

FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants

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Purpose

This document provides Collaborative Applicants with guidance to complete the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition. The CoC Application is one of two parts of the CoC Consolidated Application. The second part is the Priority Listings, including reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings for FY 2023 funding consideration by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

The CoC Application and the CoC Priority Listing are separate submissions in *e-snaps*; therefore, you must ensure that both the CoC Application and the CoC Priority Listing, with all project applications approved, ranked where required, or rejected, are submitted in *e-snaps* prior to the September 28, 2023 (unless HUD extends the deadline), CoC Program Competition application submission deadline.

Resources for Completing CoC Application Process

The <u>CoC Program Competition</u> page on HUD's website provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the CoC Application, including:

- <u>Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care</u> (CoC) Program Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program;
- <u>24 CFR part 578;</u>
- <u>CoC Application Navigational Guide;</u>
- Frequently Asked Questions; and
- <u>Current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report</u>, developed by a HUD-approved TA provider, to assist you in answering Question 1C-7 regarding Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area.

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.

About the FY 2023 CoC Application

- 1. 200 total points available.
- **2.** CoC Bonus Projects–NOFO Sections II.B.1. and V.B.2.b. Your CoC may submit CoC Bonus project applications up to 7 percent of your CoC's Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)

and might be eligible for CoC Bonus funding if your CoC Application demonstrates project applications are ranked based on how they improve system performance and reallocates lower performing projects to create new higher performing projects.

- **3. Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Projects**–NOFO Sections I.B.2.b.(8), I.B.2.c.3.l. and I.B.3.l. Your CoC may submit DV Bonus project applications up to the Bonus amount listed on the FY 2023 Estimated ARD Report and might be eligible for DV Bonus funding if your CoC Application demonstrates project applications are ranked based on how they improve system performance. Your CoC may apply for multiple Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (PH-RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing-Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing (Joint TH and PH-RRH) projects but limited to only one Supportive Services Only-Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) project. All DV Bonus project applications must commit to following a housing first approach.
- **4.** If you imported information from the FY 2022 CoC Application, you are responsible for reviewing all pre-populated information to ensure it is current and accurate.
- **5.** We will only consider responses provided to individual questions unless otherwise stated in this guidance.
- **6.** For narrative responses, we recommend you draft responses in a word processing program with a character counter to ensure responses do not exceed the character limit allowed in the text field–then carefully copy and paste your response to the correct response field in *e-snaps*.
- 7. Unless otherwise noted in the question, dates referred to as Fiscal Year (FY) are from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022.

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Questions 1A-1 through **1A-3** are **read-only** and are prepopulated based on information in your CoC's Applicant Profile. The Collaborative Applicant information displayed must match the Collaborative Applicant registered during the FY 2023 CoC Program Registration process. If this information is different, it must have been approved as outlined in Section I.G. of the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO. You cannot change the Collaborative Applicant name in the CoC Application. If the information in this section is not correct, or if the field is blank, send an email to CoCNOFO@hud.gov.

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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.

Guidance-

- **A.** If you select yes for **Participated in CoC Meetings**, you must select yes or no in the other two columns.
- **B.** If you select no for **Participated in CoC Meetings**, you can select yes for **Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry**.
- **C. Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System** (CES) means a partner is involved in the assessment and/or referral process, not whether the partner participated in developing the CES.
- **D.** Elements **33 and 34 Other** are optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate responses.

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

Organization/Person		Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No

2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

Org	ganization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing of CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
34.	Other:	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No
35.	Other:	Yes/No/Nonexistent	Yes/No	Yes/No

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
- **Guidance**–For **element 2** of this question, access means the people can physically access communication your CoC provides to the public on how to join your CoC, for example:
 - online invitation;
 - in-person invitation–virtual/remote meetings; and
 - invitations offered at other public events/venues.
- **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).

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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;

Guidance-

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, we consider mentioning meetings **in addition** to other activities, such as, but not limited to, workshops or training as part of a strategy.
- **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

Guidance-

- **B.** For **element 2** of this question, access means the people can physically access your CoC to provide feedback on preventing and ending homelessness, for example:
 - online solicitation for public input;
 - in-person solicitation for public input-virtual/remote meetings; and
 - solicitations for input offered at other public events/venues.
- **4.** took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

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1B-4. Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.

NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)

Guidance-

- A. Examples of public notifications may include, but are not limited to:
 - postings on your CoC's website or a partner's website;
 - postings in newspapers with general circulation within the CoC's geographic area; and
 - publicly accessible forums.
- **B.** All mediums must be open to the public–we will not award points for:
 - forums that **do not** reach the general public;
 - email to the existing membership, for example, listserv messages; and
 - notes from CoC meetings.

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.

Guidance-

- **C.** For **element 4** of this question, access means the people can physically access communication your CoC provides to the public on how to apply as an organization not previously funded through your CoC, for example:
 - online posting of the application process;
 - in-person meetings-virtual/remote; and
 - other public events/venues.

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1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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

- **A.** Your CoC must consult with the organizations that award funds–at the recipient level, not the subrecipient level.
- **B.** Element **18 Other** is optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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

	atities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes/No/Nonexistent
2.	Head Start Program	Yes/No/Nonexistent
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes/No/Nonexistent
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes/No/Nonexistent
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes/No/Nonexistent
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes/No/Nonexistent
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes/No/Nonexistent
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes/No/Nonexistent
14.	Private Foundations	Yes/No/Nonexistent
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes/No/Nonexistent
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes/No/Nonexistent
18.	Other	Yes/No/Nonexistent

2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

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

- **A.** Consultation must be with ESG recipients–metropolitan cities, urban counties, territories, and states, as defined in 24 CFR 576.2–not subrecipients.
- **B.** If there is **no local** ESG allocation within your CoC's geographic area, your CoC **must consult with the state ESG recipient**—meaning you must respond to this question by either answering the questions based on your CoC's consultation with the state ESG recipient or stating that your CoC did not consult with the state ESG recipient.

C. If your CoC's Collaborative Applicant is an ESG recipient, you must still respond to each element in this question.

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.

Guidance-

D. For **element 4** of this question, the Consolidated Plan Update could include a ConPlan amendment or Action Plan.

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

Guidance-

- **A.** For **elements 1 and 2** of this question, your CoC could meet the requirement through stand-alone trainings or part of another training, so long as the training has a separate section for family separation.
- **B.** Separation of the perpetrator is the only allowable exception to the prohibition against family separation of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

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–No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated.	Yes–No
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes–No
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–No
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.	Yes–No

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

Guidance–Youth education providers can include public and private or charter schools, trade schools, job training, and other specialized programs such as Youth Build and Job Corps or there might be other types of youth education providers within a CoC not directly related to the SEA or LEA.

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

1.	Youth Education Provider	Yes–No
2.	State Education Agency (SEA)	Yes–No
3.	Local Education Agency (LEA)	Yes–No
4.	School Districts	Yes–No

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

Guidance-

- A. We are looking for a systemwide process, not one project or shelter.
- **B.** Formal means the partnership is in writing–examples include:
 - policy and procedures;
 - MOU;
 - governance charter that specifies a reserved seat for one of the organizations selected in **question 1C-4** on the CoC's board, committee, or working group; and
 - other written documents.

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**.

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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

1C-4c. Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.

NOFO Section V.B.1.d.

Guidance-

A. Examples of formal written agreements include Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs).

- **B.** Examples of other types of agreements include, but are not limited to:
 - agreements to attend each other's planning meetings or conduct formal cross training;
 - coordinating housing is a joint rapid rehousing pilot/program that includes early childhood services and supports for families; and
 - support and document referral processes between Coordinated Entry providers and early childhood services and supportive services providers.
- **C.** Your CoC is only required to have a formal agreement with the federal agency in **element 5**.
- **D.** Element **10 Other** is optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the **Other** field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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	Yes/No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	Yes/No	Yes/No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes/No	Yes/No
4.	Early Head Start	Yes/No	Yes/No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program-(including Maternal, Infant		
	and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	Yes/No	Yes/No
6.	Head Start	Yes/No	Yes/No
7.	Healthy Start	Yes/No	Yes/No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes/No	Yes/No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	Yes/No	Yes/No
10	. Other	Yes/No	Yes/No

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.

- A. For element 2 of this question, your response could include:
 - discussions in CoC meetings;
 - working groups; and
 - CoC-lead or CoC-sponsored technical assistance.
- **B.** Your response must indicate which organization(s) your CoC collaborates with that help provide housing and services to domestic violence survivors, including those funding by HUD CoC Program, HUD Emergency Solutions Grants Program, U.S. Department of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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

Organizations		
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes/No
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes/No
3.	Other Organizations that Help this Population	Yes/No

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.

Guidance–For both elements of this question, your response must specifically address CoC and ESG Programs.

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

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.

Guidance-

A. Meaning of terms:

Trauma-informed: Approaches delivered with an understanding of the vulnerabilities and experiences of trauma survivors, including the prevalence and physical, social, and emotional impact of trauma. A trauma-informed approach recognizes signs of trauma in staff, clients, and others, and responds by integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices, and settings. Trauma-informed approaches place priority on restoring the survivors' feelings of safety, choice, and control. Programs, services, organizations, and communities can be trauma-informed.

Victim-centered: Placing the crime victim's priorities, needs, and interests at the center of the work with the victim; providing nonjudgmental assistance, with an emphasis on client self-determination, where appropriate, and assisting victims in making informed choices; ensuring that restoring victims' feelings of safety and security are a priority and safeguarding against policies and practices that could inadvertently re-traumatize victims; ensuring that victims' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated when developing and implementing system- and community-based efforts that affect crime victims.

B. Your response must specifically address best practices on safety planning protocols your CoC is using to serve survivors of domestic violence.

- **C.** Examples include but are not limited to:
 - identifying and assessing victims' individual safety needs;
 - enhancing and supporting collaboration with DV organizations; and
 - ensuring that victims' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated.

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).

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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.

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- 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.
- **Guidance**–Your response **must identify data source**(**s**) your CoC uses to evaluate how best to meet-the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness, which may include:
 - A. data from comparable databases;
 - B. HMIS data; and
 - **C.** data from other stakeholders serving survivors of domestic violence in your CoC's geographic area.

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.

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- 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.
- **Guidance**–Your response must focus on your CoC's communication strategy to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program **housing assistance**, regardless of known survivor status.

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.

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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

Guidance-

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, "all" means that CoCs should be providing the same access to housing and services to survivors as all other populations experiencing homelessness–not just assistance from victim service organizations.
- 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.

Guidance-

B. For **element 2** of this question, "proactively" means–getting in front of the issues rather than waiting for or merely responding to something negative (for example, reactionary response based on an Inspector General audit finding or a noncompliant situation).

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1C-5g. Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.

NOFO Section V.B.1.e.

Guidance-

A. For this question, **range of lived expertise** means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.

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

Guidance-

- **B.** For **element 1** of this question, your response must describe:
 - (1) the **role(s)** and expertise of the survivor(s) involved–not their names;
 - (2) how your CoC safely engaged, recruited, trained, and compensated survivors to do this work; and
 - (3) the intentional and meaningful integration of survivors' feedback.
- 2. accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

Guidance-

- C. For element 2 of this question, some examples are:
 - asking for name, gender, and language preferences;
 - providing multiple options for safe communication with survivors; and
 - ensuring survivors consent to any disclosure of their status and participation with the CoC.

Limit 2,500 Characters

1C-6. Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–Anti-Discrimination Policies and Training. NOFO Section V.B.1.f.

1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination polensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive se shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	-
2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on h effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Program Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access F Rule)?	18
3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on h effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individu Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gende Final Rule)?	al's Gender

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 antidiscrimination 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

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**.

Guidance-

- **A.** This section applies specifically to CoC coordination with PHA programs, including the Public Housing program and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program (tenant-based vouchers, project-based vouchers (PBVs), and special purpose vouchers, as further indicated below).
- **B.** Description of preferences:

General Preference–Places all the members of a certain category (or categories) of households above other households on a list.

Limited Preference–Often referred to as a "set-aside", is a defined number of public housing units or Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) made available on a priority basis to a certain type of applicant for housing assistance.

Moving On Strategy–How recipients move current CoC Program participants, who no longer require intensive services and want to move out of CoC Program funded-PSH to other housing assistance programs (including, but not limited to, Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing) to free up CoC Program funded-PSH beds to be used for persons experiencing homelessness. For purposes of this section, CoCs will only receive points for a Moving On Strategy developed in connection with PHA programs.

Project-Based Waiting List Preference–PHAs may choose to establish a separate waiting list for admission to PBV units or may use the same waiting list for both tenant-based and PBV assistance. PHAs that choose a separate PBV waiting list may use a separate waiting list for PBV units in individual projects or buildings (or for sets of such units) or may use a waiting list for the PHA's whole PBV program. In either case, the waiting list may establish preferences (general or limited) for occupancy of particular units.

C. Enter the **higher percentage** of total new admissions who were experiencing homelessness at entry into the Public Housing or HCV program during FY 2022.

- **Example**–A PHA had a 3 percent admission rate of people experiencing homelessness at the **time of entry** to its Public Housing Program and an admission rate of 8 percent of people experiencing homelessness **at the time of admission to the HCV program**. The CoC would enter the higher number, HCV admissions of 8 percent into the chart.
- **D. Upload to** the **4B. Attachments Screen** a copy of an excerpt from the PHA(s) Administrative Plan, Admission and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), or a letter from the PHA(s) that addresses:
 - 1. Homeless preference (whether general or limited)–name the attachment PHA Homeless Preference
 - 2. Moving On preference–this may include the Administrative Plan or ACOP–name the attachment PHA Moving On Preference.
- **E.** All new **admissions** experiencing homelessness at the time of entry count toward the percentage, regardless of the voucher type.
- **F.** You cannot substitute website links or hyperlinks to meet the attachment requirements—we will only consider documentation submitted in *e-snaps*.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current <u>CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report</u> 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?
Name	Percent of New Admissions	Yes-Public Housing, Yes-HCV, Yes-Both, and No	Yes–No
Name	Percent of New Admissions	Yes-Public Housing, Yes-HCV, Yes-Both, and No	Yes–No

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

1C-7b. Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.

Not Scored-For Information Only

Guidance-

- A. Moving On Strategy is how recipients in your CoC move current CoC Program participants, who no longer require intensive services—who are able and want to move out of CoC Program funded-PSH beds with a rental subsidy—to other housing assistance programs (including, but not limited to, Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing) to free up CoC Program funded-PSH beds to be used for persons experiencing homelessness.
- **B.** Element 5. Other is optional—you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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

1.	multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes–No
2.	РНА	Yes–No
3.	Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes–No
4.	local low-income housing programs	Yes–No
5.	Other	Yes–No

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–No
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Yes–No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	Yes–No
4.	HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes–No
5.	Mainstream Vouchers	Yes–No
6.	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	Yes–No
7.	Public Housing	Yes–No
8.	Other Units from PHAs	Yes–No

1C-7d. Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.

NOFO Section V.B.1.g.

Guidance-

- **A.** You may select **Yes** if your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for any **competitive** application submitted after January 2020 to receive points for this question.
- **B.** If your CoC did not meet the requirement in A, you must select No–the following types of applications are not eligible to receive points for this question:
 - 1. non-competitive programs, such as HUD-VASH and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV); and
 - 2. CoC Program-funded applications.
- **C.** Joint applications may include any competitive programs **not dedicated** to people experiencing homelessness.

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–No
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

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

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

1C-7e.1. List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.

Not Scored-For Information Only

Guidance–An active MOU means your CoC has an MOU in place that defines the relationship between the CoC and PHA regarding EHV at the time you submit this application.

Does your CoC have an **active** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any
PHA to administer the EHV Program?Yes-No

If you select yes to **question 1C-7e.1.**, you must use the list feature icon **P** to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has **an active** MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

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1D. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations–Continued

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

Guidance–CoCs must coordinate with state or local discharge planning efforts to ensure people exiting from foster care and institutions (i.e., jails/prisons/hospitals, mental health facilities, or other institutional settings) are not released directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs, and the CoC works with discharge planning efforts to help identify affordable and integrated housing opportunities for individuals with disabilities transitioning from institutional settings, including providing reasonable accommodations that may be necessary for program participation, and ensuring housing options include housing that meets one's disability-related needs.

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–No
2.	Health Care	Yes–No
3.	Mental Health Care	Yes–No
4.	Correctional Facilities	Yes–No

1D-2. Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.

NOFO Section V.B.1.i.

- A. Do not include data related to YHDP renewal or replacement projects.
- **B.** Housing First for this question means providing low barrier projects that do not have service participation requirements or preconditions to entry and prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing. Preconditions to entry that are **not Housing First compliant** include but are not limited to:
 - 1. income requirements;
 - 2. current or past substance use;
 - **3.** history of victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse); and
 - **4.** a criminal record–except restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance (e.g., restrictions on serving people who are listed on sex offender registries.)
- **C.** The chart below lists questions where you gather data from project application(s) included on your CoC's Priority Listing. We will score this question based on the responses in the related **Project Applications** questions as submitted in *e-snaps*.

	Related Project Application Questions		
Low Barriers to	New:	Screen 3B, question 5b	
Project Entry	Renewal:	Screen 3B, question 3b	
Housing First	New:	Screen 3B, questions 5a, 5b, 5c, and 5d	
	Renewal:	Screen 3B, questions 3a, 3b, 3c, and 3d	

D. Element 3 of this question is read-only and will auto calculate after you save the page.

	Number
 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. 	
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.	
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.	

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.

- **A.** This question assesses how your CoC regularly evaluates projects to ensure those that commit to using a Housing First approach are prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants.
- **B.** Your CoC must evaluate **every project** outside of your CoC's local competition rating and ranking process, for projects applying for CoC Program funding. This may be the same tool and process you use during your CoC's local competition.
- **C.** You must upload an example of an actual evaluation of at least one project, conducted outside of your CoC local competition process–containing information about that project–not a blank form.
- **D.** Name the attachment **Housing First Evaluation**.
- **E.** For resources related to Housing First implementation and an example of a Housing First assessment tool, see:

- <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/responsibilities-and-</u> <u>duties/housing-first-implementation-resources/</u>
- <u>https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5294/housing-first-assessment-tool/</u>

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

1D-3. Street Outreach–Scope.

NOFO Section V.B.1.j.

Guidance-

A. HUD expects CoCs to:

- 1. conduct street outreach throughout their entire geographic areas in a way that allows for quick identification and engagement of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness;
- 2. at a minimum, cover every county within the CoC's geographic area at least one time each year, though in many cases–particularly if your CoC is in a more urban area–your CoC might need to conduct street outreach more frequently;
- **3.** provide effective communications for persons with disabilities including large print, sign-language interpreters, Braille, and other formats; and
- 4. provide access for persons with limited English proficiency.

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;

Guidance-

B. For **element 2** of this question, your response must state the percentage of your CoC's geographic area that your CoC's Street Outreach covers, for example 100 percent, 75 percent. When calculating the percentage, you may exclude areas in your CoC's geographic area that are inaccessible to street outreach workers, such as deserts and gated communities, **and** your response must also describe the excluded areas and the percentage–see illustration and examples below.

Illustration

		Areas Accessible to Street Outreach Workers	Street Outreach Coverage	Gated Communities	Deserts	Element 2 Response
	a.	98%	98%	1%	1%	100%
ĺ	b.	98%	75%	1%	1%	77%

Based on **Illustration a** above, a response to **element 2** of this question could be:

Our CoC's street outreach efforts cover 100 percent of our CoC's geographic area. 98 percent of our CoC's geographic area is accessible to our street outreach workers, while 2 percent is inaccessible to them because 1 percent is located in gated communities and 1 percent is located in the desert.

Based on **Illustration b** above, a response to **element 2** of this question could be:

Our CoC's street outreach efforts cover 77 percent of our CoC's geographic area. 98 percent of our CoC's geographic area is accessible to our street outreach workers, while 2 percent is inaccessible to them because 1 percent is located in gated communities and 1 percent is located in the desert.

The inaccessible exclusion **does not apply** to areas that **are accessible** where your CoC is not conducting street outreach as displayed in **Illustration b**.

- 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

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

- A. Examples of laws and policies that criminalize include, but are not limited to:
 - banning camping or sleeping in public;
 - vagrancy, sitting, loitering, or begging in public places;
 - evictions from homeless camps (homeless sweeps), restrictions on panhandling; and
 - banning living in vehicles.
- **B.** Element **5 Other** is optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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–No	Yes–No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes–No	Yes–No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes–No	Yes–No
4.	Implemented communitywide plans	Yes–No	Yes–No
5.	Other	Yes–No	Yes–No

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

NOFO Section V.B.1.l.

Guidance–There are two acceptable sources for the RRH data for this question:

- A. HIC–only enter RRH bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current"; or
- **B.** Longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR–enter aggregate household data for all RRH projects, regardless of funding source.

	Data Source	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all	HIC		
populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data		

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

Guidance-

- **A.** Effective use of benefits may include assisting with appointments, transportation, etc.
- **B.** Element **7 Other** is optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes–No
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes–No
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes–No
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes–No
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes–No
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes–No
7.	Other	Yes–No

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

Guidance-

A. Your response must describe what your CoC is doing, not what individual projects are doing.

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.

Guidance-

B. For **element 3** of this question, if your CoC is located in a U.S. Territory where SSI/SSDI benefits are federally prohibited, state this fact in your response.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance-

- A. Examples of reasons to provide non-congregate sheltering include:
 - **1.** providing non-congregate shelter beds for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness;
 - **2.** providing non-congregate shelter as an alternative to other shelter options;
 - 3. preventing the spread of infectious diseases; and
 - 4. protecting highly vulnerable individuals from infectious diseases.
- **B.** Increasing capacity means your CoC has more non-congregate shelter units or more funding to provide non-congregate sheltering.

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

Limit 2,500 Characters

1D-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:

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

1D-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

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;

Guidance-

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, you must state the percentage of the CE coverage area—if it is 100 percent state that, if it is less state the actual percentage.
- 2. uses a standardized assessment process; and

Guidance-

- **B.** For **element 2** of this question, you must describe the information sources your CoC uses that informed your CoC's assessment determination–for example case conferences, HMIS factors, assessment protocols.
- **3.** is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance-

A. For **element 3** of this question, you must describe your CoC's process that is currently in place to ensure people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner.

4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

Guidance-

B. For **element 4** of this **question**, you must describe the steps your CoC is taking to reduce burdens such as invasive questions or unnecessary complexities in the assessment processes.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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;

Guidance-

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, affirmatively markets means advertising housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status, or disability–that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c).
- 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.

Guidance-

B. For **element 3** of this question, your response must describe your CoC's **process** for reporting observed conditions or actions that impede fair housing–which could include, but is not limited to, reporting impediments to fair housing while participating in the consolidated planning process of the jurisdiction(s) in your CoC's geographic area.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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-No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	Date

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

Guidance-

A. This question refers to CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

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

Guidance-

- **B.** For **element 1** of this question, your response must include your CoC's assessment process (e.g., <u>CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool</u>) and data sources.
- 2. what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

Limit 2,500 Characters

1D-10b. Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.

NOFO Section V.B.1.q.

Guidance–Element **12 Other** is optional–you can provide additional information if you choose to. You must enter information in the other field in *e-snaps* and save the page, then select the appropriate response.

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

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1.	The CoC's board and decision-making bodies are representative of the	Yes–No
	population served in the CoC.	
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decision-	Yes–No
	making bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations	Yes–No
	of underrepresented groups.	
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials,	Yes–No
	inclusive of underrepresented groups.	
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better	Yes-No
	understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and	Yes–No
	invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the	
	homelessness sector.	
7.	The CoC has staff, committees or other resources charged with analyzing and	Yes–No
	addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local	Yes–No
	and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of	
	creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on	Yes-No
	people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for	Yes–No
	people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs	Yes–No
	of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	
12.	Other	Yes–No

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

Guidance–If your CoC's position is that no disparities exist within your CoC, your response must state and support that position.

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

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

Guidance–Refer to the HUD Exchange for resources for equity data tools: <u>Racial Equity-HUD</u> <u>Exchange</u>.

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

1D-11. Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and decision-making–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

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.

- A. The letter must be signed by either:
 - 1. at least three members involved in the working group (for example, advisory committee, subcommittee) comprised of individuals with lived experience; or
 - 2. an authorized representative of the workgroup (for example, a working chair) along with evidence that the person is authorized to represent the group; and the letter must demonstrate support of the priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness with severe service needs in the CoC's geographic area.

B. In the chart below, you must enter a value of '0' or more in both columns for all five elements.

C. Name the attachment Letter Signed by Working Group.

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 decision-making processes related to addressing homelessness.		
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.		
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.		
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.		

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

Guidance-Examples include: internships, continuing education, skill-based training.

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

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:

- 1. how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
- **2.** how your CoC routinely gathered 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.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance-Examples of steps include, but are not limited to:

- meeting with elected/non-elected officials;
- attending zoning meetings;
- submitting comments to officials; and
- letter writing campaigns.

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.

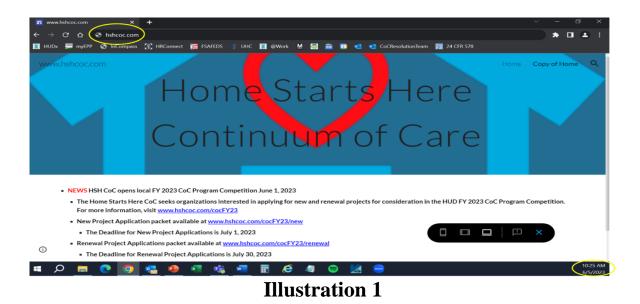
Limit 2,500 Characters

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

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.

- **A.** Upload to the **4B. Attachment Screen** a screenshot of a web posting on your CoC's or partner's website. We are looking for four things in the screenshot–see **Illustration 1** below for an example of sufficient evidence:
 - a web posting of your CoC's local competition deadline(s) on a landing page, not a link to an attachment, that is no later than August 29, 2023–which is 30 days before the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition submission deadline, unless HUD extends the deadline;
 - **2.** a plain statement that the deadline is for your CoC's local competition for CoC Program funding;
 - 3. the URL address (Uniform Resource Locator); and
 - **4.** a system-generated date and time that your CoC published the local competition deadline(s)–which must be in advance your CoC's local competition deadline(s).



- B. Your CoC is not required to open its local competition for 30 days, rather your CoC's local competition submission deadline must be no later than August 29, 2023–which is 30 days before HUD's CoC Program Competition submission deadline of September 28, 2023–unless HUD extends the deadline; in such cases the extended deadline is 30 calendar days before the HUD-approved extension deadline.
 - 1. Your CoC **may require** applicants to submit their project applications in *e-snaps* prior to our CoC Program Competition submission deadline to be considered for funding as part of your CoC's local competition process.
 - 2. For our purposes, all project applications **must be submitted** in *e-snaps* by our September 28, 2023, submission deadline for us to consider the projects for funding.
- **C.** If your CoC has different submission deadlines for new and renewal projects in your local competition, you must combine the evidence for all deadlines.
- D. We will not award points for evidence that is:
 - 1. a request for proposal/intent to apply that does not include the final deadline for applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC for consideration during your CoC's local competition;
 - 2. a web posting that is not readable;
 - 3. a web posting with manually added times and dates;
 - 4. a web posting with a link to a document with deadlines-meaning the submission deadlines must be on the web page-landing page-not an attachment linked to the website;
 - 5. a Facebook posting or other such platforms not available to the public without accounts or subscriptions-the evidence must be on a public website landing page;

- 6. a **newspaper posting**/notice_though your CoC may require a newspaper posting_we will only award points for evidence that meets the requirements in **Guidance A**;
- 7. a **listserv** deadline notification, regardless of the service provider;
- 8. an individual email deadline notification; or
- 9. an online video containing deadline notifications.
- E. Name the attachment Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline.

1.	Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project	Date
	applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC-meaning the date	
	your CoC published the deadline.	
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants	Date
	to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition-meaning the	
	date your CoC published the deadline.	

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.

- **A.** To be eligible for CoC Bonus and DV Bonus funding consideration, you must demonstrate that your CoC used at least one criterion relating to improving system performance.
- **B.** Attach to the **4B.** Attachments Screen the scoring tool your CoC used in your local competition to score new and renewal ranked projects and all project application component–e.g., PSH, RRH, TH, SSO, Joint TH-RRH–types, which must include:
 - 1. maximum points available for each **project**;
 - 2. maximum points available for **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);
 - **3.** maximum points available for **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);
 - **4.** maximum points available for projects that addressed specific **severe barriers** to housing and services; and

- **5.** data from comparable databases used to score projects submitted by victim service providers.
- **C.** If your CoC **does not use** a tool that includes maximum points available **for all component types** (for example, PSH, RRH) used in your local competition, then you must combine and upload the scoring tool for each component type your CoC used during its local competition that include maximum points available.
- **D.** Do not include all scored project applications submitted by project applicants as part of the attached evidence for this question.
- E. For element 4 of this question, examples of barriers include:
 - high utilization of crisis or emergency services to meet basic needs, including but not limited to emergency rooms, jails, and psychiatric facilities
 - history of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse
 - length of time homeless
 - low income
 - no income
 - only project of its kind in their CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation
 - risk of continued homelessness
 - significant challenges or functional impairments, including physical, mental, developmental or behavioral health disabilities regardless of the type of disability, which require a significant level of support to maintain permanent housing (focuses on the level of support needed not disability type)
 - substance abuse–current or past
 - unsheltered homelessness-especially youth and children
 - vulnerability to illness or death
 - vulnerability to victimization, including physical assault, trafficking or sex work
- **F.** For **element 6** of this question, if your CoC **does not use** a tool that includes maximum points available to projects, then you must describe how your CoC rated and ranking the projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation 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.
- **G.** Renewal and replacement YHDP–except FY 2016 (Round 1), CoC Planning, and UFA Costs projects are not included in the criteria because they are not ranked.
- H. Name the attachment Local Competition Scoring Tool.

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–No
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–No
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–No
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes–No
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes–No
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-No

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.

- **A.** Upload to the **4B. Attachments Screen** a copy of score forms used for **one renewal project** submitted in your local competition, which must include:
 - 1. the objective criteria and system performance criteria and their **respective** maximum point values–if your CoC uses multiple score forms, you must include maximum point values for everything your CoC awarded points that made up the final project score for the one scored renewal project; and
 - **2.** the actual points your CoC awarded for all score forms for the one scored renewal project.
 - **3.** If your CoC uses different score forms for different types of renewal projects, upload the most commonly used score form(s) that includes the maximum point values and the actual points your CoC awarded for one scored renewal project:
 - (a) if your CoC used several score forms for each renewal project, combine and upload all score forms used for one project; or

- (b) if your CoC only used one renewal project score form or one set of score forms for all renewal projects, upload it or combine and upload the set; or
- (c) if your CoC only used one score form or one set of score forms for **renewal and new projects**, upload it or combine and upload the set.
- 4. If your CoC has no renewal projects, upload all score forms for one new project that includes:
 - (a) objective criteria with maximum point values and actual points your CoC awarded; and
 - (b) system performance criteria (if used) with maximum point values and actual points your CoC awarded.
- B. Do not upload applications submitted in *e-snaps* by project applicants.
- **C. Element 3** of this question relates to the attachment requirement. If the renewal form type most commonly used is a tie, you may submit the renewal form(s) for either renewal project type.
- D. Name the attachment Scored Forms for One Project.
- **E.** Renewal and replacement YHDP–except FY 2016 (Round 1), CoC Planning, and UFA Costs projects are not included in the criteria because they are not ranked.

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)?	Number
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	Number
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	HMIS PH-RRH PH-PSH Safe Haven SSO TH Joint TH-RRH Tie None

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

Guidance-

A. Include in your response 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 needed in the CoC's geographic area.

- **B.** Below are examples of needs and vulnerabilities that you should consider when answering this question (these examples are not exhaustive) and you should describe any other vulnerabilities the CoC took into consideration:
 - history of victimization/abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse;
 - criminal histories;
 - chronic homelessness;
 - low or no income;
 - current or past substance abuse;
 - the only project of its kind in the CoC's geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation.
- C. Your response to this question must agree with the information you provided in question 1E-2.'s Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment and demonstrated in question 1E-2a.'s Scored Renewal Project Application attachment.
- **D.** Renewal and replacement YHDP–except FY 2016 (Round 1), CoC Planning, and UFA Costs projects are not included in the criteria because they are not ranked.

Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;

Guidance-

- **E.** An example of acceptable data is HMIS/Comparable database exit destination data.
- 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

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;

Guidance-

- **A.** For **elements 1** of this question, your response must specifically identify the race(s) and ethnicities over-represented and provide the percentage of their over representation.
- 2. how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those overrepresented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and

Guidance-

- **B.** For element 2 of this question, your response must describe:
 - 1. how persons of different races and ethnicities participated in the review and selection workgroup, committee, etc., that reviewed, selected, and ranked projects in your CoC's local competition to submit to HUD for funding; and
 - **2.** the percentage of those over-represented that participated on the workgroup, committee, etc.
- **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.

Guidance-

C. For **element 3** of this question, your response must explain how the equity criteria affects the ranking and scoring of a project, meaning describe how it is a factor in determining where a project is selected. Merely stating we give points for equity is not sufficient.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance-

A. Your CoC may still receive maximum points if your CoC followed its reallocation process and did not reallocate lower performing projects.

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;

- **B.** For **element 1** of this question, your response **must describe your CoC's process** including how your CoC determines whether to reallocate lower performing or less needed projects to create new higher performing projects—only refencing your reallocation policy is not sufficient.
- 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;

Guidance-

- C. For element 2 of this question, your response must state whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects.
- **3.** whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and

Guidance-

- **D.** For **element 3** of this question, your response must state **whether your CoC reallocated** any low performing or less needed projects–stating "not applicable" or similar responses to this element are not sufficient responses.
- **4.** why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

Guidance-

E. For **element 4** of this question, your response must state **why your CoC did not reallocate** any low performing or less needed projects, **or** state that there were no low performing or less needed projects–stating "not applicable" or similar responses to this element are not sufficient responses.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance–To determine if your CoC cumulatively reallocated at least 20 percent, add the reallocated amounts for FY 2018, FY 2019, FY 2021, FY 2022, FY 2023 and divide the sum by your CoC's FY 2018 Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).

Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between Yes–No FY 2018 and FY 2023?

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**.

- A. If your CoC rejected or reduced any project(s), upload to the 4B. Attachments Screen evidence that your CoC provided notification no later than September 13, 2023, which is 15 days before HUD's FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline of September 28, 2023–unless HUD extends the deadline, in such cases the extended deadline is 15 calendar days before the extension deadline. This does not apply to renewal and replacement YHDP projects–accept FY 2016 (Round 1), CoC Planning, and UFA Costs projects because they are not ranked; unless one of these project types were submitted by an ineligible applicant (a non-Collaborative Applicant submitted a CoC planning project).
- **B.** If your CoC **did not** reject or reduce any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition:

- 1. **upload** at the **4B. Attachments Screen** a statement that your CoC did not reject or reduce any project during your CoC's local competition; and
- 2. select No for elements 1 through 3 of this question.
- **C. Examples** of acceptable evidence that your CoC notified project applicants 15 days before the CoC Program Competition submission deadline–that clearly displays a system-generated date and time–include:
 - 1. email notification to all project applicants that your CoC posted to your CoC's or partner's website a listing–or an email to all project applicants–that includes:
 - (a) all projects;
 - (b) all project rankings;
 - (c) all project scores; and
 - (**d**) all funding amounts.
 - 2. individual notifications to project applicants, e.g., email or email with a letter attached that includes:
 - (a) project name;
 - (b) the reason(s) why your CoC reduced or rejected the projectwhich could be the project score; and
 - (c) rank order of the project.
- **D. We will not award points** for the following:
 - 1. documents that are not readable;
 - 2. documents with manually added times and dates;
 - 3. notification to any applicant that does not meet the deadline;
 - **4.** attachments that include dated letters with no evidence the CoC sent the letters to applicants by the deadline–we recommend you send notifications by email;
 - 5. email that does not list who the email was sent to; or
 - 6. listserv email with no evidence of who the email was sent to.

E. Name the attachment **Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced**.

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes/No
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes/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/No
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were	Date

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.

- A. Upload to the 4B. Attachments Screen evidence that your CoC provided notification no later than September 12, 2023, which is 15 days before HUD's FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Application submission deadline of September 28, 2023–unless HUD extends the deadline, in such cases the extended deadline is 15 calendar days before the HUD-approved extension deadline.
- **B.** If your CoC did **not** accept any project(s), upload to the **4B. Attachments Screen** a statement that your CoC did not accept any project during your CoC's local competition.
- **C.** Acceptable evidence that your CoC notified project applicants 15 days before the Special NOFO submission deadline–that clearly displays the date and time–include:
 - 1. email notification to all project applicants that your CoC posted to your CoC's or partner's website a listing–or an email to all project applicants–that includes:
 - (a) all projects;
 - (**b**) all project rankings;
 - (c) all project scores; and
 - (**d**) all funding amounts.
 - **2. individual notifications** to project applicants, e.g., email **or** email with a letter attached that includes:
 - (a) project name;
 - (**b**) project ranking;
 - (c) project score; and
 - (**d**) funding amount.
- **D.** We will not award points for any of the following:
 - 1. documents that are not readable;
 - 2. documents with manually added times and dates;
 - 3. notification to any applicant that does not meet the deadline;
 - **4.** attachments that include dated letters with no evidence your CoC sent the letters to the applicants by the deadline–we recommend you send notifications by email;

- 5. email that does not list who the email was sent to; or
- 6. listserv email with no evidence of who it was sent to.
- E. Name the attachment Notification of Projects Accepted.

Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications	Date
were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing,	
outside of <i>e-snaps</i> . 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-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.

Guidance-

A. Upload to the 4B. Attachments Screen the Local Competition Selection Results for all new and renewal projects your CoC considered during its local competition, including all renewal and replacement YHDP, CoC Planning, and UFA Costs projects. (see Illustration 2 below for an example of sufficient evidence).

Home Starts Here Continuum of Care Project Listing					
Project Name	Score	Accepted or Rejected	Rank (If Accepted)	Requested Funding Amount	Reallocated Funds
Home RRH	92	Accepted	4	\$250,000	\$50,000
Home PSH	86	Accepted	1	\$500,000	\$0
Hub of Hope CE	82	Accepted	3	\$100,000	\$0
Outreach SSO	72	Accepted	7	\$50,000	\$0
Home Away RRH	43	Rejected		\$0	\$0
Home Away PSH	70	Accepted	5	\$150,000	\$0
House PSH	90	Accepted	2	\$250,000	\$0
House RRH	70	Accepted	6	\$200,000	(\$50,000)

Illustration 2

- B. Name the attachment Final Project Scores for All Projects.
- **C. We will not award points** if you upload the *e-snaps*-generated Priority Listings as your attachment–we already have your Priority Listings as submitted in *e-snaps*.
- **D. WARNING:** If you amend project applications back to project applicants in *e-snaps* for them to make any changes, you must approve the project applications in *e-snaps* those applicants resubmit. If you do not, their project applications will not be included on your CoC's Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding–ARD–or HUD funding lower priority projects, but not funding the project you intended to approve after the project applicant changed and resubmitted their project application in *e-snaps*. We

lack the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which informs us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

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.

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.

Guidance-

A. Upload to the **4B. Attachments Screen** a screenshot of a website posting that legibly displays a system generated date and time demonstrating your CoC posted the CoC-Approved version of your CoC's Consolidated Application at least 2 days before the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition application submission deadline (e.g., screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar). See **Illustration 3** below for an example of sufficient evidence.

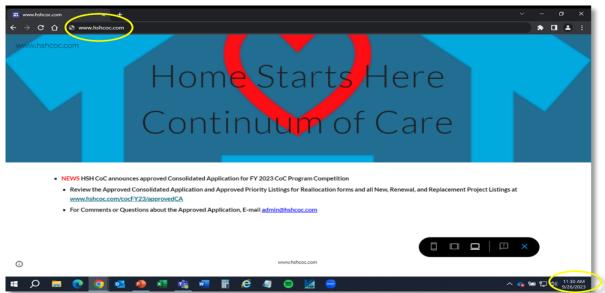


Illustration 3

B. We will only award points for the CoC-approved version of the CoC Consolidated Application–this means your CoC must approve and post the CoC Consolidated Application no later than September 26, 2023, which is 2 days before the FY 2023 CoC Program application submission deadline of September 28, 2023–unless HUD extends the deadline, in such cases the

Yes/No

extended deadline is 2 calendar days before the HUD-approved extension deadline.

Your CoC must have a process for approving the Consolidated Application as documented in your CoC's governance charter or other governing document(s). Your CoC may designate the CoC board, a committee, or the Collaborative Applicant to approve the application or your CoC may approve the application at a full CoC membership meeting in accordance with conflict-of-interest provisions at 24 CFR 578.95.

- **C.** We will not award points for evidence submitted:
 - 1. that is posted on **Facebook** or other such platforms not available to the public without accounts or subscriptions-the evidence **must be** on a website landing page;
 - **2.** that is not readable;
 - **3.** with manually added times and dates;
 - 4. without system-generated dates and times; or
 - **5.** that is a draft Consolidated Application–CoCs must approve the Consolidated Application posted to meet this requirement–**which does not prohibit** CoCs from changing the approved Consolidated Application during the 2-day notice period required to allow for community feedback and could require subsequent corrections based on feedback.
- **D.** We recommend you export a **PDF version** of your CoC's Consolidated Application from *e-snaps* for public posting–as approved by your CoC that includes:
 - **1.** the CoC Application; and
 - **2.** Priority Listings that include reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.
- **E.** If **your CoC** does not have its own webpage, your CoC may use any partner's website to meet the public posting requirement.
- **F. Do not** include any project application(s) in the attachment to respond to this question.
- G. Name the attachment Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.

Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on Date 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.

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.

Guidance-

- A. Upload to the 4B. Attachments Screen evidence demonstrating your CoC notified CoC members and key stakeholders that your CoC posted the final version of your CoC's Consolidated Application by September 26, 2023, which is 2 days before the FY 2023 CoC Program application submission deadline of September 28, 2023–unless HUD extends the deadline, in such cases the extended deadline is 2 calendar days before the HUD-approved extension deadline.
- **B.** This notification must be sent to:
 - 1. project applicants; and
 - **2.** key stakeholders–the broader CoC membership and other key stakeholders.
- **C.** Examples of acceptable evidence with system-generated dates that your CoC notified CoC members and key stakeholders include:
 - Listserv email; or
 - individual email.
- **D.** We will not award points for attachments:
 - 1. that are not readable;
 - 2. with manually added times and dates;
 - 3. without system-generated dates and times; or
 - 4. without names or list of people the notifications were sent to; or
 - 5. that does not include key stakeholders.

E. Name the attachment **Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application**.

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

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)–Implementation

2A-1. HMIS Vendor Name.

Not Scored–For Information Only Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.

Limit 75 Characters

2A-2. HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.

Not Scored-For Information Only

Guidance-

A. Meaning of terms:

Single CoC-the only CoC participating in HMIS

Multiple CoC-the CoC is one of many participating, unless the HMIS is statewide

Statewide-the CoC is part of a statewide HMIS

B. Some implementation areas fall into both "Statewide" and "Multiple CoCs" coverage areas. For Multiple CoCs implementation that includes all CoCs in one state, only select "Statewide."

Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC Multiple CoCs Statewide
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2A-3. HIC Data Submission in HDX.

NOFO Section V.B.3.a.

- **Guidance**–If we granted your CoC an extension to submit data, we will verify whether your CoC submitted the data by the extension deadline:
 - A. select 'Yes' if your CoC submitted its HIC data by the extension deadline; or
 - **B.** select 'No' if your CoC did not submit the HIC data by the extension deadline.

Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.

Date

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

In the field below:

- 1. describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;
- 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

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

Guidance-

A. If the bed coverage rate is **84.99 percent or lower**, you **could** receive partial points by completing **question 2A-5a**.

- **B.** The bed coverage rate is the number of HMIS participating beds divided by the number of year-round beds dedicated to persons experiencing homelessness in your CoC's geographic area–*e*-*snaps* will calculate the HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate for each project type.
- C. For the purposes of determining what beds to include in column Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers your CoC may only include beds associated with Victim Service Provider projects from the 2023 Housing Inventory Count.
- **D.** If your CoC reported a **merger** between the FY 2022 CoC Program Registration Process and the FY 2023 CoC Program Registration process, we will assess the merged CoC on the same coverage rate as in Section V.B.3.b. of the CoC Program NOFO, but using the **higher** of:
 - the bed coverage rate reported by the combined, newly merged CoC in the 2023 Housing Inventory Count (HIC); or
 - the highest bed coverage rate reported by one of the merged CoCs from the 2022 HIC.
- E. Enter "0" for all cells if a project type does not exist in your CoC.
- **F.** For HIC Data, only enter the bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "current."
- G. For HMIS data, only enter current number of beds.

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				
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds				
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds				
4. Rapid Rehousing (RRH) beds				
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds				
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds				

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

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.

Guidance-

- **A.** This question is not asking whether HUD accepted your submission–selecting 'Yes' only means your CoC submitted its 2022 LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by the submission deadline stated in the question below.
- **B.** As part of the score for this question, we will determine whether your submission included at least two usable files. We will send your CoC's our usability determinations this summer.
- **C.** If we **extended the deadline** for your CoC or all CoCs to submit LSA data, we will verify whether your CoC submitted the data by the HUD-approved extension deadline:
 - **1.** select '**Yes**' if your CoC submitted the LSA data by the HUD-approved extension deadline; or
 - 2. select 'No' if your CoC did not submit the data by the extension deadline.

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by	Yes–No
February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	

2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

2B-1. PIT Count Date.

NOFO Section V.B.4.a.

Guidance–If we granted your CoC an extension, we will verify that your CoC conducted its PIT count during the agreed-upon time frame.

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

Guidance–If we granted your CoC an extension to submit data, we will verify that your CoC met the extension deadline.

Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.

Date

2B-3. PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.

NOFO Section V.B.4.b.

Guidance–We will only award points if the Youth Count is conducted in coordination with and at the time when your CoC conducts its full PIT count.

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

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

Guidance-

- A. Changes in your PIT count implementation may include changes in:
 - **methodology,** such as a change from conducting a sample-based count to a complete census count or adding a service-based count component to the count; or
 - **data quality**, which are actions the CoC implemented to improve the implementation of the count, including enhanced training, additional volunteers, and changes in providers contributing data for the count.
- **B.** If your CoCs merged in 2022 or 2023, state in your response if the process of merging had an impact on your CoC's 2023 PIT count.
- C. For elements 1 and 2 of this question, if your CoC's PIT count was affected by the number persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to natural disaster or having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area, you must describe in element 3 how that affected your CoC's PIT count results.

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

2C. System Performance

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

Guidance-

- **A.** We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metric 5.2.** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question–add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.
- **B.** You must base your response to this question on **your CoC's current strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families that experience homelessness for the first time**, not on the specific metric in **A** above.

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

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?	Yes–No
2. having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	Yes–No

If you selected yes to **element 1 or 2**, describe in the field below how the number of First Time Homeless was affected by persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to natural disasters or due to having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

Guidance-

A. We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metric 1.2** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question–add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.

B. You must base your response to this question on **your CoC's current strategy to reduce the average length-of-time individuals and families remain homeless**, not the specific metric in **A** above.

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

2C-3. Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing-CoC's Strategy.

NOFO Section V.B.5.d.

Guidance-

- **A.** We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metrics 7b.1 and 7b.2** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question-add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.
- **B.** You must base your response to this question on **your CoC's current strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing**, not on the specific metrics in **A** above.

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

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

Guidance-

A. We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metric 2a** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question–add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.

B. Your response to this question must address **your CoC's current strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness**, not on the specific metric in **A** above.

In the field below:

1. describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;

Guidance-

- **C.** For **element 1** of this question, your response must address how your CoC **identifies** individuals and families who return to homelessness.
- 2. describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and

Guidance-

- **D.** For **element 2** of this question, your response must address your CoC's **process** for reducing the rate of additional returns to homelessness.
- **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

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

Guidance-

- **A.** We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metric 4.4** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question–add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.
- **B.** You must base your response to this question on **your CoC's current strategy to increase employment cash income**, not on the specific metric in **A** above.

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

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

Guidance-

A. We will use data your CoC submitted in HDX for **metric 4.5** to determine partial points for this question and the responses below to determine partial points for this question–add the partial points together to determine the final points for this question.

B. You must base your response to this question on **your CoC's current strategy to increase non-employment cash income**–e.g., SSI, SSDI,TANF–not on the specific metric in **A** above.

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

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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.

- A. Combine and upload a copy of letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of subsidies or units being provided to support all the new projects that leverage housing to the 4B. Attachments Screen and name the attachment Housing Leveraging Commitments.
- **B.** We will use the information in the **Housing Leveraging Commitment** attachment and the information submitted in **question 3A-3** when determining potential points.
- C. Your Housing Leveraging Commitment attachment must include:
 - 1. project name;
 - **2.** source of commitment which could be:
 - Private organizations;
 - State or local government, including using HOME funding provided through the American Rescue Plan;
 - Public Housing Agencies, including using a set aside or limited preference;
 - Faith-based organizations; and
 - Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs.
 - **3.** number of housing units for a new PSH proposed project or number of program participants in the RRH and Joint TH-RRH proposed project, which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs. For these new projects, the number of units or the number of project participants must be at least **25 percent** of the total units or program participants to be served for full points. We may award partial points for responses that

Housing Type	Unit of Measurement	Source for Total Number of Units or Total Number of Program Participants
PSH	Units	4B
RRH	Program participants	5A
Joint TH-RRH	Program participants	5A

demonstrate less than the thresholds described. The chart below illustrates what we will use to score this question.

- 4. date the units will be available for program participants.
- **D.** Though your CoC may submit several new projects–including expansion projects–meeting these criteria, the NOFO states CoC's will receive full points by demonstrating that they have applied for at least one PSH or RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.

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

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.

- A. Combine and upload a copy of formal written agreements to the **4B** Attachment Screen and name the attachment Healthcare Formal Agreements.
 - **1.** For **healthcare organizations**, to demonstrate leverage you must provide a written commitment that documents:
 - (a) the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project name;
 - (b) the value of the commitment of healthcare resources being provided is 25 percent of the funding being requested for the new project(s) to receive full points–we may award partial points for responses that demonstrate less than the thresholds described;
 - (c) the dates the healthcare resources will be provided; and
 - (d) a statement that project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.
 - **2.** For **substance abuse treatment or recovery providers**, to demonstrate leverage you must provide a written commitment that documents:

- (a) the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project name;
- (b) the value of substance abuse or recovery resource being provided is 25 percent of the funding being requested for the new project to receive full points–we may award partial points for responses that demonstrate less than the thresholds described; or
- (c) the value of providing access to substance abuse or recovery resource for all program participants in the new project who qualify and choose those services;
- (d) the dates the substance abuse or recovery resource will be provided in the new project; and
- (e) a statement that project eligibility for program participants in the new project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.
- **B.** The healthcare resource commitment must be in the form of healthcare-related service that will be provided to program participants in the housing portion of the project.
- **C.** For this question, healthcare includes treatment for physical health, mental health, and substance abuse.
- **D.** Healthcare resources may include:
 - 1. direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to at least one project;
 - 2. provision of health care services by a private or public organization (including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and state or local health departments) tailored to the program participants of the project; and
 - **3.** direct partnerships with organizations that provide healthcare services to individuals and families (including FQHCs and state or local public health departments) experiencing homelessness who have HIV/AIDS.
- **E.** In-kind resources **must be** valued at local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by the proposed project.
- **F.** We will use information in the **Healthcare Formal Agreements** attachment and the information submitted in **question 3A-3.** when awarding points.
- **G.** Though your CoC may submit several new projects–including expansion projects–meeting these criteria, the NOFO states CoC's will receive full points by demonstrating that they have applied for at least one PSH or RRH project that uses healthcare resources not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs.

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–No

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

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

1.	What is the name of the new project?	Project Name
2.	Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	Number
3.	Select the new project type:	PH-PSH/PH-RRH/Joint TH-RRH
4.	Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing:	Rank Number
5.	Select the type of leverage:	Housing/Healthcare/Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

- **3B-1. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.** NOFO Section V.B.1.s.
- **Guidance**-The chart below lists questions where you gather data from project application(s) included on your CoC's Priority Listing. We will score this question based on the responses in the related **Project Applications** questions as submitted in *e-snaps*.

	Related Project Application Questions		
Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs over \$200,000	New:	Screen 3B, question 2a Screen 6A, question 5 Screen 6B, 6B.	

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

3B-2. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.

NOFO Section V.B.1.s.

Guidance-

- **A.** This does not affect the CoC's existing responsibilities to provide training, employment, and other economic opportunities pursuant to Section 3 that result from the receipt of other HUD funding.
- **B.** If more than one applicant is requesting **\$200,000** or more in funding, you must provide a response for each applicant.
- **C.** Refer to <u>HUD Section 3 Business</u> for self-certified businesses in your locality and <u>About Section 3</u> for more information.

If you answered yes to **question 3B-1**, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:

1. Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and

2. HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

Limit 2,500 Characters

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

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?

3C-2. Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. NOFO Section V.F.

You must upload the **Project List for Other Federal Statutes** attachment to the **4B.** Attachments Screen.

Guidance-

- **A.** In the FY 2023 CoC Application, CoCs may request that up to 10 percent of funding for the fiscal year awarded under the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO be approved to serve homeless households with children and youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes who are unstably housed (paragraph 3 of the definition of homeless found at 24 CFR 578.3).
- **B.** Approved CoCs are limited to using up to 10 percent of the total amount awarded for each fiscal year appropriation to the CoC to serve this population and must determine which project(s) will be permitted to use some or all their funding for this purpose. These projects must be Transitional Housing, Supportive Services Only, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component.
- **C.** Upload an attachment at the **4B. Attachments Screen** that identifies the specific project(s) that will use the funding for this purpose that includes:
 - 1. project name(s) as listed on the CoC Priority Listing; and
 - **2.** amount of funding in the project or per project that will be used for this purpose.
- **D.** Name the attachment **Project List for Other Federal Statutes**.

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

4A-1. New DV Bonus Project Applicants.

NOFO Section I.B.3.1.

Guidance-

- **A.** The total DV Bonus amount submitted by your CoC may not exceed the DV Bonus amount listed on the FY 2023 Estimated ARD Report. We will reduce or remove the lowest ranked New DV Bonus project(s) submitted if the amount requested exceeds the total DV Bonus amount available.
- **B.** We will only remove New DV Bonus projects from the Priority List **if they are conditionally selected with DV Bonus funding**, otherwise the projects maintain their rank order. Your CoC **should not assume** that New DV Bonus project applications will score high enough to receive DV Bonus funding.

Did your CoC submit one or more New Project applications for DV BonusYes-NoFunding?

4A-1a. DV Bonus Project Types.

NOFO Section I.B.3.1.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2023 Priority Listing.

1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	Yes–No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes-No

4A-2. Information About the Project Applicant for the New Support Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) DV Bonus Project. NOFO Section I.B.3.1(3)

Guidance–Your CoC may only apply for one New SSO-CE DV Bonus project–we will reject any other projects after the first one on the New Project Priority List.

Enter in the chart below information about the project applicant applying for the new SSO-CE DV Bonus project:

1.	Applicant Name	
2.	Project Name	
3.	Project Ranking on Priority Listing	
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	
5.	Amount Requested	

4A-2a. Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacies through the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.

NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(3)(c)

Describe in the field below:

- 1. the inadequacies of your CoC's current Coordinated Entry that limits its ability to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and
- 2. how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in element 1 of this question.

Limit 2,500 Characters

4A-2b. Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(3)(d)

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1. with a range of lived expertise; and

Guidance-

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 2. in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

Guidance-

B. For **element 2** of this question, your response must describe steps and actions the new project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures–this response is not about how survivors have been involved in past projects.

Limit 2,500 Characters

4A-3. Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(c)

- **A.** For **element 1** of this question, enter the total number of survivors of domestic violence in your CoC's geographic area that need housing or services, including survivors projects are currently serving.
- **B.** For **element 2** of this question, enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving.
- **C.** *e-snaps* will calculate the difference between elements 1 and 2, which represents the unmet need for housing and services for survivors of domestic violence in your CoC.
- **D.** Element 1 represents the total need, while element 2 is the subset of element 1 that are currently being served. For example:

1. Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services	100
2. Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving.	75
Unmet Need	25

The difference between how many survivors need housing and services and the number your CoC is currently serving is 25–which represents the unmet need for this example.

E. A negative number in the **Unmet Need** field indicates there is no unmet need for DV survivors in your CoC.

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services	
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving	
3.	Unmet Need	

4A-3a. How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(c)

Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in **question 4A-3.** element 1 and element 2; **and**

Guidance-

- A. For element 1 of this question, the data you provide **must indicate** that the number of people associated with domestic violence are people seeking **housing and services**. Merely stating the number of people who reported domestic violence experience or the number of domestic violence incidents reported by law enforcement are **not sufficient unless there is a further tie to housing or services**.
- 2. the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
- **3.** if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

Guidance-

B. Only respond to **element 3** of this question if you do not have data to support unmet need.

Limit 2,500 Characters

4A-3b. Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)

Guidance-

A. Only submit information for each **unique applicant** applying for PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus funding regardless of the number of new projects the **unique applicant** is applying for in the FY 2023 CoC Program

Competition. If you do not submit information for any applicant applying for DV Bonus funding, project applications that applicant submits **will be ineligible** for DV Bonus funding and those projects will compete with all other projects your CoC ranks in its priority listings.

- **B.** There is no limit on the number of PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH component DV Bonus projects individual applicants may apply for, but the total DV Bonus amount your CoC submits **cannot exceed** the DV Bonus amount listed on the FY 2023 Estimated ARD Report. We will reduce or remove the lowest ranked DV Bonus project(s) submitted if the amount your CoC requests exceeds the total DV Bonus amount available to your CoC.
- **C.** Questions 4A-3. through 4A-3f. address the applicant's experience providing housing and services to DV survivors—you must provide information based on experience with the applicant's latest funding cycle, regardless of the funding source.
- **D.** Questions 4A-3g. and 4A-3h. address how the applicant plans to implement the new project(s) if we award funding.
- **E.** To calculate the **rate of housing placement** and **housing retention** you must enter the percentage of DV survivors applying for housing that were placed into permanent housing (**element 6** of this question), and the percentage of those DV survivors that remained housed (**element 7** of this question).
- **F.** We will only remove New DV Bonus projects from the Priority List **if they are conditionally selected with DV Bonus funding**, otherwise the projects maintain their rank order. Your CoC **should not assume** that New DV Bonus project applications will score high enough to receive DV Bonus funding.

Use the list feature icon information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2023 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	
2.	Project Name	
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	
5.	Amount Requested	
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors-Percentage	
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors-Percentage	

4A-3b.1. Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(d)

For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in **question 4B-3b.**, describe in the field below:

- 1. how the project applicant calculated both rates;
- 2. whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
- **3.** the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

Limit 1,500 Characters

4A-3c. Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

- **1.** ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
- 2. prioritized survivors-you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan, etc.;
- 3. determined which supportive services survivors needed;
- 4. connected survivors to supportive services; and
- 5. moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain-address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

Limit 2,500 Characters

4A-3d. Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

- **1.** taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
- 2. making determinations and placements into safe housing;
- 3. keeping information and locations confidential;
- 4. training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and
- 5. taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

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4A-3d.1. Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(d)

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

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4A-3e. Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(d)

Guidance–Though you can provide examples of experience not listed, you must address elements 1 through 7.

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using traumainformed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:

- 1. prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
- 2. establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
- **3.** providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
- **4.** emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
- **5.** centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
- **6.** providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
- **7.** offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

Limit 5,000 Characters

4A-3f. Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(d)

Guidance–Examples include–During funding year 2022, ABC Project staff provided the following supportive services to DV survivors:

- Child custody–ABC project assisted DV survivors to pursue child custody by making legal services available through its partner EFG Legal Services, provided transportation, and provided a support group for others experiencing similar challenges. ABC ensured that the survivors' safety needs were addressed by maintaining confidentiality, using harm reduction.
- **Bad Credit History**–ABC project used case management to quickly assess whether survivors needed credit repair services, provided through our partner, Credit Repair, Inc., which specializes in assisting survivors to restore their credit, which is often necessary to obtain affordable housing for survivors whose credit has been damaged.
- Housing Search and Counseling–ABC project employed a housing navigator to identify local landlords and apartments. Using the housing navigator resulted in a 3-week decrease in the amount of time it previously took survivors to locate units.
- **Crisis DV Services**–ABC project employed advocates that staff a 24/7 DV crisis helpline and provide trauma-informed support, including safety planning, emergency shelter, and assistance in navigating restraining order processes.
- Long-term housing stability safety planning-ABC project works with program participants to develop long-term housing safety plans in preparation for the program participant exiting the project, which includes self-advocacy, systems advocacy, legal support, representative support, community accompaniment.
- Education Services–ABC partnered with a local community college to enroll 5 survivors in GED classes, a 100 percent increase from last year where we did not have the funding to provide this service. Currently there are 10 survivors on the waiting list for future GED classes.

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

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4A-3g. Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Practices for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects. NOFO Section I.B.3.1.(1)(e)

- **A.** This question requires you to provide examples of how the applicant **will implement the new project**, not the applicant's experience operating an existing project.
- **B.** Though you can provide other examples of how the applicant will implement the new project(s), **you must address elements 1 through 7**.

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:

- 1. prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants' wishes and stated needs;
- 2. establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
- **3.** provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
- **4.** emphasize program participants' strengths-for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
- **5.** center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
- **6.** provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
- 7. offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

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4A-3h. Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.

NOFO Section I.B.3.l.(1)(f)

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

1. with a range of lived expertise; and

Guidance-

- A. For element 1 of this question, range of lived expertise means a broad experience-based knowledge and skills gained from living as homeless and as a survivor of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- 2. in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

Guidance-

B. For **element 2** of this question, your response must describe steps and actions the new project will take to include survivors in the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and procedures–this response is not about how survivors have been involved in past projects.

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4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Question	Attachment Name	Required?
1C-7.	PHA Homeless Preference	No
1C-7.	PHA Moving On Preference	No
1D-2a.	Housing First Evaluation	Yes
1 D- 11a.	Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes
1E-1.	Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes
1E-2.	Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes
1E-2a.	Scored Forms for One Project	Yes
1E-5.	Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes
1E-5a.	Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes
1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results	Yes
1E-5c.	Web Posting-CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes
1E-5d.	Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes
2A-6.	HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes
3A-1a.	Housing Leveraging Commitments	No

Question	Attachment Name	Required?
3A-2a.	Healthcare Formal Agreements	No
3C-2.	Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No
Other		No