

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 2021 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2021 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 2021 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

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AR-500 - Little Rock/Central Arkansas CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Little Rock

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Pulaski County Government

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.n., and VII.B.1.p.	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021:

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

In 2020 and 2021, the CoC/CATCH focused on increasing membership by inviting outside coalitions and organizations to visit CoC board and membership meetings. The CoC visits coalition meetings within the communities to find out the needs of the homeless population and inform them of the services that the CoC member agencies provide to individuals that are homeless or at risk of being homeless. This CoC membership is composed of individual members, as well as organizational members, who are concerned with the care and treatment of the homeless. Individuals are invited to join by attending the membership meetings that are held every quarterly annually. Informational materials are distributed electronically from a database of organizations that may have similar missions as the CoC. An applicant packet is available on the CoC website for easy accessibility. Also, the CoC meeting schedule is posted on our website and all meetings are open to the public. Persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless are welcomed to join the CoC. Currently there are board members of the CoC who have been formerly homeless. CoC

members spread the word about membership to new or unaware agencies or individuals who serve the homeless in the geographical area. Member agencies within the CoC serve a wide variety of populations and communities that may include: Black, Latino, Indigenous and or persons with disabilities. The board of directors for the CoC are composed of representatives from the majority of these member agencies. These strategies resulted in increased CoC membership and a new organization applying for CoC permanent housing funds under reallocation.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC membership committee has duties that include conducting outreach to new agencies. Those who have expressed interest or may have been involved in previous years and have not decided to unite with the organization are followed up with. Membership packets are distributed to those interested in finding out more about the CoC. One of the main priorities for the committee is to engage with local coalitions, agencies and groups assisting with the homeless in the CoC geographical area. Ongoing efforts have continued with other homeless coalitions and agencies with the intent to learn about other groups and invite them to become a part of CoC. Coalitions and agencies are invited to make presentations at the quarterly membership meetings. Building relationships and partnerships with other coalitions is a focus of CoC. A number of coalitions have been visited and CoC board members have become a part of their committees. CoC members are encouraged to recruit new members and to spread the word about CoC far and wide in our community. CoC has partnered with other municipalities for community events this year to build awareness, advocacy and community engagement. Maintaining good relationships with the press, print, visual and social media and being available to regularly fielding questions about homelessness in the state by working on sustainable outcomes and addressing housing stock and tenant rights with local and state legislators. Late 2020, the CoC solicited the expertise of individuals through the Institute on Global Homelessness (IGH) Vanguard initiative for the Collaborative Applicant, this group assisted CoC in conducting a survey to address housing and homeless concerns within our geographical area. As a result of the outcomes, CoC was able to refocus to ascertain additional assistance in creating a more robust coordinated entry system. With the understanding that the CoC needed to stop managing homelessness and start solving homelessness.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC's website and email list is how we spread the word about funding opportunities. Notification to the public regarding the FY2021 local competition being open and accepting project applications was sent out by email, as well as, information about the competition was posted on the CoC website after the NOFO was released. We have gone further and pro-actively sought out applicants for new funding projects over the past three cycles. In 2021, a reallocation policy was adopted by the CoC and notification was sent to the email list that funds would be reallocated for this competition, in the effort to encourage new applications that have not been previously funded by the CoC. As a result, a new project application not previously funded by the CoC was able to prepare and submit their application. The Collaborative Applicant provided technical support to the new applicant to navigate through the application process. Additionally instructions on how the project applications must be submitted was communicated CoC- wide through the email list. CoC is governed by its by-laws that outlines the conditions to being able to apply for funds and is regulated by the board of directors and as a member being in good standing and attending at least half of the four (4) membership meetings per year is able to apply for CoC funds. Members are also encouraged to join subcommittees that assist with the priorities throughout the year that assist the homeless or those at risk of being homeless. Other members of CATCH who are directly affiliated with coalitions, alliances and other partnering groups are encouraged to share the public notices being disseminated by the CoC. All notices are in electronic format for easy accessibility.

1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT 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 VII.B.1.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG and ESG-CV 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 within your CoC's geographic area so it could be addressed in Consolidated Plan update.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) is the grantee for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and ESG-COVID (CV) funds for Arkansas. The amount of ESG funds DHS received for the current 2020 program year was \$2,264,323.00 and for the 2021 was \$2,261,347.00, and \$23,786,858.00 for ESG-CV programs. There are several organizations under the umbrella of the CoC that received ESG funds as well as ESG-COVID funds from DHS. ESG funds assists with housing for those that are experiencing homelessness and those near homeless. A representative from the DHS Staff attends monthly CoC meetings and provide information on all organizations awarded funds as well as the amount of ESG funds awarded. The CoC has a DHS representative on the CoC's board of directors who chairs the CoC's Monitoring and Evaluation Committee, and works with the CoC to monitor ESG recipients programs and assist in planning monitoring with CoC staff and ESG recipient agencies. This ensures excellent communication between CoC and the ESG Program, which also includes CoC recipients of ESG funding. Point in Time (PIT) and HIC Count planning for all agencies, including ESG, are coordinated by the PIT Count Committee, which includes ESG recipient agencies. Homelessness planning information is discussed by the ESG Program grantee at consolidated plan public hearings conducted annually in the CoC's geographical area. DHS representative also served as a consultant for the Review and Ranking of the CoC projects for the FY 2021 competition.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes

4. Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5. Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	Yes
6. Other. (limit 150 characters)	

1C-4. CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, Local Liaisons & State Coordinators.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1. how your CoC collaborates with youth education providers;
2. your CoC's formal partnerships with youth education providers;
3. how your CoC collaborates with State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);
4. your CoC's formal partnerships with SEAs and LEAs;
5. how your CoC collaborates with school districts; and
6. your CoC's formal partnerships with school districts.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has a partnership with the Little Rock School District and annually have support from their Family Service Liaison who has actively assisted in the past with our PIT count as well as currently attends CoC membership meetings to stay abreast with all of its community initiatives that may be of benefit for youth education providers. The state coordinator recently retired and reconnection with the new Coordinator has been established. Data shows this quarter that within Pulaski County there was over 895 students reported as homeless, 84 homeless students in Lonoke County, 84 homeless students in Saline county and 26 homeless students in Prairie county. Through partnerships and collaborations with community-based (CBO) and faith-based organizations (FBO), they are able to provide resources to assist the students with some of their immediate needs. The pandemic showed across several areas the challenges with identification of students, due to being hard to know if a child was virtually learning or not in school at all for 2020. There is not current data that accurately depict the effect that the pandemic had on students within the CoC's geographical area. However, we will closely monitor those statistics and address any needs from what is reported.

1C-4a. CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

There is hope that American Rescue Plan funds for homeless will help assist with the expected increase in student homelessness moving forward along with continued collaborations with CBOs and FBOs in order to put in affect written or formal agreements in the future. Continued collaborations with youth

organizations and the school districts within the geographical area through providing available housing resources that can be disseminated to the students and families through the schools. Additional collaborations are being developed to discuss all aspects of ensuring that services are being linked to the individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

1C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	No	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	Yes
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Annual Training–Best Practices.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

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

1.	Project staff that addresses safety and 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 safety and 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 2,000 characters)

Domestic violence service providers are members of the CoC. Survivors of domestic violence are referred to DV agencies by way of our coordinated entry system and are provided with a safe environment. Staff empowers survivors to find a violent-free life by providing several paths to take toward obtaining housing for themselves and their children. Because everyone in the Transitional Housing Assistance Program is a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and/or dating violence, safety is the foremost priority. Service agencies ask that participants help to maintain the safest environment possible. Safety

planning is developed with their advocate to discuss their current safety plan, and make changes to fit their current housing needs.

1C-5a.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Using De-identified Aggregate Data.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

(limit 2,000 characters)

CoC member agencies serving survivors calculate data by inputting information into comparable, protected data entry systems. These database systems assist with identifying special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. In addition, the need for additional services such as safe nights, assistance with orders of protection, and other domestic violence assistance services are identified.

1C-5b.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Coordinated Assessment–Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system protocols incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches while maximizing client choice for housing and services that:

1.	prioritize safety;
2.	use emergency transfer plan; and
3.	ensure confidentiality.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Victim Service Advocates within the CoC identifies further ways of enhancing safety of the participants and their children, as well as strategies for minimizing or escaping dangerous situations. This is incorporated into safety planning. The CoC relies on the expertise of these agencies to assist participants in creating a safety plan that makes sense for their current situation. Service agencies will revise and change this plan as often as participants feel necessary. The nature of domestic violence services makes it essential that safety and confidentiality be a priority. Service agencies ask that all participants sign and uphold the Transitional Housing Assistance Program Confidentiality Policy, that is given to participants separately, which asks that they not disclose information about anyone participating in the program.

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

1.	Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBT individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
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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 to Housing in HUD Programs in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area--New Admissions--General/Limited Preference--Moving On Strategy. You Must Upload an Attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report at <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2020-CoC-PHA-Crosswalk-Report.pdf> 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 2020 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?
Housing Authority of the City of Little Rock	30%	Yes-Both	Yes
North Little Rock Housing Authority		Yes-Both	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

PHAs within the CoC's geographical area have established a homelessness preference in their Administrative Plans. This preference prioritizes providing a housing subsidy to persons or families experiencing homelessness ending their homelessness and places them on the HCV waitlist. Each PHA utilizes their Housing Continuum and referral-based case management and support service system to help individuals and families address impediments to housing and to improve long-term goals so they may eventually become self sufficient. Once the Rapid Re-housing assistance for the participant has ended the individual will then be offered Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) which is a one year subsidy with the possibility of an annual renewal. Once the participant is on TBRA they will then be prioritized to receive a permanent HCV housing subsidy from one of the PHAs. Each PHA ensures a smooth transition without interruption to housing assistance. When PHAs are accepting applications for any of its programs, all persons who wish to apply for any of the programs must submit an application in written format, as indicated in each PHAs public notice. A reasonable accommodation will be made for all persons upon request. Federal laws require PHAs to treat all applicants and participants equally,

providing the same quality of service, regardless of family characteristics and background and prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation, familial status, and disability. 6th largest PHA has a Moving on Policy which allows participants to move to less intensive housing services. This will include applying for housing services through HCV, and other Public Housing programs as their waiting list become open and their names come up on the list. Housing services includes include the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) and home ownership program which both help participants move toward sufficiency. They can track 6% of new admissions experiencing homelessness at entry.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Does your CoC include PHA-funded units in the CoC's coordinated entry process?	Yes
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1C-7c.1.	Method for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

If you selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC includes the units in its Coordinated Entry process; and
2.	whether your CoC's practices are formalized in written agreements with the PHA, e.g., MOUs.

(limit 2,000 characters)

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

Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application(s) for funding of projects serving families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other non-federal programs)?	No
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1C-7d.1.	CoC and PHA Joint Application–Experience–Benefits.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

If you selected yes to question 1C-7d, describe in the field below:

1.	the type of joint project applied for;
2.	whether the application was approved; and
3.	how your CoC and families experiencing homelessness benefited from the coordination.

(limit 2,000 characters)

n/a

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including American Rescue Plan Vouchers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

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

Did your CoC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes, you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has entered into a MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

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

Name of PHA: Metropolitan Housing Alliance

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

Name of PHA: Lonoke County Public Housing

1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

1C-8.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.	

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

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

1C-9.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.	8
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 2021 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	8
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1C-9a.	Housing First–Project Evaluation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly evaluates projects to ensure those that commit to using a Housing First approach are prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

There are annual monitoring for ESG and CoC programs in order to ensure that funded providers are adhering to the regulations set forth by HUD. Housing First approach is a model most of our CoC funded providers adhere to, that prioritizes providing permanent supportive housing (PSH) to people

experiencing homelessness by allowing the individual or family the ability to find a home on the front end. Operating within the housing guidelines, making it a client choice and not the provider's choice. Ensuring the individual's basic needs are being met from the beginning stages with shelter and food. What has shown is a large number of clients in central Arkansas are dealing with several different problems however allowing them housing without barriers in place on the front end. This enables them to be empowered through stability options and an opportunity to transition into a home even by way of assistance through a shelter needed. Afterwards connecting them to supportive services that will assist them with long-term housing stability which helps with their well-being also. During the pandemic the CoC along with Collaborative Applicant (CA) had to adjust for 2021 after a large amount of individuals and families were being evicted from their homes without preparations or much warning. The CA was able to assist evicted clients with emergency hotel stays at partnered hotels within the community. This allowed for individuals or families to get their bearings straight and work out a plan for rapid re-housing. Advocates were available to assist in this process connecting them to the PSH providers under the CoC. Allowing for individuals to transition from the hotel right back into PSH in some cases. This is also available with our rapid rehousing programs for Central Arkansas.

1C-9b.	Housing First–Veterans.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

Does your CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?	Yes
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1C-10.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

ESG funds were utilized to assist service providers with Street Outreach, those dollars provided PPE, tents, food, tokens, and assisted in paying move-in co-pays. Street outreach coordinators and advocates go out to camps and on the streets to meet with people to assist. Serving over 24,400 clients over the year. 64 clients achieved greater housing stability by moving from the streets to a shelter or moving from a shelter to long-term housing. 146 clients were able to attain employment or increase income from benefits. What was evident and realized through street outreach is more affordable housing is vital, more shelters are needed, and more access to life-saving community resources are necessary to serve these members of the community. The street outreach coordinators and advocates are on the front lines, on a regular continuous

basis. They are doing all they can with the resources they have, but it is not enough to cover 100 percent of the CoC's geographical area. Community partnerships must continue to be forged and strengthened the CoC's street outreach efforts.

1C-11.	Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

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

1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes
4.	Implemented communitywide plans	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

1C-12.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.l.	

	2020	2021
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	237	237

1C-13.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Healthcare–Enrollment/Effective Utilization.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively using Medicaid and other benefits.

	Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment?	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
1.	Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
2.	Private Insurers	Yes	Yes
3.	Nonprofit, Philanthropic	Yes	Yes
4.	Other (limit 150 characters)		

1C-13a.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Information and Training.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.m

Describe in the field below how your CoC provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects by:

1.	systemically providing up to date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	communicating information about available mainstream resources and other assistance and how often your CoC communicates this information;
3.	working with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance; and
4.	providing assistance with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC provides information regarding available mainstream resources through the services that are provided by agencies within the geographic area. CoC members engage and network with each other in CoC membership meetings regarding services that are available for clients to sign-up for benefits such as SNAP, medical insurance, Medicaid, child care vouchers, etc. Information is distributed through electronic channels such as the CoC's email list. Healthcare organizations partner with CoC member agencies to provide medical treatment to clients by having on-site clinics at shelters and day centers. Through these partnerships, clients also receive assistance on how to effectively use the benefits they've acquired, including Medicaid.

1C-14. Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Tool. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.

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

1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
3.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance; and
4.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC utilizes a coordinated entry referral form which is used by member and non-member agencies throughout the CoC's geographical area in referring individuals and families for immediate assistance. In the past year a new agency has joined the CoC, adding services within the geographical area, making access to needed services much more convenient for those needing assistance. The CoC incorporates the VI-SPDAT common standard assessment tool into the coordinated entry process. Through a Coordinated Entry Community Workshop, the CoC has devised a priority schematic, revised the coordinated entry policy and researching other assessment tools in order to convert over from the VI-SPDAT to be in compliance with the latest racial equity initiative. This conversion allows a more in-depth common assessment for agencies to use. During the process of issuing a homeless survey and receiving the results in late 2020, the CoC realized that there were 3 areas that had to be addressed; including a more prioritized centralized waiting list for homeless housing service needs. This tool will be available 24 hours per day seven days per week through a web-based system. It can also be accessed through member agencies. The CoC reaches people who are least likely to apply for

assistance through street outreach programs through the ESG Program, as well as, through supportive services grants. Representatives work on-site in homeless shelters and day centers assisting in connecting homeless to housing and needed services several days per week. The CoC's referral system prioritizes the following groups of persons: homeless veterans, chronically homeless individuals, and homeless families with children. The CoC's coordinated entry system is designed to optimize access to services for these priority groups. It has been successful in moving homeless persons from the streets into shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and permanent housing.

1C-15.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Assessing Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Did your CoC conduct an assessment of whether disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance exists within the last 3 years?	No
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1C-15a.	Racial Disparities Assessment Results.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the findings from your CoC's most recent racial disparities assessment.

1.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	No
2.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	Yes
3.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	No
4.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes
5.	There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	Yes
6.	The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No

1C-15b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes

3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	The CoC along with the Collaborative Applicant is diving deep into addressing racial disparities.	Yes

1C-15c.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Beyond Areas Identified in Racial Disparity Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance beyond just those areas identified in the racial disparity assessment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has taken steps to identify racial disparities by translating pamphlets and brochures into Spanish due to the language barriers that were seen to be a major concern within the Hispanic/Latino community. This would assist them in reaching out for services and also allow awareness on where to go for assistance, etc. Also, preparing public announcements in Spanish so that individuals know what services are available and where. There are hopes to adopt a language access policy after seeing a need from racial equity assessments from the past. What this means is within organizations there would be key departments that would require a bilingual representative to be available at initial contact for non-English speaking individuals. This would benefit greatly in so many areas where language barriers currently exist. The Collaborative Applicant created an ID Card for individuals who are not able to secure identification in the traditional way. It is understood that the homeless may not have the ability to get the needed identification documents in order to receive services or a place to call home. The ID Card is quite helpful by allowing a parent's ability to pick up their child from school after dropping them off in the morning. Also, partnerships with banking institutions who agreed to allow the ID card in order for individuals to set up needed accounts. Services that would not be normally available. Being able to show proof of who a person is, is very useful for citizens reentering into society, as well. Knowledge that initially not having proper ID could cause racial disparities for an individual who needs to reestablish back into society. The CoC is encouraged to continue these efforts and more, moving forward to find solutions that combat racial inequalities and

disparities.

1C-16.	Persons with Lived Experience–Active CoC Participation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	1	1
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	1	1
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	1	1
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	1	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0

1C-17.	Promoting Volunteerism and Community Service.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate steps your CoC has taken to promote and support community engagement among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area:

1.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	Yes
2.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery, data entry).	Yes
3.	The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	Yes
4.	The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	Yes
5.	Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment and/or volunteerism.	Yes
6.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC's Geographic Area

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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1D-1.	Safety Protocols Implemented to Address Immediate Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered, Congregate Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below protocols your CoC implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to address immediate safety needs for individuals and families living in:	
1.	unsheltered situations;	
2.	congregate emergency shelters; and	
3.	transitional housing.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC and members worked to implement new protocols and practices to address the immediate safety needs for individuals and families in unsheltered situations, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. For unsheltered individuals, we worked to provide PPE resources, partnered with donors and organizations to provide and secure additional PPE, and worked to improve screening and testing measures for unsheltered populations being served by CoC organizations. Upon discovery of positive cases, CoC members worked to secure quarantine facilities for unsheltered individuals as well as apply best contact tracing procedures to limit further exposure to unsheltered individuals.

For emergency shelters and transitional housing, CoC members worked to improve health screening measures, limited enrollment to provide more social distancing in programs, provided regular testing opportunities for individual, set up and secured quarantine facilities as needed to limit positive exposures, provided PPE, and worked to regularly sanitize and clean facilities. These measures worked to address immediate safety needs for individuals and families, and limited potential outbreaks of COVID-19.

1D-2.	Improving Readiness for Future Public Health Emergencies.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC improved readiness for future public health emergencies.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

In order to be prepared for future public health emergencies, our CoC will retain practices and experiences from the COVID-19 pandemic to apply in the event of another emergency. This includes adapting public health policies, adaptations to facilities to improve public health, and maintaining quarantine and testing procedures that worked effectively to limit outbreaks of COVID. Our CoC will also work to implement rapid communication amongst members to share expertise and experiences, and share information and best practices.

1D-3.	CoC Coordination to Distribute ESG Cares Act (ESG-CV) Funds.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q	

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with ESG-CV recipients to distribute funds to address:

1.	safety measures;
2.	housing assistance;
3.	eviction prevention;
4.	healthcare supplies; and
5.	sanitary supplies.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC made sure to communicate resources members received from ESG-CV, and coordinated with DHS and our CoC members to ensure agencies knew about ESG-CV fund availability. Many CoC agencies received ESG-CV support to address COVID-19 needs. This included street outreach funds to provide PPE, improve sanitation practices, support transportation costs for individuals, as well as support health service costs. Other CoC members received funds to support housing costs for individuals and families as well as to prevent eviction from housing. Additionally, several CoC members received funding to support emergency shelter expenses, including PPE costs, costs associated with sanitary supplies, and cleaning costs for facilities.

1D-4.	CoC Coordination with Mainstream Health.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with mainstream health (e.g., local and state health agencies, hospitals) during the COVID-19 pandemic to:

1.	decrease the spread of COVID-19; and
2.	ensure safety measures were implemented (e.g., social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, masks).

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC and CoC agencies partnered and coordinated extensively with the Arkansas Department of Health, local hospitals, and local clinics to provide up to date information and implementation of public health and safety measures, secure PPE, provide testing and vaccination clinics for COVID-19, and effectively quarantine and provide health services to individuals and families experiencing COVID-19. This coordination was invaluable to addressing COVID-19, and will be essential for addressing future public health emergencies.

1D-5.	Communicating Information to Homeless Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicated information to homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic on:

1.	safety measures;
2.	changing local restrictions; and
3.	vaccine implementation.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC and CoC agencies worked to communicate and provide up to date information amongst service providers on safety measures, changing local restrictions, and the availability and eligibility information regarding COVID-19 testing and vaccination opportunities. This was coordinated with mainstream health agencies, as well as local and state government to ensure CoC agencies were adopting up to date practices and measures to address COVID-19 as well as communicate opportunities for testing and vaccination to individuals and families. CoC agencies also utilized social media to provide recent information, as well as education on best practices, testing opportunities, vaccine opportunities, and vaccine benefits.

1D-6.	Identifying Eligible Persons Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19 Vaccination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC identified eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness for COVID-19 vaccination based on local protocol.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC and CoC agencies surveyed clients about COVID-19 vaccination status, and worked to continually offer vaccination opportunities and clinics to individuals and families who were unvaccinated, as well as providing up to date eligibility and benefits of vaccination information. Several CoC agencies offered vaccination clinics on site for clients as well as incentives to become vaccinated. CoC agencies did not deny services to any client based on vaccination status, and all vaccination status information was self-reported by clients.

1D-7.	Addressing Possible Increases in Domestic Violence.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC addressed possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance due to requirements to stay at home, increased unemployment, etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC and CoC agencies worked to prevent potential domestic violence

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caused by requirements to stay at home and increased unemployment during the COVID-19 pandemic by offering increased mental and physical health services as well as career services, both in person and remotely. In instances of reported domestic violence, CoC agencies worked to separate the individuals involved, provide housing resources if available, and coordinate with domestic violence agencies to provide additional support and resources.

1D-8.	Adjusting Centralized or Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC adjusted its coordinated entry system to account for rapid changes related to the onset and continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Our CoC worked to continually provide the best and up to date information about the COVID-19 pandemic, ensure communication amongst CoC agencies about COVID trends that could impact our coordinated entry system, and to adapt and communicate changing agency entry procedures. There was no significant change to the coordinated entry system and policies itself, but individual CoC agencies did ensure to communicate changing entry procedures, health screening protocols, and changes to agency capacity.

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

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1E-1.	Announcement of 30-Day Local Competition Deadline—Advance Public Notice of How Your CoC Would Review, Rank, and Select Projects. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published the 30-day submission deadline for project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/18/2021
2.	Enter the date your CoC publicly posted its local scoring and rating criteria, including point values, in advance of the local review and ranking process.	09/30/2021

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria listed below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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

1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Used data from a comparable database to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes
5.	Used objective criteria to evaluate how projects submitted by victim service providers improved safety for the population they serve.	Yes
6.	Used a specific method for evaluating projects based on the CoC's analysis of rapid returns to permanent housing.	No

1E-2a.	Project Review and Ranking Process—Addressing Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.

Describe in the field below how your CoC reviewed, scored, and selected projects based on:

1.	the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities your CoC considered when ranking and selecting projects; and
2.	considerations your CoC gave to projects that provide housing and services to the hardest to serve populations that could result in lower performance levels but are projects your CoC needs in its geographic area.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The rank and review process reflects our CoC-wide commitment to prioritizing the chronically homeless, homeless families, and homeless veterans. The scoring tools for both new and renewal projects are scored on the vulnerable populations they serve. This year we used the HUD-provided tool to score our CoC project applications. Those scores were then a factor in determining each project's overall score and ranking. Our CoC is committed to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable Arkansans.

1E-3. Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Review and Ranking Process.

NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, when determining the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process;
3.	rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their program participants mirror the homeless population demographics (e.g., considers how a project promotes racial equity where individuals and families of different races are over-represented).

(limit 2,000 characters)

The review and ranking committee consist of representatives from local municipalities, across different cultures and backgrounds and over half of the committee members reflected those over-represented within our local homeless population. Considerations were made to the new project's ranking which showed how their organization was putting processes in place to have a diverse staff representation which mirrored the individuals they serve on a daily basis. Offering other available opportunities to applicants in order for them to be housed and stay housed. As a result the new organization scored well during the scoring and ranking of the projects.

1E-4. Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.

NOFO Section VII.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 projects through this process during your local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year;

4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable; and
5.	how your CoC communicated the reallocation process to project applicants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC's Monitoring Committee reviews the performance of projects. The CoC has a reallocation policy and has implemented that policy during this competition session. One project has reallocated funds that has allowed a new project application to be considered and ranked in this competition. Additionally, the CoC will continue to notify Existing applicants of the performance criteria, as well as, how the reallocation process will affect them if they are deemed low performing.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2016 and FY 2021. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2016 and FY 2021?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen if You Select Yes.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	If you selected yes, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps.	11/01/2021

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

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.	11/01/2021
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1E-6.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

Enter the date your CoC's Consolidated Application was posted on the CoC's website or affiliate's website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; 2. Priority Listings; and 3. all projects accepted, ranked where required, or rejected.	11/12/2021
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2021 HIC data into HDX.	05/17/2021
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2A-4.	HMIS Implementation—Comparable Database for DV.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC:

1.	have a comparable database that collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS Data Standards; and
2.	submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the comparable database to your CoC and HMIS lead.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Domestic Violence Shelters utilize comparable data systems to HMIS. Due to confidentiality Domestic Violence Shelter can't use HMIS. Domestic Violence Shelters submit yearly CAPER report.

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

Enter 2021 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2021 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	641	139	442	88.05%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	179	0	157	87.71%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	237	0	237	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	551	0	551	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section VII.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 2,000 characters)

N/A

2A-5b.	Bed Coverage Rate in Comparable Databases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

Enter the percentage of beds covered in comparable databases in your CoC's geographic area.	100.00%
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2A-5b.1.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Question 2A-5b.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

If the bed coverage rate entered in question 2A-5b. is 84.99 percent or less, describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

N/A

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.d.	

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 15, 2021, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to conducting a sheltered and unsheltered PIT count in Calendar Year 2022?	Yes
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2B-2.	Unsheltered Youth PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to implementing an unsheltered youth PIT count in Calendar Year 2022 that includes consultation and participation from youth serving organizations and youth with lived experience?	Yes
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2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2.	how your CoC addresses individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

(limit 2,000 characters)

According to FY2020's System Performance Measures for the CoC, there were 743 first-time homeless clients. Because of the CoC's strategies for addressing first-time homelessness, we saw a reduction of 392 first-time homeless clients in 2020 (compared to 1135 first-time homeless clients in 2019). Based on client data from CoC funded programs and ESG programs in our community, our CoC has determined that the major risk factors for identifying persons becoming homeless for the first time include income loss and lack of access to affordable housing. Risk factors are determined through initial interviews of persons, as well as entry assessments as recorded in the CoC's HMIS system. For example, current entry assessments track first time and chronic homelessness. Our CoC provides homeless prevention supports through various programs including Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG), including additional ESG COVID-19 funding over the past year, which include homelessness prevention, street outreach, and emergency shelter (including day shelter) funding to programs supporting those at risk of homelessness. Additional funding and programming include EFSP Programs, HUD grants, and CDBG grants. The CoC's board of directors, in partnership with member agencies, is responsible for developing a strategy and coordinating efforts to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time, as well as ending homelessness for individuals and families.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

In 2020, homeless clients in our CoC saw an increase in days spent in Emergency Shelters and Transitional Housing before securing permanent housing (+15 nights for Emergency Shelter and +37 nights for Transitional Housing). Thus, it is important that the CoC practices a Housing First model in which housing is the highest priority for those experiencing homelessness. Through the use of Coordinated Entry, our CoC works to connect those in highest need with the most appropriate services. Member agencies provide housing, as well as case management, and wraparound services, which decrease clients' length of homeless episodes and increase likelihood of housing stability once permanent housing is secured. Additionally, member agencies are working with local landlords to find safe, affordable, sustainable housing for those who are able to work and move out of homelessness, directly into permanent housing.

The average length of stay for homeless families in our CoC is 71 nights and we make every effort to move homeless families and individuals out of homelessness from the first day they are enrolled in our coordinated entry system. HMIS entry assessments evaluate individual and families' length and number of experiences of homelessness. This allows for prioritization of those experiencing chronic homelessness. The CoC's board of directors and the Coordinated Entry committee work to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless in Central Arkansas.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

Street Outreach, Transitional Housing, Emergency Shelter, and Rapid Rehousing programs in our CoC all saw increases in permanent housing placements for their clients in 2020. From 6 - 24 months after permanent housing placement, the CoC also saw an increase in retention of permanent housing through these programs since 2019 (System Performance Measures, FY2020). Through our CoC's coordinated entry system, partnerships with member agencies, and use of programs such as Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs, the CoC provides emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing to individuals and families most in need of such services. Case management, life skills, and wraparound services are provided to ensure individuals and families receiving short term housing successful transition to permanent housing. As mentioned, member agencies work closely with local landlords and public housing programs to increase the permanent

housing opportunities for clients in our CoC. Additionally, permanent housing projects focus on expanding and strengthening relationships with landlords to ensure a robust network of housing opportunities for those in need. Lack of affordable housing remains a challenge; therefore, these efforts are a priority. The CoC provides aftercare supports, including case management and limited financial assistance, to those who have exited to permanent housing. Life Skills training related to housing maintenance, stability, and daily living (ex. bill pay, budgeting, cleanliness, neighbor relations) are incorporated into programming to increase housing retention rates. ESG program funding also provides emergency rental assistance to assist those in danger of reentering homelessness.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC's Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

(limit 2,000 characters)

As stated in section 2C-3, all housing programs within our CoC saw an increase in permanent housing retention for their clients, and a decrease in returns to homelessness (System Performance Measures, FY2020). Total returns to homelessness decreased from 19% in 2019 to 17% in 2020, all while serving more clients in 2020 than 2019. The CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness through HMIS entry assessments and Point in Time (PIT) Count data. Our CoC works to reduce the rate of reentry into homelessness through case management to those receiving housing vouchers, aftercare services to those exiting emergency and transitional housing, and wraparound supports to provide safety nets to ensure clients are not returning to homelessness. Member agencies provide clients with exit assessments, connections to community resources, and a network of aftercare services. The CoC Board of Directors oversees this strategy to reduce reentry into homelessness and coordinates efforts through member agencies. Board meetings and membership meetings allow agencies to collaborate and work together to improve housing stability rates for those who are housed.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income-Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	your CoC's strategy to increase employment income;
2.	how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Multiple organizations within the CoC's membership provide career centers and direct contacts within employers in multiple sectors. The aim is to not only contact those being served to employment opportunities but to increase income so sustainability can last. This is also done through referrals, job skills training, life skill classes and direct contacts with employers to hire individuals being served to jobs that fit specific needs. The CoC's agencies also work together to coordinate job training and career-support services, conduct outreach to employers (some member agencies have had very successful job fairs on their grounds, which were beneficial for both clients and employers), and many are pursuing new funding opportunities to support these efforts to grow sustainable programs to support employment. When Comparing 2019 to 2020 System Performance Measures data, 2020 clients within CoC's geographical area increased cash income at a slightly lower rate than 2019 (2%). Thus, it is important to emphasize referrals to career centers, job training, and employment opportunities for our clients in geographic area. The CoC membership has built direct connections to city, county and state programs including Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, Pulaski County, and the Little Rock Workforce Development Board to increase opportunities for employment and offer programs that are tailored to those experiencing homelessness such as job skills training, on-site GED classes, and enrollment in government programs. The CCoC's board is responsible for leading this endeavor.

2C-5a.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Workforce Development–Education–Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and	
2.	is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful education and training, on-the-job training, internships, and employment opportunities for program participants.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

Many CoC's membership agencies build relationships with private employers and private employment organizations that allow clients to speak directly to hiring managers or administrators for the opportunity of employment. Job fairs, outreach to employers and partnerships with staffing agencies are a part of the framework within the CoC membership agencies and all opportunities are shared with all the other agencies so many clients can be given the opportunity for employment. Partnerships include email blasts with all applicable job opportunities and fairs sent by the head of Human Resources at the State of Arkansas, the City of Little Rock offers career fairs and job opportunities, the Little Rock Workforce Development Board offers a work based learning program geared towards job skills training for clients, and the Central Arkansas Library System offers a multitude of help for those searching and applying for jobs. The CoC also works directly with our area educational organizations including the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College, and the Pulaski County Special School District Adult Education Department to offer job skills training, GED classes, tuition assistance, internships, and the opportunity to obtain a needed educational level whether it be secondary or higher education. The CoC's board is responsible for leading this undertaking.

2C-5b.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;	
2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

Many of the CoC's membership agencies have direct referral streams to government benefit programs including access to the Social Security Administration's Vulnerable Population Initiative, SNAP trained case managers, pathways to enroll in TEA, insurance and housing navigation, and WIC enrollment. These are accomplished through partnerships, direct connections, referrals, trained staff, or invites to staff or agencies that will help enroll or give guidance on various programs. Obtaining an income stream for clients is paramount to the mission of the CoC to help individuals move from homelessness to sustainability. When Comparing 2019 to 2020 System Performance Measures data, 2020 clients within the CoC's geographic area increased non-employment cash income at a slightly lower rate than 2019 (5%). Thus, it is important to focus on assisting clients in applying for SSI, SNAP, TANF, WIC, and other social programs for which our clients may qualify. Many organizations are attempting to train staff in SOAR, increase direct referrals to Social Security through the Vulnerable Population Initiative, partner with our area Congressman's office to educate on federal and state programs, and build relationships with government agencies to enroll in helpful programs. The board of directors is responsible for oversight of the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	

Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project(s) 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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3A-1a.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Commitment. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the organization(s) that provided the subsidies or subsidized housing units for the proposed new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project(s).

1.	Private organizations	No
2.	State or local government	No
3.	Public Housing Agencies, including use of a set aside or limited preference	No
4.	Faith-based organizations	No
5.	Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs	No

3A-2.	New PSH/RRH Project—Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	

Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2a.	Formal Written Agreements–Value of Commitment–Project Restrictions. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	

1.	Did your CoC obtain a formal written agreement that includes: (a) the project name; (b) value of the commitment; and (c) specific dates that healthcare resources will be provided (e.g., 1-year, term of grant, etc.)?	No
2.	Is project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and not restricted by the health care service provider?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing Resources–Leveraging Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs—New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

n/a

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 VII.C.	

Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

n/a

4A. DV Bonus Application

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4A-1.	New DV Bonus Project Applications.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2021 Priority Listing.

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

You must click “Save” after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-3 and 4A-3a.

4A-2.	Number of Domestic Violence Survivors in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	199
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	104
3.	Unmet Need:	95

4A-2a.	Calculating Local Need for New DV Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-2 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g. comparable database, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Women and Children First was only able to provide 104 persons/families with assistance for transitional housing. This left more than 199 persons needing housing and other necessary DV services. Currently the CoC does not have funds to adequately address the needs of all DV survivors. If funded, Pulaski County Housing Agency will work with Women and Children First and provide housing assistance to DV survivors in need of housing. WCF will continue to provide supportive services to CoC DV survivors. Currently Women and Children First does not keep track of the number of unmet need for housing and services in the Apricot System but does so manually. In the future, Women and Children First and Pulaski County Housing Agency will develop a waitlist for all persons seeking assistance. These persons will be then added to the Pulaski County Housing Agency (PCHA) waitlist, if they seek permanent housing assistance. Through the Pulaski County Housing Agency's Homeless Preference, DV survivors will receive preference for assistance if and when assistance becomes available. This will enable WCF to track the unmet need for housing and services more effectively. Also, WCF will develop a new tab in the Apricot data entry system that would be only for shared clients. This tab will keep track of who, when, and how much time was spent with each DV survivor and the services WCF assisted them with.

4A-4.	New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects--Project Applicant Information.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	
	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects--only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name

Pulaski County Go...

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

4A-4.	New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects–Project Applicant Information–Rate of Housing Placement and Rate of Housing Retention–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2021 Priority Listing:

1.	Applicant Name	Pulaski County Government
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	72.00%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	75.00%

4A-4a.	Calculating the Rate of Housing Placement and the Rate of Housing Retention–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention reported in question 4A-4; and
2.	the data source (e.g. comparable database, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,000 characters)

Member agencies calculate data by inputting information into comparable, protected data entry systems. These database systems assist with identifying special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

4A-4b.	Providing Housing to DV Survivor–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

Every survivor that enters a Domestic Violence shelter is given a housing assessment. CATCH will utilize the PHAs Housing Continuum in partnership with Domestic Violence member agencies part of CATCH for case management

and supportive services to support individuals and families to address housing impediments created as a result of domestic violence situations. The CATCH PHAs will provide Rapid Rehousing assistance for the Domestic Violence Survivors. Once the Rapid Rehousing assistance for the participant has ended, the individual will then be offered Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) which is a 1-year subsidy with the possibility of a 1-year renewal. After receiving Tenant Based Rental Assistance, CATCH will strive to provide permanent housing for survivors and their families in the form of a Housing Choice Voucher subsidy, thus providing permanent housing.

4A-4c.	Ensuring DV Survivor Safety--Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:

1.	training staff on safety planning;
2.	adjusting intake space to better ensure a private conversation;
3.	conducting separate interviews/intake with each member of a couple;
4.	working with survivors to have them identify what is safe for them as it relates to scattered site units and/or rental assistance;
5.	maintaining bars on windows, fixing lights in the hallways, etc. for congregate living spaces operated by the applicant; and
6.	keeping the location confidential for dedicated units and/or congregate living spaces set-aside solely for use by survivors.

(limit 5,000 characters)

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responsible for.

4A-4c.1.	Evaluating Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served.

(limit 2,000 characters)

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4A-4d.	Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience in using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors in each of the following areas:

1.	prioritizing program participant choice and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with participants' preferences;
2.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on trauma;
4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans include assessments of program participants strengths and works towards goals and aspirations;
5.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination;
6.	providing opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offering support for parenting, e.g., parenting classes, childcare.

(limit 5,000 characters)

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4A-4e.	Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors–Project Applicant Experience.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	supportive services the project applicant provided to domestic violence survivors experiencing homelessness while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs; and
2.	provide examples of how the project applicant provided the supportive services to domestic violence survivors.

(limit 5,000 characters)

CATCH Domestic Violence member agencies will provide a variety of resources and support depending on each survivor's situation and goals. Domestic Violence member agencies children's program is available to support and assist participants children through changes. Staff can meet with the participant and their children to determine what the child's needs are and how they can help. Staff can also assist with any questions or concerns participants have about parenting.

CATCH Domestic Violence member agencies will work with the Goodwill's Excel Center to assist participants that do not have a high school diploma with obtaining one. The Excel Center provides adults the opportunity and support to earn a high school diploma while developing career paths that offer greater employment and growth opportunities. CATCH Domestic Violence member agencies will also work other member agencies part of CATCH in job training and assistance with finding a job for participants. CATCH member agencies have skilled employment coaches, employer partners, and employment and training resources. Member agencies offer assistance with job skills, resume writing/review, job search assistance, record sealing clinic, dress to impress events, professional clothing closet, CDL training, forklift training and vocational. CATCH gives participants the opportunity to attend classes at the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension and will work with this agency to provide educational programming classes such as career and life development to skills. Four class categories will be offered and each category has a list of classes offered to prepare the participant to be self-sufficient. The four categories are Food and Nutrition, Health and Wellness, Marriage, Parenting, and Family Life, and Family and Consumer Economics.

4A-4f.	Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches--New Project Implementation.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.	

	Provide examples in the field below of how the new project will:
1.	prioritize program participant choice and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with participants' preferences;
2.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
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4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported. Please only use zip files if necessary.

Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.

Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.

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).

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-14. CE Assessment Tool	Yes	VI-SPDAT	11/12/2021
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	11/15/2021
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes	FY 2021 Local Com...	11/12/2021
1E-2. Project Review and Selection Process	Yes	FY 2021 Review Pr...	11/15/2021
1E-5. Public Posting—Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Projects Rejected...	11/15/2021
1E-5a. Public Posting—Projects Accepted	Yes	Projects Accepted...	11/12/2021
1E-6. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting CoC A...	11/12/2021
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: VI-SPDAT

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Document Description: PHA Homeless Preference administrative planning

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Document Description: FY 2021 Local Competition Announcement

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Document Description: FY 2021 Review Process and Ranking Tools

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Submission Summary

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

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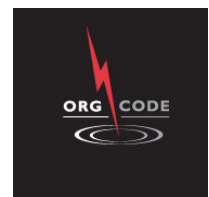
**Vulnerability Index -
Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool
(VI-SPDAT)**

Prescreen Triage Tool for Single Adults

AMERICAN VERSION 2.01

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The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) has been around in various incarnations for over a decade, before being released to the public in 2010. Since its initial release, the use of the SPDAT has been expanding exponentially and is now used in over one thousand communities across the United States, Canada, and Australia.

More communities using the tool means there is an unprecedented demand for versions of the SPDAT, customized for specific client groups or types of users. With the release of SPDAT V4, there have been more current versions of SPDAT products than ever before.

VI-SPDAT Series

The Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) was developed as a pre-screening tool for communities that are very busy and do not have the resources to conduct a full SPDAT assessment for every client. It was made in collaboration with Community Solutions, creators of the Vulnerability Index, as a brief survey that can be conducted to quickly determine whether a client has high, moderate, or low acuity. The use of this survey can help prioritize which clients should be given a full SPDAT assessment first. Because it is a self-reported survey, no special training is required to use the VI-SPDAT.

Current versions available:

- VI-SPDAT V 2.0 for Individuals
- VI-SPDAT V 2.0 for Families
- VI-SPDAT V 1.0 for Youth

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SPDAT Series

The Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (SPDAT) was developed as an assessment tool for front-line workers at agencies that work with homeless clients to prioritize which of those clients should receive assistance first. The SPDAT tools are also designed to help guide case management and improve housing stability outcomes. They provide an in-depth assessment that relies on the assessor's ability to interpret responses and corroborate those with evidence. As a result, this tool may only be used by those who have received proper, up-to-date training provided by OrgCode Consulting, Inc. or an OrgCode certified trainer.

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To use the SPDAT, training by OrgCode or an OrgCode certified trainer is required. We provide training on a wide variety of topics over a variety of mediums.

The full-day in-person SPDAT Level 1 training provides you the opportunity to bring together as many people as you want to be trained for one low fee. The webinar training allows for a maximum of 15 different computers to be logged into the training at one time. We also offer online courses for individuals that you can do at your own speed.

The training gives you the manual, case studies, application to current practice, a review of each component of the tool, conversation guidance with prospective clients – and more!

Current SPDAT training available:

- Level 0 SPDAT Training: VI-SPDAT for Frontline Workers
- Level 1 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Frontline Workers
- Level 2 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Supervisors
- Level 3 SPDAT Training: SPDAT for Trainers

Other related training available:

- Excellence in Housing-Based Case Management
- Coordinated Access & Common Assessment
- Motivational Interviewing
- Objective-Based Interactions

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<http://www.orgcode.com/product-category/training/spdat/>

Administration

Interviewer's Name _____	Agency _____	<input type="radio"/> Team <input type="radio"/> Staff <input type="radio"/> Volunteer
Survey Date DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Survey Time ____	Survey Location _____

Opening Script

Every assessor in your community regardless of organization completing the VI-SPDAT should use the same introductory script. In that script you should highlight the following information:

- the name of the assessor and their affiliation (organization that employs them, volunteer as part of a Point in Time Count, etc.)
- the purpose of the VI-SPDAT being completed
- that it usually takes less than 7 minutes to complete
- that only "Yes," "No," or one-word answers are being sought
- that any question can be skipped or refused
- where the information is going to be stored
- that if the participant does not understand a question or the assessor does not understand the question that clarification can be provided
- the importance of relaying accurate information to the assessor and not feeling that there is a correct or preferred answer that they need to provide, nor information they need to conceal

Basic Information

First Name _____	Nickname _____	Last Name _____
In what language do you feel best able to express yourself? _____		
Date of Birth DD/MM/YYYY ____/____/____	Age _____	Social Security Number _____
		Consent to participate <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

IF THE PERSON IS 60 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

0

A. History of Housing and Homelessness

1. Where do you sleep most frequently? (check one)

- ☐ Shelters
☐ Transitional Housing
☐ Safe Haven
☒ **Outdoors**
☐ **Other (specify):** _____

☐ **Refused**

IF THE PERSON ANSWERS ANYTHING OTHER THAN "SHELTER", "TRANSITIONAL HOUSING", OR "SAFE HAVEN", THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

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2. How long has it been since you lived in permanent stable housing? _____ Years ☐ Refused

3. In the last three years, how many times have you been homeless? _____ ☐ Refused

IF THE PERSON HAS EXPERIENCED 1 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HOMELESSNESS, AND/OR 4+ EPISODES OF HOMELESSNESS, THEN SCORE 1.

SCORE:

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B. Risks

4. In the past six months, how many times have you...

a) Received health care at an emergency department/room? _____ ☐ Refused

b) Taken an ambulance to the hospital? _____ ☐ Refused

c) Been hospitalized as an inpatient? _____ ☐ Refused

d) Used a crisis service, including sexual assault crisis, mental health crisis, family/intimate violence, distress centers and suicide prevention hotlines? _____ ☐ Refused

e) Talked to police because you witnessed a crime, were the victim of a crime, or the alleged perpetrator of a crime or because the police told you that you must move along? _____ ☐ Refused

f) Stayed one or more nights in a holding cell, jail or prison, whether that was a short-term stay like the drunk tank, a longer stay for a more serious offence, or anything in between? _____ ☐ Refused

IF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INTERACTIONS EQUALS 4 OR MORE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR EMERGENCY SERVICE USE.

SCORE:

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5. Have you been attacked or beaten up since you've become homeless? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

6. Have you threatened to or tried to harm yourself or anyone else in the last year? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR RISK OF HARM.

SCORE:

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7. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up, having to pay fines, or that make it more difficult to rent a place to live? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **LEGAL ISSUES**.

SCORE:

0

8. Does anybody force or trick you to do things that you do not want to do? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

9. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't know, share a needle, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **RISK OF EXPLOITATION**.

SCORE:

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C. Socialization & Daily Functioning

10. Is there any person, past landlord, business, bookie, dealer, or government group like the IRS that thinks you owe them money? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

11. Do you get any money from the government, a pension, an inheritance, working under the table, a regular job, or anything like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO QUESTION 10 OR "NO" TO QUESTION 11, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MONEY MANAGEMENT**.

SCORE:

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12. Do you have planned activities, other than just surviving, that make you feel happy and fulfilled? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MEANINGFUL DAILY ACTIVITY**.

SCORE:

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13. Are you currently able to take care of basic needs like bathing, changing clothes, using a restroom, getting food and clean water and other things like that? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "NO," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SELF-CARE**.

SCORE:

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14. Is your current homelessness in any way caused by a relationship that broke down, an unhealthy or abusive relationship, or because family or friends caused you to become evicted? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES," THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS**.

SCORE:

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D. Wellness

15. Have you ever had to leave an apartment, shelter program, or other place you were staying because of your physical health? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
16. Do you have any chronic health issues with your liver, kidneys, stomach, lungs or heart? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
17. If there was space available in a program that specifically assists people that live with HIV or AIDS, would that be of interest to you? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
18. Do you have any physical disabilities that would limit the type of housing you could access, or would make it hard to live independently because you'd need help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
19. When you are sick or not feeling well, do you avoid getting help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
20. **FOR FEMALE RESPONDENTS ONLY:** Are you currently pregnant? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ N/A or Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

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21. Has your drinking or drug use led you to being kicked out of an apartment or program where you were staying in the past? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
22. Will drinking or drug use make it difficult for you to stay housed or afford your housing? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE**.

SCORE:

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23. Have you ever had trouble maintaining your housing, or been kicked out of an apartment, shelter program or other place you were staying, because of:
- a) A mental health issue or concern? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
- b) A past head injury? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
- c) A learning disability, developmental disability, or other impairment? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused
24. Do you have any mental health or brain issues that would make it hard for you to live independently because you'd need help? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, THEN SCORE 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**.

SCORE:

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IF THE RESPONDENT SCORED 1 FOR **PHYSICAL HEALTH** AND 1 FOR **SUBSTANCE USE** AND 1 FOR **MENTAL HEALTH**, SCORE 1 FOR **TRI-MORBIDITY**.

SCORE:

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25. Are there any medications that a doctor said you should be taking that, for whatever reason, you are not taking? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

26. Are there any medications like painkillers that you don't take the way the doctor prescribed or where you sell the medication? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, SCORE 1 FOR **MEDICATIONS**.

SCORE:

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27. **YES OR NO:** Has your current period of homelessness been caused by an experience of emotional, physical, psychological, sexual, or other type of abuse, or by any other trauma you have experienced? ☐ Y ☐ N ☐ Refused

IF "YES", SCORE 1 FOR **ABUSE AND TRAUMA**.

SCORE:

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Scoring Summary

DOMAIN	SUBTOTAL	RESULTS
PRE-SURVEY	0 /1	Score: Recommendation: 0-3: no housing intervention 4-7: an assessment for Rapid Re-Housing 8+: an assessment for Permanent Supportive Housing/Housing First
A. HISTORY OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS	0 /2	
B. RISKS	0 /4	
C. SOCIALIZATION & DAILY FUNCTIONS	0 /4	
D. WELLNESS	0 /6	
GRAND TOTAL:	0 /17	

Follow-Up Questions

On a regular day, where is it easiest to find you and what time of day is easiest to do so?	place: _____ time: ____ : ____ or Night
Is there a phone number and/or email where someone can safely get in touch with you or leave you a message?	phone: (____) _____ - _____ email: _____
Ok, now I'd like to take your picture so that it is easier to find you and confirm your identity in the future. May I do so?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Refused

Communities are encouraged to think of additional questions that may be relevant to the programs being operated or your specific local context. This may include questions related to:

- military service and nature of discharge
- legal status in country
- children that may reside with the adult at some point in the future
- ageing out of care
- income and source of it
- safety planning
- mobility issues
- current restrictions on where a person can legally reside

Appendix A: About the VI-SPDAT

The HEARTH Act and federal regulations require communities to have an assessment tool for coordinated entry - and the VI-SPDAT and SPDAT meet these requirements. Many communities have struggled to comply with this requirement, which demands an investment of considerable time, resources and expertise. Others are making it up as they go along, using “gut instincts” in lieu of solid evidence. Communities need practical, evidence-informed tools that enhance their ability to satisfy federal regulations and quickly implement an effective approach to access and assessment. The VI-SPDAT is a first-of-its-kind tool designed to fill this need, helping communities end homelessness in a quick, strategic fashion.

The VI-SPDAT

The VI-SPDAT was initially created by combining the elements of the Vulnerability Index which was created and implemented by Community Solutions broadly in the 100,000 Homes Campaign, and the SPDAT Prescreen Instrument that was part of the Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool. The combination of these two instruments was performed through extensive research and development, and testing. The development process included the direct voice of hundreds of persons with lived experience.

The VI-SPDAT examines factors of current vulnerability and future housing stability. It follows the structure of the SPDAT assessment tool, and is informed by the same research backbone that supports the SPDAT - almost 300 peer reviewed published journal articles, government reports, clinical and quasi-clinical assessment tools, and large data sets. The SPDAT has been independently tested, as well as internally reviewed. The data overwhelmingly shows that when the SPDAT is used properly, housing outcomes are better than when no assessment tool is used.

The VI-SPDAT is a triage tool. It highlights areas of higher acuity, thereby helping to inform the type of support and housing intervention that may be most beneficial to improve long term housing outcomes. It also helps inform the order - or priority - in which people should be served. The VI-SPDAT does not make decisions; it informs decisions. The VI-SPDAT provides data that communities, service providers, and people experiencing homelessness can use to help determine the best course of action next.

Version 2

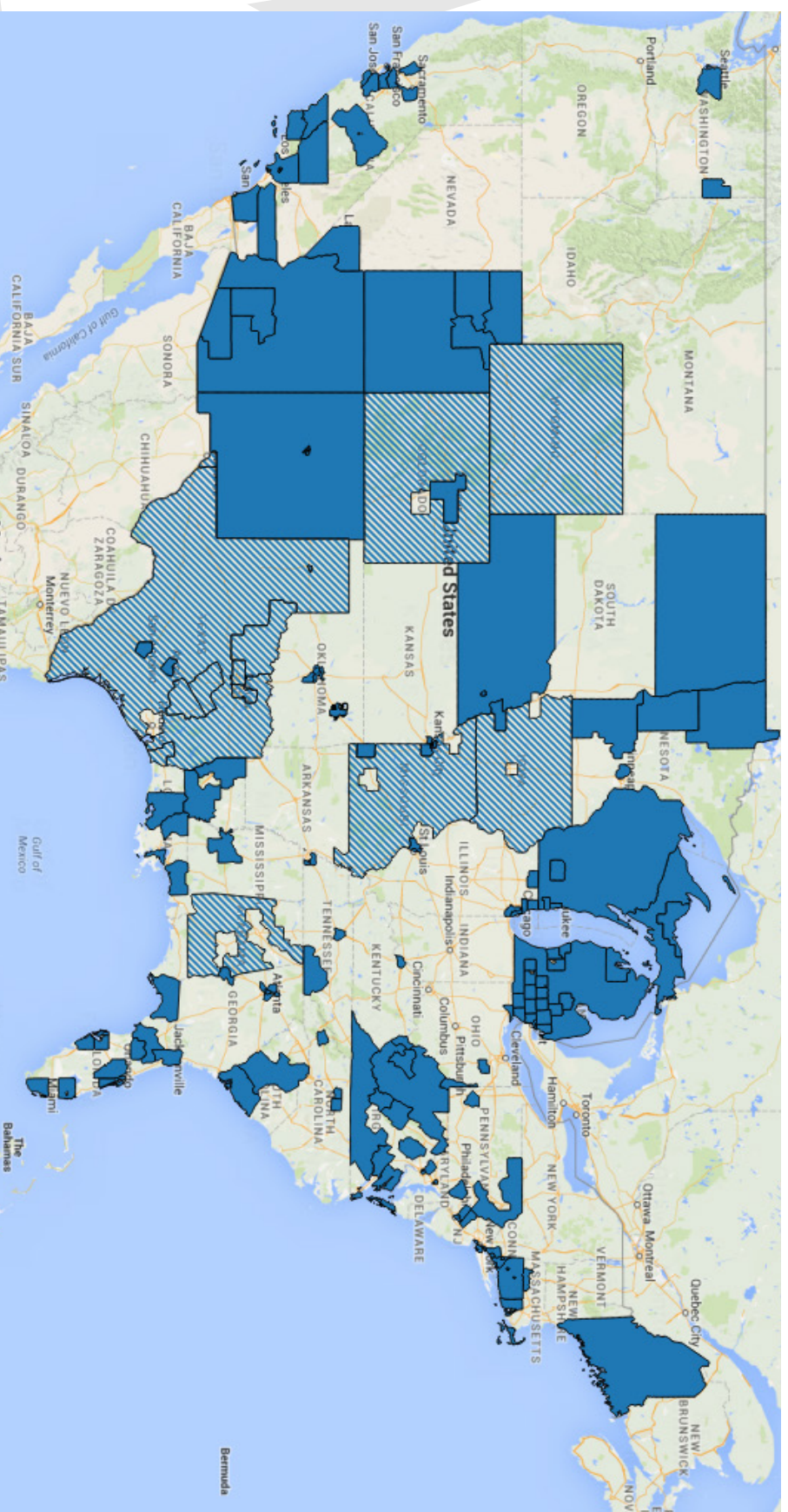
Version 2 builds upon the success of Version 1 of the VI-SPDAT with some refinements. Starting in August 2014, a survey was launched of existing VI-SPDAT users to get their input on what should be amended, improved, or maintained in the tool. Analysis was completed across all of these responses. Further research was conducted. Questions were tested and refined over several months, again including the direct voice of persons with lived experience and frontline practitioners. Input was also gathered from senior government officials that create policy and programs to help ensure alignment with guidelines and funding requirements.

You will notice some differences in Version 2 compared to Version 1. Namely:

- it is shorter, usually taking less than 7 minutes to complete;
- subjective elements through observation are now gone, which means the exact same instrument can be used over the phone or in-person;
- medical, substance use, and mental health questions are all refined;
- you can now explicitly see which component of the full SPDAT each VI-SPDAT question links to; and,
- the scoring range is slightly different (Don't worry, we can provide instructions on how these relate to results from Version 1).

Appendix B: Where the VI-SPDAT is being used in the United States

Since the VI-SPDAT is provided completely free of charge, and no training is required, any community is able to use the VI-SPDAT without the explicit permission of Community Solutions or OrgCode Consulting, Inc. As a result, the VI-SPDAT is being used in more communities than we know of. It is also being used in Canada and Australia.



A partial list of continua of care (CoCs) in the US where we know the VI-SPDAT is being used includes:

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**ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES AND MAINTAINING THE
WAITING LIST [24 CFR Part 5, Subpart D; §982.54(d)(1);
982.204, 982.205, 982.206]**

Homeless preference

Homeless preference – a preference restricted for individuals or families experiencing homelessness who are referred by a partnering homeless organization and is restricted to referral by an approved agency and/or on PCHA ESG program. PCHA limits the number of vouchers eligible for a homeless preference based on availability. If PCHA receives HUD or other private or government funds targeted for homeless families, PCHA may leave the waiting list open only for the population qualified for the homeless preference.

Agency Referral Application Procedure

Public & Indian Housing (PIH) defines Homeless - HUD PIH 2013-15 (HA) as follows: "An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence, meaning:

- 1) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or*
- 2) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low- income individuals); or*
- 3) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;*

Additionally, any individual or family who:

- 4) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence*

or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and

5) Has no other residence; and

6) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.” PIH Notice 2013-15 (HA).

Final Verification of Preferences [24 CFR 982.207]

PCHA defines homeless consistent with federal law. At the time the applicant is selected from the waiting list, PCHA will verify relevant information to determine if the applicant meets the eligibility preference.

Preference Denial [24 CFR 982.207]

If the preference is denied, the applicant is given specific reasons in writing for the denial and advise the applicant of the informal review process. (See Complaints and Appeals Chapter). Applicants who forego the informal review are placed on the waiting list by date and time as stated in the policy. An applicant who has a successful review receives the preference. An applicant with an unsuccessful outcome is still placed on the waiting list as stated in the policy. PCHA will remove any applicant from the waiting list for falsifying documents, statements and/or other information.

A. INCOME TARGETING

Unless PCHA is granted a percentage waiver from HUD, PCHA follows HUD’s income targeting regulations. The policy targets at least 75% of all new annual admissions for a family who is at or below the Extremely Low Income (ELI) limit. ELI is defined as 30% of the area medium income. Consistent with the target goal, PCHA policy is to admit families, regardless of preference, who are eligible under the Extremely Low Income (ELI) guidelines. Upon final determination and verification of income renders an applicant ineligible for ELI preference, the applicant will lose the preference and be returned to the waiting list. ELI does not apply to a low income continuously assisted family per the 1937 Housing Act.

ELI also does not apply to PCHA if the agency is providing low or moderate income families who are entitled to preservation assistance under the tenant based housing as defined in the mortgage prepayment or opt-out program.

B. REMOVAL FROM WAITING LIST AND PURGING [24 CFR 982.204(c)]

In order to maintain current and accurate waiting list data, all applicants are mailed a written request to update information and renew their interest within 14 calendar days of mailing. Failure to timely respond will result in the applicant being removed from the waiting list.

If reasonable extenuating circumstances prohibited a family from responding timely, due to a family member's disability, the applicant may be reinstated provided he provides documentation from a medical provider verifying the delay. Upon verification, the family is restored to the former position on the waiting list.

A family will be removed from the waiting list, if the Postal Service returns the letter without a forwarding address or marked undeliverable.

C. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS [24 CFR 982.54(d)(e), 982.203]

If HUD designates special funding for certain family members, and they are eligible, they are placed on the regular waiting list. If the special funding becomes available, eligible families who meet the criteria are selected to determine if they still meet the targeted funding criteria. Families are selected based on the date and time in which they were placed on the waiting list without regard to preference. Applicants who are admitted under targeted funding who are not identified as a Special Admission are identified by codes in the automated system.

Chapter 3

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

[24 CFR 982.204]

A. OVERVIEW OF THE APPLICATION TAKING PROCESS

Families who wish to apply for any one of MHA's programs must complete an on-line electronic pre-application form when the waiting list is open. Applications will be made available in an accessible format upon request from a person with a disability.

The application process will involve two phases. The first is the "initial" application for assistance (referred to as a pre-application). This first phase results in the family's placement on the waiting list.

The pre-application is electronically dated, time-stamped, and maintained until such time as it is needed for processing eligibility. The pre-application establishes the family's date and time of application and preference claimed for placement order on the waiting list.

The second phase is the "final determination of eligibility" (referred to as the full application). The full application takes place when the family reaches the top of the waiting list. At this time MHA ensures that verification of all HUD and MHA eligibility factors are current in order to determine the family's eligibility for the issuance of a voucher.

B. OPENING/CLOSING OF APPLICATION TAKING

[24 CFR 982.206, 982.54(d)(1)]

Opening the Waiting List

When MHA opens the waiting list, MHA will advertise through public notice, the availability and nature of housing assistance for income eligible families in newspapers, minority publications, other media entities, and by other suitable means.

Information provided in the notice will include:

- The dates, times, and the locations where families may apply.
- The program(s) for which applications will be taken.
- A brief description of the program(s).
- Limitations, if any, on who may apply.

- Closing date of the waiting list.
- MHA address and telephone number.
- Instructions for how to submit an application
- Information on eligibility requirements.
- The availability of local preferences.

When the waiting list is open:

- Any family asking to be placed on the waiting list for Section 8 rental assistance will be given the opportunity to complete an application.

Closing the Waiting List

MHA will announce the closing of the waiting list by public notice.

- MHA may stop accepting applications if there are enough applicants to fill anticipated openings for the next 12 months. The waiting list may not be closed if it would have a discriminatory effect inconsistent with applicable civil rights laws.

C. "INITIAL" APPLICATION PROCEDURES [24 CFR 982.204(b)]

MHA will provide the pre-application form on-line electronically when the waiting list is open. Pre-applications will be made available in an accessible format upon request from a person with a disability

Translations will be provided for non-English speaking applicants by appropriate community agencies.

The purpose of the pre-application is to permit MHA to preliminarily assess family eligibility or ineligibility and to determine placement on the waiting list. The pre-application will contain at least the following information:

- **Applicant name**
- **Date and time of application**
- **Qualification for any local preference**
- **Racial or ethnic designation of the head of household**
- **Annual (gross) family income**

MHA will not:

- Accept duplicate applications, including applications from a segment of an applicant household.
- Place ineligible families on the waiting list.
- Conduct eligibility interviews during the opening period.
- Verify the information on the pre-application until the applicant has been selected for final eligibility determination.

Final eligibility will be determined when the full application process is completed and all information is verified.

D. APPLICANT STATUS WHILE ON WAITING LIST [CFR 982.204]

Applicants are required to inform MHA in writing of changes in address. Applicants are also required to respond to requests from MHA to update information on their application and to determine their interest in assistance. Applicants who do not respond will be removed from the waiting list.

If the family is determined to be ineligible based on the information provided in the pre-application, MHA will provide written notification to the family stating the reason(s) and informing them of their right to an informal review.

E. COMPLETION OF A FULL APPLICATION

The qualification for preference must exist at the time the preference is claimed and at the time of verification, because claim of a preference determines placement on the waiting list and the order of selection from the waiting list.

After the preference is verified, when MHA is ready to select applicants, applicants will be required to:

- Complete a full application
- Participate in an interview with MHA staff to review the information on the full application form.

MHA utilizes the full application interview to discuss the family's circumstances in greater detail, to clarify information which has been provided by the family, and to ensure that the information is complete. The interview is also used as a vehicle to meet the informational needs of the family by providing information about the application and verification process, as well as to advise the family of other MHA services or programs which may be available.

The head of household is required to attend the scheduled interview appointment. If an applicant fails to appear for a scheduled appointment, it is the applicant's responsibility to contact MHA within 10 days to schedule a second appointment. Failure to appear for the interview appointment without prior approval of MHA, failure to reschedule, or missing two scheduled appointments, will result in denial of the family's application unless the family can provide acceptable documentation within 10 days to MHA that an emergency circumstance beyond their control prevented them from meeting this requirement.

If an application is denied due to failure to attend the full application interview, the applicant will be notified in writing and offered an opportunity to request an informal review. (See "Complaints and Appeals" chapter.)

All adult members must sign the HUD Form 9886, Release of Information, the declarations and consents related to citizenship/immigration status and any other documents required by MHA. Applicants will be required to sign specific verification forms for information which is not covered by the HUD form 9886. Failure to do so will be cause for denial of the application for failure to provide necessary certifications and release as required by MHA.

Every adult household member must sign a consent form to release criminal conviction records and to allow MHA to receive records and use them in accordance with HUD regulations.

If MHA determines at or after the interview that additional information or document(s) are needed, MHA will request the document(s) or information in writing. The family will be given 10 days to supply the information.

Chapter 4

ESTABLISHING PREFERENCES AND MAINTAINING THE WAITING LIST

[24 CFR Part 5, Subpart D; 982.54(d)(1); 982.204, 982.205, 982.206]

A. WAITING LIST *[24 CFR 982.204]*

MHA uses a single waiting list for admission to its Section 8 tenant-based assistance program.

Except for Special Admissions, applicants will be selected from MHA waiting list in accordance with policies and preferences and income targeting requirements defined in this Administrative Plan.

B. ORDER OF SELECTION *[24 CFR 982.207(e)]*

MHA will select applicants from the current waiting until it is exhausted, before selecting applicants from a new updated waiting list developed as a result of a new opening period.

Applicants will be ordered on the waiting list by separating the applicants into groups based on preferences and ranking applicants within each group by date and time of application. Applicants without a preference will be ordered by date and time of application, after applicants in preference groups.

Among applicants with equal preference status, the waiting list will be organized by date and time.

Applicants will be selected from the waiting list in order of preference claimed, date and time. Applicants claiming no preference will be selected in order of date and time after all applicants claiming a preference have been selected.

Change in Circumstances

When an applicant claims an additional preference or a preference previously claimed no longer applies, the applicant will be placed on the waiting list in the appropriate order determined by the change in preference.

C. LOCAL PREFERENCES *[24 CFR 982.207]*

MHA uses the following local preference:

- Working preference. Families whose Head of Household is a permanent full or part time employee or who are active participants in accredited educational and training programs designed to prepare the individual for the job market. This preference is automatically extended to elderly /disabled families or families whose head or spouse is receiving income based on their inability to work.

Homeless preference: Individuals or families experiencing homelessness who are referred by a partnering homeless service organization.

This preference is restricted to families who have been referred by an approved agency. The number of families that qualify for a homeless preference is limited to 100 families and may vary based voucher availability. MHA may leave the waiting list open only for the population qualified for the homeless preference while keeping it closed for all other applicants. All referrals are subject to MHA's waiting list screening criteria. [PIH 2013-15 (HA)] {Agency Referral Application Procedure}

PIH Definition of Homeless:

An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; or
- An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution;

Additionally, any individual or family who:

- Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; and
- Has no other residence; and
- Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

Final Verification of Preferences [24 CFR 982.207]

At the time the applicant is selected from the waiting list, MHA will obtain necessary verifications to determine whether the applicant is eligible for the preference.

Preference Denial [24 CFR 982.207]

If MHA denies a preference, MHA will notify the applicant in writing of the reasons why the preference was denied and offer the applicant an opportunity for an informal review (See Complaints and Appeals Chapter). If the preference denial is upheld as a result of the informal review, or the applicant does not request an informal review, the applicant will be placed on the waiting list without benefit of the preference.

If the applicant falsifies documents or makes false statements in order to qualify for any preference, they will be removed from the waiting list.

D. INCOME TARGETING

To meet HUD's income targeting objectives, at least 75% of all new admissions annually will have an income at or below the extremely low income limit which is 30% of the area medium income unless MHA obtains a percentage waiver from HUD.

MHA will admit families who qualify under the Extremely Low Income limit to meet the income targeting requirement, regardless of preference.

If the family's verified annual income, at final eligibility determination, does not fall under the Extremely Low Income limit and the family was selected for income targeting purposes before applicants with a higher preference, the family will be returned to the waiting list.

MHA income targeting requirement does not apply to low income families continuously assisted as provided for under the 1937 Housing Act.

MHA is also exempted from this requirement where MHA is providing assistance to low income or moderate income families entitled to preservation assistance under the tenant-based program as a result of a mortgage prepayment or opt-out.

E. REMOVAL FROM WAITING LIST AND PURGING [24 CFR 982.204(c)]

The Waiting List will be purged by a mailing to all applicants to ensure that the waiting list is current and accurate.

Any mailings to the applicant which require a response will state that failure to respond within 14 days will result in the applicant's name being dropped from the waiting list.

If the applicant did not respond to MHA request for information or updates because of a family member's disability, MHA will reinstate the applicant in the family's former position on the waiting list.

If a letter is returned by the Post Office without a forwarding address, the applicant will be removed without further notice, and the envelope and letter will be maintained in the file.

F. SPECIAL ADMISSIONS [24 CFR 982.54(d)(e), 982.203]

When HUD awards special funding for certain family types, families who qualify are placed on the regular waiting list. When a specific type of funding becomes available, the waiting list is searched for a family meeting the targeted funding criteria. Preferences are not used for special admissions. Families are selected based on the date and time in which they were placed on the waiting list.

Applicants who are admitted under targeted funding which are not identified as a Special Admission are identified by codes in the automated system. MHA administers the following "Targeted" Programs:

- VASH
- Family Unification Program
- VOA
- Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation
- Arkansas Cares
- CATCH
- Goodwill
- Homeownership

Spencer-Gardner, Michelle

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Good Afternoon,

With great anticipation I am announcing the [FY 2021 Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program Competition has officially opened](#). The link provided has all the information needed in order to review and attend to all correspondence disseminated by way of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in regards to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFA), etc. Correspondence will be sent out shortly on behalf of the AR-500 CoC for the mandatory meeting of all Renewal Applicants along with any New Applicants interested in applying for this funding opportunity, (please stay tuned). Notice of Intent to Apply were previously requested and sent in for all that were planning to apply.

Please note deadline for submission of the NOFA application is Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM (CST).

Please feel free to contact Michelle Barnes or myself on any questions you may

have in regards to this email.

Thank you,

Michelle Spencer

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Review and Ranking Committee Process

September 30, 2021

1. The Proposal Review and Ranking Committee is a four member committee chaired by a Board member who is appointed by the President with the responsibility of carrying out the review and ranking of proposals associated with the annual COC Homeless Assistance Grant application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Technical assistance is provided by the chairperson to committee members to insure familiarity with the process prior to ranking of applications.
3. A timeline for applications to be submitted to the Review and Ranking Committee is established by the Review and Ranking Committee, the Collaborative Application Workgroup and guidance from the NOFO. The timelines shall be consistent with the established internal timelines to insure the required application deadline is met.
4. All **renewal** applicants are required to submit a copy of the most recently approved or most recently submitted to HUD, their application and an abstract (very detailed narrative), not more than two (2) pages, responsive to the Renewal/Expansion Project Rating Tool. Provide the amount requested and what year(s) of any recaptured funds within the last three (3) years. Organizations monitored in the last three (3) years by HUD are to submit a monitoring letter(s), if findings, submit letter clearing findings. Certificates of Consistency should be requested from all municipalities and Judges in the catchment area.
All **new** applicants are required to submit their application and abstract (very detailed narrative) of their program of no more than two (2) pages. If recipient of any federal funds or private funding, provide most recently submitted performance report. No response is being requested for audit questions on new project scoring tool.
All project applications are due on or before October 15, 2021 by 5pm. Please email your documents to hphillips@littlerock.gov, dbryant@nlr.ar.gov, twatson@cityofjacksonville.net, and mspencergardner@littlerock.gov. (All four members should receive your application packet).
5. The panel individually reviews and scores the applications using the approved rating tool provided, along with the project abstracts and annual performance reports. Any HUD de-obligation of funding will be taken into consideration during the scoring process.
6. The HMIS application will be reviewed for soundness, however it will not be scored. The committee has determined to rank it as number 10.
7. A location, date and time for the committee to meet to finalize the ranking of projects is established. When ranking projects, priority consideration will be given to: 1) New PH, PSH



and RRH: 2) RRH and PH/PSH renewals; 3) TH addressing family homelessness; and 4) other renewals.

8. All applicant agencies will be notified in writing informing them if their application is accepted or rejected by November 1, 2021.
9. Information on final tabulations will be provided to the CoC Application workgroup. The ranking of projects and all scoring criteria will be publicized to the continuum of care membership. The Review and Ranking Committee will provide feedback to applicant agencies as deemed necessary and/or if requested.

Time Line

- **October 15, 2021**-Project applications are due to Review & Ranking Committee by 5pm.
- **October 16-November 1, 2021**-Review & Ranking Committee will review, score and rank applications
- **November 1, 2021**-Notifications will be sent by email regarding the acceptance and ranking of applications
- **November 16, 2021 by 7:00pm (CST)**-Final Deadline for submission of NOFO application

RENEWAL/EXPANSION PROJECT RATING TOOL

Project Name: _____
 Organization Name: _____
 Project Type: _____
 Project Identifier: _____

Print Blank Template

Print Report Card

Renewal/Expansion Projects

Rating Complete

0%

RATING FACTOR	PERFORMANCE GOAL	PERFORMANCE	POINTS AWARDED	MAX POINT VALUE
PERFORMANCE MEASURES				
Length of Stay				
Exits to Permanent Housing				
Returns to Homelessness				
New or Increased Income and Earned Income				
Performance Measures Subtotal			0	out of 10
SERVE HIGH NEED POPULATIONS				
Serve High Need Populations Subtotal			0	out of 10
PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS				
Project Effectiveness Subtotal			0	out of 10
EQUITY FACTORS				
Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies				
Recipient Management & Leadership Positions	BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, etc representation			out of 5
Recipient Board of Directors	BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, etc representation			out of 5
Process for receiving & incorporating feedback	Process includes persons with lived experience			out of 5
Internal Policies and Procedures	Policies with equitable lens, no undue barriers			out of 5
Program Participant Outcomes				
Outcomes with an equity lens	Data disaggregated by race, ethnicity, etc.			out of 5
Program changes for equitable outcomes	Plan to create more equitable program outcomes			out of 5
HMIS data review with equity lens	Plan to review disaggregated data			out of 5
Equity Factors Subtotal			0	out of 35
OTHER AND LOCAL CRITERIA				
CoC Monitoring Score	Project is operating in conformance to CoC standards			out of 10
Other and Local Criteria Subtotal			0	out of 25
TOTAL SCORE			0	out of 100
Weighted Rating Score				out of 100

PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CoC funding requested	NOTE: Edit on the LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED tab	\$	-
Amount of other public funding (federal, state, county, city)			
Amount of private funding			
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$	-
CoC Amount Awarded Last Operating Year	NOTE: Edit on the LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED tab	\$	-
CoC Amount Expended Last Operating Year	NOTE: Edit on the LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED tab	\$	-
Percent of CoC funding expended last operating year			0%

Timely Submission

out of

Permanent Housing Project

out of

CoC Funding Expended Last Operating Year

100 – 90 % 10 points

89 – 79 % 8 points

78 – 69 % 6 points

68 – 59 % 4 points

58 – 50 % 2 points

out of

NEW PROJECTS RATING TOOL

Project Name: _____
 Organization Name: _____
 Project Type: _____
 Project Identifier: _____

RATING FACTOR	POINTS AWARDED	MAX POINT VALUE
EXPERIENCE		
Experience Subtotal	0	10 out of
DESIGN OF HOUSING & SUPPORTIVE SERVICES		
Design of Housing & Supportive Services Subtotal	0	10 out of
TIMELINESS		
Timeliness Subtotal	0	10 out of
FINANCIAL		
B. Audit	0	10 out of
PROJECT EFFECTIVENESS		
Project Effectiveness Subtotal	0	10 out of
EQUITY FACTORS		
Agency Leadership, Governance, and Policies		5 out of
Recipient has BIPOC individuals in managerial and leadership positions		5 out of
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from persons with lived experience		5 out of
Recipient has process for receiving and incorporating feedback from persons with lived experience		5 out of
Recipient has reviewed internal policies and procedures with an equity lens and has a plan for updating policies that currently center white dominant culture		5 out of
Program Participant Outcomes		5 out of
Recipient has reviewed program participant outcomes with an equity lens, including the disaggregation of data by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age		5 out of
Recipient has identified programmatic changes needed to make program participant outcomes more equitable and developed a plan to make those changes		5 out of
Recipient is working with HMIS lead to develop a schedule for reviewing HMIS data with disaggregation by race, ethnicity, gender identity, and/or age		5 out of
Equity Factors Subtotal	0	35 out of
OTHER AND LOCAL CRITERIA		
Other and Local Criteria Subtotal	0	15 out of
TOTAL SCORE	0	100 out of

NEW PROJECTS RATING TOOL

Project Name: _____
 Organization Name: _____
 Project Type: _____
 Project Identifier: _____

RATING FACTOR	POINTS AWARDED	MAX POINT VALUE
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Weighted Rating Score		out of 100
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PROJECT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CoC funding requested	\$
Amount of other public funding (federal, state, county, city)	
Amount of private funding	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$

NOTE: Edit on the LIST OF PROJECTS TO BE REVIEWED tab

Local Criteria

Permanent Housing Project
 Member of CoC

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Spencer-Gardner, Michelle

From: Spencer-Gardner, Michelle
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:29 PM
To: Tiffany Meyers
Cc: Phillips, Harriett; 'Fredrick Love'
Subject: Accepted FY21 CoC AR-500 Application

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending your application packet. The CoC AR-500, Review and Ranking (R&R) Committee has accepted your applications for submission and your projects have been ranked for the priority listing for AR-500. They are as followed:

Joseph-#4
ARMIS-#5
S+C#43-#6
S+C#44-#7
DV Bonus-#8

The R&R committee is requesting that you amend your S+C projects requested amounts and budgets to reflect the annual renewal amounts (ARA) from the GIW for 2021, they are as followed:

S+C#43- 1,012,298.00
S+C#44- 945,545.00

This reflects the ARA minus the reallocation amounts (\$100,000.00) for each. This will cause you to have to adjust your budget etc. Afterwards if you could resend both amended applications to the R&R committee for record. If you could get this processed by November 4th in order to insure overall submissions in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact myself or Harriett Phillips if you have any question.

Thank you!

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Spencer-Gardner, Michelle

From: Spencer-Gardner, Michelle
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:28 PM
To: Sandra Mitchell (bcdman@bcdinc.org)
Cc: Phillips, Harriett; dbell@bcdinc.org
Subject: Accepted FY21 CoC AR-500 Application-BCD Beyond Shelter

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending your application packet. The CoC AR-500, Review and Ranking (R&R) Committee has accepted your application for submission and you have been ranked #1 for the priority listing for AR-500. The R&R committee is requesting that you amend your application budget to reflect the GIW Annual Renewal Amount of \$45,304.00 prior to November 4th, if it hasn't already been processed. Forward an amended application to the R&R committee for record.

Please feel free to contact myself or Harriett Phillips if you have any question.

Thank you!

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Spencer-Gardner, Michelle

From: Spencer-Gardner, Michelle
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:28 PM
To: 'Daniel Durbin'
Cc: Michelle Barnes; Ben Goodwin (ben@ourhouseshelter.org); Phillips, Harriett
Subject: Accepted FY21 CoC AR-500 Application

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending your application packet. The CoC AR-500, Review and Ranking (R&R) Committee has accepted your application for submission and you have been ranked #2 for the priority listing for AR-500. Thank you for your timely submission and being so thorough, it is very appreciated.

Please feel free to contact myself or Harriett Phillips if you have any question.

Thank you!

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From: Spencer-Gardner, Michelle
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:29 PM
To: 'Erica Baldwin'
Cc: Phillips, Harriett; 'Arlo Washington'
Subject: Accepted FY21 CoC AR-500 Application

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for sending your application packet. The CoC AR-500, Review and Ranking (R&R) Committee has accepted your new application for submission and you have been ranked #3, for the priority listing for AR-500. Thank you for your patience and perseverance in getting the required information submitted for processing.

Please feel free to contact myself or Harriett Phillips if you have any question.

Thank you!

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Subject: Accepted FY21 CoC AR-500 Application

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