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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 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 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.
 Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions
 Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: PA-511 - Bristol, Bensalem/Bucks County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: County of Bucks

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: County of Bucks

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.p., and VII.B.1.r.	

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing 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.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	No	No
7.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	No
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC maintains an open invitation and sign-up process for all new providers/individuals through the CoC website. The CoC website is accessible, comprehensive, and user friendly for its members and the public. Information on the invitation process is regularly posted at least annually on the Bucks County website and social media and was shared by CoC partner organizations to solicit new members and expand the CoC's current reach. 2) The CoC website features accessibility tools that allow the website view to increase and decrease text, grayscale, high contrast, negative contrast, light background, underline links, and readable font. The CoC has a Local Housing Options Committee that is focused on serving households with disabilities and provides feedback on improving accessibility through the CoC. 3) The CoC's Local Housing Options Committee includes and regularly solicits new membership from organizations that serve persons with disabilities. The CoC Housing Link coordinated entry system in 2021 joined a Racial Equity Learning Community that is increasing connections and invitations to local organizations serving culturally specific communities to increase racial equity within the CoC. The CoC has a strong relationship and regularly meets and collaborates with local faith-based organizations and organizations serving LGBTQ+ households experiencing homelessness.

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 2,500 characters)

1)CoC participation includes representatives from nearly all County systems, a broad array of non-profits, faith-based and other volunteer organizations serving the homeless population. This also includes representatives from healthcare, hospitals, and mental health organizations. The CoC street outreach teams meet twice a month and the faith-based organizations that work with the homeless population attend these meetings monthly to collaborate. Concerns identified by the CoC's street outreach teams are reviewed at each monthly executive committee (CoC governance) meeting to develop strategies and identify action steps to address the County's housing challenges. The CoC conducts bimonthly general CoC meetings virtually to increase attendance and maintains an open invitation process for new members to join throughout the year. The meeting has standing agenda items to discuss shelter, food insecurity, and street outreach and invites all organizations to speak and collaborate. 2) The CoC utilizes postings on the Housing Link CoC website, email distribution list, and open virtual CoC bimonthly meetings to communicate and obtain public information. CoC members can send out flyers and announcements via the email distribution list and all members are invited to speak and share resources at the general CoC meetings. 3) The CoC regularly utilizes feedback from committee, executive, and general meetings to create and improve policies and program implementation. A recent example of this is the identified need from the street outreach teams and executive committee for programs to serve unsheltered households with medical needs due to the increase in medical frailty in the population. In response to this, the CoC Lead Agency collaborated with a local healthcare provider and hospital to develop and launch a Street Medicine Program in 2022 that is dedicated to serving unsheltered households with medical evaluations, wound care, and connecting and transporting to primary care physicians. Another example of this is the identified need for a day center for unsheltered individuals, especially during extreme heat or cold. In response to this, the CoC Lead Agency collaborated with Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health, street outreach and faith-based volunteer groups, and a local nonprofit to implement a day center for households experiencing homelessness that will open in October 2022.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC announced and posted on its website on 8/8/2022 that the FY2022 CoC Competition was open and provided an overview and local competition deadlines. Part of this announcement included a request for new applications from organizations and the eligible project components. The request for new applications specifically stated that organizations new to the CoC program are welcome to apply. 2) Both the CoC Overview document and the request for new applications specified the process for submitting their intent to apply and their application in eSnaps along with the due dates of each. A link to the CoC NOFO was also included in the website posting for additional information on HUD's process. 3) The CoC's request for new applications that was distributed on 8/8/2022 specified the local CoC priority project component based on identified need as well as HUD priorities from the NOFO including partnering with healthcare and housing agencies and improving system performance. On 8/19/2022, detailed scoring and ranking criteria was posted on the CoC website and announced via the CoC email distribution that included all scoring categories and point values for the scoring tools for both new and renewal projects. A virtual information session was also held via zoom hosted by the CoC Collaborative Applicant on 8/23/22 at 2PM for any potential new applicants and renewal applications that reviewed scoring and ranking criteria for HUD submission and the application process and timeline. Representatives attended from all four new applications that were submitted this year. 4) The CoC posted the FY2022 announcement, NOFO, and CoC overview and highlight document on the CoC Housing Link website that has accessibility tools available on the home page. The project applications, consolidation application, attachments, project priority listing, and scoring were also posted on the CoC Housing Link website to ensure accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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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 Nonexistentif the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

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

18.		

	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 2,500 characters)

1) Bucks County Housing & Community Development (HCD), Collaborative Applicant and lead agency for the CoC is the Bucks County recipient of HUD ESG, ESG-CV and DCED ESG and ESG-CV funding. When application periods for ESG funds open and once funding focus and timelines are determined, HCD presents the information to the CoC Executive Committee (CoC Governance Board), resulting in a collaborative discussion to determine how ESG funded programs will be allocated to fit the CoC's strategic plan to address homeless services and housing needs. ESG and ESG-CV Subrecipients are present at all CoC Executive Committee meetings and provide input in the process. 2) The CoC participates in ESG annual and ESG-CV allocation decisions, monitoring activities, performance, and outcomes assessment. Outcomes, including PIT data, are shared with ESG Subrecipients as a baseline to assess homelessness and its impact on our community. 3) PIT count and HIC data is collected and reported annually by HCD staff as the CoC Lead, HMIS Lead, and Collaborative Applicant. The final PIT/HIC data reports and a summary were provided to the CoC and were posted on the CoC website and social media for public review. This data is provided internally to HCD staff when completing the Consolidated Plan for Bucks County. 4) Bucks County ensures homelessness information is addressed in the County's Consolidated Plan, through the Annual Action Plan, the data driven summary and plan of activities and resources that will be used to address priority community needs and goals, through public notices, public meetings and consistent CoC evaluation and updates. Accomplishments and progress toward the Consolidated Plan goals for homelessness are included in the CAPER. This data is compiled by HCD's Project Administrator for Data and Performance that is responsible for HMIS Lead functions to include in the plan.

	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 sexual orientation and gender identity:

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
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.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC partners that serve households with children collaborate with youth education providers and school districts to ensure that children experiencing homelessness have full access to learning opportunities. The CoC's main emergency homeless shelter collaborates with various school districts including assisting with applications, setting up transportation, and communicating with the school district social workers around attendance and truancy issues for their shelter residents. They also ensure that each child who enrolls in the shelter can remain in their home school district before becoming homeless. During the pandemic, CoC case managers worked with school districts to ensure all the children had a laptop to attend virtual learning during school shutdowns. The CoC's youth dedicated street outreach team collaborates with school district staff in identifying and engaging with homeless youth. The local homeless liaison has in past years participated in the CoC's annual PIT Count and CoC homeless service providers and representatives of the Lead Agency attend the McKinney-Vento Direct Service Coalition's quarterly meetings and provide updates to their programs and services. The CoC has two formal policies in place including 1. All school-age children participating in a program through a homeless service provider will be connected to a McKinney-Vento homeless liaison to develop an educational plan and 2. Homeless service providers will be involved in Direct Service Coalition meetings which are ran by the McKinneyVento LEA and attended by school districts and youth education providers to maintain up to date information on services available to homeless youth. The CoC's Operational Guidelines state that all homeless service providers within the CoC are required to have established policies to guarantee that all children experiencing homelessness are connected to the appropriate resources to remain enrolled in school and to other educational services.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	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 2,500 characters)

The CoC's Governance Charter states in Article 2C(9) that "All school-age children participating in a program through a homeless service provider will be connected to their school district's McKinney-Vento Homeless Act Liaison to develop an education and transportation plan to remain enrolled in school. All homeless service providers who have regular contact with homeless children will be involved with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act's Direct Services Coalition in order to maintain timely knowledge of all supportive services available to homeless children within the community." When homelessness is a factor in children being court-ordered into out-of-home placement with Bucks County Children & Youth Social Services Agency, that CoC agency not only informs families and youth about their eligibility for education services but uses staff social work services and time to ensure appropriate school placements, even going so far as to enlist case aides to transport children and youth to and from school until such time as bus transportation can be established.

1C-4c.	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	Yes
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	No
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–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:	
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) A Woman's Place (AWP), Bucks County's domestic violence organization that provides emergency shelter and rapid rehousing, is actively involved in the CoC and is a member of the CoC Executive Committee (CoC Governance Board) and the CoC's Racial Equity Committee. The CoC regularly collaborates with AWP on best practices for serving victims within Bucks County's housing system. AWP is also regularly consulted and collaborates when updating CoC-wide policies including coordinated entry. 2) AWP provides training at least annually to the CoC general membership on trauma-informed and victim-centered best practices to ensure that program providers are trained to meet the needs of survivors. In the FY2022 CoC Competition, AWP has submitted a DV Bonus application for DV Coordinated Entry Specialist and part of their role will be ongoing safety training and collaboration to ensure best practices within the CoC's coordinated entry system.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC's Training Committee provides annual training opportunities on trauma-informed and victim-centered case management conducted by A Woman's Place (AWP), Bucks County's domestic violence organization. In this training, AWP presents tools to equip providers on how to identify the cycle of violence, elements of effective safety planning, the prevalence of trauma experienced by adults and children who are DV survivors and the need for trauma informed care throughout the assistance process. The training also includes the correlation between gun violence in America and domestic violence and how employers can detect employees who may be victims and safely guide them to seek help. The training also focuses on DV risks for special populations, specifically elders and the LGBTQ community. The CoC will continue to provide training opportunities both in person as well as virtually. 2) At inception and as updates are made to the coordinated entry system, AWP was consulted to ensure victim centered, trauma informed practices are put in place to quickly assess needs of the victim and connect to appropriate resources. Coordinated Entry staff attend annual trainings on these topics as well as consults with AWP to ensure appropriate resource connections are made and confidentiality and safety and planning protocols are followed.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC collects data at the coordinated entry call center and housing program enrollment level for households that are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The CoC combines this de-identified coordinated entry data and housing enrollment with de-identified domestic violence data from HMIS participating programs to help determine the scope of housing and community needs related to DV from non-DV providers. In addition, HCD regularly interacts with the DV provider organization, A Woman's Place (AWP), to ensure data is collected through their comparable database that is consistent with the HMIS data standards while maintaining victim confidentiality. AWP collects confidential data in their comparable database, the Social Solutions ETO IMPACT System producing data uploads, and reports de-identified aggregate data on victims served as needed to help evaluate and assess community need and outcomes. 2)HMIS data shows that in 2021, 259 unique households enrolled in homeless housing programs, including emergency shelter, identified as victims of domestic violence. Through AWP's comparable database, 63 households in 2021 called their DV Hotline who requested shelter and were in imminent danger, and the average shelter stay was 51 days. The CoC utilized this data to determine the need for increased shelter capacity, rapid rehousing, and coordinated entry services for households fleeing domestic violence and human trafficking. Because of this need, a new shelter was established through CARES and ESG-CV funding to support human trafficking survivors. In addition, AWP applied for and was awarded a CoC rapid rehousing project through the DV Bonus in the FY2021 competition to serve additional households and move them into permanent housing. This data also showed a CoC need for a DV coordinated entry specialist, which was applied for through the DV Bonus in this year's CoC competition through AWP and supported by the CoC.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Bucks County CoC Emergency Transfer plan was adopted September 2019. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act, Bucks County CoC homeless assistance programs providing housing services must allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or human trafficking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit. This requirement applies to programs receiving CoC, Emergency Solutions Grant and HOME Program funding. The plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. The housing program will keep confidential any information that the tenant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the tenant gives the housing program written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the program. 2) To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify their housing program case manager and submit a written request for a transfer to that housing program. The housing program must provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The tenant's request for an emergency transfer should include either:1. A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the housing provider's program; OR 2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90- calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer. The housing program will use HUD forms 5382 and 5383 to document requests for an emergency transfer and to document incidents.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

All victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking at coordinated entry intake are given the choice to work directly with the CoC's domestic violence provider for coordinated entry services and possible direct shelter or rapid rehousing placement through their own program availability. Victims can also choose to work with the CoC's other service providers for coordinated entry, emergency shelter, and housing programs and not the domestic violence provider if that is their preference. Victims that choose to work with the domestic violence provider also continue to have access to all other emergency shelter and housing programs based on need and the domestic violence provider regularly attends case conferencing to anonymously and confidentially discuss client needs and program placements to ensure ongoing coordination and service for all survivors. In addition, coordinated entry staff have received training on trauma-informed case management practices. All CoC programs are required to incorporate emergency transfer plan language and allowance into all leases signed to ensure safe housing transfer for current and future survivors of domestic violence.

	1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
	1.	safety protocols,
	2.	planning protocols, and
	3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To ensure the safety of clients fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, all communication regarding these households is sent via encrypted messages or direct phone calls. When disaggregating data by demographic categories, if the data for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence is so small that the subset disaggregated data could become personally identifiable, those records are removed from the data set and only included in aggregate counts. The main helpline will complete a VI-SPDAT assessment and placement on the ByName List for either housing projects or shelter waitlist immediately so that the household is able to access those resources directly without the need to speak to multiple providers. Any contact information recorded in HMIS can be marked as "safe to contact," indicating how someone may reach a household fleeing or attempting to flee from domestic violence. Those contacting the main helpline who are identified as category 4 are directed to the DV provider for further supports. The DV provider employees a screening process to ensure those households in imminent danger are prioritized to ensure that they are safe first. 2. Planning protocols include ensuring that the DV provider is engaged in key areas of the COC to ensure that the needs of those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are addressed. The DV provider has case management present at case conferencing, participates in the Racial Equity Group, provides feedback to the training committee, and regularly participates in discussions of regarding allocation of COC resources, policy and procedure development, and Coordinated Entry. As a result of feedback from the current CE system, a new CE DV position has been designed and is applying for DV Bonus funds this year. 3. Coordinated entry ensures confidentiality for clients several ways. First, any client who wishes to be added to HMIS anonymously may do so. Households experiencing Category 4 homelessness are asked as part of intake if they wish to be entered into HMIS anonymously. This includes use of a pseudonym as well as not collecting any personally identifying information and entering a dummy date of birth. While all clients may opt not to share data in HMIS, those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are set to no sharing by default.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+–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 LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
	3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

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

	Describe in the field below:	

	1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
	2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
	3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
	4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC's anti-discrimination policy is updated based on stakeholder feedback through several methods. Any grievances received by the CoC Lead, HCD, are reviewed and analyzed to determine any improvements that can be made to the policy for further enhance it. In addition, in the summer of 2022, the CoC through its Racial Equity Committee began compiling qualitative survey questions to receive feedback from program participants that can be included in anti-discrimination policy updates. The CoC regularly reviews any policy updates with the CoC Executive Committee (Governance Board) to receive stakeholder feedback to incorporate into updated final versions. 2)The CoC's anti-discrimination policy is made available to all CoC providers and outlines the provider's requirements to maintain compliance with the policy, which includes specific requirements on prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. The CoC contracts with the Housing Equality Center to provide annual trainings to all CoC providers and partner organizations on HUD's Equal Access Rule and Gender Identity to ensure they are appropriately trained and provided with the tools and resources to have effective and consistent anti-discrimination policies at the provider level. 3)Compliance evaluation is conducted through case conferencing and regular desktop review of outcomes and discharge status to ensure that program participants are not being exited prematurely due to discriminatory practices. Organization's anti-discrimination policies have begun this year to be required to collected when submitting funding applications to the CoC Lead, HCD, for funding opportunities to help encourage compliance. 4) Noncompliance issues are addressed through information gathering by the CoC Lead Agency, HCD, meeting with the provider, and completing a corrective action plan. There is then follow-up on completion of the corrective action plan and any additional training as appropriate based on identified issues and needs in the corrective action plan.

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

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 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?
Bucks County Housing Authority	15%	Yes-HCV	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 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC has had a local homeless admission preference with the geographic area's only Housing Authority since September 2014. The Bucks County Housing Authority has the local homeless preference included in their administrative plan and the CoC has an established written process for the preference. The written process includes a CoC Committee titled the Local Preference Committee that receives, reviews, and approves the local homeless preference applications from homeless provider agencies. The committee votes and applicants that are approved are sent to the Housing Authority. The Housing Authority then works with the applicant to complete the standard Housing Choice Voucher application as well as all required documents and inspections as outlined by the Housing Authority. The Local Preference Committee Chair tracks the applicants that were awarded Local Homeless Preference vouchers and their outcomes. The CoC also collaborated with the Housing Authority and was awarded mainstream vouchers, family unification vouchers, and emergency housing vouchers and is actively involved in the prioritization and referral of these voucher sources with Housing Authority. The Local Preference Chair regularly communicates with the representative from the Housing Authority to identify any issues with the process to improve both working relationships and applicant outcomes.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes

4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	Mainstream and FUP

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

1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

PHA
Bucks County Hous...

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

Name of PHA: Bucks County Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	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

1D-2.	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 2022 CoC Program Competition.	6
	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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	5
	3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	83%

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

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient–that checks Housing First on their Project Application–to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
	2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
	3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 and 2)The COC evaluates every recipient's application for use of a Housing First approach in three ways. First, the COC reviews the quantitative question on the recipient's application verifying whether they are using a Housing First approach. The COC's rubric for the competition awards no points if the applicant answers "no." Second, the COC reviews the recipient's application for narrative regarding a Housing First approach that requires examples of best practices of the Housing First model as applied to the applicant's project. The rubric only awards full points to applicants that indicate they are using a Housing First approach and must demonstrate explicitly how they are doing so or how they will do so in the project. Third, the COC uses data sets, such as APR data and HMIS reports, to review that the project is using a Housing First approach. This includes housing clients with high barriers, such as those that are chronic; positive exits, which demonstrates that clients are not exiting prior to placement in permanent housing; and returns to homelessness within 12 months, indicating that the project is able to place and help participants maintain permanent housing. These three areas have a substantial impact on inclusion and ranking in the COC Competition. 3)Outside of the competition, the CoC utilizes case conferencing for all housing program assignments to ensure households are prioritized appropriately and do not have preconditions for program enrollment. HCD's Data and Performance Project Administrator regularly pulls outcome data on projects to review performance, especially regarding success rates and recidivism. These data are routinely disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender. This allows the COC to compare whether the Housing First performance indicators are consistent across demographic categories, and whether clients enrolled in projects align with the local demographics of the COC to center racial equity and other historically excluded groups in program development. These data are presented to stakeholders, including the COC Executive Committee, to ensure that projects are committed to a Housing First approach, or have committed to working towards a Housing First approach. Concerns regarding project performance, barriers to projects, and project policies are reviewed at the program level to ensure that the organization is following the Housing First model and any actions steps needed to improve organizational practices.

1D-3.	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 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC has 3 street outreach teams (SOT) that cover 100% of the CoC geographical area and receive electronic HMIS referrals through the coordinated entry system (Housing Link). In addition to receiving referrals to begin the engagement process, the SOT regularly canvass known areas to engage with individuals experiencing homelessness that have not yet connected with the Housing Link or are in the process of engagement. Once engaged, the SOT complete the initial coordinated entry intake with the household in person to ensure ongoing connection and identification in the HMIS system. The SOT attend events such as community meals that individuals experiencing homelessness regularly attend in order to engage and provide resources. The SOT will also canvass and initiate engagement based on community referrals outside of the Housing Link CE system in order to provide complete coverage for all methods of identification. 2) The CoC SOT's cover 100% of the CoC geographic area to provide comprehensive support to individuals experiencing homelessness regardless of location. 3) The SOT's conduct outreach daily through Housing Link referrals, community referrals, or regular canvassing and follow-up with current clients. The SOT's meet twice a month virtually to coordinate and collaborate on shared issues and share best practices. 4) The 3 CoC SOT's specialize in youth, mental health, as well as general population in order to target persons least likely to request assistance. SOT's will collaborate with the CoC SSVF and VA Medical Center staff when homeless Veterans are identified to ensure access to all eligible services and street outreach supports. SOT providers hire staff with lived experience or prior experience working with persons experiencing homelessness. The SOT's were tailored in this way to provide comprehensive service when working with persons experiencing homelessness. In addition, they have relationships with police and park rangers that call when they locate someone that may not have otherwise been located. SO utilizes social media to better connect with homeless youth who are more likely to engage through this type of communication. In 2022, the CoC launched a Street Medicine program that is comprised of a nurse, a doctor, and a certified peer recovery specialist who collaborates with the SOT on street homeless clients to better serve their medical needs and increase engagement and trust amongst street outreach staff.

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

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

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

| 1D-5. | Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.l. | |

		2021	2022
	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."	208	166

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

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

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC has a training committee that organizes trainings for CoC program staff and other CoC participating organizations regarding mainstream resources available for participants such as trainings on Tenants' Rights and Public Benefits including food stamps, cash benefits eligibility, etc. CoC Partner organizations share resources at the bimonthly CoC General Meetings and the CoC's SOAR Leadership Committee regularly shares SSI/SSDI information as well as participates in the SOAR webinars available each month. The CoC disseminates mainstream and other assistance information through bimonthly CoC General Meetings, regular CoC email distributions, CoC organized virtual trainings, and through encouraged participation in the Direct Services Coalitions meetings ran by the Local Intermediate Unit LEA's. 2)CoC providers use the online COMPASS system to assist participants with enrolling for benefits in order to speed up the process as well as assist with visits to the Welfare Office to apply for benefits. The CoC's main shelter's Nurse Educator works with health and welfare insurance companies to find the best plans for participants based on their needs as well as collaborates with local nursing homes and rehab centers for medically frail participants that need assisted living facilities and cannot live independently. The CoC's main shelter and other CoC providers work with St. Mary's Medical Center assist participants with obtaining psych evaluations, physicals, dental, and other medical appointments needed using their benefits. The CoC collaborates with the Bucks County Hospital Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) to strengthen the connections between hospitals and CoC participants in order to obtain health insurance and medical assistance. The CoC launched a Street Medicine program in 2022 that is a partnership between the CoC Lead Agency, HCD, healthcare organizations, and a local hospital that works with providers to assist street homeless program participants with receiving healthcare services and has a medical bus that is used to provide healthcare in the field. 3)The CoC has funded and continues to fund a dedicated SOAR specialist to assist all eligible clients with SOAR applications within the CoC. The CoC's SOAR Committee meets quarterly to discuss outcomes, challenges, and promotion of the program.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

During the pandemic, the CoC utilized ESG-CV and CDBG-CV funds to temporarily expand its current emergency homeless shelter and domestic violence shelter into non-congregate sheltering to increase shelter capacity while also meeting CDC guidance for shelters during COVID-19. Since this expansion, the CoC has continued a reduced scale of non-congregate sheltering that prioritizes HUD Category 1 and Category 4 households with children as well as households with medical fragility through the use of local hotels utilizing CDBG-CV funding. In addition, the CoC permanently expanded the emergency homeless shelter to include two attached modular units for non-congregate sheltering that can each house 4 family members to total 8 non-congregate beds permanently added. These modular units are prioritized for households experiencing homelessness that have more unique household compositions such as a mother with a teenage son or two parent households in order to keep the family together while in shelter. In CoC collaboration with the Bucks County Department of Children & Youth, a new non-congregate shelter housing program is opening this calendar year that will house up to three families with children at a time to help address the increased need of families in need of emergency shelter. The CoC is currently working on a shelter request for proposals (RFP) that is anticipated to be released this fall to receive proposals from organizations for locating and developing potentially new non-congregate sheltering within the CoC, primarily in underserved areas within the CoC.

	ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to:
	1.	develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
	2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC developed many projects in conjunction with the Bucks County Health Department during the pandemic that now have policies and rollout plans that will improve readiness in the future. This includes a non-congregate sheltering plan and partnership with local non-profits that could be utilized quickly in the event of a future public health emergency to deconcentrate shelter settings. The CoC continues to fund multiple methods to provide isolation and quarantine for those experiencing homelessness, both through a hotel project and through the installation of modular units at the site of the shelter (referenced below).This project is referenced in more detail in later parts of the application. Another measure taken to increase readiness for future public health emergencies was the utilization of CARES funding by Bucks County Housing & Community Development (HCD), which is the CoC lead agency, to fund the purchase and installation of two modular units that are now attached to the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter. These units allow for increased social distancing in the shelter, increased capacity, and provide sites for additional quarantine and isolation rooms should they be needed in future public health emergencies. 2)In conjunction with the Bucks County Hospital Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), which is led by the Bucks County Department of Health, a vaccine rollout and education plan was created and implemented. This included education events around the vaccine that included medical professionals and those with lived experience. Such events were held in shelters, churches and other areas where homeless households would congregate. Incentive payments (food gift cards) were utilized via private money from BCHIP and led to a high initial vaccination rate among sheltered and unsheltered populations. For the primary emergency shelter in the County after all events were completed, all but 2 residents had received the vaccine. Flyers and marketing materials (5 different designs) were also developed and utilized. BCHIP has also served as an instrumental advisor during the CoC's launch of its Street Healthcare Program, which uses a multi-disciplinary approach to address the unmet healthcare needs of the unsheltered. BCHIP is an advisor to the project and assists in coordination with the hospital systems. All unsheltered residents are screened for potential infectious diseases to reduce the chance of outbreaks among the unsheltered community.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and
2.	facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC increased communication to providers and their program participants in several ways. A redesign of the Housing Link website allowed alerts to be posted quickly to ensure up to date information was available. Specific recommendations from the CDC or local Bucks County Dept. of Health are regularly distributed to providers. 2)The Bucks County Dept. of Health reviewed floor plans and site layouts of congregates shelters to give recommendations that best limit infectious disease spread. The biggest impact to equipping street outreach and shelter providers to reduce infections disease outbreaks is through funding the BC-HCD, the CoC lead agency, provided to launch the Street Healthcare Program. Employing a team consisting of a physician, registered nurse, and certified peer recovery specialist, the Street Healthcare Program is an additional street outreach team that works closely with existing teams to provide health assessments, wound care, and connections to community clinics. The Street Healthcare Program also assess clients health conditions for referral to non-congregate hoteling, which includes scenarios that would reduce the spread of infectious disease outbreaks.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Bucks County Housing Link Helpline is the centralized point of contact for the CoC's coordinated entry system and 100% covers entry for all homeless clients that are in the CoC's geographic area. The Housing Link Helpline is accessed through a toll-free hotline. In addition, the Housing Link allows for clients to walk-in to 3 designated sites throughout the CoC geographic area that can complete an initial screening and next step referrals or services for those clients in-person that may have barriers to contacting the Helpline. Street Outreach (SO) also can complete initial screenings and assessments in HMIS for persons experiencing homelessness during canvassing that have not yet contacted the Helpline. This mobile and multiple point entry allows for streamlined services for all clients and reduces the amount of time waiting for initial screenings and services to occur. 2) The CoC's coordinated entry process follows a phased assessment approach, employing a series of assessments that allow the process to occur time and only as necessary. This begins with the call screening intake to determine basic eligibility and appropriate referral to next step assessment. This screening is built into HMIS and has an accompanying script based on caller responses to ensure consistent service delivery. Persons unstably housed and at imminent risk of becoming homeless are referred to dedicated and training housing planning staff to work on diversion to prevent the household from becoming homeless. Households that are Category 1 are referred directly to street outreach to meet in person to provide supportive services and appropriate referrals including shelter and by-name list housing placement. The CoC uses the VI-SPDAT as its standard assessment tool and is used downstream as much as possible for those needing to be assessed and prioritized for housing programs. 3) The CoC's coordinated entry policy guidebook requires annual solicitation of feedback from participating projects and households during the time-period in the form of surveys. These surveys are designed to reach the entire population of participating providers and a representative sample of households. Feedback is reviewed to provide recommended updates to the coordinated entry process and written policies and procedures.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Street Outreach (SO) is a dedicated part of the CoC's coordinated entry team and will canvass daily to encourage contact with the Housing Link for services. SO Teams attend local shared meals and code blue shelters to engage with homeless clients who are hesitant about contacting Housing Link for assistance. The availability of three designated walk-in centers that are located in each part of the County allow for households to more easily access the coordinated entry system if phone service is not readily available. The establishment of a Housing First Blended Case Management (HF-BCM) program in partnership with the Bucks County Department of Behavioral Health provides intensive case management and integrated health services to street homeless households, prioritizing chronically homeless households. The CoC's Street Medicine program has a certified recovery specialist on its team in addition to a nurse to increase engagement and wraparound services for hard to serve street homeless clients to build trust and rapport and will travel to the person's location. 2)For emergency shelter services, the CoC uses established community priorities that are outlined in the CoC's written standards to determine who will be prioritized for shelter openings which includes medical frailty, length of time on street, chronically homeless, families with children and persons fleeing DV. For housing programs, the CoC uses a combination of its assessment tool score, the VI-SPDAT, which measures client's vulnerability as well as the community priorities as listed above. 3)All assessments, notes, and by-name list functions are integrated within the CoC's HMIS which increases efficiency in serving households contacting the system. SO can complete assessments with homeless clients and place directly on the by-name list for housing services. Housing providers can pull households directly from the by-name list as openings occurs and the entire list is reviewed monthly by Housing Link partners including SO representatives during case conferencing to prioritize households for program openings based on the household's specific needs and preferences. 4)The CoC strives to reduce burdens by utilizing multiple points of entry for services, having established limited English proficiency services available, allowing for participant autonomy in the assessment process, following a Housing First approach beginning at intake, and enforcing non-discriminatory practices throughout the process.

1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Conducing Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	06/15/2021

1D-10a.	Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities–Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COCs process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance is twofold. First, it is fully integrated into routine data reporting. Nearly 100% of data used by the COC, especially that used by the Executive COC Committee, is routinely disaggregated by race (as well as by ethnicity and gender) and racial disparity is discussed in tandem with all outcomes and enrollment data. The Housing Link formed a Racial Equity group (REG) that has begun to review provisions of homeless assistance for all projects operating within the COC. Their current priority is to replace the VI-SPDAT as an assessment and prioritization tool as it is known to have inherent racial bias resulting in harm to BIPOC households. By replacing the VI-SPDAT with a tool centered in racial equity that is trauma-informed and locally tailored, the REG expects to have a major impact eliminating any disparities in the provision and subsequent outcomes of homeless assistance. 2. Racial disparities are statistically significant in the provision and outcomes of the COCs PSH projects. The current PSH projects are master leased at complexes that have background checks which many chronically homeless clients are unable to pass. The check disproportionately impacts BIPOC households, resulting in fewer BIPOC households enrolling. Some additional funding sources for these projects add further barriers such as psychiatric evaluations and no history of substance use disorder. These barriers also disproportionately impact BIPOC households and result in fewer BIPOC households enrolling. Furthermore, the VI-SPDAT is less likely to accurately identify high acuity in BIPOC households, therefore resulting in fewer households being eligible for application to PSH projects. The COC is currently partnering with the PSH projects to reduce barriers and move toward a housing first model. The COC has also prioritized identifying master leasing opportunities for development of new PSH projects that are housing first in order to close this gap.

| 1D-10b. | Strategies to Address Racial Disparities. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q. | |

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No

7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC and its providers have taken a number of steps to successfully address disparities. Despite data showing that the number of BIPOC households experiencing homelessness is nearly 8 times higher than is representative of the county's population, any differences in success rates for BIPOC households are statistically insignificant. The ByName List used for case conferencing excludes demographic information, and that information is only considered when it is directly relevant to housing eligibility i.e. housing restricted to youth under 25. Providers with openings in TH, RRH, and PSH are not permitted to place any restrictions on who they will serve beyond restrictions by the funding source or housing site. For example, a RRH provider may not decline to work with a household with a criminal history, which is more likely to apply to BIPOC households. This ensures that racial disparities in housing project enrollments are virtually eliminated - enrollment in these project types have historically aligned with overall CE enrollments. EHVs use local prioritization categories that are also statistically more likely to apply to BIPOC households. The ERAP program similarly uses prioritization categories that are most likely to positively impact BIPOC households as criminal history, previous homelessness and prior eviction disproportionately affect these households. The COCs DV provider has worked to ensure that their pantry is stocked with racially and ethnically diverse products, including toys, hair and skin products, and foods.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC Housing Link completed the Racial Equity Learning Community (RELC) training through the NiNA Collective in Summer 2022. Those that participated in the RELC on behalf of the Housing Link (HL) have formed the Racial Equity Group (REG), which is charged with implementing policies and procedures to eliminate racial and disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance. The REG will be collaborating with HCD, the COC Collaborative Applicant, to include a Racial Equity plan into the Strategic Plan with the help of a consultant. Data on the outcomes and provisions of homeless assistance will continue to be reviewed regularly to track progress on preventing and eliminating disparities. Annually, the COC completes a disparities assessment and disaggregates PIT count data by demographic categories. The annual assessment consists of disaggregating all data on project enrollments, exits, recidivism, and move-ins by race, ethnicity, and gender by project type to identify disparities in either provisions or outcomes. The data are presented to the COC Executive Committee for review and questions. Once finalized, data are shared with the General COC. Where disparities are identified, data are further disaggregated to the provider and individual project level in order to develop plans to identify root causes of disparities and to implement improvements to eliminate disparities. The PIT count data is disaggregated by race, ethnicity, and gender to identify year over year patterns in project usage that may indicate disparities in services.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC currently reserves a seat on the Executive COC Committee for someone with lived experience of homelessness. The COC has also begun to include persons with lived experience in other committees in the COC. The EHV committee that reviews and approves applications successfully recruited a former RRH project participant to be part of the committee. This was achieved through targeted outreach to past participants by providers. At present, the COC has a workgroup participating in a Region 3 Monthly Action series called Authentic Engagement. This series is designed to educate participants about best practices for integrating those with lived experience in both leadership roles and decision-making processes in meaningful, thoughtful, and fair ways. At the end of this series, the COC will develop a policy document for engaging those with lived experience in COC planning, leadership, and decision making. This policy will include ensuring compensation is provided to those with lived experience. The boards of almost all COC funded organizations include at least one member with lived experience of homelessness. Board elections are advertised through targeted emails and social media to reach the broadest audience possible.

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

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.	0	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	1

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The COC offers program participants employment opportunities through First Step Staffing, which is a member of the General COC. COC members are encouraged to include preference for persons with lived experience in job postings, and street outreach case managers job descriptions encourage applicants with lived experience. Several providers offer self-sufficiency courses focused on employment, professional development, or skill building. One provider offers Economic Self Sufficiency programs to helps homeless and unstably housed households achieve financial stability. A CoC funded provider trains participants in relevant fields and vets participants for success with specific employers. PSH providers partner with the County to do on-site job training for participants. The CoC's youth dedicated RRH program offers a 3-week curriculum during group instruction for participants. Two CoC and ESG funded organizations have part-time employment specialists that work directly with participants on employment plans and skills to obtain employment or to enroll in education programs to obtain or increase employment income long-term. HCD funds training and educational projects through Bucks County Community College (BCCC) available to program participants. BCCC offers free cohorts in technical and customer service trainings, and they offer multiple cohorts of Pre-Apprentice training and certifications.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC currently gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the COC via case managers who routinely compile feedback from their clients. Street outreach meets every two weeks. One meeting per month is open to other agencies who do informal street outreach. This enables clients to provide feedback to a range of providers. Case conferencing occurs once per month with representatives from street outreach, shelter, and housing program providers. Feedback from clients is brought to this meeting to ensure that clients are receiving adequate support from all case managers involved in their success. The COC General Meeting is an open meeting held every other month. Additionally, COC and ESG program providers routinely collect exit interview surveys from their clients. Trends in survey responses from clients are relayed to the COC Executive Committee to address concerns, particularly those that may be systemic. 2. Street outreach relayed that those experiencing homelessness in the lower part of the county shared that they lacked a safe place to congregate during the day. Based on this feedback, the COC will open a drop-in center with no service participation requirements that will provide television, snacks, laundry, and other amenities as well as option resources and case management for those who would like those services. Street outreach also relayed that during the library closures, there was not a place for those experiencing homelessness to charge phones or other items. The COC worked with the county to install outlets on the exterior of a county facility to enable households to charge phones and other devices as needed 24/7. Street medicine staff received client feedback that diabetics experiencing homelessness had no way of keeping their insulin refrigerated and therefore were not taking the medication as directed. The street medicine nurse was able to purchase cooling wallets for all people experiencing street homelessness that use insulin or other medications requiring refrigeration.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) HCD, the lead agency for the CoC, is in the Community Services Division of Bucks County along with the Bucks County Planning Commission. As such, HCD works very closely with the Planning Commission around the topic of increasing affordable housing supply. In Bucks County, land use policies are set at the municipal level, so the County primarily serves in an advisory role. In this role, the County recently released a set of "mixed-used development performance standards" that promote higher density housing developments by providing model standards, example of successful projects, and technical assistance with revising ordinances to promote such developments. Secondly, HCD is working closely with the Bucks County Housing Group, a CoC partner agency, in the planning for an affordability forum in Spring of 2023 that will bring together Township officials to discuss best practices in zoning and land use policies that can promote affordable and workforce housing. In planning for this forum, the CoC has been meeting with the Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), local business leaders and anchor institutions such as hospitals and school districts. 2)HCD contracted with the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania in 2022 to follow-up on a review performed in 2020 of municipal ordinances that are not in compliance with Fair Housing Law around group homes and age restricted housing. Housing Equality is contracted to provide individualized outreach to municipalities to revise such ordinances, which will allow for compliance with Fair Housing Law and decrease regulatory barriers to housing development. At the Pennsylvania state level, Act 58 (House Bill 581) was signed into law July 11, 2022, granting more powers to municipalities to approve tax abatements and other incentives for affordable-housing projects. The effort is part of an approach to allow counties to respond to their housing needs, rather than the state government taking the lead. Townships, boroughs, or cities could grant 10-year tax exemptions on multi-unit buildings where 30% of units qualify as affordable housing or when a project repairs a blighted property. The law also gives local governments the authority to forgive or refund the property tax liability to low-income families due to property tax or assessment changes.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
  - 24 CFR part 578;
  - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/09/2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC analyzed Stella data from the most recent LSA submission for all RRH projects to determine what data thresholds and point values would be awarded for successful exits to PH. The CoC utilized exit destination data from the project's most recently submitted APR in Sage to determine % of successful exits for the APR period. This data was used in the project's scoring tool to assign a point value for their performance. 2)The CoC analyzed HMIS data for all RRH projects over the last year to determine what the current average length of time is from RRH entry to housing move-in date. This data was utilized to determine the data thresholds and point values to award for this in the scoring tool for this criteria. The CoC project entry to move-in length of time data from the project's most recently submitted APR in Sage to determine project averages for the APR period. This data was used in the project's scoring tool to assign a point value for their performance. 3)In the scoring and review, the CoC included a scoring criteria for PSH projects where they received max points if their PSH project served 100% chronically homeless (CH) HH's in their most recently submitted APR. The scoring was on a sliding scale to allow for partial points based on % of CH served if under 100%. This scoring was added in as exclusively serving CH clients through PSH is a high priority for the CoC and is working to ensure that PSH projects are correctly prioritizing their admissions. The CoC purposefully did not include a severity of needs scoring factor for RRH projects since all CoC RRH projects enroll HH's through CoC case conferencing based on priorities and do not have direct control over who is assigned to their project. However, the CoC recognizes that due to the lack of PSH available in the CoC, the number of HH's enrolled in RRH that have high barriers and are hardest to serve continues to increase, especially during the pandemic and increased housing cost and low supply. Due to this, the CoC adjusted the scoring thresholds to allow more leniency compared to previous years. 4) The CoC has very few PSH beds and 100% of the beds are dedicated to CH which are the one of the hardest to serve populations due to forensic, mental health, and physical barriers that limit housing options. Due to this, the PSH projects in the CoC were scored utilizing modified objective criteria and focused on expenditures, serving the targeted population, and maintaining PH once placed.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoCs Executive Committee (Governance Board) provides feedback and reviews all scoring criteria for new and renewal applications prior to approving for use in the competition. 15% of the Committee's voting members are persons of color and participated in the feedback, review, and voting process in the FY2022 competition. 2) In the FY2022 competition the scoring tools included several rating factors related to racial equity. For new projects this included points for narrative that discussed how the new project would advance racial equity in the homeless service system as well as organizational equity factors including having under-represented persons in managerial and leadership positions, has an active DEI working group, and has a board approved DEI statement for their organization. For renewal applications, rating factors included organizational equity factors including having under-represented persons in managerial and leadership positions, having an active DEI working group, and having a board approved DEI statement for their organization. 3) The CoC's Executive Committee (Governance Board) completes and votes on the final review, selection, and ranking of all new and renewal applications for the CoC Project Priority Ranking. 15% of the Committee's voting members are persons of color and participated in the review, ranking, and voting process in the FY2022 competition. 4) Identified barriers and advancing racial equity in the homeless service system was a rating factor in new project applications and their score reflected how well they discussed this and how their proposed project would reduce or eliminate these identified barriers in order to advance racial equity.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	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; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC's written process for reallocation uses performance data to determine how to efficiently and effectively expend available CoC program resources to improve system performance and best serve the CoC's homeless population. The written reallocation process included three factors which were project reviews using the CoC's ranking tool that measures performance of the project in reducing participant's length of time homeless, exits to permanent housing, and increasing income. Additional factors were reviewed including effectively utilizing and spending grant funds, participation in the CoC's coordinated entry process, serving the most vulnerable participants, and racial equity factors in organizational composition and policy implementation. The CoC also listed reallocation factors including reallocating funds to new projects whenever it would improve outcomes and be a more efficient use of resources and reallocation from under-performing projects. The third factor listed in the process is voluntary reallocation of projects to make better use of CoC resources. 2) In the FY2022 competition, the CoC did not identify any projects this reallocation process in the local competition. 3) In the FY2022 competition, the CoC did not reallocate any projects in the local competition. 4) The CoC's lowest scoring renewal projects this year were a Joint TH/RRH project dedicated to serving youth and a PSH project 100% dedicated to serving chronically homeless individuals. These are both projects that are dedicated to the hardest to serve populations in our homeless service system. The Joint TH/RRH project is the only project in the system dedicated to serving youth and is a needed project. Its main barrier is locating housing for program participant placement. The CoC plans to work with the project and the system's housing locators to identify landlords and provide incentives to increase permanent housing placement rates. The lowest scoring project, the PSH project, is one of the only PSH projects within the CoC and is needed to maintain the CoC's limited existing PSH housing stock. The main barrier for the project is serving the CH population due to their high barriers and the CoC is working with the project to 1) increase housing first practices within the project and reduce entry criteria and 2) relocate project to either master leasing or a lower barrier landlord to increase number of CH placements.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022? | Yes |

1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes

3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/13/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/13/2022

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes

1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/27/2022

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/27/2022

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Eccovia

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Single CoC

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/27/2022

2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The comparable database that Bucks County CoC's DV provider uses is Efforts to Outcomes (ETO). The HMIS Lead works with the DV provider to ensure that their comparable database is updated when new data standards are released. The HMIS lead also verifies that the comparable database is compliant when any reporting requirements change. The HMIS Lead worked with the DV provider to ensure that they had a CV export built into their database to do required ESG and ESG-CV reporting to Sage and the DV provider has successfully uploaded datasets to Sage for their ESG and ESG-CV funding.

Our DV provider was awarded funding in last year's competition for a DV Rapid Rehousing project. Once those funds are available to the DV provider, the HMIS lead will work with the DV provider to ensure that the database meets HUD's comparable database requirements for the Rapid Rehousing program and that it can generate the APR reports required in SAGE for that project.

2. Our COC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards. The HMIS lead works closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), from which the COC purchases licenses, and Eccovia, the vendor, to ensure that when new data standards are released that all projects in HMIS are up-to-date and comply with any changes. The HMIS lead also updates guidance documentation and provides training to all HMIS users to ensure that data are collected, and users understand changes that may impact their programs or their reporting requirements.

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

Enter 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	217	17	133	66.50%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	129	0	124	96.12%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	166	19	147	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	112	0	72	64.29%
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 2,500 characters)

1. PSH is below 84.99% bed coverage due to our HUD-VASH vouchers not being entered into HMIS. The CoC has discussed this with our VA Medical Center, and they are unwilling to manually enter the data into Bucks County's HMIS system. Over the next 12 months the CoC will work to add these voucher beds into HMIS either by setting up a data upload process or entering the data manually. 2. The COC will work with our HMIS vendor to set up a process for data upload; work with our VA Medical Center on this upload; and discuss secondary options if the vendor is not able to set up a data upload process. The HMIS Lead will do the manual data entry if the discussions with the HMIS vendor are unsuccessful. If this is the case the HMIS Lead will work with the VA Medical Center to create a data sharing agreement in order to obtain the data to enter manually into the HMIS system quarterly and create policies to update as changes and turnover occur.

1. ES is below 84.99% bed coverage due to temporary emergency hoteling projects funded through CARES funds for pandemic response not entering data into HMIS. Two of the three emergency hoteling projects will end soon, and the data will not be entered into HMIS in the future. For the remaining project, the COC will update its policy to require emergency hoteling projects to be set up in HMIS with clients enrolled. 2. This policy will be implemented with the existing emergency hoteling project and any subsequent emergency hoteling projects The HMIS lead will support data entry quarterly where non-profit partners do not have capacity to enter the data.

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 February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/25/2022

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/27/2022

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:	
1.	engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;	
2.	involved homeless youth in the actual count; and	
3.	worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.During the 2022 PIT Count planning process, the COC engaged with all street outreach teams (SOT), including the agency that exclusively serves homeless and runaway youth (VYH) and the agency that serves residents experiencing homelessness with mental health diagnoses (PATH), which includes youth that are homeless. These agencies were part of initial discussions regarding planning for the PIT count and feedback on data collection. VYH led the safety training portion of the PIT count volunteer training this year. 2. Homeless youth contacted during the PIT count were asked for information regarding where other homeless youth may be congregated.

3. Volunteer teams for the PIT count were comprised of a street outreach team member and several volunteers who met in certain locations in the COC and then canvassed to locate residents experiencing homelessness. One of those teams was led by the VYH team member, who canvassed with volunteers in places where youth experiencing homelessness were known to be located. VYH was also aware of which clients in their caseload were doubled up or couch surfing during the PIT count, which helped volunteers better target canvassing efforts. Additionally, teams canvassed the night of the PIT count as well as during throughout the next 3 days. Canvassing at different times of day helped to ensure that as many people as possible were surveyed, including youth.

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

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1&2. In 2022, the COC made several changes to the PIT count which were focused on improving data quality, especially those of demographics. Overall the methodology used for the 2022 PIT count did not change. The COC still conducted a complete census. However, in 2022, HMIS was used to look up and fill in some missing demographic data for both the sheltered and unsheltered count. This change was implemented to ensure that the COC was not reporting 0% in demographic categories for which there were either clients who refused to answer questions or questions on surveys were left blank. HMIS was also used to estimate demographics where individual client data were not available. The paper survey form used for canvassing was revamped this year to make data collection less ambiguous, resulting in a higher level of accuracy. Additionally, the COC evaluated the survey and chose to add a question regarding location. This information was evaluated in conjunction with other COC data to inform decisions regarding COC project needs in different geographic regions of the COC. Training for the PIT count this year included a review of the survey form to help ensure that survey data collected were accurate and complete. When surveys for both sheltered and unsheltered households were returned, HMIS was used not only to deduplicate but to capture any missing or unclear data. This year, the COC allowed volunteers to be included in the teams canvassing and surveying those experiencing unsheltered homelessness as it had done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. 3. The training focused on ensuring that staff and volunteers were trained to ask each question, and to complete all pages of the survey with the head of household. A completed sample survey was shared and discussed. There was an opportunity to ask for clarification on any questions on the survey that were unclear. Demographic data for all sheltered populations was reported this year. Where data were not collected and were unable to be verified in HMIS, extrapolation was used to estimate demographic categories. Due to the increased training this year and the changes made to the survey form, the categories that required extrapolation for completeness were few and missing data counts were very low. This increase in data completeness also improved overall data quality. The increase in number of team members canvassing resulted in a more complete census this year, with more surveys collected.

2C. System Performance

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

	In the field below:
1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC determines risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time using disaggregated data from HMIS, the COC's ERA program software, and magisterial district court data related to evictions. The HMIS data includes CE enrollment information; VI-SPDAT data; and triage assessments completed at CE intake to identify categories of risk. The ERA data provides information on households experiencing unstable housing, and the court data provides information regarding eviction filings and outcomes. These data have been reviewed independently and together, and where possible have been disaggregated by demographic categories and by categories of risk, such as previous experience with homelessness, criminal history, and prior evictions. The COC is also in the process of completing an MOU between the COC Lead Agency, the county's Department of Human Services, and the HMIS administrator at the state to allow data sharing in a unified database managed by the county's department of Human Services. This MOU and development of the unified database will enable the COC to better identify households at risk of homelessness and improve coordination of services to prevent homelessness. 2. Currently, the COC has built housing planning and diversion into its CE process for households at risk of homelessness. Light touch diversion is incorporated at CE intake for all at-risk households when safe and appropriate. When eligible for ERA assistance, households are directed to the ERA program, which includes diversion resources in addition to funds. Those with risk factors such as prior history of homelessness, criminal history, and prior evictions are prioritized. Households that have exhausted or are not eligible for ERA funds are referred to housing planning. Housing planning case managers are equipped with flexible funding to assist households as needed and provide more in-depth case management. The COC identified a gap in CE for individuals that have a history of domestic violence but are not imminently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. In order to better serve this population, a new coordinated entry staff position was developed in coordination with the COCs DV provider. 3. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and the CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COCs strategy to reduce length of time households remain homeless uses a combination of flexible funding, program development, and staff training. The main emergency homeless shelter uses flexible funding for rapid exit. This enables individualized solutions to shelter exit with a goal of reducing length of time in shelter with an exit to permanent housing. The COC piloted a landlord incentive program developed in coordination with local realtors and landlords. 31 new units were leased to COC program participants, and the average cost of the program was $500 per client. An increase in housing stock available to participants reduces length of time homeless. EHV prioritization criteria were developed using data to determine which populations were most likely to spend the longest time homeless. These households are guaranteed case management, including housing location. EHV PUC funds are used for a landlord incentive unique to EHVs. Street medicine (SM) launched in 2022 to engage individuals experiencing category 1 or 4 homelessness focused on those with identified medical needs. This program provides services to assist households with reducing medical frailty and increasing independent self-care. When independent housing is not possible, SM staff assist with services such as coordinating in home care or nursing home application. By increasing independence and/or coordinating patient care, time spent homeless is reduced. COC data indicates that those identifying as black, African American, or African remain street homeless 16% longer than clients who identify as white. To address this COC assembled a group from COC agencies to participate in a local Racial Equity Learning Community (RELC) led by the NiNA Collective. The HL RELC group has been charged with centering racial equity in policies and procedures to reduce length of time households spend homeless, which disproportionately impacts BIPOC households. 2. The COC identifies those who have been homeless longest through a ByName List which indicates length of time homeless as well as chronicity. Regular case conferencing is used to review and prioritize these clients. A separate PSH prioritization committee meets and focuses on placing chronically homeless individuals into PSH openings. 3. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and the CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC has a team of 4 dedicated housing locators that assist households to locate affordable housing that meets their needs and works to build and retain relationships with landlords. Locators assist with lease negotiation and provide additional case management to households up to the move in date. A risk mitigation fund along with several landlord incentives are available to those that work with Housing Link program participants. The COC launched a pilot program with First Step Staffing in 2021, a nonprofit that works with local employers to secure jobs and provide transportation to households seeking full time employment opportunities. This helps households to stabilize or increase income and obtain benefits such as insurance. SOAR case management is also available to households to increase access to Social Security disability benefits for eligible households. The COC has partnered with the local Housing Authority to implement a Section 8 Local Preference for households experiencing homelessness. Mainstream, family unification, and EHV vouchers also assist high barrier households experiencing homelessness to both enter and retain housing. Households with medical frailty are able to work with the street medicine team to reduce barriers to obtaining or maintaining permanent housing, including medication management, increased independence and self-care. 2. Vouchers also support individuals in permanent housing projects to retain or exit to permanent housing. Case managers in PSH projects support households seeking to move to more independent housing with voucher applications. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Programs (BH/DP) has a Managed Care Behavioral Health Specialist who takes referrals form the COC for high acuity clients. They coordinate providers and agencies throughout the COC for ongoing case status meetings to ensure clients have supports available to remain in permanent housing. Data sharing is important to improve housing retention outcomes for clients in PSH, RRH, TH, and shelter. The COC will share HMIS data through an MOU with the Department of Human Services, enabling better coordination of support services with BH/DP, Area Agency on Agency, Drug and Alcohol, and other county resources. 3. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and the CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC tracks recidivism with regularly scheduled HMIS reports that identify households successfully exited from housing programs that have returned to homelessness. The data are used as part of the COC competition scoring and is reviewed when evaluating project success for all housing projects within the COC. Programs that have a high rate of recidivism are reviewed in-depth to identify areas of opportunity for improvements. The ByName List used at case conferencing prioritizes households that are chronic and those that have returned to homelessness. Households that have returned to homelessness are discussed at case conferencing, including a review of their HMIS records, to determine factors that contributed to recidivism. Every effort is made to place the household in a different housing program that will increase chances of success. 2. The COC's process to reduce recidivism focuses on reducing barriers through increased income and non-cash benefits, wrap around services, and extended case management. The COCs pilot program through First Step Staffing assists households with finding and maintaining full time employment with benefits. SOAR case management is available to assist clients with obtaining SSI/SSDI benefits. Households that have reached their income potential or have high barriers that make it difficult to maintain housing are prioritized for local preference vouchers to provide stability. Based on a review of recidivism data, the COC updated its policies to require RRH programs to provide a minimum of 3 months of case management after move in to permanent housing to ensure that the household has supports needed to be successful. Households in housing that require case management beyond the available timeframe for funding are prioritized to transfer to other RRH projects first to ensure those in housing can remain in housing. The CoC also coordinates with appropriate county departments to provide wraparound services to households in need with seniors, mental health or developmental disabilities, and substance use in order to increase long-term housing stability. The county's Managed Care Behavioral Health Specialist takes referrals from the COC to support high acuity clients in maintaining permanent housing by coordinating all providers and agencies for case status meetings. 3. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and the CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

| | 2C-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy. | |
| | | NOFO Section VII.B.5.f. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC partners actively build a network of employers to match to participants seeking employment, increasing direct access to employment opportunities for participants. A CoC funded provider trains participants in relevant fields and evaluates participants for success with specific employers. These employers partner with the provider and offer interviews to participants. Employers are more likely to hire these participants because of the supports that the provider offers including childcare, transportation, and coaching. PSH providers partner with the County to do on-site job training for participants. The CoC's youth dedicated RRH program offers a 3-week curriculum during group instruction for participants. Two CoC and ESG funded organizations have part-time employment specialists that work directly with participants on employment plans and skills to obtain employment or to enroll in education programs to obtain or increase employment income long-term. 2. The CoC partners collaborate with PA CareerLink for employment and training opportunities. First Step Staffing takes referrals from the CoC. The program offers rapid employment at $11-18/hour, transportation, and supportive services to help clients find self-sustaining employment quickly. The county's Workforce & Economic Development Department brings additional resources to connect with employers with program participants. The COC's Vice Chair sits on the Workforce Development Board in Bucks County that includes a committee focused on initiatives to serve the homeless population. HCD funds training and educational projects through Bucks County Community College (BCCC) available to program participants. BCCC offers free cohorts related to Microsoft Office Technology & Customer Service Training Program, and Bookkeeping with QuickBooks Certification Program. They also offer multiple cohorts of Pre-Apprentice Industrial Maintenance Training Program, Metalwork Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program including OSHA10 & Forklift Safety certifications, Measurement, Materials, and Safety Certifications. BCCC also offers career services for its students to connect them with local employers. 3. The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and the CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

2C-5a.		Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy	
		NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

		In the field below:
	1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and
	2.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC's main strategy to increase non-employment cash income is through using SOAR within the CoC. The CoC has a SOAR Leadership Committee that regularly promotes the use of SOAR and track outcomes and progress. The Committee has a representative from the local Social Security Office who attends the meetings. A dedicated SOAR case manager was hired to serve participants in housing programs throughout the CoC. This SOAR case manager accepts referrals from all CoC partnering organizations that serve persons experiencing homelessness. In addition, housing program case managers as well as street outreach assist households with applying for and obtaining non-employment benefits as appropriate and can provide transportation as needed to complete application process. The COC has been working with the Housing Services department to share data through an MOU. This data sharing will enable the COC to better coordinate services related to helping households obtain non-employment cash income through coordination of county departments. 3) The SOAR Leadership Committee as well as the Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development oversees the CoC's strategy to increase nonemployment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Rapid Rehousing f...	PH-RRH	9	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project?   Rapid Rehousing for Women and Families 2022

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):   FD9JJYJA4V18

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 9

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

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.s.	

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

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 2,500 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

3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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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

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

	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 2022 Priority Listing.	

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

You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 2 PH-RRH or Joint TH/RRH Component to view questions 4A-3b. through 4A-3h.

4A-2.	Information About the Project Applicant for the New Support Services Only Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(2)	

	Enter in the chart below information about the project applicant applying for the new SSO-CE DV Bonus project:	

1.	Applicant Name	A Woman's Place
2.	Project Name	Coordinated Entry for Domestic Violence Survivors
3.	Project Ranking on Priority Listing	10
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	FD5XRV3K2KH7
5.	Amount Requested	$119,804

4A-2a.	Addressing Coordinated Entry Inadequacies through the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(2)(c)	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the inadequacies of your CoC's current Coordinated Entry that limits its ability to better meet the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking; and	
2.	how the proposed project addresses inadequacies identified in element 1 of this question.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The COC has identified two gaps in Coordinated Entry that limited its ability to meet the needs of survivors of and those experiencing domestic violence. First, the VSP prioritizes individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence that are in imminent danger using a risk assessment. Due to limited capacity of the VSP, those who are not in imminent danger are not prioritized for VSP resources. This leaves a gap for individuals that are experiencing Category 1 homelessness and have a history of domestic violence but are not imminently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. Second, households that are currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are placed on the ByName list used for case conferencing and the shelter waitlist by helpline staff. These households are then provided the contact information for the VSP. If the household is not also experiencing unsheltered homelessness, the household often isn't eligible for any other COC referrals. This leads to clients being underserved as there is no case management, especially if they decline to connect with the VSP. In order to better serve these populations, a new DV CE staff position was developed. 2. The DV CE position will bridge the gap between the VSP and HMIS participating organizations. This position will ensure those with a history of and those currently fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence will have a CE case manager dedicated to helping them navigate both resources for survivors of domestic violence and housing resources. This position will have two primary roles. First, it will participate with the main helpline to take calls from households that are survivors of domestic violence. This will provide those calling with a first point of contact that is trained in best practices in supporting those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence. Second, it will provide ongoing case management for those households that fall under Category 4 but are not currently experiencing unsheltered homelessness and therefore fall into a gap of case management prior to potential housing project placement. The diversion, homelessness prevention, and evaluation needs of these households is different than those of other households experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and a dedicated DV CE position will ensure these households receive adequate case management that is trauma informed with expertise in supporting survivors of domestic violence.

4A-2b.	Plan to Involve Survivors in Policy and Program Development in the New SSO-CE DV Bonus Project.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(2)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The applicant, A Woman's Place, plans to receive feedback from survivors with lived experience by conducting exit surveys for survivors leaving the coordinated entry program so that they can adjust supports and the referral process as needed. A Woman's Place has survivors that serve on their Board of Directors so that the organization can receive program feedback from their point of view. A Woman's Place is in the process of developing a Survivor Advisory Board with survivors who have received organization services in the past. This board will be focused on all organization service delivery and programming including coordinated entry with other systems. The DV Specialist through this project will meet with this Board on a quarterly basis. This will help to continue to assess the program for maximum impact and help A Woman's Place improve the referral and assessment process.

Applicant Name
This list contains no items

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/26/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Local Competition...	09/26/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/26/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Scored Form for O...	09/26/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/26/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/26/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Final Project Sco...	09/26/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Commitmen...	09/26/2022

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

All applicants will be placed on the waiting list according to date and time of application.

Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

The local preferences of the Bucks County Housing Authority are:

1. **Residency Preference**

   The PHA will give a Residency Preference to applicants who reside or work in Bucks County.

   The use of residency preference by PHA will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or otherwise denying admission to the program based on the race, color, ethnic origin, gender, religion, disability, or age of any member of an applicant family.

2. **Homeless Preference**

   The PHA will give up to three out of every twenty (15%) vouchers that turnover to an applicant identified as homeless and selected in accordance with the criteria established by the Local Housing Committee of the Bucks County Human Service Housing Coalition.

   When a recipient is selected by the Committee, his/her applicant is sent to the Section 8 office, and placed on the Local Preference list. The applicant must meet all of the Section 8 eligibility requirements.

Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing

Project: Rapid Rehousing for Women and Families 2022	Total Point Available	Final Score
COC Priority		
1. Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16	16
Experience		
1. Working with the proposed population	5	5
2. Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples	5	5
3. Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	5	5
Project Description		
1. Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5	4
2. Demonstrates understanding of needs of clients and type/location of housing to fit client's needs	5	5
3. Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	5	1
4. Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals	5	1
5. Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	5	5
Financial		
1. Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable. Supportive services and admin costs account for no more than 40% of the total HUD assistance request	5	5
Coordinated Entry Participation		
1. 100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5	5
Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach		
1. Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach	5	5
Supportive Services		
1. Describe plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain safe, affordable housing that is acceptable to their needs	5	5
2. Partnerships with service agencies including Workforce Development Agencies to increase income and connection to mainstream benefits and housing to maximize ability to live independently	5	5
3. Partnerships or coordination with healthcare organizations including substance abuse and mental health treatments, and assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. Must include MOU or formal agreement of partnership.	5	5
Leveraging Housing Resources		
1. Describe how project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of anticipated program participants for program. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project	10	0
Equity Factors		
1. Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	1	1
2. Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1	1
3. Recipient has an active working group for DEI	1	1
4. Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	1	1
Total Points	100	81

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Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing

Project: BCOC RES Bonus 2022	Total Point Available	Final Score
COC Priority		
1. Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16	16
Experience		
1. Working with the proposed population	5	5
2. Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples	5	3
3. Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	5	5
Project Description		
1. Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5	3
2. Demonstrates understanding of needs of clients and type/location of housing to fit client's needs	5	4
3. Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	5	4
4. Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals	5	3
5. Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	5	4
Financial		
1. Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable. Supportive services and admin costs account for no more than 40% of the total HUD assistance request	5	5
Coordinated Entry Participation		
1. 100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5	5
Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach		
1. Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach	5	5
Supportive Services		
1. Describe plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain safe, affordable housing that is acceptable to their needs	5	4
2. Partnerships with service agencies including Workforce Development Agencies to increase income and connection to mainstream benefits and housing to maximize ability to live independently	5	5
3. Partnerships or coordination with healthcare organizations including substance abuse and mental health treatments, and assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. Must include MOU or formal agreement of partnership.	5	3
Leveraging Housing Resources		
1. Describe how project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of anticipated program participants for program. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project	10	0
Equity Factors		
1. Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	1	1
2. Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1	1
3. Recipient has an active working group for DEI	1	1
4. Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	1	1
Total Points	100	78

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Coordinated Entry - DV Bonus

Project: Coordinated Entry for Domestic Violence Survivors	Total Point Available	Final Score
COC Priority		
1. Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16	0
Experience		
1. Working with the proposed population	5	5
2. Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples	5	4
3. Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	5	5
Project Description		
1. Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5	4
2. What new services will be added to increase or better serve households contacting coordinated entry	5	5
3. Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	5	0
4. Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals	5	1
5. Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	5	4
Financial Information		
1. Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	15	12
Accessibility		
1.Describe the advertisement strategy for the CE process	5	5
2. How it is designed to reach those with the highest barriers to accessing assistance	5	4
3. Describe how the project will serve persons with limited English proficiency and disabilities	5	4
Standardized Assessment		
1. Describe the standardized assessment	5	5
2. Describe the referral process that directs households to appropriate housing and services	5	5
Equity Factors		
1. Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	1	1
2. Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1	0
3. Recipient has an active working group for DEI	1	1
4. Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	1	1
Total Points	100	
DV Bonus: Projects that are 100% dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking can receive up to 10 bonus points if the project description in their application addresses the following criteria		
1. Trauma-informed – Describe approach to serving program participants will be trauma-informed and how this will be incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.	5	3
2. Victim-centered– Describe how the project will be victim-centered and how this will be incorporated into policies and practices of the project and organization.	5	3
Total Bonus Points	10	6
Total Points	110	78

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Coordinated Entry

Project: Bucks County Housing Link Centralized Intake/Coordinated Assessment- FY2022 Expansion	Total Point Available	Final Score
COC Priority		
1. Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16	0
Experience		
1. Working with the proposed population	5	5
2. Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples	5	4
3. Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	5	5
Project Description		
1. Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5	3
2. What new services will be added to increase or better serve households contacting	5	0
3. Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	5	4
4. Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals	5	3
5. Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	5	3
Financial Information		
1. Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	15	0
Accessibility		
1.Describe the advertisement strategy for the CE process	5	5
2. How it is designed to reach those with the highest barriers to accessing assistance	5	4
3. Describe how the project will serve persons with limited English proficiency and disabilities	5	0
Standardized Assessment		
1. Describe the standardized assessment	5	5
2. Describe the referral process that directs households to appropriate housing and services	5	5
Equity Factors		
1. Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	1	1
2. Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1	1
3. Recipient has an active working group for DEI	1	1
4. Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	1	1
Total Points	100	50

Project Name: Bucks TH-RRH for Youth
Component Type: Joint TH/RRH

Project:	APR Date:	Project Data	Total Point Available	Total Point Awarded
Exits to PH				
Minimum 85% percent move to permanent housing		52.63%	10	0
Returns to Homelessness Over 1 Year				
Maximum 15% percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH		20%	15	13
New or Increased Income Source				
Minimum 35% percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers		33.33%	5	3
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers		13.30%	5	1
Project Effectiveness				
Minimum 100% of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals		100%	5	5
Project follows Housing First Model/Low Barrier		Yes	10	10
Data Quality				
Data Quality - Missing data at or below 0%		0%	10	10
Equity Factors				
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions		Yes	5	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience		Yes	5	5
Recipient has an active working group for DEI		Yes	5	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors		Yes	5	5
Financial				
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR		Yes	10	10
Total Points			100	72
DV Bonus: Projects that are 100% dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking can receive up to 10 bonus points if the project description in their application addresses the following criteria				
1. Trauma-informed – Describe approach to serving program participants will be trauma-informed and how this will be incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.		NA	5	0
2. Victim-centered– Describe how the project will be victim-centered and how this will be incorporated into policies and practices of the project and organization.		NA	5	0
Total Bonus Points			10	0
Final Score			72	

PA-511 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: Community Residential Services
Component Type: PH-PSH

Project:	APR Date:	Project Data	Total Point Available	Total Point Awarded
Exits to PH				
Minimum 95% percent remain in or move to permanent housing		100%	15	15
Returns to Homelessness Over 1 Year				
Maximum 4% percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH		0%	10	10
New or Increased Income Source				
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers		25%	5	5
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers		0%	5	0
Serve High Need Populations				
100% Percent of participants are chornically homeless		25%	10	0
Project Effectiveness				
Minimum 100% of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals		Yes	5	5
Project follows Housing First Model/Low Barrier		No	10	0
Data Quality				
Data Quality - Missing data at or below 0%		6.25%	10	7
Equity Factors				
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions		Yes	5	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience		No	5	0
Recipient has an active working group for DEI		No	5	0
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors		Yes	5	5
Financial				
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR		Yes	10	10
Total Points			100	62
Final Score				**62**

PA-511 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: MH PSH FY22
Component Type: PH-PSH

Project:	APR Date:	Project Data	Total Point Available	Total Point Awarded
Exits to PH				
100% Minimum percent remain in or move to permanent housing		100%	15	15
Returns to Homelessness Over 1 Year				
Maximum percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH		0%	10	10
New or Increased Income Source				
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project stayers		50%	5	5
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers		0%	5	0
Serve High Need Populations				
100% Percent of participants are chornically homeless		85.7%	10	5
Project Effectiveness				
Minimum 100% of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals		100%	5	5
Project follows Housing First Model/Low Barrier		Yes	10	10
Data Quality				
Data Quality - Missing data at or below 0%		0%	10	10
Equity Factors				
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions		Yes	5	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience		No	5	0
Recipient has an active working group for DEI		Yes	5	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors		Yes	5	5
Financial				
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR		No	10	0
Total Points			100	75
Final Score				**75**

PA-511 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Project Name: BCOC RES Renewal 2022
Component Type: PH-RRH

Project:	APR Date:	Project Data	Total Point Available	Total Point Awarded
Length of Stay				
On average, participants spend 60 days from project entry to residential move-in		82.82	10	7
Exits to PH				
Minimum 85% percent move to permanent housing		66.25%	10	5
Returns to Homelessness Over 1 Year				
Maximum 4% percent of participants return to homelessness within 12 months of exit to PH		4%	15	15
New or Increased Income Source				
Minimum 35% percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers		27.78%	5	3
Minimum 25% percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers		31.48%	5	5
Project Effectiveness				
Minimum 100% of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals		100%	5	5
Project follows Housing First Model/Low Barrier		Yes	10	10
Data Quality				
Data Quality - Missing data at or below 0%		0%	10	10
Equity Factors				
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions		Yes	5	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience		Yes	5	5
Recipient has an active working group for DEI		Yes	5	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors		No	5	0
Financial				
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR		No	10	0
Total Points			100	75
DV Bonus: Projects that are 100% dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking can receive up to 10 bonus points if the project description in their application addresses the following criteria				
1. Trauma-informed – Describe approach to serving program participants will be trauma-informed and how this will be incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.		NA	5	0
2. Victim-centered– Describe how the project will be victim-centered and how this will be incorporated into policies and practices of the project and organization.		NA	5	0
Total Bonus Points			10	0
Final Score			75	

PA-511 Bucks County CoC Review and Ranking Criteria and Process

FY 2022 Program Competition

Introduction

The Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) is the Collaborative Applicant, CoC Lead Agency, and HMIS Lead for the PA-511 Bristol, Bensalem/Bucks County CoC. HCD oversees and facilitates the local application process in the CoC for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funds consistent with the requirements in 24 CFR 578.9. To maintain a clear and transparent process during the annual competition, the CoC has created the following process for the review, rating and ranking of all new, renewal and bonus project applications received in the FY2022 CoC Program Competition.

Project Application Reviews

Project applications are reviewed for the following:

1) Eligibility Threshold Review

New and Renewal Project Applications will be reviewed to determine whether they meet eligibility thresholds. Projects that do not meet the threshold criteria will not be scored. Applications will be rejected and not considered for review for any of the following reasons:

➢ Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
➢ Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal funds.
➢ Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in the NOFO.
➢ The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and Section II.B.11.f of the NOFO.
➢ Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in the Bucks County HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.

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2) Quality Review

New Project Applications that pass the eligibility threshold review as outlined above will then undergo a quality review by HCD staff to ensure that the project meets HUD's quality threshold requirements as outlined in the NOFO. Each new project must meet the following quality threshold in order to be scored and ranked in the project priority listing. Projects that do not meet the quality threshold will be rejected.

Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing Projects must receive at least 3 out of 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.

- ➢ 1 Point – The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants
- ➢ 1 Point – The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source
- ➢ 1 Point – The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs, for which they are eligible to apply, that meet the needs of the program participants
- ➢ 1 Point – Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs

Joint TH/RRH Projects must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.

- ➢ 1 Point – The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants
- ➢ 1 Point – The proposed project will provide enough RRH assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from TH to PH.
- ➢ 1 Point – The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including supportive services regardless of funding type
- ➢ 1 Point – The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs, for which they are eligible to apply, that meet the needs of the program participants
- ➢ 1 Point - Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs
- ➢ 1 Point – The project adheres to a housing first model as defined in Section III.B.2.o of the NOFO

SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects must receive at least 2 out of 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 2 points will be rejected.

- ➢ 1 Point – The CE system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
- ➢ 1 Point – There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.
- ➢ 1 Point – There is a standardized assessment process.
- ➢ 1 Point – Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.

CoC Planning (Collaborative Applicants Only) Projects must receive at least 3 out of 5 points available for this project type.

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- ➢ 1 Point - Governance and Operations-The CoC conducts meetings of the entire CoC membership that are inclusive and open to members and demonstrates the CoC has a written governance charter in place that includes CoC policies.
- ➢ 1 Point - CoC Committees-The CoC has CoC-wide planning committees, subcommittees, or workgroups to address homeless needs in the CoC's geographic area that recommends and sets policy priorities for the CoC.
- ➢ 2 Points - The proposed planning project that will be carried out by the CoC with Planning grant funds are compliant with the provisions of 24 CFR 578.7.
- ➢ 1 Point - The funds requested will improve the CoC's ability to evaluate the outcome of both CoC Program-funded and ESG-funded projects.

Project Application Scoring

The CoC will utilize a customized Rating and Ranking Tool with local criteria as well as a CoC developed sliding scale for renewal applications to complete the scoring for new and renewal applications. A CoC Review Committee comprised of representatives from non CoC-funded organizations within the geographic area that serve over-represented or special population households experiencing homelessness will review and score all new project applications. The CoC Executive Committee, as the governing board, will review and approve the scoring, ranking, rejection, and reduction of all new and renewal project applications on the Project Priority Listing prior to submission to HUD.

Renewal Projects Scoring

Renewal projects will be scored using system performance measures and other objective based criteria. Data used for this includes the project applicant's most recently submitted APR for the renewal project as well as HMIS data for recidivism. Project applications and supplemental equity questionnaire will also be utilized to determine scores. Domestic Violence projects utilizing a comparable database will use their comparable database generated APR, recidivism data from the comparable database, project applications, and supplemental equity questionnaire. Applicants must submit equity questionnaire separately outside of eSNAPs via email to HCD@buckscounty.org by 8/30/2022.

Renewal projects that have been in operation for less than a year and have not yet submitted an APR will not be scored and will be ranked at the bottom of Tier 1. Renewal projects for coordinated assessment and HMIS are not scored and ranked at the top of Tier 1 due to their need for ongoing system operation and tracking system performance. The following criteria and maximum point values will be used for scoring. Refer to the included sliding scale for partial point values.

Rapid Rehousing Project Criteria	Point Value
Length of time from RRH project entry to housing move-in is 60 days or less	10
Successful housing placement and retention of 85% of households	10
4% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	15
At least 35% of project leavers with new or increased earned income at exit	5
At least 25% of project leavers with new or increased non-employment income at exit	5
100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Commits to following a Housing First model	10
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 0%	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	5
Recipient has an active working group for DEI	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	5
Total Points Available	100

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Permanent Supportive Housing Project Criteria	Point Value
95% of program participants remain in or move to permanent housing	15
4% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	10
At least 25% of project leavers with new or increased earned income at exit	5
At least 25% of project stayers with new or increased non-employment income	5
100% of program participants are chronically homeless	10
100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Commits to following a Housing First model	10
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 0%	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	5
Recipient has an active working group for DEI	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	5
Total Points Available	100

Joint TH/RRH Project Criteria	Point Value
Successful housing placement and retention of 85% of households	15
15% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	20
At least 35% of project leavers with new or increased earned income at exit	5
At least 25% of project leavers with new or increased non-employment income at exit	5
100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Commits to following a Housing First model	10
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 0%	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions	5
Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	5
Recipient has an active working group for DEI	5
Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	5
Total Points Available	100

New Projects

New projects that met the eligibility and quality thresholds will be scored using the following criteria and maximum point values. Due to limited availability of CoC and DV bonus funds, new projects will be scored against each other to determine the order in which new project(s) will be included in the ranking based on funding availability.

Maximum point values will only be awarded if applicant fully responds to all parts of each rating criteria. Partial point values will be awarded if applicant effectively responds to parts of each rating criteria. Each part is worth 5 points unless otherwise noted. Project information for scoring will be obtained through the project's application information, narrative responses, and supplemental equity questionnaire. Applicants must submit equity questionnaire separately outside of eSNAPs via email to HCD@buckscounty.org by 8/30/2022.

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Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing	Point Value
Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16
Experience – 1) Working with the proposed population 2) Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples 3) Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	15
Project Description – 1) Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance 2) Demonstrates understanding of needs of clients and type/location of housing to fit client's needs 3) Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making 4) Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals 5) Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	25
Financial - Project is cost-effective – Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	5
Coordinated Entry Participation – 1) 100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5
Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach	5
Supportive Services - 1) Describe plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain safe, affordable housing that is acceptable to their needs 2) Partnerships with service agencies including Workforce Development Agencies to increase income and connection to mainstream benefits and housing to maximize ability to live independently 3) Partnerships or coordination with healthcare organizations including substance abuse and mental health treatments, and assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. Must include MOU or formal agreement of partnership.	15
Leveraging Housing Resources (10 points) – 1) Describe how project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of anticipated program participants for program. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project	10
Equity Factors (1 point each, must have all 4 to receive maximum points) – 1) Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions 2) Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience 3) Recipient has an active working group for DEI 4) Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	4
Total Points Available	100

TH/RRH Joint Projects	Point Value
Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16
Experience – 1) Working with the proposed population 2) Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples 3) Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	15
Project Description – 1) Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance 2) Demonstrates understanding of needs of clients and type/location of housing to fit client's needs 3) Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making 4) Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and Improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals 5) Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	25
Financial (10 Points)– Project is cost-effective – Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	10
Coordinated Entry Participation – 1) 100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5

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Project Commits to following a Housing First Approach	5
Supportive Services - 1) Describe plan to assist clients to rapidly secure and maintain safe, affordable housing that is acceptable to their needs 2) Partnerships and coordination with housing and service agencies including PHAs and Workforce Development Agencies to increase income and connection to mainstream benefits and housing to maximize ability to live independently 3) Partnerships or coordination with healthcare organizations including substance abuse and mental health treatments, and assist program participants with receiving healthcare services. Must include MOU or formal agreement of partnership	15
Project prioritizes serving at least one vulnerable population	5
Equity Factors (1 point each, must have all 4 to receive maximum points) – 1) Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions 2) Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience 3) Recipient has an active working group for DEI 4) Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	4
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Applying for PH-RRH as the CoC's priority housing type	16
Experience – 1) Working with the proposed population 2) Utilizing a Housing First approach with best practice examples 3) Experience in effectively utilizing federal funds including HUD grants and other public funding	15
Project Description – 1) Describe the need for the project and how project will improve system performance 2) What new services will be added to increase or better serve households contacting CE 3) Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making 4) Advance racial equity in the homeless service system and improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals 5) Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	25
Financial (15 points)– Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	15
Accessibility – 1) Describe the advertisement strategy for the CE process 2) How it is designed to reach those with the highest barriers to accessing assistance 3) Describe how the project will serve persons with limited English proficiency and disabilities	15
Standardized Assessment – 1) Describe the standardized assessment and 2) Describe the referral process that directs households to appropriate housing and services	10
Equity Factors (1 point each, must have all 4 to receive maximum points) – 1) Recipient has under-represented individuals (BIPOC, LGBTQ+, etc.) in managerial and leadership positions 2) Recipient's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience 3) Recipient has an active working group for DEI 4) Recipient has DEI statement that has been approved by their board of directors	4
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Victim Service Providers and Projects focused on serving Domestic Violence Survivors

New and renewal projects submitted by Victim Service Providers and projects that are 100% dedicated to serving victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or sex trafficking can receive up to 10 bonus points if the project description in their application addresses the following criteria:

Bonus DV Project Criteria	Point Value
Trauma-informed – Describe approach to serving program participants will be trauma-informed and how this will be incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.	5
Victim-centered– Describe how the project will be victim-centered and how this will be incorporated into policies and practices of the project and organization.	5
Total Bonus Points Available	10

Project Applicant Ranking

Once each new and renewal project is scored, the CoC Collaborative Applicant as well as the CoC Executive Committee will review the scores and rank each application for the CoC Priority Listing. The CoC Executive Committee membership includes under-represented individuals and person with lived experience to promote equity within the CoC Competition process.

At this meeting, the Executive Committee will review renewal scores and determine whether any renewal projects should be reallocated to new projects based on performance and system needs based on the CoC's approved Process for Reallocation Guidance. If no renewal projects are determined to be reallocated through either involuntary or voluntary reallocation, the renewal projects will be ranked based on scores in Tier 1 unless otherwise noted in this document for coordinated entry, HMIS, and newly awarded projects. New projects will be ranked in Tier 2 based on scores and bonus type until no bonus fund amounts remain. Any new projects that are not ranked due to funding availability will be rejected.

Once this review and scoring is completed, the CoC Executive Committee will vote to approve the proposed project ranking. Once the vote is complete, the CoC Collaborative Applicant will notify via email all applicants 15 days before the competition deadline of whether their project was accepted, rejected, or reduced as well as be provided a copy of their final project scores. The final Priority Listing and CoC Consolidated Application, including the CoC Application with attachments and a list of all project applications the CoC accepted and ranked or rejected will be posted to the CoC's website at least 2 days before the application deadline.

Approved by CoC Executive Committee 8/19/2022

Good afternoon CoC Applicant,

Thank you for submitting a CoC Bonus PH-RRH project for the FY2022 CoC Competition. This is to notify you that the project was rejected due to the project score of 78 being lower than the highest scored CoC Bonus project application. Due to limited CoC Bonus funding availability, only the highest scored CoC Bonus project application has been accepted to be included the CoC Priority Listing ranking.

Thank you for your participation and continued CoC partnership.

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Good afternoon CoC Applicant,

Thank you for submitting a CoC Bonus SSO-CE project for the FY2022 CoC Competition. This is to notify you that the project was rejected due to the project score of 50 being lower than the highest scored CoC Bonus project application. Due to limited CoC Bonus funding availability, only the highest scored CoC Bonus project application has been accepted to be included the CoC Priority Listing ranking.

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Good afternoon CoC Project Applicants,

The CoC Executive Committee has approved the Project Scoring, Acceptance, Rejection, Reduction, and Ranking for the FY2022 CoC Competition. The list of all projects, project scores, and funding amounts has been posted on the CoC Website: Resources & Data | Bucks County Housing Link (buckshousinglink.org) and can be found below as well:

HCoC-BC FY2022 CoC Competition Ranking

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Tier 1							
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6	72	Renewal	TH-RRH	Valley Youth House	Bucks TH-RRH for Youth	$ 346,158.00	$ 346,158.00
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						$ 1,525,442.00	$ 1,447,177.00
Tier 2							
8	Not Rated - New	Renewal	RRH	A Woman's Place	Rapid Rehousing for Domestic Violence Survivors FY22	$ 78,265.00	$ 78,265.00
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September 23, 2022

To Whomever:

The Bucks County Housing Authority (BCHA) is a strong partner of the PA-511 Continuum of Care (CoC) and we are pleased to support the CoC application this year. The Bonus Project "YWCA of Bucks County Rapid Rehousing Program for Women and Children" will be of great benefit to the community and BCHA supports it.

The Bucks County Housing Authority has a homeless preference set aside included in its administrative plan for 15% of housing choice voucher turnovers each month. The Bucks County Housing Authority commits to awarding housing choice vouchers through its homeless preference set aside for at minimum 3 housing choice vouchers for at least 25% of program participants through the YWCA of Bucks County Rapid Rehousing Program for Women and Children so long as the households meet the standard housing choice voucher program eligibility requirements and required referral through the CoC. The household referrals for the local preference set aside are conducted in partnership through the CoC by the Local Preference Committee who commits to tracking and referring at minimum 25% of program participants through the above stated program to the Bucks County Housing Authority for housing choice vouchers.

Very Truly Yours,

BUCKS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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