

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

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

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** County of Sangamon

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

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** MERCY Communities

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

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<b>1B-1.</b>	<b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>	
	NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	No
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
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)	Nonexistent	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	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
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	Yes
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	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Local Faith Communities	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Land of Lincoln Legal Aid	Yes	Yes	Yes

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HCoC extends public invitations A MINIMUM OF SIX TIMES A YEAR through a variety of mediums to solicit new members to join the CoC. The front page of the HCoC WEBSITE instructs any person or organization on how to become a part of the General Membership and new sign-ups for the HCoC NEWSLETTER receive a follow-up inviting them to become a General Member and volunteer for HCoC Task Groups. PUBLIC INVITATIONS were extended through the CoC Facebook page and as a part of PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS that HCoC staff gave to CHURCHES, ROTARY CLUBS, LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES, and to the CITIZENS CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD. MEDIA INTERVIEWS were a focus this year to share information about the CoC and invite people to join. Our Community Education Task Group shared an online, on-demand COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR TRAINING that has been completed by 152 Community members with education on our strategy, housing first programs, overcoming stigma, and ends with an opportunity to join our General Membership. COMMUNITY SUMMITS AND FOCUS GROUPS connected to our community wide strategic planning process also shared information about joining the General Membership.

2. HCoC ENSURES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION with individuals with disabilities by ensuring CLOSED CAPTIONING is available for meetings held via Zoom and also publishing videos of our General Membership meetings to YouTube so that closed captioning is accessible. Agendas, meeting minutes, and policy DOCUMENTS ARE SHARED IN ACCESSIBLE PDF FORMATS. Announcements, news, and other invitations are made on the public CoC Facebook page in order to utilize the platform’s ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS. HCoC newsletter emails are sent through MailChimp and were designed using MailChimp’s Accessibility toolkit. HCoC has worked with a member organization, SPRINGFIELD CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING, to provide FEEDBACK ON EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMUNICATION in order to improve on current practices.

3. HCoC Staff and Board Members invite organizations SERVING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES represented in population of people experiencing homelessness. In the past three years, our General Membership grew FROM 21 ORGANIZATIONS TO OVER 45 ORGANIZATIONS through outreach and intentional invitations. The implementation of our HCoC STRATEGIC PLAN and EQUITY ANALYSIS included a focus on connecting with specific communities for discussion and feedback on the plan. All boards and task groups of the Continuum of Care have INCREASED IN DIVERSITY in the past 12 months.

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.	

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1.HCoC GATHERS/USES VARIETY OF OPINIONS by: survey series (1 of stakeholders, 1 of people with lived experience), focus groups with people with lived experience (different locations/times, including snacks/compensation; well publicized BI-MONTHLY General Membership meetings with time for PUBLIC COMMENT; CoC Staff participates in community meetings in multiple neighborhoods. HCoC staff/board REGULARLY PRESENT at community events (Rotary Club, Local Government meetings), faith community gatherings, for education and to solicit feedback.

2.HCoC communicated information by INCLUDING STRUCTURED SPACE IN EACH OF OUR PUBLIC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS for agencies, advocates, community partners, and the public to share updates. HCoC’s EMAIL NEWSLETTER REACHES 255 people & shares content while also creating an easy way for people to respond to the email with questions. CoC’s WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK page have been effective methods of sharing information & collecting feedback.

3. HCoC staff RESEARCHES BEST PRACTICES on effective communication for persons with disabilities each year. This year, staff reached out to a new HCoC General Membership organization who specializes in increasing opportunities for equality, integration, and independence for all persons with disabilities to SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON HOW WE CAN IMPROVE our email and website communication to be more effective and asked for additional resources to help improve practices and IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS.

4.HCoC INCORPORATES INFO FROM PUBLIC into strategic plans, written policies, and by using it to GUIDE FUNDING PRIORITIES, INFORM STRATEGY, and EXPAND SERVICES. Results from feedback ELEVATED THE ISSUES of unsheltered homelessness and Emergency Shelter as areas of emphasis. Feedback from focus groups and surveys from people with lived experience highlighted the need for developing more flexible pathways for people to access our CES and increasing collaboration among diversion and prevention services available. HCoC worked with Homebase to do a FULL EVALUATION OF OUR COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM resulting in SIGNIFICANT CHANGES to our CE entry points, policy, and CE assessment. HCoC Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing Committee and the Homelessness Prevention Task Group DEVELOPED ACTION STEPS TO EXPAND SERVICES AND CLARITY OF COMMUNICATION. A Housing Helpline has been created so community members can utilize a common assessment for referrals to several different sources of rent/utility assistance.

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.	
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1.HCoC notified the public that it is accepting project application proposals by POSTING ON CoC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE, EMAILING all CoC email subscribers, and ANNOUNCING the local competition at the CoC General Membership meetings prior to competition start. HCoC INVITED ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FUNDING THROUGH THE CoC program to apply through announcements and posts about the competition. CoC HOSTED A PUBLIC COMPETITION TA WEBINAR to help new applicants with NOFO process, local competition, and steps to apply. We also hosted a TA WEBINAR FOR DV BONUS FUNDING. Videos of webinars were added to CoC website. In all communications, questions were welcomed so CoC STAFF COULD PROVIDE one on one TA for organizations. We provided TA for two organizations and one new organization submitted a local application.

2.HCoC communicated about project applications submission through the HCoC WEBSITE, INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED IN LOCAL APPLICATION and through CoC COMPETITION TA WEBINAR. The TA webinar walked through a step-by-step process for completing and submitting project applications. The process involved organizations completing an online project application for all new and renewal projects the organization desired to apply for. Additionally, organizations had to send program budget and an APR or other data needed for the scoring process by email to CoC staff.

3. All HCoC Competition communication included links to HCoC Local Competition Policy, Appeal Process, and Rating and Ranking Scorecard. Competition information was posted on the HCoC website, Facebook posts, and General Membership emails which are also posted publicly on the HCoC Website. HCoC SCORED AND RANKED RENEWAL AND NEW PROJECTS based on OBJECTIVE FACTORS about agency capacity, system performance, and community need. The R&R Committee included five individuals with diverse backgrounds. The R&R Committee presented a recommended ranked list to the HCoC Board for approval per the local competition policy. Requests for appeals were taken into consideration by the R&R Committee resulting in scoring changes that impacted the final Ranked List.

4.HCoC made all competition documents available in ACCESSIBLE PDF FORMATS and announced local competition through an email developed using MailChimp’s Accessibility toolkit. TA webinar was held via Zoom and posted to YouTube to ensure closed captioning was available. HCoC Coordinator was available to provide any other requested accommodations.

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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	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	



18. Local Communities of Faith	Yes
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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. NOFO Section V.B.1.b.	
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

- 1.HCoC receives an ESG allocation through the State of IL. HCoC CONSULTED WITH DHS TO LEARN PRIORITIES for local funding allocations. HCoC Staff and recipient agencies attended IDHS' Bureau of Basic Support's weekly support calls to learn from the ESG Grant manager. HCoC's RATING AND RANKING COMMITTEE WORKED WITH IDHS and local priorities developed by analyzing gaps in our system to make funding recommends based on project applications and HMIS data. A particular focus was placed on DHS' priorities of reducing length of time homeless, reducing returns, reducing number of people homeless for first time, and improving income. HCoC priorities for ESG allocation this year were Rapid Rehousing and Street Outreach.
- 2.HCoC's Services and Strategy Committee is tasked with EVALUATING AND REPORTING performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients as a part of its annual work. Quarterly performance check-ins provide opportunities to monitor projects and outcomes to ensure programs meet stated goals from their local application. This process has resulted in one project being REALLOCATED over the past two years due to not spending down funds and meeting performance goals.
- 3.HCoC provided PIT and HIC data to the City of Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) which administers all components of our Consolidated Plan. A City of Springfield staff person serves on the HCoC Board of Directors and Strategy Board to help facilitate communication and the sharing of helpful information. Additionally, the HCoC utilizes the General Membership mailing list and Facebook page to communicate about open meetings related to the consolidated plan.
- 4.HCoC PROVIDED INFORMATION to aide in the development of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent updates through MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS with the City of Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED). Upon request, HMIS LEAD was available to meet with OPED to EXPLAIN HMIS DATA, IDENTIFY TRENDS, AND SHARE OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION for the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the HCoC board and individual agencies welcomed OPED to request other information and data. OPED staff are active in ongoing efforts to implement our community wide strategic plan to reach functional zero including continued collaborations on the implementation of HOME-ARP funding.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

HCoC Gen Membership includes our local LEA, the REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION (ROE) for our CoC, the largest school district in Sangamon County, SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #186 (SPS 186), Springfield Urban League who provides Head Start and Early Start programming, & the Mini O’Beirne Crisis Nursery that provides childcare from birth-six years. HCoC is a COMMUNITY PARTNER IN THE CONTINUUM OF LEARNING INITIATIVE that promotes practices & programs to ensure all children in our community are ready to learn & all young adults are ready to enter the world of work. The Continuum of Learning allows HCoC to collaborate w/ local school districts, Head Start programs, & community partners to develop strategies to make sure all children have access to education opportunities. Youth Education providers are INVITED TO JOIN HCOC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & PROVIDE UPDATES, OFFER CONNECTIVITY TO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND SHARE GUIDANCE ON LOCAL NEEDS. In the past year, HCoC has developed a NEW YOUTH HOMELESSNESS TASK GROUP to help partners from throughout our community work together to provide support for youth experiencing homelessness. ROE and SPS 186 partnered with the HCoC to organize a YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT. The goals of the summit were to pull together as many interested organizations and individuals as possible to create a Youth Homelessness Task Group, discuss local data, examine causes of youth homelessness, identify existing community resources, identify current community gaps, discuss how to initiate youth involvement and develop a youth advisory board, and outline action steps for moving forward. The summit resulted in over twenty people representing organizations from throughout our community joining the task group. The Task Group meets monthly to discuss short term and long term strategies alongside trainings and announcements about available resources. The HCoC, ROE and SPS 186 provide DATA ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS and provide TRAINING ON RESOURCES AVAILABLE to assist students in attending the school of their choice and ensuring that families are not separated. Additionally, the HCoC provides training to the ROE and SPS 186 about COORDINATED ENTRY, CRISIS HOUSING PROGRAMS, and OTHER YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES available in the community. The HCoC has MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS with both the ROE and SPS 186 that helps to continue to foster the type of collaborations detailed here.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The title VII-B of the MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT, as amended by the EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT has been adopted by the HCoC as our guide and working policy. Per CoC policy, all HCoC agencies that serve children and youth GIVE FAMILIES, GUARDIANS, AND PARENTS OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS that explain their educational rights according to the McKinney-Vento legislation. Each family with children experiencing homelessness or an unaccompanied youth RECEIVE A COPY OF THE EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS PROGRAM NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE at the time of intake. Families are informed they may stay in their home schools regardless of where they have been displaced to and that the school must provide transportation to school if needed. The HCoC ensures agencies have contact information for Springfield Public Schools District #186 (SPS 186) Homeless Liaison staff who help guide families through all resources and services available to them. ROE and SPS 186 are BOTH REPRESENTED IN THE HCOG GENERAL MEMBERSHIP and provide updates as part of monthly General Membership meetings to ensure service providers are up to date on current procedures.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	Yes	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	No
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	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	Yes	No
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.	Crisis Nursery for Children from Birth to Age 6	Yes	No

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

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

Organizations		
1.	state domestic violence coalitions	No
2.	state sexual assault coalitions	No
3.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Sojourn Shelter is a HCoC organization that provides services for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and serves as the operator of the INFONET database in our CoC's geographic area. Sojourn's Chief Executive Officer SERVES ON HCOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Staff from Sojourn who are certified domestic violence professionals PARTICIPATE IN THE HCOC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND IN THE EMERGENCY SHELTER, STREET OUTREACH, AND COORDINATED ENTRY TASK GROUPS. Through participation in each of these boards and task groups, Sojourn ACTIVELY SHAPES POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT IMPACT OUR ENTIRE CONTINUUM. An example from this past year involved the HCoC EVALUATING AND MODIFYING OUR NEW CE ASSESSMENT AND PRIORITIZATION PROCESS and developing a new assessment to prioritize households feeling domestic violence and other unsafe situations.. This collaboration ensured the NEEDS OF SURVIVORS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO SURVIVORS were reflected in continuum policy and procedures. Further PARTICIPATION IN THE ONGOING WORK OF THE COORDINATED ENTRY TASK GROUP and case conferencing meetings ensures that updates and improvements can be made to the policy and procedures as the community adapts and recognizes the need for further changes.

HCoC TRAINS, ENCOURAGES, AND EVALUATES how services can incorporate trauma-informed principles with special attention to victim-centered care. At the General Membership level, this involves trainings from Southern Illinois University's Survivor Recovery Center to explain the services they offer for survivors of crimes within the past three years and the trauma-informed approach to services that others can also utilize. At the task group level, Sojourn Shelter's certified domestic violence staff are integrated into CoC task groups and have IDENTIFIED AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR DISCUSSION. One IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES DUE TO THIS COLLABORATION was a private office added to a day services and emergency shelter location where individuals could meet with a certified domestic violence staff person. Regular hours were set for access to referrals and staff were trained about how to make people aware of the service that was available. Agencies are encouraged to take active steps to TRAIN EMPLOYEES ON TRAUMA-INFORMED principles and the HCOC scores agencies on this training for ESG and CoC Competition applications. COMMUNITY STANDARDS on housing and services include Trauma-informed training in service standards.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.HCoC ORGANIZES SEMI-ANNUAL TRAININGS for General Membership and project staff that addresses safety and best practices for serving survivors of domestic violence conducted by certified victim service providers from Sojourn Shelter and Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault staff. Trainings include information about how to DETECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING and respond, information on the array OF SERVICES AVAILABLE FROM VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS who serve our geographic area, and how to ensure interactions are trauma-informed with special consideration of unique needs of survivors of domestic violence. HCoC General Membership emails all INCLUDE A SECTION ON TRAINING WITH UPCOMING TRAINING OFFERINGS and webinars that any person can participate in. Additionally, the HCoC has used video trainings through a test LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM to share trainings with staff members and community members and plans to build out a CoC-wide LMS to make more trainings available on an on-demand basis to ensure staff can be trained in a timely way when they come onboard to agencies throughout the continuum of care.

2.HCoC ORGANIZES COMMUNITY WIDE TRAINING each year to all Coordinated Entry assessors, project staff, and other agency staff on how to determine if those they are serving are survivors of domestic violence, create safety plans, facilitate transfers from emergency shelter to housing, and create connectivity options to victim service providers. The TRAINING IS CONDUCTED BY CERTIFIED VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS from Sojourn Shelter and Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault staff. Staff from agencies who are a part of the HCoC Coordinated Entry System receive training from our HMIS Administrator on how to conduct Coordinated Entry assessments with a trauma-informed perspective each year. Sojourn Shelter is a dedicated victim service provider in our CoC’s geographic area whose staff provides training several times per year on addressing safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and conducts trainings for HCoC organizations. The COORDINATED ENTRY CASE CONFERENCING COMMITTEE provides feedback to the HCoC Board about modifications that would improve service delivery and best practices.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. HCoC Coordinated Entry Policies ensure a path through CES exists that PROTECTS AND PROMOTES THE SAFETY AND CONFIDENTIALITY of people currently fleeing domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Available community resources allow homeless providers, police departments, local hospitals, and community members to refer survivors for IMMEDIATE SAFE SHELTER AND SERVICES at Sojourn Shelter. Sojourn has staff who are trained to conduct CE assessments. In the event, a survivor chooses to seek services from non-domestic violence service providers, all organizations utilizing CES are trained in best practices including how to protect the identities of survivors in HMIS while ensuring they have access to all housing resources in the community through the CES and retain the ability to choose the safest option available. Shelter intake, Diversion, and Street Outreach staff are TRAINED TO ASSESS THE SAFETY of households and DEVELOP SAFETY PLANS. Sojourn Shelter is open 24 hours a day and is available to assist other organizations with safety planning including access to emergency shelter, pursuing order of protection, providing cell phones and other devices and services to improve safety. Newly developed Community Standards provide guidance for DEVELOPING SAFETY PLANS AT FIRST INTERACTION with clients.

2.HCoC ENSURES CONFIDENTIALITY & SAFETY & creates client choice through connections to a variety of housing opportunities. Certified Victim Service Provider staff from Sojourn Shelter provide CES assessments and MAINTAIN A SEPARATE CE LIST WITHOUT PII. The HCoC HMIS Administrator MONITORS THE DV CES LIST and INCORPORATES ANONYMOUS CLIENTS in the HCoC CES list for prioritization by the HCoC CE Task Group. SOJOURN PARTICIPATES IN CE Task Group meetings, case conferencing and other CoC work groups to ensure they are aware of all housing available. Survivors choose their participation in DV specific housing programs or general CoC programs. CoC agencies are trained on BEST PRACTICES/OFFERING CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES in serving DV survivors and collaborate with Sojourn to serve clients. Non-DV service providers are trained on how to lock and protect personally identifying information within HMIS.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1. The HCoC USES DE-IDENTIFIED AGGREGATE DATA FROM INFONET, a comparable database that stores information outside of our CoC HMIS database. Sojourn Shelter is a victim service provider that is active in our CoC's geographic area and the operator of the INFONET database which is supervised by their Director of Operations, a certified domestic violence professional. Sojourn is a voting member of our CoC and their Chief Executive Officer is on the HCoC Board of Directors. Sojourn provides de-identified data so the HCoC CAN ANALYZE IT AS PART OF STRATEGIC PLANNING and DETERMINE LEVEL OF NEEDS related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. This data allows our CoC to have a GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS AND THE NUMBERS OF NEEDS FOR SERVICES.

2. RECENT ANALYSIS of both INFONET and HMIS data DEMONSTRATED A GAP IN HOUSING SERVICES WHO ARE PART OF FAMILY HOUSEHOLDS causing prolonged stays in Emergency Shelter. The lack of movement throughout our homelessness system due to INADEQUATE HOUSING RESOURCES has been identified as an important area of improvement in order IMPROVE SAFETY OF SURVIVORS of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking. To address this gap, HCoC WORKED WITH A NEW ORGANIZATION TO APPLY FOR A DV-RRH PROJECT to increase opportunities for survivors.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Emergency Transfer Plan policies and procedures are a part of the HCoC Coordinated Entry Policy. The HCoC PROVIDES CoC-WIDE TRAINING once a year about the HCoC Emergency Transfer Plan policies and procedures to case managers, street outreach teams, and the HCoC General Membership. EDUCATING A BROAD GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS is an important part of our efforts to ensure people throughout the community are aware of the transfer plan in the event they work with someone who would qualify for a transfer. Copies of the emergency transfer plan policy are provided to all housing providers. Additionally, the Emergency Transfer Policy is INCLUDED IN INFORMATIONAL PACKETS provided to individuals and families upon entry into housing.
2. Individuals and families can request an emergency transfer by NOTIFYING HOUSING PROVIDER'S ADMINISTRATOR OR CASE MANAGEMENT STAFF and SUBMIT A WRITTEN REQUEST for a transfer. The housing provider will provide reasonable accommodations to the HCoC Emergency Transfer Policy for individuals with disabilities. Housing providers use HUD FORMS 5382 or 5383 to document requests. Housing providers do not guarantee transfers will be granted but they do ENGAGE IN SAFETY PLANNING to ensure the safety of the household.
3. Emergency Transfer Requests are IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO HCOE STAFF who convene a meeting of the Coordinated Entry Task Group WITHIN THREE DAYS of the receipt of the request to make a determination. HCoC Staff work with the housing providers assisting the household to provide information and prepare a report for the CE Task Group. When a request is granted, HCoC Staff work initially with the housing provider that facilitated the request, the client, and HCoC Housing Navigator to find an appropriate unit. When a unit is not available, at the tenant's request HCoC staff work with the household and other housing providers to find a unit that meets the households safety needs.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and	
	2. proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCoC COORDINATED ENTRY PROCESS ALLOWS SURVIVORS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AT ANY AGENCY and agencies are trained to make appropriate referrals to support clients. Sojourn Shelter and Services, Inc. is the designated agency that provides services & shelter to Survivors if a client chooses they would prefer to utilize that service. Sojourn utilizes a TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH for intake, DV crisis management, & supportive services. If clients choose to go to Sojourn, transportation is provided & Survivors are escorted to respect their choice and ensure safety. HCoC ENSURES CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFETY and creates client choice through connections to all housing opportunities clients are eligible for through the Coordinated Entry System. CoC agencies are trained on BEST PRACTICES/OFFERING CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES in serving DV survivors and collaborate with Sojourn to serve clients. Additionally, Certified Victim Service Provider staff from Sojourn Shelter are available to PROVIDE CES ASSESSMENTS and all Coordinated Entry assessors are trained to have a victim-centered approach. Clients that indicate that they are survivors are added to the CES LIST WITHOUT INCLUDING PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. Survivors choose their participation in DV specific housing programs or general CoC programs. SOJOURN PARTICIPATES IN CE CASE CONFERENCES & OTHER CoC WORK GROUPS to ensure they are aware of all housing available.

2. Through implementation of our strategic plan, HCoC is working to transform our homeless response system to more RAPIDLY CONNECT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESS WITH SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. Focus groups with people with lived experience and stakeholders have identified length of time homeless as a crucial concern for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. HCoC has placed a high priority on creating additional permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing opportunities while also creating new programs and resources for SHELTER DIVERSION, HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING, AND RAPID EXIT. As our system improves to expand varied opportunities for exits to permanent housing, more flexibility will be created to support RAPID EXITS OF SURVIVORS FROM HOMELESSNESS. HCoC Task Groups, HCoC Board of Directors, and Strategy Board create frequent opportunities for strategic evaluation of our system, barriers to housing, and implementation challenges at the ground level.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through the LIVED EXPERIENCE COLLABORATION POLICY and local funding to compensate survivors and other individuals with lived expertise for their involvement in HCoC task groups, focus groups, and other initiatives, the HCOE ENSURES SURVIVORS INFORM POLICIES AND PRACTICES OF THE HCOE. All HCoC Member Organizations are encouraged to publicize Lived Experience engagement opportunities and all funded organizations are required to nominate clients for the Lived Experience Advisory Board each year to ensure we get broad and diverse representation and involvement including survivors and other groups over represented in the HCoC Homeless Response System. LIVED EXPERIENCE FOCUS GROUPS and the LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD ARE ENGAGED TO DISCUSS SYSTEM NEEDS, POLICY CHANGES, and STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE HCOE. In addition, the HCOE utilizes surveys and other opportunities for ANONYMOUS FEEDBACK in attempt to ensure safe and comfortable avenues for feedback exist for survivors to participate in development of CoC policy.

2. HCoC Staff work to evaluate Lived Experience Collaboration efforts to IDENTIFY GAPS IN REPRESENTATION AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE. Unique and complex needs of survivors are taken into consideration in partnership with HCoC Member organizations with EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR SURVIVORS to develop plans and practices for input that are comfortable for survivors. Examples of accounting for these unique needs include creating surveys and planning for small focus groups hosted by organizations to increase the level of comfort in participation for survivors.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Executive Director of the Phoenix Center, an organization that provides a wide array of services and housing focused on meeting the needs of our LGBTQ+ community, serves on the HCoC board of directors in addition to the General Membership and helps shape policies and decisions. HCoC engaged HOPE FAIR HOUSING to provide CoC wide training about FAIR HOUSING AND HOUSING DISCRIMINATION. Additionally, Phoenix Center PROVIDES TRAINING FOR THE COMMUNITY TO ENSURE ALL ORGANIZATION'S AND THEIR STAFF CAN LEARN HOW TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. The HCoC is currently updating and developing additional COMMUNITY STANDARDS for programs including training requirements for Trauma informed care and anti-discrimination.
2. The HCoC developed a CoC-WIDE ANTI-DISCRIMINATION POLICY that provides a foundation for organizations to create compliant policies for their organizations. CoC and ESG funded organizations are required to adhere to the HCoC anti-discrimination policy. The HCoC provides access to training on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to help providers and staff develop a deeper understanding of the significance of anti-discrimination training alongside Equal Access and Gender Identity trainings.
3. HCoC UTILIZES THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM as a key tool to ensure households are not being discriminated against for housing opportunities. Agencies report openings to the HMIS Administrator and the CE Task Group provides referrals based on eligibility requirements and results from the HCoC Assessment Tool. Agencies do not get to choose clients and the record of program denials provides the CoC with the opportunity to evaluate rationale for denial. Additionally, the grievance policy provides an opportunity for clients in any program to share concerns regarding discrimination.
4. A demonstrated commitment to Fair Housing, Equal Access, and Anti-Discrimination have been added as a threshold factor for scoring for all CoC led funding allocations. In the event of non-compliance, the HCoC will work with agencies to CREATE AN IMPROVEMENT PLAN. Failure to improve results is reported to the Rating and Ranking Committee for funding opportunities and could result in the loss of funding due to not meeting threshold requirements to be eligible for applying.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
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Springfield Housing Authority		Yes-HCV	No

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. A Springfield Housing Authority staff member, the only PHA in HCoC's area, SERVES ON HCoC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & other staff participate in the HCoC General Membership. SHA & HCoC share data & discuss policy to INFORM LOCAL STRATEGY & assessment of barriers to housing. SHA's Executive Director serves on the Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board that works to support the implementation of our community wide strategic plan to reach functional zero homelessness. SHA and HCoC HAVE AN MOU IN PLACE FOR THE EHV PROGRAM and HCoC HIRED A HOUSING NAVIGATOR with SUPPORT OF EHV ADMINISTRATE FUNDS THROUGH SHA. SHA revises its Administrative Plan annually to address the changing housing needs of the community. In 2018, the Admin Plan was amended to allow for a limited preference for Mainstream Vouchers for homeless families. In 2021, the SHA was awarded 37 EHV's and amended its Administrative Plan to allow for direct referrals from the HCoC CES for EHV's. SHA has worked to maximize EHV usage by transferring households who have utilized EHV's for a year to HCV's and allowing new EHV's to be issued to new households. SHA administers many special program vouchers such as VASH, Family Unification, Near Elderly Disabled, Mainstream, and EHV. Each special program requires collaboration and referral from partner agencies to serve the needs of the special population. The Salvation Army, DCFS, Helping Hands, MERCY Communities, Fifth Street Renaissance all work with SHA to assist homeless or at-risk of homeless populations to apply for & maintain applicable vouchers. SHA annually posts a rolling Request for Proposal for Project Based Vouchers. Landlords and developers may apply monthly for Project Based Vouchers. These vouchers may be available and awarded to development partners looking to develop PSH in the Springfield/Sangamon County community. SHA provides project-based voucher assistance to Cook Street Renaissance, Hope Springs, and Haven Apartments. SHA does not currently track households homeless at admission but does have the capacity to do so & will explore how to do this through client self-disclosure.

<b>1C-7b.</b>	<b>Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.</b>	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	SRS Section 811 Property Owned by Mental Health Provider	Yes

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

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

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

<b>1C-7d.</b>	<b>Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.</b>	
	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
		<b>Program Funding Source</b>
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Family Unification Program (FUP)

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

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

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

<b>PHA</b>	
	Springfield Housi...



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

**Name of PHA:** Springfield Housing Authority

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1. Foster Care	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.	10
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	10
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCoC utilizes a LOCAL APPLICATION as part of the rating and ranking process that requires applicants to share about their housing first approach and any barriers to accessing their programs. HOUSING FIRST IS A THRESHOLD CRITERIA for all grant programs the HCoC administers. The Rating and Ranking Committee reviews local CES Data to review referral rejections as a TOOL TO MONITOR BARRIERS TO SERVICES. The CES Case Conferencing Committee meets bi-weekly and helps facilitate movement through our system and flags instances that do not line up with the HCoC's commitment to Housing First. The goal of this process is to have agencies demonstrate a commitment to Housing First while also incorporating continuous monitoring of the system to ensure the commitment translates into action. Each October, HUD funded agencies work with Heartland HOUSED staff to complete HUD's Housing First Assessment Tools and identify improvement areas to address prior to future funding competitions.

2. The HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee scores projects for ENSURING THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE SCREENED OUT of the program for having too little income, active or history of substance use, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, history of victimization, failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make progress in service plan, criminal history, mental illness, and loss of income or failure to improve income. Projects are scored using APR data to review PERCENTAGE OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS WITH SEVERE NEEDS when an agency has a plan in place to meet specific needs.

3. The HCoC Coordinated Entry System is an essential part of evaluating projects to ensure a Housing First approach is being used. The CE CASE CONFERENCEING COMMITTEE monitors system movement and works with agencies any time a referral is rejected. The Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board works to evaluate gaps in the system and monitor project performance. A recently started process to develop COMMUNITY STANDARDS for supportive housing program includes criteria that HCoC staff uses to enhance monitoring efforts.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.HCoC Street Outreach Task Group (SOTG) organizes outreach with homeless service providers, a Homeless Outreach Team HOT lead officer with the Springfield Police Department, PATH and Behavioral Health outreach, Community Health Workers from an FQHC partner, local faith community volunteers, and other partners. OUTREACH IS PLANNED AT VARYING TIMES OF DAY and includes homeless encampments, common gathering spots, and communal meal locations. Law enforcement partners work to connect Street Outreach efforts with encampments. INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ASSIST regularly with outreach to unsheltered individuals and families. This year, HCoC prioritized Street Outreach and funded two SO staff through Helping Hands to further efforts to engage and identify all persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

2.Outreach COVERS 100% OF HCoC GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

3.HCoC MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT SO EACH DAY through partnerships with the Springfield Police’s HOT and Community Care Coordinator, Memorial Behavioral Health’s PATH program, and staff from CoC agencies. The HOT team encourages public safety officials to make referrals when they encounter individuals and families experiencing homelessness. A volunteer team led by a local faith community conducts SO every first and third Saturday in partnership with local agencies. The SOTG designs monthly outings to engage individuals on the by-names list.

4.HCoC SOTG MOBILIZES PARTNERS from through the community to meet those experiencing homelessness where they are. An emergency assistance provider, Helping the Homeless in Springfield, DELIVERS ESSENTIAL ITEMS to throughout our CoC area and MAKES REFERRALS TO SERVICES. Fifth Street Renaissance operates a mobile outreach unit & TRAVELS TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE LOCATED to offer health screenings, CES access, to make referrals. The HOT Officer serves on Sangamon County's Drug, Veteran, & Mental Health Court & meets weekly with judges to consider non-legal alternatives such as mental health, addiction services, and mainstream services instead of criminal charges. This program is an invaluable tool for reaching individuals experiencing homelessness who are unlikely to request assistance. HCoC Staff and members have partnered with Springfield Police to develop a deflection program aimed at connecting people to available resources and minimizing just system involvement. HCoC SOTG uses CASE CONFERENCING to locate, offer housing assistance, supportive services, and follow-ups.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes

3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	45	52

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)	
	LIHEAP	Yes

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:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The HCoC PROVIDES INFORMATION MONTHLY to agencies and encourages them to BECOME COMMUNITY PARTNERS with the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) in order to utilize their consolidated application for benefits eligibility (ABE) for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid. As a community partner, agencies can HELP ILLINOIS RESIDENTS APPLY ONLINE for benefits by providing a computer or one-on-one assistance with applications. Communication about training, updates, and information about how to become a community partner are included in all HCoC General Membership emails. Updates from IDHS and other pertinent organizations is shared with the General Membership as well. In response to SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS, the HCoC Scores projects based on improving access to benefits and communicates this information to agencies throughout the year.

2.The HCoC CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATES COLLABORATION through the work of Emergency Shelter, Coordinated Entry, Street Outreach, and Permanent Housing Task Groups. Each of these groups include both staff from projects and healthcare organizations and create space in meetings for UPDATES TO AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. Partnerships with two FQHCs in our community have CREATED WALK-IN CLINICS located in the physical buildings of two HCoC service providers. The HCoC participates in the Sangamon County Recovery Oriented System of Care Council which works to INCREASE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS in our community. Through a partnership with Memorial Behavioral Health, certified mental health specialists do inreach to our local shelters and assist with outreach throughout the community. A new DISCHARGE PLANNING TASK GROUP and MEDICAL RESPITE CARE CAPACITY BUILDING STEERING COMMITTEE have worked to identify gaps in services and care and works to develop collaborative solutions to help people receive healthcare services.

3.The City of Springfield funds an HCoC-WIDE SOAR CERTIFIED CASE MANAGER through Fifth Street Renaissance. Agencies are required to have SOAR certified program staff who partner with the HCoC-wide case manager to guide individuals through the SOAR process. The HCoC engaged with the Supportive Housing Providers Association for CoC-wide training on SOAR. HCoC General Membership emails include training opportunities such as SAMHSA's SOARING OVER LUNCH training program. Through SHPA, our Strategy Board has begun to review local SOAR data as part of community data analysis.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Through the HCoC's COVID-19 response, our community service providers and funders developed a deeper understanding of the need and value of non-congregate shelter. Non-congregate shelter has aided our community in preventing the spread of infectious disease. A further benefit is that non-congregate shelter has IMPROVED OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER SYSTEM by creating more flexibility in who can be served and helping to ensure that families seeking shelter are not separated. The HCoC partnered with the Illinois Public Association's Pandemic Health Navigator Program and Sangamon County Department of Public Health to PROVIDE NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER FOR HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SEEKING QUARANTINE SPACE through the use of hotels. The success of these programs allowed the HCoC to make a case for \$4,000 in hotel funding to be allocated for non-congregate shelter through our local Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding process. Three HCoC partner agencies have pursued and received grants from the Illinois Department of Public Health to provide non-congregant hotel rooms and food for people in need of SAFE QUARANTINE SPACE. HCoC has engaged in a MEDICAL RESPITE CARE CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE this year to develop local capacity to create 10 non-congregate respite care beds in January of 2024. A new HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING INITIATIVE includes a flexible fund that can provide temporary non-congregant shelter for prioritized households.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:	
1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and	
2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During the COVID-19 pandemic, HCoC mobilized all parts of the Crisis Response System & identified the need to IMPLEMENT PLANNING AND PREPARATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES for future disasters, pandemics, and other emergency events. HCoC created an EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) to meet this need. The ERT can be activated by HCoC Staff in coordination with the HCoC Executive Committee to anticipate and respond to infectious disease outbreaks and other emergencies. ERT core members must have representation from all CoC work group teams (ES/PH/SO/Community Ed/Veterans/HP), Housing Navigator, HMIS lead, CoC executive team, CoC Staff, and at minimum two members of the Lived Experience Advisory Board. ERT will complete trainings on disaster preparedness, public health emergencies, and review HCoC's Emergency Preparedness Protocols annually. ERT works with Sangamon County Department of Public Health and Office of Emergency Management, the City of Springfield, local healthcare providers, public health officials, police departments, IEMA/FEMA & any other municipal entities during disasters.

2. The HCoC Board of Directors and Task Groups INTENTIONALLY INCLUDE STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES AND OTHER HEALTHCARE PARTNERS in their composition. The HCoC receives further guidance and training from the Director of Programs and Community Health for the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) who serves on the board of directors of the HCoC. These partnerships INFORM THE WORK OF THE HCoC's ERT and guide HCoC and program safety protocols through TRAINING, RESOURCE SHARING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING. An example in the past twelve months involved the DEVELOPMENT OF NEW QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS for congregate shelter due to previous non-congregate resources expiring. The Emergency Shelter Task Group was able to receive training on up to date quarantine and isolation recommendations from IPHA and guidance from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health in order to create a plan for multi-agency quarantine space with appropriate supports. As a result of capacity building throughout the COVID pandemic, agencies and the HCoC are able to respond quickly and mitigate safety risks for people utilizing shelter services and organization staff members.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1. The HCoC's General Membership Meetings and email list are two key methods for SHARING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. General Membership meetings include opportunities for TRAINING AND SHARING OF RESOURCES from our local and statewide public health organizations. The Director of Programs and Community Health for the Illinois Public Health Association shares updates training resources, grant opportunities, and other information with the General Membership. Organizations are encouraged to join HUD OFFICE HOURS or review them on-demand for the valuable information from the CDC and other entities. The Sangamon County Public Health Department participates in General Membership meetings and provides information on local concerns. All General Membership meetings are made available on YouTube so the public and agencies can refer back to information shared.

2. HCoC Task Groups provide important opportunities for HCoC staff and Public Health agencies to PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE to homeless service providers. Relationships and connections made in Task Group meetings and General Membership meetings have created CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS to CONNECT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES to address needs. Sangamon County Department of Public Health, Southern Illinois University, Central Counties Health Centers, and our two local hospitals have been actively engaged in HCoC efforts including supporting providers as they seek to ensure the safety of people they serve. HCoC staff is available for agencies to reach out to for assistance connecting with appropriate public health partners. Contact information for health providers and updates are shared in each General Membership email sent out by the HCoC.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC’s Coordinated Entry System (CES) COVERS ENTIRE HCoC GEOGRAPHIC AREA of Sangamon County. Outreach workers & teams are able to RESPOND ANYWHERE IN OUR COUNTY where people are experiencing homelessness. In the past year, outreach workers have been trained and equipped to complete CES assessments in the field instead of only being able to refer to a physical access point. Multiple agencies have trained staff to conduct CES assessments over the phone or through video technology to make CES accessible and safe, from anywhere within our geographic area. HCoC has purchased tablets for SO workers and volunteers that are used to conduct CE assessments and make referrals for other needs.

2. HCoC COMPLETED A CES ASSESSMENT TRANSITION shift away from utilizing VI-SPDAT tools to a PLACE VALUE HOUSING SCORING MODEL ASSESSMENT customized by stakeholders and people with lived experience in our community. The goal of this transition was to develop a customizable assessment that is responsive to community feedback and supports dynamic housing prioritization with sensitive, meaningful scores. The new HCoC process includes trained assessors working with households to complete the assessment. HCoC's ASSESSMENT DETERMINATION IS INFORMED BY CE ASSESSMENT SCORE, HMIS DATA, and CASE CONFERENCING.

3.The process to DEVELOP A NEW CES ASSESSMENT for the HCoC was driven by feedback from organizations utilizing CES and feedback received through STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUITY ANALYSIS FOCUS GROUPS WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. This year, HCoC contracted with Homebase to do a FULL EVALUATION OF OUR COORDINATED ENTRY POLICY AND ASSESSMENT and implemented recommended changes to ensure the effectiveness of our new assessment and prioritization methods. UPDATES AND MODIFICATIONS resulted from LIVED EXPERIENCE FOCUS GROUPS, CASE CONFERENCING, HMIS DATA, and CE LIST DATA. A new structure was developed which includes a BI-WEEKLY CE CASE CONFERENCING COMMITTEE including both project participants and people with lived experience who review the CE by-names list, referrals made by the CE Task Group, and provide monthly feedback to the CE TASK GROUP about the effectiveness of Coordinated Entry in the HCoC.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC reaches people who are least likely to apply for assistance by EQUIPPING OUTREACH AND OTHER STAFF TO CONDUCT CES ASSESSMENTS IN THE FIELD & by intentionally SEEKING DIVERSE PARTNERS INCLUDING PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE who can assist in providing outreach and connectivity to CES. TRAINING OUTREACH WORKERS FOR CES has allowed the HCoC to connect people living in encampments and other unsheltered locations who are reluctant to access shelter or other services to access CE. The HCoC has made additional efforts to increase COMMUNITY EDUCATION ABOUT THE CES PROCESS so even those not trained for CES are knowledgeable about how to connect people with CES assessors. NEW RESOURCES ABOUT HOW TO ACCESS CE have been created and distributed in our community.

2.Programs funded by CoC, ESG, and other funding sources receive referrals from HCoC's CES to fill vacancies. HCoC CES Policy PRIORITIZES SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE BASIS OF SEVERITY OF NEED using an assessment developed locally to achieve this which assesses length of time homeless, safety risks, and risks and barriers including health, safety, and other factors local partners have identified.

3.HCoC set the goal of PROVIDING PERMANENT HOUSING ASSISTANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS by Jan of 2028 through our COMMUNITY WIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. PSH and RRH need far exceeds capacity and HCoC is planning to expand these programs through adding 765 new housing opportunities by 2028 to meet the need. Given resource limitations, the HCoC and housing partners work to meet needs as quickly as possible. As soon as a vacancy is reported, the highest need household on the list appropriate for the unit is served first. Agencies ensure referrals are processed in a timely manner and outreach workers provide assistance connecting with clients and providing access to resources to increase document readiness.

4.The new HCoC CES Assessment and Prioritization process were DEVELOPED WITH REDUCING BARRIERS in mind. The assessment is shorter due to eliminating all questions deemed to be necessary for prioritization purposes. A process for updating assessments through CE Task Group Case Conferencing prevents clients from possible need for reassessment in many cases. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CASE MANAGERS AND STREET OUTREACH WORKERS TRAINED TO DO ASSESSMENTS and including training for completing assessments by phone has allowed the HCoC to triple the number of access points while also making them more flexible.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:	
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. In recognition that CE access is a crucial component of all person experiencing homelessness, HCoC markets CE, housing, and services throughout Sangamon County in a variety of ways. In our community, 211 and local Resource Guides are important marking opportunities. The HCoC ENSURES UPDATED INFORMATION ON CE, HOUSING, AND SERVICES are included and easily available through UNITED WAY'S 211 System, Sangamon County Community Resources RESOURCE GUIDE, Sangamon County Re-Entry Guide, and the Recovery Oriented System of Care Resource Guide. The HCoC publishes a Basic Needs Card with CE and Housing Resources that is printed and distributed throughout Sangamon County. The HCoC website includes a Resource page that markets available resources. HCoC partnered with HOPE FAIR HOUSING to provide trainings this year to ensure that all services are marketed to eligible people regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, or disability in order to further fair housing in Sangamon County.

2. HCoC PROVIDED A FAIR HOUSING TRAINING for service providers, landlords, and the wider community this year in partnership with Hope Fair Housing that was advertised throughout the community including to program participants. ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS information on FAIR HOUSING AND CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS through the housing intake process and during annual reviews. Intake information also includes steps to take if a violation of rights is experienced and contact information for the Land of Lincoln Legal Aid office who provides legal assistance for dealing with fair housing issues.

3. HCoC works closely with the City of Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) on Consolidated Plan efforts and staff from OPED serve on the HCoC Board of Directors and Strategy Board. In the event of a violation, HCoC's policy states that it will support the household facing fair housing violations to report their concerns to the appropriate jurisdiction. Pending the results of the process, HCoC shares results with OPED to indicate issues with consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	07/12/2023

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

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

2. what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To improve equity analysis, HCoC CONTRACTED WITH HOMEBASE AND LATHANHARRIS, INC. to conduct a QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EQUITY ANALYSIS as part of our HCoC Community Wide Strategic planning process. The PROCESS UTILIZED HMIS DATA FROM THE PAST FIVE YEARS to provide quantitative analysis of our homelessness system. Additionally, LathanHarris, Inc. utilized the HUD RACIAL EQUITY TOOL as part of the DEVELOPMENT OF A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE HCoC. With this initial in-depth analysis completed, the HCoC STRATEGY BOARD utilizes monthly HMIS Data reports and CE data to recognize trends and monitor system improvement and system changes. HUD's STELLA TOOL is used for annual analysis of HCoC Homeless System. QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS was completed as a part of strategic planning through FOCUS GROUPS and SURVEYS. The HCoC's new LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD also reviews community data and participates in community focus groups to collect qualitative data as part of ongoing assessment.

2. Data analysis demonstrates an OVER REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUPS compared to the total population of our geographic area. Minority groups make up 18% of Sangamon County population and 49% of our homelessness system using data going back to 2020. Stella P demographic data showed NO NOTABLE DISCREPANCY for exits to permanent housing programs across different racial and ethnic groups. CES data analysis showed that percentages of people accessing CES is comparable to homeless system make up. QUALITATIVE DATA gathered during the Strategic Planning Process demonstrated a need for additional access points and methods for CE that reflect the diversity of the community. The HCoC CE Task Group has already taken steps and conducted training of additional assessors in response.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes

9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

In response to local disparities in the homelessness system, HCoC HAS TARGETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES as a foundational component to helping organizations and the CoC as a whole EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AND ELIMINATE disparities in our system. The HCoC partnered with MEMORIAL HEALTH to provide EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION FOR ALL training for the CoC. HCoC staff and 3 HCoC General Members participated in a HUD Community Workshop and completed all the pre-requisite Equity Foundational Workshop requirements. QUALITATIVE DATA gathered during the Strategic Planning Process demonstrated a need for additional access points and methods for CE that reflect the diversity of the community. The HCoC CE Task Group has already taken steps and conducted training of additional assessors in response. The HCoC Community Wide Strategic planning process helped the HCoC develop NEW PARTNERSHIPS to address gaps in outreach and develop relationships with new service providers who had previously not been an active part of the HCoC General Membership. The HCoC Strategy Board works to analyze data and feedback from the LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD to continuously assess for disparities that need to be addressed in our community.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The HCoC's strategic plan begins with a commitment to equity as a foundational element to our community's response to homelessness. In order to actualize this commitment, the HCoC utilizes QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA to track and drive changes to the system. MEASURES USED FOR ANALYSIS INCLUDE RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA FOR HMIS PROGRAMS, CE DATA, and HMIS DATA REFLECTING WHO GETS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES. Our community reviews data on racial and ethnic makeup of different Emergency Shelter programs, the homeless system as a whole, and supportive housing programs to MONITOR PROGRESS TO ADDRESS HISTORIC DISPARITY IMPACTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES. Qualitative data is collected through surveys and focus groups involving people with lived experience to rate how people experience the system of care and learn from their observations of disparities in the system. Organizations are SCORED IN GRANT APPLICATIONS ON THEIR PLANS TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS DISPARITIES within their own organizations and programs.

2. RACE AND ETHNICITY DATA FOR HMIS PROGRAMS, CE DATA, and HMIS DATA REFLECTING WHO GETS HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES are key tools that are a part of ongoing analysis for the HCoC. We also work to publicize this data through the DEVELOPMENT OF CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE COMMUNITY FACING DATA DASHBOARDS. These dashboards and data presentations serve as a tool for our Strategy Board as they meet monthly and as they work to provide regular updates for our community's gaps analysis. Training provided to the HCoC through the strategic planning process has improved local capacity at the CoC and project level to make data informed decisions. Alongside more effective use of quantitative data, the HCoC will utilize qualitative data through a two-way communication strategy. This will be accomplished through QUARTERLY FOCUS GROUPS and through the work of our Lived Experience Advisory Board who play a key role in focus groups as well as integration with the HCoC's Task Groups and other organizing bodies. This effort will help to ensure accountability and provide progress reports based on the experience of those experiencing homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Inclusion of people with lived experience has been an important value for the HCoC but a recent shift has been to work toward INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. HCoC has elevated the value of having people with lived experience in all HCoC Task Groups, boards, and planning efforts. Local service providers have been key partners in engagement to people with lived experience for inclusion in focus groups, surveys, and other opportunities for input. Our Lead Agency has created a budget line item to PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE WORK that people with lived experience do to participate in and guide HCoC efforts. The LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD, HCoC BOARD, AND STRATEGY BOARD UPDATED THE HCoC COLLABORATION POLICY this year to establish a policy for lived experience engagement and DEVELOP A COMMON SET OF ENGAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION PRACTICES to be implemented throughout the HCoC governance structure. The compensation matrix provides a comprehensive set of strategies to account for the different types of engagement individuals with lived experience will participate in the HCoC including: focus groups, work group participation, internships, consulting, and more. The HCoC's LIVED EXPERIENCE WORKING GROUP is a part of an annual process to collect qualitative data through focus groups and other means. This is accomplished through BI-MONTHLY FOCUS GROUPS and through the LIVED EXPERIENCE WORKING GROUP who will play a key role in focus groups as well as integration with the HCoC's Task Groups and other organizing bodies. Outreach to potential members of the Lived Experience Advisory board and other efforts will occur through communication shared through HCoC Service Providers, the HCoC Facebook page, the HCoC General Membership email list and marketing that is printed and distributed throughout the community.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	24	8
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	3
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	1
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	1



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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

In addition to informal relationships with local businesses that agencies have developed to CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, the HCoC has worked to assist in the DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. HCoC has working relationships with state and local agencies that provide mainstream employment opportunities for people served in CoC Program-funded projects. The Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance participates in the HCoC General Membership and has entered into an MOU with the HCoC to provides access to Workforce Investment and Opportunity funded training and education programs. Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance provided training for the entire HCoC General Membership on the services they offer and steps for clients to connect with their services. HCoC agencies work with the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for job search assistance, career counseling, training opportunities, hiring events, workshops, and assistance with IllinoisJobLink for searching for positions and posting resumes. Another HCoC partner, Capital Township provides temporary employment for jobless adults by matching people with an employer based on their job skills and interests. Clients eligible for this program gain experience and tangible skills while earning a paycheck. Employment training skills are taught by service providers as part of their efforts to help clients increase income. The Springfield Urban League is a member of the HCoC General Membership and their Workforce Empowerment Center offers training and classes each month that are free to clients to participate in. HCoC has developed relationships with local temporary employment agencies and communicates job fairs with agencies and the entire General Membership and encourages agencies to view local job opportunities and work with clients to share their resumes. Sangamon County State’s Attorney Office provides resources for expungement and sealing of certain criminal records to help remove that barrier from the job and housing search process. HCoC communicates these opportunities through General Membership meetings and monthly newsletter about these opportunities. The City of Springfield Office of Community Relations held four job fairs in the past year that HCoC invited agencies, clients, and entire General Membership to participate in.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;  |
| 2. | how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and |
| 3. | the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.            |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. LIVED EXPERIENCE COLLABORATION EFFORTS have grown significantly this year through efforts to develop a LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD (LEAB) and YOUTH ACTION BOARD and the capacity to compensate people for their work improving our homelessness response system. FOCUS GROUPS and SURVEYS were conducted by HCoC Staff and partners to receive feedback as a part of ongoing LIVED EXPERIENCE COLLABORATION EFFORTS. Growing out of the learnings from our strategic plan, the HCoC's formal plan for feedback includes engaging the LEAB to continue to conduct focus groups and surveys QUARTERLY AT A MINIMUM on topics of importance identified by the LEAB and HCoC Board of Directors. HCoC Board and LEAB identify focus group and survey participants by including agencies in sharing opportunities to participate and also communicating broadly through social media, email campaigns, through LEAB Members' outreach directly to impacted individuals and families, and through printed information posted throughout the community.

2. CoC and ESG Program participants are REPRESENTED ON THE HCoC LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD and ongoing efforts to gather feedback from people experiencing homelessness. A MINIMUM OF TWO FOCUS GROUPS a year are designed to connect with people in RRH and PSH programs funded by CoC and ESG. Through a recently completed evaluation of HCoC CE Policy and modifications, our community is beginning a NEW PROCESS TO CONDUCT SURVEYS with people who have received assistance through CE referrals which will provide additional feedback on CoC and ESG funded programs.

3. Feedback from community members with lived experience this year highlighted the ongoing challenge of attempting to navigate a system to address homelessness with a LARGE GAP BETWEEN THE AVAILABLE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES AND LOCAL NEED for those opportunities. Community feedback through focus groups and surveys continue to highlight both the challenges and the HOUSING SOLUTIONS PEOPLE HOPE FOR. As a result, HCoC has prioritized engaging partners and funders to EXPAND BY 765 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OVER 5 YEARS. Feedback also highlighted immediate improvements that could be made. Feedback from Emergency Shelter usage led to a local shelter RESTRUCTURING how and when they do shelter intake and MODIFYING PRACTICES TO LOWER BARRIERS. Feedback about challenges accessing services led to the CREATION OF TWO OUTREACH POSITIONS to make referrals and help individuals understand community resources that ar

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. On January 16, 2018, the City of Springfield City Council adopted the 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan. The plan culminated in countless hours of research, study, analysis, and discussions with residents and leaders. A significant point of discussion was HOW THE CITY SHOULD ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS IN THE FUTURE. The planning team agreed that the city should give special attention to preserving what the plan calls LEGACY NEIGHBORHOODS. The group discussed that some of the locations were OPPORTUNITY AREAS that required Plans for Special Areas (pg. 28, City of Springfield 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan). The land use sector maps included in the plan identify Opportunity Areas. ALTERNATIVE ZONING REGULATIONS could be developed and adopted by the city council only for the Special Areas. This would ensure that the lots are "DEVELOPMENT READY," thus eliminating a lengthy zoning process. Any steps that could add flexibility as the HCoC and community partners seek to create 765 housing opportunities over the next five years through partnerships with existing landlords and developing new properties could help our community reach strategic planning goals. ONE STEP TAKEN IS FOR HCoC Staff and members of the Executive Committee have engaged City Council members in meetings throughout the year to explore support for zoning changes.

2. Even with zoning relief, there are still barriers to development in this example and others. MANY OLDER LOTS ARE NARROW AND LACK THE REQUIRED SQUARE FOOTAGE TO MEET THE CURRENT SETBACK AND BULK REGULATIONS. However, the city could MITIGATE THIS BARRIER by officially designating Opportunity Areas and WRITING AND ADOPTING THE PLANS FOR SPECIAL AREAS. AN ADDITIONAL STEP TAKEN is that the HCoC Strategy Board is working to develop a concept project that could BENEFIT FROM THE REDUCTION OF THIS BARRIER and meet with council members on the development of alternative zoning regulations.

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

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

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

1E-1.	<b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b> NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/21/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/21/2023

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

5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	8
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC utilizes THREE KEY SOURCES of data to score projects for the NOFO Competition. Each project submits their most up to date ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT and completes a LOCAL APPLICATION. The HCoC HMIS Administrator provides a COORDINATED ENTRY REPORT detailing each projects' results from the Coordinated Entry System. The NOFO Rating and Ranking Committee utilizes the HCoC Scoring Tools for Renewal and New projects to analyze the data from each source and decide on the final score for each item on the scoring too. PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAMS are scored ON HOUSING RETENTION and on the SEVERITY OF NEEDS of those in their program as guided by APR data.

2.ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT data from each project is used to determine how long it takes to house people in permanent housing and to score according to the table in the HCoC Scoring tool. New and Renewal projects are required to submit their plan for quickly housing household referred to them in the HCoC Local Competition application.

3.The HCoC Local Application PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGENCIES TO LIST BARRIERS their clients face including: having too little or little income,active or history of substance use, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, history of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse), failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make progress in service plan, and loss of income or failure to improve income. The Local Application INVITES AGENCIES TO INCLUDE NARRATIVES about factors that impact placement in housing. The Rating and Ranking Committee uses the narratives provided as the HCoC Scoring Tool allows as an important component in considering program participants severity of need.

4.The HCOC Local Application INVITES AGENCIES TO INCLUDE NARRATIVES about factors that impact performance of a project in the ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT. The Rating and Ranking Committee uses the narratives provided, as the HCoC Scoring Tool allows, to take into consideration the agencies efforts to provide needed services to the hardest to serve populations in our community. The HCoC Gaps analysis and strategic plan to end homelessness guide the HCoC Board on community priorities that are factored into the scoring tool used each year. Each year, HCoC Staff evaluated the scoring tool and results with the Rating and Ranking Committee after the competition to begin the process of making improvements in the next competition.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and
3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Input from those over-represented in the homelessness system placed a high value on the importance of lining up the scarce resources the HCoC receives with the GREATEST IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEEDS. A greater emphasis was placed on reallocation of lower performing projects through these conversations. Questions on the local application were strengthened to have projects provide additional information about how their projects are aligned to meet community need and how organizations ACTIVELY WORK TO ADDRESS DISPARITY in their programs.
2. The HCoC Board of Directors nominates and votes on a Rating and Ranking Committee prior to each CoC NOFO, ENSURING THE COMMITTEE IS DIVERSE with a particular emphasis on those overrepresented in our homelessness system. FORTY PERCENT of the HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee for this competition represented races and ethnicities overrepresented in the HCoC system of care.
3. The HCoC Local Application requires agencies provide a narrative about how the organization ANALYZED THE PROJECT AND PROJECT DATA to identify barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population. Further PROJECTS WERE SCORED ON THE PLAN TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS IDENTIFIED provided by the agency in the local application.

<b>1E-4.</b>	<b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>	
	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. HCoC's Local Competition Policy includes the process for reallocation. The HCoC's policy gives the HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee the discretion to recommend projects for involuntary reallocation. The Rating and Ranking Committee determines if any renewal project should receive a decrease in funding (or an elimination of funding) due to substandard performance in outcomes and/or utilization of funds. Organizations are given all of the scoring data that the Rating and Ranking Committee uses along with their rationale for the decision to help them decide if they want to appeal the decision. Any funding captured from an existing project will be made available for reallocation to a new project that meets the requirements in the NOFO. The Rating and Ranking Committee makes their recommendation to the HCoC Board of Directors who votes on the decision as part of approving and created the Ranked Priority Listing of projects.
2. Yes.
3. Yes.
4. Not applicable.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	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?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/13/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/13/2023
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes
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1E-5c.	<b>Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/26/2023
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1E-5d.	<b>Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/26/2023
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

<b>2A-1.</b>	<b>HMIS Vendor.</b>	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/20/2023
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<b>2A-4.</b>	<b>Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
	1. describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;	
	2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCoC requests de-identified aggregate data from INFONET, a comparable database that stores information outside of our CoC HMIS database. Sojourn Shelter is a victim service provider that is active in our CoC's geographic area and the operator of the INFONET database which is supervised by their Director of Operations, a certified domestic violence professional. Sojourn is a voting member of our CoC and their Chief Executive Officer is on the HCoC Board of Directors. HMIS Lead evaluates comparable database annually to confirm it meets HUD Standards. Sojourn PROVIDES DE-IDENTIFIED DATA so that our CoC can analyze it as part of strategic planning and determine the level/type of needs experienced by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. This data allows our CoC to evaluate need and project performance in the same way as projects with data in our HMIS.
2. Yes, the DV housing and service provider is utilizing a HUD-compliant comparable database with the FY2022 HMIS data standards.
3. Yes, the HCoC's HMIS is compliant with 2022 HMIS data standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	120	24	96	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	139	0	139	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	52	0	51	98.08%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	146	0	91	62.33%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

<b>2A-5a.</b>	<b>Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.</b>	
	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)**

1.HCoC’s PSH project type has a bed coverage rate that is below 85%. 55 PSH beds are connected to HUD VASH Vouchers through our local housing authority. HCoC Staff and HCoC HMIS Lead began conversations with our VA partners and our HMIS provider. We received a quote for uploading the HOMES into the HMIS HCoC. The cost included a \$4,125 one-time fee and then \$825 cost per quarter. GIVEN THE SCARCITY OF RESOURCES THAT EXIST TO CREATE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, OUR COC FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO JUSTIFY SPENDING THE \$7,475 and then an increasing amount in perpetuity to meet this need. We will continue to reevaluate alternative strategies for meeting this criteria and check annually to see if the cost for this service decreases.

2. The HCoC already has a partnership with Veterans Affairs and is ready to move forward with the HOMES report should the cost become more reasonable for a smaller CoC like ours. In the event, the HOMES transfer does become less cost prohibitive, the HCoC will contract with our HMIS provider to upload the data and that point PSH bed coverage will increase to over 85%.

<b>2A-6.</b>	<b>Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.</b>	
	<b>NOFO Section V.B.3.d.</b>	
	<b>You must upload your CoC’s FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</b>	

<b>Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/30/2023
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<b>2B-2.</b>	<b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/24/2023
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<b>2B-3.</b>	<b>PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.</b>	
	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. During the planning of the HCoC’s 2023 PIT count, a youth count was planned during the same time frame to ensure youth were accurately counted and represented. Community stakeholders were identified within the community who had connections to youth experiencing homelessness including our YOUTH HOMELESSNESS TASK GROUP (YHTG). Outreach efforts were conducted to all known stakeholders to engage them and prepare them for the upcoming youth count. Youth Service Bureau provides support for the YHTG, Youth Action Board, serves unaccompanied youth and help plan the youth count. To ensure the count was inclusive and representative of the diversity of youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability in our community, a wide range of stakeholders were engaged including area schools, youth service providers, LGBTQ youth services, police departments, probation, DCFS, area churches, local youth groups, community agencies, mental health providers, local shelters, food pantries, and any organization, entity, or individual that would have knowledge and expertise in identifying youth experiencing homelessness.

2. Careful consideration was made to identify the areas that youth may congregate or where youth were most likely to be identified. OUTREACH EFFORTS WERE CONDUCTED to spread the word that the youth count was being conducted including advertising through social media, websites, and the placement of flyers in areas that youth congregate to ensure youth who were experiencing homelessness and housing instability and who wanted to be counted were aware of the event. Youth Service Bureau ENGAGED CURRENT AND PREVIOUS CLIENTS including those with experience as unaccompanied youth. Staff conducted both a visual count and utilized a brief survey to gather information about the demographics of the youth, current living situation, length of homelessness, and where they planned to sleep that night. The count was conducted at various locations around the community where stakeholders had previously identified youth experiencing homelessness including areas such as schools, a mental health crisis center, on the street, a local youth shelter, and community organizations.

3. One of the efforts of our Youth Homelessness Task Group this year was to develop a Youth Advisory Board that will play an active role in planning and carrying out the 2024 HCoC Youth PIT Count. In 2023, we did not have youth who participated in the actual 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 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable.

## 2C. System Performance

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

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<b>2C-1.</b>	<b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>	
	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.HCoC Homelessness Prevention Task Group is a part of our Crisis Response System. This task group DETERMINES which RISK FACTORS our CoC uses as we work to divert people from our system & prevent experiences of homelessness by EXAMINING HMIS DATA related to households entering homelessness and data from our local Community Action organization, Sangamon County Community Resources. The Task Group identifies trends through HMIS data evaluation, 211 call data, reports on the number of eviction court cases, & feedback from case managers & Community Action Agency staff. Priority RISK FACTORS for the HCoC are eviction, loss of income, & health related crisis.

2.HCoC Homelessness Prevention Task Group helps train organizations around our strategy to prevent homelessness. The HCoC Homeless Prevention and Diversion Task group COMMUNICATES & COORDINATES about resources & services available to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or divert them as quickly as possible from emergency shelter into permanent housing. Our community receives a HP Grant that PROVIDES DIRECT ASSISTANCE to help people at risk of becoming homeless. Public, private, governmental, faith-based, & educational organizations refer individuals & families who may be at risk to HP & diversion assistance. CE personnel are trained to determine during the assessment process if prevention/diversion funds could provide the stability needed to maintain current living conditions and divert literal homelessness. The HCoC helped to launch the Sangamon Housing Help Line this year that provides an initial intake in HMIS and then makes a direct referral to an agency in the community that provides rent or utility assistance. The HP/Diversion Task Group works to prioritize agencies to be referred to first for rent and utility need based on funding available.

3.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce or end the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:

1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area?	No

<b>2C-2.</b>	<b>Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.</b>	
	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.HCoC data analysis reveals a significant NEED FOR NEW AND EXPANDED PH PROGRAMS in order to REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME people remain homeless. HCoC has increased the number of types of CE access points in order to better communicate the level & severity of need to organizations, potential funders, & community. THE EHV program allowed HCoC to develop a MOVE ON PROGRAM to create movement in the limited supply of PSH beds available. The HCoC's recently completed community wide strategic planning process calls for 765 new housing opportunities in the next five years. Expanding available rental subsidy and case management to create housing opportunities will be provided initially from HOME-ARP and local funding. Additionally, the HCoC is engaging landlords to increase the number of units available through a Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund and the work of the HCoC Housing Navigator to education landlords on supportive housing opportunities.

2.The HCoC strategies to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless include factoring length of time an individual or family has experienced homelessness into our CES PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PH UNITS, TRAINING ON HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING, & DEVELOPING NEW COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PROCESSES. HCoC has prioritized RRH & PSH development as the highest priority for funding over the past year. Through prioritizing PH, we aim to increase RRH availability by 100 percent and increase the number of organizations w/ RRH programs. Our CES prioritizes CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS & the length of time a household experiences homelessness is a factor for our prioritized CE list. Individuals needing permanent housing are identified by personnel in emergency shelters, the Coordinated Entry System, and street outreach efforts.

3.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.HCoC data analysis reveals significant NEED FOR NEW AND EXPANDED PH PROGRAMS to increase exits to PH destinations. The supply of PSH and RRH units within our CoC is insufficient to meet community need which causes prolonged stays in ES and TH programs w/ limited opportunities for exits to PH. HMIS data demonstrates Adult Only households have the lowest rate of exit to permanent destinations and make up the largest percentage of households waiting for resources on our CE list. INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF PH programs is a high priority of our CoC and a key part of our strategy to increase exits to PH. HCoC is accomplishing this through prioritizing PH programs that follow a HOUSING FIRST approach with all funding the CoC helps to allocate. Though TRAINING and AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING, our CoC will develop new PSH and RRH programs. The EHV program has led to a development of a Move On program in our community that the CoC hopes to expand to include HCVs to increase the opportunities for vouchers for PH program participants. A CoC Housing Navigator has been hired to build landlord relationships and expand access to housing units throughout our geographic area to provide clients greater choice in unit location and configuration. A key strategic plan initiative for this winter involves utilizing HOME-ARP funds to PSH OPPORTUNITIES FOR 50 HOUSEHOLDS.

2.HCoC’s strategy to increase retention of permanent housing includes increasing training, services, client choice, and connectivity to mainstream benefits. The CoC will increase the number of trainings on helping clients connect to mainstream benefits and available community resources and using HMIS data to evaluate potential gaps that could lead to challenges in retaining permanent housing. Additionally, HMIS will be utilized by the HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board to analyze and identify any projects that are performing below the community goal set through the strategic planning process of 95% retention rate. Organizations are encouraged to maintain supportive relationships with clients and serve as a resource that will help people retain housing.

3.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC’s Board of Directors and the HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board IDENTIFIES CAUSES FOR RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS THROUGH HMIS ANALYSIS. All CoC and ESG funded projects enter client information into HMIS that allows HCoC to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness, which household types most frequently return to homelessness, and the projects and project types they participated in. This year and last, most returns to homeless came from adult only households who exited from Emergency Shelter programs.

2.HCoC’s strategy to REDUCE the RATE OF RETURNS to homelessness involves expanding RRH and PSH opportunities so that ES clients will be able to directly enter high-quality supportive housing programs. ES clients can access Coordinated Entry as well as health care programs, mental and behavioral health supports, job location support, and other services designed to help create pathways to housing. Our system currently has a large gap between the need and availability for both RRH and PSH which causes people to remain in ES and other programs for a prolonged period. Community data demonstrates that exits to housing that occur by means other than RRH or PSH have higher rates of returns to homelessness. To create more RRH and PSH programs, HCoC has made the development of new and expanding existing programs our highest priority and has worked with local funding sources in attempt of finding new streams for developing additional capacity for RRH and PSH.

3.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including returns to homelessness and working the Committee to develop a strategy for improvement by reducing the rate of returns.

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.HCoC’s strategy to INCREASE EMPLOYMENT INCOME involves supporting agencies that provide homelessness services as they include provision of employment services in their project design and execution and DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS that increase employment opportunities. Agencies work with each client to address employment needs and appropriate support for job training, communication/soft skill development, resume building. HCoC has elevated increasing income as a scoring metric in our CoC Competition. The Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance participates in the HCoC General Membership and provides access to Workforce Investment and Opportunity funded training and education programs. HCoC invites area employers and Chambers of Commerce to participate in the HCoC General Membership. HCoC will provide ongoing training for agencies on best practices and effective strategies to help connect clients with employment opportunities. HCoC will also provide community education and outreach to help make businesses aware of the role they can play in ending homelessness through employment.

2.HCoC agencies work with the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for job search assistance, career counseling, training opportunities, hiring events, workshops, and assistance with Illinois Job Link for searching for positions and posting resumes. Another HCoC partner, Capital Township provides temporary employment for jobless adults by matching people with an employer based on their job skills and interests. Clients eligible for this program gain experience and tangible skills while earning a paycheck. Sangamon County State’s Attorney Office provides resources for expungement and sealing of certain criminal records to help remove that barrier from the job and housing search process. HCoC communicates these opportunities through General Membership meetings and monthly newsletter about these opportunities.

3.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including increasing employment cash income and working the Committee to develop a strategy for improvement that would increase program participants’ incomes from employment.

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.HCoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to connect clients to mainstream benefits as quickly as possible to increase the percentage of adults who have income on entry to CoC programs. The HCoC encourages agencies to become community partners with The Illinois Department of Human Services in order to utilize their consolidated application for benefits eligibility (ABE) for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid. As a community partner agencies can help Illinois residents apply online for benefits by providing a computer or one-on-one assistance with applications. Additional training for increasing non-employment cash income has been prioritized by the HCoC in order to increase the number of clients system wide connected to mainstream benefits. Agencies work to ensure that all non- employment income is applied for when clients are accepted into their agency programs. Several agencies employ SOAR-certified Case Managers to stay abreast of changes to qualifications and availability of non-employment cash income. Case Managers work closely with clients to maintain and record any changes in eligibility. The CoC also has SOAR trained Case Managers in the community and agencies can access their expertise when necessary. Transportation, computer access and interpretation services are provided to ensure applications are completed.

2.The HCoC/Heartland HOUSED Strategy Board is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including non-employment cash income and working the Committee to develop a strategy for increasing program participants' non-employment cash income.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

<b>3A-1.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Housing Resources.</b>	
	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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<b>3A-2.</b>	<b>New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.</b>	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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<b>3A-3.</b>	<b>Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.</b>	
	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
HH New Project-Pa...	PH-PSH	8	Both

### **3A-3. List of Projects.**

1. What is the name of the new project? HH New Project-Park Avenue

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): EKKCGMRSJLS6

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 8

5. Select the type of leverage: Both



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Not Applicable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable.

## 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:

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

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

Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.	

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

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

**You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.**

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

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	412
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	294
3.	Unmet Need:	118

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(c)		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. HCoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services by reviewing the previous 12 months of data from HMIS and INFONET (locally used comparable DV database), including Coordinated Entry data which includes anonymous households that were assessed at Sojourn Shelter, our local Domestic Violence service provider. We reviewed households that were exited from programs and those still awaiting an exit to determine the level of unmet need in our community.
2. Data was pulled from HMIS and INFONET (locally used comparable DV database), including HMIS Coordinated Entry data which includes anonymous households that were assessed at Sojourn Shelter, our local Domestic Violence service provider.
3. The HCoC has identified INADEQUATE LEVELS OF PSH AND RRH as significant barriers to meeting the needs of Domestic Violence survivors and their households. In particular, RRH HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE PROGRAM MOST SURVIVORS ON THE HCOC CE LIST COULD BENEFIT FROM. The HCoC conducted a review of our CE assessment process this year and developed a new component to better identify households in unsafe situations which elevates them to the top of our CE list. Even with this tool in place, inadequate RRH opportunities can still lead to lengthy waits for exits to our homelessness system. An additional barrier is identifying landlords who will work with organizations and clients when the clients do not have income at the time of leasing. The HCoC Housing Navigator has been working with landlords to help them understand how RRH programs work and can benefit their business while also providing a safe home for households.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)		
Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.		

<b>Applicant Name</b>
Abundant Faith Mi...

## Project Applicants Applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Projects

<b>4A-3b.</b>	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

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

1.	Applicant Name	Abundant Faith Ministry
2.	Project Name	DV Bonus FY23
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	10
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	E6LGGTCL9JA5
5.	Amount Requested	\$71,608
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	75%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	60%

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

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

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

**(limit 1,500 characters)**

1. (a) Housing Placement: Abundant Faith administers three programs that provide data to the HCoC HMIS. Two programs are permanent housing programs and one is a transitional housing program. In 2022, Abundant Faith served 20 households across all three programs. 11 of those households were survivors of DV. Rate of positive housing placement was calculated by analyzing exit data for all three programs. 3 households remained in the TH program and were calculated as positive retention, 1 household exited to a temporary location and 1 household exited to an Emergency Shelter. 6 of the 8 households remained in positive housing leading to a calculation of 75% for housing placement. (b) Housing Retention: Of the 11 households who were survivors of DV, 1 exited to a permanent destination and was calculated as positive placement. Of the 10 remaining households, 1 household had no exit data recorded, 1 exited to Emergency Shelter, and two exited to temporary, and two exited to a temporary location. 6 of the 10 households retained their housing through the three programs.
2. Yes
3. Data for Abundant Faith programs is the HCoC HMIS.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Sojourn Shelter and Services is our local Domestic Violence provider and is partnering with Abundant Faith as a sub-recipient to assist with RRH. SOJOURN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER IS ACCESSIBLE 24-HOURS A DAY so clients can access safe housing any time of day. If Sojourn is unable to accommodate a client due to the shelter being full, they work closely with other shelters to accommodate the client until an opening becomes available and can assist with a hotel room until a safe location can be secured. Sojourn staff works with survivors to quickly connect them to available community housing opportunities through utilization of Coordinated Entry and Housing Problem Solving techniques.
2. Sojourn is DEDICATED SOLELY TO PROVIDING SERVICES TO THOSE IMPACTED BY DV. Sojourn's mission is to eliminate domestic violence by providing a welcoming shelter and comprehensive support services to all survivors of domestic violence. Housing focused case management services are provided to all households in Sojourn's Emergency Shelter. For Rapid Rehousing, the Coordinated Entry list will be used to prioritize survivors for housing opportunities.
3. Sojourn's management team all possess their Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional certification and have over 15 years of experience working with DV survivors. This consistency in leadership helps to provide a solid foundation for the agency to provide efficient and effective services for survivors. Staff are trained to conduct intake assessments in order identify services survivors need.
4. Sojourn case managers provide the following services or referrals to partner organizations: housing placement; safety planning; counseling; parental services; life skills; employment; substance abuse referral; education; and transportation assistance. In addition, Sojourn staff is trained conduct HCoC CE assessments and complete the safety assessment which elevates households on the CE list. Sojourn addresses all of the physical and emotional dynamics of domestic violence including physical, verbal, sexual, financial, spiritual, and psychological abuse, as well as property destruction. Sojourn provides children's services that offer emotional, psychological, social and physical care in order to relieve trauma associated with the violence many child clients have endured, as well as support during their transition into shelter.
5. Sojourn works with all clients to ensure safe and stable housing as quickly as possible.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	
3.	keeping information and locations confidential;	
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and	
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The design of the intake space has taken into consideration the importance of privacy and confidentiality with meeting space with closed doors available for all intakes. Households with multiple adults utilize individual intakes to minimize potential coercion of survivors.
2. The HCoC Safety Assessment and CE Assessment provide tools for staff to use for safe housing referrals.
3. Sojourn uses INFONET to protect client data and to ensure it remains confidential. Abundant Faith's housing case managers will be trained on best practices to ensure client safety.
4. Sojourn's management team all possess their Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professional (ICDVP) certification and all employees and direct service volunteers are 40-hour trained. Additional mandatory trainings for staff address best practices for serving domestic violence (DV) survivors with trauma-informed, victim-centered services, safety planning, DV dynamics, the cycle of violence, and the Illinois DV Act.
5. Case managers and crisis managers will develop a safety plan to help households determine what will be a safe location for them. Organizations have worked with clients in the past to install cameras and other safety equipment and in some cases have been able to secure locations near an organization's facility to provide additional safety measures.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)
	Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



Abundant Faith (AF) and Sojourn Shelter will work together to ensure the safety of survivors in the RRH program. AF has experience in housing and supporting families and adult only households. In the course of their work, they have worked frequently with survivors of DV. During the project design phase, AF and the HCoC identified the strengths of partnering with Sojourn to create a stronger program. Sojourn is the only agency in Central Illinois that is solely dedicated to providing services to survivors of domestic violence through trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches. Sojourn’s services are client-centered services where the clients are provided educational information, ongoing support and a wide array of services to help them make informed, positive choices that affect their and their children’s safety. Staff provide education and choices, but never influence or direct a client’s choice. Sojourn also promotes trauma-informed practices when providing services to individuals who have been victimized by domestic violence by helping clients recognize the impact of the trauma on various areas of their life, helping them choose a path to recovery that will work well for them and continuing to be aware of the signs and symptoms of trauma. Sojourn has structured policies and practices that are sensitive to these needs and seeks to prevent any re-traumatization by providing a safe environment that is inclusive of trustworthiness, transparency, and diversity where peer support is encouraged and clients are empowered to share and speak their minds in order to collaboratively make changes to their life-style and create a life free of violence. Sojourn’s program service delivery is evaluated, assessed and audited by several internal and external sources. In regard to internally evaluating our activities and outputs, Sojourn’s directors each have a part in setting program goals in partnership with the CEO. After the goals and objectives are set, the directors maintain responsibility for tracking and reporting progress towards the goals for each one of their department’s efforts. The directors provide weekly and monthly, written service number updates to all their staff and to Sojourn’s CEO. The CEO in turn reviews the directors’ reports and uses InfoNet, which is a web-based data collection system, to maintain a close eye on service hours, the number of unduplicated victims served, survey result progress, tracking of OPs, etc.

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

	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant’s experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;	
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;	
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
4.	emphasizing program participants’ strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	

7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.
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1. Sojourn programs providing a holistic response to the needs of survivors of abuse with support services that are victim-centered, trauma-informed, and survivor driven. Services are focused on providing opportunities for households to experience housing stability and safety. Abundant Faith has extensive experience helping households achieve housing stability through property management and transitional programs.
2. Abundant Faith and Sojourn have participated in the development of Community Standards for the HCoC which include efforts to reduce barriers to service, utilize client centered program design, and include training requirements for trauma informed care and cultural humility.
3. Sojourn addresses all of the physical and emotional dynamics of domestic violence including physical, verbal, sexual, financial, spiritual, and psychological abuse, as well as property destruction. Sojourn also provides children’s services that offer emotional, psychological, social and physical care in order to relieve trauma associated with the violence many child clients have endured, as well as support during their transition into shelter.
4. Utilizing a strength-based approach and motivational interviewing are key components of HCoC Community Standards for RRH. This is an important approach system wide but especially so for survivors who have experienced trauma and major life changes. Crisis managers focus on strengths when safety planning and creating individualized service plans.
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4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(d)	

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

**(limit 5,000 characters)**

In 2022, Sojourn served 1,905 (1,803 adults and 102 children) survivors of domestic violence with 12,779.75 (11,894.25 adult and 885.50 child) direct service hours, provided 7,457 (5,615 adult and 1,842 child) safe nights of shelter to 291 survivors (210 adults and 81 children), received 2,933 emergency hotline calls and assisted 2,452 survivors with 2,499 orders of protection. Sojourn works to have a strong presence in our community by maintaining networking/linkage agreements with over 60 various agencies who work collaboratively to assist DV survivors including local/State/County law enforcement, Circuit Clerk’s Offices and family court judges. Sojourn has staff accessible 24-hours a day via Sojourn’s hotline phone or by walk-in at the shelter eliminating the need for a second or return call. Any client needing 24-hour access to safe housing can be brought into shelter at any time. If Sojourn is unable to accommodate a client due to the shelter being full, Sojourn works closely with other shelters that would be able to accommodate the client until an opening becomes available. As a last resort, if other shelters do not have availability, Sojourn secures emergency funds to assist with a hotel accommodation until room at Sojourner’s shelter or another safe location can be secured. The Heartland Continuum of Care’s Housing Navigator maintains relationships with landlords and works to ensure appropriate units can be located quickly for housing problem solving efforts facilitated by DV Crisis Managers ant to help households referred for Rapid Rehousing opportunities.

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

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
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4A-3h.	Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.I.(1)(f)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and	
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project’s operation.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. People with lived experience of homelessness and domestic violence are involved in the Heartland Continuum of Care Lived Experience Collaboration efforts. Abundant Faith and Sojourn participate in publicising focus group, surveys, and other opportunities to ensure a wide range of people with lived expertise participate. This feedback will help identify additional opportunities for community training, gaps in the homelessness response system, and how the community and housing programs can better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

2. Lived Experience Focus Groups will be utilized during program development to help guide a successful implementation of the program. After program start, Abundant Faith and Sojourn will work collaboratively to survey program participants at program start and exit to gather data to inform Continuum efforts to grow programs to meet the unique needs of survivors.

## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	Lived Experience ...	09/27/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	HH Housing First ...	09/27/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Co...	09/27/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/27/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/27/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/27/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/27/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/27/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting-CoC A...	09/27/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	09/27/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	HDX Report	09/27/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	09/27/2023
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The Rental Assistance Demonstration Program was designed to preserve and improve public and other assisted housing. The conversion of Public Housing units is intended to promote operating efficiency by using HCV project-based assistance. The RAD program aligns eligible properties more closely with other affordable housing programs, attracts private market capital for property renovations, and increases tenant mobility opportunities.

12. Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)

The Emergency Housing Vouchers are to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

After September 30, 2023, SHA may not reissue the Emergency Housing Vouchers when the assistance for an assisted family ends. After one year of receiving assistance under the Emergency Housing Voucher program, the family will be issued a HCV voucher and absorbed into the HCV program without being placed on the HCV waiting list.

**Special Note:** The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 eliminated the requirement of Housing Authorities to expand their Family Self-Sufficiency Program when in receipt of new Public Housing units or HCV Vouchers on or after October 21, 1998. Any new Public Housing units or HCV Vouchers received after said date will not affect the FSS Program size.

informal hearing. Denial of a preference does not prevent the applicant from exercising any legal rights the applicant may have against the SHA if he/she believes discrimination contributed to the denial of the preference. **(24 CFR 982.207)**

#### **D. Order of Selection from the Waiting List**

Applicants will be positioned on the waiting list based upon the number of preference points for which they are qualified, and date and time of application. Applicants who qualify for the highest number of preference points will be positioned ahead of those who qualify for fewer or no preference points on the waiting list. Preference points are not applied to applications for the HUD-VASH and Emergency Housing Voucher programs.

##### **1. Local Preference Definitions and Verification Procedures**

A local preference will be granted to applicants who have met the eligibility requirements outlined in previous sections of this Plan and who, at the time of submission of an application for housing, certify that they meet the guidelines of the local preference(s) as outlined below:

- a. **Local Residency Preference:** Applicant households with a permanent physical residence in Sangamon County, Illinois. Eligibility for Local Residency Preference must be demonstrated by having a permanent physical residence within the jurisdictional area. Physical residence shall be defined as a domicile with a mailing address, other than a post office box, for which the applicant can produce one or more of the following: a lease or a purchase agreement, utility bills showing the claimed residence address, or two pieces of first-class mail addressed to a member of the applicant household at the claimed address. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (25 points).
- b. **Local Employment Preference:** Applicant households in which a member of the household (head, spouse or sole member) is currently employed in Sangamon County for the past 12 consecutive months or longer. Eligibility for Local Employment Preference must be demonstrated by third party employment verification. Applicants in Sangamon County where the head and spouse, or sole member is age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities will also be awarded this preference. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (30 points)
- e. **Homeless Preference (Mainstream only):** Applicant households in which a member of the household (head, spouse or sole member) is non-elderly with a disability and transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting, or at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless or at risk of homelessness. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (60 points)

##### **Verification of Local Preference:**

Certification verifying local residency preference can be in the following form:

- a. A lease or purchase agreement, utility bills showing the claimed residence address, or two pieces of first-class mail in the envelope addressed to a member of the applicant household at the claimed address.

Certification verifying local employment preference can be in the following form:

- a. Completion of a third-party Employment Verification and receipt of said verification directly from the employer indicated on the form; or
- b. Verification that the head, spouse, or sole member is 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities.

Certification verifying homeless preference can be in the following form:

- a. Third-Party verification from institutional setting or a homeless provider; and
- b. Verification that the head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities.

## **E. Special Admissions**

1. Some family applicants will be admitted to SHA's HCV Program without ever being on the waiting list or without considering the applicant's place on the waiting list. This may occur when HUD has awarded funding to SHA for a targeted group of households living in specified units. This HUD-targeted funding may include (but is not limited to):
  - a. Families displaced because of demolition or disposition of a public or Indian housing project;
  - b. Families residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses or demolishes the project;
  - c. Housing covered by the Low-Income Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990;
  - d. Non-purchasing families residing in a project subject to a homeownership program;
  - e. Families displaced because of a mortgage prepayment or voluntary termination of a mortgage insurance contract;
  - f. Families residing in a project covered by a project-based HCV HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term; and,
  - g. Non-purchasing families residing in a HOPE 1 or HOPE 2 project.
2. Natural Disaster Assistance Policy (Board Approved 9/06). Families affected by officially-declared natural disasters will receive housing preference over other waiting list placeholders.
  - Documents traditionally required by leasing staff for the processing of applications (driver's license, social security cards, birth records, etc.) may be provided by individuals/families as soon as possible during the initial six-month stay if the individuals/families cannot provide the information at the time of application.

- All family members eighteen (18) years of age and older must complete and pass a criminal background check in accordance with Springfield Housing Authority HCV Administrative Plan.
- Individuals shall be responsible for moving and all related costs, including but not limited to the transfer of telephone, cable, garbage and/or utility services.
- Rent shall be determined by standard calculation procedures as defined in the SHA Administrative Plan. A security deposit will be required.
- Individuals/families will not be penalized for terminating the SHA lease agreement within the first twelve (12) months of participation in a Springfield Housing Authority housing program.
- Housing Choice Voucher holders who experience significant damage to the units in which they reside will not be penalized by the Springfield Housing Authority for relocating to other units before the lease agreements expire.

**F. Preference Points**

At the time of application and subject to appropriate verification, preference points will be awarded as indicated below:

Local Preferences	Points Awarded
Currently a resident of Sangamon County. Residency must be on a permanent, non-temporary basis.	25
Currently employed in Sangamon County. Employment must be for the past 12 consecutive months or longer.	30
Non-elderly household with a disability transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting, or at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless or at risk of homelessness. (Mainstream only)	60



**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1D-11a Letter Signed by**  
**Working Group**

Lived Experience Working Group Signed Letter of Support.....2



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
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To Whom it May Concern,

The Heartland Continuum of Care Lived Experience Collaboration Work Group was established in 2022 to assist in the development of a Lived Experience Board policy, Springfield & Sangamon County's 2022-2028 Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness which includes plans for serving . Our involvement has included reviewing plans and policies and making recommendations for changes and voting to affirm the community's strategic planning effort that informed the plan developed to serve households with severe service needs. We acknowledge that system change and improvement are necessary and that the needs in our community are far greater than the current resources available and we write this letter in support of our community's planning efforts and priorities established through the Strategic Plan and Special NOFO Service Plan.

Priorities that we see as especially important to improve the system to address homelessness in Sangamon County include:

- Further development of Lived Experience collaboration efforts, including representation through decision making bodies and task groups. This includes the development of capacity to compensate people with lived experience for their work in improving the system.
- Incorporating people with lived experience in all programs so that people have someone they can trust and rely on and relate to more easily.
- Increasing housing opportunities. The development of 765 housing opportunities in five years is a crucial element that
- must take place to end homelessness in our community.
- Expanding Street Outreach efforts to build a Street Outreach with Lived Experience team as part of the collaborative effort to connect people who are unsheltered with housing resources.
- Increasing capacity for diversion and housing problem solving to prevent people from experiencing homelessness for a prolonged period and keeping engagement with the system to a short of a time period as possible.
- Building capacity to hire new case managers and mental and behavioral health providers to provide support for people transitioning from homelessness to stable housing.

For these reasons and more, we pledge our support for these efforts and look forward to participating in making these goals a reality.

*Adrian Palmer*

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Lived Experience Collaboration Work Group

September 21, 2023



**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1D-2a Housing First Evaluation**

PDF of COMPLETED HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT TOOL FOR HH PSH  
PROJECT.....2



## Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
<b>Provider's Legal Name</b>	Helping Hands of Springfield
Acronym (If Applicable)	
Year Incorporated	
EIN	
Street Address	
Zip Code	

Project Information	
<b>Project Name</b>	Helping Hands Renewal PSH Project
Project Budget	
Grant Number	IL0299I5T132212
Name of Project Director	Laura Davis
Project Director Email Address	laura@helpinghandsofspringfield.org
Project Director Phone Number	
<b>Which best describes the project *</b>	<b>Permanent Supportive Housing</b>
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
<b>Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.</b>	<b>None of the above</b>

\*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

Management Information	
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Laura Davis
Staff Email Address	
Staff Phone Number	

Assessment Information	
Name of Assessor	Josh Sabo
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	Heartland HOUSED
Assessor Email Address	josh@heartlandhoused.org
Assessor Phone Number	
<b>Date of Assessment</b>	<b>Nov 02 2022</b>



## Housing First Standards

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No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/">https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/</a>  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always



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	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants’ and owner’s choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted.	Always	Always	Always

*Optional notes here*

Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.	Always	Always	Always
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*Optional notes here*

Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.	Always	Always	Always
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Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	<p>Projects promote participant choice in services</p> <p>Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 2	<p>Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p>Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 3	<p>Service support is as permanent as the housing</p> <p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Services 4	<p>Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement</p> <p>Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always



Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
<b>Standard</b>		<b>Housing Definition / Evidence</b>	<b>Say It</b>	<b>Document It</b>	<b>Do It</b>
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: <a href="https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/">https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</a>	Always	Always	Always

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Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.	Always	Always	Always
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Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.	Always	Always	Always
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Project 1	Quick access to RRH assistance	A permanent supportive housing project ensures quick linkage to a unit and wrap around services, based on participant needs, preferences, and resource availability.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 2	PSH is focused on ending homelessness for those with the most severe barriers to maintaining housing	Participants and staff understand that a primary goal of permanent supportive housing is to end homelessness for people with the most severe service needs and help participants stay housed, regardless of other perceived barriers.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Project 3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.  <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
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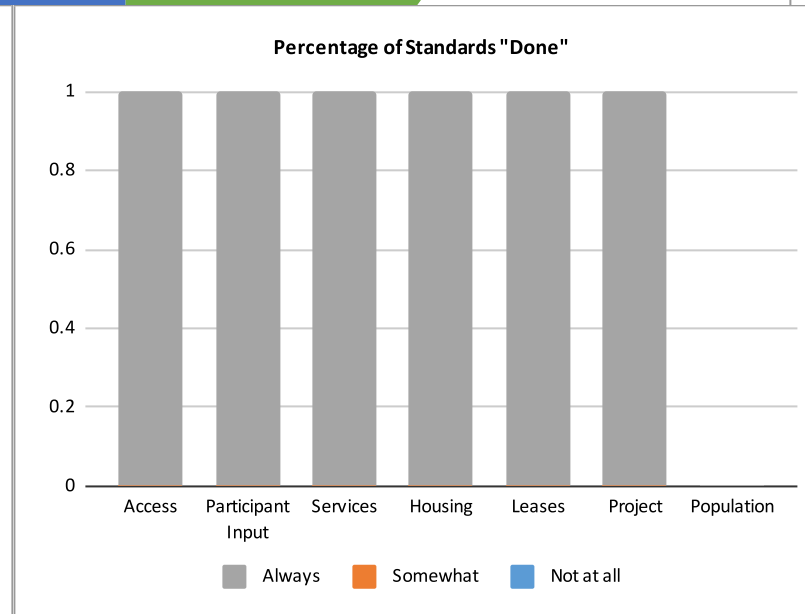
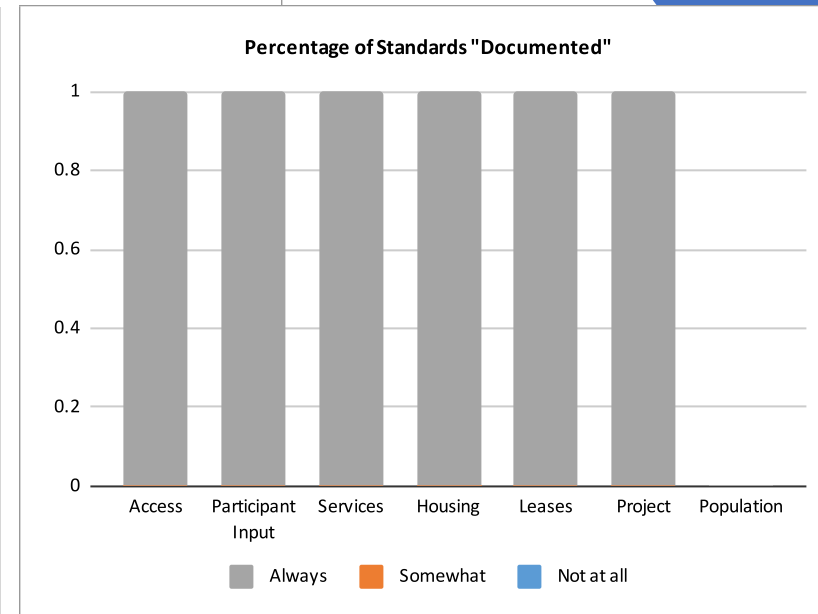
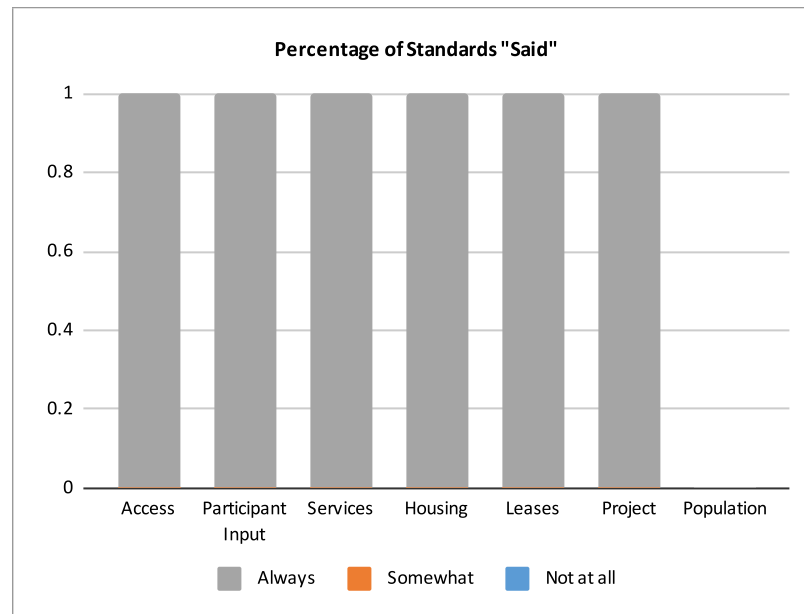
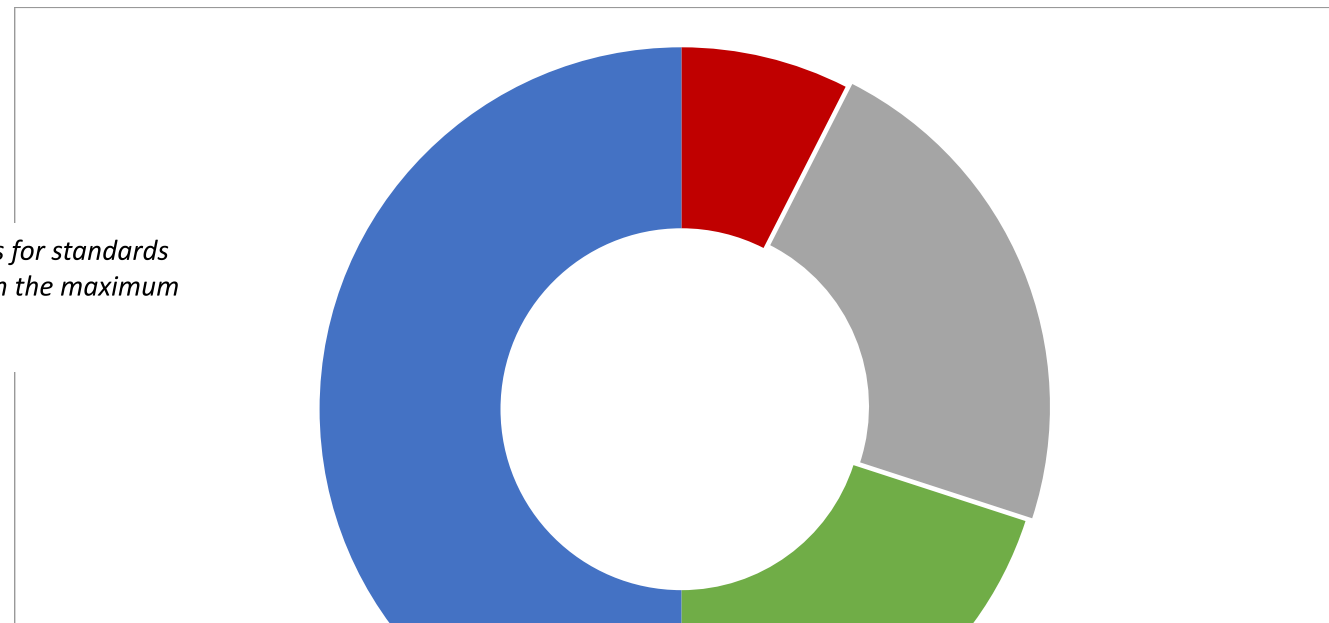


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**Your score: 180**

Max potential score: 180

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.





**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1E-1 Web Posting of Local**  
**Competition Deadline**

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**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1E-2 Local Competition**  
**Scoring Tool**

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HUD FY23 HCOC NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool			
1. THRESHOLD FACTORS			
NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	SCORE
Policies Remain Compliant	<p>All of the renewal project's relevant policies and procedures were examined as part of a previous year's review and rank process. The project should pass this threshold factor if it certifies that none of its policies have changed in ways that could impair its federal obligations, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>identifying and lowering its barriers to housing in line with a Housing First approach</li> <li>participating in coordinated entry</li> <li>entering data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS (or comparable database for domestic violence services).</li> <li>maintaining adequate internal financial controls, record maintenance and management, and policies regarding termination of assistance, client appeals, ADA and fair housing requirements, and confidentiality.</li> <li>providing equal access and fair housing without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, local residency status, or any other protected category</li> <li>only accepting new participants if they can be documented as eligible for this project's program type based on their housing and disability status</li> </ul>	Pass/Fail	
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project fills 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System and follows CES policies.	Pass/Fail	
HMIS Implementaiton	The project is an active participant in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail	
Match	The matching funds for the project meet HUD's standards as described in the <a href="#">CoC Interim Rule</a> and requirements in Notice of Funding Opportunity.	Pass/Fail	
2. COMPLIANCE (15 PTS)			
NAME	DECSRIPTION	SOURCES	SCORE
Audit Findings	<p>Award 5 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the project was audited, but there were no sustained or final negative findings relating to housing quality or financial mismanagement.</li> </ul> <p>Award 3 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the project received negative audit findings, but the project adequately explains how the findings are being addressed.</li> </ul> <p>Award 0 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the project's audits revealed negative findings that have not been corrected.</li> </ul>	<p>All HUD or financial audits from last 2 years.</p> <p>HCoC App (5)</p>	Up to 5 points.

HUD FY23 HCOC NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool			
<b>Coordinated Entry</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5)</b> Total 5 <b>(ADDRESSING SEVERE BARRIERS +5) Total 5 *Our CES prioritizes households with severe barriers to be next referred.</b>	Award 5 points if the project reported 100% of its bed openings and filled those openings from the Coordinated Entry System.	HCoC App (6)  HMIS CES data	5 points.
<b>Accurate Data</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +3)</b> Total 8	The fraction of data points that are recorded as missing, don't know, client refused to answer, and/or unable to calculate. Lower percentages are better.	APR Q6a	< 5% error = 3 5% - 10% error = 2 10% - 15% error = 1 >15% error = 0
<b>Timely Data</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +1)</b> Total 9	The average length of time between when a client enters or exits the project, and when the project records the entry or exit in HMIS. Note that APRs only record the approximate time range for each client, e.g., "1 to 3 Days delay."	APR Q6e	≤ 6 days = 2 7 days -10 days = 1 > 10 days = 0
<b>3. COMMUNITY (20 PTS)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Participation in CoC Activities</b>	Award points for the agency's attendance, participation, and leadership at CoC events, meetings, committees, forums, and projects, with a focus on activities that took place since the last CoC Competition. Full points will be awarded if the agency meaningfully participated in at least 4 voluntary events over the course of the year, or if the agency led at least 1 successful event, training, or initiative over the course of the year.	HCoC App (7)	4 points.
<b>Voluntary Reallocation</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4)</b> Total 13	Award 4 points if the agency voluntarily reallocated any HUD CoC Program funds in the previous two competitions.	GIW  HCoC App (8)	4 points.
<b>Incorporating Lived Experience</b>	Award 4 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (9)	4 points
<b>Racial Equity</b>	Award 4 points if agencies have demonstrated that they have analyzed their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (10)	4 points
<b>Local Competition Deadlines</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4)</b> Total 17	Award 4 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments.  Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late.  If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	4 points
<b>4. HOUSING PERFORMANCE (12 PTS)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING</b>			

HUD FY23 HCOC NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool			
<b>Housing Retention (SPM 7)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +10)</b> <b>Total 27</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +10) Total 10</b>	<p>Count each person who either remained in the project at the end of the measurement period or exited to permanent housing. These are the successes.</p> <p>Then, count the total number of people who participated in the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non- psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities.</p> <p>Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q23	$\geq 95\% = 10$ $90\% - 94.9\% = 8$ $85\% - 89.9\% = 4$ $80\% - 84.9\% = 2$ $<80\% = 0$
<b>Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2)</b> <b>Total 29</b> <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +2) Total 12</b>	<p>The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.</p>	APR 22c	$\leq 30 \text{ days} = 2$ $30-60 \text{ days} = 1$ $> 60 \text{ days} = 0$
<b>RAPID RE-HOUSING</b>			
<b>Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 21</b> <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 4</b>	<p>The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.</p>	APR Q22c	$\leq 30 \text{ days} = 4$ $30-60 \text{ days} = 3$ $> 60 \text{ days} = 0$
<b>Rate of Entry into Suitable Housing</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 25</b> <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 8</b>	<p>The percentage of clients in the program who successfully entered some type of private or semi- private housing (e.g. an apartment). Clients who have left the program without being housed are treated as negative outcomes. The measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing- such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.</p> <p>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.</p>	APR Q22c	$\geq 80\% = 4$ $70 - 79.9\% = 3$ $60 - 69.9\% = 2$ $50 - 59.9\% = 1$ $< 50\% = 0$
<b>Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 29</b> <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 12</b>	<p>Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes.</p> <p>Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities.</p> <p>Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.</p> <p>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q23	$\geq 85\% = 4$ $80\% - 84.9\% = 3$ $75\% - 79.9\% = 2$ $70\% - 74.9\% = 1$ $< 70\% = 0$
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)</b>			

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<b>Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +12) Total 29</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +12) Total 12</b>	<p>Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes.</p> <p>Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities.</p> <p>Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q23	$\geq 85\% = 12$ $80\% - 84.9\% = 8$ $75\% - 79.9\% = 4$ $70\% - 74.9\% = 2$ $< 70\% = 0$
<b>5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE (26 PTS)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>		<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Cash Income (SPM 4)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 34</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 13</b>	<p>Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply points according to the scale to the right.</p> <p><b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b></p>	APR Q5 APR Q16	$\geq 95\% = 5$ $90\% - 94.9\% = 4$ $80\% - 89.9\% = 2$ $< 80\% = 0$
<b>Increased Income (SPM 4)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 39</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 18</b>	<p>Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants at start and at time of latest annual assessment including leavers). Apply points according to the scale to the right.</p> <p><b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b></p>	APR Q5 APR Q19a1 APR Q19a2	$\geq 95\% = 5$ $90\% - 94.9\% = 4$ $80\% - 89.9\% = 2$ $< 80\% = 0$
<b>Health Insurance</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 44</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 23</b>	<p>Count each participant who had at least one form of health insurance at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes.</p> <p>Divide the number of successes by the number of living participants (minus the number of stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q21	$\geq 90\% = 5$ $80\% - 89.9\% = 3$ $< 80\% = 0$
<b>Other Mainstream Benefits (SPM 4)</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8) Total 52</b>  <b>(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +8) Total 31</b>	<p>Count each adult who had any non-cash, non-health care benefits (such as food stamps or bus passes) at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes.</p> <p>Divide the number of successes by the number of living adults (minus the number of adult stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q20b	$\geq 75\% = 8$ $< 75\% = 0$
<b>6. FULL UTILIZATION (15 PTS)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Bed Utilization</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8) Total 60</b>	<p>Count the average number of people enrolled in the project on the last Wednesday of each quarter, and divide it by the number of beds promised in e-snaps to get the bed utilization rate.</p> <p>Award points based on the scale on the right.</p>	APR Q7b Previous E-snaps App	$\geq 90\% = 8$ $80\% - 89.9\% = 6$ $70\% - 79.9\% = 4$ $60\% - 69.9\% = 2$ $< 60\% = 0$

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<b>Grant Spend Down</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 65</b>	Divide the amount of money drawn down from e- LOCCs during the project's most recently completed contract, by the amount of CoC funding shown for that project on the corresponding GIW.  Award points based on the scale on the right.	Most recent HUD spending report / eLOCCS  GIW  HCoC Application	$\geq 95\% = 5$ $85\% - 94.9\% = 3$ $75\% - 84.9\% = 2$ $65\% - 74.9\% = 1$ $< 65\% = 0$
<b>Quarterly Drawdowns</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2) Total 67</b>	Award points if the program successfully drew down from e-LOCCs at least once during each and every quarter of the competition period.	e-LOCCS  HCoC Application	At least quarterly = 2 At least twice = 1 Less Often = 0
<b>7. PRIORITIZATION (12 points)</b>			
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
<b>Housing First</b> <b>(ADDRESSING SEVERE BARRIERS +8) Total 13</b>	Award up to 8 points, 1 point for each box checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application. If all boxes are checked, award 8 points.	HCoC App (16)	Up to 8 points.
<b>Severity of Needs</b> <b>(ADDRESSING SEVERE BARRIERS +2) Total 15</b>	Award up to 2 points if 50.0% or more of the project's clients are people with severe needs and the project has a plan in place to meet specific needs and vulnerabilities, including: low or no income, current or past substance use, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness.	APR Q 5 Q13a2	Up to 2 points.
<b>Fair Housing</b>	Award 2 points if the project affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, and/or disability to engage people who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.	HCoC App (19)	2 points.
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<b>1. THRESHOLD FACTORS</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>		
Housing First	This project will commit to running a low-barrier, Housing First program.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project will participate in coordinated entry and fill and 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System. Commits to being a Coordinated Entry access point with two trained assessor	Pass/Fail	Pass	
HMIS Implementation	The project will participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
Project Quality Thresholds	Project meets requirements for project type found on pages 45-48 of NOFO.	Pass/Fail	Pass	
<b>2. COMPLIANCE (10 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Audit Findings	<p>Award 2 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the agency was audited, but there were no sustained or final negative findings relating to housing quality or financial mismanagement.</li> </ul> <p>Award 1 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the agency received negative audit findings, but the project adequately explains how the findings are being addressed.</li> </ul> <p>Award 0 points if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the agency's audits revealed negative findings that have not been corrected.</li> </ul>	<p>All government &amp; financial audits from last 2 years.</p> <p>HCoC App (6)</p>	Up to 2 points.	2
Experience with Federal Grants	<p>Award up to 3 points, 1 points for each box checked for Experience with Federal Grants on the HCoC Application reflecting that the agency has...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Successfully drawn down at least 95% of funding from a grant of at least \$50,000</li> <li>Successfully completed a full contract year of a grant from a state or federal government</li> <li>Prepared detailed timesheets to a funder that showed the hours worked by each staff person each week on different activities and projects</li> <li>Prepared detailed eligibility documentation to a funder that shows what assistance each client received and why that client was qualified to receive that assistance.</li> </ul>	HCoC App (7)	Up to 3 points.	3
HMIS <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA + 2) Total 2</b>	Award 2 points if the agency has an HMIS license and an employee trained to utilize the system. 2 points can be awarded if the agency demonstrates this is in process.	HCoC App (8)	2 points	2

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<b>Coordinated Entry</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA + 3) Total 5</b> <b>(ADDRESSING SEVERE NEEDS + 3) Total 3 *</b> <b>HCoC CES Prioritizes Households with severe needs in the referral process)</b>	Award up to 3 points, 1 point for each box checked on the Coordinated Entry question on the HCoC Application reflecting that... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the agency has a trained staff person to enroll clients in Coordinated Entry or can demonstrate that this is in process</li> <li>the agency has a plan for communicating open beds to CES,</li> <li>Commitment to participating in case conferences,</li> <li>has a plan for using referrals from CES to fill openings.</li> </ul>	HCoC App (9)	Up to 3 points	3
<b>3. COMMUNITY (23 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Participation in CoC Activities	Award points for the agency's attendance, participation, and leadership at CoC events, meetings, committees, forums, and projects, with a focus on activities that took place since the last CoC Competition. The full 3 points will be awarded if the agency meaningfully participated in at least 4 voluntary events over the course of the year, or if the agency led at least 1 successful event, training, or initiative over the course of the year.	HCoC App (10)	2 points	2
<b>Local Competition Deadlines</b> <b>(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA + 2) Total 7</b>	Award 2 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments.  Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late.  If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	2 points	0
Homeless System Improvement	Award 19 points if agency identifies and provides a plan for how this project will work to improve community system performance by meeting a demonstrated need in our community including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A description of the local need for project and flexibility to meet changing community needs (6 points)</li> <li>A quantitative estimate of the size of the gap between local resources and local need that is consistent with CES and other local data, (6 points)</li> <li>A quantitative estimate of how the proposed project will reduce that gap (7 points)</li> </ul>	HCoC App (11)	19 points	19
<b>4. HOUSING DESIGN (9 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Housing Meets Client Needs	Award 3 points for a housing design that checks all boxes on the HCoC Application for Housing that Meets Client Needs. Award one point for each box checked. The agency should demonstrate has a plan to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>find layouts, location, and/or features that are thoughtfully matched to the target population including units accessible to people with disabilities</li> <li>Has plan for insuring Housing Quality Standards are met</li> <li>provide rare or unique options, e.g., pet-friendly housing, or housing with parking spots, or housing with elevators.</li> </ul>	HCoC App (12-13)	Up to 3 points.	3

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Housing Navigation	Award 1 point for each of the housing navigation question boxes are checked on the HCoC Application reflecting that the agency has: - a credible plan for providing housing navigation services - A plan for outreach to landlords - Has staff who have pursued training on housing navigation	HCoC (14-15)	Up to 3 points.	3
Projected Measurable Outcomes	Award one point for each projected measure outcome listed in the HCoC Application up to 3 points with an explanation of how outcomes will be measured.	HCoC Application (16)	Up to 3 points.	2
<b>5. SERVICES DESIGN (21 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>		<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Housing First (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 12	Award 5 points, if all boxes are checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application.	HCoC App (18)	5 points.	5
Severity of Needs (ADDRESSING SEVERE NEEDS + 2) Total 5	Award 2 points if the project will serve individuals with one or more of the following types of severe needs its clients are likely to have (including low or no income, unaccompanied minor, current or past substance use, mental illness, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness)	HCoC App (19)	2 points.	2
Appropriate Supportive Services	Award 1 point for each checkbox checked on the HCoC Application for the Appropriate Supportive Services Question. Reflecting projects that: • offer ongoing support to stay in permanent housing, • are thoughtfully matched to the target population; for DV projects this includes services that improve safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking. • will individually assist each client to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply. • Appropriate for caseloads and ratio is provided; • Trained in innovative or evidence-based practices; and • Trained to meet the needs of the population to be served	HCoC App (20-21)	Up to 6 points.	6
Incorporating Lived Experience	Award 3 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (22)	4 points.	4
Racial Equity	Award 3 points if agencies have a plan to analyze their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (23)	4 points.	4
<b>6. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE FACTORS (25 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	



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Community Coordination (SPM 4) (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE +5) Total 5	Award up to 5 points if the project provides a plan that details specific partnerships with other agencies to refer their clients for services to assist program participants with obtaining and increase non-employment income, employment income, and resources to improve health. Two points will be awarded for a detailed plan, one point will be awarded for each partner listed (up to 3 points).	HCoC App (24)	Up to 5 points.	5
Increased Employment Income (SPM 4) (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE +5) Total 10 (ADDRESSING SEVERE NEEDS + 2) Total 10	Award 5 points if the project includes a detailed plan for increasing employment income of clients in the program.  <b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b>	HCoC App (24)	5 points.	5
Increased Non-employment Income (SPM 4) (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE +5) Total 15 (ADDRESSING SEVERE NEEDS + 2) Total 15	Award 5 points if the project includes a detailed plan for increasing non-employment income of clients in the program.  <b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b>	HCoC App (24)	5 points	5
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1) (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE +5) Total 20	The project includes a plan for making the period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment) as short as possible.  <b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b>	HCoC App (25)	5 points	5
Rate of Retention or Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7) (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE +5) Total 25	The project includes a plan for monitoring rate of retention (PSH projects) and Exits to Permanent Housing (other Project types) and evaluating at points throughout grant cycle.  <b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b>	HCoC Application (26)	5 points	5
<b>7. PROJECT START UP (12 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Relevant Experience	Award 3 points if the agency submitting this application has demonstrated, through past performance and data, the ability to successfully carry out the work proposed and has successfully served people experiencing homelessness as a particular group as part of a similar project. 3 points awarded for previous project explanation that includes data that demonstrates experience. Data/metrics to demonstrate this experience can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exits to permanent housing</li> <li>• limiting returns to homelessness</li> <li>• rapidly placing households in housing</li> <li>• increasing income</li> <li>• improving safety for survivors of domestic violence</li> </ul>	HCoC App (27)	3 points.	3

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<b>Budget</b>	Award up to 3 points based on the following factors being met: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The budget is complete and provides appropriate clarity. (2 points)</li> <li>• The budget includes a 25% match. (1 point)</li> </ul>	Budget HCoC Application	Up to 3 points.	2
<b>Fiscal Capacity</b>	Award 3 points if the agency checks all boxes on the HCoC Application for having sufficient fiscal capacity to manage the grant, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• internal financial controls</li> <li>• grant match tracking</li> <li>• well-maintained records</li> <li>• oversight by a board of directors</li> <li>• a strategy for documenting eligible costs</li> <li>• a strategy for ensuring adequate grant drawdowns</li> </ul>	HCoC App (28)	3 points.	3
<b>Ready to Start</b>	Award up to 3 points if the project will be ready to begin housing clients within 3 months of receiving HUD funding. Award one point for each check box from the HCoC Application reflecting that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The agency has already served the same subpopulation with similar service types.</li> <li>• The project site does not face regulatory obstacles such as tenant displacement, environmental issues, or zoning issues;</li> <li>• The agency's current staff has the capacity to begin preparing for this project;</li> <li>• The agency already has policies and procedures that can be used as-is or easily adapted for use in a CoC-funded project</li> </ul>	HCoC App (29)	Up to 3 points.	3
<b>MAXIMUM POINTS OUT OF 100 FOR ALL PROJECT TYPES</b>				POINTS / 100 MAXIMUM



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<b>1. THRESHOLD FACTORS</b>				
NAME	DESCRIPTION	STATUS	SCORE	
Policies Remain Compliant	All of the renewal project's relevant policies and procedures were examined as part of a previous year's review and rank process. The project should pass this threshold factor if it certifies that none of its policies have changed in ways that could impair its federal obligations, including: identifying and lowering its barriers to housing in line with a Housing First approach participating in coordinated entry entering data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS (or comparable database for domestic violence services). maintaining adequate internal financial controls, record maintenance and management, and policies regarding termination of assistance, client appeals, ADA and fair housing requirements, and confidentiality. providing equal access and fair housing without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, local residency status, or any other protected category only accepting new participants if they can be documented as eligible for this project's program type based on their housing and disability status	Pass/Fail		Pass
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project fills 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System and follows CES policies.	Pass/Fail		Pass
HMIS Implementaiton	The project is an active participant in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail		Pass
Match	<u>The matching funds for the project meet HUD's standards as described in the <a href="#">CoC Interim Rule</a> and requirements in Notice of Funding Opportunity.</u>	Pass/Fail		Pass
<b>2. COMPLIANCE (15 PTS)</b>				
NAME	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES	SCORE	
Audit Findings	Award 5 points if: the project was audited, but there were no sustained or final negative findings relating to housing quality or financial mismanagement. Award 3 points if: the project received negative audit findings, but the project adequately explains how the findings are being addressed.  Award 0 points if: the project's audits revealed negative findings that have not been corrected.	All HUD or financial audits from last 2 years.  HCoC App (5)	Up to 5 points.	5

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<b>Coordinated Entry</b>	Award 5 points if the project reported 100% of its bed openings and filled those openings from the Coordinated Entry System.	HCoC App (6)  HMIS CES data	5 points.	5
<b>Accurate Data</b>	The fraction of data points that are recorded as missing, don't know, client refused to answer, and/or unable to calculate. Lower percentages are better.	APR Q6a	< 5% error = 3 5% - 10% error = 2 10% - 15% error = 1	3
<b>Timely Data</b>	The average length of time between when a client enters or exits the project, and when the project records the entry or exit in HMIS. Note that APRs only record the approximate time range for each client, e.g., "1 to 3 Days delay."	APR Q6e	≤ 6 days = 2 7 days -10 days = 1 > 10 days = 0	
<b>3. COMMUNITY (20 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
<b>Participation in CoC Activities</b>	Award points for the agency's attendance, participation, and leadership at CoC events, meetings, committees, forums, and projects, with a focus on activities that took place since the last CoC Competition. Full points will be awarded if the agency meaningfully participated in at least 4 voluntary events over the course of the year, or if the agency led at least 1 successful event, training, or initiative over the course of the year.	HCoC App (7)	4 points.	4
<b>Voluntary Reallocation</b>	Award 4 points if the agency voluntarily reallocated any HUD CoC Program funds in the previous two competitions.	GIW  HCoC App (8)	4 points.	0
<b>Incorporating Lived Experience</b>	Award 4 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (9)	4 points	4
<b>Racial Equity</b>	Award 4 points if agencies have demonstrated that they have analyzed their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (10)	4 points	4

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Local Competition Deadlines	Award 4 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments.  Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late.  If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	4 points	4
<b>4. HOUSING PERFORMANCE (12 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
<b>PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING</b>				
Housing Retention (SPM 7)	Count each person who either remained in the project at the end of the measurement period or exited to permanent housing. These are the successes.  Then, count the total number of people who participated in the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non- psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities.  Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 95% = 10 90% - 94.9% = 8 85% - 89.9% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 2 <80% = 0	10
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR 22c	≤ 30 days = 2 30-60 days = 1 > 60 days = 0	2
<b>RAPID RE-HOUSING</b>				
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR Q22c	≤ 30 days = 4 30-60 days = 3 > 60 days = 0	

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<b>Rate of Entry into Suitable Housing</b>	<p>The percentage of clients in the program who successfully entered some type of private or semi- private housing (e.g. an apartment). Clients who have left the program without being housed are treated as negative outcomes. The measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing- such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.</p> <p>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.</p>	APR Q22c	$\geq 80\% = 4$ $70 - 79.9\% = 3$ $60 - 69.9\% = 2$ $50 - 59.9\% = 1$ $< 50\% = 0$	
<b>Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)</b>	<p>Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes.</p> <p>Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities.</p> <p>Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.</p> <p>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q23	$\geq 85\% = 4$ $80\% - 84.9\% = 3$ $75\% - 79.9\% = 2$ $70\% - 74.9\% = 1$ $< 70\% = 0$	
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)</b>				
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<b>5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE (26 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>		<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	

HUD FY23 HCOE NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool				M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 2
Cash Income (SPM 4)	<p>Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply points according to the scale to the right.</p> <p><b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b></p>	APR Q5 APR Q16	<p>≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% = 4 80% - 89.9% = 2 &lt; 80% = 0</p>	5
Increased Income (SPM 4)	<p>Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants at start and at time of latest annual assessment including leavers). Apply points according to the scale to the right.</p> <p><b>* The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.</b></p>	APR Q5 APR Q19a1 APR Q19a2	<p>≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% = 4 80% - 89.9% = 2 &lt; 80% = 0</p>	0
Health Insurance	<p>Count each participant who had at least one form of health insurance at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes.</p> <p>Divide the number of successes by the number of living participants (minus the number of stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q21	<p>≥ 90% = 5 80% - 89.9% = 3 &lt; 80% = 0</p>	5
Other Mainstream Benefits (SPM 4)	<p>Count each adult who had any non-cash, non-health care benefits (such as food stamps or bus passes) at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes.</p> <p>Divide the number of successes by the number of living adults (minus the number of adult stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.</p>	APR Q5 APR Q20b	<p>≥ 75% = 8 &lt; 75% = 0</p>	8
<b>6. FULL UTILIZATION (15 PTS)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Bed Utilization	<p>Count the average number of people enrolled in the project on the last Wednesday of each quarter, and divide it by the number of beds promised in e-snaps to get the bed utilization rate.</p> <p>Award points based on the scale on the right.</p>	APR Q7b Previous E-snaps App	<p>≥ 90% = 8 80% - 89.9% = 6 70% - 79.9% = 4 60% - 69.9% = 2 &lt; 60% = 0</p>	8



HUD FY23 HCOC NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool				M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 2
Grant Spenddown	Divide the amount of money drawn down from e- LOCCs during the project's most recently completed contract, by the amount of CoC funding shown for that project on the corresponding GIW.  Award points based on the scale on the right.	Most recent HUD spending report / eLOCCS  GIW  HCoC Application	≥ 95% = 5 85% - 94.9% = 3 75% - 84.9% = 2 65% - 74.9% = 1 < 65% = 0	5
Quarterly Drawdowns	Award points if the program successfully drew down from e-LOCCs at least once during each and every quarter of the competition period.	e-LOCCS  HCoC Application	At least quarterly = 2 At least twice = 1 Less Often = 0	2
<b>7. PRIORITIZATION (12 points)</b>				
<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>SCORE</b>	
Housing First	Award up to 8 points, 1 point for each box checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application. If all boxes are checked, award 8 points.	HCoC App (16)	Up to 8 points.	8
Severity of Needs	Award up to 2 points if 50.0% or more of the project's clients are people with severe needs and the project has a plan in place to meet specific needs and vulnerabilities, including: low or no income, current or past substance use, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness.	APR Q 5 Q13a2	Up to 2 points.	2
Fair Housing	Award 2 points if the project affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, and/or disability to engage people who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.	HCoC App (19)	2 points.	2
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**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1E-5 Notification of Projects**  
**Rejected-Reduced**

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To: Katina Kooi <kk@ysbi.com>

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**Selection Results**

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<b>CoC Planning Grant: Heartland HOUSED CoC Staff Support</b>	unscored	Yes		\$50,000	
<b>Fifth Street Renaissance Vets Expansion</b>	62	No		\$34,908	-\$34,908



**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**1E-5c. Web Posting-CoC-**  
**Approved Consolidated**  
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**2A-6 HUD's Homeless Data**  
**Exchange (HDX) Competition**  
**Report**

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2023 HDX Competition Report  
 PIT Count Data for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

**Total Population PIT Count Data**

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	294	189	264	306
Emergency Shelter Total	153	99	143	165
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	98	61	95	121
Total Sheltered Count	251	160	238	286
Total Unsheltered Count	43	29	26	20

**Chronically Homeless PIT Counts**

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	73	67	51	33
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	57	52	45	25
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	16	15	6	8

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## PIT Count Data for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	25	12	25	26
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	23	12	25	26
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	2	0	0	0

### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	19	22	14	23	22
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	19	20	12	21	22
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	0	2	2	2	0

\*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

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HIC Data for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

**HMIS Bed Coverage Rates**

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	120	96	96	100.00%	24	24	100.00%	120	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	139	139	139	100.00%	0	0	NA	139	100.00%
RRH Beds	52	51	52	98.08%	0	0	NA	51	98.08%
PSH Beds	146	91	146	62.33%	0	0	NA	91	62.33%
OPH Beds	58	58	58	100.00%	0	0	NA	58	100.00%
Total Beds	515	435	491	88.59%	24	24	100.00%	459	89.13%

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## HIC Data for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

**Notes**

\*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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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").

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

### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	63	51	51	86

### Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	6	7	5	9

### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	24	37	45	52

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

#### 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 October, 1, 2012.

**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.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	635	993	47	45	-2	18	15	-3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	798	1173	101	88	-13	38	30	-8

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer 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.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	649	1031	843	728	-115	373	183	-190
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	859	1199	853	753	-100	306	214	-92



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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Exit was from ES	107	14	13%	3	3%	12	11%	29	27%
Exit was from TH	123	4	3%	5	4%	8	7%	17	14%
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	18	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	253	18	7%	8	3%	20	8%	46	18%

### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	189	264	75
Emergency Shelter Total	99	143	44
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	61	95	34
Total Sheltered Count	160	238	78
Unsheltered Count	29	26	-3

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	808	1189	381
Emergency Shelter Total	645	1012	367
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	225	295	70

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35	30	-5
Number of adults with increased earned income	3	1	-2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	9%	3%	-6%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35	30	-5
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	10	4	-6
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	29%	13%	-16%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35	30	-5
Number of adults with increased total income	12	5	-7
Percentage of adults who increased total income	34%	17%	-17%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	26	33	7
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	3	5	2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	12%	15%	3%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	26	33	7
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	6	9	3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	23%	27%	4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	26	33	7
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	9	13	4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	35%	39%	4%

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### Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	720	1092	372
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.	208	210	2
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)	512	882	370

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	775	1155	380
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.	228	234	6
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.)	547	921	374

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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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	23	18	-5
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	9	7	-2
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	5	3	-2
% Successful exits	61%	56%	-5%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	620	971	351
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	122	240	118
% Successful exits	20%	25%	5%

### Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	134	123	-11
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	132	119	-13
% Successful exits/retention	99%	97%	-2%

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**FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality**  
**IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC**

	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	101	80	102	182	141	171	168	153	185	13	26	45			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	97	76	101	182	141	171	113	98	130	0	19	40			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )	96.04	95.00	99.02	100.00	100.00	100.00	67.26	64.05	70.27	0.00	73.08	88.89			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	619	645	1036	248	225	295	99	110	129	14	44	118	74	44	35
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	560	580	956	194	141	192	12	29	44	10	12	63	64	12	19
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	255	83	110	9	17	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	22	1	8
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	45.54	14.31	11.51	4.64	12.06	1.04	0.00	0.00	2.27	0.00	8.33	1.59	34.38	8.33	42.11



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**FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality**

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## Submission and Count Dates for IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

### Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/30/2023	

### Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/24/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/20/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/17/2023	Yes



**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**3A-1a. Housing Leverage**  
**Commitments**

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September 27, 2023

Helping Hands of Springfield  
1023 E. Washington Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62703  
Attn: Laura Davis, Executive Director



Re: Helping Hands of Springfield Letter of Commitment

Dear Ms. Davis:

First Presbyterian Church is grateful to partner with Helping Hands to address homelessness in our community. Therefore, First Presbyterian Church commits to supporting Helping Hands of Springfield's Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project. We recognize that the need for Permanent Supportive Housing resources far exceeds the resources currently available in our community, and expanding those resources is a key to ending homelessness in Sangamon County. We are committed to supporting the work Helping Hands of Springfield is doing and in furtherance of our mission, First Presbyterian Church commits to providing a financial commitment of \$22k or more during HUD Fiscal Year 2023 to subsidize Helping Hands of Springfield's *Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project*.

We acknowledge that project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by First Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,

*Pastor Susan Hillier*

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**Heartland Continuum of Care**  
**3A-2: Healthcare Forma Agreement**

Healthcare Commitment Letter for New PSH Project.....2



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September 25, 2023

Dear Ms. Davis,

St. John's College of Nursing looks forward to maintaining the partnership developed with Helping Hands over the last 3 years and will be glad to provide onsite nursing services to the residents living at the Park Avenue Apartments.

From November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025, at least 6 nursing students and 1 faculty member will spend at least 100 hours with the clients of Helping Hands and Park Avenue Apartments. Based on new-nurse wage averages of \$35/hour, this will have a monetary value of \$22,500. St. John's College of Nursing faculty and students will be developing community-based programs for the residents of the Park Avenue Apartments, with the goals of promoting wellness, engagement, community-building, and health education.

The nursing students, under supervision and guidance of nursing faculty, will assess the acute and aggregate needs of the clients, develop and implement appropriate interventions, and evaluate the effectiveness of these interventions. These nursing skills, learned specifically in school, will help to alleviate some of the acute stressors that face this vulnerable population.

Thank you for allowing us to continue this work that benefits the residents of the Helping Hands population while also enriching the education of local nursing students.

Regards,

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