

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 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 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 2023 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

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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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: WA-508 - Vancouver/Clark County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Council for the Homeless

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Council for the Homeless

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, 2022 to April 30, 2023:

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	No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	No	Yes
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	No	Yes

16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	No	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	No
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	No
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	No	No
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
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-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 the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Community members may join all CoC groups at any time, with the exception of the governing board. Members of the CoC group are encouraged at every opportunity to invite colleagues, friends, and clients who may be interested in joining to attend the meetings. The large CoC meeting sends out email invitations broadly prior to each meeting, sharing the opportunity on social media and providing information to community agencies. The workgroup and ad hoc meetings are shared at the large CoC meeting and attendees are encouraged to attend. An invitation flyer is also on the public CoC website to share with nonmembers and those who attend CFTH trainings are also invited to attend. CFTH will also seek out groups or individuals when a gap has been identified or a new group has joined the community.
2. CoC meetings have been virtual for the past 3.5 years, which has increased attendance at most meetings. For any in person meetings, a hybrid option is also provided. The large CoC meeting agenda and one page invitation flyer specifies how people with disabilities may request accommodation. In the meeting, questions and comments can be provided via the chat option or verbally, with meeting summaries are posted on the website and sent out to stakeholders.
3. Invitations to the large CoC group are shared annually, at a minimum, with local by and for agencies (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, peer focused, and People with Disabilities) throughout the County. When major decisions are made, members of the CoC will visit the by and for agency meetings to provide updates/information and solicit feedback on the information provided.

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. When developing an action plan or soliciting feedback for a major initiative the CoC solicits information through targeted text surveys, virtual and in person forums, and individual or small group discussion virtually or in person. In text surveys, people are asked if they are willing to engage further, this provides a listed of interested stakeholders who may be willing to gather for a virtual or in person meeting for further discussion. When major decisions are being made, members of the CoC will visit the by and for agencies meetings to solicit feedback and invite member feedback. Opportunities to provide feedback are also posted on the CoC website.

2. The CoC communicates information during public meetings through verbal presentation, often accompanied by visuals and one page summaries of the information provided to attendees. All materials provided during the meetings are sent out prior to the meeting as well, if possible. During meetings, the attendees are often then divided into smaller facilitated group in order to glean feedback and answer or collect questions. Minutes from the meeting are posted publicly on the CoC website and details regarding how to provide input and/or additional input is specified.

3. To ensure accessibility for people with disabilities, all online meetings provide a close captioning option, materials are sent out in advance for attendees, and meeting materials are sent out after the meeting with meeting notes and updates included. When soliciting feedback, the CoC collaborates with organizations led by people with disabilities and advocates to ensure materials are accessible and work is spread in multiple formats to reach a broader audience, all materials are offered in multiple formats, both digital, text based, and face to face, as needed.

4. The information gathered in public meetings and forums are summarized through meeting notes and shared with the CoC Steering Committee members. The feedback is considered when developing new policies or making changes to the existing policies. For example, the CoC worked with a primary funder to increase the number of outreach teams in the community. This was due to the increase in the number of people in the community experiencing homelessness and the voiced impacts of those experiencing homelessness.

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 announcement, webpages, and request for application all specified, “New applicants are welcome to apply.” The Collaborative Applicant also hosted an interested parties webinar early in the RFA process and shared the recording on the CoC website, in order to provide coaching to agencies who may be new to the process.
2. The request for application document, specified how the project applications need to submit their applications. The directions were reviewed during the interested parties webinar and the PPT from the webinar was posted on the CoC application website for additional reference. Applicants were welcomed to contact the Collaborative Applicant with any further questions they had.
3. For applicants and the public, the rating and ranking process was specified in the Request for Application document, including the scorecards for each type of application and the timeline for the applicant notification. For the CoC, the August 2022 adopted FY2022 Project Priority Ranking and Reallocation Policies dictated the process. Once the rating and ranking was completed by the CoC Steering Committee, the Collaborative Applicant notified the applicants of the decisions by email and posted the project applications and the budgets and rating and ranking on a spreadsheet for public review.
4. Throughout this process, invitations and communication were largely conducted via written word, including social media, email, and website posting. The Collaborative Application website type can be expanded to any size font and the information can also be requested in braille.

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	Nonexistent
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)	No
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes
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)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds;
2.	participated in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients;
3.	provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area; and
4.	provided information to Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions to address homelessness within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in the Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The local ESD and ESG-CV recipient is Clark County, who is an active member of the COC and its associated groups. The County utilized the communities Homeless Action Plan, HMIS data, PIT Count, and identified needs from the CoC committees to allocate ESG and ESG-CV funds.
2. Members of the CoC Steering Committee are able to receive a summary of ESG monitoring reports from the County and provide feedback regarding next steps, focus areas or needs.
3. The CoC provides the PIT county numbers and HIC data to the two Consolidated Plan jurisdictions on an annual basis. Both jurisdictions are actively involved in the COC and the gathering of data for both reports.
4. The CoC provides detailed information annually regarding the CoC projects and the overall homeless crisis response system to the two jurisdictions in the CoC regions. In addition, the CoC provides specific information via HMIS when requested to support the Consolidated Plan goals.

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 families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with 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 CoC works closely with youth education providers and this includes LEA representation in CoC work groups and on the CoC Steering Committee. Representatives from two local school districts are voting members of the CoC Steering Committee and provide regular input and recommendations for CoC policy creation. In addition, the CoC has formal partnerships with all school districts via our Family Community Resource Centers and their McKinney-Vento liaisons to participate in our annual point in time count, direct and referral for families who meet the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness to services through our Coordinated Entry system.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families 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 become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Projects that serve households with children are required to ensure regular update of information on the educational liaison that will ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the community including early childhood programming, Head Start, and McKinney Vento Educational Services. Projects that serve households with children are also expected to incorporate the following within the service model and/or through policies and procedures, as appropriate: A case management model that includes developmentally appropriate intake and service planning for each member of the family; Services are provided where the child is living or the project provides space for home-based, early childhood services; Facilitation of on-site development screening for all children that enter the program; Actively assist families in accessing child care options; Assess, track, and monitor the health of children in the program, including providing connection to health care providers. These expectations are reviewed through the annual CoC Evaluation process and monitoring.

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–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.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated 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 regularly collaborates with local DV provider to update CoC wide policies and ensure all housing and services provided are trauma informed and can meet the needs of survivors. There are dedicated representatives from the local DV provider on the CoC Steering Committee as well as the Coordinated Entry workgroup meetings. Both of these meetings are responsible for evaluation of and updates to CoC policies.

2. The Coordinated Entry work group, recognizing the need of providing anonymization of client data to provide safety for survivors, worked with the HMIS user's work group and HMIS lead to discuss how the HMIS system could be used across the CoC, while still maintaining anonymization of client data. The HMIS lead worked to create the anonymous entry, allowing local DV providers and other CE organizations to enter households into HMIS, while still maintain client safety. The CoC also works with the local DV provider to coordinate an annual training for CoC projects and CE staff that addresses best practices in serving survivors.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:

1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The local DV provider coordinates annual trainings with the CoC governing body and the CoC project staff to share best practices related to safety and planning protocols when serving survivors. The DV provider also offers technical assistance and/or warm hand offs, as needed, to support programs and survivors they may be supporting. In addition, the local DV provider gives trainings to the large CoC group at least once per year to share information and resources on best practices, resource navigation, and skill development.
2. The local DV provider coordinated annual trainings with the CoC Coordinated Entry to share best practices related to safety and planning protocols when serving survivors. Technical assistance is available throughout the week between coordinated entry staff and DV provider staff and warm hand offs are available, as needed.

1C-5c.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:	
	1. safety planning protocols; and	
	2. confidentiality protocols.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC Lead agency works closely with the local DV provider to offer regular training to CE staff to ensure clear understanding on how to support survivors in safety planning. All formal safety planning is provided through warm hand off to local DV provider's trained staff or by the identified CE staff who have completed training to provide this support. Our CE lead agency is the recipient of the DV Bonus funds, which have been utilized to create a staff position that is devoted to increasing best practices and safety for survivors accessing CE. All staff are taught how to make calls and engage with survivors with practices that prioritize safety and privacy. For example, all staff, prior to making calls to a participant, would check to see if they have disclosed they are fleeing DV or have requested a specific method of contact.
2. The CE lead works to maintain an anonymizing process in HMIS for all participants who are in need of this approach. The local DV provider does participate in HMIS, utilizing this participant anonymizing process to ensure their participants confidentiality and safety. All users of HMIS sign a confidentiality form and regular training is provided to the CoC membership on best practices in maintaining confidentiality for all participants, with a particular focus on survivors.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
	2. how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The local DV/SA provider collects data and provides de-identified aggregate data to the CoC. This information is shared with the governing body and other CoC related groups for whom this information would be valuable. It is also shared with the community as a part of annual reports; include local jurisdiction's consolidation plans. These reports help shape funding priorities, advocacy, and discussions.
2. The CoC utilizes the above data, and responses of households responding yes to DV related questions in CE program entries recorded in HMIS, to inform planning and funding strategy around the needs of those experiencing or fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Our CoC has also used data to determine a prioritization for applicants fleeing DV, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking for the Emergency Housing Voucher program.

1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
	1. whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
	3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC does include an Emergency Transfer plan to guide the process for all agencies in the CoC.
2. For households needing to request a transfer to a new unit within a program due to safety concerns related to DV, the household must work with the housing provider to make the request. The request can be made verbally or in writing, if completed verbally, staff will work with participant to put the request into writing.
3. For households needing an emergency transfer, the provider agency will then coordinated with CE staff to assess options to maintain safety for the household. Each agency has developed their own internal process for receiving and processing requests, with the requirement that that staff must prioritize responding quickly to ensure the participants safety, if no placement or units are available within the agency, the provider must engage with CE to transfer outside of the agency programs.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing 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:	
	1. ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
	2. proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborates with the local DV/SA agency to provide training for all CoC partners occurs once a year, at a minimum. With this training, staff are provided with information on best practices, rights of DV/SA survivors, resource navigation, to ensure survivors are provided with the access to all resources available to them, including all CE programs/resources. Coordinated Entry staff are also provided with tailored trainings on a regular basis each year, providing information and best practices on serving DV/SA survivors and assisting them in accessing all CE resources, as well as regular update on resources available through local DV/SA provider agencies.

2. proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

Using system data, the CoC workgroups and Steering Committee regularly examine system data to identify system gaps for survivors, this information is reviewed at a minimum of once per year to see trends and changes, based on work over the previous year. In addition, the lead CE agency completes a quarterly review of CE processes with lead DV agency staff to ensure best practices are being used throughout the CE process, with a particular focus on adherence to safety and confidentiality practices. An example of a changed practice, from this quarterly review, is adding an additional question in CE process, when someone shares they are actively fleeing, staff then ask questions on follow up contact and current safety in continuing the conversation.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and	
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Workgroups throughout our CoC have members with lived experience or identify as survivors, including on the CoC Steering Committee. When creating new policies, workgroups are typically the first space to collaboratively work on development of the policy. The CE Lead prioritizes offering opportunity for feedback in multiple formats to ensure accessibility and privacy for people to offer honest feedback or thoughts on the policies in question. In addition to workgroups, when lived experience has not been included, the CE lead will work to solicit feedback from survivors in partnership with the local DV agency assisting in recruitment of survivors to ensure their ongoing safety is prioritized and the information is gathered in a survivor centered approach. All time spent in providing feedback is compensated with either gift card or stipend, depending upon the preference of the participant. The feedback is reviewed by workgroups and incorporated into the policy creation. In addition, the CoC Steering Committee has representation from the local DV agency.

2. The CE lead recently provided a training on sexual orientation and gender identity to the CoC general membership. All HMIS providers now collect sexual orientation and gender identity and HMIS includes guidance on asking questions of all participants which was created by a panel of staff and participants with lived experience. In addition, all participants who disclose they are actively fleeing, are then asked standardized safety questions, including if it is safe to contact them and safe method to make contact.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+—Anti-Discrimination Policy and Training.	
	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 has adopted an anti-discrimination policy outlined in the CoC Written Standards, which is reviewed and updated based on feedback on a yearly basis, and approved by the CoC Board. Our CoC is committed to nondiscrimination and equal access across the homeless service system.
2. All providers are required to comply with all State and Federal statutes regarding nondiscrimination and CoC adopted anti-discrimination policy. As updated, all agencies are provided with the updates/changes to ensure adherence.
3. To evaluate compliance, all programs must share program grievances and how they were dealt with during the monitoring process in order to review for policy issues. In addition, policies are reviewed to evaluate adherence to CoC antidiscrimination policy. Clients in programs are provided with a COC facilitated survey to share programmatic success and concerns.
4. All programs that are found to not be adhering to the nondiscrimination policies are provided with feedback outlining the areas violating the non-discrimination policy, including expectations on changes needing to be made to ensure the program is in compliance. All violations are brought to the CoC Steering committee for consideration of next steps.

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 and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 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?
Vancouver Public Housing Authority		Yes-Both	Yes

You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

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. Yes, the one PHA in our region has adopted a homeless admission preference. This was adopted through advocacy and strategic conversations with PHA leadership.

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	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	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)	No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
7.	Public Housing	No
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)?	Yes
	2. Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Program Funding Source Mainstream, EHV and FUP vouchers

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?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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	If you select yes to question 1C-7e.1., you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has an active MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.	
PHA		
Vancouver Housing...		

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with MOUs

Name of PHA: Vancouver Housing Authority

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) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the systems of care 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. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	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 2023 CoC Program Competition.	10
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 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	10
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 2023 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; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has adopted a housing first approach across our CE system. All projects are required to accept referrals from the Coordinated Entry, which means they may not deny households base on any reason other than an error in eligibility. If an agency is found to be denying or refusing referrals for any other reason the issue will be brought to the CoC Steering committee.
2. All agencies sign an MOA with Council for the Homeless (CE provider) agreeing to adhere to a Housing First approach. This MOA, along with provider policies and procedures, any grievances by clients, and regularly provided CoC survey provided to CoC agencies staff and clients, are all reviewed for compliance of housing first model.
3. During monitoring of agencies, CoC completes a full review of agency/programmatic policies to ensure policy clearly states adherence to housing first model and details on how they do so. In addition CoC reviews all grievances, and survey feedback. If a noncompliance occurs, the CoC would work with the CoC Steering Committee to address next steps.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's street outreach efforts, including the methods it uses to ensure all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are identified and engaged;
2.	whether your CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area;
3.	how often your CoC conducts street outreach; and
4.	how your CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has 7 formal outreach teams in the community. One focused on youth 24 and under, two focused on people with behavioral health symptoms and four focused on general population of people experiencing homelessness. The VA also has an outreach team. All formal teams cover the full county area and are informed about people experiencing unsheltered through a designated Coordinated Outreach phone number and email accessed through the CoC lead agency’s website and broadcast out via word of mouth, social media, flyers, and other providers. All providers utilize HMIS to track people in encampments, what participants are being served, and how they are being assisted. The teams focus on specific areas of the county and provide warm handoffs if a client would be better served by another agency. For example, there are teams that work more closely with LBGTQ+ individuals or people who are BIPOC. The outreach teams are all a part of the Chronically homeless and veterans by name list, as well as the Coordinated Outreach meeting.
2. Yes, 100% of the CoCs geographic area is covered.
3. The CoC conducts street outreach seven days a week from 8am-8pm between all teams.
4. The focus on the CoC outreach is on those least likely to engage with services and are least likely receiving community supports. This means staff have low client to staff ratio and focus on those least likely to connect with housing focused resources themselves. The outreach teams are able to provide the Clark County Assessment Tool (CCAT), unless someone refuses, and forge strong relationships with the clients they are working with. The outreach teams all have hand held tablets to assist them in tracking their caseloads, updating HMIS information easily to ensure coordination of services is seamless.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate strategies your CoC implemented to ensure homelessness is not criminalized and to reverse existing criminalization policies in your CoC's geographic area:

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	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.i.	

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	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.	HIC	351	461

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	No
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.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, SSDI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC collaborative applicant methodically tracks updates regarding mainstream resources and has close relationships with DSHS, Social Security, and other olca agencies, The CA shares information through its CoC email newsletter, through the CFTH blog, Facebook, and Instagram. When a major change occurs, the Coalition is provided with information regarding the change and how it will impact clients. There is time during each Coalition meeting to provide updates from members to members and minutes/materials are share post meeting.
2. The CoC can identify if the household does not have health insurance and connect the client with any Medicaid service provider to enroll. This information is accessible via CE, including homeless outreach teams, community health workers, and peer agencies.
3. CoC regularly provides trainings from SOAR certified trainers to expand the number of staff across the CoC able to provide this service, with a particular focus on Coordinated Outreach teams over the past year.

1D-7.	Increasing Capacity for Non-Congregate Sheltering.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the past two years, the CoC has seen a significant expansion in non-congregate shelter options due to gaps identified through the CoC's community action plan, which highlighted system numbers demonstrating a continued increase in seniors and single women experiencing homelessness with few shelter options available to meet this growing need. The shelter expansions are specifically for focused on expanding access to shelter for seniors, couples, and single women.

The CoC continues to work to expand non-congregate shelter options in the community and is currently working to expand shelter for youth ages 18-24.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:

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| 1. | develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and |
| 2. | prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has maintained close relationships with local Public Health agencies and regularly consults with local and state health agencies to ensure all CoC policies are adhering to best practices to reduce potential spread of infectious diseases.
2. Through the CoC Steering Committee and general CoC meeting, discussion of preventative measures in preventing spread of disease are addressed and best practices shared. In addition, regular consultation and conversation with Public Health officials occurs to maintain open lines of communication. The relationship continues to be a close one, built on the significant work done jointly in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, during which weekly coordination meetings were held with all stakeholders to share updates and best practices in response to COVID-19. The group maintained and up to date email list serve to restart the coordination meetings, if the need is deemed warranted.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. 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 shares updates from local and state Public Health officials regarding Covid-19 and any other infectious diseases out to partners via the general CoC meeting, smaller work groups, and CoC Steering committees. Social media, email updates, and outreach teams are also utilized to share out important updates, including care kits with masks, hand sanitizers and information fact sheets. Currently, the CoC is working with local Public Health staff to coordinate access to updated COVID-19 vaccines and flu vaccines for all unhoused people in the community.
2. For highly vulnerable populations, including clients living outside and in shelter, the CoC uses the Shelter work group meeting and Coordinated Outreach meeting to share updates regarding any new Public Health areas of concern to monitor, updates to best practices, and regularly invite Public Health officials to attend to provide information.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
	1. covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;	
	2. uses a standardized assessment process; and	
	3. is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Yes, the CoC covers the entire geographic area of the CoC.
2. Yes, the Clark County Assessment Tool is based off of the Coordinated Assessment Tool and was updated to better address/capture the needs of the most vulnerable in our community.
3. Yes, the tool is regularly updated based on feedback from the community, including services providers, clients, and community members. Client feedback is solicited via text, email, in person and using small group focus groups. The Coordinated Assessment work group collects feedback and makes recommendations to the CoC Steering Committee for changes.

	1D-9a. Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	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 preferences; and	
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To ensure accessibility, the CoC uses a “no wrong door” approach in which homeless families and individuals can present at different access points for the entire CoC and be assessed using the same assessment process and methodology. All households (hh) are assessed using the CCAT (Clark County Assessment Tool) which is the community version of the VI-SPDAT to determine the household’s vulnerability and level of service needs.
2. Once assessed, they are prioritized based on who is most vulnerable, rather than a first come first-serve basis, and scores are weighted by length of time homeless. Street outreach teams are trained to conduct assessments in the community while doing outreach, which improves accessibility of the CE system for individuals who are least likely to seek assistance at one of the existing access points. These teams conduct outreach in the urban and rural areas, including hard-to-reach areas like the woods and riverbanks. Specialized teams target specific vulnerable populations, such as youth, veterans, or households with behavioral health needs, and those in remote rural areas.
3. CE staff work closely with street outreach providers and assessors to evaluate existing coverage and identify ways to expand coverage, with coordination occurring via bi-weekly Coordinated Outreach work group meetings occurring on a biweekly basis. The Coordinated Entry team also uses the By-Name List (BNL) to engage individuals less likely to seek assistance or who have not yet been assessed. In order to ensure individuals access services in a timely manner, once assessment is complete, prioritized households are immediately engaged by Coordinated Outreach staff to begin working on housing navigation to help to streamline the time it takes between referral and program enrollment. These staff can assist in identifying and removing barriers to housing, assist in obtaining needed documentation, and maintain ongoing contact with individuals until warm handoff to a housing provider occurs. Additionally, households are presented with and able to speak with staff about what housing options are available and are able to make a choice of which program to be referred.
4. The CoC regularly evaluates accessibility to services based on participant and service provider feedback and review of HMIS data to identify gaps in services for underserved populations. Based on feedback provided, agencies participating in Coordinated Outreach efforts have prioritized hiring st

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or 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 works to spread the word about services in the community through multiple formats, including through the CoC Lead agency’s website, which has resource guides, one pagers on how to access services in multiple languages, and provides contact information and locations to access those services. In addition, the CoC lead agency coordinates with community partner agencies to provide the one pagers and resources guides, as well as regular trainings on how to access CE services to staff, as requested. The CoC General Membership group receives email updates on services and trainings on how to access services, this list serve goes to a wide group of agencies and people, including law enforcement, hospitals, libraries, behavioral health partners, churches, and other recovery housing, and individual community members. In addition, the CoC lead agency has developed several ad campaigns to put advertisements for accessing CE services on buses and other public locations in the community as well.

2.The CoC general membership meeting regularly provides training on fair housing for all CoC members. CoC workgroups regularly review policies and procedures, including adherence to fair housing laws. In addition to providing trainings to agency staff throughout the CoC, the CoC also incorporates language into program documents that outline participant rights and how to file a grievance or complaint if those rights are violated. The CE lead agency has incorporated messaging into the CE process to ensure participants are aware of their rights in accessing services.

3.The process to report any violations of fair housing, either for a current participant or prospective participant is to file a grievance with the agency working with the participant or to seek assistance from the CE lead agency in navigating the violation. The CE lead would then work with the participant to either provide referral to legal aid, filing a complaint with fair housing or assistance in addressing the concern with the agency directly.

1D-10.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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.	06/01/2023

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identified Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC’s process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and
2.	what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. On a yearly basis, the CoC, with information from the HMIS lead, create an Equity Report based on the CoC’s outcomes over the past year as entered into HMIS and compared for CoC area census data. In addition to an annual report, the CoC Equity Dashboard provides regular updates on system performance and gaps in equitable outcomes throughout the year.

2. Based on the CoC annual equity report for 2022, our community saw a 4% increase of BIPOC households identifying as homeless, making up 44% of the unhoused community in Clark County, while only being 15% of the population in Clark County. In addition to identifying disproportionality large number of BIPOC individuals identifying as unhoused, the CoC continued to see high rates of BIPOC individuals and households seeking and receiving rental assistance, with 43% of the 5218 households receiving assistance identifying as BIPOC.

1D-10b.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC’s board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is 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.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has taken several steps to address disparities from our Racial Equity data and has several ongoing areas of focus to continue to address these disparities. One big undertaking, has been examining disparities in our vulnerability screening. Clark County staff that provided the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) housing assessment, along with staff that serve folks referred to housing noticed that the assessment tool, though evidence based and proven as a best practice, was not adequate to reflect the vulnerabilities of the people experiencing homelessness in this community.

We have been collecting data focusing on equitable service delivery of those experiencing homelessness in our community since 2018. According to this data, 44% of the people accessing the Homeless Crises Response System (HCRS) were People of Color, and only 26% of those entered into a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. In comparison, 56% of people accessing the HCRS identified as white, and 74% of those households entered a PSH program in that same year.

After the appropriate CoC workgroups approved the plan to adapt the tool based on the evidence provided, a subcommittee was formed including people that represented as many different populations in our community as possible. This included people with: lived experience, African Americans, youth providers, Pacific Islander community members, people who work with DV survivors, service providers that deliver the assessment, and people from the deaf and hard of hearing community. This subcommittee met several times over a period of about 6 months going through each question of the VI-SPDAT to make it more understandable, translatable, and to include increased attention for the vulnerabilities of the people that are not adequately represented.

The results of these changes, after two years of analysis showed an overall increase in the vulnerability score of the BIPOC community, and other historically marginalized communities to the point where there was no statistical significance between the populations scores (11.1 for white people and 11.2 for Black Indigenous and People of Color). With this data we can see that the measurement of vulnerability for folks of color has improved with the new assessment tool. The CoC is currently in the process of completing reexamining our CCAT and VAT tools again in 2023/2024.

1D-10d.	Tracked Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC uses.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Every year, CoC completes a yearly equity report that provides an overview of system outcomes. This report is broken down by race and specifically focuses on areas of change in system outcomes or lack of change over the previous year. In addition, this report also highlights areas of needed focus to reduce disproportionality. For example, since creating a new assessment tool to better capture vulnerability of marginalized communities, the CoC is now reviewing rates of referral to housing programs to ensure increased equity in assessment scores also reflects a similar increase in referral to housing programs for BIPOC households compared to rates of referral for white households. In addition to a system wide review of data, the CoC also requires individual agencies to track, review, and report of outcomes based on race for households served each quarter.
2. Utilize HMIS data to gather data and have begun incorporating in GIS data to continue to examine system gaps and locations of higher need across the service area.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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 decision making processes.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Steering Committee has two voting member spots reserved for people with lived experience of homelessness. These members are engaged as leaders and decision-makers in our community and advise on all topics related to the CoC’s efforts to address homelessness. The CoC Steering Committee actively recruits additional members, with particular emphasis on recruiting individuals with recent experience, those living in rural areas of the county, as well as those who identify with marginalized groups (e.g BIPOC, LGBTQ+) or represent diverse experiences. CoC Steering Committee members conduct outreach to recruit additional leaders through word of mouth, community groups, flyers, social media (e.g. local FB groups). The membership application goes out via email to the CoC email listserv stakeholders & is posted publicly on the CoC lead agency website. In addition, the CoC also conducts targeted outreach to specific groups as needed for input on strategies, project development, or other specific needs as they arise, particularly if input is most relevant from people with current experience of homelessness. In addition, the CoC has an active Youth Advisory Board of young leaders who make all critical decisions as they relate to youth homelessness in the CoC. Youth leaders act as decision makers for selection of projects/ Recruitment and leadership development efforts continue for the YAB. Outreach is conducted through existing YAB members, word of mouth, schools, community groups, drop in centers, social media, etc.

1D-11a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group 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.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	275	117
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	71	53
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	13	6
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	17	13

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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)

CoC agencies have a prioritization of hiring staff with lived experience of homelessness. The majority of the local Coordinated Outreach team of over 40 staff has lived experience and most experienced homelessness within the past two years, with one organization staffed only by staff with lived experience. In addition, local CoC agencies also have a focus on peer support programs, offering opportunities of development and job skills training to increase employment opportunities for people who are currently homeless or have recently exited homelessness.

The CoC lead agency has also created an Advisory Committee of people with recent lived experience. In the coming year, this group will be working to understand the CoC better, decide how they would like to provide feedback, and begin to provide feedback on CoC policies and procedures. This group is compensated for their time and is also receives opportunities to attend trainings and conferences they are interested in.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |
| 2. | how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and |

3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC utilizes several methods to collect regular ongoing input from individuals accessing services through Coordinated Entry. All households who access services through CE receive a text survey upon program entry and exit to share feedback on their experience, areas for improved, and comments. The survey can also be completed in person or via email to increase accessibility. Completed surveys are reviewed regularly by CE HMIS staff and shared with programs anonymously along with demographic information to identify trends. In addition to reviewing the responses, a group of CE staff regularly review the questions and make changes to ensure the questions are relevant, helpful in providing opportunities for feedback, trauma informed, and clear. This committee is made up of a diverse group of staff including staff with lived experience of homelessness and BIPOC staff.
2. Each year the CoC either updates or creates the local Homeless Action Plan, to ensure lived experience is prioritized, the CoC holds community specific forums to gather feedback from historically and presently marginalized communities, with a focus on people currently experiencing homelessness, Black/African American forum, Pacific Islander forum, Deaf and Blind, and a Latinx forum were all held to gather feedback and perspective on needs of the community experiencing homelessness. The information gathered from these forums are then incorporated into the local Homeless Action Plan to guide CoC efforts in the coming years.
3. There have been several areas of change for the CoC based on the feedback of people with lived experience. One focus area has been to simplify paperwork language to make it more accessible for the participant to understand and agree to. Our CoC lead agency has worked to change CE paperwork to be more accessible by simplifying language used and ensure all translations are also simplified for usability. Recently the CoC began to collect sexual orientation and gender identity across all agencies in the CoC, this decision was made based on the feedback of people with lived experience and the messaging and process on how to collect the information in a trauma informed, participant centered way was created in collaboration with LGBTQ youth and adults with lived experience of homelessness.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	

Describe in the field below at least 2 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 participates in Ending Community Homelessness Organization (ECHO) a monthly meeting with elected officials from every jurisdiction in Clark County, topics are varied, but often touch on land use, zoning, and affordable housing. The CoC lead agency uses this opportunity to provide information on data, best practices, and advocacy.
2. In addition, the CoC participated in Housing Options Study work group with city officials in Clark County which focused on making policy recommendations to the Clark County council on reducing barriers and increasing incentives for affordable housing development in Clark County.

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:

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/28/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/28/2023

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)?	50
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	11
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The CoC scoring committee reviewed how the program demonstrated increase in permanent housing stability over programmatic years, increase income, and safety of participants. This information was based off of HMIS program exit data as well as programmatic interventions agencies have implemented.
- 2.The CoC scoring committee reviewed HMIS data and what approaches or interventions the agency uses to increase quick identification and maintenance of stable housing. Additionally, the committee also reviewed how each agency collaborated with other services to provide participants with needed supports, including behavioral health, employment, health care, and legal aid to address barriers and increase long term stability.
- 3.The scoring committee specifically examined what supportive services are used to provide ongoing stability for each participant and how those services were used to address significant barriers to housing.
- 4.The community competition included a question focused on how each agency has incorporated feedback and voices of people with lived experience into their programmatic responses and design. This question was weighted at a higher level to ensure prioritization of responses demonstrating commitment to inclusion of lived experience and peer support programming.

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 the 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 to which their project has 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.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In the CoC region, Black people represent 15% of people experiencing homelessness, Pacific Islanders 11% of people experiencing homelessness, and Latinx 15%. Of the total people experiencing homelessness, BIPOC experiencing homelessness make up 46% of people experiencing homelessness, but total 15% of the population of Clark County.

To create the questions and gather feedback on scoring, the CoC lead worked with the CoC scoring committee members, who had representatives of people with lived experience and Black. In addition, the CE lead worked with their agency Advisory Committee and representative from the Pacific Islander community to gather feedback on questions they would like to see included in the competition.

2. The CoC steering committee was made of up volunteers, of those volunteers, 25% had lived experience of homelessness and 25% were Black. There were no members that were Pacific Islander or Latinx on the committee. Of the people who were involved in providing feedback on the creation of the scoring process and questions themselves, 25% were LGBTQ, 50% have lived experience of homelessness, and 50% were BIPOC.

3. First, the community competition examined how agencies included lived experience in their programs, this question asked for specific and tangible ways this was accomplished, full points were only awarded if several examples were provided on how this was accomplished. Another question focused on how the agency used the HMIS equity dashboard data and again was asking for clear and tangible responses to how the information is reviewed and what actions have been taken from the information on the dashboard, several responses were required for the agency to receive full points. Finally, the CoC included a question on how the agency used trauma informed and culturally responsive approaches to successfully engage with participant, with several examples being required to receive full points.

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 reallocation process begins when an agency announces to CoC Lead agency that, due to project performance or need, they will no longer apply to renew a project. The CoC reviews projects available for reallocation to ensure they are eligible for reallocation. The CoC Lead agency announces to CoC the funds to be made available for reallocation and the process on how to apply for reallocated funds for New Expansion projects, Transition projects, or CoC Bonus projects.
2. The CoC identified two projects that would not be renewed this competition round due to the agency announcing they would not be applying. (These projects are Sea Mar CHC – PSH NW 1 2022, and Sea Mar CHC – PSH NW II 2022).
3. The CoC Lead Agency announced to the CoC the funds available for reallocation. The CoC HMIS Lead applied for reallocated funds for a new HMIS Expansion project.
4. The CoC did not reallocate all funds made available this year as only one agency applied for these fund and the amount applied for did not equal the total amount available.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	

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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/07/2023
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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 accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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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.	09/20/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders 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.	09/25/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC’s HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database 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;	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In Washington State, the comparable database is contained within our HMIS. Our state HMIS law(s) are more protective than the federal laws, and we have state funding that requires agencies receiving this funding to use HMIS. Victim Service providers enter data directly, all data entered excludes personally identifying information.

2. Yes. Our DV housing and service providers are using the comparable database system described above.

3. Yes. Our HMIS vendor and HMIS Team update our HMIS system to keep our CoC compliant with the annual HMIS Data Standards updates.

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

Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	406	25	381	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	213	8	205	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	461	42	419	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	645	0	618	95.81%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	85	0	0	0.00%

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)

Our only Project Type less than 84.99 % HMIS coverage in our HIC was OPH and after the HIC was submitted it was discovered that this single 85 bed project is not dedicated to people exiting homelessness and thus will not be entering data into HMIS and will be removed from the HIC next year. So all of our project types are actually well over 84.99%

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 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 February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/26/2023
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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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. Yes. Our local homeless youth agency attended meetings and participated in the planning for our PIT Count.
2. Our Local homeless youth agency also runs a year-round youth outreach program and advised the planning group on service locations and other known areas where youth could be effectively counted.
3. In 2023, there were no currently homeless youth on the street count teams but we will work on recruiting some for the 2024 count. We now have youth advisory groups and their members could potentially join the PIT teams to help with that activity as well.

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 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. There were no changes to our shelter count in 2023. Our sheltered count data completeness was over 95%
2. This year, the unsheltered PIT Count was completely planned and predominantly performed by our Coordinated Outreach team staff. The Coordinated Outreach workgroup is composed of members from all our year-round outreach agencies and regularly meets to update each other about the location of our county’s unsheltered homeless populations and coordinate the outreach services to them. Because in recent years there have been significant local investment in expanding outreach staff, we were able to fully staff our PIT street count teams with either professional outreach staff or seasoned PIT count veterans who had existing knowledge of where encampments were or even had built existing trust with people being counted to more easily collect the data.
3. We believe that the ability to have the unsheltered street count conducted almost entirely by professional outreach staff resulted in a more efficient, complete and accurate street count and that contributed to some changes we saw within the 2023 unsheltered PIT numbers. In particular, we saw a 54% increase in chronically homeless people in 2023 and believe this to be at least partially due to having professional staff trained conducting the count who were able to find our chronically homeless populations and engage them to fully complete the surveys.

2C. System Performance

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

2C-1.	Reduction in 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 examines risk factors such as income level and mainstream benefits access), as well as household access to other social services (e.g. food pantries). In addition to programs serving individuals experiencing homelessness, the CoC collects data for anti-poverty programs in the HMIS such as community service centers, food pantries, local public utilities, allowing us to identify risk factors in the community through available data. The CoC conducts a Community Needs Assessment every three years to determine community needs, including housing.
2. Over the past year, the CoC has seen an increase number of newly homeless households entering the system, likely due to the funds allocated towards Homeless Prevention & Diversion efforts across CoC decreasing significantly since the end of the federal rent assistance dollars . As a result, the CoC is working to expand local prevention dollars available in the community to address the need and also working long term to expand access to affordable housing stock for families struggling to keep up with increasing rents.
3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency.

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 CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	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's local vulnerability screening, the CCAT, includes length of time experiencing homelessness as a vulnerability factor. In addition, the CoC has focused on increasing staffing support for households in shelter, with particular focus on housing navigation support to ensure households are able to work on addressing and reducing housing barriers while in shelter. In particular, Housing Navigators work closely with households and landlords, developing strong relationships to ensure the household has long term stability once housed. In addition, the increase of Coordinated Outreach efforts in the CoC has increased wraparound supports for households who are less likely to engage with services and has shown successful outcomes for many chronically homeless households in the community.
- 2.The CoC's HMIS team updates a system dashboard each month with information captured by the CE team over the past month, including length of homelessness. This information is reviewed by the CoC work groups, including the CoC Steering and Coordinated Outreach teams to ensure prioritization of services and identification of gaps in system services.
- 3.Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—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 saw a small decrease in system wide exits to permanent housing in the past year, likely tied to the ongoing impacts of pandemic and continually increasing rental costs with decreasing availability of units that are within most households' very tight budgets. With this in mind, the CoC has continued focusing on expanding Diversion supports, including housing navigation and landlord recruitment efforts. Diversion has expanded beyond the CE agency to include Coordinated Outreach teams and the approach is also used by local agencies running shelters as well.
- 2.The CoC efforts to support households accessing permanent housing programs and any potential exits from these programs is focused on increasing case management and connection to mainstream resources to ensure households are able to maintain their housing. In collaboration with the PHA in the CoC, 100 Emergency Housing Vouchers were received in Clark County and the CoC Steering Committee prioritized identification of households in PSH programs who no longer needed the ongoing case management and with a housing voucher could sustain their housing. With these vouchers, the CoC was able to increase positive exits and expand access to other households in need of PSH level supports.
- 3.Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	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 of additional returns 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 HMIS team updates the System Numbers Dashboard every month with numbers collected from programs and CE staff. Households returning to the system are captured and included in this system dashboard, which is regularly reviewed for outcomes and to ensure programmatic outcomes are meeting requirements.
- 2.The CoC continues to prioritize the expansion of prevention assistance. As the federal funding winds down, the CoC continues utilizing a vulnerability screening tool for prioritization of for households in need of rental assistance, which includes previous experiences of homeless as a risk factor.
- 3.Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

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 HMIS team has ensured all program entry/exit information tracks income and benefits to ensure the CoC’s System Dashboard reports provide trends on how successfully the system and programs are in increasing income supports for households receiving services.
- 2.The CoC works closely with several employment agencies, who utilize HMIS, increasing system collaboration and tracking of services accessed. The CoC regularly invites employment services agencies to present at the general CoC meeting and sends out flyers and resources regularly to ensure greater system collaboration and ensure program staff are aware of resources available in the community.
3. Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

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.The CoC regularly provides updates at work group meetings and the general CoC meeting regarding changes or access to non-cash benefits. In addition, the HMIS system provides non cash benefits on program entry and exit, regularly updated on the System Dashboard report, which is reviewed by work groups, the CoC general meeting, to ensure gaps are identified and additional resources are provided to CoC members to increase households’ access to these resources.
- 2.Council for the Homeless is the CE lead agency

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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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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?	Yes
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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?	Yes
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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.s.	

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

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.

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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 Serving 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
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3C-2.	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)

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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