters and victim service providers have access to and participate in the process?
- How will referrals be made fairly across all eligible housing resources?

Tips for Applicants

- If the agency wants general/standalone SSO funding — the DV Bonus does NOT cover it.
- If the agency's need is coordinated-entry-related — they should apply for SSO-CE under the DV Bonus, not standalone SSO.
- RRH and TH remain fully available DV Bonus options for housing-focused needs.