Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

 1. the CoC Application,
 2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
 3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

 As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

 1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

 Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
 - 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
 - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
 Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AR-508 - Fort Smith CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Riverview Hope Campus

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Riverview Hope Campus

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC assesses its homeless assistance system every year utilizing the MA-503 HMIS Racial Equity Analysis Tool to identify racial disparities in services and outcomes. Black persons exhibit the largest difference between their % of the regional population and % of persons in the CoC/HMIS homelessness system. During the period 9/1/23-8/30/24, the CoC looked for racial disparities by examining HMIS data for rates of access to services, utilization of services, and outcomes. Access and utilization were calculated as the % of Black persons enrolled in each CoC/ESG-funded projects in HMIS. Outcomes were based on length of time in Permanent Housing and exit destination. Coordinated Entry data was also examined for the rate at which Black persons were assessed and referred to CoC/ESG-funded housing and the rate of successful referral results.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
	2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has an ongoing open invitation process for new members. The CoC process is open to the public and communicated via the following methods: CoC Website, Facebook Page, email invitations, monthly general membership meetings, CoC committee meetings and other community events.

2. The CoC ensures invitation materials are dispersed in several ways including accessible electronic documents on our Website and Facebook page. Representatives of the membership and board members participate in outreach activities to solicit members with lived experience and from represented population groups. Individuals suffering from homelessness and Individuals with lived experience are encouraged to join the CoC throughout the coordinated entry outreach navigation process. The Lived Experience Committee provides input to inform the invitation process. Additionally, homeless service providers are asked to identify individuals with lived experience for new membership and to provide input to inform the invitation process.

3. The CoC extends new member invitations to groups inclusive of the populations that are reflected in the homeless community, including, but not limited to, Black, Latino, Marshallese, LGBTQII+, families, youth, veterans, persons with disabilities, and other cultural and ethnic subpopulations. Current CoC member organization staff and potential new members serving culturally and ethnic specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area provide input to address equity in the invitation process through participation in the CoC's membership, community collaboration and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee meetings.

1B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(3)	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
	2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
	3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC solicits direct expertise to achieve its mission from a broad array of organizations & individuals, including those with lived experiences. Opinions & input are solicited through general membership & community collaboration meetings, one-on-one conversations with members & other community stakeholders, & via the CoC Facebook page. The CoC solicits opinions from our membership which is comprised of 36 housing, homelessness, & mainstream services member organizations & individuals with diverse representation reflective of our community. The CoC membership is responsible for CoC governance that affects funding determinations, strategic planning, CE & ongoing development of the local crisis response system through the election of persons to serve on the CoC Board of Directors. The COC membership, board, & community partners comprise the committees that carry out the work of the CoC. Prior to any approval of policies & procedures by the CoC Board of Directors, committees are provided with proposed policies & procedures to ensure feedback from various stakeholders. The only requirement for voting status is membership in the CoC, committing to an interest in ending homelessness in our region through completion of the membership application, which is available on the COC Facebook page & CoC Website year-round. Inclusivity is of utmost importance to the CoC.
2. The COC communicates current, relevant information through general membership & community collaboration meetings, email updates, the CoC Facebook page & the CoC Website.
3. The CoC ensures effective communication & access for persons with disabilities by providing all communication through email, the CoC's Website, and Facebook. The CoC also ensures that all meetings are held in handicap accessible locations. All meeting materials are made available in PDF & member organizations serving culturally specific populations assist with translation, where necessary.
4. The CoC membership is responsible for CoC governance that affects funding determinations, strategic planning, CE & ongoing development of the local crisis response system through the election of persons to serve on the CoC Board of Directors. The CoC membership, board, & community partners comprise the committees that carry out the work of the CoC. Committees made up of member organizations review all policies & procedures & provide feedback prior to any to review & possible approval by the CoC Board of Directors.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)		

		Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:
	1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
	2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications–the process;
	3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
	4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The NOFO & the project application timeline was posted on the Old Fort Homeless website on 8/23/2024, sent via email notifying the public that it would accept proposals from all eligible organizations & was shared with the CoC membership at the general meeting on 8/27/2024.

2. Prior to the NOFO release Riverview Hope Campus shared with CoC members at the general meeting details of the funding opportunity. Once the NOFO was release the details of the application process were shared via the website, Facebook, email and at the August 27th general meeting. Technical assistance and support were offered throughout the application process.

3. Public Notifications & announcements were publicly posted through the CoC's website, Facebook, email, & through the CoC general meeting. A volunteer & unbiased Rank & Review Committee developed the NOFO scoring rubric, approved by the CoC Board, & included in the project application packet. The CoC used a letter-of-intent through online survey, email, or mail. The proposal submission for the local NOFA required an email submission except where technology would prohibit such an application in which case, applicants had the option to request & submit in a different format. The Committee reviewed new projects, scored, & ranked projects for inclusion in the Old Fort Homeless Coalition CoC Application. Proposal scores & rankings were based on the local needs/gap analysis, FY 2023 NOFO, & objective scoring rubric, all of which were widely distributed & available on the Old Fort Homeless CoC website. For all projects housing first & other evidence-based practices are expected. New project's proposed outcomes & evidence that the outcomes are achievable through experience are important. The Committee's total score sheet & ranking were provided to & approved by the Board.

4. To ensure effective communication & access for persons with disabilities the CoC utilized their website, Facebook, emails & zoom meetings. All persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply & the CoC has utilized the services of individuals skilled in sign language when needed. The CoC ensures that all meetings are held in handicap accessible facilities to allow access to those with disabilities.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

	In the chart below:	
1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	

	In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:	

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

1C-3.	Ensuring Families are not Separated.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.c.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity:	

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients?	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance?	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	No

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with:	

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes
4.	School Districts	Yes

1C-4a.	Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

> Describe in the field below the formal partnerships your CoC has with at least one of the entities where you responded yes in question 1C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Old Fort Homeless CoC collaborates with the school system through our local homeless lesions. Education providers are invited to join work groups, case coordination and advocacy initiatives, and the Youth Advocacy Board. Through partners such as 100 Families, GetReal24, Comprehensive Juvenal Services, The Boys Home and Adult Education Center the CoC is able to reach families through our Coordinated Entry process to provide services to those families and youth in need.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

> Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is proud to partner with 100 Families, Community Rescue Mission, our Adult Education Center and our School Districts to provide information and services to individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness. Through our coordinated entry process individuals and families are provided information about educational services and referred to educational service providers.
The CoC requires all Emergency Shelters and ESG providers to inform individuals, families and unaccompanied youth of their educational rights and to ensure collaboration with the local school districts. The McKinney-Vento Liaison works with families to coordinate children's academic needs. They also work with providers to ensure that children are enrolled in schools and connected to appropriate services such as counseling, after school programs, and Head Start.

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

> Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC has written formal agreements or partnerships with the listed providers of early childhood services:

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	Yes	Yes
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No

6.	Head Start	Yes	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	Yes	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

1C-5a.	Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has been working alongside our local DV Shelter and service provides such as Monarch 61 who offer services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking to ensure that our CoC-wide policies concerning victims of DV are up to date and provide the tools needed to offer trauma informed care to those in need. Through ongoing collaboration with DV service providers we have identified needs in our CoC such as public awareness of resources, so that family, friends, and neighbors may be better able to connect those affected by domestic violence with resources, such as shelters, treatment intervention programs and therapeutic professionals.

2. To ensure that all housing and service providers in the CoC are trauma-informed and client driven, the CoC conducts annual DV training for CoC/ESG grantees and non-CoC/ESG funded agencies that promotes best practices in trauma-informed, client centered assessing, triaging, and assisting DV victims to find housing and to be connected with support services that meet their needs. Our Local DV Shelter provides system-wide training that covers assessing DV victims utilizing a trauma-informed, client-centered approach. Training topics include an overview of DV services offered in the region, the use of a harm reduction approach to identify those fleeing DV and/or DV survivors, sensitivity and cultural competency in working with DV survivors, increasing project staff's understanding of the dynamics involved in DV such as power/control, financial instability, trauma, confidentiality, racial inequity in the DV system, short- and long-term safety planning and harm reduction approaches that do not further traumatize survivors. The trainings are open to all staff from CoC/ESG and non-CoC/ESG funded programs, as well as staff from any other interested collaborative partners.

	1C-5b.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Utilizing the No Wrong Door approach, the CoC's CE has 10 regional access points, one of which is the Crisis Center, a Victim Service Provider. Persons who are fleeing domestic violence may access CE at any access point and be assessed on site or referred directly to the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center uses a specific DV CE assessment tool for referrals. It is a brief and easy to use scoring tool that facilitates conversations about housing stability and safety and enables assessment of each person's situation and needs. A conversation focused specifically on housing needs covers the following topics: (i) Safety concerns as they relate to housing; (ii) How stably or unstably housed the person has been in the last 6-12 months; and (iii) What issues could prevent them from accessing/maintaining safe and stable housing now and into the future. CE has specific written policies and procedures to address the needs of persons who are fleeing DV but who are seeking shelter or services from non-DV service providers. Through CE, DV clients are offered equal access to all available housing options and supportive services, and decisions regarding location and type of housing and level and type of services are entirely client-driven.

2.CE policies ensure that DV victims have safe and confidential access to the CE process and immediate access to emergency services such as DV hotlines and shelter. The Crisis Center maintains an HMIS-comparable database and only shares deidentified, aggregated data with the CoC. Because the Crisis Center does not have a standalone CE and because the CoC must collect CE data elements, a CE protocol for referrals of DV survivors to TH or PH projects has been developed. The Crisis Center provides CE with randomly generated unique client IDs (no PII) and assessment dates only. No PII is ever shared. CE is able to collect the appropriate data elements to complete mandatory HUD reports while maintaining complete client safety, security, and confidentiality. The CoC employs a Housing First approach for DV survivors. Intake does not screen applicants out due to employment, income, drug or alcohol use, criminal history, or other factors. Within CE, client information is not shared, client data is deidentified, and all matters related to DV clients, including emergency shelter location, are confidential.

1C-5c.	Coordinated Annual Training on Best Practices to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		

7.			

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	1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
	2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
	3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
	4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has adopted specific written policies and procedures regarding emergency transfer plans. Annual CoC grantee monitoring includes examination of grantee transfer plan policies to ensure that they are updated as needed.

2. CoC partners incorporate protocols for emergency transfers into the individual agencies' policies and procedures. All program participants are advised that they may request a confidential emergency transfer if they (1) are subject to ongoing violence or threats of violence, (2) expressly request the emergency transfer, and (3) believe that they are threatened with imminent harm if they remain in their current housing situation, or if they were a victim or sexual assault within 3 months prior to the transfer request.

3. To request emergency transfer a service provider may request the client to submit Form HUD-5382, or any one of the other types of documentation listed on that form. Some service providers may request a written statement expressing that the client reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the client were to remain in their current situation. As long as there are no conflicting documentation the service provider would work through CE to provide an emergency transfer.

4. Emergency transfers may involve moving to a different unit within the same complex or moving to a completely different location. Grantees may use grant funds to facilitate such transfers, and location choices must consider the client's needs and wants. Providers must continue to offer supportive services and assist the client with all aspects of moving. The CoC plans to devote future discussion time to a number of DV protocols, with the intention of making them region-wide practices: the HUD Model Emergency Transfer Plan for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking; the Emergency Transfer Request for Certain Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, or Stalking; the HUD Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act; and The National Network to End Domestic Violence Basics of the Voluntary Services Approach.

	1C-5e.	Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's CE offers DV survivors' equal access to all available housing and service options. Decisions regarding location, type of housing, and services are entirely client driven. CE policies ensure that people fleeing DV have safe and confidential access to the CE process and immediate access to emergency services. The CoC's CE follows the No Wrong Door approach. In the past year, the CoC has added 3 new Access Points, for a total of 10 regional access points. The Crisis Center is a Victim Service Provider, an ESG recipient, and a CE Access Point. Individuals and families who are fleeing domestic violence may access CE at any access point and be assessed on site or referred directly to the Crisis Center. The Crisis Center conducts assessments in strict confidentiality. Because the Crisis Center does not have its own stand-alone CE, in order to enable CE events to be recorded and CE referrals made (for inclusion in the CE APR), the Crisis Center issues de-identified alphanumeric aliases for each client assessment. The only information shared with the CoC HMIS is the alias, the date of event, and the event type (assessment or referral). No PII is ever transmitted or recorded in HMIS

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is continually seeking feedback from member organizations and individuals accessing services at member organizations about the effectiveness and potential barriers to safely and effectively accessing support within the homeless response system. Member organizations have the opportunity to share opportunities for improvement at CE meetings as well as general CoC meetings. Additionally, the CoC and the DV service providers stay up to date on best practices from the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the National Network to End Domestic Violence to implement system changes before problems arise.
2. Our CoC is working to develop a DV Committee that is made up of DV shelter staff, service providers and individuals with lived experience to work on further identifying barriers and working on policies and procedures to remove those barriers. Currently our CE works closely with our DV shelter and service providers to find solutions to barriers with in our CoC.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--Anti-Discrimination Policy and Equal Access Trainings.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy--Updating Policies--Assisting Providers--Evaluating Compliance--Addressing Noncompliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	

	Describe in the field below:	
	1.	how your CoC regularly collaborates with LGBTQ+ and other organizations to update its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary to ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and able to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families;
	2.	how your CoC assisted housing and services providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy;
	3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
	4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC and its partner agencies collaborate with Jessie's House which advocates for and delivers innovative, equitable, accessible health care, supportive services, and transformative education centering LGBTQIA+ people, BIPOC individuals, and other underserved communities. The partnership includes collaboration with Jessie's House on ensuring services and resources are accessible and free from discrimination, training for direct care workers on the resources available for those who identify as LGBTQIA+ and best practices in engagement; and advocacy for expanded services targeting these populations. Jessie's House and Safe Space provide targeted outreach to individuals who identify as LGBTQIA+. Both agencies utilize meeting locations that ensure privacy and safety and are CE access points. All regional agencies that provide LGBTQIA+ services are participants in various COC workgroups that review, and update policies and procedures as needed.

2. All CoC/ESG funded programs, shelters, and CE access points operate in accordance with HUD's 2016 Equal Access Rule, which informed the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy. Any updates to federal, state or local statutes are disseminated to CoC funded agencies to adjust internal policies and procedures. Additionally, feedback from key stakeholders, including the Youth Advisory Board, and program participants is used as a guide for assessing whether regional or agency specific Policies and Procedures should be updated.

3. The CoC reviews agency Policies and Procedures, including those on antidiscrimination, during annual monitoring visits.

4. Violations of the CoC-wide or agency specific anti-discrimination policies will first be brought to the attention of the service agency directly through written notice. If the matter is not resolved within a reasonable time frame, it would be noted in the annual monitoring tool and could result in reduced review and ranking scoring during the CoC competition. All individuals in CoC/ESG funded programs, including CE, are provided with information on anti-discrimination policies and are able to report violations to the CoC Coordinator, the Collaborative Applicant, the CE Steering Committee, the local health department, or an LGBTQIA+ service provider.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Fort Smith Housing Authority	9%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes
Van Buren Housing Authority	5%	Yes-Public Housing	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
2.	state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Fort Smith Housing Authority is the largest provider of housing assistance and rental subsidies in the Old Fort Homeless Coalition CoC geographical area. They offer homeless preference slots and emergency housing vouchers. They are an active member of the CoC and have representation on the CoC Board. Van Buren Housing Authority is in partnership with our local homeless providers and are actively involved in the community's goal of ending homelessness.
2.) Our CoC is actively working with all PHAs in our geographic area.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:	

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:	

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes

5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	Yes
7.	Public Housing	Yes
8.	Other Units from PHAs:	

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	No
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV).	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	No

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
    - FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.	

1.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	1
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	1
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1D-2a.	Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.i.	

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Describe in the field below:

	1.	how your CoC evaluates every project–where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application–to determine if they are using a Housing First approach;
	2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation;
	3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and
	4.	what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC requires that every funded project adhere to Housing First and to prioritize people with the longest time homeless, the highest level of service needs, the highest assessment score, and serious disabilities and/or substance use disorders. All projects must remove barriers to entering and remaining in the project. Only new project applications that guarantee the HF approach will be allowed. The CoC examines provider policies to ensure that participants are provided with housing choices and access to voluntary supportive services that focus on participants' preferences and goals.

2. New and renewal applications are scored on project adherence to the HF model. Projects are awarded points for not excluding clients from project entry for the following: history of victimization/abuse, criminal history, low or no income, current or past substance use, disability, sexual orientation/gender identity, race/ethnicity, or resistance to receiving services. The CoC also awards points to applicants who prevent participant program termination for lack of participation in support services, failure to make progress in service plan, loss of income or failure to improve income, and any other activity not covered in a typical lease.

3. Outside the NOFO, annually the CoC monitors grantees to ensure that projects do not impose entrance requirements, that they do not require participation in services, do not terminate clients for substance use, and do not evict clients for non-payment of rent without intervention. Grantees must supply the CoC with copies of all intake forms to ensure that the HF approach is followed. The CoC awards points during the yearly site visit to grantees that offer annual updates to policies to accommodate participants' changing service needs. While the CoC recommends that agencies encourage program participants to engage in supportive services, clients are never required to participate in such services.

4. The CoC has implemented a Fidelity Scale that is used for programs at the time of monitoring to gauge their level of HF. The CE Committee has also worked with providers to further implement polices such as immediate access, harm reduction approach, offering individualized services and ensuring providers have adequate funding to offer HF services.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Data–Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Street Outreach team includes staff from Riverview Hope Campus, Next Step Day Room and our downtown ambassadors provided by the Fort Smith police department. The Street Outreach team holds weekly Street Outreach Team meetings to identify and coordinate engagement with those in need of services. Every town Police Dept. in the region have received Community Crisis Intervention Training (CCIT) and participate in monthly CCIT meetings designed to identify residents in need of services and collaborate on meeting their needs. The Fort Smith PD has worked directly with the COC to determine whether homeless individuals are enrolled in HMIS and have been assessed for Coordinated Entry. The Emergency Planning Committee holds monthly multiagency meetings to address the needs of unsheltered homeless in crisis year-round and ensure they are offered shelter during bad weather. CoC outreach teams cover 100% of the CoC's geographic area. Team Members conduct outreach at least weekly, and usually daily, and share information to target homeless persons in specific locations. In order to meet the needs of all persons accessing services, outreach teams have developed strategies to connect with and engage homeless persons through phone calls, text messaging, and virtual meetings, as well as face-to-face encounters based on stated preferences and needs related to special accommodations. All street outreach providers and police departments across the region share information in regularly scheduled meetings to focus on known gathering locations (such as encampments, the Transportation Center, etc.) and continue to make attempts to engage those persons that have chosen not to access services and housing. Outreach workers make telephone and internet services available, provide transportation, and use ASL and translator services as needed. The Executive Committee and the Coordinated Entry System Committee are all part of the collaborative effort to address the needs of challenging populations.

1D-4.	Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.k.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate your CoC's strategies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness in your CoC's geographic area:

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.l.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	21	30

1D-6.	Mainstream Benefits–CoC Annual Training of Project Staff.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m.	

	Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC trains program staff annually on the following mainstream benefits available for program participants within your CoC's geographic area:	

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

1D-6a.	Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.m	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and	
2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC and various service providers partner with Mercy Hospital, Valley Behavior, and the Guidance Center to provide on-site health services and program assistance in enrolling in health insurance through a community health workers, to offer mental health and substance abuse assessment and treatment. The CoC CE facilitates coordination between the Community Health workers and other CoC member agencies. Service Providers and CE case managers provide housing and homelessness services assist to program participants and the effective use of Medicaid and other mainstream benefits.
2. The Outreach team and the VA along with other area organizations promote and connect households to resources that promote and provide the assistance needed to help individuals sign up for SSI/SSDI. Outreach and SOAR certified staff assist in this process as well. Riverview Hope Campus staff members are trained in SOAR and utilize resources provided by the state to assist those experiencing housing instability to apply for SSI/SSDI. All ESG/CoC funded projects have staff who assist participants to apply for all mainstream resources. The CoC Outreach team engages those in shelter, meal programs and in the ER to provide assistance with applying for health insurance and other mainstream benefits.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.		

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Covid challenged our community to continue to build a strong partnership with our public health agencies to respond to and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. This requires the ability to quickly pivot our homeless response system to effectively respond and serve those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in our community when needed. A resilient system has resulted, and lasting partnerships formed with allied sectors, highlighting healthcare system partners. Through collaboration, coordination, and partnership we assess, project, and plan for the likely impacts of cessation of key measures, including rental assistance, increasing capacity through non-congruent settings, and other policies on homelessness. Through communication and partnership, stronger links have been created between homelessness assistance, healthcare, educational, childcare, child welfare, TANF and other mainstream support systems.

2. Planning structures and partnerships have been created that can assess racially based health disparities and develop remediation strategies including engaging people with lived expertise of homelessness, representative of all subpopulations and reflective of the demographics of people experiencing homelessness, into all elements of planning, decision-making, staffing and implementation of systems strengthening activities. We have integrated and will continue to add all relevant data into HMIS for future planning purposes, including data from overflow congregate and non-congregate shelter programs, identifying and documenting promising practices and support the capacity of organizations to implement such practices, including equity-focused practices, and make mid-course corrections to program design to ensure equitable outcomes. Leveraging federal, state, local, and private funding resources has proven critical to an effective response to current health crises and to prepare for future public health crises.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC regularly solicits and disseminates updated health bulletins from the Department of Health to the CoC via email and provides updates at each monthly CoC meeting. CoC leadership works closely with Mercy and Baptist Hospitals, the VA Hospital, Good Samaritans Clinic, and the Health Department to offer health screenings to prevent the spread of infectious disease and provide vaccination clinics for COVID-19, the flu, HEP-A/B, and other diseases as needed. CoC agencies have access to the Community Clinics to connect individuals and households to access other medical care, including screening for TB and providing vaccines for those experiencing homelessness. Members from the Health Department and area clinics regularly attend CoC meetings.
2. The CoC relays new health guidance from the VA, the Health Department, HUD and other federal agencies regarding healthcare directly to the CoC via email and monthly CoC meetings. Agencies are required to contact the Health Department if an outbreak of any kind were to occur. After that contact is made and if there are any instructions provided by the Health Department, the agency relays the outbreak information to the CoC, especially if it impacts the ability of the project to serve clients or if it changes their service delivery model. CoC will convene meetings, as necessary, to address the larger community needs.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's CE utilizes a no wrong door approach and covers 100 precent of our geographic area through multiple regional access points positioned throughout the region. These regional access points are strategic in our region to be available where persons may be present for one of more of their needs, including food, clothing, showers, and housing assistance. Information on CE is posted and updated on the CoC website, all service providers websites, Facebook, newsletters and monthly meetings.
2. Earlier this year several of our service providers took part in a 12-week CE training to help develop their prioritization list and CE assessment. Through this training and continued meetings, the CoC was able to develop a fair and equitable standardized assessment process that includes a trauma informed assessment tool (1 for adults with children, 1 for adults without children), by-name list maintained in HMIS and weekly CE Case management meetings to allow for quick transition out of homelessness and equal access to housing and services.
3. The CoC CE has implemented policies and procedures that require service providers and CE case managers to collect information in a trauma informed way such as, create a safe and supportive environment, allow individuals to disclose their experiences at their own pace, using open ended questions and being mindful of potential triggers by providing clear boundaries and access to support if needed.
4. Feedback is requested on a regular basis from both the partner agencies and feedback is provided to the Coordinated Entry team for policy updates or additions. Updates are made annually unless it is an issue that needs immediate attention. At that point the CE Committee will meet and work towards making the needed updates to the policies and procedures.

| | 1D-8a. | Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach. | |
| | | NOFO Section V.B.1.o. | |

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
	2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
	3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
	4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Participating agencies support street outreach staff trained to administer assessments to those least likely to apply for homeless assistance. Access to CE is offered at venues such as churches, meal programs, health centers, senior centers, libraries, bus station, and government offices. CE information is available at the 100 Families, a centralized Information and referral hub for Family services. The Crisis Center, a Victim Service
provider is an access point specializing in trauma informed assessments.
2. The CoC's CE Policies and Procedures incorporate priorities from CPD- 16-11. CE referrals to housing and services are based on total score from the vulnerability assessment, qualification as chronically homeless, length of time homeless, and severity of service needs. Currently CE recognizes those over age 60 as a population in special need of assistance. Thus, age is another consideration the CoC recognizes when identifying those in most need of assistance. CE also prioritizes veterans when two households (one veteran) have a tie score on their assessments.
3. When slots open in housing projects, the CE coordinator sends housing providers at least five referrals drawn from the top of the by name list. Case Managers are notified that their clients have been referred for a voucher and are expected to execute a "warm handoff" by providing the housing agency with necessary documentation to streamline the process. Housing agencies assist clients in locating appropriate units, and clients may accept or reject vouchers offered to them based on their housing preference, with no adverse effect to their entitlement to services or their place on the by-name list if they reject the voucher. If the client accepts the voucher, s/he has choice in housing type and location.
4.Clients may complete CE assessments in person, via telephone, or virtually. Clients may be assessed as agency walk-ins or may schedule appointments for agency staff to come to them. Because of the No Wrong Door Approach, clients may select any of the 10 Access Points at which to complete an assessment. Translation services are available for non-English speakers, and accommodations are available in CE for those with disabilities.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.		
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		

		Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:
	1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
	2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
	3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC affirmatively markets CE in several ways. The CoC's CE flyer is posted on the CoC's webpage, with embedded links to Access Points websites. The CE Coordinators name, email, and phone number appear at the bottom of the flyer. Outreach workers bring CE access to unsheltered persons as part of their regular services. Each participating agency is required to publicly post a CE notice in waiting areas and other areas where participants may congregate. Agencies must advise clients that (1) CE access, assessment, prioritization, and referral are available to all without regard race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability, and (2) all subpopulations, including chronically homeless persons, veterans, families with children, youth, and survivors of domestic violence, have fair and equal access to the coordinated entry process.

2. CE clients are informed that they may refuse to answer questions or refuse a referral, neither of which adversely affects access to services or place on the prioritization list. (Exceptions exist for documentation of a participant's disability as a condition of eligibility, and participants who do not provide this information might be limiting potential referral options). Participating agencies must comply with the nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions of Federal civil rights laws. The CoC's CE Policies and Procedures provides guidelines for agencies to inform participants of their civil rights.

3. All participants in CE are notified by the participating agency of their right to file a grievance if they feel their civil rights have been violated. Grievances may be handled by the agency at whom the grievance is directed following the agency's appeal process, or individuals may submit a verbal or written grievance within 30 calendar days of the event at any participating agency or directly to the CE Coordinator. If the complaint is not resolved to the individual's satisfaction, the complainant may request that the matter be forwarded to the CE Committee for review. Matters that impede fair housing choice and that cannot be resolved within the outlined scope of the CE process are elevated to Barnstable County Administration, the certifying entity for consistency with the Consolidated Plan, for resolution.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	06/17/2024

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and	

2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC's coordinated entry case management process includes analyses of outcomes for racial disparities. These frontline staff are charged with bringing these disparities to the CE committee for review and response. They have discovered that people of color are more likely to answer the assessment honestly when the questions are asked by another person of color, creating a potential barrier to needed resources if we fail to offer a diverse frontline staff to support clients of color.
2. Our CoC has not identified any racial disparities in our service area, however the Coordinated Entry Committee has been tasked with reaching out to all service providers and assessing any known disparities.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to prevent or eliminate racial disparities.

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has established various work groups to help track and evaluate system-level processes, policies, and procedures. With the assistance of the CoC staff and CE Committee the work groups will evaluate data provided by the CoC's Racial Disparity HMIS report, the HMIS Racial Equity Analysis Tool and the PIT and HIC count to identify racial disparities. The CE team and service providers are required to notify CoC staff and the work group of any disparities identified. If disparities are identified the work group will take measures to work with service providers to remedy all barriers and update the CoC's, CE, and providers policies and procedures. Identifying racial disparity has also been a focus in project monitoring.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has established various measures to track progress on prevention or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance. At the CoC level, CoC staff will continue to refine and utilize the CoC's Racial Disparity HMIS report. Run annually, this data will help the CoC review the overall rate of homelessness by race and ethnicity, program entry and successful exits. Tracking progress CoC wide year-to-year provides the ability for projects and collaborators to make changes that can impact the data. It is the goal of the CoC to see no difference by race in who is experiencing homelessness, that the percentage of those getting into programs matches with the percentage that is homeless, and that there are no disparity related to race when looking at successful outcomes This report will be used to educate and inform local CoC partners on their data and continue to use it to assess local progress.
2.) CoC staff will continue to use the PIT count demographics to measure changes among those sheltered and unsheltered with in the CoC and drilling down to Project level data. PIT data also compartmentalizes fleeing/attempting to flee DV, veterans and youth which can be additional subpopulations to analyze for disparities in service provision. CoC staff will continue to use CE Priority List data to measure change among those experiencing homelessness and those prioritized for interventions. By analyzing these data elements, the CoC can track progress with the goal to eliminate disparities both in homelessness, access to programs/services and outcomes. The CoC is working to identify additional complimentary measures or elements that should be collected to analyze progress. The CoC has measures in place in the recently approved Strategic Plan to end homelessness including enhancing the way we identify, prevent and eliminate disparities. There has also been an expressed interest in expanding the review to include other types of inequities including gender, LBGTQ and disability status.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decisionmaking processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Potential CoC members are identified and invited on a rolling basis throughout the year. The CoC has at least one formerly homeless member of the Executive Committee at all times. Progressive outreach through Partner Agencies, community networking and CE Outreach efforts, new members with lived experience of homelessness are recruited to join and participate in CoC activities, including participation in Committees and Workgroups, including the CoC's Executive Committee. Participation in the CoC's Executive Committee provides opportunity for local residents with lived experience of homelessness to assume leadership roles and contribute to the decisionmaking processes of CoC activities.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	4	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	2
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	4	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	4	2

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC or CoC membership organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

At CoC Board and Committee level, people with lived experience that participate on the Board, and in CoC Committees in both leadership and non-leadership roles, are provided onboarding support on policy, homeless service funding and priorities. All are encouraged to join CoC hosted training on housing issues (fair housing, ADA); sub-population specific (LGTBQ, HIV/AIDS, DV, Vets, etc.) subjects; and outreach / engagement strategies. There is never a cost to participate in any trainings for CoC members with lived exp. Consideration has been given to the hiring process for CoC staff to potentially adjusting recruitment strategies, language in ad & requirements for higher education to actively seek someone with lived experience for the Coordinated Entry Coordinator position tasked w/overseeing the CoC's CE process. Future hiring process for additional positions, include efforts to prioritize those with lived experience and actively seeking people with direct knowledge of the homeless service system services from a participant perspective. Former clients and others with lived experience are recruited and encouraged to apply for the CoC Board, CoC leadership positions and to join the CoC and CoC committees where they feel that they can make impact. Within partner agencies, staff seek recommendations for people with lived experience to serve on boards and other policy making entities. Supervisors seek to hire people with lived experience as CM and/or peer specialists to work alongside clients in housing and shelter programs. Shelters seek volunteers to help with daily upkeep; operations; and provide service feedback and suggestions. Agencies provide staff development training, volunteer support and onboarding activities to help adjust to the role, provide background knowledge and create a culture of communication and support.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
3.	how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program;
4.	how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and
5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness, including those experiencing homelessness for the first time.
2. The CoC conducts a quarterly survey that gathers feedback from participants in CoC and ESG funded programs to better understand barriers they experience and how program services can better address those barriers.
3. Through continued case management and lived experience committees the CoC has been able to gather feedback from persons who have received assistance through CoC and ESG programs. The CoC requires service providers to maintain monthly check ins with individuals that have received services through their program.
4. Feedback is gathered monthly through continued case management and lived experience committees.
5. The CoC is implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith-based community to provide assistance where Federally funded programs cannot assist. Identifying the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing continued or repetitive episodes of homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering rates of homelessness. The CoC also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with permanent housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works with the local Legal Aid organization, Riverview Hope Campus and 100 Families to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC staff and local service providers meet with city officials on a monthly basis to discuss solutions to homelessness, housing shortages and ways to reform zoning and land use policies.
2. The CoC staff has attended planning meetings with city, county and state government representatives to work towards solutions to regulatory barriers to housing development. The CoC Coordinator recently attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness conference in DC to gather information and learn from other CoC's ways to break down barriers in housing development. While in attendance the CoC Coordinator was able to make contact with several state representatives and senators to being discussions on State policies concerning housing development. These discussions have continued in one-on-one meetings with State representatives in their local districts.

1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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   - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
   - Section 3 Resources;
   - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/23/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/23/2024

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.	

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	0
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	None

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC revises the process for scoring & selecting project annually by collecting and analyzing data, past comp results and getting feedback. PIT, CE and SPM project and CoC level data and trends are reviewed and shared at CoC meetings. Scoring Tool criteria includes project performance and outcomes, CE, Housing 1st compliance, SPM and CoC-level action steps. Data sources include project APRs, CE data, monitoring results, customized HMIS reports on project-level SPM and other population and vulnerability metrics. Scoring criteria changes for each housing type (PSH/RRH) given the specific needs of the target population.
2. The CoC collected and analyzed data relative to each project that successfully housed clients by reviewing APR data on housing stability-calculating exits to PH and those retaining PH. The CoC analyzed data on how long it takes to house people by reviewing CoC APRs and a customized HMIS report that shows LOT between client entry and exit date. These can be reviewed by project type provider.
3. The CoC considered specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by those with difficulties locating, attaining and maintaining housing by awarding points to those projects serving a higher % of client's w/disabilities (including mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders); chronic homeless; no income at entry; and from unsheltered living situations. Data comes from project APRs and custom HMIS reports to show new entries during Program year. Projects serving those with the highest barriers may have lower outcome data scores (% exits to PH, increase income, reoccurrence) but have higher scores because of client characteristics (chronicity, disability, no income, coming from unsheltered situation). For new projects, the CoC considers proposals to provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations, particularly in an underserved area. Need based on data is requested and scored in review process. In CE, the assessment score is based on vulnerability and high needs.
4. The CoC considered severe barriers such as mental health, substance abuse and co-occurring disorders, chronic homelessness, no income at entry and physical disabilities.

	1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
	2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
	3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC obtained input and included people of different races, particularly those overrepresented in our local homeless population by sending out the request for feedback and comments on the scoring tool used to score and rank projects to all local CoC/ESG-funded partners, posting on website, outreach to those working w/BIPOC, LGBTQ and people with disabilities. All feedback is encouraged and welcome to ensure a strong tool reflective of diverse opinions, experiences and backgrounds is used.
2. The CoC used input received to determine the rating factors and scoring metrics used to review project applications. The CoC included people of different races and ethnicities in review, selection and ranking process to approve all review, selection and ranking policies for renewal and new projects, including scoring and selection criteria; the final CoC app and priority listing with final rank of all projects.
3. The CoC rated and ranked projects based on how well they identified barriers to participation faced by people of different races and ethnicities and the steps the project has taken or will take to eliminate those barriers by scoring action plans (which include work on racial disparity and addressing barriers) and CE review. The CE review of demographics includes race and is done with in the local CoC-level annually. Specifically looking at the difference between race, ethnic and gender disparities. CoC Lead staff reviews data annually and present to local stakeholders and CoC members a snapshot of reoccurrence data and demographics -including whether 1 group is more/less likely to reoccur into homelessness. CoC/ESG project monitoring will start including an evaluation on whether projects identified barriers to participation and what steps were taken to address and eliminated those barriers.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Describe in the field below:	
	1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
	2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;
	3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
	4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC conducts an annual ranking and review process of all of its CoC and ESG funded projects to determine if they should continue. Projects are ranked based on objective criteria, vulnerability of the population served and system wide capacity to reduce homelessness and promote housing stability. This year, the CoC used a Ranking and Rating tool developed by the CoC board and will use the HUD Project Ranking and Rating tool to rank projects based on 12 measures of performance in future monitoring and CoC/ESG grant cycles. The tool satisfies the objective criteria requirement in the FY 2024 CoC Program NOFA. Priority is given to projects that serve the most vulnerable target groups, within the target population eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing. Priority is also given to projects which are 100% Dedicated projects to serve chronically homeless individuals and families. Additional ranking criteria are based on the projects' performance in serving the highest number of vulnerable individuals, especially those with more than one condition at entry and those who have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trafficking or other forms of exploitation. Key performance criteria are measures of housing outcomes described in the Rating and Ranking Procedure portion of the CoC's Written Standards. If a project is identified as low performing or demonstrates other unsatisfactory performance measures, including occupancy rate and costs, the project sponsor is advised that the project will be reallocated to meet the CoC's priorities or will be replaced by a project which scores highest on the HUD renewal/expansion project rating tool.
2.) The CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects through this process.
3.) The CoC did not reallocate any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year.
4.) There were no projects awarded during the FY2023 CoC competition and all ESG project met the performance standards.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024? | No |

1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/15/2024

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes

1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/15/2024

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/15/2024

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/24/2024

2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC and HMIS Lead coordinates with the Statewide HMIS Steering Committee to ensure access to and participation in all HMIS comparable database for all DV Providers. This HMIS-comparable database is developed and maintained, in compliance with HUD HMIS Data Standards, by Osnium. Through consultation, oversight and engagement with the HMIS Steering Committee, the HMIS Lead is able to ensure that the CoC is in compliance with HUD's 2024 HMIS Data Standards.
2. The CoC's DV housing and service providers use the Osnium program that is compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

2A-5.	Bed Coverage Rate–Using HIC, HMIS Data–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c. and V.B.7.	

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	256	0	247	96.48%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	52	0	46	88.46%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	40	0	40	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	8	0	8	100.00%

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC is actively working with service providers to increase PSH and SH beds. The CoC will be reaching out to service providers with the capacity and funding to implement PSH and SH beds into their programs. The CoC Coordinator will be working on locating additional funding to assist providers with an interest in providing SH and PSH to individuals experiencing homelessness. The CoC will be working with the housing authority and service providers to secure PSH for individuals with wrap around services.
2. The CoC will implement these steps by working on partnering with local services providers to increase funding, offer support, and guidance. Through a housing committee made up of service providers, mental health providers and the local housing authority this committee will work on steps to increase SH and PSH. These steps will include surveys and meetings with service providers, housing developers, city and county officials and individuals with lived experience.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	03/22/2024

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	engaged unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations in your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process;
2.	worked with unaccompanied youth and youth serving organizations to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified during your CoC's most recent PIT count planning process; and
3.	included youth experiencing homelessness as counters during your CoC's most recent unsheltered PIT count.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC PIT Commitee worked closely with GetReal24, the school districts homeless liaison and 100 Families to develop and PIT count process that would better engage with unaccompanied youth and youth service providers. The PIT Committee conducted meetings with unaccompanied youth service providers and surveys with participants in unaccompanied youth programs.
2. The CoC PIT Commitee worked closely with GetReal24, the school districts homeless liaison and 100 Families to select locations where homeless youth are likely to be identified during the PIT count. Through meetings and HMIS data analyses the committee was able to determine several new locations where unaccompanied youth are most likely to be identified.
3. The CoC Committee utilized GetReal24 staff and program participants during the FY24 PIT count.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reducing the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
	2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has incorporated entry and exit surveys to better determine the risk factors that contribute to persons experiencing homelessness including those experiencing homelessness for the first time. The CoC also analyzes the supply of shelter and housing units for persons with low income throughout the community compared to the number of individuals receiving services through CoC partners annually and the number of days/nights that temporary shelter options are being utilized.
2. The CoC is implementing diversion strategies to avoid first time homelessness including collaboration with the faith-based community to provide assistance where federally funded dollars cannot; identifying the clients' obstacles, available personal and community resources and utilizing case management to ensure maintenance of housing stability and reduce the potential of experiencing homelessness. Identifying and working with housing subsidy providers and linking eligible households to providers affords the opportunity to have the strongest effect on lowering homelessness rates. The CoC also places a strong emphasis on supportive services coupled with housing opportunities for persons with disabling conditions, including addiction. The CoC also works closely with the local Legal Aid organization, Riverview Hope Campus and 100 Families to provide representation and services for families facing eviction.
3. The CoC Coordinator staffed by Riverview Hope Campus (Collaborative Applicant) is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	

	1.	natural disasters?	No
	2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
	2.	describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC relies on its Coordinated Entry System as its main strategy to reduce the length of time homeless. Through CE, individuals and families are assessed and prioritized for housing placement. Following CPD-16-11, the CoC has incorporated HUD's prioritization list into it Written Standards and CE Governance Documents, and length of time homeless is a top-priority factor for referring individuals and families to housing. CE coordinates CoC resources to match those experiencing homelessness to appropriate housing projects and informs the CoC of service needs and gaps. To address the limited inventory of rentals in the region the CoC collaborates with housing advocates and developers to increase the number of affordable rental units.
2. Outreach staff use standardized CE assessment tools to assess homeless persons, and the data is entered into the CE project within HMIS. CE data is regularly examined, analyzed, and filtered to identify individuals and families with the greatest number of days on the by name list to prioritize them for referrals to housing openings and to other voucher projects within the region. Family shelter staff prioritize housing search and services for those with the longest stays and focus on streamlining the process for applying for public housing and voucher programs. Additionally, participation in the HMIS Steering Committee and the opening of viability in HMIS facilitates tracking homelessness across regions to verify length of time homeless without repeated requests for documentation.
3. The CoC Coordinator and CoC Board oversee these strategies and works in conjunction with the CE Steering Committee, shelter providers, and partner agencies to share data and coordinate resources.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC prioritized exits to permanent housing. Strategies for increasing exits to permanence housing vary by type of program. For emergency shelters or those that work with outreach, the CoC's strategy begins with an attempt at diversion. If the person has family or community support in another area, we help them contact and get back to their family. With the rising cost of rent, financial support may overcome a barrier and allow the person who is experiencing homelessness to join a supportive family member. For those in transitional housing or rapid rehousing, case management can assist the client in determining what resources they need to achieve stable housing and how to get them, including SNAP, insurance, social security and/or disability. Case management assists clients in finding and securing employment. Because for both transitional and rapid rehousing clients, monetary support is temporary, and increased training in budgeting and saving is a vital strategy.
2. Strategies the CoC employs to increase successful exits to/retention in permanent housing destinations: Expand the number of PH units available through outreach to new landlords and cultivating long-term relationships with owners and managers. Replicate proven landlord-recruitment strategies, which draw on effective marketing and engagement efforts. Offer landlord payments or damage insurance funds. Partner with local Public Housing Authorities to prioritize housing subsidies for people who are chronically homeless and create preferences for people experiencing homelessness. Support people in PH by linking mainstream healthcare, mental health, employment, or family services to housing subsidies. Replicate strategies using Medicaid and TANF to scale PH interventions for individuals/families; Establish funding priorities to fill gaps & expand high performing permanent housing projects; and Provide trainings and technical assistance on re-housing best practices.
3. The CoC Coordinator and CoC Board are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC utilized HMIS data and CE to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness. When people return to homelessness, this status change is referred to the case conferencing team to prioritize them and seek out resources to attempt to rehouse as quickly as possible. For those who are incarcerated and may become homeless again upon release, the local Crisis Intervention Team works closely with the service providers to provide emergency shelter upon release. Diversion strategies are used if appropriate. If diversion is not a solution, the client will be added to the case conferencing discussions.

2. The CoC's strategies to decrease rate of returns to homelessness include: Right size assistance through maximizing the number of households placed in housing using the housing barriers assessments to match households with the most appropriate level of assistance; Implement a phased assessment process which identifies households who are eligible for diversion resources at all Coordinated Entry Regional Access Points; Use data to develop criteria for targeting prevention assistance; Identify all relevant services available in the community to determine what prevention assistance should be provided by the homeless system and where mainstream resources should be leveraged; Build strong partnerships with mainstream providers and have them help identify households at risk, facilitate referrals to and from the homeless system, support participants in permanent housing, and improve discharge planning for people exiting systems of care and institutions; Housing-Focused Case Management barrier assessment to housing and support households, or link them to providers; Provide support to create a housing plan, resolve rental screening barriers, search for housing, negotiate lease terms, and mediate family conflict; Promote long-term stability by helping people who have been re-housed to connect with community-based resources and employment, understand their tenant rights and responsibilities, and develop plans for responding to future housing crises; Educate partners and elected officials on solutions to the affordable housing crisis in our area.

3. The CoC Coordinator and CoC Board oversee the strategy for reducing the rate by which clients return to homelessness.

	2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC's Strategy.	
		NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;
	2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and
	3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 The CoC's strategy to increase access to employment income is through collaboration with employment agencies and implementing and strengthening supported employment programs. This process begins CE and assessment at any access point. When families and individuals are assessed at the point of entry, they will be connected with local agencies who provide the necessary services that are appropriate for addressing their specific barriers to self-sufficiency. Some examples of employment resources are, Goodwill Job Skills Training Program, Riverview Hope Campus HOPE CARES program, and the Adult Education Center.

2. To increase access to employment, the CoC continues collaborations with providers like Goodwill to help clients gain work skills and employment opportunities. CoC agencies also collaborate on hosting job fairs to help bring employers to clients. CoC Partners work to identify and utilize additional employment opportunities through referrals to local apprenticeship, job training and soft-skills training programs.

3. The CoC's CE Committee is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

2C-5a.		Increasing Non-employment Cash Income--CoC's Strategy	
		NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. When a client has completed the assessment for vulnerability, the service provider determines which mainstream benefits they have and which they still need. If a client does not have non-cash employment income, the case managers help qualifying clients apply for these services and help them gain all of the documents needed for application purposes. The CoC also works with housing agencies and emergency shelters to establish and develop partnerships with mainstream organizations who provide SSI, SSDI, SSA, SNAP, and TANF services to promote access and application assistance for program participants. Street Outreach team members are encouraged to become SOAR certified. The CoC hosts trainings for CoC members on how to access non-employment, cash benefits. We market these opportunities to all clients when they receive any services and hope we will be allowed to support them in the pursuit of nonemployment income.

2. The CoC Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

HUD publishes resources on the HUD.gov website at CoC Program Competition to assist you in completing the CoC Application. Resources include:

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.a.	
	You must upload the Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

3C. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes

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3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serve Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

3C-2.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants for New DV Bonus Funding

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applicants.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name	
This list contains no items	

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

	We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

	1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
	2.	You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
	3.	We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported–please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
	4.	Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
	5.	Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
	6.	If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
		. We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
		. We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
	7.	After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
	8.	Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/18/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes		
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Competition Scori...	10/15/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	10/18/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/15/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/15/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/15/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	CoC Competition R...	10/15/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

Ensure that the Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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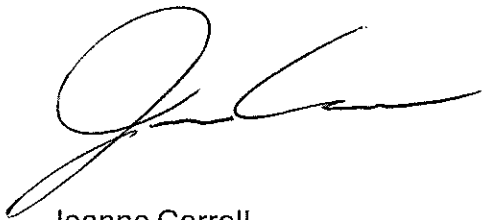
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October 16, 2024

To whom it may concern:

The Continuum of Care Committee is in full support of the CoC's priorities in serving the individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC geographic area.

As a committee we are comprised of members with lived experience of homelessness and strive to assist in the CoC's mission to end homelessness. The purpose of this CoC is to strive to eliminate homelessness in our six-county service area by providing a collaboration of agencies who facilitate access to shelter, housing and services; communicate with others interested in ending homelessness; promote public awareness of homelessness, its causes, extent, and possible solutions; and secure funding to work towards that end.
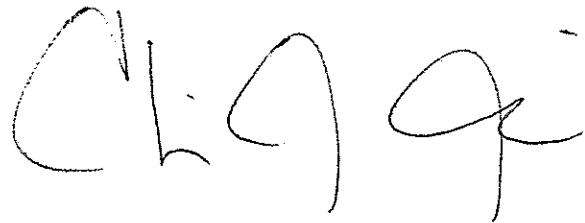
We as committee members support the mission and priorities of this CoC and those of us with lived experience stive to use our experiences as a guide to better serve our community.
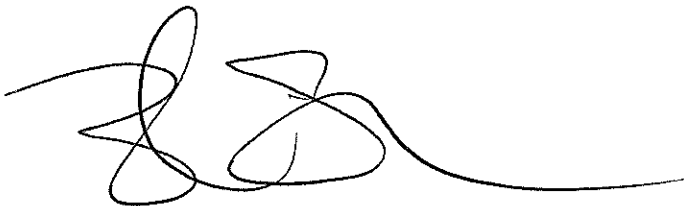
Sincerely,

Jeanne Carroll
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Continuum of Care Program Funding Competition

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Scoring Procedure

The chart below describes the point distribution for each question included in the New Project Application. All projects will be scored following the criteria listed below.

Effective Program Design		
Q1. Provide a description of the proposed program that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. (Copy from eSNAPS application Q3B.)		
Point Distribution	**Max Possible Score**	**Project Score**
Applicant provides full detailed scope of the proposed project.	5	
Applicant provided minimal detailed scope of the proposed project.	3	
No details provided.	0	
Q2. Summarize how the type of housing and services proposed will help program participants quickly obtain and retain permanent housing.		
Point Distribution	**Max Possible Score**	**Project Score**
Applicant clearly demonstrates plan for meeting the needs of program participants including experience providing these services successfully.	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan and/or experience.	3	
No clear plan OR experience.	0	

Q3. Describe how eligible program participants are supported to remain stably housed.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes plan for meeting the needs of the participants including obtaining benefits, increasing income, community partnerships to support.	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan and/or experience.	3	
No clear plan OR experience.	0	

Q4. Explain how the project will utilize a Housing First Approach

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates comprehensive plan and understanding for utilizing and implementing a Housing First Approach.	10	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan or understanding for utilizing and implementing a Housing First Approach.	5	
No clear plan or demonstrated understanding of Housing First.	0	

Financial Management Capacity

Q5. Describe the organizations' experience in effectively administering federal funds or other public or private funding.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates experience in administering funding.	5	
Applicant demonstrates minimal experience administering funding.	3	
No demonstrated experience.	0	

Q6. Describe how the organization will meet the required matching requirements in a way that best serves the program participants.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant demonstrates ability to meet matching requirements while supporting the program participants.	5	
Applicant's match plan is incomplete.	3	
No clear plan to meet the matching requirements.	0	

Q7. Provide justification for project costs and cost effectiveness.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant fully justifies the costs of the program consistent with the needs and services provided to the participants.	5	
Applicant's justification of program costs does not fully describe project costs.	3	
Applicant provides little or no justification of project costs.	0	

System Performance

Q8. Explain how the project will measure effectiveness and contribute to improvements in the CoC's overall system performance.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates process for evaluating effectiveness and significant contributions to system performance.	10	
Applicant demonstrates limited process for evaluating effectiveness and minimal contributions to system performance	5	
No clear evaluation process or contribution to system performance.	0	

Timelines

Q9 Describe the organization's plan for prompt implementation of the program.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates comprehensive plan to ensure prompt implementation.	5	
Applicant demonstrates limited plan for prompt implementation.	3	
No clear plan.	0	

Racial Equity and Consumer Feedback

Q10 Describe how the applicant will integrate people with lived experience of homelessness into the design and delivery of services.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score

	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes how persons with lived experiences of homelessness is integrated or will be integrated into the design and delivery of services.	10	
Applicant partially describes how persons with lived experiences of homelessness is integrated into the design and delivery of services.	5	
No clear description.	0	

Q11. Detail the applicant's strategy to identify and address racial disparities in program outcomes.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates significant efforts to identify and reduce disparities.	10	
Applicant demonstrates minimal efforts to identify and reduce disparities.	5	
No clear strategy.	0	

Q12. Describe how your board and staff reflect the population the project will serve.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
The board and staff composition reflects the population served within a 10% variance.	10	
The board and staff composition reflects the population served within a 15-20% variance.	5	
The board and staff do not reflect the population being served.	0	

Q13 How does this program ensure that individuals that identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, (LGBTQIA++) receive housing and services free from discrimination?

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly specifies implementation or plan for implementation of anti-discrimination policies for LGBTQIA++ individuals.	5	
Applicant provided minimal specification on implementing anti-discrimination policies of LGBTQIA++ individuals.	3	
No clear implementation	0	

Coordination

Q14. How will existing organizational partnerships support the integration of program participants into permanent housing?

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant fully details existing partnerships that will be used to integrate program participants into housing.	10	
Applicant partially details existing partnerships that will be used to integrate program participants into housing.	5	
No clear details.	0	
Total Points Available	**100**	

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Applicant provided minimal detailed scope of the proposed project.	3	
No details provided.	0	

Q2. Summarize how the type of housing and services proposed will help program participants quickly obtain and retain permanent housing.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates plan for meeting the needs of program participants including experience providing these services successfully.	5	5
Applicant demonstrates limited plan and/or experience.	3	
No clear plan OR experience.	0	

Q3. Describe how eligible program participants are supported to remain stably housed.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly describes plan for meeting the needs of the participants including obtaining benefits, increasing income, community partnerships to support.	5	5
Applicant demonstrates limited plan and/or experience.	3	
No clear plan OR experience.	0	

Q4. Explain how the project will utilize a Housing First Approach

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates comprehensive plan and understanding for utilizing and implementing a Housing First Approach.	10	10
Applicant demonstrates limited plan or understanding for utilizing and implementing a Housing First Approach.	5	
No clear plan or demonstrated understanding of Housing First.	0	

Financial Management Capacity

Q5. Describe the organizations' experience in effectively administering federal funds or other public or private funding.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant clearly demonstrates experience in administering funding.	5	5
Applicant demonstrates minimal experience administering funding.	3	
No demonstrated experience.	0	

Q6. Describe how the organization will meet the required matching requirements in a way that best serves the program participants.

Point Distribution	Max Possible Score	Project Score
Applicant demonstrates ability to meet matching requirements while supporting the program participants.	5	5
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FY2024 HUD NOFO CoC Local Competition Projects Rejected or Reduced – Public Posting

*No Projects Rejected

Acceptance of CoC Project Application

From Wendy Brawdy <wendy@ofhcoc.org>

Date Tue 10/15/2024 1:07 PM

To Chris Joannides <chris@riverviewhopecampus.org>

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Ranking Local competition forma.pdf;

Good Afternoon Chris,

The Rank and Review Committee has completed the process of selecting project applicants and I would like to be the first to let you know your project for TH/RRH has been accepted!

Attached is the ranking breakdown of projects accepted and their ranking position.

Thank you for submitting a project and we look forward to working with you on this project!

The CoC competition applications will be submitted by October 30th and you will be notified once HUD releases the list of awarded projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Wendy Brawdy
CoC Director
479-650-3230

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	Old Fort Homeless Continuum of Care			
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CoC Bonus $128,522.00