

Consolidating Eligible Renewals during the CoC Program Competition

This document provides information about consolidating up to ten eligible renewal projects into one grant through the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition process:

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NOTE: Grant consolidations are not allowed outside the CoC Program Competition process.

Eligibility for Consolidating Projects

To be eligible for consolidation, renewal projects must meet all four of the conditions below:

- The grant period must expire in Calendar Year (CY) 2022, as confirmed on the FY 2021 Final GIW on the [GIW Reports page](#).
- The projects must be consolidated under the same recipient.
- The projects must have both the same component and project type (i.e., PH-PSH, PH-RRH, Joint TH/PH-RRH, TH, SSO, SSO-CE or HMIS)
- The projects must not have any serious operational issues, as outlined in the [FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO](#).

Ineligible Consolidations

There are some restrictions regarding consolidations:

- A TH project cannot consolidate with a PH:RRH project to create a Joint TH and PH:RRH project.
- YHDP Replacement projects cannot consolidate with another project.
- Transition projects cannot consolidate with another project.
- While YHDP Renewal projects can consolidate with each other, a YHDP Renewal project cannot consolidate with a non-YHDP renewal.

Submitting Multiple Project Applications

Project applicants interested in consolidating renewal projects must submit a Renewal Project Application for each project being consolidated.

Unlike the FY 2019 CoC Program Competition, the project applicant will NOT submit a separate renewal project application that combines the project and budget information for all consolidating projects.

Declaring Intent to Consolidate Grants

In every Renewal Project Application, project applicants MUST complete the “Renewal Grant Consolidation or Renewal Grant Expansion” screen and actively identify whether the applicant is requesting that the application be part of a grant consolidation in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.

For each of the project applications that is part of the grant consolidation, the answer will be “Yes – individual application in a renewal grant consolidation.”

Identifying the Surviving and Terminating Grants

Question 2 on the “Renewal Grant Consolidation or Renewal Grant Expansion” screen asks if the individual project application is the surviving grant or a terminating grant.

- The **surviving grant** is the one into which the other grants will be consolidated. It must be the project that, if selected for award, will have the earliest start date in CY 2022.
- The **terminating grant** is the grant that will be incorporated into the surviving grant if HUD approves the consolidation. There can be up to nine terminating grants.

The Renewal Project Application identifies the surviving grant using the "Project Identification Number," referred to as the PIN. The PIN is the first six numbers of the surviving grant number.

HUD will know which projects a project applicant wants to consolidate because each individual project application will identify the same surviving PIN.

Completing the Budgets

The total Annual Renewal Amount (ARA) of the consolidated project must be equal to or less than the sum of the ARAs of the original renewal projects.

- Projects may renew only leasing, supportive services, rental assistance, operating, and HMIS costs. Project administrative funds may not exceed 10% of the grant.
- Funds in the original projects for acquisition, new construction, and rehabilitation may not be renewed.

The Budget Line Items (BLIs) for the consolidated project must exactly match the sum of the corresponding BLIs for the individual projects, as they appear on the GIW located on the [GIW Reports page](#) or the most recent grant agreement, as amended.

Collaborative Applicants: Ranking Instructions

After the project applicant submits the individual project applications for each grant being consolidated, the Collaborative Applicant will do the following:

1. Access the CoC Priority Listing.
2. Update the Renewal Project Listing to upload the project applications that have been submitted by project applicants.
3. Rank each of the individual projects being consolidated with a unique ranking number.

HUD Review of the Consolidated Project Applications

For each set of projects being consolidated, HUD will take the following actions after the CoC Program Competition closing date:

- Review each individual Renewal Project Application.
- If the consolidated project meets the NOFA requirements, HUD will:
 - Accept the individual project application of the surviving grant
 - Retain the ranking number of the surviving grant
 - Remove the individual project applications (terminating grants) from the CoC Priority Listing: Renewal Project Listing
 - Raise the ranking number of the other renewal project applications (those not included within the set of consolidating projects) to fill the position of the terminating grants that were removed from the list
- If the consolidated project does not meet the NOFA requirements, HUD will:
 - Retain the ranking of the individual projects
 - Assess them accordingly for award

If the consolidated project is selected based on its ranked position, HUD will conditionally award the surviving grant plus the amount of funding of all terminating grants included in the consolidation.