

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	No	No	No
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Nonexistent	No	No
33.	Youth Service Providers	Nonexistent	No	No
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our staff is continually reaching out to BIPOC organizations, faith institutions, and community leaders to seek their guidance and expertise on how the CoC’s systems can better serve Black and Brown people. This includes local chapters of the NAACP, Harrisonburg’s Northeast Neighborhood Association, the Lucy Simms Center, faith congregations, and local community leaders (i.e. Hispanic social support networks, Congolese churches, Kurdish community groups, and more).

As the CoC lead agency, Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority engages in substantial relationship building to instill anti-racist policies, procedures, and practices. This is especially important because of HRHA’s historic role in urban renewal projects that systematically displaced Black communities of Harrisonburg in the 1960s. Outreach and presence in the community at the annual Black Heritage Festival, collaboration with childcare providers and community development organizations, and soliciting feedback on how to reduce barriers to entry are all regular, ongoing activities.

In 2019, there was a disparity between the population of Latin(x) people who were experiencing homelessness and those enrolling in CoC-funded programs for Rapid Rehousing, Prevention, and Permanent Supportive Housing. We identified that language accessibility for assessment and referrals was creating a barrier. The lead agency for the Coordinated Entry System recruited and retained bilingual staff, the Media and Advocacy committee developed Spanish informational materials explaining the procedures for accessing the Coordinated Entry call line, and all CoC members reached out to leaders within the Latin(x) communities to raise awareness about the available services. The disparities have steadily decreased for this population over the past 5 years as a result of these efforts.

Agencies within the CoC have prioritized recruiting and retaining diverse client-facing staff that represent the populations they are serving, both in racial/ethnic identity and in lived experience of homelessness. The CoC offers annual trainings on fair housing, racial equity, trauma-informed care, recognizing implicit bias, and other person-first skills that cultivate empathy and raise awareness about unique challenges facing people with BIPOC identities. The CoC conducts an annual racial equity analysis to ensure that service provision is equitably provided and there are no gaps between service provision and the homeless population.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Engaging the community to grow VA-513 is done with a clear and understandable approach. An annual events calendar is posted on the CoC website, and events are announced at general meetings with regular email reminders. CoC staff and existing members identify potential new members to ensure all stakeholders in ending homelessness are included. Invitations are sent by email, phone, in-person, and posted on the public Facebook page and website. Interested individuals can submit membership requests via the CoC website or email. Community led meetings also spread awareness of the existence and purpose of the CoC.

2.We ensure effective communication with all our stakeholders. The events calendar on our ADA-compliant website includes access information for all meetings. Feedback on the format of these meetings is regularly collected. In-person and virtual options (with closed captions) are available to ensure several means of participation. Close relationships within the CoC allows for members to communicate directly when information needs clarity so that any assistance can be provided to deliver information effectively. Assistance may include problem solving meetings in-person and virtually, charts and graphic materials that allow for other means of processing the information, and/or other accommodation requests. Additionally, the CoC’s website incorporates the latest ADA-compliant web design and development, a variety of accessible formats, and links to online ADA-compliant forms. The CoC posts a recording and the minutes on the website following general meetings.

3.We prioritize the inclusion of organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness. This priority is expressed using consistent inclusive messaging and through actions taken to engage and learn from agencies pursuing equity for culturally specific communities. General meeting topics include surveying members for information on whom in the communities they serve are pursuing racial equity, amplifying the voices of those with lived experience, and allying with the LGBTQ+ community. This helps facilitate invitations to our CoC. Active CoC member organizations already include organizations serving people who identify as LGBTQ+, Black, Latin(o/a/e), PWLE of homelessness, and those living with HIV/AIDS. Attending community events hosted by culturally specific communities is another approach used to promote inclusivity.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC has a broad membership, including agencies led by people with lived experience, nonprofits, school representatives, emergency shelters, healthcare providers, city officials, mental health providers, public housing authorities, community service boards, and more. The CoC maintains strong connections with a diverse group of organizations & individuals by attending local community led meetings an hosting events to support ending homelessness. CoC general meetings are facilitated as a collaborative knowledge-sharing platform for best practices & coordination. CoC committee agendas & actions are member-driven, with input from front-line staff informing policy priorities. CoC leadership advocates for regional efforts that address systemic issues around homelessness.
2. The CoC holds general meetings every other month. Its 6 committees & by-name-list case conferencing meetings meet monthly. At these meetings, members & the public share information and provide input to the CoC’s actions. The Media & Advocacy Committee develops messages, press releases, & materials that are distributed on the website/social media and in the community. CoC members share updates with the community & gather information at local planning meetings. The CoC website contains information on how to contact CoC staff members, with forms to request information about resources & assistance. Feedback on individuals’ experience seeking assistance within the CoC is submitted and collected via this form.
3. CoC staff members are available to address accessibility barriers. In addition to incorporating the latest ADA-compliant web design and providing a variety of accessible formats, other steps include providing written & visual aids during meetings to support understanding of verbal information, sharing these materials with participants, and posting them on the CoC website. Automated captioning is available during virtual or hybrid meetings, and the CoC’s charter includes a clause for member agencies to assist with reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities.
4. At a general CoC meeting, an interactive survey activity was led to gather information on what meeting participants, including CoC members & the public, believed to be areas of improvement within our community’s response to homelessness. At the next meeting, a strategic planning session was had wherein meeting participants were invited to expand on the specific topics mentioned in order to create action steps.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC regularly solicits feedback from its members for new projects to address unmet community needs within the CoC’s geographic area. A solicitation for new and renewal project application was emailed to all affiliated organizations and was posted on the CoC website upon release of the NOFO. A new Permanent Supportive Housing project application was submitted and included in the VA-513’s Funding Priority Listing for FY2024. The collaborative applicant discussed in detail eligible projects under the NOFO at a general meeting, and posted a recording to the CoC website. Application preparation steps geared toward new applicants were also published on the website to support new applicants.
2. The CoC provided an informational presentation at a general meeting open to the public. This informational presentation was recorded and posted to the CoC website. A grant timeline outlining preparation steps, links to useful resources, key dates and deadlines, etc. was also published on the CoC’s website.
3. The CoC's ad hoc committee of non-funded community representatives from the local government, school system, non-profit organizations, and health systems reviews and scores all applications based on criteria described in the CoC NOFO, as well as its alignment with strategic initiatives and CoC and HUD priorities. This recommendation is then presented to the CoC’s executive committee for discussion, modification, and approval.
4. The CoC maintains an ADA-compliant website to ensure information is accessible. 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. CoC staff contact information is posted to request assistance as well.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	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)	Nonexistent
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		No

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients?	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance?	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The VA-513 seeks to incorporate the perspective of youth education providers by deeply imbedding their involvement in our system. After signing a membership agreement, Laurel Ridge Community College became a member of our CoC and is represented on the Best Practices Committee by their College Social Worker, who works with students facing crisis. One of the top crises for students who attend Laurel Ridge Community College is housing instability. Another effort the CoC took to incorporate the youth education provider perspective was inviting school liaisons to serve on the Rank & Review Adhoc Committee, which is tasked with scoring and prioritizing NOFO applications. Additionally, the school liaisons reviewed the PIT Count methodology in relation to homeless students and participated in our PIT Count data collection after signing a code of ethics agreement.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC’s Policies and Procedures for CoC-funded Programs (which includes both federal and state funding) require all programs to connect clients, both individuals and families, with mainstream services. This includes connection to education for not only children and youth but also adult education opportunities. All potential connections to these and other mainstream services are documented in the housing barriers assessment at program intake and are then established in a housing plan.

Procedures to connect adults with educational services include an overview of the local services available, assessing what services the client is already accessing, and then following the client’s lead on identifying goals and establishing a plan of steps to achieve them. For education, this can include applying to local literacy programs, referrals to Workforce Development Centers, and applying for adult continuing educational services, such as obtaining a GED, enrolling in English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, and applying for trade skill courses and community college credits, and other certifications.

Programs that serve families with children and unaccompanied youth use the following procedures to connect students with education services. This is a top priority for families to maximize stability and routine in the lives of children who are experiencing homelessness. Providers collaborate closely with McKinney Vento liaisons to access the most appropriate resources for each family’s situation. CoC program providers connect with the relevant school district jurisdiction (any of the eight in our CoC) and accompany clients to register new students. CoC programs work with McKinney Vento liaisons and school social workers to arrange for needed materials as well as transportation to the school of origin for students whose shelter is in another district. Conversely, school social workers are aware of the CoC’s programs and will call the Coordinated Entry system to make referrals for students experiencing literal homelessness. Additional connections to birth to three year programs, early childhood providers, and head start/public pre-K programs happen directly between the CoC program and the relevant provider, which include the local hospital programs for pregnant and new parents, Departments of Social Services TANF services, Head Start administrators, and others, all of which have written policies to prioritize people who are experiencing homelessness.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
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	Yes	No

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

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Western Virginia CoC remains committed to a continuous improvement process through the adoption of best practices and policies leading to better outcomes. Guided by its Best Practices Committee, which is tasked with researching and implementing best practices, the VA-513 CoC continuously seeks to explore highest standards and update its policies and procedures accordingly. CoC wide training and targeted technical assistance and training are also provided to member agencies as needed. Domestic violence provider agencies and agencies serving people with HIV/AIDS have representative staff serving on all five of the CoC's standing committees.

2. The CoC currently has 3 Domestic Violence and 2 Sexual Violence partners. These partners provide trauma-informed, victim centered services utilizing best practices and follow VAWA confidentiality guidelines. They also operate 24-hour hotlines service to address the needs of survivors. These agencies have onsite security procedures to address the safety and confidentiality of survivors. Accreditation standards sponsored by the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) require a minimum of 20 hours of training per year, of which 10 hours must be in person. Some of the training topics include crisis intervention and advocacy (trauma-informed based on SAMSHA model), safety planning, cultural humility, trauma of victimization, survivor-directed services, victims' rights, etc. In addition to training provided at individual agency level, supplemental training coordinated by the CoC are also provided on a need basis. This fiscal year, an invitation was sent to all CoC members, including DV providers to join a trauma informed care training hosted on August 10. Links to webinars and other useful resources are also disseminated as available.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's CHI refers callers who are fleeing a domestic violence situation directly to the appropriate DV provider. This policy is in place to prioritize the immediate need for safety before addressing a need for housing. Agencies that are expertly trained to serve those clients can promptly take action to ensure their safety and security while tailoring their services to address each case's unique circumstances. 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 DV service provider. 75% of the CoC's DV providers currently receive rapid rehousing funds to rehouse clients in a safe location of their choice.

2. DV service providers do not provide any client identifying information to other agencies, and all of their performance data are de-identified and aggregated. DV providers submit client information into VAdata, a secure HMIS-equivalent database for DV providers that is operated by the Virginia Sexual Violence and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. Our continuum's HMIS Administrator works with DV providers to collect performance and outcome data using a standard APR export, which ensures the confidentiality and safety of our clients. Finally, all households, regardless of their DV status, have the right to not grant a release of information to share their data among providers within the CoC.

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

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

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;

3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's CHI staff are trained specifically to safely refer individuals and/or households 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. The Western Virginia CoC strives to ensure that its CE process allows emergency services to operate with as few barriers to entry, transfer, and exit.
3. The CoC encourages its DV providers to maintain updated emergency planning and transfer policies or protocols, allowing them to promptly respond to individuals' and families emergency transfer requests, as long as the accommodation of such requests does not impose a substantial burden on the agency. All the three (3) DV providers participating in the CoC receive Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) funds allowing them to rehouse clients at a safe location of their choice, and also to cover emergency transfer costs wherever possible, including assistance with moving costs, travel costs, security deposit, etc. Emergency transfer requests are subject to funding availability.
4. Domestic Violence partner agencies of the CoC make every effort to facilitate emergency transfer requests of survivors. If survivors identify that they do not feel safe at their current housing or shelter location, they are assisted in creating or updating their personal safety plans to include relocation. If the DV agency has the funding available, they can provide financial assistance to assist the survivor with the relocation (securing new housing or shelter and transportation and moving expenses). If the DV agency does not have funding available, that agency will work with the survivor to help find other resources to assist with the costs to help the survivor to safely relocate.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's CHI 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 (PSH), RRH, and prevention. The ultimate goal is for individuals and families, whether they are presenting to the CHI, or directly to the region's victim services system to have their needs fully assessed and be matched to the most suitable and appropriate housing option to meet their needs. As noted earlier, all DV providers participating in the CoC are recipients of RRH, Emergency Shelter (ES) and prevention funds allowing them to meet housing needs of their clients. We plan to use new VAWA resources to develop additional emergency transfer services and support for survivors, especially those in rural areas. The VA-513 continuously strives to invest the necessary efforts to ensure effective operation of its CE system for both, participating agencies and households. As noted earlier, staff from the three agencies operating the CoC's CHI meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss the system operation and identify areas of improvement. To ensure easy and quick access to housing for survivors of DV and other CoC's customers, several partnering agencies have designated staff, often called Housing Navigators, Counselors, or Advocates who work with households to overcome barriers to housing. They also work with landlords to address any systemic violation of the Fair Housing Act (FAA) and other challenges. Furthermore, the CoC also maintains an anti-discrimination policy in its governance charter, to which all its partnering agencies must agree when joining the continuum.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
2.	working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In the Western VA CoC, DV providers identify that the largest barriers to housing for survivors in our local area are lack of affordable housing, history of evictions, low credit scores, and limited income. The CoC makes publicly known these barriers at relative meetings, both CoC and community led, and regularly requests feedback from providers who specialize in service to survivors to ensure CoC policies and procedures support them.

2. The City of Harrisonburg, an active CoC member agency, and Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, the lead CoC agency, are working to try to increase affordable housing within the local community. The City of Harrisonburg created a Housing Coordinator position to identify and address housing needs within community. The CoC makes its entire geographic area aware of what is going on in more specific local communities to facilitate collaboration and the exchanging of ideas. Additionally, the CoC and housing staff of partner agencies provide landlord education and awareness to help ease some of the barriers for survivors trying to access housing.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
	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)?	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC’s Best Practices committee is comprised of representatives from DV providers, accessibility advocates, youth outreach programs, and HIV/AIDS providers. The committee reviews all CoC policies and identifies areas for improvement and education. While the anti-discrimination policy is appropriate, the committee identified a gap in procedures and practices to serve the needs of LGBTQ+ community. In response, the CoC provided trainings on culturally-appropriate & trauma-informed care, which included discussion at the leadership and frontline level to examine prejudice, assumptions, and issues of privilege regarding gender identities and sexual orientation.

2.Targeted technical assistance to CoC member organizations is always available. In CoC meetings & BFZ case conferencing, we model the use of individuals’ preferred names and pronouns. The CoC leads by example with its own anti-discrimination policy that emphasizes the need for equal access to all programs, requiring that providers not discriminate on gender identity, LGBTQIA status, or marital status. The policy outlines procedures to honor requests for accommodations based on safety and privacy concerns, treat gender identity and sex assigned at birth as confidential medical information, make available intake materials that allow indication of both legal and preferred names, and other ways to ensure equal access. As a result, emergency shelters have increased flexibility in their gender-based bed quotas to accommodate nonbinary and transgender individuals.

3.The Compliance & Evaluation Committee is responsible for ensuring projects comply with the CoC’s anti-discrimination policies and other guidelines. The committee conducts regular site visits to ensure compliance with program guidelines and also takes due diligence in advising the ad hoc Rank & Review committee to ensure that all new and renewal project applications comply with the CoC’s policies and procedures. Agency policies, procedures, and other documents are reviewed as part of this monitoring.

4.After each site visit, the Compliance & Evaluation committee share results via a written report outlining all concerns and findings, as well as recommendations to address findings. 10 business days are given to the organization to respond to the Committee’s concerns in writing. Post-monitoring follow-up is also made to ensure that all findings, including those related to noncompliance with the anti-discrimination policy, have been addressed.

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

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

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

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

Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	50%	Yes-HCV	No
Virginia Housing Development Authority	13%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) as well as both local operators of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (the City of Winchester and Shenandoah County Department of Social Services) have already worked with the Western Virginia Continuum of Care to establish a policy for homeless admission preferences. These general preferences are documented in their written policies and posted on their website and in their physical locations (see attachments). The CoC maintains active working relationships with all three entities, with HRHA serving as the lead agency of our CoC and the City of Winchester and Shenandoah County DSS serving as active members of the CoC.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	No
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		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.	Rural Housing Grant

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems listed to ensure persons who have resided in them longer than 90 days are not discharged directly to the streets, emergency shelters, or other homeless assistance programs.
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1.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	No

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	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 2024 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 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC endorses the concept of Housing First in all messages and meetings, ensures that renewal and new project applicants eliminate preconditions and barriers to entry (except for those required by funding restrictions), and encourages projects to offer ongoing, wrap-around support that allows individuals and families to enter programs and prevent returns to homelessness. The CoC’s Compliance & Evaluation (C&E) committee is responsible for evaluating that every project complies with the Housing First approach. In the NOFO Competition, the C&E committee acts as an advisory committee for the ad hoc Rank & Review committee, which is made up of non-funded community representatives, to ensure that the principles of Housing First are understood and prioritized during the application scoring process. The project scoring tool includes two components related to Housing First, both that the agency self-states adherence to housing first principles and the reviewer’s assessment that the project design is consistent with housing first principles.
2. Factors that ensure programs are designed and implemented using Housing First principles include monitoring for program entry barriers related to sobriety, income source, criminal history, rental history, and credit history. It also includes voluntary, client-led goal setting and connection to other services. Additionally, the committee ensures reasonable accommodations are made to assist potential participants in obtaining necessary documentation, such as disability documentation and homelessness verification, and completing program-related paperwork.
3. Outside of the NOFO competition, the C&E committee conducts monitoring visits to grantees to ensure that services, policies, and procedures are in line with funding regulations, which includes a housing first assessment. A Housing First self-evaluation is also conducted for all HMIS programs regardless of funding, which provides an opportunity to identify ways to improve housing first approach. These action steps are monitored by CoC staff to ensure they align with Housing First principles.
4. Fidelity to Housing First is improved by maintaining that housing is a basic human right and that the CoC is dedicated to protecting the personal agency of participants throughout our community. The CoC demonstrates how this approach increases participants' likelihood of utilizing resources and services to keep them safe and improve their lives.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC facilitates multi-agency and multi-system collaboration to ensure effective outreach across our geographic area. Street Outreach (SO) agencies coordinate with relevant systems (law enforcement, hospitals, libraries, food pantries, churches, and more) to proactively identify unsheltered people, including those living in encampments, tent cities, vehicles, and other locations not meant for human habitation, and connect them to Centralized Housing Intake (CHI). SO teams use a housing first approach when engaging people experiencing homelessness in an attempt to eliminate all barriers to participant-desired program entry. The SO process follows a five-step approach: observation, engagement, assessment, assistance, and follow-up. In addition to visiting known encampments and popular locations, SO staff also have established approachable working bases in the community where they can be reliably reached, and where individuals experiencing homelessness typically present, without barriers to access such as possession of phones and computers. Clients identified as veterans or chronically homeless are placed on the by-name list and are prioritized for available services. SO works in close connection with CHI, ensuring that individuals identified by SO workers are offered the same standardized process as those who access CHI through site-based and other access points. Two CoC’s member agencies; Horizon Goodwill Industries (HGI) and Strength in Peers (SIP) coordinate SO activities for the CoC. HGI covers the northern jurisdictions (Winchester, Frederick, Clarke, and Warren), while SIP covers the four southern jurisdictions (Harrisonburg, Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah), thus providing full coverage of the entire Western VA CoC geographic area. Other agencies collaborate with HGI & SIP to meet individuals experiencing homelessness wherever they are, including thermal shelters whose employees do SO when thermal shelter is closed. Agencies that are CHI access points are also available in the community to connect people to needed services. An abundance of staff are available to connect with these individuals and develop relationships to best serve them and their needs in an attempt to engage those who are not likely to seek out services on their own. Once connected to services, SO workers facilitate a warm hand-off to housing support staff to ensure trust in the homeless response system is maintained and a return to homelessness is prevented.

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

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

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

4. Other:(limit 500 characters)		Yes	Yes
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1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) or Longitudinal Data from HMIS.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.I.	

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	42	62

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
		No

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has both of its community service boards (Harrisonburg/Rockingham CSB and Northwestern CSB), both of the primary private healthcare providers (Valley Health and Sentara), and several other homeless-focused healthcare providers (such as the Suitcase Clinic) as active CoC members, and the CoC has also received regular attendance in general meetings from Medicaid providers. Active project coordination between hospitals and providers ensures safe discharge of homeless people from hospitals into hotel voucher and site-based programs. These partnerships also manage case coordination and conduct warm handoff referrals to substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment as needed. Both healthcare providers have signed Release of Information (ROI) agreements to participate in our monthly Built for Zero Case Conferencing calls, allowing for even more increased information sharing and service coordination for people who are experiencing chronic homelessness, homeless youth, and homeless veterans.

2. The CoC emphasizes the importance of connection to mainstream benefits to all members, and all program staff for state and federally funded CoC programs are required to receive SOAR certification via SOAR Works Virginia. There are currently at least 4 members who are SOAR certified. Data is collected once contact is made with Centralized Housing Intake (CHI) to determine whether individuals are in need of SOAR assistance, or other means of connected with mainstream benefits.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:	
1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The collaboration that the CoC facilitated between the homeless service providers, local government, health departments, schools, local businesses and the community during the COVID-19 pandemic yielded unique solutions that produced positive results. We have maintained and adapted this collaboration and connection through continued partnership, sharing of best practices, and publicizing new information on public health issues. Due to the nuances involved in each specific infectious disease outbreak, the CoC's prioritization policies, outreach procedures, and service delivery will continue to adapt in response to additional learning, adjustments in available resources, and evolving needs of our community. For example, when shelters no longer had funding to provide for quarantine shelter areas, people who were COVID-positive were briefly denied shelter in congregate settings due to their illness. The CoC identified this issue and worked with health agencies and shelters to modify their procedures and adapt their physical accommodations to promote the safety of everyone staying in congregate shelter while still providing shelter for people experiencing illness.

2. The CoC continuously monitors our community transmission of infectious diseases and updates the community on prevention protocols, like those published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CoC staff ensure information from public health agencies is distributed to its membership and posted publicly in a timely fashion. The VA-513 also provides education about high risk populations within the community of those experiencing homelessness that may be more likely to be exposed to infectious diseases such substance users who use intravenously, older adults 65+, and people with underlying medical conditions so that homeless services providers can take the necessary precautions to protect their participants. Awareness about how infectious diseases spread has helped promote sanitation, space, hygiene, personal protective equipment, and other measures in any congregate setting to prevent infectious disease outbreaks.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases. NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC:		
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 uses various communication platforms and printed materials to disseminate information among its members and clients about homelessness and public health measures. CoC meetings, including general meetings, committee meetings, and BfZ case conferencing meetings, serve as a platform for regular information sharing and resource coordination among members. Newsletters and group emails are used for communication with CoC member organizations, while social media platforms such as Facebook and the CoC website are used to reach clients, members, and the general public. The CoC's Media and Advocacy committee prints brochures and other marketing materials to increase the CoC's visibility and advertise its services to community members experiencing a housing crisis. These printed materials can easily be customized as needed to disseminate information about public health measures and raise awareness on guidelines designed to increase personal safety during a public health crisis or other emergency situations. Brochures and other printed materials are distributed among partnering agencies for display/distribution at their individual sites, and also shared with other strategic locations such as food banks, libraries, free clinics, etc.

2. The CoC and its agencies maintain close cooperation with local public health agencies, which facilitates information sharing and coordination to combat the spread of infectious diseases. An example of this is communication with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and attending meetings related to public health initiatives like the Community Health Assessment that develops a shared understanding among partners in the Northern Shenandoah Valley to help achieve optimal health and address social and economic barriers within the CoC. Additionally, the VDH Testing Team still provides COVID-19 tests to homeless service providers at no cost, and information on how to request tests is distributed to CoC members. Participation in public health initiatives by the CoC helps educate the community about what potential infectious disease outbreaks among program participants exist so that a proactive approach can be taken in its prevention, such as vaccination drives for flu, COVID, and other diseases. Street outreach teams are trained in harm reduction and regularly partner with health service providers to offer mobile clinics and bring resources directly to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 Coordinated Entry system, called Centralized Housing Intake (CHI), operates as a phone-based system that combines initial engagement, assessment, and referral. The hotline number is published in many places such as the CoC website, CoC Facebook page, and on CoC materials like brochures and cards with the number on them to be utilized by participants and providers. Information about what programs and services are available in our CoC can be found in each place. To assist unsheltered individuals in accessing CHI and program referrals, street outreach (SO) staff engage them wherever they are and act as a liaison between CHI and participants. SO and CHI staff are well acquainted and exchange participant information after an ROI is obtained in an effort to reduce the burden and volume of steps needed from participants in order to access services.

2. VA-513's prioritization scoring tool uses risk factors including history of homelessness, veteran status, self-disclosed disability status, trauma, age, and family composition. These factors are aligned with best practices like those published by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. Unsheltered clients are immediately referred for emergency shelter placement based on their location and the availability of beds. The by-name list is updated monthly based on data entered by CHI & other programs to ensure appropriate prioritization is adhered to on the service/program delivery end.

3. Agencies and staff who operate CHI are trained in trauma-informed care to ensure that the screening process minimizes re-traumatization. Information gathered in the intake survey helps prioritize individuals and families most in need of housing assistance, and matches participants with appropriate support and housing services. Agency specialization such as domestic violence, family services, PWLE, and more are known by CHI staff for service matching purposes as well. The CoC supports these endeavors by hosting crisis response and trauma-informed care trainings and distributing relevant information about partner activities.

4. Feedback on accessing CHI and understanding program eligibility is collected by CoC staff direct contact, partnering agencies, and online form submission so that appropriate updates can be made using many perspectives and experiences. Our CHI Policy is updated at least yearly with the effort of multiple committees, & updates were most recently approved by the Executive Committee in August 2024.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. VA-513 markets its coordinated entry system to those least likely to seek homeless services within all populations and subpopulations without discrimination and with as few barriers as possible, as outlined in the VA-513 Policy. This is done by relying on local planning efforts, agencies who serve culturally specific populations, and agencies that serve people with disabilities to reach those less encountered by other outreach means. These relied upon resources are involved in the creation of CHI policies & procedures and are regularly approached for feedback.
2. CHI uses a customized Prioritization Scoring Tool that reflects the priorities of HUD, DHCD, and the values of our CoC in addressing the needs of our most vulnerable citizens facing homelessness. The tool considers the following factors: history of homelessness, socialization and daily functioning, chronic health conditions, substance abuse, mental illness, trauma and family composition. The assessment process will be administered and applied consistently across the system to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to services within our service area, per our CHI policy.
3. CHI is a uniform process through which the most vulnerable homeless residents within the Western VA CoC are prioritized and then matched with available and appropriate housing resources in a systematic and efficient manner. Referrals of program eligible clients will be made to geographically appropriate service providers based on the client’s current location or the area in which they ultimately choose to be housed. Special attention is paid to ensure those eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) are aware of said service and that the PSH provider is aware of eligibility requirements met by the participant. Clients who are fleeing domestic violence will be referred for safety planning and evaluation by a domestic violence service provider prior to being referred for housing related services.
4. In an effort to minimize participant burden, the CHI intake assessment was designed to take approximately 2 minutes to administer. This assessment should be re-administered by service providers after referral to ensure consistency, and to allow participants to divulge additional information to a trusted provider over time. HMIS training also fosters a person-centered approach by introducing trauma-informed, interview-style data collection and normalizing “client prefers not to answer” as an appropriate response.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:	
	1. affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
	2. informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
	3. reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The VA-513 CoC’s SO program works concurrently with its CHI system to reach unsheltered individuals and families to connect them with services necessary to secure permanent housing. SO staff engage with all relevant systems to coordinate efforts to identify unsheltered peoples, including those living in encampments and other locations not intended for human habitation, and ensuring that outreach activities are not limited to those seeking services. CoC staff assists SO in marketing all housing and services available. These resources, and information about resources provided by partnering agencies, are also accessible through the CoC website, which meets all ADA compliance standards to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities. Bilingual (in English and Spanish) materials are available detailing the services available, along with how to reach CHI. The CoC also leverages social media platforms such as Facebook, and participates in many community led meetings and initiatives to spread awareness.
2. The CoC maintains housing policies and procedures, including for its HUD and VHSP grantees, requiring individual agencies to provide information to participants of their services regarding their rights, responsibilities, and ways to voice their concerns. Participants' concerns and grievances are addressed at individual agency levels in accordance with their policies and procedures, but opportunity for appeal at the CoC’s executive level is also provided in the event that the client’s grievance cannot be resolved at the service provider level. Nondiscrimination and other policies consistent with federal and state law designed to foster and promote equal housing access are also observed by the CoC and its partners.
3. The CoC’s Coordinated Entry system complies with non-discrimination requirements of the Fair Housing Act, which prohibits discrimination in housing services on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, disability status and sexual orientation. The CoC takes great effort in educating its partners on the Fair Housing Act, especially agencies that operate CHI, and encourages action should a partner find something in violation. An example of this is connecting agencies and participants to Blue Ridge Legal Services, which has offices that cover our entire CoC and is an active CoC member.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	03/07/2024

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC used 2024 PIT data, ACS 5-yr estimates (2018-2022), the Stella Performance Module (2023 LSA), and FY24 CoC APR to assess if any racial or ethnic disparities are present in our CoC's provision of services. Using these datasets, we identified who is more likely to be experiencing homelessness before then comparing who is more likely to receive services compared to the overall population of people in need.

We conducted this analysis both at a CoC level and in three geographic subregions within our CoC (North, Center, and South), which vary by urban/rural, demographic composition, housing availability, median income, and service provision. By disaggregating our analysis to these sub-regions, we unmask disparities that are confounded in the CoC-level analysis.

2. We conducted analysis using R. First, we normalized PIT data using ACS estimates to calculate the rates of homelessness compared to rates of residence by racial/ethnic identities. We found that people who identify as Black disproportionately experience homelessness (2-4x greater than their share of the general population, highest in the two urban areas). Due to small counts of people identifying with other non-White identities (Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander, and Middle Eastern), we combined these categories into a single "other identities" group. Although this group is slightly concentrated in the urban areas, we did NOT see disparities in their experience of homelessness. People who identified as Hispanic/Latin(a/e/o) experienced homelessness proportionately to the general population in the Center and South, but were about half as likely to be experiencing homelessness in the North.

We then used Stella P to analyze 2023 outcomes by program type and race/ethnicity. We found no disparities between service provision and homeless demographics for PSH. RRH programs had a higher rate of people identifying as Black (26% of enrollments compared to 17% of the homeless population) and Hispanic (17% compared to 10%). Furthermore, successful exit destinations were higher among Black and Hispanic participants than the overall success rate.

Finally, we use FY24 CoC APR data from HMIS (or HMIS-participating databases) to conduct a provide-level assessment of any disparities in accordance with our CoC's Performance Evaluation Procedures (see 1D-9d) to identify opportunities to improve proactive racial equity in our CoC's service provision.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	No
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes

4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	No
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In 2024 our CoC conducted a systematic review and overhaul of our program monitoring and evaluation policies with a racial equity lens. In 2025 we will conduct a similar review and overhaul of our rank, review, and reallocation policy, and in 2026 we will review our program implementation policies. Conducting these ‘deep dive’ reviews on specific topics each year with an explicit racial equity lens supplements the broad annual charter and policy review process that happens each summer. Having a structure to explore both breadth and depth each year enables us to provide substantive changes to our system on an ongoing basis without disrupting CoC operations. Changes that came out of the 2024 racial equity review included the following:

The revised Evaluation Policy (see 1D-9d for specifics) includes an additional program-level layer to our CoC’s annual racial equity analysis using HMIS data. This builds on the change we made in 2023 to add a regional breakdown to our racial disparity analysis, which had previously been done only at the CoC level, to identify rural/urban disparities in homeless experience and service provision (see 1D-9a). Going forward, programs will have their enrollment and outcome data compared to the homeless population in their service area to identify potential disparities in service provision at the provider level, which will help focus on specific personnel, workflows, and policies to target for improvement. To enhance our CoC’s decision-making processes, we changed the CoC Charter to require changes to be approved at CoC General meetings and not just at the Executive Committee. This ensures a broader understanding of changes before they happen, as well as a diversity of input into shaping policy and direction.

As described in 1D-10a below, our CoC instituted our People With Lived Experience (PWLE) committee as a standing committee, and the CoC is recruiting members for this committee with a diverse representation of racial, ethnic, gender identities as well as a variety of homeless experiences.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Measures: the racial disparity analysis described in 1D-9a has been instituted into Evaluation Policy for CoC Programs, which was revised following the racial equity deep-dive review described in 1D-9c. In addition to general performance metrics that are based on HUD’s SysPM (length of stay, increased income, successful referrals) and cost per household, this revised evaluation framework outlines a racial disparity analysis to compare demographic rates of the homeless population in each program’s service area (most recent PIT Count) with program-level enrollment rates (FY24 CoC APR on past 6 months) and successful exit destinations rates, conducted twice a year. Depending on the size of the enrollment, demographic groupings may be consolidated (i.e. percent white and non-white for very small programs, or percent White, Black, Hispanic/Latinx, and other non-white identities for larger programs/service areas) in order to draw statistically meaningful conclusions about disparities.

2. Tools: In addition to this program-specific analysis in our Evaluation Policy for CoC Programs is conducted twice annually, and the CoC-wide racial disparity analysis described in 1D-9a is conducted once annually, we also use the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool published by HUD to conduct a CoC-level analysis of program outcomes once annually. The time delay of this tool’s availability—i.e. 2022 data published in 2024 – means that we use this as a supplemental resource to check our progress longitudinally over time as a lagging indicator rather than a leading indicator.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

This year, our CoC instituted our People With Lived Experience (PWLE) committee as a standing (rather than formerly ad hoc) committee to improve how we represent people experiencing homelessness in our CoC’s decision making processes. This status as a standing committee allocates a seat on the CoC’s Executive Committee for the PWLE committee chair and an Executive Committee seat for an at-large representative of the homeless community. This reduces tokenism of having a single voice on the executive committee and builds a coalition of people who center the focus of CoC discussion on ending homelessness in practical, tangible, immediate ways.

Our Street Outreach teams are continuously recruiting members for the PWLE committee with a diverse representation of racial, ethnic, and gender identities as well as a variety of homeless experiences (i.e. former and current homeless experience, unsheltered and sheltered, different program experiences, etc).

To highlight the value of this committee and center the voices of people with lived experience among our broader CoC membership, our CoC conducted a peer perspectives panel in August 2024 to provide an opportunity for people with lived experience of homelessness to share their stories, including what systemic barriers they faced in accessing services. Themes from this panel were carried into the next general meeting where system gaps were identified, notably enhanced street outreach, low-barrier shelters, simplified processes to connect to RRH, PSH, and public housing.

In FY2023 we began using CoC planning funds to host feedback events to seek broad-based input on CoC systems from people who are currently experiencing homelessness, which provides insight and perspectives beyond the members of our People with Lived Experience committee. These are conducted in coordination with skills-training events described in 1D-10.a below.

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

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	10	10
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	4
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s local competition rating factors.	2	2
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC’s coordinated entry process.	2	2

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In FY 2023 we began using CoC Planning funds from our state grant to provide skills-based trainings and continuing education events for people who are currently experiencing homelessness. This is a crucial step in expanding the CoC’s professional development opportunities to be available to not only our partner agency staff but also our clients and consumers.

The peer perspectives panel that our CoC held in August 2024 was an opportunity for people with lived experience of homelessness to practice public speaking in a safe and supportive environment. We plan to repeat and expand this event into a regular, ongoing series in which people are able to name their experiences, claim the expertise that comes with that experience, build confidence in their own capacity, and articulate a positive vision for homeless services in our community.

Another opportunity that we expanded this year is sharing the National Alliance to End Homelessness’s “Susan G Baker and Elizabeth Boyle Innovation Fund” opportunity with our Street Outreach teams and our People With Lived Experience Committee. These teams will identify people in our CoC who are interested in applying for this grant for either a professional or creative endeavor, and provide technical assistance and support in their application and submission process.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness via many different mechanisms. As stated previously, our People with Lived Experience (PWLE) committee is integrated into our CoC’s decision making structures and is very involved in providing insight, direction, and feedback on CoC policies and procedures. Beginning in FY 2023, we now conduct broad-based listening sessions for people who are currently experiencing homelessness to voice their concerns and ideas for how homeless service systems in our area can improve, which then informs which priorities the CoC should focus on first (i.e. expanding street outreach services vs revamping the coordinated entry referral system). The peer perspectives panel provides an opportunity for people with lived experience to speak directly to CoC providers. Operators of our Centralized Housing Intake line also collect feedback that they receive from callers and pass those summaries on to CoC decision makers, and the Point in Time (PIT) survey includes a supplemental questionnaire with an open ended question about what challenges people face and what they would like to see change.
2. The frequency of each of the feedback mechanisms described above vary. The PWLE committee meets once a month and we host three listening sessions per year, and the peer perspectives panel is an annual event. Feedback collected from the CE system operators is ongoing (reported quarterly), and the PIT survey is conducted once annually.
3. At the CoC level, the primary mechanism for collecting feedback from CoC Program participants is through the grievance procedure, which provides a venue for people who wish to provide feedback to do so. However, at the provider level programs conduct follow-up surveys of participants to assess program outcomes, and these follow-up surveys also solicit feedback on the programs strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for improvement.
4. The feedback described in #3 is conducted on an ad hoc/rolling basis.
5. In response to the challenges that people with lived experience of homelessness have raised, our CoC has emphasizing person-centered care (“treating us like people makes all the difference, just basic kindness”), combating criminalization of homelessness with outreach to local governments, law enforcement, and crisis response teams, developing systems to recognize and memorialize people who have died while experiencing homelessness.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC’s geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Because our CoC spans eight separate jurisdictions, there is substantial action that we have taken to reform zoning and land use policies to permit housing development. Our CoC Coordinator met with Representative Ben Cline in June 2024 to advocate for the importance of permanent supportive housing, affordable housing, and well-funded low barrier shelters. CoC Executive Committee member Matt Tibbles presented data about unsheltered homelessness to Harrisonburg City Council to advocate for increased affordable housing and permanent supportive housing. Amy Snider, Harrisonburg’s City Manager, is a CoC member who regularly attends CoC general meetings and has the capacity to convene local governing bodies for consortiums on homelessness and housing practices. In Shenandoah County, CoC Compliance & Evaluation committee member Katie Furneisen regularly attends board of commissioner and local planning commission meetings to provide input on strategic planning for housing development. Long-standing CoC members Kim Herbstritt from Blue Ridge Habitat for Humanity and Bob Boulter from Faithworks advocate in the Northern Shenandoah Valley region to reform zoning policies, and the City of Winchester’s Deputy Director of Housing and Community Development, Nasser Rahimzadeh, participates in CoC meetings to get feedback on needs for housing development and HOME grants. As the CoC’s lead agency, Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority (HRHA) has successfully rezoned land for two developments, a mixed-use development of affordable and market rate units funded by LIHTC called Bluestone Town Center and an expansion of HRHA’s permanent supportive housing complex, Commerce Village.

2. The CoC also engages in advocacy regarding broader policies that inhibit the development of housing. Two examples of this include support for Harrisonburg’s proposed zoning ordinance revision that reduces parking requirements for developments. This increases the number of units available per development and increases flexibility for developers. In rural areas of our CoC, regulations on how housing can be used for short-term rentals reduces the strain on the housing market to be converted into getaway weekend destinations for the DC-Northern Virginia area, and redirect that development toward local housing needs instead.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	09/03/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	09/03/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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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)?	312
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	Tie

1E-2b.	Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process. NOFO Section V.B.2.d.	
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Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC used HMIS exit destination data to analyze both successful retention and successful exits for our permanent housing programs. We supplement this summary information with a spot-check of randomly selected client case files.
2. The CoC’s Evaluation Procedures use a custom HMIS report that assembles the following date fields for comparison: the approximate date this episode of homelessness started, date of initial referral to the program, date of first contact from the program, date of enrollment in the program, and housing move-in date. This range of dates occurring throughout the lifespan of a project enrollment provides a multi-faceted picture of how programs are working to reduce time homeless and identify specific points in the workflow to reduce the time it takes to place people in permanent housing.
3. To inform our rank and review committee’s priorities, our CoC first conducts an annual needs assessment of the entire CoC at a general meeting to ensure broad-based input and participation. This assessment combined information about existing services and gaps with the most recent Point in Time (PIT) data and patterns in BfZ exit destinations from chronic homelessness. For the entire CoC (both rural and urban), we identified permanent supportive housing as the best fit to meet the needs of people experiencing the highest vulnerabilities.
4. The hardest-to-serve populations in our CoC are people who are experiencing unsheltered and chronic homelessness in rural areas, as well as people who are wary of engaging in supportive services due to their racial, ethnic, gender, or other identities. Other severe barriers that our CoC used when ranking and selecting projects included projects serving people with limited income, people who are elderly and first-time homeless, people with criminal histories that make finding housing difficult, people with a current or past substance use disorder or other serious mental illness that makes finding and keeping employment difficult, and people who experienced homelessness as children/youth and do not have experience in retaining housing on their own. All of these populations are best served by Permanent Supportive Housing, which is why this collaborative application includes both a renewal of the existing PSH program and a new program for additional PSH beds. The geographic scope of the new project complements that of the existing project to extend full PSH coverage across our entire CoC.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;	
	2. how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
	3. how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. One of the scoring thresholds authorized by the Compliance & Evaluation Committee, whose FY23 membership contains different races and ethnicities, including several individuals who identify as Black, is "...Conformance with CoC standards: ... adopting best practices, as well as conforming to CoC standards for performance." This is relevant twofold: 1) because within our CoC, people who identify as black are 3-4x more likely to experience homelessness and 2) because adherence to the CoC's anti-discrimination policy falls within said scoring threshold. Representation from races and ethnicities that experience a disparity between the general population and homelessness population is a matter of great importance to our CoC.

2. During the rank & review process, the Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of representatives from different sectors, races, and ethnicities, rated projects based on the degree to which applicants addressed the local homelessness population equitably. A group representative of the race and ethnicity proportions in that of the local homelessness community was invited to the Ad Hoc Committee membership. At least 4 different races and ethnicities were represented between the Ad Hoc Committee and Compliance & Evaluation Committee, which advises the Ad Hoc Committee on CoC policies such as the anti-discrimination policy.

3. The CoC Ad Hoc Rank & Review Committee had access to the anti-discrimination written policy throughout the process, and was steered by the Compliance & Evaluation Committee to keep this and other important policies in mind. As VA-513 prioritizes a Housing First approach, all potential barriers to housing were addressed throughout the scoring process.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s reallocation process allows for both voluntary reallocation (recipient is no longer interested in pursuing the funding) and competitive reallocation (recipient underperforms). The competitive reallocation process is based on the following: (1) HMIS data quality reports (to ensure high data accuracy of the information that is used to measure outcomes), (2) bi-annual performance outcomes from the CoC’s Program Evaluation Procedures, (3) expenditure of CoC grant funds, and (4) the NOFO application score used during the rank and review process. Need is also assessed for both project type and project region within the CoC (see section 1E-2b above). The quantitative metrics are assembled by CoC staff, the Data and Performance Committee, and the ad hoc rank and review committee (NOFO application score) and submitted to the Executive Committee, which combines these metrics with the assessment from the General Assembly about identified program needs. In previous years reallocation would have been considered due to low performance of the NWCSB PSH program (especially regarding grant reporting timeliness and program outcomes), but there were no new project proposals in the CoC to which the funds could be reallocated.

2. There were no low-performing or less-needed programs identified during this year. After a history of low performance, NWCSB showed improvement from FY22 to FY23 with the support of a CoC quality improvement plan and technical assistance from HUD to bring their program into compliance. This can be seen in the NOFO competition score alone, which had a performance evaluation score improvement from 54% in the FY23 rank and review process to 88% in the current FY24 application.

3. Based on the performance scores and the CoC’s program needs, the rank and review committee did not reallocate funding from either of the CoC’s two renewal projects.

4. This lack of reallocation is based on both (1) the improvement over the past year in the case of the NWCSB PSH program and (2) the status of HRHA as the sole applicant for the HMIS project type. Despite the lack of reallocation funding, we are eager to include the OCP PSH program as a CoC bonus project in the FY24 application, which will give us alternatives for reallocation in future years if low performance occurs, encouraging continued growth and improvement in all programs through a healthy competitive reallocation process.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/17/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/28/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	

You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/28/2024
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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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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky Community Services
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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.	Multiple CoCs
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/30/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC requires that all DV housing and service providers utilize an HMIS comparable database in order to receive CoC program funds (state and federal). De-identified and aggregated data from both HMIS and the HMIS-comparable database are used to assess program outcomes using the CoC APR export on a quarterly basis. The CoC’s HMIS administrator collaborates with DV provider staff to explain the value of this consistent comparison point and ensure timely and accurate participation in an HMIS participating database. In addition to support from the CoC and HMIS lead, DV providers are able to receive additional training and support for their HMIS-equivalent database from Action Alliance (see #2). A DV Provider maintains a seat on the CoC’s Data & Performance Committee to ensure that information about HMIS data standards is effectively communicated and is consistently implemented.

2. The database that the CoC’s DV shelters use, “VAdata,” is a HMIS-comparable database operated through the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance for all victim service providers in Virginia. Along with all other CoCs across the state, the Western Virginia CoC collaborates with Action Alliance to ensure that VAdata meets all FY 2024 HMIS data standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	286	44	250	87.40%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	62	11	62	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	119	0	119	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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

For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:

1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

We did not have any project types with a bed coverage rate below 84.99 percent.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/24/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/02/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. We increased communication about the PIT count at youth-serving shelters and day centers, offered food and gift cards as an incentive to participate, targeted unsheltered surveying to areas where youth congregate, and simplified the language of the survey questions to lower barriers to participation. All of these efforts resulted in an increase in the share of youth in the 2024 PIT count.
2. We supplemented existing knowledge of unsheltered locations with target locations provided by the People With Lived Experience Committee, who also included recommendations on how to approach youth in a respectful and non-threatening way. These experts served as team leads for the PIT count volunteers, promoting better engagement throughout the day of the PIT count and increasing the geographic scope of our survey into unsheltered locations. In addition to improving the rate of our youth representation in the PIT count, we also drastically improved the rate of our unsheltered surveying (see question 2B-4.2).
3. Although we considered including youth as counters during our 2024 unsheltered PIT count, our People with Lived Experience Committee recommended against it, due to the potential for real or perceived confidentiality violations and reprisals within the community. Instead, teams of street outreach workers who have already established relationships with the youth homeless community conducted the unsheltered count.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The sheltered PIT count is compiled by combining HMIS reports with tallies from domestic violence and emergency shelters that do not participate in HMIS. This portion of the survey remained largely unchanged from previous years with regional breakdowns to identify racial disparities between rural and urban areas within the CoC (see 1D-9a.1).
2. We conducted a systematic overhaul of the unsheltered PIT methodology, which had underperformed since the COVID-19 pandemic. We prioritized training and resources toward rural and undercounted areas of our CoC's geographic region, achieving full coverage of all jurisdictions and reflecting a more accurate picture of the unsheltered rural homelessness that has been underrepresented in our PIT count for the past several years. In addition to this census-style approach, we revised and simplified the questionnaire to make it more client-centered (as mentioned in 2B-3.1). Instead of focusing on a call for volunteers from the general public who have limited experience with the homeless community, this year we recruited our PIT surveying teams entirely from street outreach agencies, addiction recovery agencies, day shelters, emergency shelters, and other agencies that are already serving the local homeless population, especially youth experiencing unsheltered homelessness. We also re-incorporated the use of unsheltered observation counts.
3. Although there was no natural disaster that caused displacement into our CoC, we have seen a rise in people who are seeking shelter in our CoC whose last permanent residence was outside our CoC's geographic region. This "external" population increased from 22% in 2023 to 39% in 2024 (14% from elsewhere in Virginia and 25% from other states). See 2C-1.a for more information.
4. These changes have dramatically improved how well our PIT count reflects reality, although we anticipate that the unsheltered portion is still an undercount due to the large wooded rural areas (national forest, national park, and private land) that cover the majority of our CoC. While the sheltered count remained relatively stable, with less than a 10% variance from 2023 and other pre-pandemic years, the unsheltered count nearly quadrupled, comprising 26% of our 2024 total compared to 6-12% of the past six counts. We anticipate that this trend of substantial unsheltered homelessness will continue in 2025 as we further improve our capacity to conduct accurate unsheltered PIT counts.
5. Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our coordinated entry system conducts a phone or in-person assessment with individuals to determine their risk of becoming homeless for the first time. If they are not yet homeless, factors for first-time homelessness include an eminent threat of homelessness (such as an eviction notice, 5-day pay-or-quit notice, or order of possession), a lack of social and economic resources and safety nets, and no history of homelessness in the past three years. These factors were determined in conjunction with the CoC’s Best Practices committee and the agencies operating the Coordinated Entry system, known as Centralized Housing Intake (CHI). If someone is already experiencing homelessness, the assessment includes their current living situation, length of situation, and history of homelessness in the past 3 years.

2. If an individual is imminently homeless, agencies use prevention services and funds from the Virginia Homeless Solutions Program or HOME-funded Tenant Based Rental Assistance for prevention. For people who are unstably housed but not at an imminent risk of homelessness (i.e. doubled up, self-pay hotel, etc), Coordinated Entry diverts them to resource organizations in their locality (such as the Valley Assistance Network in Winchester, Elkton Area United Services in Rockingham County, Page One in Page County, Family Promise in Shenandoah County, etc) that provide additional preventative resources. This includes food pantries and other material resources, rent and utility payment assistance, mainstream benefit application assistance, healthcare, and other services. This stabilizes their situation and reduces their risk of becoming homeless for the first time. To help clients navigate these options, we distribute flyers and calling cards in English and Spanish that explain eligibility for homeless prevention programs and provide instructions to access the CoC’s Coordinated Entry. 2024 PIT count findings identified economic drivers (i.e. limited income and high cost of rent) as the primary reason for first-time homelessness, so our strategy also includes collaboration with local landlords and housing developers to increase the supply for affordable housing in an effort to engage in upstream strategic action to prevent homelessness in our area.

3. The CoC’s Executive Committee oversees the strategy to reduce first time homelessness. CoC staff implement the strategy, which includes regular consultations with CE, Prevention, shelter, and outreach agencies.

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

Was your CoC’s Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC’s geographic area?	Yes

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. NA

2. In the 2024 PIT Count, an increased share of respondents reported that their last permanent residence was in a place outside our CoC (verified by zip codes), with 25% from outside the state. Of the 25% who came from other states, 39% reported that they were experiencing homelessness for the first time, compared to only 33% of people whose last residence was within our CoC's geographic region. This data aligns with a growing trend that we are seeing of economic relocation to our area, with people coming from both the surrounding rural areas in West Virginia and western Maryland in search of employment, but also from urban areas like Washington DC, Baltimore, and Philadelphia in search of a more affordable cost of living.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our strategy to reduce the length of time homeless involves several components. The first is organizing our BfZ prioritization lists of chronically homeless, homeless veterans, and homeless youth by chronicity, with those who have been literally homeless for the longest receiving both primary attention for coordinated case management and priority for housing. This strategy affects our average LOS as we target the high outliers. Despite the rising rate of chronic homelessness, this strategy reduced our average LOS from 117 days in 2022 to 105 in 2023 and 2024. This is opposite the trend in the rest of Virginia, which continued to increase. The second component of our strategy is streamlining our referrals for first-time homelessness and improving Prevention and RRH outcomes (see 2C-3 below). This stems the growing tide of chronic homelessness and reduces median LOS. The final component of our strategy is to increase the affordable housing supply and minimize the housing search bottleneck that causes client fall-off. See 1D-11 for more details – we collaborate with landlords to develop partnerships, advocate for affordable housing policies and zoning, and increase chronic-focused PSH units available in our area.

2. We identify and house individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless by maximizing the utility of our HMIS. Improving HMIS data quality over the past two years has been a crucial part of this success (see 2024 HDX Competition Report in attachments). As part of this strategy, in FY2023, HMIS user trainings begin highlighting the importance of the “prior living situation” and “approximate date homelessness started” fields in calculating chronicity. This information is reviewed monthly at coordinated case conferencing meetings, where errors are identified and corrected. Eligible households are referred to the most appropriate program and are then sorted by chronicity for prioritization.

3. CoC staff oversee this strategy, informed by the CoC general assembly’s goal setting and approved by the Executive committee. Reducing the length of time homeless requires a multi-pronged approach, so CoC staff coordinate the implementation of this strategy across multiple venues, including the BfZ work group, Coordinated Entry access points, and all HMIS-participating agencies. In addition to implementing the strategy, these actors provide feedback to identify issues in the workflow, engaging ongoing strategic adaptation and improvement.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
	2. describe your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s strategy to increase the rate of permanent housing placements from ES and RRH (we do not have SH or TH) approaches from both the housing side and the client side. On the housing side, our shelters and RRH providers have built a strong network of relationships with landlords throughout the CoC. Agencies conduct landlord appreciation events and engage in collaborative, solutions-focused conversations to address landlord concerns while lowering barriers to housing entry that may be prohibitive (such as background checks, first and last months’ rent deposits, documented income three times the rent, etc). This, along with broader CoC efforts to increase the affordable housing supply, ensures that we maximize available units and provide options for people who are interested in housing. On the client side, shelters provide case management and services like gathering IDs, applying for mainstream benefits, connecting clients with employment opportunities, and documenting incomes and rental histories. Identifying each client’s individual goals and connecting them with relevant services rather than mandating a standardized process is essential, as is case coordination and referrals between agencies to minimize duplication. This strategy has resulted in exit destination rates at or above state and national levels (50% in FY23, compared to 37% nationwide).

2. We often summarize our CoC’s strategy to retain permanent supportive housing placements with the mantra “housing FIRST does not mean housing ONLY.” People who have experienced chronic homelessness and/or serious mental illness need substantial support to retain housing: their dream has become a reality, and with that reality come new and unfamiliar challenges. Our strategy is to emphasize and normalize wrap-around services, ongoing case management, and community support groups for success. Beyond the minimum requirements of monthly check ins, case managers build rapport with their clients and work with them to develop and pursue their own goals. CoC agencies collaborate to offer a variety of support groups and professional development programs for housed clients, such as HRHA’s family self-sufficiency program.

3. This strategy is overseen by the CoC’s Executive Committee with input from the Data and Performance Committee (through the Program Evaluation Procedures that measure retention rates) and is implemented by PSH providers with support from CoC staff.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC uses our HMIS implementation to identify individuals and families who have returned to homelessness. The improved rate of HMIS use among street outreach and low-barrier shelters has been pivotal for this strategy, allowing us to quickly identify people who return to homelessness without them having to reach out to the coordinated entry system. This helps us identify why their housing situation didn't work out and identify alternatives going forward.

2. Like many other strategies in this section, our CoC's strategy to reduce returns to homelessness consists of multiple tactics. The first step in preventing returns is setting people up for success by matching them to the most appropriate pathway to housing from the beginning. Someone with a serious mental illness and a limited income is much more likely to be successful with a permanent supportive housing placement than a rapid rehousing placement with only a few months of assistance. We achieve this by conducting an in-depth assessment and placing referrals to the most appropriate service through our coordinated entry and referral system. The next step is providing wrap-around services to the extent possible with all programs, not just PSH – again, housing first is not housing only. This includes simple things like introducing people to their new neighbors, setting up connections to healthcare, job training, childcare supports, substance use recovery, mainstream benefits and services, and other ongoing programs to alleviate the stresses that in turn put strain on housing stability.

3. The CoC's best practices committee is responsible for this strategy because it deals directly with recommending best practices to our coordinated entry and referral system and case management best practices, which are the two core elements of our strategy described in #2. This strategy is informed by CoC staff and program providers and is reviewed and approved by the CoC's Executive Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s strategy helps clients identify personal goals regarding employment and connect them with agencies that help them pursue those goals. A common connection is with local job force development agencies that provide support for the application, job search, application, interviewing, negotiation, and training process, and facilitates connections between people and employers. So far these efforts have focused on clients who are enrolled in street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention programs and NOT those in permanent supportive housing, so those efforts are not reflected in SysPM metric 4.1 or 4.4 because our CoC program-funded projects are only PSH. We are adapting this strategy to include PSH participants as well, which will be a crucial component of our developing “moving on” strategy.
2. Our CoC includes several agencies that have workforce programs in addition to housing programs (such as Network2Work and Horizon Goodwill Industries). These programs provide resources both for CoC agencies and for clients directly, and they facilitate the connection between mainstream employment organizations and individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness.
3. This strategy is overseen by the Executive Committee and is informed by the Data and Performance Committee through the bi-annual assessment and review of the Program Evaluation Procedures.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC’s strategy to assist clients with accessing non-employment cash income is well established and effective, with approximately two-thirds of both system stayers and leavers increasing their non-employment cash income. The success of this strategy is that it is embedded in all aspects of all programs: we encourage and destigmatize mainstream benefits application support in all program types, including street outreach, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, prevention, and permanent supportive housing. Our CoC-funded agencies are required to have SOAR certified staff, and mainstream benefits trainings are available for all CoC members. Agency staff provide reasonable accommodations to assist clients in the application process and accompany them through the necessary paperwork, documentation, and review process. Our CoC has also worked with local CSBs and healthcare providers to conduct the necessary assessments for disability determinations in cases where cost is a prohibitive factor, thereby removing a barrier to income that was in turn creating a barrier for housing.
2. Like the strategy for earned income, this strategy is overseen by the Executive Committee and is informed by the Data and Performance Committee through the bi-annual assessment and review of the Program Evaluation Procedures. The strategy is implemented by program providers, who also inform the strategy through iterative feedback about successful tactics and opportunities for improvement.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Our Community Pla...	PH-PSH	3	Housing

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Our Community Place Permanent Supportive Housing Program

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): KSYLC11F5LS5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 3

5. Select the type of leverage: Housing

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

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

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

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	10/30/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/29/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/29/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/29/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	10/29/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/29/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/30/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/29/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting—CoC-A...	10/30/2024
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	10/30/2024

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HUD's Homeless Da...	10/30/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: PHA Homeless Preference

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Submission Summary

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

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Submission Summary	No Input Required



<p><u>Family Unification Program referral:</u> Upon receipt of a direct referral to the Family Unification Program</p>
<p><u>Mainstream Vouchers:</u> Upon receipt of a direct referral from an agency or centralized intake verifying the family's eligibility to participate in the Mainstream program</p>
<p><u>Elderly and/or Disabled</u></p> <p>An elderly family must meet any one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age • Two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together • One or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides <p>A disabled family must meet any one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities • Two or more adults with disabilities living together • One or more adults with disabilities living with one or more live-in aides
<p><u>High Rent Burdened:</u> Rent & utility payments are equal to or greater than 50% of the family's income</p>
<p><u>Involuntarily Displaced:</u> Individuals or families displaced by governmental action, or whose dwelling has been extensively damaged or destroyed as a result of a declared disaster, or otherwise formally recognized pursuant to Federal Disaster Relief laws</p>
<p><u>Escaping Domestic Violence:</u> An applicant who has vacated due to actual or threatened violence directed against the applicant or one or more members of the applicant's family by a spouse or other household member, or who lives in housing with an individual who engages in such violence, or a current participant household that includes victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who is seeking an emergency transfer under VAWA</p>
<p><u>Victim of Abuse:</u> An applicant who is experiencing or has experienced domestic violence that impacts their ability to maintain stable housing</p>
<p><u>Working with a Community Service Organization:</u> Receiving services such as case management, counseling, and/or supportive services at the time of application through the local Community Service Board, Department of Social Services (Adult Services, Adult Protective Services, Child Protective Services), Our Community Place, McNulty Center, or Disability service organization (VAIL, VDARS)</p>
<p><u>Live / Work in the Jurisdiction:</u> Currently living and/or working in the City of Harrisonburg or Rockingham County</p>
<p><u>Developmental or Intellectual Disabled:</u> Individuals who are part of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Olmstead Ruling needing housing rental assistance</p>
<p><u>Homeless or Substandard Living Conditions</u></p> <p>Lacks a fixed regular, & adequate nighttime residence and has a primary residence that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations, (including welfare hotels, congregate shelters, and transitional housing for the mentally ill) • An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized • A public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings <p>A "homeless family" does not include any individual imprisoned or otherwise detained pursuant to state or federal law</p> <p>"Substandard living" includes, but is not limited to, conditions such as lack of running water, sanitary facilities, or electricity</p>
<p><u>Veteran:</u> Any currently serving or honorably discharged member of the U.S. Armed Forces listed as the head of household, spouse, or co-head, or a surviving spouse</p>
<p><u>Upwardly Mobile:</u> Head of household, spouse or sole member is (a) attending school full-time; (b) attending a certified General Equivalency Diploma (GED) program; or (c) participating in a verifiable job training program</p>

Local Preferences Include

FIRST preference is given to applicants living and/or working in Shenandoah, Warren, or Page County

SECOND preference is given to those applicants who are Elderly/Disabled families: Families where the head, spouse or sole member is either 62 years of age or older, or is a person with a disability

THIRD preference is given to those applicants who are Homeless



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Housing and Urban Development

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. The City of Winchester and Northern Shenandoah Valley Consortium supports HUD's mission through the strategic deployment of resources provided by HUD. The City of Winchester Community Development staff and Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission staff administer the following HUD programs:

Office of Community Planning and Development

Community Development Block Grants

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides annual grants on a formula basis to the City of Winchester to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Please note that CDBG funds can only be spent within municipal limits and are administered by the City of Winchester staff.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program

In general, under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, HUD allocates funds by formula to the Northern Shenandoah Valley Consortium to strengthen public-private partnerships and to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, with primary attention to rental housing, for very low-income and low-income families. Generally, HOME funds should be matched by nonfederal resources. The City of Winchester acts as the representative unit for the Northern Shenandoah Valley Consortium with assistance from the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission (NSVRC). Funds may be spent in Winchester City, Frederick, Clarke, Warren, Page, and Shenandoah Counties.

Plans and Publications (<https://www.winchesterva.gov/Government/Plans-Publications>)

Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Housing Choice Voucher Program provides decent, affordable housing to very low- to low-income individuals and families, including people with disabilities and senior citizens. Vouchers are distributed through Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) with local housing agency partners. VHDA contracts with the City of Winchester to administer this program. Vouchers allow qualifying prospective tenants to select from a wider range of housing options, as opposed to being limited to designated housing projects. The program pays the difference between the voucher payment standard and 30% of the participant's monthly adjusted income toward rent and utilities.

To participate in the program, a family must apply to Virginia Housing and be certified as eligible. They are allowed to seek housing from landlords who wish to participate. The family may select the housing in which they currently reside or move to another home. Any rental housing, including single-family homes, apartments, and mobile homes, qualifies as long as it

is in decent, safe, and sanitary condition, as defined by the program Housing Quality Standards. Every month, the landlord receives two checks: one from the family and one from VHDA. Payments will be made for the term of the specified contract.

For landlords and applicants interested in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, please visit: [Virginia Housing \(https://www.virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program\)](https://www.virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program) | [virginiahousingsearch.com \(http://www.virginiahousingsearch.com/\)](http://www.virginiahousingsearch.com/).

Applicants are selected in order of date and time of application by preference.

1. First preference is given to applicants living and/or working in the City of Winchester.
2. Second preference is given to those applicants who are Working Families: Families where the head, spouse, or sole member is either employed, is age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities.
3. Third preference is given to those applicants who are Homeless: "Any person or family that lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; or is living in a shelter, an institution that provides a temporary assistance, or a public or private place not designated for regular sleeping accommodation".
4. All other applicants are selected after preference holders are selected in order of date and time of their application.

The City of Winchester Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly referred to as "Section 8") is currently closed. To stay informed about future openings, please visit the [Housing Choice Voucher Program \(virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program\)](https://www.virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program) (<https://www.virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program>) to:

- Access the waiting list portal.
- Check for any open waitlists, which will be listed along with the City of Winchester name and the areas the City of Winchester serves.
- If no waitlists are currently open, you'll see a message stating: "We are sorry, but none of Virginia Housing's waiting lists are currently open".

If you have already submitted your application, you can check if you've been selected to join the waiting list by visiting [AppChecker \(apply4housing.com\)](https://vhda.apply4housing.com/status/). Regarding your position on the waitlist, the City of Winchester will notify you via postal mail or email once your family's name reaches the top of the waiting list and a voucher becomes available.

We encourage you to check Virginia Housing's [Housing Choice Voucher Program](https://www.virginiahousing.com/renters/housing-choice-voucher-program) regularly for updates. You'll find information indicating closed waiting lists or announcements about upcoming openings, including the date and time for online application submissions. Additionally, explore www.virginiahousingsearch.com for potential affordable housing resources.

If you are homeless and seeking housing in Virginia, contact [Western Virginia Continuum of Care](https://continuumofcare513.com/) at (540) 271-1701 (tel:5402711701).

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October 18, 2024

Michael G. Wong
Chair, Executive Committee
Western Virginia Continuum of Care
143 Reservoir St.
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

RE: Support for Western Virginia Continuum of Care

Dear Mr. Wong,

As the chair of the Western Virginia CoC's People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Committee, I am writing this letter on behalf of the committee's full membership (which currently includes four members who have lived experience of homelessness).

I have participated on the CoC's Executive Committee since January 2022 and brought my lived experience of unsheltered homelessness to inform CoC decision making. I have worked in street outreach and peer recovery programming through my role at Strength in Peers in Harrisonburg since October 11, 2021, and I am aware of the current needs of the homeless response system in our area. Another member of the PWLE committee participated in the CoC's ad hoc committee to rank and review the project applications that are included in the collaborative application.

As a committee of people with lived experience of homelessness, we are in support of the CoC's collaborative application to the FY 2024 HUD CoC Program Competition and we believe the CoC's funding priorities for permanent supportive housing (PSH) and its goal to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring are consistent with HUD's priorities and the broader strategic plan to end homelessness.

Sincerely,

Mandie Bishop
Chair, People with Lived Experience Committee
Western Virginia Continuum of Care

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Strength In Peers FAX: 855-940-1884



Housing First Program Compliance Evaluation: Self-Assessment

Agency: Northwestern Community Services Board

Reviewer: Jessie Hemping

Program: PSH-HUD

Date: 10/23/24

Answer these questions about your program to the best of your ability. We do not expect all answers to be "yes."

Questionnaire

- | | | | |
|-----|---|---|--|
| 1. | Does the program have minimum income specifications or requirements regarding income source? (i.e. are people allowed to enter the program with little/no income?) | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 2. | Are people who are <u>not</u> clean, sober, or treatment compliant allowed to enter the program? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 3. | Are people allowed to enter the program if they have criminal justice system involvement? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 4. | Are people who have poor credit, lack of rental history, or otherwise lack "housing readiness" allowed to enter the program? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 5. | Does your program <u>require</u> individual service and/or treatment plans in order to maintain residence? | Yes
<input type="radio"/> | No
<input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 6. | Is substance use (without other lease violations) considered a reason for program termination or eviction? | Yes
<input type="radio"/> | No
<input checked="" type="radio"/> |
| 7. | Are participants with disabilities or other accessibility needs provided with reasonable accommodations during the application and screening processes as well as throughout their program enrollment (including appropriate language translation, or special physical features to accommodate disabilities where possible, etc.) in a way that enables them to fully participate in the program? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 8. | If a person is not eligible for your program, are you able to transfer or refer them to housing and services with another provider? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 9. | Does your program provide ongoing supportive services or case management? If so, are the housing and service goals set primarily by the participant? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |
| 10. | Are program staff familiar with fair housing and utilize their understanding when working with clients and landlords? Do they negotiate with landlords for reasonable and appropriate accommodations for clients with disabilities or other accessibility needs, as allowable by fair housing law (ex. Representative payee arrangements, source of income, adaptations for physical disabilities, etc.)? | Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/> | No
<input type="radio"/> |

Scoring

The following answers indicate optimal compliance with a housing first approach:

- | | |
|--|----------|
| 1. No (minimum income requirements) | <u>0</u> |
| 2. Yes (allowed to enter while not sober/treatment compliant) | <u>1</u> |
| 3. Yes (allowed to enter with criminal justice system involvement) | <u>1</u> |
| 4. Yes (allowed to enter with "lack of housing readiness") | <u>1</u> |
| 5. No (service/treatment plans required to maintain residence) | <u>1</u> |
| 6. No (eviction/termination for substance use) | <u>1</u> |
| 7. Yes (reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities) | <u>1</u> |
| 8. Yes (transfer or refer to another provider) | <u>1</u> |
| 9. Yes (ongoing supportive services set by participant) | <u>1</u> |
| 10. Yes (fair housing negotiations) | <u>1</u> |

Score: 9 / 10

Reviewed by: Kaitlin Heatwole, HMIS Administrator

Kaitlin Heatwole 10/23/24

Interpretation

Housing First is an approach that places a person who is experiencing homelessness in stable housing as quickly as possible with minimal preconditions. An essential component of a housing first approach is ongoing supportive services and engagement in problem-solving that helps the person retain permanent housing while addressing other needs and goals (physical and mental health treatment, education and employment opportunities, family reunification, etc). It is *Housing First*, not *Housing Only*.

9-10	Housing First	Programs scoring at this level are operating under Housing First principles, but may have opportunities to further reduce barriers and increase support after housing is obtained.
7-8	Mostly Housing First	
4-6	Somewhat Housing First	Programs scoring at this level likely use some housing first principles without incorporating them into a comprehensive strategy.
2-3	A Little Housing First	Programs scoring at this level likely operate under a different strategy that sees sobriety, employment, and other goals as <u>prerequisites</u> to housing.
0-1	Not Housing First	

FY2024 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: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Organization Name: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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
 Bonus

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
Eligible Project Type: 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), Coordinated Entry.			
Coordinated Entry Participation: The project participates, or intends to, in the coordinated entry in compliance with HUD's and the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies (excludes HMIS).			
Geographic Coverage: 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



Low Barrier: 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).			
Housing First: 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).			
Healthcare Enrollment Effective Utilization: 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.			
Documented, secured minimum match: Applicant has 25% match commitments that satisfy CoC Program Rule requirements for source and amount.			
Project is financially feasible: Project has funding commitments equal to or exceeding the project budget.			
Active CoC participant and in conformance with CoC standards: 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.			
Application is complete, and data are consistent: All required information is completed, and all required attachments are provided. Data provided in response to different questions match.			
Threshold Requirements (cont'd)	Yes	No	N/A
Meet reporting deadlines: Applicant meets deadlines for submitting HUD- and CoC-required reports such as the Annual Performance Report (APR) and Annual Review (PSH only).			
Data quality at or above 90%: Data elements required by HUD and the CoC have a 90% or higher completion rate.			



Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%: 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).			
Acceptable organizational audit/financial review: Applicant's HUD audit or financial review does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.			
Documented organizational financial stability: Applicant's financial statements for the previous fiscal year demonstrates financial stability to support the operation of the project during the next operating year.			
Safety measures implemented (DV only): Applicant ensures clients' safety (e.g., alarm system, security cameras, protecting client data in a comparable database, transfer plan).			
Serve vulnerable populations and fills housing needs: 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 240 pts

Additional comments:



FY 2024 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 2021).	≥ 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:



FY 2024 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
<i>Length of Stay</i>				
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 % = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	
<i>Exit to Permanent Housing</i>				
RRH, TH	90% of leavers move to permanent housing	APR Q23c	100% - 90% = 25 pts 89% - 80% = 15 pts ≤ 79% = 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% = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	



Returns to Homelessness				
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	$\leq 8\% = 5$ pts $9\% - 12\% = 3$ pts $13\% - 24\% = 2$ pts $> 25\% = 0$ pts	
New or Increased Income or Earned Income				
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.)	$\geq 70\% = 7$ 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.)	$\geq 50\% = 5$ 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:

Total score out of 357 pts

Name of Reviewer:

Title, Organization:

Signature: _____ Date: _____



FY2024 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: Permanent Supportive Housing

Organization Name: Northwestern Community Services Board (NWCSB)

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 Bonus

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
Eligible Project Type: 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).	15		
Coordinated Entry Participation: The project participates, or intends to, in the coordinated entry in compliance with HUD's and the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies (excludes HMIS).	15		
Geographic Coverage: 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.	15		



Threshold Requirements (cont'd)	Yes	No	N/A
Low Barrier: 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).	15		
Housing First: 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).	15		
Healthcare Enrollment Effective Utilization: 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.	15		
Documented, secured minimum match: Applicant has 25% match commitments that satisfy CoC Program Rule requirements for source and amount.	15		
Project is financially feasible: Project has funding commitments equal to or exceeding the project budget.	15		
Active CoC participant and in conformance with CoC standards: 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.	15		
Application is complete, and data are consistent: All required information is completed, and all required attachments are provided. Data provided in response to different questions match.	15		



Threshold Requirements (cont'd)	Yes	No	N/A
Meet reporting deadlines: Applicant meets deadlines for submitting HUD- and CoC-required reports such as the Annual Performance Report (APR) and Annual Review (PSH only).		No (2 mo late)	
Data quality at or above 90%: Data elements required by HUD and the CoC have a 90% or higher completion rate.	Yes (99%)		
Bed/unit utilization rate at or above 90%: 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).		No (84%)	
Acceptable organizational audit/financial review: Applicant's HUD audit or financial review does not contain findings or other indications of financial or accounting problems.	15		
Documented organizational financial stability: Applicant's financial statements for the previous fiscal year demonstrates financial stability to support the operation of the project during the next operating year.	15		
Safety measures implemented (DV only): Applicant ensures clients' safety (e.g., alarm system, security cameras, protecting client data in a comparable database, transfer plan).			N/A
Serve vulnerable populations and fills housing needs: 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.	15		

Subtotal: 210 out of 240 pts (255 max)

Additional comments:



FY 2024 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 \$298,971 total budget / 46 positive outcomes (36 stayers + 10 exits to permanent destinations) = \$6,499.37/person/year	10
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 2021).	≥ 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	0 (25%)
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	10

Subtotal: 20 out of 30 pts (30 max)

Additional comments:



FY 2024 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
<i>Length of Stay</i>				
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 % = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	N/A
<i>Exit to Permanent Housing</i>				
RRH, TH	90% of leavers move to permanent housing	APR Q23c	100% - 90% = 25 pts 89% - 80% = 15 pts ≤ 79% = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	N/A
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% = 0 pts N/A = no points available.	25 (94%)
<i>Returns to Homelessness</i>				
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% = 5 pts 9% - 12% = 3 pts 13% - 24% = 2 pts > 25% = 0 pts	5 (0%)



<i>New or Increased Income or Earned Income</i>				
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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	0 (5%)

Subtotal: 37 out of 42 pts (87 max)

Additional comments:

Total score: 267 out of 312 points (357 max)

86 %

Name of Reviewer: Joint Adhoc Committee

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Harrisonburg Redevelopment & Housing Authority

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October 17th, 2024

To whom it may concern,

This statement certifies that the ad hoc Rank and Review Committee did not reject or reduce any project during the Western Virginia Continuum of Care's local competition for HUD's FY CoC Program Competition. The priority listing of this rank and review process was reviewed and approved by the CoC's Executive Committee.

Sincerely,

Michael Wong

Michael Wong
Executive Committee Chair
Western Virginia Continuum of Care

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HRHA provides reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities consistent with the Section 504 Final Rule (24 CFR Part 8) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act

2024 CoC NOFO Decision Letter for HMIS



Allison Henry

Thu 10/17, 7:34 AM

Kaitlin Heatwole ▾

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Hi Kaitlin,

Please find attached a letter containing the decision made by the Rank & Review Committee for the 2024 HUD CoC NOFO. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank You,

Allison Henry

Western VA CoC Administrator

540-631-4361





Allison Henry

Thu 10/17, 7:35 AM

Matt Tibbles <director@ourcommunityplace.org> ↕



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FY 2024 CoC NOFO Decision Letter for NWCSB's PSH Program



Allison Henry

Thu 10/17, 7:35 AM

Monica Schaffstall <Monica.Schaffstall@nwcsb.com>; Jessee Hemping <Jessee.Hemping@nwcsb.com> ✓

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Thank You,

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FY 2024 HUD CoC Program Competition
Local Competition Selection Results

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Project Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Funds requested from HUD</u>	<u>Reallocated Funds</u>
1	Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	HMIS Renewal	Renewal	88% (120 of 135)	Accepted	\$86,422 (tier 1)	\$0
2	Northwestern Community Services Board	Permanent Supportive Housing	Renewal	86% (267 of 312)	Accepted	\$335,923 (\$243,874 tier 1/ \$92,049 tier 2)	\$0
3	Our Community Place	Permanent Supportive Housing	New: Bonus	100% (205 of 205)	Accepted	\$53,736 (tier 2)	\$0

CoC Planning Application

	<u>Project Applicant</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Funds requested from HUD</u>	<u>Reallocated Funds</u>
N/A	Harrisonburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority	CoC Planning Project	Renewal – Planning funds	N/A	Accepted	\$52,800	N/A

Tier 1 Amount: \$330,296
 Tier 2 Amount: \$145,785

 CoC Planning Amount \$52,800

Total: \$528,881

If you are experiencing homelessness or will lose housing within the next 14 days, call our centralized housing intake at: **(540) 271-1701**



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FY 2024 NOFO CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

Please find below a link to the consolidated application. For questions and feedback, please contact the CoC Administrator, Allison Henry, at ahenry@harrisonburgha.com. Thank You.

[Consolidated Application FY 2024](#)

The Continuum Of Care Builds (CoCBuils) FY 2024 NOFO

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Builds (CoCBuils) NOFO targets efforts within CoC geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCBuils awards under the CoC Program.

This NOFO was released by HUD, making \$175,000,000 in estimated total funding available across the country to 25 projects.

One application per CoC is able to be submitted. Submission is due 11:59PM on 11/21/2024.

We encourage organizations to review the NOFO, linked below, for a list of eligible projects and refer to the competition timeline on what to expect during the application process.

FUNDING RESOURCES FOR COCBUILDS FY 2024

- [FY 2024 CoCBuils NOFO](#)
- [CoCBuils NOFO FY 2024 Timeline](#)
- [HUD CoCBuils Web Page](#)
- [CoCBuils NOFO Application Responsibilities: Project Applicant vs Collaborative Applicant](#)



Consolidated Application FY 2024



ahenry=harrisonburgrha.com@notifications.continuumofcare513.com on behalf of Allison Henry

Mon 10/28, 5:06 PM

Allison Henry



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Dear Community Partners,

The FY 2024 Consolidated Application has been posted to the CoC website. We invite you to review it, provide feedback, and ask questions. Please feel free to contact me if you believe there is information that should be added- we would love the opportunity to highlight the work you do within our community.

You can find the Consolidated Application [here](#), or on our website by going to the, "How We Are Funded," tab and clicking, "Federal Grant (NOFO)."

Thank You,
Allison Henry

Western Virginia Continuum of Care

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2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

To Print this Workbook:

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For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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2024 Competition Report - Summary

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HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

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LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Partially Usable									
Not Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	765	979	614
AO	601	649	454
AC	157	322	157
CO	0	1	0

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	233	307	363
AO	128	162	166
AC	105	145	197
CO	0	0	0

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	87	86	80
AO	68	69	66
AC	19	19	14
CO	0	0	0

- 1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children
- 2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.
- 3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.
- 4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	617	105.1	49.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and Tl	617	105.1	49.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client’s Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client’s entry date, effectively extending the client’s entry date backward in time. This “adjusted entry date” is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client’s actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	789	366.1	142.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to “housing move in”)	789	366.1	142.0

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	22	1	4.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	4.6%
Exit was from ES	218	9	4.1%	14	6.4%	5	2.3%	28	12.8%
Exit was from TH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	105	7	6.7%	5	4.8%	5	4.8%	17	16.2%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	345	17	4.9%	19	5.5%	10	2.9%	46	13.3%

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Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	658
Emergency Shelter Total	658
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	0

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	29
Number of adults with increased earned income	2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	6.9%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	29
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	19
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	65.5%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	29
Number of adults with increased total income	20
Percentage of adults who increased total income	69.0%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	6
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0.0%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	6
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	4
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	66.7%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	6
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	66.7%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	568
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	144
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	424

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Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	803
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	191
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	612

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD’s Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	94
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	14
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	7
% Successful exits	22.3%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	698
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	350
% Successful exits	50.1%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	75
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	69
% Successful exits/retention	92.0%

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	561	0	105	222	25
Total Leavers (HMIS)	490	0	18	177	25
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	235	0	4	0	7
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	48.0%	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	28.0%

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Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	286	250	286	0	286	87.4%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	62	51	51	0	51	100.0%
PSH	119	119	119	0	119	100.0%
OPH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	467	420	456	0	456	92.1%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster ^{**}	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	286	0	0	0	0	NA
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	62	11	11	0	11	100.00%
PSH	119	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	467	11	11	0	11	100.00%

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For HIC conducted in January

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	286	250	286	87.41%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	0	0	0	NA
RRH	62	62	62	100.00%
PSH	119	119	119	100.00%
OPH	0	0	0	NA
Total	467	431	467	92.29%

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Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	74	54	123	42	62

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/24/2024	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered-Only Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	300	262	267	399	297	275
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	14	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sheltered Count	314	262	267	399	297	275
Total Unsheltered Count	28	35	0	27	23	98
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	342	297	267	426	320	373

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were