

River Valleys Continuum of Care (MN-502)

DV Bonus Narrative

A. Data & Reporting

HUD does not allow victim service providers to use HMIS. Instead, HUD requires that victim service providers use a database comparable to HMIS to 1) produce Annual Progress Reports required for grantees with HUD CoC Program funding, and 2) provide unduplicated aggregate data for CoC planning.

1. Plan for data management and reporting

a. What database is used by the Victim Service Provider grantee or subgrantee for HUD CoC Program reporting?	
b. Where can the specifications for this database be reviewed?	
c. Who has reviewed the database regarding its ability to produce reports that meet specifications for the APR? (Name, title)	
d. Who is responsible for data entry for this project? (Name, title)	
e. Who is responsible for monitoring and maintaining data quality in the database for this project? (Name, title)	
f. Who is responsible for submitting the project's APR to HUD (or to the primary grant recipient, if applicable)? (Name, title)	
g. Who is responsible for submitting the project's aggregate or de-identified data to the CoC for planning and evaluation? (Name, title)	

2. Other notes on data management and reporting, if any:

B. Experience & Capacity to Perform

Rapid Rehousing and Joint TH/RRH Projects

(Questions for SSO-CE projects start on page 6)

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

Describe the project applicant’s rates of housing placement and retention achieved in existing programs, including how the rate was calculated and what data was used. (4a)

Measure	Rate of Housing Placement	Rate of Housing Retention
a. Description	Percentage of DV survivors applying for housing that were placed into permanent housing by the applicant	Percentage of those DV survivors “placed” (from in previous column) that remained housed
b. Percentage achieved		
c. Calculation		
d. Data Source		

2. Providing Housing to DV Survivor–Project Applicant Experience.

Describe how the project applicant provided housing for DV survivors experiencing homelessness by (4b):

Activity	Example of Experience - what you have done in the past
a. Ensuring DV survivors experiencing homelessness were assisted to quickly move into safe affordable housing	
b. Prioritizing survivors– you must address the process the project applicant used e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC’s emergency transfer plan, etc.;	
c. Connecting survivors to supportive services	
d. Moving clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain–address housing stability <u>after</u> the housing subsidy ends	

3. Ensuring DV Survivor Safety–Project Applicant Experience.

Provide specific examples of how the project applicant has ensured the safety of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by (4c):

Activity	Example of Experience - what you have done in the past
a. Training staff on safety planning	
b. Adjusting intake space to better ensure a private conversation	
c. Conducting separate interviews/intake with each member of a couple	
d. Working with survivors to identify what is safe for them as it relates to scattered site units or rental assistance	
e. Maintaining bars on windows, fixing lights in the hallways, etc. for spaces operated by the applicant	
f. Keeping the location confidential for dedicated units and living spaces set aside solely for survivors	

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

Describe specifically how the applicant currently evaluates or has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors within its program(s). Include what outcomes were measured. (4c1)

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

Describe a) specific supportive services the project applicant provided to domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs; and b) examples of how the project applicant provided the supportive services to domestic violence survivors. (4e)

Example: During funding year 2022, ABC Project staff provided the following supportive services to DV survivors: 1) 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, 2) 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, 3) Bad Credit History...

6. Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches.

Describe at least one specific example of the project applicant’s experience in each area AND how the new project will (4d, 4f):

Approach	Example of Experience - what you have done in the past	Example of implementation within this project - what you will do
<p>a. Prioritize participant choice, rapid placement, and stabilization in permanent housing</p>		

<p>b. Establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect e.g., non-punitive interventions, participant staff interactions minimize power differentials</p>		
<p>c. Provide program participants access to information on trauma e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on trauma</p>		
<p>d. Place emphasis on program participants' strengths e.g., strength-based coaching and assessment, case plans include assessments of participant strengths and works towards goals and aspirations</p>		
<p>e. Center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination</p>		
<p>f. Provide opportunities for connection for program participants e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs</p>		
<p>g. Offer support for parenting, e.g., parenting classes, childcare.</p>		

Support Services Only - Coordinated Entry Projects

(Questions for RRH and Joint TH-RRH projects are on pages 2-5.)

<p>1. Describe how the current Coordinated Entry is inadequate to meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.</p>	
<p>2. Describe how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified above.</p>	
<p>3. Describe the applicant’s engagement and consultation with the CoC Coordinated Entry Committee and/or CoC staff to inform the proposed project.</p>	
<p>4. Describe the applicant’s past experience and successes in delivering the services proposed.</p>	