

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** VA-513 - Harrisonburg, Winchester/Western Virginia CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC understands that outreach and engagement will always remain essential to the CoC activities. VA-513 CoC disseminates ongoing invitations year-round to nonprofit homeless service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, school districts, hospitals, law enforcement, and other entities to participate in the CoC meetings, join the membership, and other CoC-led activities through various communication channels. These include public postings of scheduled meetings on the CoC website/social media; email blasts to the CoC list serve, direct outreach at community meetings, public forums, and PHA meetings and actively recruited new members through direct solicitations of individuals/organizations that are integral to providing services to the homeless.

2. The CoC meetings have been virtual in the last two years, which has increased attendance at most intersections. The VA-513 CoC understands that effective and efficient communication and increased conversation with various audiences is crucial. To ensure effective communication with individuals with disabilities, the CoC recently launched a new website that will incorporate the latest web design and development, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and a variety of accessible formats, including PDFs posted on websites and links to online ADA-compliant forms and merged the data and CoC websites into one cohesive online experience, which will help in communication with persons with disabilities, and the web translation services.

3. Although the VA-513 CoC homeless population is predominately White, accounting for 75% of the total PIT count, this number is far less than the 89.47% of the general population who are White in our region according to 2021 estimated US Census ACS data. The CoC has sought to identify possible racial or ethnic disparities of persons affected by homelessness and work to ensure that our crisis response system provides equitable and equal access to services throughout the region and all CoC projects through direct engagement and outreach to individuals, advocates, and organizations that serve culturally specific populations. To further enforce these efforts, the VA-513 adopted an Anti-discrimination Policy to ensure no one seeking services from the CoC is discriminated against. These policies and procedures guide staff and volunteers of all CoC agencies to prevent discrimination in agency policies and during client interactions

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; and
3.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. As part of an ongoing effort to connect and engage with community stakeholders and organizations, the CoC conducts outreach efforts to local governments, coalitions, and planning commissions in Winchester and Harrisonburg to cultivate awareness, provide updates, and invite new members to the CoC. The CoC Coordinator actively works to update the VA-513 website and Facebook page, improving how we share information on our programs and activities, along with the yearly schedule for CoC general meetings. From an overarching perspective, our continuum’s leadership is engaged in advocacy and awareness efforts that are beginning to move the needle on some of the macro issues that are affecting homelessness. Within the City of Harrisonburg, the CoC and its regional service providers are meeting monthly with city officials and area stakeholders to look at the community’s response to homelessness. This effort has led to the expansion of low-barrier shelters in the city, the commission of a comprehensive housing study, and the apparent prioritization of municipal funding for homeless services in the FY21 budget. Additionally, a homeless coalition meeting that is open to the public meets twice a month to discuss and explore possible community-tailored solutions to homelessness. The continuum is also active in creating awareness related to issues impacting housing stability including affordable housing, public transportation, educational and employment access, and increased childcare resources.

2. The holds bi-monthly community-wide meetings, five monthly committee meetings, and two case conferencing meetings every month in addition to planning and local jurisdictions’ meetings. During the CoC meetings, PowerPoints, infographics, videos, resource guides, dashboards, reports, surveys, and open input sessions and summits designed to solicit active participation and gather input that guides innovative strategies to address homelessness and improve system performance.

3. To ensure public input is taken seriously, the CoC executive committee is tasked with the responsibility of engaging and incorporating community input into goals and objectives. This past year our CoC made several improvements in its work after considering information gathered through the public, for example, in COVID-19 response efforts, refinement of local policy and protocol on Encampment Response, and currently working on better outreach strategies to reflective of the diverse CoC and community needs.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
	1. that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;	
	2. about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;	
	3. about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and	
	4. how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC promotes new membership, project applicants, and project ideas throughout the year, using meetings as a forum to promote funding. The announcement, webpages and request for application all specified, "New applicants were welcome to apply." The collaborative applicant also hosted an interested parties webinar early in the RFA process and shared the recording on the CoC website, in order to provide coaching to agencies who may be new to the process.
2. The CoC publicly posted RFP to clearly communicate the details of project submission and held information sessions to communicate the application process, timeline, how to obtain required federal numbers and answer any questions throughout the application process.
3. The CoC's Ad Hoc committee comprising of representatives from the local government, school system, non-profit organizations, and health systems reviews and scored all applications based on criteria described in the CoC NOFO, as well as its alignment with strategic initiatives and CoC and HUD priorities.
4. All information on the CoC website is in text form and any document attachments are available as PDFs to ensure effective communication. The CoC also provides information on its website, at the bottom of the Home page, to address any additional communication needs upon request.

## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	No
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	



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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV 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 within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The VA-513 CoC works closely with ESG recipients on the challenges, and to identify the most appropriate service providers to address funding priorities with ESG. The CoC had the most productive engagement and consultation with ESG providers that included COVID-19 weekly Calls, which help inform the planning and allocating of ESG and ESG-CV funds through the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program grants. Additionally, the CoC evaluates all ESG sub recipient's ability to administer ESG & ongoing performance throughout the year.
2. The CoC requires all CoC and VHSP (state funding) grantees to provide quarterly reports and financial spend-down documentation. Due to the federal confidentiality requirements for domestic violence organizations' information, DV data is provided through a comparable system based on federal guidelines and submitted to the HMIS Coordinator. This data is key in evaluating and monitoring the performance of these recipients.
3. The CoC participates in the Winchester and Harrisonburg Consolidated Planning jurisdictions and works with both by providing PIT and HIC data to help support each locality's goals of eliminating homelessness. These data sources are provided through the CoC HMIS system and submitted by the HMIS Coordinator. CoC Executive Committee members and other members of the Continuum stay in touch with the localities leadership to ensure the information on the homeless population is reviewed and addressed.
4. The CoC regular meetings, CoC committees that represent Plan Jurisdictions within your CoC's geographic area. Within the City of Harrisonburg, the CoC and its regional service providers are meeting monthly with city officials and area stakeholders to look at the community's response to homelessness. This effort has led to expansion of low barrier shelter in the city, the commission of a comprehensive housing study, and the apparent prioritization of municipal funding for homeless services in the FY21 budget. The collaborative lead agent for VHSP grant has also invested significant time into creating support, buy-in and alignment with CoC efforts within the City of Winchester. The continuum is also active in creating awareness related to issues impacting housing stability including affordable housing, public transportation, educational and employment access, and increased childcare resources. The CoC invites local gov't staff to attend CoC training and meetings, and recently collaborated in hosting housing Summits.

<b>1C-3.</b>	<b>Ensuring Families are not Separated.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.c.	

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	
		No

<b>1C-4.</b>	<b>CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

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

<b>1C-4a.</b>	<b>Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The Continuum has provided an informational in-service in relation to youth homelessness provided by Dr. Alex Wagaman from Virginia Commonwealth University. This in-service provided the continuum with some strategies on how to tackle youth homelessness, such as reexamining locations visited by our Street Outreach team, connecting with communities that are similar to us, and recognizing gaps for youth in their region. Agencies throughout the CoC work in conjunction with local public school homeless liaisons and youth shelters to be able to find placement for any unaccompanied youth. Winchester and Frederick County Public Schools have been heavily involved in the CoC meetings as well as committees that help improve homeless services within our region. The CoC has also collaborated with James Madison university in hosting a housing summit, providing Emergency during school breaks and with Shenandoah University in providing safe zone training to CoC partners.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC adopted to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Due to the VA-513 CoC’s geographic size and unique local needs, there is no formal policy for connecting families to educational services, as this is addressed on an agency level. Agencies that receive state and federal CoC funds work with school divisions to connect clients to access the necessary local educational services. DV shelters ensure the process for connecting to school divisions meets the necessary privacy and safety requirements for the client.

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

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

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

9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.		No	No

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:	
	1. update CoC-wide policies; and	
	2. ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Western Virginia (VA-513) CoC is committed to a continuous improvement process through best practices policies that lead to effective performance outcomes. The CoC regularly provide trainings and encourage members to attend conferences and share the knowledge, best practices and skills learned with the entire CoC. Additionally, the Best practices committee researches and presents to the CoC emerging trends and policies that are considered and voted during the CoC meetings.
2. The CoC currently has 3 Domestic Violence and 2 Sexual Violence partners. These partners provide trauma-informed, victim centered services utilizing best practices. All partners follow VAWA confidentiality guidelines. All partners operate a 24-hour hotline service to address the needs of survivors. All DV and SV facilities are required to provide security at each location. Accreditation standards sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) require a minimum of 20 hours per year of training, 10 hours must be in person.

1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
	1. project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
	2. Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC currently has 3 Domestic Violence and 2 Sexual Violence partners. These partners provide trauma-informed, victim centered services utilizing best practices. All partners follow VAWA confidentiality guidelines. All partners operate a 24-hour hotline service to address the needs of survivors. All DV and SV facilities are required to provide security at each location. Accreditation standards sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) require a minimum of 20 hours per year of training, 10 hours must be in person. Safety planning is the most critical resource we can help a victim develop while talking on the hotline. Every victim and their child(ren) will be evaluated for safety needs and staff will develop a safety plan with callers. A safety plan is a plan of action designed to help keep the victims and their families as safe as possible. Domestic or sexual violence is never the victim’s fault. Safety planning is one way you can help them handle abusive situations outside of their control, by identifying safe places for them to go in an emergency.

2.If a household is determined to be at risk of harm when an assessment is being conducted, the coordinated entry staff within our region are committed first and foremost to ensuring the safety of all individuals and families seeking assistance. The second consideration is to make every effort possible to prevent further trauma to the client and to provide households with choice, as well as the opportunity to exercise personal agency in the referral process. There is an institutional sensitivity within our system that recognizes the lived experience of all people presenting for services and a commitment to incorporating trauma-informed practices into every aspect of the coordinated entry process.

1C-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC utilizes de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database for the HUD APR and HIC, as well as the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant reports. The database that the CoC DV shelters use is through the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, with an HMIS comparable component added to their existing VAdata database.

2. Internally, the CoC uses the data for analyzing trends and issues, increasing understanding of utilization and capacity issues, and determining the allocation of resources. In addition, the CoC examines this data internally to develop goals towards utilization, length of stay, recidivism, and exit to permanent housing.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
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1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC's CHI staff are trained specifically to safely refer the household to the identified DV provider with a "warm hand-off" including a phone call, potentially offering transportation, and making every effort to complete a trauma-informed transition for the client to the domestic violence service provider. Most of the CoC's DV providers currently receive rapid rehousing funds to rehouse clients in a safe location of their choice.

2. The centralized intake process does not restrict access for survivors of domestic violence to any of the services available within the CoC, including but not limited to: permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, and prevention. The overarching goal is for individuals and families whether they are presenting to the CHI, or directly to the region's victim services system to have full and complete access to the available housing service resources regardless of point of entry. Also, DV service providers do not provide any client identifying information to other agencies, and all performance data from those agencies are de-identified. Our continuum's HMIS Coordinator has created a secure database specifically for DV providers that makes it possible for the CoC to collect performance and outcome data, while still ensuring the confidentiality and safety of our clients. Further, all households, regardless of their DV status, have the right to refuse to share their information among providers within the CoC

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1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC's Centralized Housing Intake (CHI) refers callers who are currently fleeing a domestic violence situation directly to the appropriate domestic violence (DV) provider. This policy is in place, so agencies that are expertly trained to serve those clients can quickly ensure their safety and security while tailoring their services to address each case's unique circumstances.

2.CHI staff are trained specifically to safely refer the household to the identified DV provider with a "warm hand-off" including a phone call, potentially offering transportation, and making every effort to complete a trauma-informed transition for the client to the domestic violence service provider. Most of the CoC's DV providers currently receive rapid rehousing funds to rehouse clients in a safe location of their choice.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:		
	1. whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;	

2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC has partners with organizations and advocates to provide CoC wide training, raise awareness, and the need for equal access to all individuals to all programs. Together with the advocates and CoC partners and the Best practices committee, the CoC updates and crafts policies policies rooted in research and best practices. Our programs have also implemented Safe Zone Project trainings to increase awareness about LGBTQ+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and issues of privilege. Outreach relationships have also been created with LGBTQ+ serving programs including the Friendly City Safe Space.
2. The Western Virginia (VA-513) CoC is committed to a continuous improvement process through best practices policies that lead to effective performance outcomes.VA-513 has facilitated diversity training which included a Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) workshop provided by the Center for Disease Control to provide a better understanding for agencies on this topic. Through the SOGI workshop, grantees were able to address LGBTQ+ inclusive language in policies and signage within their offices.
- 3.The Western Virginia Continuum of Care Compliance and Evaluation Committee is responsible for ensuring projects comply with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies and other guidelines.
- 4.After each site visit, the Committee will provide recommendations for improvement. The projects are given 10 business days to respond to the Committee's concerns in writing. Whenever there are anti-discrimination policies concerns, the CoC follows up to ensure those organizations follow through by providing training and support to help organizational changes to ensure the people who need help the most are not left out in the cold.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 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?
Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	41%	Yes-Both	Yes



1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
	2. state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA), the sole PHA for the VA-513 CoC, already has an established policy for homeless admission preference, as well as a preference for those individuals referred from the Centralized Housing Intake (CHI). The VA-513 CoC works in strong collaboration with HRHA
2. N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	State of Virginia

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

<b>PHA</b>
Harrisonburg Rede...

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

**Name of PHA:** Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

1. Foster Care	No
2. Health Care	No
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	2
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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	2
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 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually 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 the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Western Virginia Continuum of Care Compliance and Evaluation Committee is responsible for ensuring projects comply with the Housing First approach and other guidelines. Activities include Quarterly and Annual Monitoring site visits to review program files, policies, and funding capacity to determine financial and programmatic performance and provide guidance for areas of improvement.

2.The committee monitors to ensures programs are designed and implemented using Housing First principles including no preconditions or barriers to entry criteria such as sobriety or income requirements, and evidence that there is a focus on permanent housing and clients are not required to complete classes or jump through extra hoops before they are re-housed.

3.After each site visit, the Committee will provide recommendations for improvement. The projects are given 10 business days to respond to the Committee’s concerns in writing. Whenever there are Housing First policy concerns, the CoC follows up to ensure those organizations follow through by providing training and support to help organizational changes to ensure the people who need help the most are not left out in the cold.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The VA-513 understands that street outreach is conducted on behalf of the community, rather than by individual agencies. Our programs believe effective outreach requires collaboration among multiple stakeholders and view our providers as “facilitators of access” who must work collaboratively. The CoC works to identify and engage people living in unsheltered locations, such as in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, encampments, and on the streets. Their efforts are connected to our Centralized Housing Intake and all contacts, VI-SPDAT assessments, and referrals are documented in HMIS. Veterans and chronically homeless clients are placed on our by-name list and given prioritization for available services. The programs employ Housing First principles and focus on client efficacy and choice. Our providers do not impose preconditions on access to services. Factors such as sobriety, income, criminal record, treatment participation, or other high barrier criteria do not impact referral to service.

2.Through collaboration and coordination ARE covers the northern three counties (Clarke, Frederick, and Warren) and Cities of Winchester and Front Royal, while Strength in Peers will cover the southern three counties (Page, Rockingham, and Shenandoah), providing full coverage of the entire Western VA CoC region.

3.The street outreach teams send out staff on a weekly basis to identify locations where persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness are staying or meeting. At these locations, staff are connecting with these individuals and developing relationships to best serve them and their needs.

4. Along with sending out staff on a weekly basis to identify locations where persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness and engaging them, they also work closely with area organizations to further identify individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Through these partnerships, they can better identify individuals least likely to request assistance and develop an individualized approach to helping them connect with assistance.

<b>1D-4.</b>	<b>Strategies to Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

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

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

		<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	54	123

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

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

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
		No

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC’s geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including substance abuse treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services; and
3.	works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The VA-513 CoC provides a section at each meeting for announcements, such as information pertaining to mainstream resources. Agencies also work in tandem with mainstream resource organizations to stay up to date on new information throughout the year.

2. CoC-funded entities work with their local Department of Social Services and area healthcare providers to ensure that clients have access to and receive assistance in enrolling in health insurance. The CoC is currently working with Winchester and Shenandoah County department of social services to provide fifty emergency housing vouchers and Warren county DSS on a Hotel/Motel program to prevent the spread of covid-19.

3. During bi-monthly VA-513 CoC meetings, the agenda includes space for agencies or the CoC Coordinator to make announcements, including updates on mainstream resources and other assistance information. Agencies also get the opportunity to promote education services, conferences, which the CoC Coordinator then distributes through the CoC email list. When appropriate, this information is also shared through the CoC website and social media outlets.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC is increasing its capacity to provide non-congregate sheltering.
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(limit 2,500 characters)



The Western Virginia CoC recognizes that non-congregate sheltering provides a safer environment than settings in congregate shelters and encampments, where crowding and proximity to others can heighten the risk for an already high-risk population. The CoC is leveraging the inter-agency community planning to weave together protections for people living in high-risk settings with a path to speed their transition into safe and sustainable housing.

The VA-513 Continuum has sought to build partnerships beyond our core housing focus. Our providers have worked directly with area hospitals on streamlined medical discharge protocols for homeless cases; the most notable example being a seamless integration between AIDS Response Effort and Valley Health of Winchester. Additionally, the grantee street outreach programs, most notably Strength In Peers and rehousing providers of the Western Continuum have begun ongoing working relationships with local reentry councils and regional probation offices to more effectively deal with ex-offenders coming out of incarceration into homelessness.

Through the COVID Homelessness Emergency Response Program (CHERP), the CoC was able to house hundreds of vulnerable people in hotel/motels last year. The CoC also started partnerships with two departments of Social Service in administering 50 Emergency Housing Vouchers that helped house and take individuals out of congregate shelters.

Within the City of Harrisonburg, the CoC and its regional service providers are meeting monthly with city officials and area stakeholders to look at the community's response to homelessness. This effort has stabilized the housing within the city, spurred a comprehensive housing study and led to the hire of a housing coordinator with the City Manager's, VA-513 members also facilitated housing focused community "summit meetings" in both the northern and southern regions of our continuum. The continuum is also active in creating awareness related to issues impacting housing stability including affordable housing, public transportation, educational and employment access, and increased childcare resources.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
NOFO Section VII.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)

1. Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the VA-513 CoC took advantage of the combination of political will, unprecedented collaboration within our community, and an influx of resources to develop and sustain close relationships with hospitals, Health departments and districts. The collaborations have resulted in development of a better and efficient CoC response system.

2. The western Virginia CoC collaborates with local public health departments, Healthcare for the Homeless agencies, and other local health partners prevent outbreak in the homeless shelters. During the worst of COVID 19, the CoC forged unique partnerships to reduce overcrowding but also shelter individuals. James Madison University, for example, hosted an emergency shelter on JMU’s campus for more than two months. When the school opened, the city of Harrisonburg through CARES Act funding rented a camp and Retreat Center which was empty and converted into an emergency shelter. These community solutions have protected and continue to prevent outbreaks.

<b>ID-8a.</b>	<b>Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.</b>
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC provides a section at each bi-monthly VA-513 CoC meetings, the agenda includes space for agencies or the CoC Coordinator to make announcements, including updates on mainstream resources and other assistance information. The CoC invites Public Health Agencies to make announcements and Agencies also have the ability to send the CoC Coordinator information as it arises, which the CoC Coordinator then distributes through the CoC email list. When appropriate, this information is also shared through the CoC website and social media outlets.. The CoC also work in tandem with mainstream resource organizations to stay up to date on new information throughout the year.

2. The VA-513 CoC hosted regular open virtual meetings where information was shared pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic and updates from health department officials regarding covid cases, changes in local restrictions, testing and vaccine implementation and general information relating to addressing homelessness safety measures. The CoC Coordinator also uploads pertinent information on the CoC’s website and via CoC-wide emails. s. With the help of public health departments, the CoC organized vaccinations and testing for the homeless individuals in our area. The CoC developed and sustained close coordination with public health and health care providers to train and educate providers on best practices on social distancing to determine safe shelter capacities, PPE, and cleaning of surfaces.

<b>1D-9.</b>	<b>Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.</b>
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.A-513's Centralized Housing Intake (CHI) program has been in place since 2014 and has evolved into a model coordinated entry system. The system responded to nearly 22,000 requests in FY21/22 resulting in nearly 1500 referrals for service. With a 2,400 square mile service area of largely rural communities, CHI remains a phone-based system with opportunities for walk-in intakes in Harrisonburg and Winchester and the town of Woodstock.

2.The VA-513 CHI uses a Prioritization Scoring Tool and assigns an initial priority score for the referral receiving agency. This scoring tool reflects the priorities of the CoC and our commitment to serve the most vulnerable citizens facing homelessness. The Prioritization Scoring Tool was developed by a committee of service providers and stakeholders who took into consideration our community's goals, evidence-based practice, and research, as well as federal and state priorities related to priority and vulnerable subpopulations.

3.Our community understands that this process must adapt with the realities that face our crisis response system and take in to consideration the changes occurring within our local homeless population. Considering recent data on a rise in youth homelessness, the impact of mental health on housing instability, and the ever-present commitment by our community to address issues of equity, systemic bias and potential racial disparity-- these prioritization tools are set to be re-evaluated by our CoC's committee structure during this year. Recommendations for revisions or upgrades will be made to the Executive Committee and will be enacted at the earliest opportunity.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Western Virginia Continuum of Care has developed and refined a coordinated entry model that works for our region over the past 8 years. The telephone-based system program provides one number for consumers to call to access intakes and receive referrals for services. Known within our Continuum’s service area as Centralized Housing Intake (CHI), the initiative has become an effective “front door” that ensures those seeking Virginia Housing Solutions Program and other housing-focused services will be provided with the appropriate intervention in a timely and trauma informed manner. Additional care is taken to facilitate effective communication with individuals with disabilities using auxiliary aids on a case-specific and as-needed basis. Further, the CHI program has a written Language Access Plan for persons with Limited English Proficiency (LEP) that complies with Federal Title VI requirements. The line also features staff that are bilingual in Spanish, the primary second language spoken within our region.

2. The VA-513 scoring tool considers the following factors: a history of housing and homelessness, risk factors impacting housing sustainability, socialization and daily functioning, and wellness – including chronic health conditions, substance abuse, mental illness, trauma, and family composition. The assessment takes approximately 2 minutes to administer and should be re-administered by service providers after referral to ensure consistency. This process is used as a guide for prioritization at the provider level, not as a final decision-maker. All clients are referred for appropriate services regardless of their score on this assessment. Clients who are found to be unsheltered and verifiably literally homeless are immediately referred for emergency shelter placement based on their geographic location and the availability of shelter beds.

3. The VA-513 system is effective in allowing clients to make informed housing decisions, assessing eligibility for services, and connecting clients to appropriate interventions to end their homelessness that include diversion, targeted prevention, and Rapid-rehousing.

4. The VA-513 Centralized Housing Intake’s role in our crisis response system’s intake portion of our coordinated entry process is not intended to be a one-time event to gather as much information about a person as possible. Instead, our program utilizes a uniform HMIS assessment to determine eligibility for services in a trauma- informed manner.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC contacted a Racial Disparity in 2019 with our Regional Homeless Populations. This report compiled HMIS program data and Point in Time demographics to explore populations served by our CoC. It also explored chronically homeless persons served in PSH vs. chronically homeless populations by race. The report also included findings from HUD's CoC Analysis Tool for Race and Ethnicity. This tool explores the 2019 Point in Time homeless population's demographic race and ethnic data against the census data to examine if a disproportionate number of persons of color experience homelessness within the region.

2. In examining demographic data from the ACS's census data, the CoC's racial disparity report noted the highest population of individuals within the VA-513 region identify as white, accounting for 91% of the population. Poverty statistics from the census show 86% of whites account for persons living in poverty. Comparing Point in Time data, 71% of the area homeless were white. The black population represents 4% of the persons in the region, comprising 6% of persons living in poverty. However, within our homeless population, a full 19% of the population affected by homelessness are black and an additional 8% persons with multiple races, totaling 27% persons who are black or multiple races within the homeless community. This number strongly contrasts with the 7% persons of color as our baseline demographic, according to the Census data. The initial demographic survey highlighted a notable disparity for people of color within the CoC. The CoC found that it serves an equitable percentage of black and mixed-race persons with homeless services (i.e., emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and prevention) relative to the homeless population. While the findings provided positive results, the VA-513 plans to continue the monitoring of racial disparity within service programs to ensure the needs of all persons experiencing homelessness maintain equitable access and utilization of services.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes

7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC invited Jillian Fox, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Corporation for Supportive Housing to discuss the strategies that communities are pursuing to engage with their clients on these issues, as well as how to partner with culturally specific organizations with connections to communities of color. Our region believes that working to address racism is ever-present and that the data that we can access is a powerful tool to illuminate disparities and lead to changes in policy and practice within our crisis response system. The VA-513 has also revisited our Anti-discrimination Policy to ensure no one seeking services from the CoC is discriminated against. These policies and procedures provide guidance to staff and volunteers of all CoC agencies to prevent discrimination in agency policies and during any interactions with clients. However, regardless of race, it is the goal of the CoC to make homelessness, for all persons, rare, brief, and one-time.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The VA-513 CoC understands and recognizes that as part of an ongoing effort to improve our region’s equity response system, it is necessary to address the range of issues that have resulted from racial inequity. This includes assuring equitable access to the services and that our systems, programs, and individuals that serve people experiencing homelessness should monitor their outcomes to eliminate disparities in the way that they provide services. Each agency receiving CoC federal and/or state level funding is required to follow the Fair Housing Act. The CoC contacted a community-wide informational event that included training on Fair Housing requirements, particularly relating to racial discrimination, and invited speakers to talk about housing racial disparities. The CoC obtains input and included persons of different races, and outreach and engages with local, community-based organizations outside traditional housing.

1D-11.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)

As part of an ongoing effort to connect and engage with community stakeholders and organizations, the CoC Coordinator actively works to update the VA-513 website and Facebook page, improving how we share information on our programs and activities, along with the yearly schedule for CoC general meetings. New members are solicited regularly via in-person networking and email. The CoC meetings and other outreach activities are advertised on the CoC's website and social media page and shared through email messages with interested community members. Currently, over 220 community members receive monthly messages on CoC activities.

The VA-513 CoC understands that effective and efficient communication and increased conversation with various audiences is crucial. For that reason, the CoC is currently working on a new website that will incorporate the latest web design and development, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, and SEO services and tableau in frames for optimal data points communication. The new website will enable us to increase the website's visibility, merge the data and CoC websites into one cohesive online experience, reach persons with disabilities, and use the web translation services.

Additionally, our region's commitment to the Built for Zero case conferencing process has sharpened the focus on the most vulnerable chronically homeless cases in our region and created direct connections between front-line staff.

Through Zoom and other video conferencing platforms, meaningful case-specific inter-agency collaborations have increased and brought a higher level of effectiveness to service plan implementation.

Lastly, our outreach and engagement programs will always remain an essential component of the CoC's activities. Homelessness touches all areas of a person's life, and multiple supportive services are required to ensure a successful housing plan. With the case conferencing initiative, non-CoC member service organizations have begun attending meetings and working in tandem with CoC member agencies to address homelessness. All these efforts have resulted in the CoC increasing the number of HMIS licenses in our community by 28%. Between the CoC lead agency, CoC Coordinator, and CoC members, more and more organizations and local governments in the VA-513 region are becoming informed and connected with the CoC and its fight to make homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

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

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the five 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 and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	4	2
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	2
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	1	1
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	2



5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	1
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1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
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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)**

The CoC Lead Agency participates in the Workforce Development Board meetings and shares information at CoC meetings that are relevant to agencies. Additionally, individual agencies and their staff connect with the Workforce Development Board and other services to refer clients to appropriate employment opportunities, attend job fairs, and also provide necessary assistance for clients to meet their employment goals

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	how your CoC routinely gathered feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experience receiving assistance; and
2.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The VA-513 CoC is strongly committed to ensuring the voices and input of people with lived experience are included in system-level and programmatic decision-making. Because we believe people with lived experience add value to programs, the CoC strongly encourages the partner agencies to include the voice of those who have recently experienced homelessness whenever possible in their committees and meetings. These efforts are starting to materialize. For example, bridge of Hope has a board member with lived experience, and Street outreach routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the CoC partnered with the Housing Authority and Harrisonburg City to host a housing summit where people with lived experiences and those experiencing homelessness were invited. There was a whole session to hear from these individuals.

2. The western Virginia CoC has taken step to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness by Including representatives in Reviewing and recommending revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, housing, and inclusion in the decision-making processes related to addressing homelessness.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
	1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
	2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Western Virginia Continuum of Care is working collectively to critically assess capacity, develop solutions at a systems level, and promote data-informed decision-making to address the affordable housing market and illustrate the exponential growth of the median rents within our community. This effort is meant to be proactive rather than reactive in anticipating policy trends, service needs, and demographic changes within our region. VA-513 will continue to develop a common vision and a set of common goals that will guide the work of grantees and the broader crisis response system within our communities.

The VA-513 Continuum's commitment to engage and broad-based advocacy to bring attention to these barriers and are directly engaged with governmental entities, public and non-profit service providers, and stakeholders to find solutions has led to housing studies by the two cities covered in our geographic area. As a result, the city of Harrisonburg, for example, is in the process of approving a joint venture between the Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority & EquityPlus that will see the development of approximately 870 units of mixed-income housing. A percentage of the rental home will utilize the Housing Authority's ability to employ housing choice vouchers for residents to use toward rent.

2. The single most significant barrier to accessing permanent housing within the VA-513 continuum's service area remains a lack of affordable housing. Our region has seen a dramatic tightening of rental markets during FY21/22 and a reduction in the total number of units available for rehousing. Although the pandemic is an overarching factor, there are different issues impacting this trend by locality, but regulatory barriers to housing this is most evident in our largest urban centers: the cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester. To address these barriers the VA-513 Continuum has sought to build and strengthen partnerships with local governments and following comprehensive housing studies, both cities in partnership in partnership with the CoC and service providers are working diligently to update zoning and policies.

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC’s local competition.	08/30/2022
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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 VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

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 VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	357
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	3
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.  NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC collected and analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Each renewal project is evaluated using the CoC Scoring Tool on the project application submitted, the APR outcomes, data entered into HMIS and its data quality, expenditure of CoC grant funds, and other HUD recommended data tools.
2. The VA-513 has established performance standards that are reviewed by the Compliance and Evaluation Committee, who monitors and evaluates outcomes from the HMIS data.
3. In reviewing projects, those projects that addressed chronic homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse were taken into account by looking at their program outcomes to ensure that they are financially healthy, in compliance with HUD regulations, and helping those critically in need. By using a CoC constructed ranking and review tool, points are assigned to certain criteria based on the severity of needs
4. Our CoC prioritizes chronic homelessness, mental health, and substance abuse when ranking projects, as well as the Housing First Model. Those projects that address a combination of the most vulnerable clients who suffer from the above issues AND have low barriers to housing are prioritized.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.  NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
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	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;
2.	how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;
3.	how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
4.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To provide all individuals and families equal access to necessary housing and services, the Western Virginia CoC has adopted policies and procedures to ensure no one seeking services from the CoC is discriminated against. The CoC’s applications included questions asking how applicants are evaluating and addressing racial inequities in program outcomes.
2. The VA-513 CoC has demonstrated commitment to improving racial equity in its policies and programs, via strategic planning, community engagement, and resources. The CoC scoring tools ensures the applicants data is consistent and representative of the homeless population in our area.
3. During the ranking process, the Ad Hoc Committee which comprised of representatives from different sectors rated projects based on the degree to which applicants addressed the local homelessness population equitably.
4. To provide all individuals and families equal access to necessary housing and services, the Western Virginia CoC has adopted policies and procedures to ensure no one seeking services from the CoC is discriminated against. The CoC’s applications included questions asking how applicants are evaluating and addressing racial inequities in program outcomes. This information was incorporated in the Ranking committee’s consideration for project ranking.

<b>1E-4.</b>	<b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.the VA-513 CoC’s reallocation policy provides for the reallocation of renewal CoC project funds to new or expansion CoC projects based on whether the renewal project is meeting the CoC’s performance-based criteria and local needs, as identified through the data. The policy also allows for reallocation in the event that a renewal project sub-recipient no longer plans to continue the project or no longer needs the funds to operate the project. The Ranking and Prioritization Committee will review renewal projects, based on the outlined criteria, and determine if any projects are low performing and warrant partial or full reallocation of funds for a new project. The Executive Committee will then review the decision and determine whether or not funds should be released through the competitive reallocation process, with all deliberations and final decision documented in the meeting minutes

2. No relocation project was approved this year.

3.No relocation project was approved this year

4..Each renewal project was evaluated using the CoC Scoring Tool on the project application submitted, the APR outcomes, data entered into HMIS and its data quality, expenditure of CoC grant funds, and other HUD-recommended data tools. Due to a large portion of renewal funding generated from the main permanent supportive housing operation in the CoC region, and good outcomes, no renewal funds were reallocated.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/14/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/14/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results—Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank—if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	08/15/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/27/2022
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/29/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 databases that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	



**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC utilizes de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database for the HUD APR and HIC, as well as the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development grant reports. Internally, the CoC uses the data for analyzing trends and issues, increasing understanding of utilization and capacity issues, and determining the allocation of resources. The database that the CoC DV shelters use is through the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance, with an HMIS comparable component added to their existing VAdata database. In addition, the CoC examines this data internally to develop goals towards utilization, length of stay, recidivism, and exit to permanent housing.

2. Yes, the VA -513 CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards through its use of WellSky's HMIS implementation and the VAdata HMIS-comparable implementation, and all agencies received training concerning the updated data standards.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	521	74	447	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	0	0	0	
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	123	21	102	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	82	0	82	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section VII.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)**

N/A

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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<b>2B-1.</b>	<b>PIT Count Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	04/26/2022
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<b>2B-2.</b>	<b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/29/2022
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<b>2B-3.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:

1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Although the CoC’s PIT count historically encounters a low percentage of youths (15 total out of 426 counted individuals in 2022, for example), the planning process for the PIT count involves steps that ensure that stakeholders serving homeless youth are involved and shape the process of the PIT count.

2. Alongside a general call for volunteers, the HMIS Lead in charge of the PIT count also reaches out individually seeking volunteers from street outreach agencies, addiction recovery agencies, and other local agencies engaged in serving the local population experiencing homelessness. This process has proven to be successful in that PIT count volunteers with lived experience and intimate knowledge of the current population experiencing homelessness are ensured to be included in the volunteer pool.

3. After the volunteer pool has been identified, there are then a series of group meetings planning the logistics of the count in the area served by that group of volunteers. During these meetings, one facet which is decided by stakeholders knowledgeable about the area and the local population experiencing homelessness is the locations to be canvassed. This ensures that the volunteers are focusing their energy in current areas known by folks who have intimate knowledge of the population experiencing homelessness. These areas often include day shelters, parks, and shopping centers.

<b>2B-4.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	

In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, 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 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 expanded the volunteer pool that was identified, trained through a series of group meetings, planning the logistics of the count in the area served by that group of volunteers. Local partners took charge to ensure the volunteers focused on areas known by folks who have intimate knowledge of the population experiencing homelessness. These areas often included day shelters, parks, and shopping centers. The changes in methodology from 2020 to 2022 PIT Count included change in the participation of programs serving the general homeless population, more volunteers, change in the emergency shelter capacity and hotel motel programs.

2. The CoC had an additional organization participating in the hotel motel program that enabled collection of data and that increased the count. The new partnerships in the Winchester/Front Royal Area, which were included in the HIC, also resulting in an increased count.

3. The Western Virginia (VA-513) CoC has observed a steady increase in homelessness throughout the region over the past five years. Between 2017 and 2022, the Point in Time (PIT) results highlighted a 23.2% increase in the number of homeless adults and children in shelters and unsheltered adults within the VA-513 region. However, thankfully the percentage of unsheltered households has dropped nearly 22% since the region's last full PIT count in January of 2020. Additionally, this year's PIT count showed only 8% of the total counted population as unsheltered, the best percentage since 2017. This represents a significant improvement over our last full count in 2020, which showed 13.35% of the population unsheltered.

## 2C. System Performance

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<b>2C-1.</b>	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The VA-513 Centralized Housing Intake (CHI) conducts an assessment with clients, either over the phone or in person, to determine the individual's risk of becoming homeless for the first time.
2. If they have 14 days until their eviction, agencies can utilize prevention services and funds from the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program to help keep the individual from becoming homeless. CHI and CoC agencies also connect individuals with resource organizations, such as the Valley Assistance Network and the Harrisonburg Community Resource Center, to aid them in accessing additional preventative resources.
3. Currently, the VA-513 CoC Executive Committee with support from the CoC coordinator, and the Lead Agency oversees this strategy and looks at ways to improve.

<b>2C-2.</b>	<b>Length of Time Homeless–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The VA-513 has established performance standards that are reviewed by the Compliance and Evaluation Committee, which monitors and evaluates outcomes. The Best Practices Committee also reviews the performance standards to ensure they comply with grant regulations and best practices for determining outcomes. This year, the VA-513 CoC has implemented a by-name list and case conferencing process to clearly identify individuals experiencing homelessness, connect with them to better understand their unique challenges, and bring agencies together to work collaboratively in addressing these issues and helping them get housed as quickly as possible.
2. The by-name list enables the VA-513 CoC to identify those individuals with the longest length of homelessness and work to address their unique needs.
3. Currently, the VA-513 CoC Executive Committee with support from the CoC The coordinator and Lead Agency oversee this strategy and look at ways to improve.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	

In the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The VA-513 is a diverse continuum with resources available in different locations with unique issues and barriers. This restricts the continuum from creating a uniform policy to address the needs of the homeless population across the region. However, to best address the needs of those experiencing homelessness, agencies conduct assessments and identify individual housing needs to determine the best resources for a positive outcome. The Compliance and Evaluation Committee, along with the Executive Committee, continues to examine data to notice any significant changes in the rate and address any issues on an agency-by-agency basis.
2. The VA-513 agencies work to ensure the appropriate level of supportive services is available to help with stabilization in permanent housing projects, before moving a client, by coordinating with community service providers. The CoC partnerships with North Western CSB and Harrisonburg CSB for example have demonstrated increased housing stability, improved health, and cost effectiveness by lowering public costs associated with the use of crisis services.
3. Currently, the VA-513 CoC Executive Committee with support from the CoC the coordinator and Lead Agency oversee this strategy and look at ways to improve.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Currently, the VA-513 CoC is working on a policy to identify and address recidivism. Along with this policy, multiple providers within the CoC administer state Rapid Re-housing funds to help families on the verge of returning to homelessness maintain their housing. Additionally, the HMIS Coordinator and committees review data to determine trends and issues around recidivism and ways to address those findings as a CoC.
2. The VA-513 CoC utilizes various tools to reduce the rate of recidivism. With funding for PSH, RRH, TBRA, and HCV within the CoC and administered by participating agencies, there are multiple funding assistance options for individuals struggling to maintain and/or keep housing. Agencies look at each client's individual needs to determine the best housing plan that will keep them permanently housed. To help individuals to stay permanently housed, agencies have increased partnership with supportive services to provide the necessary wrap-around services, again based on the client's individual needs. This year, the VA-513 CoC also trained agency staff and implemented the VI-SPDAT tool to ensure client's referrals for housing support are effective.
3. The VA-513 CoC Executive Committee and Lead Agency oversee this strategy.



2C-5.	<b>Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. This is a new area of data the VA-513 CoC is looking at to see how we can best gather, review, and develop strategies for helping individuals utilizing Cofounded programs increase their income. Currently, this is addressed on a one-on one basis at individual agencies.
2. The CoC Lead Agency participates in the Workforce Development Board meetings and shares information at CoC meetings that are relevant to agencies. Additionally, individual agencies and their staff connect with the Workforce Development Board and other services to refer clients to appropriate employment opportunities, attend job fairs, and also provide necessary assistance for clients to meet their employment goals.
3. The VA-513 CoC Executive Committee and Lead Agency oversee this Strategy

2C-5a.	<b>Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Led by the Northwestern Community Service Board, agencies in the CoC have been provided the opportunity to attend training and become SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) certified. With this certification, agencies can best address the needs of clients who are unable to work full-time and assist them with obtaining non-employment cash income. Assistance for clients is facilitated at an agency level.
2. Through SOAR-certified agency staff and partnerships with the local Department of Social Services agencies, CoC participating agencies work within their community to identify and promote the services that will increase access to non-employment cash sources for clients. Due to the large geography of the VA-513 CoC, this strategy is operated on a local and agency level. The CoC Lead Agency and the Best Practices committee oversee this strategy.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-2.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

<b>3B-1.</b>	<b>Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.</b>	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

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

1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD’s implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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 VII.C.	

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:

1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

## 4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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| 1. | You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2. | You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 3. | We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube. |
| 4. | Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 5. | Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 6. | If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Local Competition...	09/19/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	VA-513 Score Card	09/19/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Ad Hoc Committee ...	09/19/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Decision Letter	09/19/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Decision Letters	09/19/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Priority listing	09/19/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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## Submission Summary

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

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<b>4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants</b>	09/16/2022
<b>4B. Attachments Screen</b>	Please Complete
<b>Submission Summary</b>	No Input Required



# Western Virginia Continuum Of Care

## FY2022 NOFO Score Card

This project scorecard will be completed for each project applying for funding through HUD's CoC Program Competition. The scoring criteria are directly related to HUD's CoC System Performance Measurements (which are based on data entered into the CoC's HMIS) and the CoC's specific needs and vulnerabilities. The overall score of the CoC Applicant directly relates to how much funding HUD awards to a CoC, including funding for Tier 2 and new projects.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Program Type:

- Rapid Re-Housing  Supportive Services Only  Permanent Supportive Housing
- HMIS  DV: Supportive Services Only  DV: Rapid Re-Housing
- Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)
- TH: Transitional Housing

### Project Type:

- New  Renewal  Expansion

## CoC Threshold Requirements

Please check "Yes," "No," or "N/A" for each question to determine if the project application meets the threshold requirements. All threshold requirements must be answered in order to move forward through the competition. Yes = 15 pts.; No = 0 pts.; N/A = no points available.

Threshold Requirements	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Eligible Project Type:</b> The applicant must qualify as an eligible project. Eligible project types include: PSH, RRH, DV-RRH, TH, Joint TH-RRH, HMIS (for HMIS Lead only).			
<b>Coordinated Entry Participation:</b> The project participates, or intends to, in the coordinated entry in compliance with HUD's and the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies (excludes HMIS).			
<b>Geographic Coverage:</b> The applicant operates in the CoC's covered geography. This includes: Clarke, Frederick, Page, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Warren counties, as well as the cities of Harrisonburg and Winchester.			

Threshold Requirements (cont'd)	Yes	No	N/A
<b>Low Barrier:</b> The project is designed and implemented using Low Barrier principles, including no preconditions to entry except as required by funding sources and provision of necessary supports to maintain housing and prevent a return to homelessness (excludes HMIS).			
<b>Housing First:</b> The project is designed and implemented to prioritize rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and ensures program participants experience low barriers to entry without preconditions and regardless of: (a) little or too little income; (b) active or history of substance abuse; (c) having a criminal record with exceptions for restrictions imposed by federal, state, or local law or ordinance (e.g., restrictions on serving people who are listed on sex offender registries); or (d) history of victimization (e.g., domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse).			
<b>Healthcare Enrollment Effective Utilization:</b> The project assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in public health care benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services), Private Insurers, Nonprofit, Philanthropic, and others. If yes, please indicate which services apply.			
<b>Documented, secured minimum match:</b> Applicant has 25% match commitments that satisfy CoC Program Rule requirements for source and amount.			
<b>Project is financially feasible:</b> Project has funding commitments equal to or exceeding the project budget.			
<b>Active CoC participant and in conformance with CoC standards:</b> Applicant meets CoC engagement requirements by participating in meetings, on committees, in coordinated entry and HMIS, voting, and adopting best practices, as well as conforming to CoC standards for performance.			
<b>Application is complete, and data are consistent:</b> All required information is completed, and all required attachments are provided. Data provided in response to different questions match.			



<b>Threshold Requirements (cont'd)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Meet reporting deadlines:</b> Applicant meets deadlines for submitting HUD- and CoC-required reports such as the Annual Performance Report (APR) and Annual Review (PSH only).			
<b>Data quality at or above 90%:</b> Data elements required by HUD and the CoC have a 90% or higher completion rate.			
<b>Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%:</b> Beds or units in the project are occupied 90% or more of the operating year. For family shelters, this will be by unit (excludes HMIS).			
<b>Acceptable organizational audit/financial review:</b> Applicant's HUD audit or financial review does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.			
<b>Documented organizational financial stability:</b> Applicant's financial statements for the previous fiscal year demonstrates financial stability to support the operation of the project during the next operating year.			
<b>Safety measures implemented (DV only):</b> Applicant ensures clients' safety (e.g., alarm system, security cameras, protecting client data in a comparable database, transfer plan).			
<b>Serve vulnerable populations and fills housing needs:</b> Applicant serves the CoC's vulnerable subpopulations, which have been identified as chronic, veteran, DV victims, HIV/AIDS homeless, and families with children. Additionally, the applicant fills a housing need gap within the CoC's covered geography.			

**Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 255 pts (DV Projects)**  
**\_\_\_\_\_ out of 240 pts (non-DV Projects)**

Additional comments:

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## Western Virginia Continuum of Care 2022 NOFO Score Card

### Project Effectiveness

Project Type	Rating Factor	Data Source	Performance Point Scale	Score
RRH, PSH, TH	The project has reasonable costs per permanent housing exit (if renewal project, assess current spend-down rate).	Divide total project costs (collected from each project using a standardized tool that accounts for housing, services, and administrative costs) by the number of permanent housing exits (APR Q 23c)	Fully met = 10 Partially met = 5 Not met = 0	
RRH, PSH, TH,	Coordinated Entry Participation – 95% of entries to project from CE referral (or an alternative system for DV projects)	Local data if available (Note: this measure will be fully implemented in FY 2020).	95% + = 10 pts 90%-94% = 8 pts 80% -89% = 6 pts 70%-79% = 4 pts 60%-69% = 2 pts 50%-59% = 1 pt < 50% = 0 pts	
RRH, PSH, TH	Housing First and/or Low Barrier	CoC assessment of fidelity to Housing First from CoC monitoring or review of project policies and procedures	Yes = 10 pts No = 0 pts N/A = no points available	

**Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 30 pts**

Additional comments:

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## Western Virginia Continuum of Care 2022 NOFO Score Card

### Project Performance

The HMIS Lead Agency will provide data based on APR provided by the agency. DVs will provide alternative system-created reports.

Project Type	Rating Factor	Data Source	Performance Point Scale	Score
<b><i>Length of Stay</i></b>				
RRH, TH	On average, participants spend 14 days or less from project entry to housing move-in	APR Q22c	100% = 20 pts 99%-80% = 15 pts 79% or less = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	
<b><i>Exit to Permanent Housing</i></b>				
RRH, TH	90% of leavers move to permanent housing	APR Q23c	100%-90% = 25 pts 89%-80% = 15 pts 79% or less = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	
PSH, TH	90% of leavers remain in or move to permanent housing	Calculation: 1) Subtract leavers to all destinations (APR Q23c) from the number of participants (APR Q7a) to determine the number of stayers; 2) Add leavers to permanent housing destinations (APR Q23c); 3) Add stayers (Step 1) and leavers to permanent housing destinations (Step 2) and divide by the number of participants (APR Q7a)	100%-90% = 25 pts 89%-80% = 15 pts 79% or less = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	
<b><i>Returns to Homelessness</i></b>				
RRH, PSH, TH	8% or less of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	CoC System Performance Measure Report for last year, returns this year	8% or less = 5 pts 9% - 12% = 3 pts 13% - 24% = 2 pts > 25% = 0 pts	

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<i>New or Increased Income or Earned Income</i>				
PSH, TH	Percent of participants with increased total income for project stayers	APR Q19a1 (This question only collects information for participants who have been in the project for 365+ days. A local report with more complete data can be substituted.)	70% + = 7 pts 60% - 69% = 6 pts 50% - 59% = 5 pts 40% - 49% = 4 pts 30% - 39% = 3 pts 20% - 29% = 2 pts 10% - 19% = 1 pt < 9% = 0 pts	
PSH, TH	Percent of participants with increased earned income for project stayers	APR Q19a1 (This question only collects information for participants who have been in the project for 365+ days. A local report with more complete data can be substituted.)	50% + = 5 pts 36% - 49% = 4 pts 24% - 35% = 3 pts 16% - 23% = 2 pts 8% - 15% = 1 pt < 7% = 0 points	

**Subtotal: \_\_\_\_\_ out of 87 pts**

Additional comments:

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**Total score out of 357 pts (372 total pts for DV):**

Name of Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

Title, Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_