

Before Starting the Special CoC Application

You must submit both of the following parts in order for us to consider your Special NOFO Consolidated Application complete:

1. the CoC Application, and
2. the CoC Priority Listing.

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

1. The Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (Special NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The Special NOFO Continuum of Care (CoC) Application Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants 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.

CoC Approval is Required before You Submit Your CoC's Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application 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 the [Specific Attachment Name] attachment to the 4A. 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: AR-503 - Arkansas Balance of State CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Ouachita Children, Youth, and Family Services, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Pulaski County Community Services

1A-5.	New Projects	
	Complete the chart below by indicating which funding opportunity(ies) your CoC applying for projects under. A CoC may apply for funding under both set asides; however, projects funded through the rural set aside may only be used in rural areas, as defined in the Special NOFO.	
1.	Unsheltered Homelessness Set Aside	No
2.	Rural Homelessness Set Aside	Yes

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

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1B-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project application submission for your CoC's local competition.	07/22/2022

1B-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected new project applications during your CoC's local competition:	
	1. Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
	2. At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
	3. At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes

1B-3.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	1. Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC inform the applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
	3. If you selected yes, for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	09/27/2022

1B-3a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, list the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 6/26/22, 6/27/22, and 6/28/22, then you must enter 6/28/22.	09/27/2022
1B-4.	Web Posting of the CoC-Approved Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter the date your CoC posted its Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application, and 2. Priority Listings.	10/14/2022

2A. System Performance

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

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2A-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.b.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;	
	2. how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 and 2. At this time, there is not a process in place CoC wide to determine specific risk factors to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time or addressing individuals and families at risk of becoming homelessness. During the next fiscal year, the CoC will be working on several planning items such as this one. The planning for this will include discussions revolving around data from both HMIS and Victim Service Provider databases as well as discussions from providers who are meeting with those experiencing homelessness for the first time. Even though we do not have a CoC wide system in place, there are agencies that have protocols in place to address these items. The CoC Planning team will look at various things being done currently to see what items are working well and could be expanded throughout the CoC. We will also research best practices across the nation in other CoCs, specifically other Balance of States, and determine as a board what will work best holistically. We understand as Balance of State that we have a very diverse make-up specifically with our geography and will have to analyze what will work in both rural and metro areas. We will ensure that our HMIS lead agency is also involved in this process to confirm that we are capturing accurate data to help in this decision-making process.

3. During the planning process, an agency will be named to lead this effort and will serve as point of contact for this strategy.

2A-2.	Length of Time Homeless—Strategy to Reduce. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	

1.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
2.	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. In order to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain in homelessness, the CoC is working tirelessly to develop and implement a coordinated entry system that will assist with combating this issue. At this time, the Balance of State does not have a system in place, but a committee is in place and meetings have begun as of this application's submission. One responsibility of the committee will be to develop a strategy to quickly identify a method that could reduce the length of time spent as homeless.

2. At this time, there is not a process in place CoC wide to identify and house individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time as homeless. During the next fiscal year, the CoC will be working on several planning items such as this one. The planning for this will include discussions revolving around data from both HMIS and Victim Service Provider databases as well as discussions from providers who serve those experiencing homelessness. Even though we do not have a CoC wide system in place, there are agencies that have protocols in place to address these items. The CoC Planning team will look at various things being done currently to see what items are working well and could be expanded throughout the CoC. We will also research best practices across the nation in other CoCs, specifically other Balance of States, and determine as a board what will work best holistically. It is important to our CoC that we ensure the most vulnerable are being served and that needs are being met. Identifying those experiencing lengthy times of homelessness along with what might be causing this will allow our CoC to develop strategies to hopefully pinpoint this individuals earlier and help connect them to services faster.

3. During the planning process, an agency will be named to lead this effort and will serve as point of contact for this strategy.

2A-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:

1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Over the past several months, our CoC has made education on and implementation of the proven Housing First approach priorities. We have had individual meetings with agencies, continuum wide trainings with TAs, and further housing first discussions in meetings to show its importance and how it is proven to be a successful approach toward maintaining permanent housing. Furthermore, our Rank and Review policies and procedures indicate that housing first is a priority, and a project must be participating in housing first in order to be accepted and recommended for funding. A project cannot simply answer "yes" to the question but must complete the USICH Housing First Checklist and provide proof of implementation in their programs and services through a question on the supplemental application. While we have not stated that all projects (non-CoC funded) must participate in housing first at this time, that will be something that the CoC will continue to explore.

2. Once an individual is in permanent housing, it is still important that a housing first approach is followed. While we understand that supportive services are proven to assist in retention of permanent housing, we also understand that individuals should not be forced to participate in those through a housing first approach since we meet them as they are. However, the CoC will continue to further work on landlord engagement, education, and recruitment.

2A-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate. (All Applicants)	
Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;	
2.	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. Our CoC does not currently have a system wide plan in place to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness, but as previously mentioned on other sections, the CoC has planning on the forefront on these items. In order to identify these individuals, the CoC must ensure that HMIS and DV data are being entered accurately so that we can have a baseline of growth from there. It is important that agencies are maintaining contact with those that they serve so issues causing them to return to homelessness can also be identified. All of these items will be needed in order to determine the best way to identify these individuals and families.

2. As mentioned in other responses in this section, the planning committees will start work this fiscal year to develop a strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness. In order to do this efficiently, the committee will include frontline workers at agencies who see firsthand the reasons for returns to homelessness as well as incorporating individuals with lived experience to explain what underlying barriers cause them to be more prone to return to homelessness after assistance is received.

3. During the planning process, an agency will be named to lead this effort and will serve as point of contact for this strategy.

2A-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase employment cash sources;	
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC does not currently have a system wide strategy in place to access employment cash sources, but as previously mentioned on other sections, the CoC has planning on the forefront on these items. While one strategy might not be in place across the CoC, we know that many agencies at the local homeless coalition level work to identify access to employment cash sources for those they serve. For example, one agency specifically partners with employment agencies and also refers program participants to potential employers who pay a living wage. Furthermore, the agency works to provide employment opportunities within their own agency to them. The CoC will be looking at models such as this to see how they can be replicated as best practice throughout the CoC.

2. While there is not a plan in place throughout the CoC, as mentioned above, agencies do work on the local level to ensure that individuals are connected to employment organizations to assist with an increase in employment cash income. The CoC will evaluate what is currently being done to see how it can be used in other areas, but will ensure that all LHCs are involved in the decision-making process to ensure that the model can work in diverse make-up of Balance of State.

3. During the planning process, an agency will be named to lead this effort and will serve as point of contact for this strategy.

2A-5a.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income–Strategy. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the strategy your CoC has implemented to increase non-employment cash income;	
2.	your CoC’s strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	

	3. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. and 2. Even though the CoC doesn't have a strategy in place to assist individuals and households with connecting to non-employment cash income, we do know that agencies across the Balance of State are working in this arena. For example, one agency states that they work with single parent households to enroll them with Child Support Enforcement, assist households with enrolling for SNAP, TANF, TEA, and SSI, and accompany those that need further assistance to their appointments to ensure they understand the process and to eliminate any potential denials due to confusion of the system. The CoC will review models such as this as well as others that are implemented by agencies throughout the CoC to determine best practices for implementation by Balance of State.

3. During the planning process, an agency will be named to lead this effort and will serve as point of contact for this strategy.

2B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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2B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Sections VII.B.3.a.(1)	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:

1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:

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

20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	No	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	Yes
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	No	Yes
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
33.	Faith Based Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
34.	Funding Agencies	Yes	Yes	Yes

2B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(2), V.B.3.g.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, other People of Color, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. General membership invitation was posted to website, facebook, and sent through email on July 15th. Current members were asked to share the email with their LHC, to reach out to potential new members, share the facebook post to their agency page and LHC page, and to invite potential new members to view our website and learn more about the CoC. We want to ensure that all participating geographies, specific populations, and certain organizations are represented. Individuals who are presently experiencing homelessness or were homeless in the past must be represented within the CoC. We also want to ensure that our membership is diverse and representative of inclusivity and equity. Outreach will be conducted to obtain membership from specific groups as they exist within the BoS geographic area and are available to participate in the CoC including representatives from communities who are underserved or overrepresented among people experiencing homelessness.

2. Currently, we are working to put measures into place that will ensure individuals with disabilities are reached through our communication efforts including accessible electronic formats. We are working with our website provider as well as a third-party contractor to make our website 508 compliant. We hope that this process will be completed in either October or November of 2022.

3. The CoC has worked to include individuals with lived experience by adding a lived experience workgroup to develop policies and procedures for the CoC which will focus on better access to housing and barrier reduction. In addition, the CoC recently voted to amend the governance charter adding 4 additional voting positions on the board specific to those that are either currently homeless or have experienced homelessness in the last five years.

4. Our board has worked to ensure that communities that are underserved but overrepresented in homelessness have a seat at our table and a voice in our discussions. Through our general membership invitation, current members at both the CoC and LHC levels were asked to specifically reach out to representatives from those communities. Our Homeless Programs Director has been in communication with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, Arkansas Department of Education, and a local LGBTQIA+ organization to discuss ways they can potentially begin to participate so that we are working across all lines and making sure the most vulnerable are aware of and receiving services that are greatly needed.

2B-3.	CoC's Strategy to Solicit/Consider Opinions on Preventing and Ending Homelessness. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(3)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The AR BoS CoC solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness or an interest in preventing homelessness. Over 350 individuals and/or organizations that include a multitude of diversity make up the entire AR BoS covering 46 counties in the state of Arkansas. Within the AR BoS, the 46 counties are divided into 10 Local Homeless Coalitions (LHC). Each coalition elects 2 members to sit on the AR BoS Board with voting privileges. Four (4) members from the Lived Experience Workgroup will also serve as voting members on the AR BoS Board according to our recently revised Governance Charter. Each LHC and Lived Experience member bring information regarding challenges and opinions to the full BoS Board for consideration, approval/denial, and implementation. Committees also play an important part of planning and implementation within the AR BoS Board. Since HMIS covers the entire state and not just one specific CoC, a Steering Committee with members from each CoC meet monthly to discuss the best avenues for agencies using the HMIS system and how to gain new users from those not required to use the system. The Executive Planning Committee meets monthly to determine steps for the Board to pursue and the Coordinated Entry committee is working closely with the agency that received the SSO-CE grant within the last year.

2. All LHC meetings are public as are the general meetings of the AR BoS CoC held in April and October of each year. Information is communicated during LHC meetings held either monthly or bi-monthly, 2 General meetings held by the CoC Board, and Board meetings held monthly by the AR BoS. Information gathered at the AR BoS Board meetings is disseminated to the LHC members by the voting members attending the AR BoS Board meeting. Members also share information to community organizations when speaking to them or participating in events. Since the pandemic, the majority of meetings are held by Zoom with very few in-person meetings. The CoC has worked to ensure that information is being shared through our website and facebook page as well.

3. The Board is always open to feedback gathered from the public to address improvements. The CoC will work better as a whole to document what feedback has been received and show how that feedback has been used to make improvements.

2B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC's local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Starting on July 22nd with additional reminders and information following through August and September, the CoC announced on facebook, through email, and on our website that we would be accepting project applications with a deadline of 9/20.
2. The CoC stated the following in an email to all Balance of State Board members and other members of the public on the email list "Please share this email with your LHC at your earliest convenience so that all agencies within the Balance of State have the opportunity to submit an application if they would like." While the CoC did not add specific language on facebook or the website regarding this, the CoC has worked hard to have several conversations with agencies that have not applied before in hopes they would submit applications. 3 of the 4 applications received are from agencies not previously funded through CoC competition.
3. Instructions for project application submission were communicated through emails and on our website. Applicants were given a checklist to follow for proper submission of all items needed which included instructions of the date and time the application was due, how to submit the application and attachments requested, and to whom those should be submitted.
4. The CoC Rank and Review Committee's Policies and Procedures as well as Rating Tools were presented in advance of application deadline through email in addition to being posted to our website. Potential applicants were urged to review all items so that they would understand how their applications would be scored and what items were priority for funding.
5. As stated in a previous section, our CoC is currently working on updating our website to ensure that it is 508 compliant. At this time, we unfortunately, do not have a way to effectively communicate with individuals with disabilities. However, we hope to have this corrected by October or November of 2022.

2C. Coordination / Engagement—with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations

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2C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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 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.	Faith Based Organizations	Yes

2C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG 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 Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Arkansas Balance of State maintains a strong relationship with the state ESG grantee, Arkansas Department of Human Services. DHS does attend monthly Balance of State board meetings to provide updates regarding the planning and allocation of ESG funds. However, at this time, they do not bring in outside associations or organizations to contribute to planning and allocating of ESG or ESG-CV resources. The CoC has worked to increase meetings with the agency in hopes that we can start participating in this process. The Homeless Programs Director has directed this request to them as well as advocating on behalf of subrecipients for specific allocations to assist them to serve clients with ESG components needed.

2. Evaluation and reporting of performance for ESG program recipients and sub-recipients are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Human Services-Office of Community Services. All monitoring is completed by this office, and at this time, no one from the CoC is a part of the actual monitoring conducted. The Arkansas Balance of State CoC has requested copies of compliance reports to ensure performance is at an acceptable level. When an agency shows noncompliance, the CoC is able to assist the Department of Human Services-Office of Community Services with any training necessary to bring them back into compliance. We have had meetings to discuss this and have started some engagement between the recipient and sub-recipients regarding compliance pieces, so we hope more forward progress can be made and eventually the CoC can participate in monitoring.

3. In BoS, we have 5 Consolidated Plan jurisdictions. At this time, all but 1 of the 5 participate in their local homeless coalition and receive the needed data from the continuum for their consolidated plan process. The Point-In-Time Count data is published annually to our website and further disseminated through email and social media postings.

4. Each local homeless coalition under the Arkansas Balance of State CoC is tasked with ensuring local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates. This is done in consultation with agencies within their communities and the city responsible for the plan. This year, the Homeless Programs Director did submit information during the public comment period to one of the Consolidated Planning jurisdictions for their plan, and we hope to expand this.

2C-3.	Discharge Planning Coordination. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.

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

2C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.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

2C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts–Formal Partnerships. (All Applicants)
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with the entities checked in Question 2C-4; and
2.	the formal partnerships your CoC has with the entities checked in Question 2C-4.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Currently, agencies within the CoC collaborate with the entities mentioned in 2C-4 by ensuring they are aware of LHC meetings, receiving important CoC information, and making them knowledgeable to potential resources to assist the families they serve who are facing needs. Our Homeless Programs Director has supplied each LHC representative to the board with the names and contact information for each McKinney-Vento liaison for all school districts within the CoC and asked that to be shared throughout the LHC. In addition, the HPD has met with the State Coordinator of Homeless Education through the Arkansas Department of Education to discuss improved partnership ideas. Contact information for the HPD has been added to a monthly newsletter that is sent to all McKinney-Vento liaisons in the state, and we will work as a CoC to continue to provide needed information for those newsletters. Conversations will continue over the coming months to see how we can further ensure that all agencies are at the table if they are not currently participating or aware of the opportunity to participate.

2. To date, the AR BoS CoC does not have any formal partnerships with any of the entities listed above. Many of the Local Homeless Coalitions have members of each that attend and participate in meetings. School Districts send the McKinney-Vento liaison to meetings when possible and the liaison has participated in not only the meetings but also with the annual Point In Time Counts. The Collaborative Applicant is a Local Education Agency (LEA) with a formal MOU signed by the Hot Springs School District Superintendent and the OCYFS Executive Director. This partnership is due to OCYFS being in receipt of Title I - Part D funding through the Arkansas Department of Education and employing a certified/licensed teacher for youth in residence at the shelter.

2C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The AR BoS CoC has not adopted any written policies and procedures to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services to date. Each agency aligned with the AR BoS CoC has staff that have been trained to provide individuals and families of all eligible services to include educational services and staff who have developed contacts they can reach out to for assistance. The AR BoS CoC is in process of revising and developing new policies and procedures to include this particular one within committee work groups. The CoC will ensure that a member of each LHC is represented along with representation from educational providers and those individuals and families who have been homeless and in need of educational services.

2C-5.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Training of Project Staff. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

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

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

2C-5a.	Mainstream Resources—CoC Collaboration with Project Staff Regarding Healthcare Organizations. (All Applicants)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.B.3.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	systemically provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	works with project staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance;
3.	provides assistance to project staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits; and
4.	works with projects to promote SOAR certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Within the Arkansas Balance of State there are 10 Local Homeless Coalitions working closely with each local Department of Human Services office to simplify access to mainstream benefits through the "No Wrong Door" coordinated entry system in conjunction with LIHEAP, CSFP, TEFAP, and other providers. This includes service organizations for veterans. Representatives from these agencies participate in the local homeless coalitions to systematically keep program staff up to date. Organizations maintain training of staff providing services in SNAP and TEA application processes and use presumptive eligibility measures to refer participants to mainstream benefits.
2. Each coalition both partners and collaborates with their local healthcare organizations to assist with enrolling participants in health insurance. In addition, each area and/or county has a Hometown Health committee and Health Unit with whom they partner to assist in enrollment as well as partnering with any Federally Qualified Health Centers in the area.
3. At this time, the CoC does not have any guidelines in place to provide assistance to staff with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits. However, this is something that the CoC will evaluate and determine how to best correct this moving forward.
4. The AR BoS CoC works with all agency members to promote SSI/SSDI outreach and assistance and SOAR certification of program staff. Some agencies have been SOAR certified, and one agency in particular has a trainer for certification. The AR BoS plans to hire the trainer so that all agencies can be certified through the offered program. We hope to begin those discussions soon, so that the certification process can begin throughout the CoC service area.

3A. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

The CoC Special NOFO page provides HUD-approved resources to assist you in completing the Special NOFO CoC Application, including:

- Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
- 24 CFR part 578
- Special NOFO CoC Application Navigational Guide
- Section 3 Resources
- Frequently Asked Questions

3A-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects. (Rural Set Aside Only). Special NOFO Section VII.A.	
If the answer to the question below is yes, you must upload the CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.		
Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project(s) under the Rural Set Aside for housing rehabilitation or new construction costs?		No

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

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3B-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	

Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3B-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. (Rural Set Aside Only)	
	Special NOFO Section VII.C.	
	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4A. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3B-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.	

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4A. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

Please read the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1B-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	Local Competition...	09/28/2022
1B-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/28/2022
1B-3. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/28/2022
1B-3a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/28/2022
1B-4. Special NOFO CoC Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1. CoC Letter Supporting Capital Costs	No		
3B-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
P-1. Leveraging Housing Commitment	No		
P-1a. PHA Commitment	No		
P-3. Healthcare Leveraging Commitment	No	Healthcare Levera...	09/28/2022
P-9c. Lived Experience Support Letter	No	Lived Experience ...	10/14/2022
Plan. CoC Plan	Yes	CoC Plan for Unsh...	09/28/2022

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Submission Summary

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

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2C. Coordination and Engagement–Con't.	10/14/2022
3A. New Projects With Rehab/New Construction	No Input Required
3B. Homelessness by Other Federal Statutes	10/14/2022
4A. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required



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FY 2022 Special NOFO for Continuum of Care Funding-Intent to Apply

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Resources to assist potential applicants can be found at the following link:
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FY 2022 NOFO INFORMATIONAL WEBINAR MATERIALS

[Arkansas Balance of State-Continuum of Care Funding Powerpoint-6.2.2022](#)

FY 2022 NOFO INFORMATION WEBINAR

The Arkansas Balance of State Collaborative Applicant will host an informational webinar regarding the Continuum of Care and preparation for the FY 2022 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity on 06/02/2022 at 2:00 pm.

Topic: 2022 NOFO Information Webinar

Time: Jun 2, 2022 02:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care
2022 New Project Ranking Tool-Special NOFO

Reviewer
Agency
Project
Project Type

Threshold Questions All require "YES" or an accepted justification to move forward with application review.

Threshold Criteria	Yes	No	Source	Notes
Project complies with eligibility requirements of the CoC Interim Rule and Subsequent Notices and meets threshold requirements outlined in the HUD 2022 NOFO			CoC Interim Rule, 2022 NOFO, and eligibility information submitted with application	
Project does utilize the Housing First Model (checklist and application)			1) Project Application Section 3B #5 2) Supplemental Application Q4 3) Housing First Checklist	
Project will follow the CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures, including HUD's Equal Access Rule, when it is implemented while also			Supplemental Application Q6	
Project does or will participate in HMIS or an equivalent database			Supplemental Application Q15-19	
Project has written documentation of match that meets HUD's standards			Project Application Section 6i	
Applicant is an active CoC Participant			1) Committee List Submitted by Collaborative Application 2) Letter of Good Standing 3) Supplement Application Q11	
Application and supplemental application are complete			Review of Items Submitted	
Applicant does not have any unresolved HUD monitoring findings (if applicable)			Project Application Section 2B #4	
Current audit does not have findings or has submitted Corrective Action Plan if so			Agency Audit Letter and other documentation as needed	
Projects that serve families:				
The project accepts all families with children 18 and under without regard to age or gender			Supplemental Application Q7b	
The project has a staff person responsible for ensuring that children are enrolled in school and connected to services in the community			Supplemental Application Q7a	

I. Project readiness and management	Source Data	Points Breakdown	Total Points	Notes
Organization has experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application including working with and addressing the target population(s) identified housing and supportive service needs; developing and implementing relevant program systems, services, and/or residential property construction and rehab; identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources; and managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems.	Project Application section 2B #1	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
The estimated schedule for proposed activities is realistic and exhibits timely project implementation	Project Application section 3B #2	Total 5 Points		
		Highly Realistic	5	
		Realistic	3	
Not Realistic	0			
Organization has a financial management structure that operates accordingly with generally accepted accounting principles or has designated a fiscal agent that will maintain a functioning accounting system for the organization	Project Application Section 2B #3	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Organization provides information proving they have experience in leveraging Federal, State, local, and private sector funds	Project Application Section 2B #2	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Category I Total: Maximum Points			20	0

II. Project Services and Support	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Describes the entire scope of the project including each of the following: target population to be served, project plan for addressing the identified housing and supportive services needs, anticipated project outcome(s), coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit), and how CoC program funding will be used.	1) Project Application Section 3B #1 2) Supplemental Application Q5 and Q8 3) Attached MOUs	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
The proposed project is consistent with the plan described by the CoC in response to section VII.B.4 of the Special NOFO.	1) Project Application Section 3B 1a	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Agency has a plan for equitable and inclusive outreach to individuals that are specifically in underserved and overrepresented populations such as racial/ethnic groups and the LGBTQIA+ population.	1) Supplemental Application Q5 and Q9	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
The type, frequency, and duration of the supportive services proposed fit the needs of the population to be served	1) Project Application Section 4A #3 2) Supplemental Application Q8 3) Attached MOUs	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
This project outlines how it will assist clients to successfully obtain and maintain permanent housing including the following: how the project will determine the right type of housing, how the project will work with landlords to address possible issues and challenges if rental assistance or leasing assistance is used, type of assistance and support to be provided to program participants to overcome challenges to permanent housing, and how the project will work with program participants to set goals toward retention of permanent housing. If project will exclusively assist victims of domestic violence, the description must include safety planning addressing the needs of this particular homeless population towards meeting the goal of obtaining and maintaining housing.	Project Application Section 4A #1	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Project focuses on specific sub-population including DV, Veterans, Youth, or Chronically Homeless.	1) Project Application Section 3B 2) Supplemental Application Q5	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Project has specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which program	1) Project Application Section 4A#2 2) Supplemental Application Q8	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	

participants may be eligible including the following: assisting program participants with obtaining and increasing employment income, the type of mainstream services the project will assist program participants with obtaining to increase non-employment income, the type of social services the project will provide access and help program participants obtain, and access to healthcare benefits and resources.	3) Attached MOUs	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Project is a permanent housing project (PSH, RRH)	Project Application Section 3A and 4B	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Project confirms Housing First Approach and specifically explains how their agency follows this practice while limiting barriers to individuals needing assistance with housing.	1) Project Application Section 3B #5a-d 2) Supplemental Application Q4	Total 5 Points		
		Housing First Plan is implemented and agency prevents barriers to all populations	5	
		Housing First Plan is not yet implemented but agency does have a plan to proceed	3	
		Housing First Plan is not implemented with no plan to proceed	0	
Category II Total Maximum Points				45

III. HMIS	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes	
The agency has experience using HMIS or a comparable database Homeless System Response: https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Homeless-System-Response-Comparable-Database-Vendor-Checklist.pdf	Supplemental Application Q15-19	Total 5 Points			
		Has experience with HMIS	5		
		Some experience with HMIS but some concern with capacity	3		
		No experience with HMIS and significant concerns	0		
		OR			
		Has experience with HMIS comparable database or client-level data management	5		
		Some experience with comparable database or client-level data management but some concern with capacity	3		
No experience with HMIS comparable database or client-level data management and significant concerns	1				
Category III Total Maximum Points				5	

IV. Meaningful engagement of people with lived experience of homelessness in project design, policy-making, and decision-making	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Project demonstrates experience and plan to incorporate people with lived experience of homelessness in decision-making, feedback, and operation of the program or past projects	Supplemental Application Q10	Total 6 Points		
		Someone with lived experience of homelessness is on agency board (involving survivors of domestic violence)	1	
		Agency employs staff members with lived experience of homelessness	1	
		Program provides opportunities to provide anonymous feedback during program and at program exit	1	
		Agency has diverse staff and board including BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ community members	1	
		Program provides sound examples of ways that participants are meaningfully engaged in program design and operation in addition to how their involvement influenced the program	1	
Category IV Total Maximum Points				6

V. Active participation in Continuum of Care	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Involvement in a Balance of State or Local Homeless Coalition Committee (could include PIT Count committee, Planning committee, strategic planning committee, or other committee not listed)	1) Committee List Submitted by Collaborative Applicant 2) Letter of Good Standing 3) Supplemental Application Q11	Total 2 Point		
		Yes	2	
		No	0	
Category V Total Maximum Points				2

VI. Community Need	Source Data	Points Available	Points Awarded	Notes
Demonstrated Geographical Need	Supplemental Application Q2	Total 5 Points		
		Statistical evidence proves the demonstrated need for this project in the geographic area	5	
		Only limited statistical evidence provided to prove the demonstrated need for this project in the geographic area	3	
		No statistical evidence was provided to prove the demonstrated needs for this project in the geographic area	0	
In the case where the similar services exist, the service is still relevant and a reasonable plan to avoid duplication of services is in place.	1) Supplemental Application Q3	Total 5 Points		
		Organization states there are other services being provided and shows plan in place to avoid duplication while working with partners	5	
		Organization states that are other services being provided in the area but does not show plan in place to avoid duplication Organization is not sure if there are other services being provided in the area and does not show plan in place to avoid duplication	3	

			0		
		OR			
		There are currently no services being provided in this area with no issue of duplication to occur	5		
The agency exhibits local partnerships through compliance with educational assurances (if serving children), LHC participation and strategic MOUs, and leveraging to meet real program needs.	1) Supplemental Application Q7a 2) Attached MOUs	Total 5 Points Agency states they work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes, if applicable, and provides examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	5		
		Agency states they work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes, if applicable, but does not provide examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	3		
		Agency does not work with specific partners (with proof of MOUs) including educational institutes and does not provide examples of ways they have leveraged program resources	0		
The agency accepts all families with children 18 and under without regard to age and gender	1) Supplemental Application Q7B	Total 5 Points			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
Agency employs SOAR trained staff	1) Project Application Section 4A 2) Supplemental Application Q8 3) Current Certification	Total 3 Points			
		Yes	3		
		No	0		
The targeted sub-population for this project is a current proven need in the community.	1) Project Application Section 3B, 5B 2) Supplemental Application Q5	Total 5 Points Program make-up, goals, and associated services are tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population and the applicant has adequate skills and experience to administer the tailored project	5		
		Program make-up, goals, and associated services are not tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population, but the applicant has adequate skills and experience with plans to implement and administer the tailored project OR Program make-up, goals, and associated services are tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population, but the applicant does not have adequate skills and experience with plans to administer the tailored project	3		
		Program make-up, goals, and associated services are not tailored to meet the needs of the sub-population, and the applicant does not have adequate skills and experience to administer the tailored project if implemented	0		
Inclusive Outreach Plan	1) Supplemental Application Q9	Total 5 Points The outreach plan for the project participants is inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, and targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), feasibly implemented and leverages community support	5		
		The outreach plan for the project participants is not currently inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, nor targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), not feasibly implemented, and does not leverage community support, but the agency has provided plans of future changes to correct this	3		
		The outreach plan for the project participants is not currently inclusive of all eligible participants within the community, accessible, nor targeted to persons with high barriers (which may require an ongoing street outreach component), not feasibly implemented, and does not leverage community support with no future plans to correct this	0		
Agency has confirmed commitment to assist in development and implementation as well as participation in the CoC's coordinated entry system	1) Project Application 3B #4 2) Supplemental Application Q6	Total 5 Points			
		Yes	5		
		No	0		
VI. Maximum Points			38	0	

VII. Increasing Safety for Survivors of Domestic Violence	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Housing case managers and direct supervisors trained in trauma-informed care, which includes "trauma and its impact" and "trauma-informed care."	Supplemental Application Q12	Total 1 Point		
		Yes	1	
		No	0	
Housing case managers and direct supervisors completed training for serving survivors of domestic violence (DV 101)	Supplemental Application Q13	Total 1 Point		
		Yes	1	
		No	0	
Agency has an emergency transfer and re-housing policy that, at minimum, mirrors the VAWA emergency transfer policy in the Entry Point Policies and Procedures	Supplemental Application Q14	Total 1 Point		
		Yes	1	
		No	0	
VII. Maximum Points			3	0

VIII. Project Budget	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Project can be under grant by 09/15/2024	Project Application Section 6A	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Project Budget provides a description for any eligible cost item listed along with annual assistance requested	Project Application Section 6-Budgets that pertain to project	Total 5 Points		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Match is secured with source(s) documented	1) Project Application-6i	Total 5 Points		

	2) Match Documentation requested in checklist	Yes	5
		No	0
VIII. Maximum Points			15

IX. Program Exits	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Successful Program exits from 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 (PSH)	Supplemental Application #20	Total 10 points		
		66.8% or above	10	
		61.0%-66.7%	5	
		60.9% or below	0	
		2021 System Performance Average for AR503: 66.7% (M7b2: Successful PH Exits at link below) https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/system.performance.measures.hud.public.data/viz/HUDCoCSystemPerformanceMeasures/M1LengthofStay		
Successful Program exits from 7/1/2021-6/30/2022 (ES, SH, TH, and RRH)	Supplemental Application #20	Total 10 points		
		22.1% or above	10	
		15.1%-22.0%	5	
		15% or below	0	
		2021 System Performance Average for AR503: 22.0% (M7b1: Successful ES, SH, TH, RRH at link below) https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/system.performance.measures.hud.public.data/viz/HUDCoCSystemPerformanceMeasures/M1LengthofStay		
Category IX: Maximum Points			15	0

X. Increase Income	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
% of persons age 18 and older who increased earned income at program exit from 10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Supplemental Application #21	Total 10 points		
		50.1% or above	10	
		45%-50%	5	
		44.9% or below	0	
		2021 System Performance Average for AR503: 50% (M4: Lvs Increase Earned Inc. at link below) https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/system.performance.measures.hud.public.data/viz/HUDCoCSystemPerformanceMeasures/M1LengthofStay		
% of person age 18 and older who increased total income at program exit, either by gaining a source of income or by increasing the amount of their total income from 10/1/2020-9/30/2021	Supplemental Application #22	Total 10 points		
		52.3% or above	10	
		47%-52.2%	5	
		52.1% or below	0	
		2021 System Performance Average for AR503: 52.2% (M4: Lvs Increase Total Inc. at link below) https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/system.performance.measures.hud.public.data/viz/HUDCoCSystemPerformanceMeasures/M1LengthofStay		
Category X: Maximum Points			20	0

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% of persons served by a PH program who meet locally defined vulnerable conditions at entry based on organization assessment from 10/1/2020-09/30/2021: Mental Illness Alcohol Abuse Chronic Health Conditions HIV/AIDS Development Disabilities Physical Disabilities	Supplemental Application #25	Total 6 points		
		50% or greater w/2 or more conditions	6	
		30%-49.9% w/2 or more conditions	4	
		10%-29.9% w/2 or more conditions	2	
		Below 10% w/2 or more conditions	0	
% of persons served by a RRH, TH, or TH-RRH program who meet locally defined vulnerable conditions at entry based on organization assessment from 10/1/2020-09/30/2021: Mental Illness Alcohol Abuse Chronic Health Conditions HIV/AIDS Development Disabilities Physical Disabilities	Supplemental Application #25	Total 6 points		
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Category XI: Maximum Points			6	0

XII. Utilizing New and Existing Resources Effectively to Improve the Homeless System	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Projects are consistently utilizing grant resources (any state and federal grant funds during most recent completed grant year of each one--will average for the percentage).	Supplemental Application #24	Total 10 points		
		Less than 2% not spent at grant award year end	10	
		More than 2% not spent at grant award year end but sufficient justification presented to explain	5	
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Category XII: Maximum Points			10	0

XIII. System Performance Improvement	Source Data	Points Available	Total Points	Notes
Agency has a plan in place to annually review system performance data to improve upon system outcomes and provides data to show how this has been done.	1) Supplemental Application Q26	Total 5 Point		
		Yes	5	
		No	0	
Category XIII. Total Maximum Points			5	0

Scoring Summary	Points Awarded	Maximum Points
Category I. Project readiness and management	0	20
Category II. Project services and support	0	45
Category III. HMIS	0	5
Category IV. Meaningful engagement of people with lived experience of homelessness in project design, policy-making, and decision-making	0	6
Category V. Active Participation CoC	0	2
Category VI. Community Need	0	38
Category VII. Increasing Safety for Survivors of Domestic Violence	0	3
Category VIII. Project Budget	0	15
Category IX. Program Exits	0	10
Category X. Increase Income	0	20
Category XI. Project Serves Vulnerable Population	0	6

Category XII. Utilizing new and existing resources effectively to improve the homeless system	0	10
Category XIII. System Performance Improvement	0	5
Total Points	0	185

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Additional Reviewer Comments

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The **Family Center**, Inc. Rank and Review Notification-Special NOFO

To Gracie Gonner

Cc William Tollett; Myracle White; Patty Davis; Sue Legal

 The Family Center, Inc.-Rank and Review Notification-9.27.2022.pdf
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Ms. Gonner-

Please find attached the rank and review notification letter for The **Family Center**, Inc. Please review the letter and let us know if you have questions.—Casey

Casey Kidd, MBA

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Serenity Incorporated Rank and Review Notification-Special NOFO

To Nicole Brakebill; poc [serenityinc.org](mailto:poc@serenityinc.org)

Cc William Tollett; Myracle White; Patty Davis; Sue Legal

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ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE (AR-503)

CONTINUUM OF CARE

09/27/2022

Serenity Incorporated
Attn: Ms. Melinda Fulton
1015 Hwy 62 W
Mountain Home, AR 72653

Re: FY 2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)-Rural Set Aside

Applicant Name: Serenity Incorporated
Project Name: Domestic Violence Victims Housing Assistance and Guidance
Application Score: 61 out of 185
Application Ranking: Not ranked
Score Percentage: 32.97%
Funding Proposed: None Proposed

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1. The application did not meet threshold requirements: The Application and Supplemental Application were not complete and missing information to complete the rank and review process.
 - a. CoC letter of good standing was not submitted by the applicant but was issued to the applicant by the CoC ahead of the deadline;
 - b. MOUs were not provided;
 - c. Written documentation of match was not submitted;
 - d. Form 2991 was not submitted;
 - e. Supplemental Application Q3 was not answered;
 - f. Supplemental Application Q12-14 were not answered, but your agency is a DV facility;
 - g. Supplemental Application Q15-18 regarding HMIS-your agency marked you have experience with HMIS but you use Osnum, a comparable database. You should have

- marked Yes to Q17 but you did not answer that question. Therefore, you did not answer Q18 which should have been "Osniium" ; and
- h. Supplemental Application Q24-concern was expressed with both ESG and VOCA funds going unspent due to staff issues at the time. While new staff is in place, there is no reference to previous historical experience.

The Rank and Review Committee commends the applicant for submitting their application; however, we encourage all applicants to thoroughly read the NOFO and all instructions released as well as answering all appropriate items in the application and supplemental application. If you would like to appeal your results, please follow this process outlined as follows:

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Sincerely,



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Homeless Programs Director, Arkansas Balance of State

Cc:

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The Family Center, Inc.
Attn: Ms. Gracie Ann Gonner
406 Pecan Street
Helena, AR 72342

Re: FY 2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)-Rural Set Aside

Applicant Name: The Family Center, Inc.
Project Name: Rural Grant Homes
Application Score: 112.33 out of 185
Application Ranking: Not Ranked
Score Percentage: 60.72%
Funding Proposed: None Proposed

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 - a. Form 2991 was not submitted;
 - b. Some MOUs submitted were not dated so not sure if they were timely;
 - c. Supplemental Application Q2 was not answered and missing statistical information;
 - d. You are a DV facility but state that you will use HMIS and not the comparable database for victim services provider;
 - e. Supplemental Application Q6 regarding commitment to continuum's coordinated entry process was not answered;
 - f. Supplemental Application Q9 did not address how your agency planned to engage service resistant participants;

- g. Supplemental Application Q17-18 provided conflicting information or not answered, specifically stating your agency would use HMIS but not using comparable database. When asked for the system used, the question was left blank;
- h. Supplemental Application Q26 states they use qualitative services but provided no explanation; and
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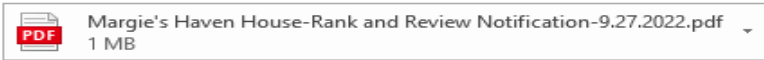


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Margie's Haven House-Rank and Review Notification-Special NOFO

To Shoshana Wells; **Shannon** Haward

Cc William Tollett; Myracle White; Patty Davis; Sue Legal



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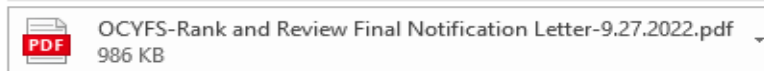


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OCYFS Rank and Review Notification-Special NOFO

To Sue Legal

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Sue-

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09/27/2022

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Attn: Mrs. Shoshana Wells
P. O. Box 954
Heber Springs, AR 72543

Re: FY 2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)-Rural Set Aside

Applicant Name: Margie's Haven House, Inc.
Project Name: Rural Set Aside Project Application FY 2022
Application Score: 175.33 out of 185
Application Ranking: 1
Score Percentage: 94.77%
Funding Proposed: \$204,858.00 (funding request plus capacity building request)

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09/27/2022

Ouachita Children, Youth, and Family Services, Inc.
Attn: Mrs. Sue Legal
339 Charteroak
Hot Springs, AR 71901

Re: FY 2022 CoC Supplemental to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness (Special NOFO)-Rural Set Aside

Applicant Name: Ouachita Children's Center, Inc.
Project Name: Rural Set Aside
Application Score: 141.67 out of 185
Application Ranking: 2
Score Percentage: 76.58%
Funding Proposed: \$1,267,200.00 (funding request plus capacity building)

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Heber Springs, AR 72543
501 887-3000
501 887-3300 (Fax)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)/PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/ Partnership Agreement is entered into by and between:

AGENCY A: Margie's Haven House, Inc. (MHH) – A Domestic Violence Shelter Provider
P. O. Box 954, Heber Springs, Arkansas, 72543-0954
Phone: (501) 362-6757 **Fax:** (501) 362-73702
E-Mail and/or website: margieshavenhouse@gmail.com

And

AGENCY B: Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs, (BHMC) – providing a comprehensive and complete range of medical services
1800 Bypass Road, Heber Springs, AR 72543
Phone: (501) 887-3000
E-Mail and/or website: <https://www.baptist-health.com/location/baptist-health-medical-center-heber-springs-heber-springs>

Purpose

To ensure project success and best outcomes for clients, both parties agree to collaborate to the provisions below, according to the needs and eligibility of clients seeking assistance and based upon the goals, objectives, and policies and procedures of each organization.

Agency A agrees to: Call upon BHMC in case of emergency situations within the shelter
Refer Clients on an "as needed basis"

Agency B agrees to: Provide information about Margie's Haven House to Victims of DV
Refer clients of Domestic Violence to MHH

Timeframe: This MOU/Partnership will commence on **April 21, 2022** and will promote a new agreement at the end of **September 30, 2024**.

Confidentiality: In order to ensure the safety of clients, all parties to the memorandum of understanding/partnership agreement; agree to adhere to the confidentiality of all clients served. This Memorandum of Understanding/Partnership Agreement is the complete agreement between **Margie's Haven House (MHH)** and **Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs** and may be amended only by written agreement signed by each of the parties involved.

AGENCY A: (Margie's Haven House, Inc.) Authorized Official:

Shoshana Wells Shoshana Wells 5-2-22 executive director
Signature Printed Name Date Title

AGENCY B: (Baptist Health Medical Center-Heber Springs) Authorized Official:

Kevin Storey Kevin Storey 5/2/2022 President
Signature Printed Name Date Title





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And

AGENCY B: Counseling Associates—An Affiliate of Arisa Health, Inc
Provides a full continuum of innovative, community-based behavioral health car services to enhance the quality of life for individuals in the community
115 South 3rd Street, Heber Springs, AR 72543
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E-Mail and/or website: <http://caiinc.org/>

Purpose

To ensure project success and best outcomes for clients, both parties agree to collaborate to the provisions below, according to the needs and eligibility of clients seeking assistance and based upon the goals, objectives, and policies and procedures of each organization.

Agency A agrees to: Refer Victims of Domestic Violence on an "as needed" basis

Agency B agrees to: Provide information about Margie's Haven House to DV victims
Refer eligible clients to Margie's Haven House

Timeframe: This MOU/Partnership will commence on **September 1, 2022** and will promote a new agreement at the end of **September 30, 2024**.

Confidentiality: In order to ensure the safety of clients, all parties to the memorandum of understanding/partnership agreement; agree to adhere to the confidentiality of all clients served. This Memorandum of Understanding/Partnership Agreement is the complete agreement between **Margie's Haven House (MHH)** and **Counseling Associates** and may be amended only by written agreement signed by each of the parties involved.

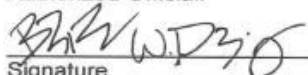
AGENCY A: (Margie's Haven House, Inc.)

Authorized Official:

	<u>Shannon Howard</u>	<u>9.1.22</u>	<u>lead vic. advocate</u>
Signature	Printed Name	Date	Title

AGENCY B: (Counseling Associates)

Authorized Official:

	<u>Brian W. Davis</u>	<u>September 1, 2022</u>	<u>CEO</u>
Signature	Printed Name	Date	Title



ARKANSAS BALANCE OF STATE (AR-503)

CONTINUUM OF CARE

09/28/2022

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Arkansas Balance of State Special Continuum of Care Funding Application Submission

The Arkansas Balance of State has implemented a Lived Experience Workgroup made up of 6 individuals with lived experience of homelessness including representation from underserved and overrepresented populations. The lived experience workgroup is working alongside the Collaborative Applicant and CoC to provide much needed guidance regarding service delivery to unsheltered individuals who might be more difficult to reach and ensuring they have access to housing and other supportive services needed with low to no barriers.

The workgroup is currently meeting every two weeks to discuss objectives and goals to develop policies and procedures regarding assisting them further which includes landlord education and recruitment and reduction of barriers to services. The workgroup will work to ensure that the policies and procedures do align with the CoC plan to reach the unsheltered population who might have more severe service needs.

As representatives for the workgroup, we fully support the CoC's submission of the Consolidated Application for the Special CoC Funding Application. We are hopeful about strides that will be made through the CoC with service delivery to our most vulnerable populations experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Sincerely,

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Laura King, Assistant Director, United Way of Central Arkansas and Workgroup Member

Shane Fore, Executive Director, Stepping Stone Sanctuary and Workgroup Member

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Lacey Strom, Community Programs Manager, Community Action Programs of Central Arkansas and Workgroup Member

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Currently, the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care AR-503, does not have a system-wide strategy in place for landlord recruitment. However, several agencies do have successful methods they follow which we will be evaluating on a continuum wide basis for near future implementation. Examples of recruitment methods that agencies have in place do include the following:

- Hosting a landlord fair twice a year to educate and assist landlords with a better understand of specific funding programs such as Emergency Solutions Grant;
- Building strong partnerships and working to maintain those over time which leads to increased referrals for other landlords;
- Working with area landlord associations to not only build but also increase trust and relationships amongst landlords;
- Budgeting Planning and Verifying Income with program participants to work on preapproving them before referred to a specific landlord;
- Ensuring that recruitment includes both educational and advocacy components for program participants; and
- Hearing landlord concerns and working with all parties involved (landlords, case managers, and program participants) to find a successful outcome.

Within the last 3 years, methods that have been implemented and proven successful are as follows:

- Landlord fair that was previously mentioned; and
- Ensuring continuous follow-up with both landlords and program participants.

An agency specified that they work on capturing housing status 6-12 months after rental assistance has ended, so that they can then report that data back to landlords. For example, they are able to say “80% of our rapid rehousing participants are still successfully house after 12 months.” This works to demonstrate success of the program and hopefully retain current landlords and recruit more as well. Balance of State is working closely right now with our HMIS lead agency, Pulaski County Government to ensure that our data quality is strong as it helps lead to more data-driven outcomes and decisions made. Data points such as the one just mentioned regarding program success will be used in addition to non-identifying statistics regarding program participant outcomes since they have been enrolled in the program including increase in earned/non-earned income, mainstream resources, and other successful program outcomes. We plan to use this data to indicate to landlords, both current and future, how program participants are able to gain stability and self-sufficiency by working through CoC programs and services in a housing first approach.

As a Continuum of Care, we recognize that landlord recruitment and housing advocacy work hand in hand. We are ready to implement policies and procedures system-wide regarding landlord recruitment in order to not only quickly house those that we serve but increase the number of units that could potentially be available. At this time, we see a severe lack of safe and

affordable units throughout our full continuum, but the more we recruit and build relationships, the more opportunities we will hopefully see to place priority on housing available for those our programs serve. Many agencies face issues finding units that are at or below fair market rent guidelines. In some instances, rent prices are hundreds of dollars above the limit. This will be another educational piece that will be discussed with landlords through the education and recruitment process.

In addition to improving landlord recruitment and education in order to house unsheltered individuals and keep them housed, we are also focused on further expansion of street outreach services that are being delivered in many areas of the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care. Overall, these are separate programs by different agencies, but we will be evaluating those programs to determine best practices for expansion across the full continuum. There are currently groups that do have a coordinated effort where others conduct outreach when notified of an unsheltered individual in need of assistance. There are groups that are conducting weekly if not daily outreach to unsheltered individuals in their service area. One agency in particular has a street outreach mobile that is equipped with supplies, food, and program applications for services.

Through street outreach, multiple agencies have been able to assist individuals with receiving permanent housing through a rapid rehousing program. The street outreach teams are able to engage with individuals and build relationships with them. With the chronically homeless unsheltered population, it is crucial to build trust with them due to past traumatic events that they have encountered in life. When an agency is able to do this through their street outreach service delivery, they are able to work toward a resolution of unsheltered homelessness and exiting to permanent housing. Overall, it is necessary for the teams to identify that what works for one individual or one household might not always work for the others. In order to make sure that engagement occurs and that it is maintained, it is increasingly important that the delivery model is reflective of not only a trauma-informed approach but also a shared power approach. This allows the model to be supportive of both individuals and families and to further identify what needs they are facing and what services they feel will assist them in transitioning out of unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing. If an agency that conducts street outreach does not have a rapid rehousing program or other similar permanent housing program, they work to refer individuals to other agencies with those services. As a continuum, we work on the importance of partnerships, especially at the local level, for situations like this.

At this time, agencies are hiring people with lived experience that they have encountered through various programs including street outreach delivery. Our continuum also has established a lived experience workgroup, and our discussions will continue to include various subjects on their inclusion which would include job opportunities through agencies providing services to them.

The Continuum recognizes the importance of the Housing First approach in order to increase access to low barrier housing for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Furthermore, the continuum has increased discussions of this very subject in recent months in hopes that more agencies within the continuum will implement the approach if not already done so. At this time, participating in a housing first approach is a threshold requirement for any continuum of care funding applications submitted for potential funding, and this is something that will continue into the future. Even though some agencies are implementing a housing first approach, they are running into barriers created by landlords due to rental and/or criminal background of the program participant. However, this is where landlord recruitment and program

participant advocacy become a key piece of the process in order to mitigate any challenges faced. We will continue discussions of why housing first works and the importance of implementation of it so that individuals can come to us as they are and receive the assistance they need without additional barriers that could hinder their ability to maintain stability in permanent housing. Currently, we do not have strong evidence to demonstrate how the continuum performs at providing low-barrier and culturally appropriate access to permanent housing to individuals and families, evidence proving our strategy, nor new practices implemented over the past three years. There are agencies that are working to prioritize families with children experiencing unsheltered homelessness in addition to adding priority points to households showing increased vulnerability. Even though there is not a consistent strategy in place through the continuum, agencies are working hard to prioritize the unsheltered, and the continuum will be making strides soon in development of a strategy to ensure the unsheltered are receiving low barrier access to housing.

In order to continue emphasis on prioritizing those facing unsheltered homelessness, the continuum will work with funding recipients to ensure that resources awarded are being used to address this. In order to do that, the continuum plans to implement oversight committees related specifically to the special continuum of care rural set aside to determine baseline numbers and progress of reducing unsheltered homelessness through the use of these funds. In addition to working with funding recipients, we will also be working with community partners to continue to educate them on the need of prioritizing housing for those that are most vulnerable and those that are unsheltered. The continuum will continue to use resources to recruit landlords and work with them on discussion of dedicating units to those in need of immediate permanent housing. In addition, our continuum will be working to develop policies and procedures on program eligibility that will ensure priority is placed on the most vulnerable unsheltered population in order to not just move them into permanent housing but to also work with them to maintain that housing and further stability. As the continuum works to implement a dedicated coordinated entry system, planning will ensure that coordinated entry policies and procedures correlate with program eligibility policies and procedures so that consistency is occurring throughout programs within the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

Furthermore, street outreach programs will continue to meet the unsheltered population where they are while building relationships with them and discussing their options with housing resources. Our agencies understand that it does take time to move the unsheltered into housing due to various circumstances that can include but are not limited to hesitancy of program participants to leave their current situation, developing trust between program participants and agency staff, barriers to get into housing such as lack of identification and rental/criminal background, and availability of permanent housing and other resources to help maintain stability. However, the agencies will continue to work to ensure that individuals are aware of resources and are connected to those that are available by referrals and follow-up until the coordinated entry system is completely developed.

Our continuum recognizes that the unsheltered population, especially those that are chronically homeless, need additional guidance or support in leaving their unsheltered life and obtaining permanent housing and stability. The continuum will identify ways to assist these individuals in removing barriers to gain access to their identification and materials needed to obtain that, work with them through the housing navigation system by ensuring strong landlord relationships along with education and further recruitment, and connecting them to our community partners for needed health care and other supportive services which could include obtaining benefits, health care insurance, and other needed mainstream resources.

Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care has taken steps to be intentional in regards to including individuals with lived experience in decision making steps. Some of those examples are as follows:

- Development of a Lived-Experience Workgroup to Develop Policies and Procedures on better service delivery to those experiencing homelessness in the continuum's service area; and
- Governance Charter revisions to include the following:
 - Adding 4 voting board seats for individuals with lived experience who are currently homeless or have experienced it in the last 5 years; and
 - Ensuring that lived experience individuals in the overrepresented and underserved populations have the opportunity to participate and are represented.

In order to identify individuals for the lived experience workgroup, our continuum posted an open invitation on our website, on our Facebook page, and in emails to the full board and local coalition members. Current members were asked to think of their program participants that might be willing to serve in this role and invite them to join the group. At this time, the workgroup is comprised of individuals that are in leadership positions or service delivery roles within their organizations and work daily to influence local priorities and policies to ensure that the unsheltered population are not just receiving services they need but also to educate the community and advocate for them on policy changes that should be made in order to remove barriers they face. We still would like for this workgroup to expand to those that are currently experiencing homelessness and will continue to work on that endeavor.

As a continuum, we have not discussed a specific plan for agencies to engage individuals by hiring them to assist in service delivery. However, there are agencies throughout the continuum that do hire individuals that have received services through their agencies. We will continue to have this discussion and look at ways that this can be implemented even further throughout the continuum.

The continuum has made additions in our governance charter to ensure that the underserved and overrepresented population have not just a seat but a voice at our table. These individuals deserve to be heard and can allow us to understand how we as a continuum can better develop strategies to reach the underserved community through equitable service delivery methods. We also will closely work with our HMIS team to focus on data outcomes to see what demographics are receiving services throughout our service area. Part of this will be to ensure that all data points are captured so that we will have quality input to help make data-driven decisions. Unfortunately, at this time, we do not have the data that we need to help us to know that we have the best strategy in place. As a continuum though, we work to reach all populations and do not discriminate against any vulnerable population that needs assistance. It is truly our goal to serve those that are most vulnerable and facing extreme barriers in their ability to gain permanent housing and stability. One agency has noted they recently changed their priority point system so that the underserved communities receive more priority. This is just one step in a forward direction that we will continue.

Even though the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care might not necessarily have dedicated strategies in for the full continuum, agencies throughout the service area are working in some of these avenues at this time. The continuum will be working with local homeless coalitions, our lived experience workgroup, coordinated entry committee and other committees needed in the coming months to further discussions of what our continuum needs to do to ensure that we are reaching the most vulnerable populations facing unsheltered

homelessness and to talk further about what that looks like in a rural setting where resources can be more limited. It is our desire to increase resources in the rural settings so that no one has to face additional barriers to obtain permanent housing and their life of stability.