

Eastern PA Continuum of Care (CoC) FY2018 Request for Proposals DV Coordinated Entry Specialist

Preliminary Application due by Close of Business on August 17, 2018

The Eastern PA CoC submits an annual application to HUD in order to secure federal funding for new and existing projects that work to reduce and end homelessness throughout the CoC's 33-county geographic area. This year, HUD has made an additional \$50M available nationally to specifically fund Domestic Violence projects, through a "DV Bonus".

The CoC is eligible to apply for up to \$1,218,944 under the DV Bonus and will be issuing two RFPs to identify recipients and sub-recipients for projects to be included in the Eastern PA CoC's FY2018 Consolidated Application, due to HUD by September 18, 2018. In addition to this RFP to support the creation of a DV Coordinated Entry Specialist position, the CoC will also make funding available to support a CoC-wide Rapid Re-Housing project.

Per the [FY 2018 HUD CoC NOFA](#), projects for Coordinated Entry are to further the CoC's ability *to implement policies, procedures, and practices that equip the CoC's coordinated entry to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (e.g. to implement policies and procedures that are trauma-informed, client-centered or to better coordinate referrals between the CoC's coordinated entry and the victim service providers coordinated entry system where they are different).*

The Eastern PA CoC is looking to partner with a Victim Service Provider, located within the CoC's geographic area, who will employ a Domestic Violence Specialist to work within the Coordinated Entry System (CES) – [Connect to Home](#). The CES Consultant, Jason Alexander of Capacity for Change, will review applications to ensure consistency with existing CES planning and protocol.

The Domestic Violence Coordinated Entry Specialist (DV CE Specialist) will further the CoC's efforts to align Coordinated Entry with the DV service system. Duties will include:

- Outreach and engagement of Victim Service Providers to educate and encourage participation in the CoC's CES;
- Partner with the Coordinated Entry Managers and CES Committee to problem solve DV cases and give voice to the ideas and needs of Victim Service Providers who are engaging in the Coordinated Entry System.
- Conduct pre-screen and standardized assessment tool (VI-SPDAT) with individuals fleeing domestic violence and/or presenting at a DV center;
- Monitor the CES process to ensure individuals anonymously included on the CoC's prioritized wait list (Community Queue) have equal access to housing/homeless assistance resources, including those available through CoC-funded organizations, including DV providers and others;

- Expand CES operations to include and incorporate trauma-informed and victim-centered practices.

Organizations interested in applying should submit an application by close of business on **August 17, 2018**.

- The application should be emailed to easterncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org
- Please use the e-mail subject line: DV CE Specialist – **YOUR AGENCY NAME**

Funding is not guaranteed to the organization(s) selected through this RFP. Funding will be made available by HUD based on the performance of the Eastern PA CoC in the 2018 Continuum of Care national competition. If the project is awarded HUD funding, the project will initially receive a 1-year grant, which will be eligible for annual renewal, dependent on the availability of funding from HUD and project performance.

What is my project budget? The budget should include the cost to hire a full-time employee, including anticipated travel expenses and any other expenses anticipated.

If I have questions about this who should I contact? Please contact Eastern PA CoC's Consultant (DMA) at easterncoc@pennsylvaniacoc.org