

CoC 2021- MA 500 New Project Applications

Under HUD's 2021 CoC NOFO, the Boston CoC (MA-500) is eligible to apply for new funding in the following areas:

CoC Bonus: \$1,884,032

DV Bonus: \$2,254,662

CoC Planning: \$1,130,419

The CoC intends to apply for the maximum funding in all areas and is proposing inclusion of the following new project applications:

CoC Bonus:

HMIS CE 2021:

This funding will increase capacity to the HMIS lead staff to respond to the needs of our homeless response system, including meeting Coordinated Entry data and reporting requirements, changes in data capture for programs that serve families, and support to a growing number of providers and end users in our CoC. The grant will also support an increase in technology costs.

Commonwealth Land Trust: PSH- Master Lease Program:

Commonwealth Land Trust is proposing a new PSH program utilizing a master lease model. If selected for funding, CLT will work with local landlords to identify one or two multi-family dwellings to lease on behalf of eligible individuals (chronically homeless, dedicated plus) and will provide robust services to ensure stabilization. The project will have the capacity to serve 10-12 individuals.

Saint Francis House - Constitution Inn PSH:

St. Francis House is in the process of acquiring the Constitution Inn, located in Charlestown. The project will include 96 studio apartments for persons meeting the definition of chronic or dedicated plus. The CoC investment will support 45 of the 96 units and will also fund services for the site. CoC funded services will be supplemented with CSPECH, BSAS and other leveraged benefits, such as membership to the on-site YMCA to promote wellness and access to MGH for community based services. SFH is pursuing PBVs through the BHA and MRVP's from DHCD for the remaining units.

DV Bonus:

Casa Myrna: STEP Expansion - RRH:

Casa Myrna will increase the capacity of its existing rapid rehousing program for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking utilizing DV bonus funding. The expansion will allow for an additional 39 households to be served with rental assistance and services tailored to this population.

Casa Myrna: Bridge to Safety - Joint TH-RRH:

Casa Myrna will utilize DV Bonus funding to create a new Joint TH-TTH program specifically for survivors. CMV is partnering with local hospitals that serve survivors to ensure the availability of crisis housing options for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. CMV will partner with hotels to meet immediate housing needs and will rapidly enroll participants on a rapid rehousing pathway. This project will have the capacity to serve 40 households.

Elizabeth Stone House - Joint TH-RRH Expansion

Stone House is seeking an expansion of its existing CoC funded Joint TH-RRH program to meet the increasing need for crisis housing as the DV shelter system continues to be overwhelmed with demand. If selected for funding, ESH will supplement its existing RRH program to allow for an additional 20 households to be served.

CoC Planning:

Boston CoC (MA-500):

This grant will support homeless system reform and planning to continue to develop an equitable and effective crisis response system. Activities will include continuing efforts to restructure governance of the CoC Board and subcommittees/WGs, quality improvement of performance of all funded programs as well as system-wide performance, scaling up coordinated entry and ongoing evaluation of our system, and support for strategic initiatives, funding applications and plans.