

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

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

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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

**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:** Ouachita Children, Youth, and Family Services, Inc

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

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

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

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| 16. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes | Yes | No |
| 17. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons                                     | Yes | No  | No |
| 18. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities                           | Yes | No  | No |
| 19. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates  | Yes | Yes | No |
| 20. | Public Housing Authorities  | Yes | Yes | No |
| 21. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons   | Yes | No  | No |
| 22. | Street Outreach Team(s)   | Yes | Yes | No |
| 23. | Substance Abuse Advocates   | Yes | Yes | No |
| 24. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations   | Yes | Yes | No |
| 25. | Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking                                     | Yes | Yes | No |
| 26. | Victim Service Providers  | Yes | Yes | No |
| 27. | Domestic Violence Advocates   | Yes | Yes | No |
| 28. | Other Victim Service Organizations  | Yes | No  | No |
| 29. | State Domestic Violence Coalition   | No  | No  | No |
| 30. | State Sexual Assault Coalition  | No  | No  | No |
| 31. | Youth Advocates   | Yes | No  | No |
| 32. | Youth Homeless Organizations  | Yes | No  | No |
| 33. | Youth Service Providers   | Yes | No  | No |
|     | Other: (limit 50 characters)  |     |     |    |
| 34. | Faith Based Organizations   | Yes | No  | No |
| 35. | Community Action Agencies   | Yes | Yes | No |

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| <b>1B-2.</b> | <b>Open Invitation for New Members.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)                |  |

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

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1. This year, one hundred and fifteen agencies received an invitation to join the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care. In addition, the invitation was posted to the public information tab on the website for the continuum. It is always the goal to add new members to the CoC that are not currently participating but that are community partners working toward preventing and ending homelessness in the state of Arkansas.

2. In November, the Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care’s website became compliant with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act to ensure that materials disseminated are easily accessible to all individuals. In addition to ensuring items are accessible in electronic format, the CoC also ensures invitations are given verbally in non-CoC meetings that have an interest to participate.

3. The most recent open invitation was sent to the following agencies which serve individuals in our service area that are overrepresented as well as underserved in homelessness: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, chapters of Court Appointed Special Advocates in the state of Arkansas, Arkansas Strong Families, Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, Arkansas Coalition of Marshallese, Arkansas Community Organizations, Arkansas Public Policy Panel, Arkansas Support Network, Citizens First Congress, Disability Rights Arkansas, Hispanic Women’s Organization of Arkansas, Marshallese Education Initiative, Rural Community Alliance, Urban League of the State of Arkansas, Arkansas Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, Central Arkansas Pride, Arkansas Humanities Council, The Equality Crew, Ferncliff, Foster Love Arkansas, and NEA Progress.

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

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

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1. and 2. We strive to ensure that we are connected to individuals and organizations working with individuals that are homeless to talk to them about their work, their passion, and how they can be involved with us. In addition, we want to hear from them regarding what they see through their service delivery, what they feel is needed to further the prevention of homelessness, and what barriers they face that we can work on together. The CoC director is a member of the Humanities and Resources Team (HART) for Craighead County which is comprised of mental health professionals, law enforcement agencies, service providers, Veteran organizations, hospitals, churches, college/university, and local government working to divert individuals facing crisis including homelessness and mental health illness from the criminal justice system and to increase their stability. The group meets monthly to discuss issues that their agencies face but also to share success stories that have come from collaboration including co-responding with law enforcement and mental health, assisting a homeless individual to obtain housing and other services through outreach by the mobile crisis unit, and preventing individuals from going into jail by connecting to mental health/substance use treatment. The CoC director attends these meetings monthly to ensure that communication is being shared between the taskforce and the CoC. Information is shared at each meeting regarding training opportunities available, local homeless coalition information, and any other pertinent information related to the group and topics of discussion.

3. In November, the Continuum of Care’s website became compliant with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act to ensure that materials disseminated are easily accessible to all individuals. In addition to this, the CoC also ensures invitations are given in non-CoC meetings that would include individuals that would like to participate in the continuum along with offering virtual meetings and electronic contact forms.

4. A topic that is being discussed between the CoC and other groups, including HART, is discharge planning. While groups do have plans in place, there are still challenges faced on both the side discharging and the side receiving. Due to this, the CoC is scheduling a training next month so that agencies can come together and learn from each other. It is our hope that we are able to gain a better understanding of processes to ensure individuals are housed.

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

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1. The public was made aware through a request for proposals posted to the CoC's website, facebook page, and to meetings outside of the CoC membership with including the following statement: "The CoC is open to and will accept and consider proposals from organizations that have not previously received CoC funding."
2. On July 6th, the CoC released a Request for Proposals announcing deadlines for both letter of intent to apply and application, availability of application materials, and informational q and a session along with checklists and instructions regarding the submission process. The checklist includes instructions for project applicants including project application, supplemental application, and attachments requested along with deadline and email to where they should be submitted.
3. The RFP indicated that project applications submitted to the CoC would be submitted to the Rank and Review for a scoring and ranking process. The RFP stated that the CoC requires all applicants to meet the threshold criteria in order to be selected and ranked. In addition, the rating breakdown for each type of project is listed. This includes scoring section name (i.e. System Performance Improvement), points available for each section, and the percentage of each section based on the overall points available. All rank and review rating tools were posted to the CoC website on the day the RFP was released. Each rating tool includes a source data column so that applicants know what information is used to score a section. Applicants are urged to review the rating tool so that they can ensure all questions are answered fully to gain maximum points.
4. The website for the CoC is section 508 compliant to ensure that all materials are accessible to individuals of the public, and all materials related to the competition were posted on the grants and bids page. In addition, the CoC hosted both an informational webinar about the CoC funding before the NOFO was released and then an information Q&A session about the application materials and process once the RFP was made public.

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

|     | Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects      | Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects? |
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| 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)   |  |



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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The Director of the CoC has had multiple discussions with the Office of Community Grant Services through the Arkansas Department of Human Services, the state ESG recipient, regarding funding throughout the service area. Discussions included advocating for additional funding to agencies who have depleted funding where need is still great and partnering for expiring ESG funds to assist in implementation of HMIS regional coordinator positions within the CoCs. For example, as a result of the conversations and collaboration between the CoCs, DHS, and HMIS lead agency, an HMIS regional coordinator position has been added using ESG funds within the Balance of State.

2. The CoC director has worked through discussions with the ESG team at DHS to determine agencies that are facing difficulties in timeliness and/or spending. When those agencies have been identified, the CoC has stepped in to offer assistance in addressing any issues as identified by the ESG team. The CoC continues to offer assistance to the ESG team for evaluation of the programs including monitoring.

3. Each of the Consolidated Plan Jurisdictions within the Balance of State were provided with the information after the reports were finalized for the 2023 Point-in-Time Count and Housing Inventory Count.

4. Information from the Balance of State is provided for and included in the most recent Consolidated Action Plans for the State of Arkansas (AEDC), City of Jonesboro, City of Conway, City of West Memphis and City of Hot Springs which are all consolidated planning districts located in the CoC service area.

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

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| Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ensures emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing (PSH and RRH) do not deny admission or separate family members regardless of each family member's self-reported sexual orientation and gender identity: |
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| 1. | Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.  | Yes |
| 2. | Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.   | Yes |
| 3. | Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.   | Yes |
| 4. | Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance. | No  |
| 5. | Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers.  | No  |

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Over the past year, the CoC has worked to partner with the federal programs division of the Arkansas Department of Education to determine how we can better work together to ensure that homeless families with children and/or unaccompanied youth are connected to services in which they qualify. While McKinney-Vento liaisons in each school district work hard to ensure families have services needed, it is hard to know exactly what is available at all times. Currently, we are working on creating a spreadsheet with shared contact data for each school district within Balance of State. The spreadsheet will build on one the Dept. of Education currently has but will add a point of contact for each liaison in their local homeless coalition (lhc). This will hopefully assist on decreasing the number of calls that the liaisons and families must make in order to find appropriate services. In addition, this will allow agencies to know their point of contact at the school to ensure that families are connected to their educational services. The LHC contact and the liaison will be able to speak directly regarding potential resolutions to situations that might arise to ensure that children do not see an interruption to their education while experiencing homelessness.

OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant and new HMIS lead agency, acts as an LEA to the Hot Springs School District to ensure that children who are not able to attend school due to reasons including short shelter stay and/or struggles faced preventing learning in a classroom still receive an education. Through a partnership with HS School District, OCYFS is able to host a certified teacher and certified tutor on-site. Students are enrolled through the HSSD, but they attend class at the shelter. OCYFS works with HSSD to ensure that educational services are being continuously improved to allow students to meet challenging academic content and standards, collaborate in providing activities and/or education for at-risk youth to prevent drop-out, and to provide services that will assist with successful transition from institutionalization to further schooling or employment. 5 other school districts within the CoC service area receive the same Title 1 Part D funding working with other LEAs in their area that provide services to youth, and we will work on developing partnerships with them as well over the next 12 months.

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

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| Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for educational services. |
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Every CoC funded program within Balance of State must adhere to the Educational Rights and Responsibilities policy implemented by the CoC. While other agencies are not mandated to implement them at this time, they are strongly encouraged to follow them. Each local homeless coalition within the CoC are asked to help identify children and young adults who are eligible for educational services, to connect them to program staff who can inform them about their educational rights and eligibility for educational services, to attend relevant meetings and planning events held by the local school district, and to ensure that the local school districts' homeless liaisons are aware of process to connect families and young adults to ESG and CoC services. CoC funded programs must identify at least one staff member to ensure that all program participants with children as well as young adults are informed of their educational rights. They are to assist the families with children in the ability to enroll immediately in school, work with unaccompanied youth to choose and enroll in a school, and advocate as necessary to ensure that they are able to continue to attend their school of origin while they are homeless and until the end of the academic year during which they find permanent housing. The staff member will assist the family with required explanation of any school decision made and will work with them on an appeal if needed. The staff member will overall advocate for the family and assist them with any disputes that might arise over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment along with securing transportation services to and from school or preschool of origin for which students are entitled. Furthermore, the staff member will connect the family to all services in which they are entitled depending on their needs including but not limited to before and after school care, summer learning, online learning, and referrals to health, mental health, and dental care. Furthermore, the CoC understands that families who experience homelessness are vulnerable and have faced trauma through their journey. The CoC has put these policies and procedures in place so that program staff can advocate on the behalf of families to assist with decreasing the retelling of their story to multiple community partners leading to reliving of trauma.

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

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

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

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

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

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

|    | Organizations                                 |     |
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| 1. | state domestic violence coalitions            | Yes |
| 2. | state sexual assault coalitions               | Yes |
| 3. | other organizations that help this population | Yes |

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

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

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

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1. and 2. The Arkansas Balance of State currently has 18 agencies participating that are either VSPs or have programs that assist individuals who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking. 15 of the 17 are members of the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ACADV), and the CoC director has met with their team in the past year to discuss how we can work better together to ensure survivors are connected to services. In addition, we also want to ensure that our policies and procedures as well as services are consistent with trauma-informed practices. As the CoC worked to implement policies and procedures focused on emergency transfer plans, staff asked for guidance from one of our VSPs who is also a CoC funded and ESG funded agency. We requested their review to determine if the language would be trauma-informed, comparable to what VSPs and other providers use, and low barrier. ACADV will provide training titled "Serving Families Experiencing Domestic Abuse, Human Trafficking, and/or Stalking" for our CoC in both February and August of 2024. The training will be an interactive session to break down the dynamics of domestic abuse, human trafficking, and stalking. In this session, participants will explore harm-reduction strategies and leave with evidence-based interventions to provide trauma-informed services. The CoC has several individuals from VSPs or DV programs that serve in leadership roles as well as on committees. All but one working committee within the CoC has at least one individual participating representing a VSP or DV program.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:

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| 1. | project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and |
| 2. | Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).       |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Staff of CoC funded projects will be required to participate in "Serving Families Experiencing Domestic Abuse, Human Trafficking, and/or Stalking" facilitated by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence in either February 2024 or August 2024. Staff can attend both, but they must attend one. ESG funded agencies and others within the are strongly encouraged to attend, but they are not required at this time. Staff of CoC funded projects will be required to participate annually. The training will be an interactive session to break down the dynamics of domestic abuse, human trafficking, and stalking. In the session, participants will explore harm-reduction strategies and leave with evidence-based interventions to provide trauma-informed services.

2. The Coordinated Entry Coordinator for the Balance of State Continuum of Care was hired in July through the CoC CE grant recipient-United Way of the Ouachitas. The CE Coordinator will be required to participate in the training "Serving Families Experiencing Domestic Abuse, Human Trafficking, and/or Stalking" facilitated by the Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence when that is offered in 2024 for our CoC. Going forward, they along with any other CE staff that might be hired will receive at least semi-annual training.

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| 1C-5c. | Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.e.  |  |

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

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| 1. | safety planning protocols; and |
| 2. | confidentiality protocols.     |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. and 2. The Arkansas Balance of State Continuum of Care is currently working on development and implementation of coordinated entry. One step that has been completed thus far is for the board to determine the top 3 most vulnerable populations who will receive prioritizations as those who are literally homeless individuals facing serious mental health illness, substance use disorder, and/or fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, dating violence, and/or human trafficking. Our CoC is comprised of several VSPs that are engaged in decision making roles including the coordinated entry committee. While we are working to develop the system, we recognize that victims must be able to access the system, but in a manner that is safe and confidential. The CE Coordinator will engage with VSPs outside of those that participate in the coordinated entry committee to ensure that their input is taken into consideration regarding safety planning and confidentiality for access points, assessments, and non-identifying data shared. In addition, we will seek out guidance and input from survivors with lived experience of homelessness if they are comfortable in doing so. It is our goal for any individual within the CoC to be able to access the system for services to resolve their crisis. However, we also want to ensure that individuals are safe through that process.

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| 1C-5d.                       | Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.  |  |
| NOFO Section V.B.1.e.        |  |  |
| Describe in the field below: |  |  |
| 1.                           | the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and                                      |  |
| 2.                           | how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness. |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Currently, the CoC uses de-identified data captured on an approved spreadsheet used for the PIT count. However, conversations have started to develop a process to capture de-identified data from our VSPs in the CoC using Osnium. We want to ensure that we are capturing all data for each subpopulation served so that data-informed decisions can be made regarding services for them.

2. PIT Count information is very limited in assisting with informed decisions regarding services that meet can meet the needs of the survivors experiencing homelessness. Since Osnium is a HMIS comparable database, the same data elements are captured and can be included in the full CoC data used to identify what is needed in the CoC to better serve this population. Entry-level conversations have been held, but in the coming months, we will bring our VSPs to the table and engage how we can work with them on collecting data to better serve program participants.

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| 1C-5e.   | Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. |  |
| NOFO Section V.B.1.e.  |   |  |
| Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance: |   |  |
| 1.   | whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;   |  |

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| 2. | the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and                  |
| 3. | the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. CoC funded housing projects are required to have an emergency transfer plan for program participants. An agency may use their own plan as long as it includes everything within the plan adopted by the CoC. Non-CoC funded agencies are not required to have this in place, but it is strongly encouraged. At time of enrollment in the program, staff shall inform the program participants of the plan as well as the ability to request an emergency transfer.
2. A tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking is eligible to request an emergency transfer if they believe that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence by remaining in the same unit. A tenant must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in the CoC plan. Tenants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements. To request a transfer, the tenant shall notify their case manager at the housing program and submit an oral or written request to the provider. The provider must provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The tenant will complete an emergency transfer request form the CoC adopted from HUD Form 5383. The tenant's written request for a transfer should include a statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the housing provider's program or a statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer.
3. The housing provider cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process. Housing provider will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim to another unit, subject to availability and safety. If the tenant believes the proposed unit would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If available, the transferred tenant must agree to abide by terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the unit. If the housing provider does not have safe and available units eligible for a tenant who needs a transfer, the housing provider will assist the tenant in finding other housing providers who may have safe and available units.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 1. | ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and                            |
| 2. | proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



1. Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking are prioritized as one of the 3 vulnerable populations within the CoC's CE system as it is being developed. Several of the VSP or DV programs are either CoC and/or ESG funded providing services directly to survivors. However, when they do not have assistance available, they work with other agencies throughout the CoC to connect clients to services. The CoC is adamant that all services are available to anyone in need and does not discriminate against survivors limiting where they receive those services. If an individual is fleeing a situation, they are referred first to a VSP to ensure that they have the ability to safely plan to leave their situation as those providers are equipped to provide effective guidance on safety planning. However, if a VSP does not have assistance available to connect a survivor to housing services, they will work with other agencies in the area with funding. For example, several VSPs and non-VSPs work together when a survivor is leaving shelter. They are connected to a non-VSP to obtain RRH assistance, for instance, to assist with obtaining permanent housing. While agencies want to ensure that services focused on survivor matters are delivered by trained professionals, a survivor is eligible to any service available in the Balance of State in which they qualify and all VSPs and DV programs are made aware of those available.

2. One of the key systemic barriers recognized is that survivors tend to be re-traumatized due to the difficulty in obtaining housing in their area. We have come to learn, that at times, victims are discriminated against because of issues they have endured by their abuser. Unfortunately, landlords see them as a risk for issues that might occur in the future thereby further victimizing them. The CoC is currently hosting a Rapid Rehousing Collaborative facilitated by our TA providers in hopes to provide assistance with developing landlord engagement and education knowledge. The CoC will work to build relationships with landlords in our local communities to assist with providing more housing opportunities for survivors while decreasing revictimization.

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| 1C-5g. | Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.                     |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.e.  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC:  |  |
|        | 1. ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and |  |
|        | 2. accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.  |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Individuals facing literal homelessness while also escaping domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking are an extremely vulnerable population, and our CoC recognizes that. The board has elected to prioritize those individuals in our coordinated entry system when development is finalized and implementation occurs. To ensure that barriers are broken down and not created which could lead to further victimization, we have worked to include individuals within the CoC that can provide guidance from the viewpoint of a survivor. The VSPs in our CoC request feedback from their program participants to determine what disparities might occur and what might help decrease those while providing the services needed.

2. We recognize that survivors have been victimized and face trauma from those experiences. We want to make sure they understand we are person-centered and will provide safe options for them to communicate with our CoC regarding their needs and barriers. We also recognize that not every survivor is okay with being a known participant through the engagement process for the CoC, and we respect their anonymity. Even though they might not be a current victim that is fleeing a situation, they still might not be in a position to feel comfortable with being open about their situation, so we will most definitely allow them to provide anonymous feedback to help us develop our programs to better meet the needs of survivors.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has adopted anti-discrimination policies that also address equal access and prohibiting involuntary family separation. The policies specifically state that all forms of harassment and discrimination of or by clients, employees, visitors, and volunteers, including those based on actual or perceived gender identity and expression or based on an individual's association are prohibited. The CoC will continue to develop partnerships with organizations that can provide expertise around providing services to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in a manner consistent with federal, state, and local laws. Agencies, staff, volunteers, and contractors shall affirm commitment to providing equal access as well as services for all transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in a manner consistent with the equal access rule. The CoC will work with LGBTQ+ member organizations after 6 months of implementation to complete an evaluation of the policies to ensure that they are trauma-informed and make changes at that time if any are needed.
2. At this time, any CoC-funded project must either implement the CoC adopted policies or submit their current policies to show they have at least the same language in place to provide the same protections for all individuals. If they are not similar in language and/or not in place currently, they will be required to adopt the CoC policies at their agency. Agencies not currently funded by the CoC are not required to maintain these policies but are strongly encouraged to adopt them if they do not have any in place. We have also submitted the policies and procedures to the state ESG recipient asking that they require all ESG funded agencies to adopt the policies and procedures. The CoC also includes a checklist to assist agencies with developing anti-discrimination policies within our own policy. In addition, staff in the CoC will provide support through the development process as that is needed.
3. During the time of evaluating the policies, all CoC agencies will be monitored on compliance to include review of client files, discussion with clients that have received services including housing, and determination of how clients are made aware of the policies and procedures.
4. If the CoC discovers that an agency is non-compliant, they will receive a corrective action plan with guidance on rectifying the matter. They will be given a deadline in which they must be compliant and will be re-evaluated.

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

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

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

| Public Housing Agency Name                | Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry | Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference? | Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On? |
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| Jonesboro Urban Renewal Housing Authority | 11%   | No  | No  |

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| White River Regional Housing Authority | 5% | No | No |
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| <b>1C-7a. Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.</b> |  |
| NOFO Section V.B.1.g.   |  |

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC Director has begun discussions with our two largest PHAs regarding implementation of a homeless admission preference. One has indicated they would be willing to speak after the first of the year regarding verification of qualifications and examples of how that is done through other programs with the hopes of considering a preference added in the coming years. At this time, the other agency does not have a waiting list and are able to move individuals quickly into housing if approved. Conversations have also been had with other PHAs in the service area, and while those have not implemented changes, we will continue building those relationships and work toward this in the future. In addition, the director has been in contact with the PHA director at the HUD field office and hopes to continue those discussions leading to more connections with PHAs that would be willing to talk with us about preferences for individuals facing homelessness.

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

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

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| 1. | Multifamily assisted housing owners                | No |
| 2. | PHA  | No |
| 3. | Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments | No |
| 4. | Local low-income housing programs                  | No |
|    | Other (limit 150 characters)                       |    |
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| <b>1C-7c. Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.</b> |  |
| NOFO Section V.B.1.g.   |  |

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

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| 1. | Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)                   | No |
| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP)                   | No |
| 3. | Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)                       | No |
| 4. | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) | No |
| 5. | Mainstream Vouchers                                | No |
| 6. | Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers                | No |
| 7. | Public Housing                                     | No |
| 8. | Other Units from PHAs:                             |    |
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| 1C-7d. | Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.g.   |  |

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| 1. | Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)? | No                     |
|    |   | Program Funding Source |
| 2. | Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.  |                        |

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

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|  | Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan? | No |
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| 1C-7e.1. | List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program. |  |
|          | Not Scored–For Information Only  |  |

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

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| <b>PHA</b>           |
| Hot Springs Housi... |
| West Memphis Hous... |
| Housing Authority... |

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| Pocahontas Public... |
| Phillips County P... |
| Harrison Housing ... |
| St. Francis Count... |
| Johnson County Pu... |
| Housing Authority... |
| Lee County Housin... |

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

**Name of PHA:** Hot Springs Housing Authority

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

**Name of PHA:** West Memphis Housing Authority

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

**Name of PHA:** Housing Authority of City of Texarkana

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

**Name of PHA:** Pocahontas Public Housing Agency

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

**Name of PHA:** Phillips County Public Housing Agency

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

**Name of PHA:** Harrison Housing Authority

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

**Name of PHA:** St. Francis County Housing Authority

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

**Name of PHA:** Johnson County Public Housing Authority

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

**Name of PHA:** Housing Authority of City of Conway

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

**Name of PHA:** Lee County Housing Authority



## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Last year, the CoC began requesting items from applicants in addition to the esnaps application to assist with a better understanding of the program they are facilitating currently or planning to facilitate with CoC dollars. This truly helps the CoC rank and review team to ensure that the housing first approach is being followed while giving more insight to the project. Through the application process, applicants are required to complete the housing first checklist from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness along with an in-depth supplemental application which asks specific questions regarding the program and the housing first approach. If the applicant does not currently follow the housing first approach, they must commit to begin that process and explain how they plan to do that. It is a requirement through the CoC for projects to follow a housing first approach in order to be reviewed by the rank and review committee and then forwarded to HUD if accepted.
2. The committee reviews the following factors and performance indicators during evaluation: Project Services and Support (scores on the Housing First Approach), Project Readiness and Management, Engagement of People with Lived Experience of Homelessness, Program Exits, Increasing Safety for Survivors, Serving Vulnerable Populations, Increasing Housing Stability, Increasing Income, Utilizing New and Existing Resources Effectively to Improve the Homeless System, and System Performance.
3. The CoC has adopted a HUD Housing First Evaluation tool to evaluate CoC funded programs. At this time, 1 project has been reviewed, and the next 2 housing projects will be scheduled in the coming months. The evaluation measures access including but not limited to a project being low-barrier, not denying assistance for unnecessary reasons, access to assistance regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and avoiding exits to homelessness. The evaluation also measures services and housing, quick exits to housing, providing appropriate services, and participant choice. Projects must state if they “say it”, “document it”, or “do it” with the options of “not at all”, “sometimes”, or “always.” The summary will show if they are compliant with HF. If not, we will discuss ways to improve along with deadlines for improvements. They will then be re-evaluated and then evaluated again in 6 months. Compliant projects will be reviewed annually only.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Various agencies including non-profits, the VA, mental health organizations, peer recovery groups, community action agencies, VSPs, and faith-based organizations are performing street outreach throughout the CoC. Agencies recognize that some individuals are least likely to ask for assistance including those that are most vulnerable. Some are scared or ashamed to ask for help whereas others are facing mental health illness or substance use disorder impairing their ability to ask. SO programs are designed to meet those individuals where they are and to provide them services there while determining how to assist them with exiting homelessness into permanent housing. One agency has a mobile unit that goes out at least twice a week in their more populated service area and then at least once a month in more rural service area. Their mobile unit is stocked with supplies, and they work to build relationships to gain trust of those experiencing homelessness.

2. All counties in the CoC's Service area are covered by a street outreach program. However, we feel that realistically, 65% of the area is truly covered.

3. and 4. One program provides street outreach daily in their service area working to build relationships with those that might not be comfortable with seeking services. They work with adults 18 and over and have a passion for connecting with the "invisible remnant" of their community being those individuals who have lived outside the majority of their lives, consumed by serious mental health illness(es), estranged from family, traumatized as a child, and either unwilling and/or unable to connect with services. This agency truly works to build trust and to determine how to serve these individuals while working with them to exit homelessness. Another project recognizes that they must meet individuals where they are and seeks them out at other places they might be such as homeless camps, food lines, and plasma donation centers. They visit these locations daily both during business hours as well as night when the homeless are active providing them hygiene kits. A mobile crisis unit works on-call and drives around when able to meet individuals. They recognize that it is a lot easier to get a job and gain stability when housing is obtained first. By building these relationships, homeless individuals become more trusting of staff allowing them to connect with more individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

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

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

|    | Your CoC's Strategies                   | Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized | Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies |
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| 1. | Engaged/educated local policymakers     | Yes                                     | No  |
| 2. | Engaged/educated law enforcement        | Yes                                     | No  |
| 3. | Engaged/educated local business leaders | Yes                                     | No  |
| 4. | Implemented community wide plans        | No                                      | No  |
| 5. | Other:(limit 500 characters)            |   |   |

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

|  | HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data | 2022 | 2023 |
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| Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR. | HIC                        | 0    | 98   |

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

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

|    | Mainstream Benefits                          | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
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| 1. | Food Stamps                                  | Yes                           |
| 2. | SSI–Supplemental Security Income             | Yes                           |
| 3. | SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance    | Yes                           |
| 4. | TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | Yes                           |
| 5. | Substance Use Disorder Programs              | Yes                           |
| 6. | Employment Assistance Programs               | Yes                           |
| 7. | Other (limit 150 characters)                 |                               |
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| 1D-6a. | Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.m  |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC recognizes the importance of ensuring that appropriate resource information is being shared to project staff for program participants. Mainstream resources typically have annual reviews and even changes around the same time of the year. Training was held being required for all CoC-funded projects but attended by other participating agencies highlighting SNAP, TANF, Workforce Services, SSI/SSDI, along with ways to apply for multiple programs within the state of Arkansas such as healthcare services like Medicaid, ArKids, and Senior health programs. Training will continue once annually for the CoC unless there is a need for a special called training due to changes that have been made known.

2.The CoC and our participating agencies understand that collaborations with community partners including healthcare organizations, substance abuse treatment, and mental health treatment are key to wraparound services for program participants to increase their stability. Navigating various systems is a difficult if not impossible feat for some individuals seeking services. When the process becomes overwhelming, individuals are then most likely discontinue the process to obtain needed services. When our project staff collaborate with healthcare partners, they cut out additional steps for an individual, and hopefully, connect them quickly to services needed to further assist them in stability. Several healthcare agencies, hospitals, clinics, mental health treatment, and substance abuse treatment providers participate within our CoC. In addition, members of the CoC participate in taskforce and committees that they have in the communities served.

3.At this time, 33% of our CoC-funded housing projects have SOAR certified staff, but next year, it will be a requirement that staff working directly with participants in each CoC funded housing project complete this certification. A staff member at a non-CoC funded agency has recently completed their SOAR certification to become a certified case manager and local lead. In addition, they also sit on the statewide SOAR Works steering committee. Their agency will partner over the next year with homeless services providers across the state to prepare and file SOAR-assisted disability applications for their clients. This individual has also offered to share more about the process to become certified with agencies, and we will be working with them on this throughout the CoC in the next twelve months.

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

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

On July 1st, the Arkansas Department Finance Authority (ADFA) opened the application process for non-congregate shelter projects through HOME-ARP funds. \$21,026,326.00 of the \$37,547,010.00 received were allocated to NCS projects. Qualified applicants can apply for up to \$7,000,000.00 for acquisition, new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition and rehabilitation. The CoC has worked directly with ADFA to ensure that all information has been shared with membership. We have shown our support of this project and have discussed with agencies the opportunity that exists through this funding while also providing letters of support and good standing for applicants. While overall we as a CoC would like households to move into their own permanent housing, we understand that is not always possible. In the Balance of State service area, the supply of shelter beds as well as permanent housing are greatly lacking. Therefore, a bed at a non-congregate shelter would allow an unsheltered individual to obtain a safe place which can still be private and act as an aid in safety during any sort of healthcare emergency while waiting for permanent housing availability. The CoC is estimating an increase in 25 non-congregate family units and 20 non-congregate individual units in a shelter setting over the next 24 months depending on funding availability, construction, and other aspects that go into project development. We encourage that all future new or rehabbed shelters be non-congregate to focus more on allowing an individual to have their own safe space in relation to privacy and protection from infectious disease spread.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. and 2. At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the deputy chief medical officer for the Arkansas Department of Health began participating in the CoC to assist us with navigating through protocols and best practices to keep program staff and both sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals safe. Dr. Bala would provide the CoC with necessary materials and guidance that had been released by both federal and state government. Dr. Bala was available at each meeting over the course of multiple years to answer questions helping us understand the situation better while assisting programs to determine what adjustments should be made to any policies and procedures in their program, specifically congregate shelters, to provide added protections. At that time, the CoC encouraged limited capacity in congregate facilities to decrease the spread of COVID-19, provided education on the COVID-19 vaccine when that became available, worked with the state as well as county health departments to provide free vaccination clinics, discussed the importance of PPE, and further encouraged practicing safe measures put in place and shared by the health department.

Since then, while the pandemic has ended, we recognize that these measures can be helpful to prevent the spread of other infectious diseases as well. The Arkansas Department of Health has hired a Homeless Shelter and Encampment Coordinator who will work directly with our CoC and all programs to ensure that we are implementing policies and procedures with responding to as well as preventing infectious disease outbreak and spread of that. Furthermore, the CoC will continue discussions with those agencies facilitating street outreach programs to ensure individuals living in encampments are equipped with necessary safety materials to protect them and others. The CoC has also focused on encouraging the non-congregate shelter model for any shelters that might be constructed or renovated in the future within the Balance of State to ensure they are engaged in preventing outbreaks.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During the pandemic, the CoC regularly shared information received from our healthcare partners, including the Arkansas Department of Health, to the CoC email list as well as through the website and social media outlets. We allowed time at the beginning of each monthly meeting for Dr. Bala with the Health Department to provide updates on preventative measures including those for sheltered and unsheltered situations along with the individuals that were providing services to them. When the Monkeypox outbreak occurred, Dr. Bala shared information with us on this as well to ensure that shelters were prepared in case they were presented with any cases.

2. Dr. Bala and others from the Arkansas Department of Health would join us on Balance of State Board meetings to share information regarding the pandemic as well as Monkeypox and allow for a question and answer session for those service providers in attendance. They would provide guidance regarding PPE and vaccinations and would even come onsite to host vaccine clinics for individuals that were living in sheltered and unsheltered homelessness. Individuals had access to contact information for Dr. Bala and other health department staff and were invited to reach out at anytime if there were any specific questions or concerns related to the prevention of an outbreak within a population. In addition, when the pandemic started, the Arkansas Department of Health created a hotline number specific to COVID-19 including guidance on quarantine procedures for congregate shelters. Shelters and other service providers were provided this hotline number as well as the information regarding a quarantine facility if an unsheltered homeless individual and/or a shelter did not have quarantine capacity.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



1. through 3. The CoC is currently in the process of developing a coordinated entry system. The coordinated entry committee made up of at least one representative from each LHC, the CoC director, the HMIS Regional Coordinator, and the CE Coordinator meets monthly and has thus far worked with the board to identify the top 3 populations to be prioritized and has put into place data sharing agreements for all current HMIS user agencies. The CE committee is now focused on steps toward identifying physical as well as virtual access points in the entire service area. Due to the CoC being primarily rural, we recognize that it is not going to be possible for each person to check-in to a physical access point to complete their assessment. Once access points are identified, the committee will focus on developing a person-centered assessment that captures just enough information to ensure the person receives the efficient referral to services. The assessment will be a standardized process, but the committee wants to ensure that it is not something developed quickly just to be put in place. Once the system is developed and implemented, it will be evaluated every 6 months for the first 2 years. After that, it will move to a yearly evaluation unless there are significant challenges recognized in the first two years. If so, evaluation for every 6 months will continue until challenges are resolved.

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| 1D-9a. | Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:   |  |
| 1.     | reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;                       |  |
| 2.     | prioritizes people most in need of assistance;   |  |
| 3.     | ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and |  |
| 4.     | takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.   |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. With the BoS being a primarily rural CoC, individuals sometimes struggle to know what resources are available, where they go to obtain them, or limited access to them. We want to ensure that our CE system meets those individuals where they are, and they can easily access the system to be connected to services needed to resolve their homelessness. As we work further on development an implementation, we will focus on how the most vulnerable can access the system and are even made aware of it.
2. Through meaningful discussion with our full membership at a general meeting, the group identified the most vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness as those experiencing serious mental health illness, substance use disorder, and/or fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, human trafficking, and/or stalking. After the general meeting, each LHC had the discussion with their local membership to determine if they are in agreement for their local area. There were some differing opinions depending on location in the service area, but overall the top 3 chosen at the general meeting remained the top 3 throughout the 10 LHCs and were then recommended to the board for prioritization in the coordinated entry system. The board voted unanimously to prioritize those above populations.
3. The coordinated entry system will ensure a person-centered approach that allows them to be involved in each step of the decision-making process. While we do want individuals to obtain housing and not continue living in an unsheltered or emergency shelter situation, we want them to obtain housing that fits their needs and preferences. Our CoC-funded programs already work with clients on having a choice as to what housing they obtain, and we will continue this through our coordinated entry process. By prioritizing the most vulnerable, we are ensuring that they can move as quickly as possible and exit to permanent housing.
4. The CE committee has a variety of organizations and individuals on the CE committee including those with lived experience, VSPs, and mental health providers. They are able to provide feedback to assist with not implementing steps and procedures that would place further barriers on individuals trying to connect to services. We want this to be easily and readily accessible and not burdensome. We have had preliminary discussions regarding a phased assessment at the access points in order to obtain information but not further delay their access.

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| 1D-9b. | Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.  |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:  |  |
| 1.     | affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC’s geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;  |  |
| 2.     | informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and   |  |
| 3.     | reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan. |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC recognizes that not all populations experiencing homelessness have the same access to services and housing that others do. The CoC works to include representatives of those populations overrepresented yet also underserved into our service delivery system. We ensure that those organizations have information on what housing and services are available and how their clients can connect to those with ease and accessibility.
2. Every CoC-funded housing program is required to maintain anti-discrimination policies on-site and to follow those policies while ensuring program participants are aware of their rights when accessing housing and services. Program participants are to learn about their rights at entry of the system and/or project that is serving them. Program participants will be made aware of what their rights are through fair housing so that they will be knowledgeable of those in case they face them while they are in permanent housing obtained through CoC or other program assistance.
3. The CoC has implemented mandatory fair housing training for CoC-funded housing projects while strongly encouraging other agency participation to ensure that service providers are aware of what goes into fair housing as well as if it is being adhered to by housing providers that we are working with to house clients. We will also encourage landlords that we work with in the future to participate in our annual training so they ensure they are aware of all fair housing laws to avoid discrimination toward a participant. Services providers have the responsibility to report any actions toward impeding fair housing to the proper authority not limited to the CoC, HUD, and/or landlord association.

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

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

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

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

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1. During FY 2023, the CoC will be contracting with a consulting firm through CoC Planning dollars to complete a racial and equity disparities assessment. The assessment will focus on the CoC-funded programs, coordinated entry systems, and other non-CoC funded projects throughout the service area that will allow us to observe them. While the process has not been outlined or scheduled, it will be crucial in assisting with any changes needed to ensure that all race and ethnic groups have equitable access to housing and services in our CoC.

2. Even though a formal disparities assessment has not been done, I believe that our CoC can agree that while we do have a diverse leadership within the voting board members, the full membership does not necessarily represent the diversity of those we serve through review of demographics of those experiencing homelessness based on geographic population compared to those that participate in the membership.

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

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

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| 1.  | The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.  | Yes |
| 2.  | The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.   | No  |
| 3.  | The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.   | Yes |
| 4.  | The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.   | No  |
| 5.  | The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.   | Yes |
| 6.  | The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.                                   | No  |
| 7.  | The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.  | Yes |
| 8.  | The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity. | No  |
| 9.  | The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.  | No  |
| 10. | The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.  | No  |
| 11. | The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.   | No  |
|     | Other:(limit 500 characters)   |     |
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| 1D-10c. | Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities. |  |
|         | NOFO Section V.B.1.q.                                  |  |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

This year we have worked to rectify the lack of representation by inviting specific racial and ethnic organizations to ensure their participants are aware of equitable services and housing available to them. We will continue on that path until the formal assessment is conducted. We have invited specific groups to began participating with us so that they can provide input on strategies to assist us with reducing any disparities in our service delivery system.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.-2. The CoC will work toward determining the best measures to put in place on tracking disparities, preventing them, and eliminating them once the formal disparities assessment is completed. We will consult with the firm that completes the assessment on recommended processes in addition to working with our Balance of State CoC partners in other states on tools that work for them and are approved by HUD.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has been intentional over the last year to include individuals that have lived experience of homelessness in our decision-making process. We recognize that until you have been there, you truly do not understand what works and what doesn't. These individuals are valued members of our society and have overcome extreme obstacles in order to gain stability. Within the last twelve months, we have solicited membership through email, website, social media posts, and through verbal outreach. Our 4 lived experienced voting board members who will also engage with committee work including coordinated entry development were referred to the CoC through community partners. They have learned about what the CoC does and wanted to get involved with us. Each individual has stated that they want to use their experience to ensure that others receive services to assist them with exiting homelessness and hopefully avoiding some of the barriers they faced through that process. We value them, and their struggles. We see them, and we want to allow them to be at our table and educate us and our community on how to better serve our vulnerable populations working to escape homelessness.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

|    | Level of Active Participation   | Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant | Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations |
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| 1. | Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.            | 4   | 3   |
| 2. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.                            | 2   | 2   |
| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 0   | 0   |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.        | 2   | 2   |

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Goodwill Industries of Arkansas is a member organization that provides several programs including re-entry, transitional employment opportunities, and career navigation to assist individuals with a range of lived experience including homelessness. Many of our Goodwill Career Centers and Stores act as almost an access point for individuals experiencing homelessness, and they work quickly to connect them to resources in the community which assist with housing and other services while also assisting them with connection to employment and professional development opportunities whether it be at their location or with a local employer that partners with them to host job fairs and/or hire individuals. Goodwill has always been a partner that has worked beyond their typical scope to ensure that individuals facing homelessness are assisted. Goodwill provides low barrier entry to employment and re-entry programs to assist individuals who have a variety of lived experience but need a second chance. They give them that second chance when they might struggle to find that elsewhere. They have been instrumental in guiding individuals through a process helping them obtain stability and leading to a life of self-sufficiency.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. and 2. Projects including those funded by ESG and/or CoC provide participants the opportunity to share feedback regarding the program as well as their experience with obtaining services. Some organizations have exit interviews and/or consumer surveys in place so that participants can provide input to hopefully bring to light any challenges and assist in providing guidance on how those can be decreased. The CoC will be working to ensure that all CoC funded projects are providing the opportunity for participants to provide feedback and in an anonymous manner if needed so that we can address any barriers found. The CoC will work with project staff to submit feedback from participants on a quarterly basis so that it can be reviewed.

3. If an individual that has participated in our programs provides feedback regarding challenges they have experienced, the CoC will speak to them and work to gather more information on the specifics of the challenge created. The participant will also have the opportunity to make suggestions on how the challenge could have been avoided and removed for future participants. The CoC will also work with project staff directly involved with the service to ensure they are aware of the challenge and how to correct that going forward.

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| 1D-12. | Increasing Affordable Housing Supply. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.t.                 |  |

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|    | Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following: |
| 1. | reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and  |
| 2. | reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. and 2. The current board chair for the continuum also serves as the Executive Director for a PHA. She is involved in meeting with city government involving zoning with housing developments regularly. From her experience as the ED of a PHA, she is able to assist with informing the government of the need to increase affordable housing in the community when discussions are being held. For instance, many communities within not just our CoC but within the entire state have recently noticed an increase in housing development, but the number of those that are affordable is almost non-existent. Conversations will continue with government officials in more areas within the CoC to ensure that we advocate for an increase in safe and affordable housing we well.

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.            | 07/06/2023 |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline. | 07/06/2023 |

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| 1E-2. | Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e.   |  |
|       | You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  |  |
|       | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:  |  |

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



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

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

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

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| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 181          |
| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?                                    | 5            |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use?                                | Joint TH-RRH |

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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1. and 2. Through the rank and review process, project applications are scored on various system performance measures including placement into permanent housing for their program participants. If an agency is submitting a new project or the renewal has not yet completed a funding cycle, they must provide information regarding the percentage of individuals that successfully exited to permanent housing over the most recently completed program year. The same data will be pulled from the APR for renewals having completed at least one full year of funding. The percentages are compared to the system performance report averages for the CoC and points are based on being comparable to that data. We will also work to determine the length of time it is taking to move into permanent housing and what barriers are preventing that from happening in a quick manner.

3. and 4. Project applicants provided information either through a supplemental application or submission of their APR information regarding the percentage of individuals being served that have faced at least one vulnerable condition upon entry into their program. Projects are scored on assisting those individuals that might face additional barriers such as high utilization of crisis and emergency services to meet basic needs including emergency rooms, jails, and psych facilities; history of victimization/abuse including domestic abuse, sexual assault, and childhood abuse; length of time homeless; little to no income; only project of its kind in service area, a risk of continued homelessness; significant challenges or functional impairments; substance use; unsheltered homelessness; vulnerability to illness or death; and vulnerability to victimization including physical assault, trafficking, or sex work. Projects that did indicate proven services toward the most vulnerable would receive higher point options. While the CoC does want to ensure that projects do have higher performance levels including spending amounts, overall, we want to ensure that a project that is needed for the most difficult to reach is funded.

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

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1. and 2. At this time, the rank and review team for BoS is made up of 1 African American female, 1 Caucasian female, and 1 Caucasian male. They are directly involved in the review, selection, and ranking process and have the ability to make any input regarding the rating tools that are used in this process. The tools were implemented last year through a review process with members of the current rank and review team as well as previous rank and review teams. Each year, we work to include more individuals if possible that would like to participate through this process. We will continue to encourage diversity and representation in this process.

2. Projects are specifically asked how they serve those populations that are overrepresented and underserved in homelessness. They must explain how they ensure that equitable and inclusive outreach is occurring specifically for populations that are overrepresented and underserved such as racial groups, ethnic groups, and/or the LGBTQIA+ community along with demonstrating ways that they have invited those specific populations to be involved in decisions for the local project area. A project can receive 5 points if their outreach plan for the project 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. The project can receive up to 3 points if the project does not meet all of those criteria but has provided plans of how they will implement them. A project will receive 0 points if they do not meet those criteria and also do not plan to make changes toward implementation.

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| <b>1E-4.</b> | <b>Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b>  |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.2.f.  |  |
|              | Describe in the field below:   |  |
|              | 1. your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;                 |  |
|              | 2. whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year; |  |
|              | 3. whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and   |  |
|              | 4. why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.   |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. This year, there were zero new projects received, therefore, reallocation was not a process used. However, if new projects were received, the CoC's rank and review team would review the renewal projects and determine if they are low performing or if their project was no longer impactful or needed in the areas served. If so, they would then determine if there is a new project applicant that is of higher need and also has proven system performance measures outside of CoC funding. At that time, the CoC's rank and review team would look at the requests from the new project, the on average spending of the low performing renewal project, and determine a sufficient amount of reduction to reallocate to the new project applicant.
2. While there are projects that are not quite meeting a preferred spending level due to some external issues such as housing affordability and housing stock, there was not a reallocation process since there were no new project applications received.
3. There were no projects reallocated during competition this year.
4. The reason that no projects were reallocated is because there were no new project applications received, and if projects were reduced, the ARD would be impacted going forward for future funding requests.

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

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|  | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023? | Yes |
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| 1E-5. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.  |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.2.g.   |  |
|       | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023. | 09/08/2023 |
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| 1E-5b. | Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:<br>1. the CoC Application; and<br>2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. | 09/22/2023 |
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| 1E-5d. | Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.         |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website. | 09/22/2023 |
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## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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

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|  | Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area. | Statewide |
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| 2A-3. | HIC Data Submission in HDX. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.a.       |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX. | 04/18/2023 |
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| 2A-4. | Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.b.  |  |

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. At this time, 16 out of 17 DV housing and service providers in the Balance of State service area use an HMIS comparable database. The CoC Director along with the HMIS Regional Coordinator who will take on Lead Admin duties on 10/1/2023, will start conversations with the agency in the coming months to discuss implementation of a comparable database. The HMIS Regional Coordinator will go through what using a comparable database means for data collection within their agency, discuss the impacts for the CoC and future CE participation, and will assist in connection to comparable database vendors. In addition, we will bring in at least one other VSP in the Balance of State service area that uses a comparable database but is not required to since they are not currently receiving ESG or CoC funding to discuss how they find it advantageous to use the system.
2. The 15 agencies currently using a comparable database are using Osnum which is HUD compliant according to the FY 22 data standards.
3. The Balance of State HMIS which is a statewide implementation is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards. The HMIS lead agency ensures that all system and/or standard updates are completed by working directly with Wellsky who is an approved HMIS software vendor and maintains compliancy. We are also prepared for the updated on 10/1 to become compliant with the FY 24 data standards.

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

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

| Project Type                               | Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC | Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers | Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS | HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds             | 715                               | 236   | 282                           | 58.87%                            |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds                    | 0                                 | 0   | 0                             |                                   |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds          | 90                                | 6   | 35                            | 41.67%                            |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds             | 98                                | 0   | 77                            | 78.57%                            |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 0                                 | 0   | 0                             |                                   |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds      | 0                                 | 0   | 0                             |                                   |

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. During 2022 and early 2023, Balance of State staff along with the 4 other CoCs and HMIS lead at that time held discussions with the state ESG recipient and HUD field office regarding implementation of HMIS regional coordinator positions throughout the state to assist the lead agency with CoC level tasks. After proposals were approved at the legislative level, Balance of State implemented a full-time HMIS regional coordinator employed through the collaborative applicant. Since the staff member was added in June 2023, data integrity and HMIS participation have been two priorities. Data integrity has improved and continues to do, and the next step is to increase HMIS participation. Conversations have already taken place with current agencies who are not required to use the system to encourage them to continue use while explaining the importance of that. Over the next twelve months, the coordinator will work directly with the agencies listed on the HIC but not participating within HMIS to encourage the use of the system. The HMIS coordinator will work to build relationships with the agencies, meet with them on-site, learn about their projects further, and show how increased system use will not only impact the CoC but also assist them with improved data collection and reporting for funding. Furthermore, since the CoC has adopted an HMIS data sharing agreement, HMIS and CE participating agencies will share certain client-level data to ensure that clients are connected to services needed and be able to further identify factors that impact their homelessness when CE is implemented. We hope to educate our communities on how having bed coverage in HMIS allows us to show how our HMIS accurately represents all involved in the process of serving individuals that are homeless in our service area.

2. Data Integrity has been a priority of the CoC over the past 12 months and will continue to be through the next 12 months. A Performance Measure tool is being utilized to outline tasks and action items to be completed under identified priorities. Each action item is charged to at least one staff member with established support staff and deadlines. Staff working together on the assigned task will be able to track progress and challenges through the action item of increasing bed coverage in HMIS for the CoC.

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| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.  |     |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.d.  |     |
|       | You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.                   |     |
|       | Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST? | Yes |



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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count. | 01/26/2023 |
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| 2B-2. | PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.4.a                |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX. | 04/18/2023 |
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| 2B-3. | PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.4.b.   |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. through 3. An agency in one of the local homeless coalitions provides a routine street outreach program being geared heavily toward unaccompanied youth. In addition to going out to meet them where they are, the youth have the option of coming into a safe drop-in center where they can shower and do laundry. The outreach team works to build relationships with the youth so that they are comfortable with receiving services both at the drop-in center as well as at their unsheltered location. The unaccompanied youth helped this team by identifying locations in which others might be on the day of the PIT count. This year, they were not included because they are keen on protecting the client's identity. However, they are discussing what that could look like next year with added precautions, and we will assist them from the CoC perspective through that if youth would like to participate in the actual count.

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| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.   |  |
|       | In the field below:   |  |
|       | 1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;       |  |
|       | 2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and |  |
|       | 3. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or   |  |
|       | 4. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.  |  |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Over the past year, the CoC has worked tirelessly with the HMIS lead agency on project verification and data clean-up. We have worked to ensure that projects are accurately set-up within HMIS then reflected on the HIC and PIT. We have also worked on increasing participation with agencies throughout Balance of State for the PIT so that we are doing a better job to show the estimation of sheltered homelessness on a given night in the service area.
2. The CoC did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022 due to the surge of the Omicron Variant in Arkansas.
3. In 2022, 57% of the ES and TH projects on the HIC participated in the PIT. In 2023, 86% of the ES and TH projects on the HIC participated in the PIT. In addition, in 2022, we only had 35 total ES and TH projects on the HIC whereas in 2023, that number increased to 44. This leads us to an overall 90% increase in participation in the PIT between 2022 and 2023 for ES and TH projects.

## 2C. System Performance

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC, specifically the Coordinated Entry Committee, has held discussions regarding the most effective way to identify the risk factors of those facing homelessness for the first time. For our CoC, this will begin through discussions with providers in each local homeless coalition as well as analyzing data from HMIS and de-identified data from VSPs. Discussions with the providers will include asking them to identify the top factors that families are facing resulting in first-time homelessness. In addition, we will work with HMIS and non-HMIS using agencies to express the importance of accurate data entry into HMIS and why all agencies with the CoC should participate whether or not there is a funding requirement.
2. The CE committee has completed housing problem solving training facilitated by our technical assistance providers, and we are working to establish educational opportunities to further educate the full CoC on diversion and what that might look like if they are not already doing this. Many agencies in the CoC are attempting diversion as a method to keep households from entering into homelessness for the first time. At times, a participant does not feel that is an option due to the situation at hand which could include threat of eviction from a family member's home due to not assisting with a grocery bill, for example. Staff have worked to uncover the item preventing diversion and worked with the family member on items such as gift cards for groceries to allow the family member the opportunity to continue to stay with them until they are able to find permanent housing. This prevents the person from entering homelessness and continues to provide them with a safe location. We understand that diversion will not always work because so many times when individuals reach out for assistance, they have exhausted all options. This is a strategy our CoC will continue to use and inform of when appropriate.
3. At this time, Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum of Care and employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant, will be responsible for overseeing this process along with input from both the CoC's CE Coordinator and HMIS Coordinator.

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

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

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

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| <b>2C-2.</b> | <b>Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.5.c.                                    |  |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CE committee has a primary focus to ensure we have a person-centered assessment developed to assist the most vulnerable in being connected to housing quickly and reducing their time homeless. This includes following a housing first approach as well as using the diversion model when available. If families and/or individuals are currently in homelessness, we will encourage projects to allow them to have a voice in the process without requiring a certain length of stay, completion of a program, or participation in services before they can obtain housing.
2. The CoC is currently working on intensive data clean-up while also facing a change in HMIS leadership with the collaborative applicant now also acting as the HMIS Lead for Balance of State. Through the data clean-up and changes, the CoC plans to have improved data outcomes to allow for more informed decisions regarding our strategies. For instance, HMIS data will allow us to look at clients who have been in homelessness for a lengthy period and then also identify factors causing that. We will have more in-depth conversations with staff and participants for feedback on barriers preventing exit to homelessness as well.
3. Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant; Whitney Force, the HMIS Coordinator, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the HMIS Lead Agency; and Autumn Johnson, the CE Coordinator, employed by United Way of the Ouachitas, will work together to lead this process.

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

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

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1. The CoC requires that CoC funded projects follow the Housing First approach with their programs meaning that an individual should be allowed to move into their own permanent housing at the time they are ready without placing any further stipulations on them. In addition, agencies in the CoC are currently participating in a rapid rehousing learning collaborative to help better understand how to facilitate that program with a key piece of that being landlord engagement. Many agencies face the hurdle of exiting clients to permanent housing because of the lack of permanent housing available and/or the lack of participating landlords in the community. Our CoC will continue to strategize other ways to assist with an increase in exits to permanent housing.
2. The CoC has adopted the expression "housing first is not housing only" when discussing the housing first approach. The agencies within the CoC recognizes that we cannot and should not move a household into permanent housing and then not offer supportive wraparound services to them. While a participant should never be required to participate in services and can reject them, they should have the option to choose what they believe will assist them. Agencies work to connect individuals to mainstream benefits, workforce opportunities, childcare, transportation, and health care needs along with other services available that could help aid them in future stability and retaining their permanent housing. Conversations will continue throughout the CoC and training opportunities will be presented to agencies to assist with following this approach.
3. Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency, will be responsible for this process.

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

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1. Through data analysis using HMIS and comparable databases along with data from CES, when it is available, the CoC will be able to better identify households returning to homelessness after they have exited to permanent housing. The CoC will routinely pull project data within HMIS until the CE system is implemented so that we can see who is returning to homelessness, how quickly they are returning to homelessness, and determining what factors caused this.
2. In order to reduce the rate, we must again, ensure that program participants have access to supportive services that will assist them in maintaining stability and their permanent housing. Furthermore, we must speak with our participants and understand what barriers they are facing once they have exited to permanent housing, and how the agency might be able to assist them with removing those.
3. Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency, will be responsible for this process.

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

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1. The CoC strategizes to ensure that community partners providing opportunities for access to increase employment cash sources for program participants are at the table. These do not necessarily mean private employers but potentially other organizations in our community working to assist the same population. Each LHC works to ensure that all organizations serving homeless individuals are represented but will review their membership to see what agencies are participating in this role and invite those into discussions that are not.
2. Agencies within each LHC work with community partners such as Workforce and Goodwill to establish employment opportunities for individuals that have faced homelessness. Goodwill Career Centers of Arkansas offers programs to assist with career assessment, career counseling and coaching, career readiness certification, interview preparation, job readiness training, job search assistance, and resume assistance. In addition, Goodwill and Workforce both work to connect individuals to employers that are hiring through job fairs or on-site application events.
3. Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency, will be responsible for this process.

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

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1. The CoC provides required annual training regarding mainstream benefits and non-employment cash income to all CoC-funded projects while strongly encouraging other projects to attend. The CoC gives guidance on how a program participant can be connected to TANF, SSI, and SSDI, for instance. The CoC educates the staff on what the benefit is, how a participant can determine if they are eligible and then apply for benefits, and to appeal decision, if necessary. The CoC has also stated that all CoC-funded programs must have SOAR certified staff within the fiscal year. We will encourage other projects to follow suit as well to provide extra guidance to individuals who want to apply for SSI/SSDI.

2. Casey Kidd, the Director of the Continuum, employed by OCYFS, Inc., the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency, will be responsible for this process.



### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

| Project Name                | Project Type | Rank Number | Leverage Type |
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### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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 NA

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

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

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

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

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

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| 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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NA

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

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

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|                             | Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding? | No |
| <b>Applicant Name</b>       |  |    |
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