

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 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 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 2024 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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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 V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:	
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.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	No
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has successfully advanced racial equity in several ways. The CoC Lead engaged a strategic planning consultant (SPC) to facilitate a new five year strategic plan that centers racial equity. As part of that plan, the SPC engaged in a series of listening sessions, surveys, and data analysis of racial equity in the CoC. The results of this work led the CoC Lead to request HUD technical assistance to replace the VI-SPDAT due to the racial and other bias inherent in the tool. The CoC also committed funds to administrative support for a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB). The provider selected from the RFP has outlined a plan to provide 4 DEI trainings each year, provide support and compensation for persons with lived experience (PLE) that serve on the board, and work to engage organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other people of color (BIPOC). The DEIB will be charged with reviewing project outcomes, policies, and procedures for any racial or other equity related disparities. The CoC Lead has worked with the SPC to identify BIPOC leaders in the CoC geographic area to invite them to join the CoC and participate in committees and the DEIB. The CoC partners closely with the YWCA of Bucks County. This organization is led by and serves people that identify as BIPOC with a mission of "...eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all." The YWCA serves on the Executive CoC board, chairs the CoC Training Committee, and piloted a shared housing rapid rehousing (RRH) project. The YWCA participates in coordinated entry through case conferencing and providing several RRH projects, ERAP case management, and a shelter for victims of human trafficking. The YWCA has also agreed to do beta testing for the VI-SPDAT replacement housing needs assessment tool with their RRH clients.

1B-2.	Open Invitation for New Members.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(2)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
	1. communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;	
	2. ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
	3. invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC's 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. A button was added to the website that enables viewers to choose from 1 of approximately 130 languages to translate the website so that the information is accessible in the viewer's preferred language. Information on the invitation process is regularly posted at least annually on the Bucks County website and social media and is shared by CoC partner organizations to solicit new members and expand the CoC's current reach. Organizations that are new to working with homeless populations or with the CoC are invited to join the general CoC. 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. In 2023, the CoC contracted with Homebase to assist in the development of a strategic plan that centers diversity, equity, and inclusion with a focus on racial equity. A racial equity listening session was conducted on September 7th, 2023 via zoom with 4 in-site locations also available throughout the CoC's geographic area that had approx. 100 participants. In addition to the current CoC membership at large, CoC members had shared the invitation to this listening session with organizations serving culturally specific communities that provided valuable feedback at the listening session to incorporate into the strategic plan. This has been an opportunity for the CoC to expand its network of organizations to invite those serving culturally specific communities to join the CoC as well. 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 V.B.1.a.(3)	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;	
2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;	
3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and	
4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) CoC participation includes representatives from nearly all County units and an array of non-profit and volunteer organizations serving the homeless population, including those from healthcare, law enforcement, mental health, as well as persons with lived experience. The street outreach teams (SOT) and other organizations engaged with the homeless population meet bimonthly. 2) other workgroups that include county housing/human services, emergency management (EMA), Co-Responder, County Security and Rangers, and representatives from shelter, SOT, and other local organizations meet about areas with high concentrations of unsheltered homelessness to resolve systems issues and case conference. Concerns at these meetings are reviewed at the CoC governance meeting to identify strategies and action steps addressing the challenges. County EMA sends weekly updates about interactions with the homeless population that are shared with SOT. The CoC conducts virtual bimonthly general CoC meetings to increase attendance and has an open invitation for new members to join all year. The CoC general meeting has standing agenda items to discuss shelter and street outreach. 2) The CoC uses the CoC website, email distribution list, and open virtual CoC bimonthly meetings to communicate and obtain public information. CoC members send out information via the email distribution list and all members are invited to speak and share resources at the general CoC meetings. 3) The CoC website where information is shared features accessibility tools that allow the website view to increase/decrease text, grayscale, high or negative contrast, light background, underline links, and readable font. 4) In late 2023, the CoC and its strategic planning consultant held several listening sessions, focus groups, and conducted an electronic survey to collect feedback from CoC members, persons with lived experience, and stakeholders. The results of these helped to form the draft goals and strategies for the CoC's new strategic plan for 2024-2029. A specific example of this is centering equity and voices of people with lived experience into CoC decision-making power where in response the CoC formed a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) workgroup to build the framework of the board. This workgroup along with the CoC Outcomes Committee reviewed and provided feedback on CoC local priorities for this year's competition and these priorities were included in the new and renewal application scoring rubrics.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC announced via email and posted on its website on 8/5/2024 that the CoC Competition was open and provided an overview and local competition deadlines. On 8/19/2024 the CoC announced via email and posted on its website 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 on the website for additional information on HUD's process. The CoC collaborative applicant hosted an informational session on 8/26/2024. The invitation went to the CoC general mailing list and was provided as an opportunity for new applicants to learn about the CoC competition process and scoring criteria. The session was also recorded and posted on the CoC website for those unable to attend. 3) The CoC's request for new applications that was distributed on 8/19/2024 specified the local CoC priority project component based on identified need as well as the HUD and local priorities that would be scoring factors through the detailed scoring criteria and ranking process that was distributed along with the request for new applications. This 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 8/26/2024 at 10AM 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 new applications that were submitted this year. 4) The CoC posted the FY2024/25 announcement, NOFO, CoC overview and highlight document, and recorded informational session on the CoC Housing Link website that has accessibility tools available. 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 V.B.1.b.	
	In the chart below:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC partners that serve households with children collaborate with youth education providers and school districts to ensure children experiencing homelessness have full access to learning opportunities. The CoC's main emergency homeless shelter collaborates with various school districts by assisting with applications, setting up transportation, and communicating with school district social workers around attendance and truancy issues for their shelter residents. They ensure that each child who enrolls in the shelter can remain in their home school district before becoming homeless. The CoC's youth-specialized street outreach team collaborates with school district staff in identifying and engaging with homeless youth. The local homeless liaison has participated in the CoC's annual PIT Count and attends CoC general meetings. The CoC has 2 formal policies in place: 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 2. Homeless service providers will be involved in Direct Service Coalition meetings run by the McKinney-Vento LEA and attended by school districts and youth education providers to maintain updated 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. One project awarded funding through a local competitive application, Quakertown Community Outreach (QCO), offers supportive services and emergency hoteling to households in the Quakertown School District. In addition to referrals from Coordinated Entry for all household types, QCO partners with the school district for referrals and provides assessments for families who are Category 1, 2 or At Risk. QCO services help children stay in school and assist parents of children in the district through prevention, diversion, and case management. 24% of the households served are households with children and the project has a 9% recidivism rate after its first year of operation.

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

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness 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 V.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	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 Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking—Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes

	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 attends the CoC Executive Committee (CoC Governance Board). 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 and written standards. 2) AWP collaborates with the CoC's training committee to provide 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. AWP has a DV Coordinated Entry Specialist and part of their role is ongoing safety training and collaboration to ensure best practices within the CoC's coordinated entry system. The Specialist meets regularly with the CoC's coordinated entry call center (The Housing Link Helpline) regarding working with survivors to ensure that the survivors experience in the coordinated entry system is based on trauma-informed best practices and their needs are met through the process.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC Lead and A Woman's Place, the CoC's domestic violence organization that employs the DV Coordinated Entry Specialist for survivors contacting the CoC's coordinated entry system, collaborated to develop DV specific policies and procedures for coordinated entry in October 2023. The policies include safety planning protocols including utilization of a risk assessment tool, development of a safety plan, and appropriate internal and external referrals and resources based on the needs of the survivor. The CoC's HMIS software added in a "safe to contact" button for all clients in their HMIS client profile. This button is listed next to the client's email, primary, and secondary phone numbers and is a required field to ensure that staff are not putting clients at risk. 2) The coordinated entry intake procedures include options for survivors to continue through the standard coordinated entry or to be transferred to the DV Coordinated Entry Specialist. In HMIS, there is an option built in to do an anonymous intake record, as well as options to do sharing or no sharing. Coordinated Entry staff have received training on this process and the data entry components. Survivor information is only shared by the DV Coordinated Entry Specialist when a release is signed and will make direct referrals to the CoC's main emergency shelter, if the Domestic Violence shelter is full, and this main shelter keeps a separate survivor list with the DV Coordinated Entry Specialist to keep survivor information confidential while still being prioritized for shelter placement.

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

In the chart below, indicate how your CoC facilitates training for project staff and coordinated entry staff that addresses best practices on safety planning and confidentiality protocols:

		Project Staff	Coordinated Entry Staff
1.	Training Occurs at least annually?	Yes	Yes
2.	Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices?	Yes	Yes
3.	Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices?	Yes	Yes
4.	Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs?	Yes	Yes
5.	Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations?	Yes	Yes
6.	Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated?	Yes	Yes
	Other? (limit 500 characters)		
7.			

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;

3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(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. The plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. 2) Households are informed about their rights in documentation provided during the enrollment process, such as Rights and Responsibilities forms. All program participants receiving Rapid Rehousing rental assistance or HOME funded rental projects receive a Notice of Occupancy Rights explaining their rights under VAWA. All leases must also include a VAWA Lease Addendum and VAWA language is included on landlord agreements. 3) To request an emergency transfer, the tenant shall notify their housing program case manager and submit a written request for a transfer. 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 ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. 4) The housing program will use HUD forms 5382 and 5383 to document requests for an emergency transfer and to document incidents. 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.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your 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 and their Coordinated Entry Specialist for coordinated entry services and possible direct shelter or rapid rehousing placement through their own program availability. Survivors 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. The CoC's HMIS software added in a "safe to contact" button for all clients in their HMIS client profile. This button is listed next to the client's email, primary, and secondary phone numbers and is a required field to ensure that staff are not putting clients at risk. 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. The CoC has domestic violence specific policies and procedures for referrals and the CoC's main emergency shelter keeps a separate survivor waitlist in coordination with the DV Coordinated Entry specialist to main their priority but also their confidentiality needs. 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-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
2.	working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC collects data at the coordinated entry (CE) call center and housing program enrollment level for survivors. The CoC combines this de-identified CE 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 and identify any barriers for survivors. Feedback from housing providers, the domestic violence provider, and program participants is also obtained. Through this the CoC identified that survivors were often falling through the cracks of the CE process due to their specific communication and other barriers. Other barriers identified were the unique difficulty of placing into housing due to landlord and community opposition.2) To address these specific barriers, A Woman's Place applied for and received a new DV Bonus project to fund a DV Coordinated Entry Specialist to work specifically with survivors through the CE process to ensure that survivors did not continue to fall through the cracks. This Specialist assists with anonymous intake and direct referral for services through CE. The CoC also instituted a warm handoff policy for the CE call center for when survivors choose to work with the Specialist to stay on the line until the Specialist answers rather than providing a phone number and ending the call. At the CE call center automated greeting, an option was added to be directly transferred to the Specialist if preferred by the survivor. For community opposition, the CoC proactively engaged with the local community to ensure that a new Human Trafficking shelter established within the CoC would not run into zoning issues. The CoC's Housing Location program has a specific locator that with referred survivors and has training to efficiently work with this population and engage with landlords around their unique needs to provide better navigation and support to permanent housing placement.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The 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 the fall of 2023, the CoC conducted focus groups, listening sessions, and qualitative surveys through its strategic planning process to gather additional feedback to incorporate into anti-discrimination and other CoC wide policies. The CoC regularly reviews any policy updates with the CoC Executive Committee (Governance Board) to receive stakeholder feedback to incorporate into updated final versions. The Executive Committee has a member from Valley Youth House which operates several LGBTQ+ focused housing and supportive service programs to assist with specific feedback as well. 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 monitoring of outcomes and discharge status to ensure that program participants are not being exited prematurely due to discriminatory practices. Organization's anti-discrimination policies are required when submitting funding applications to the CoC Lead, HCD, for several 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 V.B.1.g.	
	<p>You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</p> <p>Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with--if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:</p>	

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 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 V.B.1.g.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)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 the Housing Authority. For the mainstream voucher awards, the CoC collaborated with the Housing Authority to include a preference in the application for eligible applicants experiencing homelessness to further prioritize available vouchers for this population. 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	Yes
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	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 V.B.1.g.	

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1D-1.	Preventing People Transitioning from Public Systems from Experiencing Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.h.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate whether your CoC actively coordinates with the public systems 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.	Prisons/Jails?	Yes
2.	Health Care Facilities?	Yes
3.	Residential Care Facilities?	Yes
4.	Foster Care?	Yes

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	10
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	10
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1&2) The COC evaluates all recipient's applications for use of a Housing First approach in 3 ways in the COC competition. First, the COC reviews Section 5 of the recipient's application verifying use of a Housing First approach. The COC's rubric deducts 15 points if the applicant answers "no." Second, the COC asks the applicant to describe how a housing first best practice is reflected in the project's policy and procedures. The rubric awards full points to applicants that describe the approach and provide examples. Third, the COC uses the APR and HMIS reports to confirm the project is using a Housing First approach. This includes housing clients with barriers, positive exits, the number of chronically homeless clients served in PSH, and returns to homelessness within 12 months. These four areas have a substantial impact on ranking in the COC Competition. 3) Outside of the competition, the COC uses the same questions as section 5 of the project applications, and asks for additional narrative to support the claim. The questionnaire is sent out to all COC funded projects once per year outside of the competition. The questionnaire is returned to CoC Lead organization (HCD) for review. The questionnaires are reviewed by the CoC Outcomes Committee. Any findings related to the project's Housing First fidelity are addressed at the program level with a performance improvement plan. Projects that did not indicate they would follow a Housing First model are engaged in technical assistance and training opportunities to move towards a Housing First approach. 4) To improve fidelity to a Housing First model, all housing projects in the COC, including those that receive COC funding, only accept referrals through monthly Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing meetings. This process ensures clients are prioritized based on established factors. Per CoC policy, projects are unable to reject households assigned to their project at case conferencing for reasons unrelated to eligibility. HCD created a new project coordinator position in Summer 2024 that will provide further oversight to the case conferencing process to improve fidelity to housing first. Additionally, the COC has engaged with HUD TA to replace the VI-SPDAT as the prioritization tool to ensure that the prioritization process is aligned with a Housing First model and does not inadvertently include bias that reduces fidelity to Housing First best practices. The new tool begins beta testing in October 2024.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC has 4 street outreach teams (SOT) that cover 100% of the CoC geographical area and receive HMIS referrals through the coordinated entry system. 3 of these teams have areas of specialty to engage those least likely to request assistance: youth, PATH, and street medicine (SM). SOT has increased coverage to all Code Blue NBN shelters and visits the drop in center daily to engage clients who are least likely to have completed a Coordinated Entry intake. The county has a Co-Responder program that embeds a social worker with municipal police. Co-Responders frequently canvass with SOT and help engage clients who may not have reached out to the homeless system otherwise. Two peace officers are assigned to areas of the county with the highest number of unsheltered individuals. These officers have additional training, help prevent unnecessary engagement with additional law enforcement, and routinely connect new clients with resources, including SOT. The SM team has engaged extensively with local hospitals and nursing homes to prevent discharge of clients to homelessness and engage clients that may be facing homelessness after a hospital or nursing home stay. SOT engages frequently with and canvasses at public libraries throughout the county to identify individuals that are homeless but have not yet been engaged in SOT services. Once per month, SOT and the Department of Human Services hold a case conferencing meeting to discuss clients that are not engaged or are under engaged in services needed. The SOT are also responsible for case management, making the initial transition from outreach to case management seamless. When clients are engaged with other services, the CoC has standardized a system for warm handoff to other case managers to ensure clients are able to make comfortable transitions. Through Reinvestment funds, the CoC Lead has hired a project coordinator position that coordinates across the 4 SOT. This position helps coordinate canvassing and coverage at places those least likely to engage may frequent, such as community meals, food pantries and code blue shelters. The project coordinator also works with SOT Systems Integration Facilitation cases and can work directly with clients least likely to engage. As part of the COC strategic planning process, the CoC established a Lived Experience Advisory Board, which provides feedback to the CoC on how to improve engagement of those least likely to reach out for assistance.

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

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

Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1. Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2. Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	276	327

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	
	Availability of SOAR staff in CoC and eligibility criteria for referrals	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	works with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations, including those that provide substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment, to assist program participants with receiving healthcare services, including Medicaid; and
2.	promotes SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC collaborates with the Bucks County Hospital Improvement Partnership (BCHIP) to strengthen the connections between hospitals, nursing homes, and CoC participating organizations to obtain health insurance and medical assistance. BCHIP facilitates a monthly meeting between nursing homes, street medicine, and other CoC stakeholders to work to prevent discharges to homelessness. The PSH projects in the CoC have a monthly case conferencing meeting led by the county department for Behavioral Health and Developmental Programs (BHDP). During this meeting, openings in CoC PSH, mental health (MH) and behavioral health (BH) projects are assigned, and providers from all three areas discuss client needs to connect them to healthcare services including substance use disorder (SUDS) treatment and mental health (MH) treatment. The CoC also holds a monthly case conferencing meeting with all departments in Human Services as well as representation from all CoC providers to discuss high acuity clients that are un- or under-engaged in resources to exit homelessness. This facilitates connections with healthcare services available throughout the county and the CoC. The CoC has a training committee that organizes trainings for CoC participating organizations. Annual trainings include those led by healthcare organizations such as "Intersection of Homelessness & Healthcare," "Connecting to Mainstream Benefits," and "How to Access Drug & Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Support Resources". HCD and BHDP have collaborated to draft standard CoC policy and procedures for the street outreach teams (SOT). Part of this standardization includes connecting non-PATH SOT with organizations that provide SUDS and MH treatment. The CoC is scheduled to hold additional trainings in 2025 with non-PATH SOT to ensure that regardless of SOT a client is engaged with, they can access the healthcare organizations they need. The CoC's Health and Remembrance Team committee collaborates with BCHIP to support clients with end of life care decisions and wills for free. 2)The CoC has funded and continues to fund a dedicated SOAR specialist to assist all eligible CoC clients with SOAR applications within the CoC. The CoC's SOAR Committee meets quarterly to discuss outcomes, challenges, and promotion of the program. Staff from partnering CoC organizations are encouraged to become SOAR certified. The CoC has recently engaged with the state SOAR lead to improve SOAR outcomes.

ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:		
1.	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. 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, the CoC's main shelter that serves both individuals and families with children. 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. 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. The CoC Lead, Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development, has a contract and developed policies and procedures to provide isolation housing for shelter residents that are diagnosed with communicable diseases such as COVID-19, Tuberculosis, and Measles in order to mitigate spread amongst individuals experiencing homelessness.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC Training Committee regularly holds trainings available to homeless service providers on the intersection of homelessness and healthcare with the most recent training being held on June 28th, 2024. This training included presenters from the CoC's Street Medicine Program as well as the Executive Director of a local Community Health Clinic and they discussed access and connection to various healthcare resources for program participants. 2) The CoC partners with the Bucks County Hospital Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), which is led by the Bucks County Department of Health, to facilitate communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers. BCHIP holds monthly meetings between the local hospitals and homeless service providers around programs, resources, and educational opportunities to assist program participants. The CoC's Street Medicine Program, which collaborate with BCHIP, local hospitals, and the Department of Health provides ongoing education and community health related events to foster ongoing support to street outreach and other community providers working with participants experiencing homelessness. Most recently, the organization that operates the Street Medicine Program held a Community Health Day at the end of July 2024 at the CoC's main emergency shelter and street outreach and other homeless service providers were encouraged to attend along with their program participants. This provided access to health screenings, resources, and education on wellness, overdose prevention, and hard reduction and recovery. The event partnered with BCHIP as well as Keystone Health which is a Managed Care Organization. The Street Medicine Team, which includes a Registered Nurse, provides ongoing support and resources to the CoC's other street outreach teams and housing providers.

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;	
2.	uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;	
3.	collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and	
4.	is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC ensures clients are served regardless of location by maintaining a widely published call center number that serves as a CE access point for all populations. The CoC reopened all walk in CE Access points for unsheltered individuals that had closed during the pandemic. It partnered with Human Services (HS) to offer The Hub, a walk/call in center staffed by HS that provides services connections, as a CE access point for all populations. The CoC worked with street outreach teams (SOT) to ensure full CoC coverage with SOT staff now assigned to geographic areas of the county. In Winter 2023, SOT expanded coverage to all 3 NBN shelters, attending open nights and providing CE intake and referral to services. SOT collaborates with Co-responders and other HS staff to canvass and engage clients living in encampments. A CE DV project completed its first year and increased engagement between the DV population and CoC significantly. 2) The VI-SPDAT is the standard housing assessment used by the CoC through a by-name list report in HMIS in all case conferencing meetings. This tool is known for racial and gender bias. To achieve fair and equitable access to services, the CoC engaged HUD TA to replace the VI-SPDAT. The CoC separated eligibility from prioritization and committed funding and staff time to begin building these new assessments and screenings into HMIS. This will ensure fidelity to a standardized process for all clients. The CoC has engaged with DV providers to ensure that population is included. 3) The CoC ensures data is collected in a trauma informed way through trainings hosted by the CoC Training committee. It routinely engages DV providers in the CoC for feedback specific to that population. Due to feedback from people with lived experience (PLE), in the last year the CoC has written or summarized all communication to be more accessible and has offered both written, graphic, and verbal communication options to case managers and clients. A Lived Experience Advisory Board working group has been established to provide feedback to ensure data is collected in trauma informed ways. 4) The CoC ensures the CE system is updated annually through the CoC Outcomes Committee. The committee developed a draft of a client survey and process for feedback on CE. The CoC also committed to working with front line staff and PLE to provide feedback on processes and materials related to CE through annual listening sessions that began in Fall 2023.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

	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 needs and preferences; and
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Street Outreach (SO) teams coordinate with a project coordinator to ensure all areas of the CoC are canvassed regularly to identify those not currently engaged. Encampments identified are visited within 24 hours to connect with clients quickly. SO teams attend community meals and Code Blue shelters to engage clients that may not seek other assistance. The CoC committed funding to a Code Blue to pilot extended operations. This allows SO to better plan to attend and connect to those who only use Code Blue. 2) The CoC uses a standard prioritization process outlined in the CoC Written Standards (WS) for all clients for shelter and housing programs. The VI-SPDAT is the housing needs assessment and is used in case conferencing where all housing project openings are centrally assigned. This ensures providers accept the highest priority households with no conditions beyond eligibility. The CoC uses a By-Name List to identify those most in need of assistance. 3) The CoC begins with a CE pre-screening for initial eligibility which takes place at first point of contact with the CoC. Clients not experiencing a housing crisis are provided with information and referral to appropriate resources. CE moves eligible households immediately to street outreach (SO), DV specialists, or Homelessness Prevention (HP). SO and HP connect with clients same day but no longer than 48 hours per the WS. The DV provider runs a 24 hour hotline so there is no delay in clients connecting to DV related services. SO uses 3rd party verification to place clients on the shelter waitlist to reduce wait times. Referrals to housing projects are sent same day as monthly case conferencing. Providers respond to referrals same day but no longer than 48 hours per the WS. This is monitored by the HMIS lead, and timeliness issues are addressed at the provider level. 4) A working group of the CoC is replacing the VI-SPDAT with a tool that does not have inherent bias or invasive questions. Questions in the CE intake and housing needs assessment have been vetted by case managers, the lived experience advisory board working group and CE intake specialists to ensure questions are accessible, trauma-informed, and necessary. Annual training is provided by the HMIS Lead to discuss best practices for asking personal information. If a question is asked during project intake, that information is automatically populated on the assessment tool in HMIS so that the case manager does not need to ask the question again.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry—Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies—Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) All of the CoC's available services and programs are posted on the CoC's website including the Housing Link Helpline information (CoC's coordinated entry call center), street outreach, housing planning, emergency shelter, housing location, and housing programs (rapid rehousing, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing). The CoC's website has accessibility tools that all the website view to increase and decrease text, grayscale, high contrast, negative contrast, light background, underline links, and readable font. Additionally, information and referral for CoC services are promulgated by multiple 3rd party resources such as the Human Services HUB and Human Services co-responders. 2) The CoC's written standards state that all recipients and subrecipients of CoC funded programs must comply with civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements including prohibiting discriminatory housing practices based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status. The written standards are publicly available on the CoC's website. CoC housing programs also include fair housing language that requires all program participants be informed of their rights under the Fair Housing Act. The CoC conducts yearly training on rights under Fair Housing Act to assure that providers inform tenants of their rights and that any complaints are made to appropriate entities. 3) Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) is the jurisdiction responsible for completion of the impediments of analysis along with the consolidated plan and conducts public consultation (including homeless service providers and people with lived experience) for potential impediments to fair housing choice that are then incorporated into the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice that is updated with each consolidated plan. In the event the impediment is exigent, HCD will also pursue legal action to address impediments and/or complaints to HUD or the appropriate FHIP (Fair Housing Initiatives Program) funded entity.

1D-9.	Advancing Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	07/25/2024

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and
2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC embeds analysis of racial and other equity outcomes into the regular review of all projects, including CoC funded projects. Quantitative data reviewed in the last year includes Point in Time (PIT) Count data, census data, and recidivism and full client data reports in HMIS for all project types for the last 3 years. In addition to what the CoC reviews annually, the strategic planning consultant (SPC) used Stella P, Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) data, and several HMIS reports to conduct a racial equity outcomes analysis. The SPC also used qualitative data from listening sessions and surveys on racial equity in the CoC. The listening sessions were held via Zoom. 5 in person locations were set up to allow persons with lived experience of homelessness to participate in the session who did not have access to Zoom. These sessions were staffed in person by street outreach to help clients navigate the session and provide feedback. The CoC has an Outcomes Committee on which one person with recent experience of homelessness serves. The CoC has also created a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) working group made up exclusively of people with lived experience to form a LEAB created by people with lived experience. The LEAB working group has provided feedback to the CoC on outcomes, policy, and procedures in the interim until the LEAB is established. 2) The CoC analyzed data for racial disparities for all projects, including CoC funded projects, in several ways. First, the CoC embeds racial and other equity analysis into all data shared with the CoC. The Outcomes Committee routinely evaluates project outcomes by demographics and looks for racial disparities. For the annual PIT Count, data on race and ethnicity of clients in the PIT Count was compared with the most recent county census data. Second, each year the CoC conducts an equity and outcomes analysis where the KPIs identified for the CoC are disaggregated by race and ethnicity, gender, age range, and household type. This is done through combining several HMIS reports and setting up the data in a publicly available PowerBI dashboard. The SPC conducted a data analysis with a focus on racial equity of Stella P, LSA, and HMIS report data that was summarized in the strategic plan and reviewed in depth with the HMIS Lead. The SPC also provided a presentation summary of the racial equity focus groups qualitative data.

1D-9b.	Implemented Strategies to Prevent or Eliminate Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p	

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	No
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes

6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	No
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC 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.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.	Creation of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging Board	Yes

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's plan to prevent and eliminate racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of CoC funded projects includes committees dedicated to the review of CoC-level processes, policies and procedures and the development of a strategic plan that centers racial equity. In Spring 2024 the strategic planning consultant (SPC) began working with the Strategic Planning Committee of the CoC on a draft of a new five year strategic plan. The SPC was charged with ensuring that racial equity was centered throughout the plan. To accomplish this, a racial equity analysis was completed and a series of listening sessions and surveys was conducted to get feedback on racial disparities within the CoC. The strategic plan took this feedback and built racial equity components throughout the strategic plan. A Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB) are in development with recruitment underway. The CoC has committed funding to compensation for persons with lived experience (PLE) who serve on the LEAB and/or DEIB. The CoC has also committed 2 FTE staff to support the administrative functions of the boards, which includes 4 training courses throughout the year related to racial equity. In the interim, the LEAB working group, comprised entirely of PLE with a racial makeup reflective of the population experiencing homelessness, has provided feedback on processes, policies, and procedures of the CoC related to eliminating racial disparities. Additionally, the Outcomes Committee of the CoC, the LEAB, and DEIB will assess individual projects, beginning with CoC and ESG funded projects, including policy, procedures, and processes for racial or other equity disparities. The strategic plan has built-in assessment measures and timelines related to racial equity and eliminating disparities. The Executive CoC board provides oversight to the boards and committees, and the CoC General Membership receives bi-monthly updates from boards and committees. These groups provide evaluation of the strategic plan as well as evaluation of the work of the boards and committees to prevent and eliminate racial disparities.

1D-9d.	Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and	
2.	the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC has identified a set of key performance indicators (KPIs) for projects. These will be the same KPIs used to track progress on preventing and eliminating racial disparities in the provision and outcomes of homeless assistance. Additionally, the CoC will track measures related to prioritization of households. The KPIs identified for all projects are: average days to move in, recidivism, and positive exits by project type. The Assessment Tool Working Group of the CoC is working with HUD TA to create a new housing needs assessment, which is set to begin beta testing in Fall 2024 to collect data on: prioritization of household and enrollment in projects. All data collected will include demographic data to disaggregate outcomes by race and ethnicity. Intersectionality plays a key role in eliminating racial disparities, so in addition to race and ethnicity, data evaluated includes: gender, age range, household type, DV status, and veteran status. 2) The CoC uses multiple tools to continuously track KPIs and progress on eliminating racial disparities. The CoC has a PowerBI dashboard to review KPIs and disaggregate data by race and ethnicity as well as the other demographics mentioned. The Outcomes Committee (OC), Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB), and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB) are scheduled to begin review of individual projects over the next 12 months using the dashboard. The HMIS Lead has worked with the HMIS vendor, Eccovia, to develop the new housing needs assessment tool in HMIS. Data from the beta testing of this tool will pull into a custom By-Name List report used for prioritization. This report will be evaluated on a continuous basis, and every three months the report will be summarized and reviewed by the Assessment Tool Working Group, OC, LEAB, and DEIB for recommendations to eliminate any racial or other disparities identified in either prioritization or subsequent referrals and enrollments. Each year the CoC invests a significant amount of time and effort preparing data for the LSA. The LSA data is evaluated in Stella P with the Executive CoC, OC, LEAB, and DEIB for evaluation of racial or other disparities.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking—CoC's Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	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 decisionmaking processes.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC engaged a strategic planning consultant (SPC) to draft a new five year strategic plan. The core of this plan is to center racial equity and the voices of people with lived experience of homelessness (PLE). To that end, the CoC committed funding to administrative support of a Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB). The DEIB will have seats reserved for PLE and the CoC has committed funds to compensation for PLE for their expertise. A working group was created to form the LEAB. This working group is comprised entirely of PLE and led by the SPC. It is charged with drafting a charter, designing the application process, and reviewing applications for the LEAB. This ensured that the voices of PLE were centered in the creation of the LEAB. The Executive CoC Committee reserves a seat on the board for a PLE, and the working group has decided that this position will be the inaugural chair of the LEAB. Outreach materials have been thoughtfully created to maximize accessibility based on feedback from PLE. Any CoC wide marketing materials are written at a grade 5-8 level, which includes the flyers and application used for engagement of PLE to leadership positions or decision-making processes. In addition to written materials, outreach efforts for recruitment to the LEAB and other leadership within the CoC, always includes a listening session component for anyone that prefers to have a presentation or wants to ask questions and get answers quickly. Listening sessions are offered via Zoom with in-person options available at locations throughout the geographic area of the CoC that are accessible to PLE and staffed by street outreach and other case managers that clients already know. Materials to engage PLE are shared throughout the CoC and providers print paper copies of flyers and applications for clients. Staff at providers are able to help clients by answering questions or assisting with completing application materials, such as the application for the LEAB. Information sessions for providers are held to outline leadership or decision-making opportunities for PLE so that case managers can engage clients that would be interested in these opportunities directly. The CoC General Meeting is held bimonthly and is open to all in the CoC, including PLE.

1D-10a.	Active CoC Participation of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	46	13
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	5	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	46	13

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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)

CoC members are encouraged to include preference for persons with lived experience (PLE) in all job postings, and street outreach case managers job descriptions encourage applicants that are PLE. Several providers offer self-sufficiency courses focused on employment, professional development, or skill building. One provider offers an Economic Self Sufficiency programs that helps homeless and unstably housed households achieve financial stability. A CoC funded provider trains participants in relevant fields and reviews 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. The CoC has also committed funding to compensate PLE for their expertise in serving on CoC boards. Additionally, the CoC has committed funding to provide administrative support to the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Board (DEIB). The administrative support will provide trainings for PLE to develop their leadership skills, understanding of topics that impact the CoC, and help to build their resumes. All members of the LEAB and DEIB are assigned titles so that they have a tangible role to add to a resume and to discuss in interviews.

1D-10c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC gathers feedback from persons with lived experience of homelessness (PLE) through case managers who routinely compile feedback from PLE. Street outreach (SO) meets biweekly. There is a monthly meeting that includes human service and homeless assistance providers. Case conferencing occurs once per month with representatives from SO, shelter, and housing program providers. The CoC General Meeting is an open meeting held bi-monthly. Feedback from PLE is gathered at these meetings to ensure that clients receive adequate support from all case managers involved in their success. Providers routinely collect exit interview surveys from their clients. Listening sessions are held for feedback on major initiatives, i.e. the strategic plan. The CoC Outcomes Committee developed a universal client feedback survey, slated for beta testing in Winter 2024. 2) Feedback from clients is gathered continuously with case managers meeting multiple times per month to share feedback from PLE with the CoC. Feedback from PLE on major initiatives is gathered on an ad hoc basis. Surveys are conducted at least annually. 3) The project is identified when feedback from PLE is collected so that feedback on CoC/ESG funded projects can be reviewed separately from that of clients in non-ESG/CoC projects. 4) Feedback from CoC/ESG funded clients is gathered on a continuous basis with case managers meeting multiple times per month to share concerns raised by PLE with the CoC. CoC/ESG funded projects review client feedback through required exit surveys. 5) The CoC has taken steps to address challenges raised by PLE. Clients shared that there are an insufficient number of shelter beds. The CoC Lead engaged HUD TA and all Code Blue providers to see if shelter could expand. Funding is committed to a Winter 2024 pilot to increase Code Blue nights at a shelter. Another shelter became a cooling center and offers shelter nights when the county calls a heat warning. PLE shared that materials for clients and case managers, many of whom are also PLE, were written inaccessibly. Based on this feedback, the CoC committed to writing materials at a grade 5-8 level and offers presentations to provide opportunities to hear the information and ask questions. Clients lacked a safe place to congregate during the day. Based on this feedback, the CoC funded a drop-in center with no service participation requirements to provide showers, laundry, food, and service options. Funding is committed through 2026.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) HCD, the lead agency for the CoC, is in the Community Services Division of Bucks County along with the Bucks County Planning Commission. HCD and the Planning Commission recently provided data and staff participation in a “Municipal Managers” Forum that brought local Bucks County government officials together to talk about the need for more affordable housing, zoning strategies for encouraging affordability and financing strategies to promote affordable housing. From such conversations, local initiatives have been created that promote density bonuses in housing projects that include affordable components. HCD and the Planning Commission provide technical assistance to municipalities on language and conditions that are appropriate to structure such bonuses in a way that is consistent with the current zoning code and stimulate more affordable housing. 2) HCD recently re-contracted with the Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania (HECP) in 2024 to perform a deep review of all 54 municipal zoning codes. As part of the review HECP will document fair housing impediments for protected classes AND will notate zoning provisions that unduly restrict affordable housing development in a way that could have a disparate impact on protected classes. The review is expected to take place in 2024 through 2025, after which time both HECP and the Planning Commissioner will contact municipalities with the results of the review and suggested steps to address any regulatory barriers found. HCD and Planning Commission also intend to rank the level of concern found at a given municipality and to produce a public map outlining the issues, so municipalities are aware of where they stand in relation to their neighbors in terms of restrictions around affordable housing. Another area where HCD is addressing regulatory barrier to housing development is through advocacy for shared housing models throughout the County. While not developing new housing, shared housing provides for more housing opportunities for the unhoused. While shared housing is permitted under the Fair Housing Act’s definition of family, municipalities have challenged this in some situations when implementing shared housing in a given area. HCD has provided legal assistance to CoC agencies to address such challenges – so far such legal assistance has been successful at retaining units of shared housing that may have otherwise been forced to close.

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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Advance Public Notice of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline, Scoring and Rating Criteria.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/19/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/19/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	125
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	10
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-RRH

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC analyzed Stella data from the most recent LSA submission for all RRH and PSH projects to help determine what data thresholds and point values would be awarded for exit destination data, recidivism, increases in employment and non-employment income, and retainment of permanent housing for PSH. The CoC then utilized the project's most recently submitted APR in SAGE for exit destination, increases in income, and length of time/retainment to award points based on these criteria. Recidivism data from HMIS for the project was utilized as this is not included in the APR data. The CoC also utilized 2024 Point in Time Count data to identify CoC critical needs to be included in the CoC priority section of the project scoring. 2) The CoC also analyzed Stella data as well as the CoC's equity analysis determine length of time to housing placement for RRH projects. The project's APR was utilized as discussed above to pull this data point for scoring. 3)The CoC did not include a severity of needs scoring factor for RRH projects since all CoC RRH projects that do not exclusively serve a specific subpopulation enroll households through case conferencing based on prioritization. However, the CoC recognizes that due to the lack of PSH availability in the CoC and increased chronically homeless individuals, the number of households enrolled in RRH that have high barriers and are hardest to serve continues to increase. Due to this, the CoC adjusted the scoring thresholds to allow more leniency compared to previous years. The CoC has two renewal projects that are the only project of its kind in the CoC geographic area to serve certain subpopulations and those two projects were not considered for reallocation this competition even though they overall scored lower than the PSH project that was selected for reallocation. This is due to the increased needs and vulnerabilities of these subpopulations that have resulted in lower performance and the fact that these projects 100% served their specific subpopulations and followed Housing First practices whereas the reallocated PSH project did not adhere to Housing First or serve their dedicated population. 4) The severe barriers considered were domestic violence and sexual assault survivors, youth with history of victimization or childhood abuse, low or no income, and the two projects for youth and survivors that served these special subpopulations exclusively that were more likely to have these vulnerabilities.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The U.S. Census data shows that the CoC's general population is 5% Black or African American. 2024 PIT Count data for the CoC reported that 28% of persons experiencing homelessness identified as Black or African American which shows an over-representation of persons identifying as Black or African American in the CoC's homeless service system. For the FY2024 competition, feedback was obtained through the Lived Experience Advisory Workgroup Group where 40% of the members are comprised of persons that identify as Black or African American as well as the CoC's Executive Committee where 22% of the voting members identify as Black or African American. Both groups reviewed and provided approval and feedback on the critical needs included in the CoC priority questions and the CoC Executive Committee reviewed and voted on the inclusion of the rating factors used to review new and renewal project applications. The critical needs reviewed were obtained through the CoC's Strategic Planning DEI listening session in September 2023. 2) The CoC utilized an independent Review Committee for new project scoring and local priority supplemental forms for renewal projects and the Executive Committee as the governing body of the CoC reviewed, selected, and ranked all projects. The Executive Committee is comprised of 22% voting members that identify as Black or African American as well as includes lived experience representation. The Executive Committee reviewed scores, proposed ranking, and determined candidates for reallocation. 3) Part of this year's scoring was a CoC priority form completed by both new and renewal applicants that addressed critical needs within the CoC, equity factors of the organization, and organization's efforts to support the CoC with creation of affordable housing. The applicant equity factor questions included lived experience representation on the board of directors, representation in leadership positions, explicitly targets and recruits persons with lived experience or are overrepresented in the homeless service system (BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, etc.) for employment or internship opportunities, routinely gathering feedback from persons with lived experience, and has an active DEI working group. Points for critical needs that were identified through the CoC's DEI listening session were only awarded if the applicant identified a barrier and stated through narrative response how they would help to eliminate this barrier through their proposed project.

1E-4.	Reallocation—Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	your CoC's reallocation process, including how your CoC determined which projects are candidates for reallocation because they are low performing or less needed;
2.	whether your CoC identified any low performing or less needed projects through the process described in element 1 of this question during your CoC's local competition this year;
3.	whether your CoC reallocated any low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year; and
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC's approved FY2024 Reallocation Process states that the CoC will reallocate funds to new projects whenever reallocation would improve system performance and outcomes, result in more efficient use of resources, or improve service to the most vulnerable participants. Several factors are used to identify projects that are candidates for reallocation which include review of overall application score as well as the individual scores in the scoring tool for each factor and narrative response that highlight the project's overall performance, adherence to Housing First principles, and project spending/costs. Projects that score lower compared to other renewal projects of the same project component, have inadequate spending practices, or do not adhere to Housing First principles and practices are reviewed as potential reallocation candidates. 2)In this year's competition, the CoC identified one PSH renewal project that was a candidate for reallocation due to their non-adherence to Housing First, lower score compared to the CoC's other PSH renewal project, and the low score it received on program participants meeting eligibility of chronically homeless (CH). Projects were able to receive up to 10 points for this category and this project received 0 points as only 33% of the individuals served in the project during the most recent APR submitted year met the qualification as CH when the project is 100% dedicated to CH. The project does not adhere to a Housing First approach as it routinely screens out chronically homeless individuals due to forensic history which has made it difficult to place CH individuals into this project and has caused lengthy bed vacancies. The CoC has met with the provider historically regarding this ongoing barrier causing low performance and inefficiencies in use of resources without any substantial change to date. 3)The CoC voted to reallocate the funds from this PSH project in this year's competition and reallocate the funding to two new PSH projects submitted that will adhere to a Housing First approach and provide low barrier PSH at a more cost-effective rate due to the applicants not needing CoC leasing funds for either project. This reallocation will lead to improved overall system performance and better serve the needs of program participants.4) NA

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2019 and FY 2024.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes

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4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Accepted attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	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.	10/25/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/25/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/26/2024
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2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

In the field below:

1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database—compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The HMIS Lead and CoC Lead completed ESG/CoC monitoring of the DV provider. The DV provider was monitored in part on its use of a compliant comparable database. The HMIS lead evaluated the DV provider on data collection in the comparable database in alignment with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards. Although the monitoring was modified to ensure privacy of client data, the DV provider was evaluated on the same metrics for HMIS. The HMIS lead and DV provider met when the DV Coordinated Entry (CE) specialist project received its CoC grant funding. This meeting covered the data collection requirements and reporting requirements for a CE project in HMIS and the comparable database. The HMIS Lead discussed how CE projects are set up in HMIS, what the data standards require, and how this would translate to the comparable database. The HMIS Lead coordinated with the DV provider and their software vendor to ensure that the new CE APR Report was set up correctly ahead of SAGE reporting deadlines. The HMIS Lead hosted several trainings last year regarding referral process, HMIS data standards and compliant data entry. The DV provider attended those meetings, and as a result, was able to integrate directly with the main emergency shelter in the CoC to place DV clients onto the shelter wait list for prioritization. Other providers in the CoC that serve DV clients are monitored at least annually to determine whether changes to their funding or projects would necessitate the use of a comparable database. The HMIS Lead established a plan with a provider who has applied for funds that would necessitate the use of a comparable database to ensure the provider understands the CoC and HUD requirements related to operating a compliant comparable database. 2) Our COC HMIS and comparable database are compliant with the 2024 HMIS Data Standards. The HMIS lead worked closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) from which the COC purchases licenses, and Eccovia, the vendor, to ensure that all projects in HMIS are up-to-date and comply with any changes. The HMIS Lead hosted a mandatory training for all HMIS users as well as comparable database users, outlining changes for the 2024 Data Standards and reviewed how to enter data in compliance with those changes.

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	147	15	138	93.88%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	93	0	88	94.62%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	243	34	209	100.00%

5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	100	0	100	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	136	0	0	

You must enter a value for elements 1 through 6 in all four columns. If the project type does not exist in your CoC, enter '0' in all three columns for that project type.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

NA

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/23/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/06/2024
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2B-3.	PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) During the 2024 PIT Count planning process, the CoC engaged with all street outreach teams (SOT), including the agency that exclusively serves homeless and runaway youth (VYH). Each year the CoC forms an ad hoc PIT Count Planning Committee. VYH led the committee's safety planning and training for a 4th year. VYH led the safety training portion of the PIT count volunteer training this year. The CoC recruited a youth to serve on the committee. 2) On behalf of the CoC, VYH engaged youth, including unaccompanied youth, to help determine locations where homeless youth were most likely to be identified. 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. Two of those teams included a VYH team member, who coordinated to canvass 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 throughout the next 3 days. Canvassing at different times of day helped to ensure that as many people as possible were surveyed, including youth. The CoC requested youth counters for the PIT count but did not receive any volunteers. The CoC has committed funding to compensation for people with lived experience (PLE) which can be used to compensate PLE in activities such as counting during the PIT count in 2025.

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

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) In 2024, the CoC made no changes in methodology, but made changes to improve data quality for the 2024 PIT Count. In alignment with the data FY2024 HMIS Data Standards, the CoC moved its 3 code blue shelters to NBN shelters using service based counts to track bednights vs. a nightly check-in method. HMIS enabled users to log the services for a bednight against all clients that were at shelter that night simultaneously. This reduced data entry burden on code blue staff and improved data accuracy. Additional outreach by the CoC lead and local faith based partners resulted in connections with providers that previously had not participated, increasing the count of households using emergency hotel vouchers and adding one DV provider to the sheltered count. The HMIS Lead engaged the VASH provider in the CoC prior to the 2024 PIT Count to discuss the HMIS VASH upload process. This resulted in the VASH provider agreeing to and providing an annual upload of VASH data for HMIS. 2) There were no changes in methodology to the unsheltered count, but several changes were made to improve data quality. Each year the CoC convenes an ad hoc PIT Count Planning Committee to determine any changes to methodology or survey questions. This year, the CoC recruited a youth to participate on the committee. This informed what questions to ask and how questions should be asked to best connect with youth. Based on feedback from the committee, some survey questions were rephrased to improve accuracy of data collected. The CoC made it mandatory for anyone administering the survey this year to attend a training on the survey. This ensured that all those administering the survey received training on how best to ask questions and the purpose of each question. The training was offered via webinar, and was recorded and distributed to all providers in the CoC. The HMIS Lead provided additional one on one training as needed. An emphasis was placed on the questions used to calculate whether a household is chronic. In previous years, those questions had a low completion rate. This led to a suspected under reporting of number of households experiencing chronic homelessness due to the inability to sufficiently determine whether the household was experiencing chronic homelessness. The 2024 PIT count showed an increase of 67% in those experiencing chronic homelessness vs. the 2023 PIT count. 3&4) The 2024 PIT count was not affected by people who had recently arrived into the CoC's geographic region.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) On behalf of the CoC, Housing and Community Development (HCD) did a data analysis of local, court eviction, national, HMIS, and ERA data to identify factors that impact first time homelessness. In Spring 2024 this data was used to develop a pilot Homelessness Prevention Screening Tool (HPST). HPST was sent to CoC providers and the Lived Experience Advisory Board working group (LEAB-WG) for feedback. The CoC Assessment Tool Working Group is finalizing a draft to implement in HMIS. The data will be evaluated to pinpoint which factors locally are most likely to lead to first time homelessness. The CoC was approved for HUD TA to replace the VI-SPDAT as the assessment tool. Through this TA, the CoC will test the HPST for accuracy, reliability, and bias.

2) The CoC's strategy to address households at risk of homelessness has 4 parts. First, the CoC is implemented the HPST to identify households most at risk of homelessness, and prioritize households most likely to become homeless. Second, the CoC created the LEAB-WG, comprised of people with lived experience, to establish a permanent LEAB. The CoC LEAB-WG reviews policy and procedures to address those at risk of becoming homeless. Third, the CoC committed additional funding to address prevention and diversion. The end of ERAP funding reduced prevention funding to pre-pandemic levels, which is insufficient to meet the current need. The CoC invested ERAP interest money into its prevention project and uses the HPST to best leverage those funds. The CoC expanded its diversion efforts. It dedicated diversion funds to street outreach, increased flexibility for shelter rapid exit funds, and committed funding to shelter door diversion to divert a household to temporary or permanent housing without a stay at the shelter. Fourth, the CoC engaged with other systems to address those that exit people to homelessness frequently. One example of this is collaborating with nursing homes and hospitals. Through Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), the CoC engaged nursing homes, street medicine, and CoC stakeholders in discussions around ways to prevent discharges from nursing homes to homelessness through monthly meetings. BCHIP has also assisted the CoC in engagement with hospitals around clients with complex medical needs who are repeatedly at risk of homelessness.

3) The Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development and CoC Executive Committee are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

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

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

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

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
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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 homelessness (LOT) has three parts. First, the CoC has increased available affordable housing. Strategic planning identified lack of affordable housing as the primary barrier to reducing LOT. The CoC increased funding for landlord incentives and risk mitigation. This has added 15 new units available to the COC since November 2023. A pilot shared housing project, SAIL, completed its first year. SAIL reduced LOT by moving single adults in multi-bedroom units, opening up additional, more affordable housing stock for adult singles. SAIL's first 8 properties house 20 clients with commitments to 4 more properties by end of 2024. Housing and Community Development (HCD) used SLFRF funds to create additional affordable housing units and partnered with the CoC to fill those through CE. The first 6 units quickly moved 6 households/15 clients quickly into permanently subsidized housing. These units include a case manager dedicated to ongoing tenant and landlord support. Second, the CoC dedicated flexible funding to reduce LOT. The main emergency shelter uses rapid exit funds to reduce LOT, and assisted 21 households in 2023. The CoC also committed diversion funds to all street outreach teams to enable case managers to provide creative problem solving paired with funds to reduce LOT. Third, the CoC focused on program development to reduce LOT. Street medicine increased staffing to include a medical case manager. They work with medically complex clients that often qualify for nursing home placement or waivers for home care and need intensive case management to move into permanent housing. The CoC funds a dedicated SOAR specialist to help clients receive benefits, which increases income. This helps clients, especially those ineligible for vouchers, move into housing quickly. The Human Services Department added two positions to the CoC: a third Housing First Behavioral Case Manager and a new project coordinator position to do system integration facilitation. Both positions work with clients with complex needs to reduce LOT. 2) The COC identifies those who have been homeless longest through a ByName List which indicates LOT as well as chronicity. Multiple monthly case conferencing meetings are used to review and prioritize these clients for openings in PH and TH projects. 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.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC has 5 housing locators and a shared housing (SAIL) coordinator that help households with find affordable housing. Locators maintain relationships with landlords, which increases available housing for the CoC. In 2021, they began providing bonuses to new landlords for leasing with and holding units for CoC clients, and for referring new landlords. In 2023, Housing and Community Development (HCD) committed additional funds to bonuses, including a bonus for SAIL landlords that include utilities in rent. This reduces roommate friction and makes utilities eligible for voucher payment. The COC partnered with the local Housing Authority (BCHA) to implement Section 8 Local Preference and Mainstream preferences for households experiencing homelessness. The main shelter uses rapid exit funds to move households from shelter into permanent housing. In 2023, CareerLink launched Workforce on Wheels (WOW), which provides mobile services. The CoC collaborated with WOW to bring this service to the shelter for clients. The CoC also funds a dedicated SOAR specialist. Both WOW and SOAR help clients obtain income, which helps exits to permanent housing. 2) Strategic planning identified lack of affordable housing as the primary barrier to exiting homelessness. Helping clients retain permanent housing is critical. The Department of Behavioral Health Developmental Programs (BH/DP) committed funds to add more community based case managers (CBCMs) dedicated to homeless/recently homeless clients. A new CBCM position housed at the CoC Lead agency engages in systems integration facilitation for high acuity clients, coordinating systems of care to help clients move to and retain permanent housing. Two CBCM positions at the main emergency shelter are BHDP funded. They follow clients that use rapid exit funds into the community to support them in retaining permanent housing. This provides case management to clients that were previously ineligible. The CoC piloted a services screener in Spring 2024. This tool ensures households have ongoing services needed for stabilization, which increases retention of permanent housing. The tool screens households for possible service need, documents services the household is eligible for vs. declined, and establishes a plan for reengagement as needed. 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.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:

1.	describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return 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 regularly tracks recidivism through 2 HMIS reports that show households that have returned to homelessness regardless of exit destination. The CoC improved case management processes and outlined transitions between case managers. This increased communication between providers, which ensured households returning to homelessness are identified quickly. The CoC worked to improve communication with healthcare providers, and includes human services staff in monthly meetings. These partnerships help the CoC identify individuals that have returned to homelessness. 2) The CoC's strategy to reduce recidivism has 2 parts. First, the CoC committed funds to expand services for those in PH. A shared housing (SAIL) coordinator provides ongoing support to SAIL units for as long as needed. The CoC added case management for units that take referrals from CE. These positions liaise with landlords and facilitate mediation. The coordinators also assist clients that do need to leave a unit to move into PH. Several new community base case managers (CBCMs) have been added through county funding. 2 shelter CBCMs were hired to help clients that use rapid exit funds to move from shelter to PH. Another CBCM provides systems integration facilitation (SIF) for high acuity clients. SIF continues after a client is housed. These case managers provide supportive services to stabilize clients in housing. In 2023, CareerLink launched Workforce on Wheels (WOW), which provides mobile services. HCD worked with WOW to bring WOW to clients experiencing homelessness. WOW helps clients obtain income, which helps reduce recidivism. HCD also committed additional funds to expand the CoC's homelessness prevention (HP) project. HP is part of CE and helps clients remain in PH through light touch case management and one-time financial assistance. Second, the CoC has implemented policies to reduce recidivism. The CoC piloted a universal services screener. This tool ensures households are screened for services and maintain a housing plan. Reducing gaps in services reduces recidivism. The CoC also adopted CoC Written Standards. These standards include a requirement that RRH projects continue to provide a minimum of 90 days of case management after a voucher is issued to ensure stabilization prior to exiting. 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 V.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC's strategy to assist clients with access to employment cash sources is to invest in existing partnerships to bolster connections with mainstream employment organizations, invest in people with lived experience (PLE), and reduce barriers to access to employment. CoC partners build networks of employers to connect clients seeking employment. These employers are more likely to hire clients because of the support offered through the CoC including connections to childcare, transportation, and coaching. PSH providers partner with the County to do on-site job training for clients. The CoC's youth dedicated RRH program offers a 3-week employment curriculum for clients. Several CoC organizations have employment specialists that work directly with clients on employment plans and skills to obtain/increase employment income. The CoC committed funds to compensate PLE who provide expertise on CoC boards. This provides income and helps clients build skills and resumes if they choose to seek employment opportunities. CDBG funds were used to pilot a LIFT program with United Way that helped improve credit scores, financial management skills, and address a primary barrier to employment, transportation, through assisting with vehicle loans. The CoC Lead funds educational projects through Bucks County Community College (BCCC) available to clients. BCCC offers free cohorts related to a variety of in demand job skills. BCCC also offers career services for its students to connect with local employers. 2) The CoC has partnered with the PA Career Link of Bucks County. The Bucks County Career Link has invested in Workforce on Wheels (WOW), which is a wheelchair accessible bus with 10 workspaces with laptops, Wi-Fi, and printers staffed by Bucks County Career Link. The CoC Lead met with WOW and facilitated connections with multiple CoC partners to have WOW come regularly to their sites and/or attend events. The first event WOW attended for the CoC was the Family Service Association's Community Health Day held at the emergency homeless shelter. The CoC is to better connect Career Link staff with homeless services case managers to improve support for clients. 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. 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 V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and	
	2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income for clients uses a combination of project investment, training, and resource development. For the last five years, the CoC has invested in funding a dedicated SOAR case manager oversighted by the CoC SOAR Leadership Committee. The SOAR specialist is dedicated to serving CoC clients and the committee works to ensure that outcomes of the SOAR specialist are positive and amends policies and procedures as needed to improve those outcomes. In addition to a dedicated SOAR case manager, 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. In particular, street medicine is essential in connecting people that are pregnant or have recently given birth with resources including WIC and TANF for childcare. CoC Training Committee offers a training annually on mainstream benefits for the CoC. This ensures that all CoC participating organizations have the most up-to-date information regarding mainstream benefits and how to assist their clients with obtaining the benefits for which they are eligible. The CoC has also piloted a services screener for clients enrolled in any CoC project. This tool ensures households are screened for services, including mainstream benefits, and maintain a housing plan. Regarding mainstream benefits, the tool captures whether the household is eligible for mainstream benefits, with which benefits they are already connected, and the benefit status i.e. currently receiving, in progress of applying, denied, etc. The services screener continues with the household as they move through the coordinated entry system so that all case managers and projects serving the households are seeing the same evaluations and gaps in any services or benefits. The CoC has committed funding to build the screener into HMIS to increase accessibility of the tool so that tracking of connections and referrals to services can begin at coordinated entry. 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

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) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
BCOC RES Bonus 2024	PH-RRH	12	Both
Rapid Rehousing f...	PH-RRH	14	Both
Crabtree	PH-PSH	8	Healthcare
Family Service Su...	PH-PSH	11	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? BCOC RES Bonus 2024

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): CRSEJJD833G7

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 12

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Rapid Rehousing for Women and Families 2024 Expansion

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: 14

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Crabtree

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): YGYH6GJ4QK5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

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

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Family Service Supportive Housing FY2024

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): CKPWPK8X6DJ5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 11

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable.

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not applicable.

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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 2024 Priority Listing.

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

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

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	195
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	45
3.	Unmet Need:	150

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and 2 were calculated by combining data from the DV provider/applicant's (AWP) data with CoC non-DV project data of heads of households that identified as Category 4. The DV provider and the CoC pulled data on number of survivors currently enrolled/open in Coordinated Entry and per the CoC's coordinated entry policies, households only remain enrolled in coordinated entry when they are in need of housing and ongoing services beyond basic information and referral at the call center level. Data was also pulled on survivors currently enrolled in non-DV project emergency shelter, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing programs demonstrating their need for housing and ongoing services to obtain and remain stably housed. The DV provider operates the CoC's main domestic violence shelter as well as coordinated entry for survivors, and rapid rehousing. They pulled their data from survivors currently enrolled in these programs and then combined with the data from the CoC's other housing programs that are not through AWP and not 100% dedicated to victims of domestic violence. At coordinated entry intake, survivors are given the choice of whether to proceed with the CoC's non-DV dedicated coordinated entry process or to complete a warm hand-off with AWP's DV Intake Specialist for coordinated entry thus reducing the risk of duplication of active enrollments in coordinated entry reported. 2) The data sources used to calculate this data were the DV provider/applicant's (AWP) comparable database, Efforts to Outcomes, and the CoC's HMIS for non-DV projects, Eccovia/ClientTrack. 3) NA

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

Applicant Name
A Woman's Place

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	A Woman's Place
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors—Percentage	85%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors—Percentage	75%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

1) Once the survivor is enrolled, A Woman's Place (AWP) uses a comparable database Efforts to Outcomes (ETO) to track any changes in housing status including housing placement. 2)The rate of housing placements accounts for all exits to safe housing destinations. This is tracked in the final HUD exit assessment. All safe housing destinations are able to be tracked including, living with family/ friends as a permanent tenure, rental by client with or without ongoing housing subsidy, or housing owned by client with or without ongoing housing subsidy. 3)The rate of housing retention is calculated by tracking the exits from the program using the exit HUD assessment. The advocates will also attempt to make contact at a 6-month follow-up to review if the survivor has maintained housing. 4)The data sources for this information would be our ETO database, the client Excel sheets that are maintained by the advocate which include their exit and 6-month follow-up information, as well as the physical client files that include exit information as well.

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Survivors create a goal plan with housing planning. The survivor, Advocate & RRH Case Manager work together to identify & obtain safe housing through case management (CM), safety planning, empowerment counseling, landlord advocacy & other service providers to address barriers. RRH referrals primarily coming through AWP's coordinated entry and AWP Safe House. Once identified, RRH staff contacts them within 48 hrs to perform initial assessment. Survivors working with RRH staff create a housing plan, identify appropriate options, unit search and lease signing, determine needs & move in. Ideally this process takes under 30 days, but due to limited housing options, it may take longer. RRH staff manage each case for further needs for 1 yr or more. 2) AWP uses a DV housing decision tree created by Safe Housing Partnerships to make referrals into the AWP RRH program. Additionally, survivors who have a higher safety risk are prioritized. AWP used the evidence-based lethality assessment program (LAP) risk assessment tool. Those scoring higher are prioritized, followed by lower risk/survivors who are homeless due to DV but not at imminent risk. 3) A needs assessment is completed which will explain a variety of services offered internally or externally. During the CM sessions with the survivor and RRH advocate they will continue discussing any new needs. 4) AWP offers services in-house - crisis counseling, trauma therapy, peer support groups, empowerment, children's advocacy, food pantry, assistance with Protection From Abuse Orders & criminal justice system, legal rep & financial literacy. AWP collaborates with community services such as credit counseling, workforce development, housing location, & county assistance office. Referrals are made to outside services as needed & level of involvement is based on client consent to protect survivor confidentiality & safety. 5) RRH advocate meets with the survivor initially to discuss their current income and all expenses. Using this information, they calculate a housing budget. During their time in the program, CM is focused on maintaining a budget and working on saving. The advocate and the client also work towards increasing income or paying off other debts so the survivor can be self-sufficient when the housing subsidy ends. The program also utilized education modules that survivors work through that discuss savings, credit, employment, budgeting, and other resources for the survivors to utilize.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;	
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;	

3.	keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Confidentiality is discussed during initial intake with the survivor, at that point they can decide if they want to continue with services and sharing information with the advocate. During the intake process confidentiality and privacy are discussed again, the survivor is given a confidentiality policy to sign and receive a copy for their records. The survivor has the option to deny continued services at any point during their time in the program. 2) A Woman's Place (AWP) uses the empowerment approach to working with clients. They're in control of their journey with guidance from the advocates. The advocates discuss safe locations, unit size, and budget to narrow down housing options. The advocate and the survivor work collaboratively to locate units. Survivors have the autonomy to pick the unit that best fits their needs. 3) The survivor's info and location are kept confidential throughout enrollment. A written consent form must be signed by the survivor before any communication to external contacts. Once the survivor relocates to their safe housing they are offered to enroll in the address confidentiality (AC) program. Allowing their address to be kept off public records and any mail to first be forwarded to a P.O. box in Harrisburg and then to the client. 4) All new staff, interns, and volunteers are required to complete a 45-hour DV advocate direct service training. Safety planning is a crucial piece of direct service training, it is interwoven through several different sections. It includes physical safety, emotional safety, incorporating the use of friends and family, and identifying necessary safety measures for children. There are specific Safety Planning and Confidentiality webinars created by the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence (PCADV) required as part of the training. This goes over recognizing the relationship between confidentiality and survivor safety, key pieces of information in a release, and how to explain confidentiality to survivors. 5) Safety planning is discussed as the client prepares to move into their unit. AWP can offer added safety of security cameras and additional locks for doors and windows in unit. The client is offered support with getting a PFA or joining the AC program. The AWP safe house has security officers, outdoor cameras on each side of the building, locking doors, and a security system. The address and location of the safe house are not disclosed on any GPS devices, the internet, or mailing services.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Rapid rehousing program is able to evaluate the safety of their DV survivors enrolled in the program with both qualitative and quantitative data. With the use of our ongoing trauma informed case management, the advocates strive to build trusting relationships with the survivor. Safety is regularly discussed and if there are any concerns the situation will quickly be addressed through safety planning, advocacy to local law enforcement or an emergency transfer plan. Upon the exit of the Rapid Rehousing program the advocate distributes survivor feedback surveys. Within this survey we ask several questions regarding safety. Including if they felt the Rapid Rehousing program prioritized their safety needs, and asking the survivor to rate on a scale of 1-5 how safe they feel in their homes. Both questions leave room for survivors to write additional feedback under their answers. One area for improvement in the program would be additional surveys distributed 6 months and 1 year after the clients exit from the program to track if safety is still being maintained.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) AWP uses a domestic violence housing decision tree created by Safe Housing Partnerships (safehousingpartnerships.org) to assess a survivor's need for housing. Additionally, survivors in imminent danger are prioritized. AWP uses the evidence-based Lethality Assessment Project (LAP) risk assessment tool. Those scoring high are prioritized, followed by lower risk & survivors homeless due to DV but not at imminent risk. AWP RRH personnel work within the systems to attempt to determine housing urgency. 2) A Woman's Place uses the empowerment and survivor-centered approach to working with clients. They are in control of their journey with guidance from the advocates. The advocate and the survivor will work collaboratively to locate units in the housing market. Addressing client safety concerns and the shortage of affordable housing, AWP will work to provide the best possible option to meet the needs for permanent housing. Survivors have the autonomy to pick the unit that best fits their needs. The Advocate and the client will discuss budgeting and goals to increase their income to determine if the client can maintain this housing permanently after the financial assistance has come to an end. 3) AWP conducts comprehensive assessments to understand each survivor's specific needs, preferences, and goals. This personalized approach ensures that the housing options we explore align with their desires and circumstances. AWP believes that survivors should be empowered to have a choice in their housing decisions. By actively involving them in the process, AWP empowers them to choose housing solutions that resonate with their preferences, fostering a sense of control and ownership. 4) The RRH advocate and the client discuss any accommodation that will be required when beginning the housing search. This information is shared with the housing locator if applicable as well. While searching for housing the advocate will provide landlord advocacy to ensure the client's needs in the unit are met. AWP remains adaptable to changing needs, ensuring that our support evolves as the survivor's circumstances and preferences shift. This responsiveness is key to fostering long-term stability and resilience.

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	
	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

1) A Woman's Place (AWP) strictly avoids punitive measures and enforcement of rules. Instead, AWP focuses on supportive and constructive feedback, helping survivors navigate challenges without fear of judgment or consequence. This approach reinforces a trusting relationship between survivors and staff, promoting healing and resilience. Staff members are trained to approach survivors with empathy and understanding, using language that is respectful and empowering. AWP holds regular training sessions to ensure that the team remains attuned to the power dynamics that can exist in service settings and to actively work against them. 2) All AWP staff are continuously trained on the impact of trauma and providing trauma-informed services. In addition to empowerment services, AWP staff provide psycho-education around domestic violence, trauma, and the impact of trauma. All housing participants are eligible to work with a crisis counselor who can provide that information and those who complete crisis counseling and are in need of additional services are referred to our internal Trauma Therapists to continue to understand and heal from traumas they have experienced. 3) AWP services are steeped in strength-based approaches throughout programs structures, vocabulary used (survivor vs victim) and planning for future self-sufficiency. All advocates are trained to focus on survivors' strengths and how to use those strengths to become self-sufficient and stably housed. Survivors lead their case management and create their goals plans identifying goals that are most important to them, and the advocate supports them by providing options counseling to meet those goals. The goal plan is a dynamic document that survivors can carry with them and make changes as necessary. 4) Cultural competency training is a requirement as part of all new staff and volunteers direct service training. In addition to the direct service training, AWP is committed to continual conversations and training on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity. AWP is currently participating in a Racial Equity Learning Community with roughly 150 other participants in social service roles through Bucks and Mont County. AWP provides visuals and materials in other languages throughout the organization so that survivors feel a sense of belonging. As well as provide all survivors with the ability to speak through a language line to best support their needs. 5) AWP services include peer support groups, an empowerment group and a financial literacy group to encourage connections with program participants. Additionally, within the Safe House, house meetings and art groups are held for survivors to participate in. 6). AWP has a Children's Advocacy Coordinator who provides parenting support, assists children in emergency housing in maintaining their education, provides referrals to additional parenting and children's resources in the community and structures safe play activities for kids in the safe house and in the community. The Coordinator's role in connecting with additional resources is based off the survivor's expressed consent to do so and the level of involvement is decided by the survivor. Referrals to AWP Civil Legal Department may be appropriate to guide in child custody matters.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

AWP operates a 24/7 hotline for domestic violence survivors. Through the hotline, AWP provides immediate crisis intervention for survivors who are at imminent risk. This may involve safety planning, emergency shelter options, transportation to the shelter, and connection to legal advocacy to ensure their safety. They may also connect the survivor to additional internal supportive services such as counseling, therapy, children's advocacy, peer support groups, legal assistance, Protection from Abuse order assistance, and support through the criminal court process. For survivors who are experiencing homelessness due to domestic violence, they can connect to our Domestic Violence Intake Specialist (DVIS). This advocate will conduct a needs assessment and intake to discuss how best to support the survivor. They can provide case management to assist with goals related to housing, they connect them with external housing and supportive services with the survivor's written consent. These services can include CoC partner organizations including BCOC, FSA, Valley Youth House, Pendel, YWCA. They also assist survivors with relocation assistance to help move them into safe housing. If a survivor meets category 4 homelessness, and there is space in the RRH program available they will be enrolled. RRH Case Manager then continues housing and safety planning to move them into permanent housing within 30 days depending on availability due to the tight housing market. If the survivor is fleeing and in imminent danger, AWP advocates will discuss safe housing options including family/friends, emergency shelter or hoteling. If they are brought into the emergency safe house shelter, survivors are supported with regular case management, assistance meeting any basic needs, and creating an individualized goal plan. In each role at AWP facilitates connections to a network of community resources, including mental health services, financial assistance programs, and job training opportunities. Through these comprehensive supportive services, we empower domestic violence survivors to move into permanent housing quickly while addressing their safety needs and facilitating a pathway toward lasting stability.

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.J.(1)(e)	
	Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
	1. prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
	2. place program participants in permanent housing;	
	3. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and	
	4. place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) This new application is to expand the number of survivors that A Women's Place (AWP) are able to support through their current renewal PH-RRH project. AWP will use a domestic violence housing decision tree created by Safe Housing Partnerships to assess a survivors need for housing where survivors in imminent danger are prioritized. AWP will use the evidence-based Lethality Assessment Project (LAP) risk assessment tool. Those scoring high are prioritized, followed by lower risk & survivors homeless due to DV but not at imminent risk. AWP RRH personnel will continue to work within the systems to attempt to determine housing urgency. 2) AWP will continue to use an empowerment and survivor-centered approach to working with clients in this expansion project. Survivors are in control of their journey with guidance from the advocates. The advocate and the survivor will work collaboratively to locate units in the housing market. Addressing client safety concerns and the shortage of affordable housing, AWP will work to provide the best possible option to meet the needs for permanent housing. Survivors have the autonomy to pick the unit that best fits their needs. The Advocate and the client will discuss budgeting and goals to increase their income to determine if the client can maintain this housing permanently after the financial assistance has come to an end. 3) AWP will conduct comprehensive assessments to understand each survivor's specific needs, preferences, and goals in the expansion project. This personalized approach ensures that the housing options we explore align with their desires and circumstances. AWP believes that survivors should be empowered to have a choice in their housing decisions. By actively involving them in the process, AWP empowers them to choose housing solutions that resonate with their preferences, fostering a sense of control and ownership. 4) The RRH advocate and the client will discuss any accommodation that will be required when beginning the housing search. This information will be shared with the housing locator if applicable as well. While searching for housing the advocate will provide landlord advocacy to ensure the client's needs in the unit are met. AWP remains adaptable to changing needs, ensuring that our support evolves as the survivor's circumstances and preferences shift. This responsiveness is key to fostering long-term stability and resilience.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:

1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

1) The DV bonus PH-RRH project being applied for is an expansion of A Woman's Place's current renewal PH-RRH project and will allow the project to serve additional survivors. Based on this, A Woman's Place (AWP) will extend its current practices to the new expansion project. AWP will strictly avoid punitive measures and enforcement of rules. Instead, AWP will focus on supportive and constructive feedback, helping survivors navigate challenges without fear of judgment or consequence. This approach reinforces a trusting relationship between survivors and staff, promoting healing and resilience. Staff members in the RRH project are trained to approach survivors with empathy and understanding, using language that is respectful and empowering. AWP will hold regular training sessions to ensure that the team remains attuned to the power dynamics that can exist in service settings and to actively work against them. 2) All AWP staff are continuously trained on the impact of trauma and providing trauma-informed services. In addition to empowerment services, AWP staff provide psycho-education around domestic violence, trauma, and the impact of trauma. All housing participants are eligible to work with a crisis counselor who can provide that information and those who complete crisis counseling and are in need of additional services are referred to our internal Trauma Therapists to continue to understand and heal from traumas they have experienced. 3) AWP's services that will be available through the new DV bonus PH-RRH expansion project are steeped in strength-based approaches throughout programs structures, vocabulary used (survivor vs victim) and planning for future self-sufficiency. All advocates are trained to focus on survivors' strengths and how to use those strengths to become self-sufficient and stably housed. Survivors lead their case management and create their goals plans identifying goals that are most important to them, and the advocate supports them by providing options counseling to meet those goals. The goal plan is a dynamic document that survivors can carry with them and make changes as necessary. 4) Cultural competency training is a requirement as part of all new staff and volunteers direct service training, including any staff that will work with the new DV Bonus PH-RRH expansion project. In addition to the direct service training, AWP is committed to continual conversations and training on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity. AWP is currently participating in a Racial Equity Learning Community with roughly 150 other participants in social service roles through Bucks and Mont County. AWP provides visuals and materials in other languages throughout the organization so that survivors feel a sense of belonging. As well as provide all survivors with the ability to speak through a language line to best support their needs. 5) AWP services that will be available to the survivors in the new DV bonus expansion PH-RRH project include peer support groups, an empowerment group and a financial literacy group to encourage connections with program participants. Additionally, within the Safe House, house meetings and art groups are held for survivors to participate in. 6). AWP has a Children's Advocacy Coordinator that will be available to survivors in the new DV bonus PH-RRH expansion project who provides parenting support, assists children in emergency housing in maintaining their education, provides referrals to additional parenting and children's resources in the community and structures safe play activities for kids in the safe house and in the community. The Coordinator's role in connecting with additional resources is based off the survivor's expressed consent to do so and the level of involvement is decided by the survivor. Referrals to AWP Civil Legal Department may be appropriate to guide in child custody matters for survivors enrolled in the project.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	
	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:	
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and	
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) A Woman's Place (AWP) continues to work on the development of our diverse survivor advisor board. This group includes survivors from different races, ages, ethnicities, genders, and sexual orientations. All of them are survivors of domestic violence and received a variety of services from AWP ranging from individual/ group counseling, therapy, Safe House shelter, RRH, Legal advocacy, and Civil Legal Representation. This diverse representation will provide a comprehensive perspective on the challenges and needs faced by different populations, ensuring our programs, including the rapid rehousing project and it's new DV bonus expansion project are inclusive and effective. 2) AWP is committed to actively involving survivors with diverse lived experiences in every aspect of policy and program development. The survivor advisor board will meet regularly to discuss AWP's current provided services. AWP will use this time to evaluate what is working and areas that need improvement. Along with the discussions with the survivor advisory board, further survivor feedback will be gathered from the VS3 survey and exit questionnaires from the shelter and RRH programs. AWP believes that their insights are invaluable for creating and improving effective and responsive services.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	Bucks County PHA ...	10/16/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Preference - ...	10/22/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/23/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/22/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	10/16/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Renewal Project S...	10/22/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/16/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	10/22/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	10/16/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2024 HDX Competit...	10/16/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	Housing Leveragin...	10/24/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	10/24/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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1E. Project Review/Ranking	10/22/2024
2A. HMIS Implementation	Please Complete
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4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

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

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Housing First Assessment

Project Name	Restart Economic Self-Sufficiency
Date Completed	7/16/2024
Completed By	Stacy Kaiser

1. Does the project follow a housing first approach? If yes, please describe specific methods or best practices utilized by your organization.

BCOC utilizes a Housing First approach, meaning households will not be screened out for assistance based on criteria that assumes to predict successful outcomes, such as income, employment, criminal background, mental health history, substance use, or other criteria that indicates a person's motivation to change. BCOC works directly with the Housing Link to identify prospective clients for the Restart Economic Self-Sufficiency (RES) Program and through case conferencing accepts all referrals to the program based on available program slots.

2. Will the project quickly move participants into permanent housing? Please explain.

Upon assignment into the RES program, BCOC coaches reach out to the client, scheduling enrollment and completing the full HMIS intake. The goal is to complete the intake within 3 business days. After intake, the housing search begins with a goal to house households within 45 days. The Housing Location team supports the participant and coach in the housing search,

3. Will the project enroll program participants who have the following barriers?

Having too little or little income	Y <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Active or history of substance abuse	Y <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions	Y <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
History of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	Y <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

3a. If you checked no for any boxes above, please explain.

4. Will the project prevent program participant termination for the following reasons?

Failure to participate in supportive services	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Failure to make progress on a service plan	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of income or failure to improve income	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>
Any other activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found for unassisted persons in the project's geographic area	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N <input type="checkbox"/>

4a. If you checked no for any boxes above, please explain.



Housing First Evaluation

Project Name	BCOC RES RRH
Date Completed	8/16/2024
Review By	HCD

1. Does this project accept all referrals through Coordinated Entry?

Based on a review of the project enrollments, all client referrals are accepted through CE. Two clients, 85031, 242516 were accepted without referral due to error by CE, not project.

Findings: None

Notes: Please be sure that a referral has been sent for all clients enrolled.

2. Has this project denied referrals for reasons other than eligibility?

Will project enroll program participants who have the following barriers	Number of referrals denied for this reason	Notes
Having too little or little income	0	
Active or history of substance abuse	0	
Having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions	0	
History of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse)	0	

Findings: Flag - two clients had referrals with Provider rejected/no notes: 295304; 271270. One client had a provider rejected referral for no contact.

Notes: Project should be sure to close all referrals with an outcome and log CE notes to ensure reason for a referral is notated.

3. Is length of time to move in excessive or reflective of disparities?

Avg 151 days to move in. Overall avg 293 days in program. System average is approximately 129. Most clients with longer than average move ins were seniors, male adult only households, and clients with disabling conditions.

Findings: None

Notes: Move in times are in line with system averages in an extremely challenging market. No race/ethnic/gender discrimination was noted in outcomes.

4. Reasons for Negative Exits

Project will prevent program participant termination for the following reasons	Number of households exited for this reason	Notes
Failure to participate in supportive services	1	Client ID 153444 discharged for no contact for 30 days with no explanation/documentated contact attempts
Failure to make progress on a service plan	1	Client ID 114788 was discharged due to "inability to focus on housing plan"
Loss of income or failure to improve income		
Activity not covered in a lease agreement typically found for unassisted persons in the project's geographic area		

Findings: Issue - 2 households were discharged for reasons that lack fidelity to housing first.

Notes: Project should document thorough notes regarding reasons for discharge, including attempts to contact client and other case managers with whom client is involved prior to discharge. Project has two clients with negative exits that were discharged for reasons that do not align with housing first with insufficient notes to document reasons for exit.

Additional Comments:

Project follows a housing first model: Overall this project indicates that it follows a housing first model and its data reflects this. There was a 1% issue rate for the project with notes provided to the project for internal review.



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

FY 2024/2025 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 FY2024/2025 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 I.B.3.k of the NOFO.
- Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC planning 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.

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 4 out of 5 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 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
- 1 Point – The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve

Joint TH/RRH Projects must receive 6 out of 8 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 6 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
- 2 Points – 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 I.B.2.b.(15) of the NOFO
- 1 Point – The average cost per household served is reasonable, meaning that the costs for housing and services provided by the project are consistent with the population the project plans to serve

SSO-Coordinated Entry Projects must receive at least 2 out of the 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.

HMIS Projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. New HMIS projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.

- 1 Point – How the HMIS funds will be expanded in a way that is consistent with the CoC's funding strategy for the HMIS and furthers the CoC's HMIS implementation
- 1 Point – The HMIS collects all UDE's as set forth in the HMIS Data Standards
- 1 Point – The ability of the HMIS to un-duplicate client records

- 1 Point – The HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting and other reports required by other federal partners

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

- 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 New Project Review Committee comprised of representatives within the geographic area that serve over-represented or special population households experiencing homelessness and/or have lived experience of homelessness will review and score all new project applications as well as supplemental questionnaires for renewal applications. The CoC Executive Committee, as the governing board, will review and approve the scoring, ranking, rejection, reallocations, 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 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 questionnaire. Applicants must submit supplemental questionnaire separately outside of e-snaps via email to HCD@buckscounty.org by **9/20/2024**.

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 entry 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 unless the recipient chooses to voluntarily reallocate their project. The following criteria and maximum point values will be used for scoring. Refer to the included sliding scale in scoring rubric for partial point values.

Rapid Rehousing Project Criteria	Point Value
Length of time from RRH project entry to housing move-in is 90 days or less	10
Successful housing placement and retention of 70% of households	10
4% or less returns to homelessness within 6 months of successful program exit	10
4% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	10
At least 35% of project leavers with new or increased earned income at exit	10
At least 60% of project leavers with new or increased non-employment income at exit	10

100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Project does not commit to following a Housing First model	-15
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 5%	10
HMIS data timeliness - 100% at 10 days or less	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Total Points Available	95

Permanent Supportive Housing Project Criteria	Point Value
100% of program participants are chronically homeless	10
100% of program participants remain in or move to permanent housing	10
2% or less returns to homelessness within 6 months of successful program exit	10
2% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	10
At least 35% of project leavers with new or increased earned income at exit	10
At least 35% of project stayers with new or increased non-employment income	10
100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Project does not commit to or following a Housing First model	-15
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 5%	10
HMIS data timeliness - 100% at 10 days or less	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Total Points Available	95

Joint TH/RRH Project Criteria	Point Value
On average, participants spend 90 days from project entry to residential move-in	10
Successful housing placement and retention of 70% of households	10
4% or less returns to homelessness within 6 months of successful program exit	10
4% or less returns to homelessness within 1 year of successful program exit	10
At least 35% of project leavers with new or increased employment income at exit	10
At least 60% of project leavers with new or increased non-employment income at exit	10
100% participation in CoC's Coordinated Entry process	5
Does not commit to following a Housing First Model	-15
HMIS data quality – missing data at or below 5%	10
HMIS data timeliness - 100% at 10 days or less	10
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	10
Total Points Available	95

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. Project information for scoring will be obtained through the project's application information, narrative responses, and supplemental equity questionnaire. Applicants must submit supplemental questionnaire separately outside of e-snaps via email to HCD@buckscounty.org by **9/20/2024**.

Rapid Rehousing	Point Value
Experience	
Working with and addressing the proposed populations housing and supportive services needs	5
Identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources	5
Developing and implementing relevant program system and services	5
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems	5
Project Description	
Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5
Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	4
Describes project plan for addressing identified housing and supportive service needs	4
Identifies anticipated project outcomes	4
Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	4
Demonstrates meaningful coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit)	4
Coordinated Entry Participation	
100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5
Housing First Approach	
Project does not commit to following a Housing First Approach	-15
Expansion Project or New Project	
Expansion project will increase number of households served by 10% in RRH OR Non-expansion project will serve at least 16 households	5
Housing & Services	
Acknowledges the needs of the target populations	5
Includes a plan for assisting the target population in determining right type of housing	5
Includes a plan to set goals towards successful retention of permanent housing	5
Coordination & Integration with Benefits and Services	
Project describes a specific plan to coordinated and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which participants may be eligible.	5
Financial Information	
Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	7
Supportive services and admin costs account for no more than 40% of the total HUD assistance request	3
NOFO Priorities: Leveraging Housing Resources	

Approved by CoC Executive Committee: August 16th, 2024

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. Units must not be subsidized with COC or ESG.	5
Describe how the project will uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the relationship with healthcare entity. Value of healthcare resources being provided must be at least 25% of the funding being requested.	5
Total Points Available	95

Permanent Supportive Housing	Point Value
Experience	
Working with and addressing the proposed populations housing and supportive services needs	5
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Developing and implementing relevant program system and services	5
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems	5
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Housing & Services	
Acknowledges the needs of the target populations	5
Includes a plan for assisting the target population in determining right type of housing	5
Includes a plan to set goals towards successful retention of permanent housing	5
Coordination & Integration with Benefits and Services	
Obtaining and increasing employment, mainstream services, social service connections, and access to healthcare benefits	5
Financial Information	
Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	10
NOFO Priorities: Leveraging Housing Resources	
Describe how project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of anticipated program participants for program. Must	5

include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project. Units must not be subsidized with COC or ESG.	
Describe how the project will use healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the relationship with healthcare entity. Value of healthcare resources being provided must be at least 25% of the funding being requested.	5
Total Points Available	95

Joint Transition-Rapid Rehousing	Point Value
Experience	
Working with and addressing the proposed populations housing and supportive services needs	5
Identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources	5
Developing and implementing relevant program system and services	5
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems	5
Project Description	
Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	5
Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	4
Describes project plan for addressing identified housing and supportive service needs	4
Identifies anticipated project outcomes	4
Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC	4
Demonstrates meaningful coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit)	4
Coordinated Entry Participation	
100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	5
Housing First Approach	
Project does not commit to following a Housing First Approach	-15
Expansion Project or New Project	
Expansion project will increase number of households served by 10% in RRH; or Expansion project will increase number of transitional housing beds by 10% or 1, whichever is higher; or Non-expansion project will serve at least 16 households in RRH; or Provide at least 4 beds of transitional housing	5
Housing & Services	
Acknowledges the needs of the target populations	5
Includes a plan for assisting the target population in determining right type of housing	5
Includes a plan to set goals towards successful retention of permanent housing	5
Coordination & Integration with Benefits and Services	
Obtaining and increasing employment, mainstream services, social service connections, and access to healthcare benefits	5
Financial Information	
Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	7
Supportive services and admin costs account for no more than 40% of the total HUD assistance request	3

NOFO Priorities: Leveraging Housing Resources	
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. Units must not be subsidized with COC or ESG.	5
Describe how the project will use healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Must include letter(s) of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the relationship with healthcare entity. Value of healthcare resources being provided must be at least 25% of the funding being requested.	5
Total Points Available	95

Non-Housing Projects (HMIS)	Point Value
Experience	
Describe experience in performing the activities proposed in the application	6
Identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources	6
Developing and implementing relevant program system and services	6
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems	6
Project Description	
Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance	10
Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making	6
Describes the design and implementation of the HMIS system	6
Identifies anticipated project outcomes	6
Demonstrates meaningful coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit)	6
Increased Functionality	
Expansion will increase HMIS functionality, or increase number of participating programs or agencies	6
Describe how the project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project	10
HMIS Meets all Current Requirements	
HMIS collects all required UDEs	1
HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting	1
HMIS produces all reports required by Federal partners	1
HMIS can un-duplicate client records	1
HMIS Lead conducts security training and follows-up with recipients and subrecipient organizations	1
Process for Stakeholder Involvement	
Describe the process and stakeholder involvement for updating HMIS governance charters and HMIS policy and procedures, including the CoC's policy and procedures for managing a breach of PII	6
Financial Information	
Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable	10
Total Points Available	95

CoC Local Priority Bonus Points

Renewal projects can receive up to 30 bonus points and new projects up to 40 points for CoC local priorities which include component type (new projects only), addressing critical need, equity, and partnerships/best practices:

Project Type: New projects that meet the CoC's project type priority are eligible for an additional 10 bonus points	
New Projects Only: Project Type is PH-PSH	10
Critical Need: All projects are eligible for an additional 15 bonus points for addressing local critical needs	
Project designed to specifically support clients that are chronically homeless	1
Project has partnerships to support households with pets	1
Project has partnerships to support households with seniors age 55+	1
Project has partnerships to support clients with mental health, substance use disorder, medical frailty, co-occurring or tri-morbidity	1
Project has components that specifically address transportation barriers for clients	1
Describe how the project will specifically address the identified critical needs. If components will be through a partner organization, letter of commitment, contract or formal document demonstrating the how the partner will provide those services to program participants must be included. If components will be part of project design offered by the project itself, please outline the project component, how clients will be advised of the options at intake and throughout their enrollment, and how success for the component will be measured.	10
Equity: All projects are eligible for an additional 6 bonus points for working towards equity goals	
Applicant's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1
Applicant's organization has more than one person with lived experience of homelessness represented in managerial, leadership, or COC leadership positions	1
Applicant's organization explicitly targets persons with lived experience for employment or internship opportunities in their job descriptions and recruiting practices	1
Applicant's organization routinely gathers feedback from persons with lived experience at least once per year and uses this feedback to adjust project design, policy, or procedures.	1
Applicant's organization has an active working group for DEI	1
The applicant's organization actively recruits people from populations overrepresented in homelessness for job and internship opportunities (BIPOC, mental health, substance use disorder, LGBTQIA+, seniors 55+)	1
Partnerships & Best Practices: All projects are eligible for an additional 9 bonus points for demonstrating partnerships	
Please briefly describe how the organization actively supports the efforts of the COC in creating, converting, or obtaining more affordable units.	3
Please describe how a housing first best practice is reflected in the project's policy and procedures	3
Please describe how the organization supports staff in order to recruit and retain qualified personnel. Please provide specific examples. Examples can include financial or non-financial support provided.	3
Total Bonus Points Available	40

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 an individual 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. A copy of the project ranking, showing all accepted applications, will also be posted on the CoC website at this time. 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.



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2024 COC NOFO Scoring Rubric: New Projects

Section 2B. Experience			
Working with and addressing the proposed populations housing and supportive services needs			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Developing and implementing relevant program system and services			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience

Section 3B. Description			
Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that there is a need and that the project will improve system performance.	Applicant also describes the need and how it will improve system performance.	Applicant also provides data on how the project will address the need and improve system performance.
Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making			
0 Points	1 Points	2 Points	4 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in the design, planning, and decision making.	Applicant also describes how they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in one to two areas: design, planning, or decision making.	OR Applicant also describes how they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in all three areas: the design, planning, and decision making.

Describes project plan for addressing identified housing and supportive service needs			
0 Points	1 Points	2 Points	4 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have a project plan.	Applicant also describes the project plan for only one component: identifying housing or supportive service needs.	OR Applicant also describes the project plan for both components: identifying housing and supportive service needs.
Identifies anticipated project outcomes			
0 Points	1 Points	2 Points	4 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states the project will have positive outcomes.	Applicant also describes either qualitative or quantitative anticipated outcomes of the project.	OR Applicant also describes both qualitative and quantitative anticipated outcomes of the project.
Reduce unsheltered homelessness within the CoC			
0 Points	1 Points	2 Points	4 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states the project will reduce homelessness .	Applicant also describes how the project will reduce unsheltered homelessness.	Applicant also provides an estimate of how much the project will reduce unsheltered homelessness.
Demonstrates meaningful coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit)			
0 Points	1 Points	2 Points	4 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states project will coordinate with other organizations.	Applicant also describes how the project will coordinate with other organizations.	Applicant also provides examples of how the project will coordinate with other organizations.

Section 4. Coordinated Entry Participation	
100% of project entries will use the CoC's coordinated entry process	
0 Points	5 Points
No	Yes

Section 5. Housing First	
Project Commits does not commit to following a Housing First Approach	
-15 Points	0 Points
No	Yes

Section 3C.2b (Number of additional beds) Expansion of Services

EXPANSION PROJECTS	Expansion project will increase number of project households served by 10%			
	RRH & PSH			
	0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
	Project will not increase number of households served	Expansion project will increase number of project households served by 1%-5.99%	Expansion project will increase number of project households served by 6%-9.99%	Expansion project will increase number of project households served by 10%+
	TH-RRH			
	0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
	Project will not increase number of households served	Expansion project will increase number of households served by 1%-5.99% in RRH component	Expansion project will increase number of households served by 6%-9.99% in RRH component	Expansion project will increase number of households served by at least one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> 10% more households in the RRH component <input type="checkbox"/> 10% increase in beds, or at least one additional bed, in the TH component

Section 4B.2a Expansion of Services, New Projects

NEW PROJECTS	New project will increase number of project households served by 10%			
	RRH			
	0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
	Project will not increase number of households served	New project will serve 1-7 households	New project will serve 8-14 households	New project will serve 15+ households
	PSH			
	0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
	Project will not increase number of households served	New project will serve 1-2 households	New project will serve 3-5 households	New project will serve 6+ households
	Joint TH-RRH			
	0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
	Project will not increase number of households served	New project will serve at least one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-7 households in RRH component <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 household in TH component	New project will serve at least one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> 8-14 households in RRH component <input type="checkbox"/> 3 households in TH component	New project will serve at least one of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> 16+ households in RRH component <input type="checkbox"/> 4+ households in TH component

Section 4A.1. Housing and Services

Acknowledges the needs of the target populations			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	The applicant states that the target population has needs	The applicant also describes at least one the needs of the target population.	OR The applicant describes two or more needs of the target population.
Includes a plan for assisting the target population in determining right type of housing			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	The applicant states the project has a plan to determine the right housing fit for the needs of the that will be provided to participants that includes	The applicant also describes a plan to address the types of assistance that will be provided to participants	The applicant also provides examples of the types of assistance that will be provided to participants.
Includes a plan to set goals towards successful retention of permanent housing			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	The applicant's plan states <input type="checkbox"/> It will work with landlords to address possible issues and challenges <input type="checkbox"/> The types of assistance and support it will provide to participants to overcome challenges <input type="checkbox"/> That it will work with program participants to set goals towards successful <u>retention</u> of permanent housing	The applicant's plan also describes <input type="checkbox"/> How it will work with landlords to address possible issues and challenges <input type="checkbox"/> How the types of assistance and support it will provide to participants will help to overcome challenges <input type="checkbox"/> How it will work with program participants to set goals towards successful <u>retention</u> of permanent housing	The applicant's plan also describes how it will address <u>safety planning for any clients experiencing Category 4 homelessness</u> .

Section 4A.2 Coordination & Integration with Benefits and Services

Project describes a specific plan to coordinated and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs for which participants may be eligible.			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	The applicant states it will help program participants obtain benefits for which they are eligible.	The applicant also describes a specific plan for <input type="checkbox"/> Obtaining and increasing employment income	The applicant also addresses <input type="checkbox"/> How the specific plan will lead to successful exits from homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Describes the specific

		<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing non-employment income <input type="checkbox"/> Helping participants to obtain social services <input type="checkbox"/> Helping participants access healthcare benefits and resources	types of partners it will work with to obtain benefits for which participants are eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Describes the specific types of benefits it will help participants access e.g. TANF, SSDI, Medicaid, childcare, etc.
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Section 5 & 6: Financial Information

NEW PROJECTS	RRH & TH-RRH		
	Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.		
	0 Points	5 Points	7 Points
	This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Budgeted costs are reasonable given the number of proposed households and household types served	And the match is at least 25% (minus funds for leasing) and from an allowable funding type
	Supportive services and admin costs account for no more than 40% of the total HUD assistance request		
	0 Points	3 Points	
	Supportive services and admin costs are 40% or more of the total HUD assistance request	Supportive services and admin costs are 39.9% or less of the total HUD assistance request	
	PSH		
	Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.		
	0 Points	7 Points	10 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Budgeted costs are reasonable given the number of proposed households and household types served	And the match is at least 25% (minus funds for leasing) and from an allowable funding type	

NOFO Priorities: Leveraging Housing Resources

Describe how project will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for at least 25% of anticipated program participants.	
0 Points	5 Points
Applicant does not plan to leverage housing resources <u>or</u> any of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Subsidies or subsidized housing units will account for less than 25% of units <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of commitment, contract, or other formal document is missing	Applicant describes how project (must include all 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Will utilize housing subsidies or subsidized housing units for <u>at least 25%</u> of anticipated program participants for program. <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Include letter(s)</u> of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.

<input type="checkbox"/> Units will be subsidized with COC or ESG grant funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Units will not be subsidized with <u>COC or ESG</u>
Describe how the project will use healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness.	
0 Points	5 Points
<p>Applicant does not plan to leverage healthcare resources <u>or</u> any of the following:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Value of healthcare resources do not equate to a minimum 25% match of funding requested.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Letter of commitment, contract, or other formal document is missing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Does not describe in sufficient detail how the healthcare resources will help individuals and families experiencing homelessness.</p>	<p>Applicant describes (must include all 3)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Value of healthcare resources being provided is <u>at least a 25% match</u> of funding requested.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Includes letter(s)</u> of commitment, contract, or formal document demonstrating the number of subsidies or units being provided to support the project.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> How project will use healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness.</p>

2024 COC NOFO Scoring Rubric: New, Non-Housing Projects (HMIS)

Section 2B. Experience			
Describe experience in performing the activities proposed in the application.			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Identifying and securing matching funds from a variety of sources			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Developing and implementing relevant program system and services			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience
Managing basic organization operations including financial accounting systems			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have experience	Applicant also describes their experience	Applicant also provides examples that illustrate their experience

Section 3B. Description			
Describe the need for the project and how it will improve system performance			
0 Points	1 Points	5 Points	10 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that there is a need and that the project will improve system performance.	Applicant also describes the need and how it will improve system performance.	Applicant also provides data on how the project will address the need and improve system performance.
Incorporation of persons with lived experience in design, planning and decision making			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in the design, planning, and decision making.	Applicant also describes how they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in one to two areas: design, planning, or decision making.	OR Applicant also describes how they will or have incorporated persons with lived experience in all three areas: the design, planning, and decision making.

Describes the design and implementation of the HMIS system			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states they have a project plan.	Applicant also describes the project plan for only one component: identifying housing or supportive service needs.	OR Applicant also describes the project plan for both components: identifying housing and supportive service needs.
Identifies anticipated project outcomes			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states the project will have positive outcomes.	Applicant also describes either qualitative or quantitative anticipated outcomes of the project.	OR Applicant also describes both qualitative and quantitative anticipated outcomes of the project.
Demonstrates meaningful coordination with other organizations (e.g. federal, state, nonprofit)			
0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states project will coordinate with other organizations.	Applicant also describes how the project will coordinate with other organizations.	Applicant also provides examples of how the project will coordinate with other organizations.

Section 3C. Increased Functionality				
Expansion will increase HMIS functionality, or increase number or participating programs or agencies				
0 Points	3 Points		6 Points	
Project will not increase HMIS functionality and will not increase number or participating programs or agencies.	Project will increase <u>at least one</u> of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Increase HMIS functionality <input type="checkbox"/> Increase number of participating programs and/or agencies		Project will increase <u>both</u> of the following: <input type="checkbox"/> Increase HMIS functionality <input type="checkbox"/> Increase number of participating programs and/or agencies	
Describe how the project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project				
0 Points	1 Points	3 points	6 Points	10 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project.	Applicant also describes how the project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project.	Applicant also provides at least one example of how the project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project.	Or, Applicant also provides two or more examples of how the project will increase functionality of the current dedicated HMIS project.

Section 4.1-4.4, 4.7

HMIS meets all current requirements

Component	0 Points	1 Points
HMIS collects all required UDEs	No	Yes
HMIS produces all HUD-required reports and provides data as needed for HUD reporting.	No	Yes
HMIS produces all reports required by Federal partners	No	Yes
HMIS can un-duplicate client records.	No	Yes
HMIS Lead conducts security training and follows-up with recipients and subrecipient organizations.	No	Yes

Section 4.5-4.6

Describe the process and stakeholder involvement for updating HMIS governance charters and HMIS policy and procedures, including the COC's policy and procedures for managing a breach of PII.

0 Points	1 Points	3 Points	6 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states project has a process and that there is stakeholder involvement for updating governance charter, policy and procedures, including data breaches.	Applicant also describes how the process for stakeholder involvement for updating governance charter, policy and procedures, including data breaches.	Applicant also provides at least one example of stakeholder involvement in updating the governance charter and/or policy and procedures.

Section 5 & 6: Financial Information

Project is cost-effective - Budgeted costs are reasonable, allocable, and allowable.

0 Points	7 Points	10 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Budgeted costs are reasonable given the number of proposed households and household types served	And the match is at least 25% (minus funds for leasing) and from an allowable funding type

2024 COC NOFO Scoring Rubric: Renewal Projects

Serve High Needs Populations			
PSH Only			
Percent of participants are chronically homeless			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
79% or less	80%	90%	100%

Length of Stay			
RRH & TH-RRH			
On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
151+ days	150 Days	120 Days	90 Days

Exits to Permanent Housing			
Minimum percent move to permanent housing			
RRH & TH-RRH			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
59% or less	60%	65%	70%
PSH			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
95% or less	96%	98%	100%

Recidivism		
PSH		
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 6 months of exit		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
6% or more	5%	2%
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 1 year of exit		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
6% or more	5%	2%
RRH & TH-RRH		
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 6 months of exit		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
9% or more	8%	4%
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 1 year of exit		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
9% or more	8%	4%

New or Increased Income			
Minimum percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
19% or less	20%	25%	35%
RRH & TH-RRH			
Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
49% or less	50%	55%	60%
PSH			
0 Points	5 Points	7 Points	10 Points
19% or less	20%	25%	35%

Project Effectiveness	
Minimum % of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals	
0 Points	5 Points
<100%	100%
Project follows a Housing First Model	
-15 Points	0 Points
No	Yes

Data Quality & Timeliness		
Missing data at or below		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
6% or more	5%	0%
Data timeliness at 10 days or less		
0 Points	5 Points	10 Points
94% or less	95%	100%

Financial Information	
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	
0 Points	10 Points
No	Yes

2024 COC NOFO Scoring Rubric: COC Priorities

COC Priorities: Critical Needs			
NEW PROJECTS	Project type is PSH		
	0 Points		10 Points
	No	Yes	
Project addresses critical needs through one or more of the following			
Component		0 Points	1 Points
Projects designed to specifically support clients that are chronically homeless		No	Yes
Projects with partnerships to support households with pets		No	Yes
Projects with partnerships to support households with seniors age 55+		No	Yes
Projects with partnerships to support clients with mental health, substance use disorder, medical frailty, co-occurring or tri-morbidity		No	Yes
Projects with components that specifically address transportation barriers for clients		No	Yes
Describe how the project will specifically address the identified critical needs.			
0 Points	1 Points	5 Points	10 Points
Project does not address any critical needs	Applicant states the project addresses the critical need by not discriminating.	Applicant also <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledges how the need(s) impacts project participants <input type="checkbox"/> Describes how the project, or partner organization, will provide the component to project participants <input type="checkbox"/> Has a plan in place for how clients will be assessed for and advised of the component(s) at intake and throughout the enrollment	Applicant also <input type="checkbox"/> Describes how success of project components addressing the critical need will be measured <input type="checkbox"/> How it has or will incorporate the feedback of clients in the project component as a measure of success <input type="checkbox"/> Attaches letters of commitment, contract, or other formal document if component(s) are offered through a partner organization

COC Priorities: Equity Factors	
Applicant's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	
0 Points	1 points

No	Yes
Applicant's organization has more than one person with lived experience of homelessness represented in managerial, leadership, or COC leadership positions	
0 Points	1 points
No	Yes
Applicant's organization explicitly targets persons with lived experience for employment or internship opportunities in their job descriptions and recruiting practices	
0 Points	1 points
No	Yes
Applicant's organization routinely gathers feedback from persons with lived experience at least once per year and uses this feedback to adjust project design, policy, or procedures.	
0 Points	1 points
No	Yes
Applicant's organization has an active working group for DEI	
0 Points	1 points
No	Yes
The applicant's organization actively recruits people from populations overrepresented in homelessness for job & internship opportunities (BIPOC, mental health, substance use disorder, LGBTQIA+, seniors 55+)	
0 Points	1 points
No	Yes

COC Priorities: HUD Priorities			
Please briefly describe how the organization actively supports the efforts of the COC in creating, converting, or obtaining more affordable units.			
0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that it supports the COC's efforts in creating, converting or obtaining more affordable units.	Applicant also describes how it supports the COC's efforts in creating, converting or obtaining more affordable units.	Applicant also gives examples of how it supports the COC's efforts in creating, converting or obtaining more affordable units.
Please describe how a housing first best practice is reflected in the project's policy and procedures.			
0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that it has housing first best practices in its policies and procedures.	Applicant also describes at least one housing first best practice.	Applicant also gives examples of how the housing first best practice is reflected in its policies and procedures.
Please describe how the organization supports staff in order to recruit and retain qualified personnel. Please provide specific examples. Examples can include financial or non-financial support provided.			
0 Points	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points

This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that it supports staff.	Applicant also describes how it supports staff and how this has impacted their recruiting and/or retention efforts.	Applicant also gives recent examples (within the last 12 months) of how it supports staff.
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2024 COC NOFO Scoring Rubric: DV Bonus Projects

DV Bonus			
Trauma-informed – Describe approach to serving program participants will be trauma-informed and how this will be incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.			
0 Points	1 Point	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that the project will have a trauma-informed approach incorporated into policies, procedures, practices and settings.	Applicant also describes how the project will integrate knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, practices and settings.	Applicant also provides examples of how it recognizes signs of trauma in staff, clients and others and responds by integrating knowledge of trauma into policies, procedures, practices and settings.
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.			
0 Points	1 Point	3 Points	5 Points
This was not addressed in the applicant's response.	Applicant states that the project will have a trauma informed approach incorporated into policies, procedures, and settings.	Applicant also describes how the project will provide non-judgmental assistance, emphasize client self-determination, assist victims in making informed choices, and prioritize restoring victim's feelings of safety and security.	Applicant also provides examples of how it safeguards against policies and practices that may retraumatize victims and ensures victims' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated when developing efforts that impact victims.



PA-511 CoC Renewal Project Scoring Tool

Rapid Rehousing

Project: BCOC RES RRH Renwal	Scale	Total Point Available	Total Point Awarded
Length of Stay			
On average, participants spend XX days from project entry to residential move-in	150 days	5	
	120 days	7	
	90 days	10	5
Exits to Permanent Housing			
Minimum percent move to permanent housing	60%	5	
	65%	7	
	70%	10	10
Recidivism			
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 6 months of exit	8%	5	
	4%	10	10
Maximum percent of returns to homelessness within 1 year of exit	8%	5	
	4%	10	0
New or Increased Income			
Minimum percent of participants with new or increased employment income for project leavers	20%	5	
	25%	7	
	35%	10	0
Minimum percent of participants with new or increased non-employment income for project leavers	50%	5	
	55%	7	
	60%	10	0
Project Effectiveness			
Minimum % of entries to project from coordinated entry referrals	100%	5	5
Project follows a Housing First Model	No	-15	
Data Quality & Timeliness			
Missing data at or below	5%	5	
	0%	10	5
Data timlieness at 10 days or less	95%	5	
	100%	10	0
Financial Information			
Project fully expended grant in most recent APR	Yes	10	10
Total Points		95	45
CoC Priorities		Total Point Available	Final
Project Type: New projects that meet the COC's project type priority are eligible for an additional 10 bonus points			
New Projects Only: Project Type is PH-PSH		10	0
Critical Need: All Project are eligible for an additional 15 bonus points for addressing local critical needs			
Projects designed to specifically support clients that are chronically homeless		1	0
Projects with partnerships to support households with pets		1	1
Projects with partnerships to support households with seniors age 55+		1	1
Projects with partnerships to support clients with mental health, substance use disorder, medical frailty, co-occurring or tri-morbidity		1	1
Projects with components that specifically address transportation barriers for clients		1	1

Describe how the project will specifically address the identified critical needs. If components will be through a partner organization, letter of commitment, contract or formal document demonstrating the how the partner will provide those services to program participants must be included. If components will be part of project design offered by the project itself, please outline the project component, how clients will be advised of the options at intake and throughout their enrollment, and how success for the component will be measured.	10	10
Equity: All Project are eligible for an additional 6 bonus points for working towards equity goals		
Applicant's board of directors includes representation from more than one person with lived homeless experience	1	1
Applicant's organization has more than one person with lived experience of homelessness represented in managerial, leadership, or COC leadership positions	1	0
Applicant's organization explicitly targets persons with lived experience for employment or internship opportunities in their job descriptions and recruiting practices	1	0
Applicant's organization routinely gathers feedback from persons with lived experience at least once per year and uses this feedback to adjust project design, policy, or procedures.	1	1
Applicant's organization has an active working group for DEI	1	1
The applicant's organization actively recruits people from populations overrepresented in homelessness for job and internship opportunities (BIPOC, mental health, substance use disorder, LGBTQIA+, seniors 55+)	1	0
Partnerships: All Project are eligible for an additional 9 bonus points for demonstrating partnerships		
Please briefly describe how the organization actively supports the efforts of the COC in creating, converting, or obtaining more affordable units.	3	3
Please describe how a housing first best practice is reflected in the project's policy and procedures	3	3
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Total Points	40	26
Final Score	135	71

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To: [Guillaume Stewart](#); [Kristin Chapin](#)
Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: PA-511 FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Rejection
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 2:28:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon CoC Applicant,

Thank you for submitting a CoC Bonus PH-RRH Shared Housing project for the FY2024 CoC Competition. This is to notify you that the project was rejected due to the project score of 86 being the lowest scored CoC Bonus project application. Due to limited CoC Bonus funding availability, the CoC was not able to include this project in the ranking due to the higher ranking bonus projects exhausting the CoC bonus funds available.

Thank you for your participation and continued CoC partnership.



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To: [Guillaume Stewart](#); [Kristin Chapin](#)
Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Acceptance and Reduction
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:35:00 AM
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Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
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From: [Bodman, Stefanie](#)
To: [Karen Graff](#); [Karen Buher](#)
Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Duffy Grimm, Donna D.](#); [Schug, Joyce M.](#); [Cramer, Jane B.](#)
Subject: Notification of CoC Project Reallocation
Date: Thursday, October 10, 2024 4:31:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good afternoon,

This is to notify you that the CoC Executive Committee has voted to reallocate Penndel Mental Health Center's Community Residential Services FY2024 project to two new PSH projects. The CoC approved Reallocation Process allows for the involuntary reallocation of projects based on the following factors:

- The CoC will reallocate funds to new projects whenever reallocation would improve system performance and outcomes, result in more efficient use of resources, or improve service to the most vulnerable participants.
- The CoC will reallocate funds from projects that are under-performing, not adhering to Housing First principles or other best practices, or under spending and/or have high costs.

The Community Residential Services project scored 65 this in this years competition which is lower than the CoC's other renewal PSH project. The project responded in its FY2024 application that it does not follow a Housing First approach and it has continuously been difficult to fill vacancies with chronically homeless individuals due to the apartment complex screenings and program restrictions. Reallocating the project to lower barrier PSH projects that propose to adhere to a Housing First model and have lower costs will improve services to chronically homeless individuals within the CoC and be a more efficient use of the limited CoC resources available.

HCD along with BH/DP intend to meet with you to discuss implications and next steps of the project as CoC funding winds down (current funding round will end 6/30/25).

Thank you,



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From: [Bodman, Stefanie](#)
To: [Bethann McNamara: amcgarry@comansinc.org](#)
Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Acceptance
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:29:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good morning,

This is to notify you that the CoC has voted to accept and include in the ranking the following applications from Co-Mans:

- Project Name: Crabtree
- Rank: 8
- Score: 109
- Funding Amount: \$105,968.00

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To: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Schug, Joyce M.](#)
Cc: [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Acceptance
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:27:00 AM
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Good morning,

This is to notify you that the CoC has voted to accept and include in the ranking the following applications from County of Bucks:

- Project Name: MH PSH
- Rank: 6
- Score: 70
- Funding Amount: \$48,300.00

- Project Name: Dedicated HMIS FY2024
- Rank: 4
- Score: 146
- Funding Amount: \$103,023.00

- Project Name: Dedicated HMIS FY 2024 Expansion
- Rank: 13
- Score: 92
- Funding Amount: \$29,645.00

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Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Acceptance
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:24:00 AM
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Good morning,

This is to notify you that the CoC has voted to accept and include in the ranking the following applications from Valley Youth House:

- Project Name: Bucks TH-RRH for Youth
- Rank: 7
- Score: 63
- Funding Amount: \$372,618.00

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Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:20:00 AM
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This is to notify you that the CoC has voted to accept and include in the ranking the following applications from A Woman's Place:

- Project Name: Coordinated Entry for Domestic Violence Survivors
- Rank: 1
- Score: 163
- Funding Amount: \$119,804.00

- Project Name: RRH for DV Survivors Renewal FY24
- Rank: 10
- Score: 62
- Funding Amount: \$314,454.00.

- Project Name: RRH Expansion for DV Survivors
- Rank: 15
- Score: 102
- Funding Amount: \$104,636.00

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From: [Bodman, Stefanie](#)
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Cc: [Fields, Jeffrey S.](#); [Emswiler, Brittany C.](#)
Subject: FY2024 CoC Competition - Notification of Project Acceptance
Date: Monday, October 14, 2024 7:23:00 AM
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Good morning,

This is to notify you that the CoC has voted to accept and include in the ranking the following applications from Bucks County Opportunity Council:

- Project Name: Coordinated Assessment
- Rank: 3
- Score: 154
- Funding Amount: \$42,375

- Project Name: BCOC RES Renewal 2024
- Rank: 5
- Score: 71
- Funding Amount: \$325,732.00

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- Funding Amount: \$202,449.00

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October 15, 2024

Bucks County Opportunity Council
Attn: Erin Lukoss
100 Doyle St.
Doylestown, PA 18901

Dear Mrs. Lukoss:

The Bucks County Housing Authority (BCHA) is a strong partner of the PA-511 Continuum of Care (CoC) and are pleased to support the CoC application this year. The Bonus Project "BCOC RES Bonus 2024" 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 BCOC RES Bonus 2024, a rapid rehousing program, so long as the households meet the standard housing choice voucher program eligibility requirements and required referral through the CoC. The household referrals for 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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October 17, 2024

Mr. Guillaume Stewart
YWCA Bucks County
2425 Trevoise Road
Trevoise, PA 19053

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9/19/2024

Robert Henry | Senior Account Executive
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
The Strawbridge's Building
801 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mr. Henry,

Subject: Change in Designation of Bucks Villa Permanent Supportive Housing Program

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of Family Service Association of Bucks County, I am writing to formally notify you of an important change to the designation of our permanent supportive housing program, Bucks Villa. After careful evaluation of the evolving needs within our community, we have decided to transition the program's primary focus from serving individuals with an HIV diagnosis to addressing the broader issue of **chronic homelessness**.

This change reflects our commitment to responding to the most pressing challenges facing vulnerable populations in Bucks County, while still providing a supportive housing environment for individuals who have historically relied on our services. Chronic homelessness, as defined by HUD, has become a growing concern in our region, with a significant number of individuals and families experiencing long-term homelessness and facing multiple barriers to stability.

While we remain fully committed to providing comprehensive support for individuals with HIV who may experience homelessness, the new designation will enable us to:

1. **Expand Services to a Larger Population in Need:** By focusing on chronic homelessness, Bucks Villa will be able to assist more individuals and families who are in dire need of permanent supportive housing, regardless of specific health diagnoses.
2. **Enhance Program Flexibility:** The change will allow us to implement a more flexible approach to service delivery, accommodating a wider range of needs, including those related to physical and mental health, substance use disorders, and long-term unemployment.
3. **Align with Federal and State Priorities:** This transition will bring Bucks Villa in line with local, state, and federal goals for reducing chronic homelessness and ensuring that those most vulnerable have access to stable, long-term housing.

We have taken this step in consultation with community stakeholders, service providers, and local government officials to ensure that the shift addresses current gaps in the supportive housing landscape while maintaining our core mission of empowering individuals through housing stability and supportive services.

The program will continue to provide the same high level of care, including case management, life skills development, and access to health and social services. Our team remains dedicated to working closely with local partners to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their backgrounds, receive the resources they need to thrive.

We look forward to discussing this transition further and collaborating with you as we implement these changes. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 215-710-0180 or jdees@fsabc.org.

Thank you for your continued support of Bucks Villa and the Family Service Association of Bucks County. We are confident that this new direction will enable us to have an even greater impact on the lives of those facing chronic homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Dees', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Julie Dees, MBA, LPC
Chief Executive Officer
Family Service Association of Bucks County

**Project Owner's/Management Agent's Certification
for Multifamily Housing Projects
for Identity-of-Interest
or Independent Management Agents**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development
Office of Housing
Federal Housing Commissioner**

OMB Approval No. 2502-0305
(exp. 7/31/2010)

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Owners of insured and assisted multifamily housing projects are required by HUD administrative guidelines as found in HUD Handbook 4381.5 REV-2, The Management Agent Handbook, to submit certain data for review by the local HUD office of approval of a new management agent. These requirements apply to insured multifamily projects or HUD-held mortgages and subsidized, non-insured projects that are not financed by State Agencies or the Rural Housing Service Agency.

Project name Bucks Villa, Inc.	FHA project number 034-HD-016	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/30/2009
City, State New Hope, PA		Section 8 number

Acting on behalf of Bucks Villa, Inc.

the Project Owner (Owner), and Family Service Assn. of B.C., the Management Agent (Agent), we make the following certifications and agreements to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regarding management of the above project.

1. We certify that:

a. We will comply with HUD requirements and contract obligations, and agree that no payments have been made to the owner in return for awarding the management contract to the agent, and that such payments will not be made in the future.

b. We have executed or will execute, within 30 days after receiving the approval(s) required by paragraph b below, a Management Agreement for this project. The Agreement provides / will provide that the Management Agent will manage the project for the term and fee described below. Changes in the fee will be implemented only in accordance with HUD's requirements

(1) Term of Agreement: 10/01/2009 to open-ended

(2) Fees:

(a) 6.53 % of residential income collected;

(b) n/a % of commercial income collected;

(c) n/a % of miscellaneous income collected

(This percentage must not exceed the percentage in (2)(a) above).

(d) Special Fees No ☐ Yes ☒ If yes, describe in paragraph 4 of Attachment 1.

(3) Calculation of Estimated Yield (See Attachment 1.)

c. We will disburse management fees from project income only after:

(1) We have submitted this Certification to HUD;

(2) HUD has approved the Agent to manage this project; and

(3) HUD has approved the management fee (if required).

d. We understand that no fees may be earned or paid after HUD has terminated the Management Agreement.

e. If HUD notifies me of an excessive management fee, I, the Agent, will within 30 days of HUD's notice either:

(1) Reduce the compensation to an amount HUD determines to be reasonable and

(2) Require the administrator to refund to the project all excessive fees collected, or

(3) Appeal HUD's decision and abide by the results of the appeal process, making any required reductions and refunds within 30 days after the date of this decision letter on the appeal.

f. If HUD holds the residential management fee yield harmless under the transition provisions of Chapter 3, Section 4 of HUD Handbook 4381.5,

(1) We understand that HUD will adjust the management fee percentage each time HUD approves a rent increase.

(2) We agree to be bound by that percentage until the next rent increase or until HUD approves a different fee, pursuant to our request.

2. We will, if the project is subsidized by HUD, select and admit tenants, compute tenant rents and assistance payments, recertify tenants and carry out other subsidy contract administration responsibilities in accordance with HUD Handbook 4350.3 and other HUD instructions.

3. We agree to:

a. Comply with this project's Regulatory Agreement, Mortgage & Mortgage Note, and any Subsidy Contract or Workout / Modification Agreement.

b. Comply with HUD handbooks, notices or other policy directives that relate to the management of the project.

c. Comply with HUD requirements regarding payment and reasonableness of management fees and allocation of management costs between the management fee and the project account.

d. Refrain from purchasing goods or services from entities that have identity-of-interest with us unless the costs are as low as or lower than arms-length, open-market purchases.

4. The Agent agrees to:

a. Ensure that all expenses of the project are reasonable and necessary.

b. Exert reasonable effort to maximize project income and to take advantage of discounts, rebates and similar money-saving techniques.

c. Obtain contracts, materials, supplies and services, including the preparation of the annual audit, on terms most advantageous to the project.

d. Credit the project with all discounts, rebates or commissions (including any sales or property tax relief granted by the State or local government) received.

e. Obtain the necessary verbal or written cost estimates and document the reasons for accepting other than the lowest bid.

f. Maintain copies of such documentation and make such documentation available for your inspection during normal business hours.

g. Invest project funds that HUD policies require to be invested and take reasonable effort to invest other project funds unless the owner specifically directs the Agent not to invest those other funds.

5. We certify that the types of insurance policies checked below are in force and will be maintained to the best of our ability at all times. Fidelity bonds and hazard insurance policies will name HUD as an additional payee in the event of loss. Note: For any box not checked, attach an explanation as to why you cannot obtain that type of insurance. Such situations should be extremely rare.

a. ☒ Fidelity bond or employee dishonesty coverage for

(1) all principals of the Agent and;

(2) all persons who participate directly or indirectly in the management and maintenance of the project and its assets, accounts and records. Coverage will be at least equal to the project's gross potential income for two (2) months.

b. ☒ Hazard insurance coverage in an amount required by the project's Mortgage.

c. ☒ Public liability coverage with the Agent designated as one of the insured.

6. The Agent agrees to:

a. Furnish a response to HUD's management review reports, physical inspection reports and written inquiries regarding the project's annual financial statements or monthly accounting reports within 30 days after receipt of the report or inquiry.

b. Establish and maintain the project's accounts, books and records in accordance with:

(1) HUD's administrative requirements;

(2) generally accepted accounting principles; and

(3) in a condition that will facilitate audit.

7. We agree that:

a. All records related to the operation of the project, regardless of where they are housed, shall be considered the property of the project.

b. HUD, the General Accounting Office (GAO), and those agencies' representatives may inspect:

- (1) any records which relate to the project's purchase of goods or services,
- (2) the records of the Owner and the Agent, and
- (3) the records of companies having an identity-of-interest with the owner and the agent.

c. The following clause will be included in any contract entered into with an identity-of-interest individual or business for the provision of goods or services to the project: "Upon request of HUD or (name of owner or Agent), (name of contractor or supplier) will make available to HUD, at a reasonable time and place, its records and records of identity-of-interest companies which relate to goods and services charged to the project. Records and information will be sufficient to permit HUD to determine the services performed, the dates the services were performed, the location at which the services were performed, the time consumed in providing the services, the charges made for materials, and the per-unit and total charges levied for said services." The owner agrees to request such records within seven (7) days of receipt of HUD's request to do so.

8. We certify that any Management Agreement does not contain the type of "hold harmless" clause prohibited by HUD.

9. We agree to include the following provisions in the Management Agreement and to be bound by them:

- a. HUD has the right to terminate the Management Agreement for failure to comply with the provisions of this Certification, or other good cause, thirty days after HUD has mailed the owner a written notice of its desire to terminate the Management Agreement.
- b. In the event of a default under the Mortgage, Note or Regulatory Agreement, HUD has the right to terminate the Management Agreement immediately upon HUD's issuance of a notice of termination to the Owner and Agent.
- c. If HUD exercises this right of termination, I, the Owner, agree to promptly make arrangements for providing management that is satisfactory to HUD.
- d. If there is a conflict between the Management Agreement & HUD's rights and requirements, HUD's rights & requirements will prevail.
- e. If the Management Agreement is terminated I, the Agent, will give to the Owner all of the project's cash, trust accounts investments and records within thirty (30) days of the date the Management Agreement is terminated.

10. I, the Owner, agree to submit a new Management Certification to HUD before taking any of the following actions:

- a. Authorizing the agent to collect a fee different from the percentages fees and any special fees specified in Paragraph 1 of this Certification:
- b. Changing the expiration date of the Management Agreement.
- c. Renewing the Management Agreement.
- d. Permitting a new Agent to operate the project.
- e. Permitting a new Agent to collect a fee.
- f. Undertaking self-management of the project.

11. We agree to:

- a. Comply with all Federal, State, or local laws prohibiting discrimination against any persons on grounds of race, color, creed, familial status, handicap, sex or national origin, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Fair Housing Act, Executive Order 11063 and all regulations implementing those laws.
- b. When the head or spouse is otherwise eligible, give families with children equal consideration for admission.
- c. Give handicapped persons priority for subsidized units that were built and equipped specifically for the handicapped.
- d. If the project receives any form of direct Federal financial assistance, comply with the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and all regulations and administrative instructions implementing these laws. The Agent understands that these laws and regulations prohibit discrimination against applicants or tenants who are handicapped or of a certain age.
- e. Furnish HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity any reports and information required to monitor the project's compliance with HUD's fair housing and affirmative marketing requirements (including HUD Form 949, if applicable).
- f. Not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment or contractor because of race, color, handicap, religion, sex or national origin.
- g. Provide minorities, women and socially and economically disadvantaged firms equal opportunity to participate in the project's procurement and contracting activities.
- h. If the project receives any form of direct Federal financial assistance, comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968

and its implementing regulations. I, the Agent, understand that this law and the regulations require the project to make training, employment and contracting opportunities available, to the greatest extent feasible, to lower-income project area residents and small businesses.

12. We certify that we have read and understand HUD's definition of "identity-of-interest" and that the statement(s) checked and information entered below are true. (Check box a or boxes b and / or c.)

- a. ☒ No identity-of-interest exists among the Owner, the Agent and any individuals or companies that regularly do business with the project.
- b. ☐ Only individuals and companies listed in Section 11a of the Management Entity Profile have an identity-of-interest with the Agent.
- c. ☐ Only the individuals and companies listed below have an identity-of-interest with the Owner. (Show the name of the individual or company; list the services rendered; and describe the nature of the identity-of-interest relationship. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

13. I/We, the Agent, certify & agree:

- a. that the Management Entity Profile, dated (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/30/2009 is accurate and current as of the date of this Certification.
- b. To submit an updated profile whenever there is a significant change in the organization or operations of the Management Entity.

14. The items checked below are attached:

- ☒ Attachment 1—Calculation of Est. Yields from Proposed Mgt Fees
- ☒ New Management Entity Profile
- ☒ Updated Management Entity Profile
- ☐ Other (Specify) _____

Warnings:

There are fines and imprisonment—\$10,000/5years—for anyone who makes false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or entries in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Federal Government (18 U.S.C 1001).

There are fines and imprisonment—\$250,000/5years—for anyone who misuses rents & proceeds in violation of HUD regulations relative to this project. This applies when the mortgage note is in default or when the project is in a non-surplus cash position (12 U.S.C 1715z-9).

HUD may seek a "double damages" civil remedy for the use of assets or income in violation of any Regulatory Agreement or any applicable HUD regulations (12 U.S.C 1715z-4a).

HUD may seek additional civil money penalties to be paid by the mortgagor through personal funds for:

- (1) Violation of an agreement with HUD to use nonproject funds for certain specified purposes as a condition of receiving transfers of physical assets, flexible subsidy loan, capital improvement loan, modification of mortgage terms or workout. The penalties could be as much as the HUD Secretary's loss at foreclosure sale or sale after foreclosure.
- (2) Certain specific violations of the Regulatory Agreement, the penalties could be as much as \$25,000 per occurrence (12 U.S.C 1735f-15).

By Project Owner: Name

Sheila E. Dawe

title

President, Board of Directors

signature

Sheila E. Dawe

date (mm/dd/yyyy)

09/30/2009

By Management Agent: Name

Audrey J. Tucker

title

Chief Executive Officer

signature

Audrey J. Tucker

date (mm/dd/yyyy)

09/30/2009

Project Name Bucks Villa, Inc.	FHA Project Number 034-HD-016	Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 09/30/2009
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HUD Field Office Use Only (Check all boxes that apply)

An up-front review of the management fee was: ☐ Required ☐ Not required

☐ The management fees quoted in paragraph 1a and explained in Attachment 1 of this Certification are approved.

☐ The management fees quoted in Paragraph 1a and explained in Attachment 1 of this Certification are not approved.

The attached letter, dated (mm/dd/yyyy) _____, explains the reasons for this disapproval and sets forth the allowable management fees.

☐ The residential management fee Percentage is held harmless at _____%.

☐ The residential management fee Yield is capped at \$_____PUPM. Each time you approve a rent increase, adjust the management fee Percentage to maintain this yield and enter the information required below.

Effective Date (mm/dd/yyyy) of New Fee %*	Monthly Rent Potential	Collections % Assumed**	Adjusted Management Fee Percentage

* This should be the same date the rent increase is effective.

** 95% unless you approve a different percentage.

By Project Manager		By Supervisory Project Manager/Hub Director	
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)	Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
Name		Name	
Title		Title	

Attachment 1—Calculation of Estimated Yields from Proposed Management Fees

Project Name: Bucks Villa, Inc.		FHA Project No.: 034-HD-016	Date: 09/30/2009
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1. Residential Fee a. Monthly residential rent potential (from Part A of the most recent HUD-approved Rent Schedule) \$ 5,152.00 b. Line 1a times 0.95 * \$ 4,894.00 c. Percentage fee 6.53 % d. Monthly residential fee yield (Line 1b times 1c) \$ 319.60 e. Total number of residential units (include rent-free units.) 8 units f. Residential fee yield per unit per month (Line 1d divided by 1e.) \$ 39.95 PUPM	2. Commercial Fee (Describe commercial space, how it is used and what services management provides.) <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">a. Monthly commercial rent potential (from Part E of the most recent HUD approved Rent Schedule)</td> <td style="width: 20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b. Percentage fee</td> <td>%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>c. Commercial fee yield (Line 2a times 2b)</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table>	a. Monthly commercial rent potential (from Part E of the most recent HUD approved Rent Schedule)	\$	b. Percentage fee	%	c. Commercial fee yield (Line 2a times 2b)	\$
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b. Percentage fee	%						
c. Commercial fee yield (Line 2a times 2b)	\$						

* **Note:** Generally collections must be estimated at 95% of gross potential. If you use a lower percentage, attach an explanation for the collections HUD-approved Rent percentage used. Make sure that any assumption of a lower collections base does not compensate the agent for services for which a special fee will be paid.

3. Miscellaneous Fee a. Percentage fee (not to exceed the residential income fee percentage in Line 1c) b. List any miscellaneous income on which HUD allows a fee to be taken, but on which you have agreed a fee will not be paid.	% %
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4. Special Fees

Show dollar amount(s), purpose(s) and time period(s) covered. Describe performance standards and target dates for accomplishment of special tasks. (Attach additional sheets, if needed.)

\$1.25 for Management Non-Profit

October 21, 2024

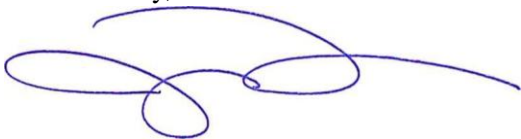
To whom it may concern:

Please accept this letter in support of Co-Mans, Inc.'s newest housing expansion venture, the development of a permanent supportive housing group home Lower Bucks County.

There is a tremendous need for more affordable housing in Bucks County, specifically for those with mental health, substance use, and medical challenges. I support the development and goals of this program to decrease homelessness while supporting tenants in the areas of healthcare, behavioral health, employment, daily living skills, transportation, and overall increased independence.

Family Services Association of Bucks County has a collaborative relationship with Co-Mans, Inc., and has successfully collaborated with Co-Mans while providing a variety of treatment services in the past. Substance use services would be available to all enrolled participants in the PSH project as well as other services we offer in order to support Co-Mans and their residents in whatever way possible.

Sincerely,



Julie Dees, MBA, LPC

Chief Executive Officer

Family Service Association of Bucks County



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October 17, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as support for the YWCA of Bucks County in their application for the CoC FY2024 Expansion Project Application for Rapid Rehousing for Women and Families.

Family Service Association of Bucks County (Family Service) offers a variety of programs and services focused on increasing opportunities for adults, protecting seniors, reducing substance use, improving the lives of those with mental illness, preparing children and adolescents for the future, improving the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS and much more. Family Service also owns and operates the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, a temporary residence for individuals and families who have lost safe and stable housing. Additionally, Family Service recently launched a Street Medicine program to provide medical assessment and care to our street homeless community members, providing both hands on minor treatment as well as linkage to primary care or specialty providers.

As a partner in the CoC, Family Service works closely with the staff at the YWCA to coordinate services for homeless individuals and families in Bucks County. Family Service commits to work collaboratively with the YWCA by providing services through our Street Medicine, Housing First Blended Case Management, and Center of Excellence for Opioid Use Disorder programs. These services include, but are not limited to integrated health and certified recovery specialist supportive services to eligible YWCA RRH program participants based on need.

If funded, Family Service is committed to continuing to collaborate with the YWCA to provide the above mentioned services to unsheltered clients with whom the YWCA is working with through their Rapid Rehousing program. The value of the in-kind commitment is at least \$31,000 in supportive services from the above listed programs. Services would be provided from project enrollment to project exit for eligible households and can begin immediately if the project is awarded.

We support the YWCA mission and services and will continue to work with them in any way possible to decrease homelessness in our community.

If you require additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at any time. Respectfully,

Julie Dees, MBA, LPC
Chief Executive Officer



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Kimberly M. Everett, BS, MA
Executive Director

Julie Dees, MBA, LPC
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Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Julie,

On behalf of the Bucks County Health Improvement Partnership (BCHIP), I am writing to express our strong commitment to support Family Service Association of Bucks County and the Bucks Villa program in your critical efforts to provide permanent supportive housing and essential services to our most vulnerable residents. BCHIP's mission of improving the health and well-being of Bucks County residents aligns with your organization's goal of empowering individuals through stability, support, and care.

As part of this partnership, BCHIP is dedicated to providing the following resources and services:

- 1. Healthcare Access and Coordination:** BCHIP will work with your team to help coordinate care so that residents of Bucks Villa have access to comprehensive healthcare services, including primary care, mental health services, and substance use treatment. We will facilitate connections with local healthcare providers and advocate for increased healthcare access for the individuals you serve.
- 2. Health Education and Prevention Programs:** BCHIP will offer health education programs tailored to the needs of Bucks Villa residents. This will include workshops on managing chronic illnesses, nutrition and fitness, vaccinations, and preventive care measures to improve overall health outcomes.
- 3. Ongoing Support:** Our team will provide ongoing support to assist your case managers in care coordination to assist residents in managing their healthcare needs, navigating the healthcare system, and accessing insurance and public health benefits. BCHIP will work to eliminate barriers that may prevent individuals from receiving necessary care.
- 4. Public Health Advocacy:** BCHIP is committed to advocating for public health initiatives that address the social determinants of health, including housing security, food access, and mental health services. Through collaboration with local government agencies and healthcare institutions, we will support policies and programs that benefit residents of Bucks Villa and the broader community.
- 5. Regular Communication and Support:** We are dedicated to maintaining open lines of communication with Family Service Association to ensure that our efforts are aligned and that we are consistently meeting the needs of Bucks Villa residents. We will meet to assess progress, share feedback, and make any necessary adjustments to our services. We are proud to partner with Family Service Association of Bucks County and Bucks Villa to improve the health and well-being of those most in need. BCHIP believes that this partnership will strengthen our collective efforts to reduce health disparities and create healthier, more resilient communities.

Thank you for your commitment to the residents of Bucks County. We look forward to working with you and your team to provide the support necessary for individuals to achieve stable housing and better health outcomes.

Sincerely,



Kimberly M. Everett



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September 6, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as support for the Bucks County Opportunity Council in their application for the Coc FY2024 RES Bonus application.

Family Service Association of Bucks County (Family Service) offers a variety of programs and services focused on increasing opportunities for adults, protecting seniors, reducing substance use, improving the lives of those with mental illness, preparing children and adolescents for the future, improving the quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS and much more. Family Service also owns and operates the Bucks County Emergency Homeless Shelter, a temporary residence for individuals and families who have lost safe and stable housing. Additionally, in April of 2022, Family Service launched a Street Medicine program to provide medical assessment and care to our street homeless community members, providing both hands on minor treatment as well as linkage to primary care or specialty providers.

As a partner in the Coc, Family Service works closely with the staff at BCOC to coordinate services for homeless individuals and families in Bucks County. Family Service commits to work collaboratively with BCOC by providing services through our Street Medicine, Housing First Blended Case Management, and Center of Excellence for Opioid Use Disorder programs. These services include, but are not limited to, integrated health and certified recovery specialist supportive services to eligible BCOC RES program participants based on need.

If funded, Family Service is committed to continuing to collaborate with BCOC to provide the above mentioned services to unsheltered clients with whom BCOC is working with through their Rapid Rehousing program. The value of the in-kind commitment is at least \$26,000 in supportive services from the above-listed programs. Services would be provided from project enrollment to project exit for eligible households and can begin immediately if the project is awarded.

We support BCOC's mission and services and will continue to work with them in any way possible to decrease homelessness in our community.

If you require additional information, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Julie Dees, MBA, LPC
Chief Executive Officer



Bucks County Department of Housing and Community Development
1260 Almshouse Road
Neshaminy Manor Center
Doylestown, PA 18901
Attention: Jeff Fields

Dear Jeff,

Please accept this letter of support for the Bucks County Opportunity Council's application for the CoC FY2024 New Project Application for Rapid Rehousing for individuals and families facing homelessness.

St. Mary Medical Center is proud to partner with BCOC on their health and housing programs. St. Mary Medical Center partners with BCOC on the operations of the Fresh Connect program in Bucks County. Fresh Connect is a free farmers' market bringing fresh, healthy food to our hungry neighbors. St. Mary Medical Center is also a partner of the Healthy Eating and Living Partnership (HELP) Center located in Bristol. The HELP Center operates as a food distribution site and a place for those in need to shop for basic need items. St. Mary Medical Center also provided an opportunity for 5 BCOC staff to become certified Community Health Workers. Through this project, BCOC staff can help to improve health outcomes in our community. The value of the in-kind commitment is at least \$26,000 in supportive services from the above listed programs.

We support BCOC's mission of reducing poverty and helping people become self-sufficient and will continue to partner with them in helping people maintain stable housing and increase their economic mobility.

Thank you,

Michael Magro, Jr., DO, MBA, FACOI
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