



Western Virginia

Continuum of Care

General Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 2024: 10am-12pm

Woodstock, VA

AGENDA

- 9:30 – 10:00 Open Networking
- Welcome and General Updates
- 10:10-10:20 – 2024 PIT Count – Preliminary Report
- 10:20-10:45 – VHSP Collaborative Application - Overview
- 11-11:30 – Committees & Agencies Updates –
Focus on Effective/Innovative Staffing Practices
- 11:30-12 – Open Discussions –Exploring Innovative Solutions to Homelessness – *Focus on supporting homeless service provider workforce*

WHAT IS A CoC?

A “Continuum of Care” (CoC) is a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing services and provides funding.

The Western Virginia Continuum of Care (VA-513) is a network of agencies and individuals working together to build a system of care for families and individuals who are experiencing homelessness in the Shenandoah Valley.

Goal: Homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Vision: Everyone has a safe and stable home.

HOW THE CoC OPERATES

- Facilitates a **collaborative process** of planning, implementing, and overseeing housing services that are inclusive, measurable, and effective
- Ensures that **resources** are allocated, targeted, and utilized efficiently and effectively
- Operates through established **committees**, of which the Executive Committee is the official governing and decision-making body
 - HRHA is the CoC's lead agency and fiscal agent
 - Employs 2 staff: the CoC Coordinator and the HMIS Administrator
- Advocates a **housing first** approach to services

SERVICES



Centralized
Intake



Street Outreach



Prevention



Permanent
Supportive Housing



Rapid
Rehousing



Housing Opportunities
for People with AIDS



Emergency
Shelter



Built for Zero

Western Virginia CoC (VA-513)

OVERVIEW



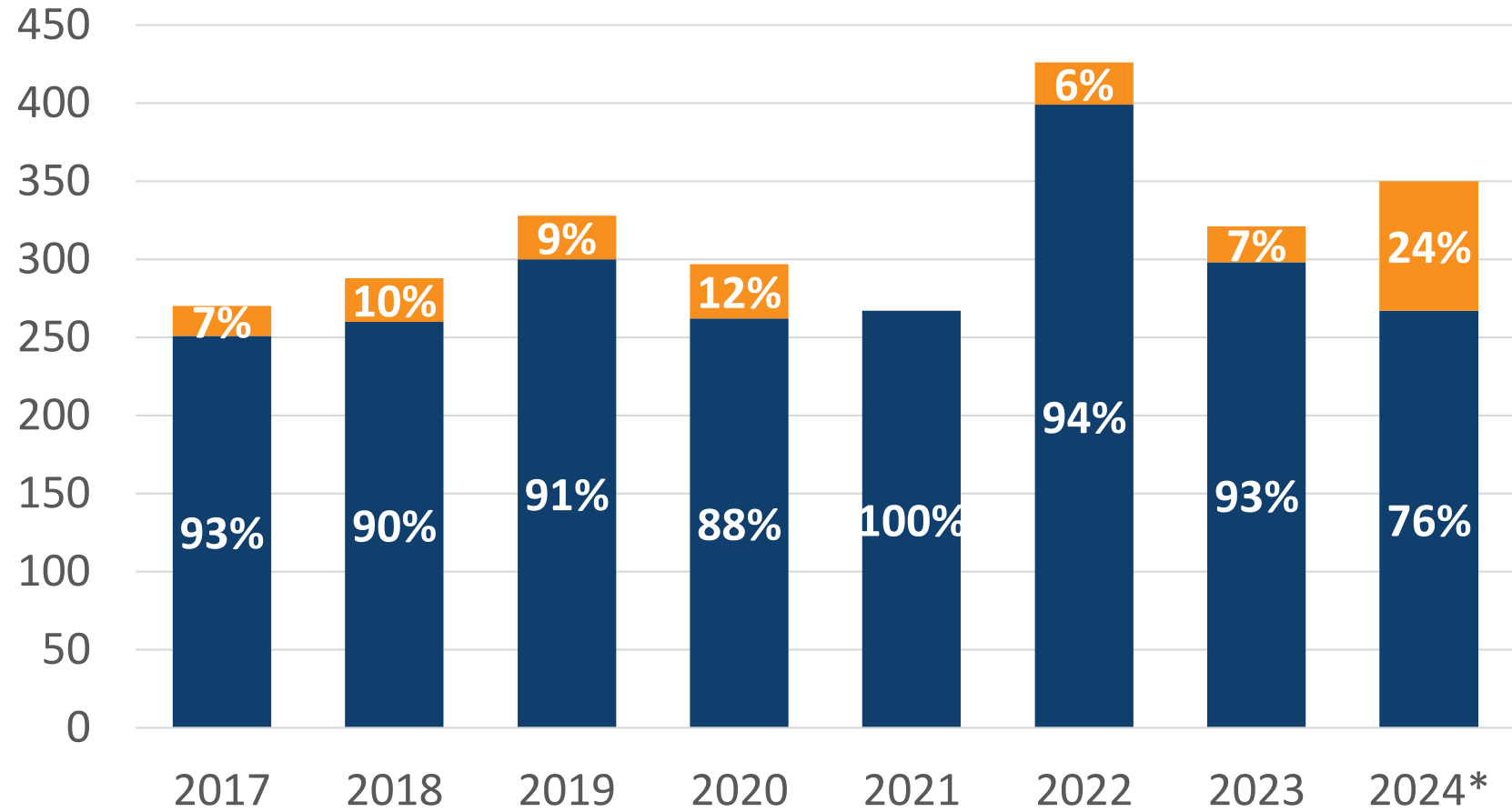
HUD's CoC NOFO Award Annual Comparison – FY 21-24

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Total Award FY 2023			\$417,015

PRELIMINARY PIT COUNT RESULTS

PIT count totals over time

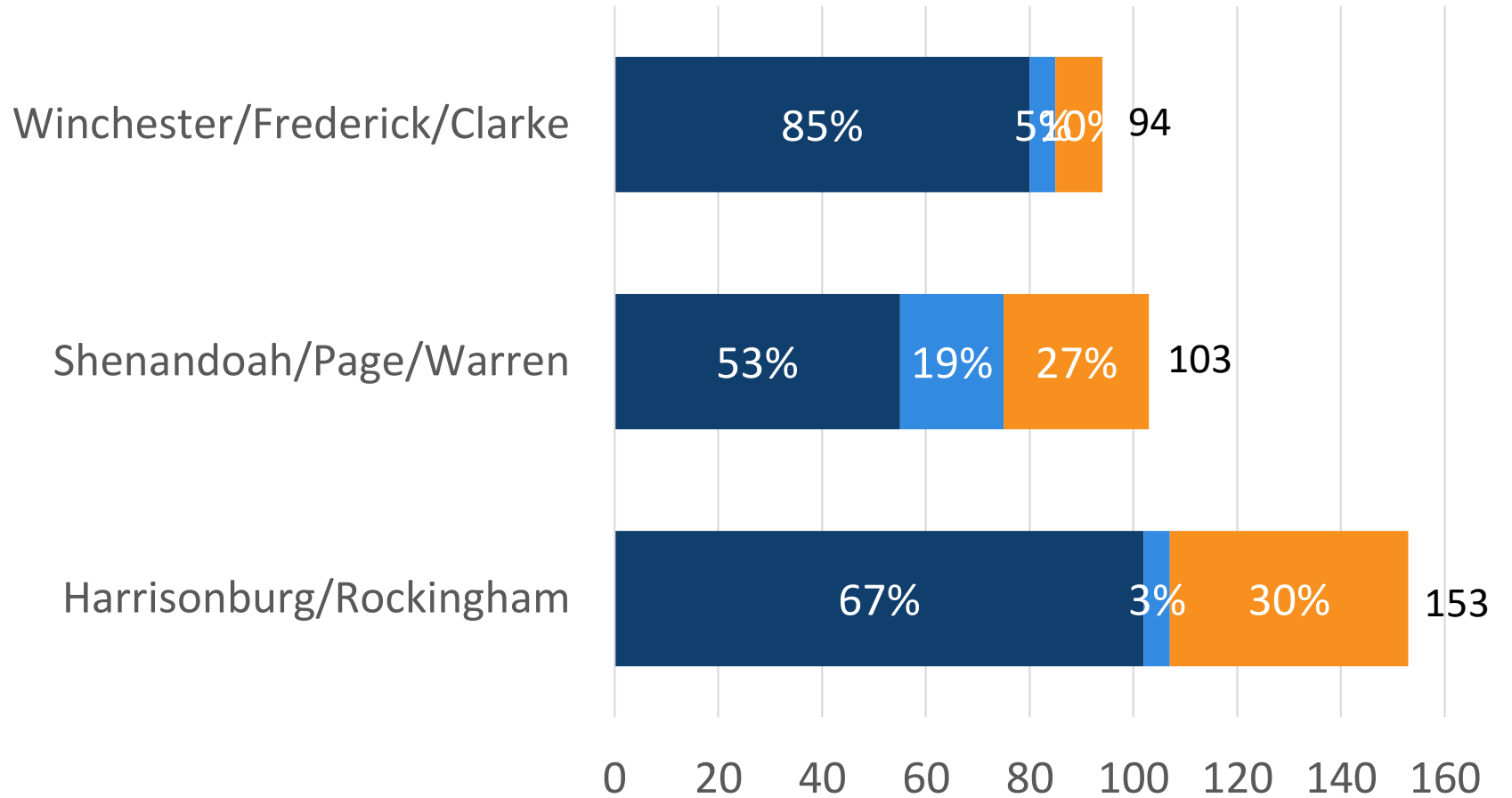
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PRELIMINARY PIT COUNT RESULTS

2024* PIT Count: 350 people experiencing homelessness

■ Emergency Shelter (68%) ■ DV shelter (9%) ■ Unsheltered (24%)



* This chart uses preliminary numbers and may change slightly before being finalized in April 2024

FY 2024 – 2026 VHSP Funding – General Outline

- Release Date: February 2, 2024
- Application Due Date: Friday, April 5, 2024
- Funding Years: Biennial Funding
 - July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025
 - July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026
- Funding level: \$17 million, with minimum contract request of \$25,000
(community-based application, but grants are provided to specific organizations for eligible projects)
- Match requirement: 25% of total allocated funding to the CoC/LPG
- Eligible Activities: No change
- Grant Award Funding: allocated through a community-based competitive application process

HSNS VHSP Funding Comparison

*FY 2023 HSNH Administered Funding			
VHSP	HOPWA	HTF Homeless Reduction	
\$15,075,392	\$1,375,014	\$8,300,000	
*FY 2024 HSNH Administered Funding			
VHSP	HOPWA	HTF Homeless Reduction	VHSP Increase
\$15,477,632	\$1,590,072	\$12,00,000	2.7%

** Actual funding levels have not been determined at the writing on the grant, funding could vary significantly from estimated amounts.*

Current State of Homelessness in America

- Homelessness has been on the rise since 2017
- Never enough funds, not enough housing, voucher, shelter beds, etc.
Not enough staff
- Homeless services systems continue to expand availability of temporary and permanent needs, but these resources still fall short of demand
- More efficient homelessness systems...but what about the workforce beyond it?

State of Homeless Service Provider Workforce

- Understaffed, underpaid, but overworked ➡ High turnover
- Motivated by love & desire to make a positive change, meaningful work

BOOST Retention & Engagement

- Ending homelessness can happen, but only if we sustain the workforce beyond it
- Engaged employees are those who feel great when doing their best in work that matters
- Engaged employees don't rely on a situation to stimulate satisfaction, but finds fulfillment in their role
- Coaching: Help employees develop skills for current and future roles

FY 2024 CoC General Meeting Schedule

- January 11, 2024: Woodstock
- February 8, 2024: Woodstock
- February 15, 2024 VHSP Info Session – Virtual
- April 11, 2024: Winchester
- June 6, 2024: HUD NOFO Info Session - Virtual
- June 13, 2024: Harrisonburg
- August 8, 2024: Winchester
- October 10, 2024: Harrisonburg



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Next Meeting

Thursday, April 11th

Winchester, VA

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