Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

 1. The FY 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2022 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: IL-513 - Springfield/Sangamon County CoC

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: M.E.R.C.Y. Communities

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC extends public invitations A MINIMUM OF SIX TIMES A YEAR through a variety of mediums to solicit new members to join the CoC. The front page of the HCOC WEBSITE instructs any person or organization on how to become a part of the General Membership and new sign-ups for the HCoC NEWSLETTER receive a follow-up inviting them to become a General Member. PUBLIC INVITATIONS were extended through the CoC Facebook page and as a part of PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS our Continuum Coordinator gave at Sangamon County and City of Springfield government meetings, Rotary, Kiwanis and Greater Springfield Interfaith Association meetings, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and Capital Township. A postcard was created and passed out at a United Way fundraiser with a QR code informing people on how to become a General Member. The Community Education Task Group created an online, on-demand COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR TRAINING that was completed by 139 Community members with education on our strategy, housing first programs, and overcoming stigma which ended with an opportunity to join our General Membership. COMMUNITY SUMMITS AND FOCUS GROUPS connected to our community wide strategic planning process also shared information about joining the General Membership.
2. HCoC ENSURES EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION with individuals with disabilities by ensuring CLOSED CAPTIONING is available for meetings held via Zoom and also publishing videos of our General Membership meetings to YouTube so that closed captioning is accessible. Agendas, meeting minutes, and policy DOCUMENTS ARE SHARED IN ACCESSIBLE PDF FORMATS. Announcements, news, and other invitations are made on the public CoC Facebook page in order to utilize the platform's ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS. HCoC newsletter emails are sent through MailChimp and were designed using MailChimp's Accessibility toolkit.
3. HCoC Coordinator and Board Members invite organizations SERVING CULTURALLY SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES that are represented in our population of people experiencing homelessness. In the past two years, our General Membership grew FROM 21 ORGANIZATIONS TO OVER 40 ORGANIZATIONS through this outreach and intentional invitations. The HCoC STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS and EQUITY ANALYSIS completed this year intentionally reached out to specific communities for discussion and feedback on decisions toward a final plan. The STEERING COMMITTEE for the Strategic Plan was developed intentionally to ensure the diversity of our community was represented.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC GATHERS/USES VARIETY OF OPINIONS by: survey series (1 of community at large, 1 of stakeholders, 1 of people with lived experience), focus groups with people with lived experience (different locations/times, including snacks/gift); well publicized MONTHLY meetings with time for opinions and announcements; hosting community meetings in multiple neighborhoods. HCoC staff/board REGULARLY PRESENT at community events (Rotary Club, Township Trustee meeting), faith community gatherings, city/county government meetings for education and to solicit feedback. An online forum was created so that organizations and individuals from throughout the community could review and offer feedback on our community wide strategic plan.

2.HCoC communicated information by INCLUDING STRUCTURED SPACE IN EACH OF OUR PUBLIC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS for agencies, advocates, community partners, and the public to share updates. Our most recent meeting included updates from a local legal aid provider, service provider for veterans, and announcements from the recovery oriented system of care. HCoC's EMAIL NEWSLETTER REACHES 230 people & shares content while also creating an easy way for people to respond to the email with questions. CoC's WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK page have been effective methods of sharing information & collecting feedback.

3.HCoC INCORPORATES FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC into strategic plans, written policies, and by using it to GUIDE FUNDING PRIORITIES, INFORM STRATEGY, and EXPAND SERVICES. Results from recent surveys and focus groups ELEVATED THE ISSUES of unsheltered homelessness and Emergency Shelter as areas of emphasis in our community wide strategic planning process. Feedback from focus groups and surveys from people with lived experience highlighted the need for developing more flexible pathways for people to access our Coordinated Entry System and increasing collaboration among diversion and prevention services available. HCoC Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing Group and the Homelessness Prevention/Diversion Task Group took action steps, revised our CE Assessment and Policy, added CE access points, and worked to support expanded services. A Housing Help Line has been created so community members can call a local phone number or get a referral from 211 to utilize a common assessment for referrals to several different sources of rent and utility assistance. This Help Line will be expanded to offer CE Assessments in the coming year.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC notified the public that it is accepting project application proposals by POSTING ON CoC WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE, EMAILING all CoC email subscribers, and ANNOUNCING the local competition at the CoC General Membership meetings prior to competition start. HCoC INVITED ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FUNDING THROUGH THE CoC program to apply through announcements and posts about the competition. CoC HOSTED A PUBLIC COMPETITION TA WEBINAR to help new applicants with NOFO process, local competition, and steps to apply. A recording of the HCoC webinar was added to CoC website with an invitation to ask follow-up questions and seek support from HCoC staff. In all communications, questions were welcomed so CoC STAFF COULD PROVIDE one on one TA for organizations. Two new organizations submitted local applications this year.

2.HCoC communicated about project application submission through INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED IN LOCAL APPLICATION and through CoC COMPETITION TA WEBINAR. The TA webinar walked through a step-by-step process for completing and submitting project applications. The HCoC published the timeline in multiple emails to General Membership and on the HCoC website. HCoC Coordinator was available to answer questions and walk applicants through the application process.

3. Communication about the HCoC Competition included links to the HCoC Local Competition Policy and the Rating and Ranking Scorecard. The CoC Competition policy (including appeals process) and scoring tools were posted on the HCoC website, Facebook posts, and General Membership emails which are archived on the HCoC website so that anyone can view them whether they subscribe to the General Membership email list or not. HCOC SCORED AND RANKED RENEWAL AND NEW PROJECTS based on OBJECTIVE FACTORS about agency capacity, contributions to system performance, and community need. The R&R Committee consisted of five individuals with diverse backgrounds who had no relation to the applicants.The R&R Committee presented a recommended ranked list of projects to the HCoC Board for approval per the local competition policy.

4.HCoC made all competition documents available in ACCESSIBLE PDF FORMATS on the HCoC website and announced the local competition through an email developed using MailChimp's Accessibility toolkit. TA webinar was held via Zoom and posted to YouTube to ensure closed captioning was available. The HCoC Coordinator was available to provide any other requested accommodations.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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	1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
		NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	

		In the chart below:
	1.	select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or
	2.	select Nonexistentif the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.

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

18.	Communities of Faith	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC receives an ESG allocation through the Illinois Department of Human Services. HCoC CONSULTED WITH IDHS TO LEARN PRIORITIES for local funding allocations. HCoC Staff and recipient agencies attended IDHS Bureau of Basic Support's weekly support calls to learn from the ESG Grant manager. HCoC's RATING AND RANKING COMMITTEE WORKED WITH IDHS and local priorities developed by analyzing gaps in our system to make funding recommends based on project applications and HMIS data. Reducing length of time homeless, reducing returns, reducing number of people homeless for first time, and improving income were priority areas that le. HCoC priority for ESG allocation this year was Rapid Rehousing.
2.HCoC's Services and Strategy Committee is tasked with EVALUATING AND REPORTING performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients as a part of its annual work. Quarterly performance check-ins provide opportunities to monitor projects and outcomes to ensure programs meet stated goals from their local application. This process has resulted in one project being REALLOCATED over the past two years due to not spending down funds and meeting performance goals.
3.HCoC provided PIT and HIC data to the City of Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) which administers all components of our Consolidated Plan. A City of Springfield staff person serves on the HCoC Board of Directors to help facilitate communication and the sharing of pertinent information. Additionally, the HCoC utilizes the General Membership mailing list and Facebook page to communicate about open meetings related to the consolidated plan.
4.HCoC PROVIDED INFORMATION to aide in the development of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent updates through SURVEYS, MEETINGS AND CONVERSATIONS with City of Springfield's Office of Planning and Economic Development. HCoC created an HMIS DATA DASHBOARD to allow OPED and the public to access certain data points. Upon request, HMIS LEAD was available to meet with OPED to EXPLAIN HMIS DATA, IDENTIFY TRENDS, AND SHARE OTHER HELPFUL INFORMATION for the Consolidated Plan. Additionally, the HCoC board and individual agencies welcomed OPED to request other information and data. OPED staff participated in parts of the development of our community wide strategic plan to reach functional zero. The OPED office was provided with drafts and versions of the plan throughout the development process to assist with planning for HOME-ARP and other funding.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	Yes
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

HCoC General Membership includes our local LEA, the REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION (ROE) for our CoC, the largest school district in Sangamon County, SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #186 (SPS 186), Springfield Urban League who provides Head Start and Early Start programming, & the Mini O'Beirne Crisis Nursery that provides childcare from birth-six years. HCoC is a COMMUNITY PARTNER IN THE CONTINUUM OF LEARNING INITIATIVE that promotes practices & programs to ensure all children in our community are ready to learn & all young adults are ready to enter the world of work. The Continuum of Learning allows HCoC to collaborate w/ local school districts, Head Start programs, & community partners to develop strategies to make sure all children have access to education opportunities. Youth Education providers are INVITED TO JOIN HCOC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP & PROVIDE UPDATES, OFFER CONNECTIVITY TO SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND SHARE GUIDANCE ON LOCAL NEEDS. In the past year, HCoC has developed a NEW YOUTH HOMELESSNESS TASK GROUP to help partners from throughout our community work together to provide support for youth experiencing homelessness. ROE and SPS 186 partnered with the HCoC to organize a YOUTH HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT. The goals of the summit were to pull together as many interested organizations and individuals as possible to create a Youth Homelessness Task Group, discuss local data, examine causes of youth homelessness, identify community resources, identify current community gaps, discuss how to initiate youth involvement and develop a youth advisory board, and outline action steps for moving forward. The summit resulted in over twenty people representing organizations from Sangamon County joining the task group. The Task Group meets monthly to discuss short term and long term strategies alongside trainings and announcements about available resources. The HCoC, ROE and SPS 186 provide DATA ON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS and provide TRAINING ON RESOURCES AVAILABLE to assist students in attending the school of their choice and ensuring that families are not separated. Additionally, the HCoC provides training to the ROE and SPS 186 about COORDINATED ENTRY, CRISIS HOUSING PROGRAMS, and OTHER YOUTH AND FAMILY RESOURCES available in the community. HCoC member agencies have staff that attend truancy board hearing for outreach opportunities. The HCoC has MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS with both the ROE and SPS 186 that helps to continue to foster the type of collaborations detailed here.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The title VII-B of the MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT, as amended by the EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT has been adopted by the HCoC as our guide and working policy. Per CoC policy, all HCoC agencies that serve children and youth GIVE FAMILIES, GUARDIANS, AND PARENTS OF YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS that explain their educational rights according to the McKinney-Vento legislation. Each family with children experiencing homelessness or an unaccompanied youth RECEIVE A COPY OF THE EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS PROGRAM NON-REGULATORY GUIDANCE at the time of intake. Families are informed they may stay in their home schools regardless of where they have been displaced to and that the school must provide transportation to and from school if needed. The HCoC ensures agencies have contact information for Springfield Public Schools District #186 (SPS 186)Homeless Liaison staff who help guide families through all resources and services available to them. ROE and SPS 186 are BOTH REPRESENTED IN THE HCOC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP and provide updates as part of monthly General Membership meetings to ensure service providers are up to date on current procedures.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:

1.	update CoC-wide policies; and

2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The HCoC works to TRAIN, ENCOURAGE, AND DISCUSS how services can incorporate trauma-informed principles with special attention to victim-centered care. At the General Membership level, this has involved trainings from Southern Illinois University's Survivor Recovery Center to explain the services they offer for survivors of crimes within the past three years and the trauma-informed approach to services that others can also utilize. At the task group level, Sojourn Shelter's certified domestic violence staff are integrated into CoC task groups and have IDENTIFIED AREAS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR DISCUSSION. One example of an improvement to services provided due to this collaboration was a private office added to a building used for day services and overflow emergency shelter where individuals could meet with a certified domestic violence staff person. Regular hours were set for access to referrals and staff were trained about how to make people aware of the service that was available. Agencies are encouraged to take active steps to TRAIN EMPLOYEES ON TRAUMA-INFORMED principles and the HCOC scores agencies on this training for ESG and CoC Competition applications.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC ORGANIZES SEMI-ANNUAL TRAININGS for General Membership and project staff that addresses safety and best practices for serving survivors of domestic violence conducted by certified victim service providers from Sojourn Shelter and Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault staff. Trainings include information about how to DETECT HUMAN TRAFFICKING and respond, information on the array OF SERVICES THAT AVAILABLE FROM VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS who serve our geographic area, and how to ensure interactions are trauma-informed with special consideration of unique needs of survivors of domestic violence. HCoC General Membership emails all INCLUDE A SECTION ON TRAINING WITH UPCOMING TRAINING OFFERINGS and webinars that any person can participate in. Additionally, the HCoC has used video trainings through a test LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM to share trainings with staff members and community members and plans to build out a CoC-wide LMS to make more trainings available on an on-demand basis to ensure staff can be trained in a timely way when they come onboard to agencies throughout the continuum of care.

2.HCoC ORGANIZES A COMMUNITY WIDE TRAINING each year to all Coordinated Entry assessors, project staff, and other agency staff on how to determine if those they are serving are survivors of domestic violence, create safety plans, facilitate transfers from emergency shelter to housing, and create connectivity options to victim service providers. The training is conducted by certified victim service providers from Sojourn Shelter and Prairie Center Against Sexual Assault staff. Staff from agencies who are a part of the HCoC Coordinated Entry System receive training from our HMIS Administrator on how to conduct Coordinated Entry assessments with a trauma-informed perspective each year. Sojourn Shelter is a certified victim service provider in our CoC's geographic area whose staff receives training several times per year on addressing safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and conducts trainings for other organizations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCoC USES DE-IDENTIFIED AGGREGATE DATA FROM INFONET, a comparable database that stores information outside of our CoC HMIS database. Sojourn Shelter is a victim service provider that is active in our CoC's geographic area and the operator of the INFONET database which is supervised by their Director of Operations, a certified domestic violence professional. Sojourn is a voting member of our CoC and their Chief Executive Officer is on the HCoC Board of Directors. Sojourn provides de-identified data so the HCoC CAN ANALYZE IT AS PART OF STRATEGIC PLANNING and DETERMINE LEVEL OF NEEDS related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. This data allows our CoC to have a GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS AND THE NUMBERS OF NEEDS FOR SERVICES.
2.RECENT ANALYSIS of both INFONET and HMIS data DEMONSTRATED A GAP IN HOUSING SERVICES WHO ARE PART OF SINGLE INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS. The lack of movement throughout our homelessness system due to INADEQUATE HOUSING RESOURCES has been identified as an important area of improvement in order IMPROVE SAFETY OF SURVIVORS of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking. To address this gap, HCoC WORKED WITH A NEW ORGANIZATION TO APPLY FOR A DV-RRH PROJECT to increase specialized opportunities for survivors who are part of single individual households. Unfortunately, the organization ultimately decided to not move forward with submitting the project application and HCoC will continue to develop additional resources to meet this need.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The HCoC PROVIDES CoC-WIDE TRAINING once a year on the HCoC Emergency Transfer Plan policies and procedures to case managers, street outreach teams, and the HCoC General Membership. EDUCATING A BROAD GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS is an important part of our efforts to ensure people throughout the community are aware of the transfer plan in the event they work with someone who would qualify for a transfer. Copies of the emergency transfer plan policy are provided to all housing providers. Additionally, the Emergency Transfer Policy is INCLUDED IN INFORMATIONAL PACKETS provided to individuals and families upon entry into housing.
2.The HCoC PROVIDES CoC-WIDE TRAINING once a year TO DISCUSS AND EDUCATE about the HCoC Emergency Transfer Plan process to case managers, street outreach teams, and the HCoC General Membership. The process for requesting a transfer is included as an appendix to our Emergency Transfer Plan Policy and is PROVIDED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY UPON entry into housing.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The HCoC COORDINATED ENTRY PROCESS ALLOWS SURVIVORS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE AT ANY AGENCY and agencies are trained to make appropriate referrals to support clients. Sojourn Shelter and Services, Inc. is the designated agency that provides services & shelter to Survivors if a client chooses they would prefer to utilize that service. Sojourn utilizes a TRAUMA-INFORMED, VICTIM-CENTERED APPROACH for intake, DV crisis management, & supportive services. If clients choose to go to Sojourn, transportation is provided & Survivors are escorted to respect their choice and ensure safety. HCoC ENSURES CONFIDENTIALITY AND SAFETY and creates client choice through connections to all housing opportunities clients are eligible for through the Coordinated Entry System. CoC agencies are trained on BEST PRACTICES/OFFERING CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES in serving DV survivors and collaborate with Sojourn to serve clients. Additionally, Certified Victim Service Provider staff from Sojourn Shelter are available to PROVIDE CES ASSESSMENTS and all Coordinated Entry assessors are trained to have a victim-centered approach. Clients assessed for CES at Sojourn are added to the CES LIST WITHOUT INCLUDING PERSONALLY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION. SOJOURN PARTICIPATES IN CE CASE CONFERENCES & OTHER CoC WORK GROUPS to ensure they are aware of all housing available.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HCoC Coordinated Entry Policies ensure a path through CES exists that PROTECTS AND PROMOTES THE SAFETY AND CONFIDENTIALITY of people currently fleeing domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Available community resources allow homeless providers, police departments, local hospitals, and community members to refer survivors for IMMEDIATE SAFE SHELTER AND SERVICES at Sojourn Shelter. Sojourn has staff who are trained to conduct CE assessments. In the event, a survivor chooses to seek services from non-domestic violence service providers, all organizations utilizing CES are trained in best practices including how to protect the identities of survivors in HMIS while ensuring they have access to all housing resources in the community through the CES and retain the ability to choose the safest option available.
2. HCoC Coordinated Entry Task Group is tasked with prioritization through bi-weekly case conferencing meetings. These meetings include CoC funded agencies, other housing providers, INCLUDING CERTIFIED VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDER STAFF. The CE Task Group prioritizes households for placement in housing resources utilizing the HCoC CE assessment tool that factors in vulnerability including those who are fleeing domestic violence. When survivors without personally identifying information are prioritized for housing by a non-domestic violence service provider, the domestic violence provider serves as the contact source throughout the process of linking households with housing.
3. HCoC ENSURES CONFIDENTIALITY & SAFETY & creates client choice through connections to a variety of housing opportunities. Certified Victim Service Provider staff from Sojourn Shelter provide CES assessments and MAINTAIN A SEPARATE CE LIST WITHOUT PII. The HCoC HMIS Administrator MONITORS THE DV CES LIST and INCORPORATES ANONYMOUS CLIENTS in the HCoC CES list for prioritization by the HCoC CE Task Group. SOJOURN PARTICIPATES IN CE Task Group meetings, case conferencing and other CoC work groups to ensure they are aware of all housing available. Survivors choose their participation in DV specific housing programs or general CoC programs. CoC agencies are trained on BEST PRACTICES/OFFERING CONFIDENTIAL SERVICES in serving DV survivors and collaborate with Sojourn to serve clients. Non-DV service providers are trained on how to lock and protect personally identifying information within HMIS.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Executive Director of the Phoenix Center, an organization that provides a wide array of services and housing focused on meeting the needs of our LGBTQ+ community, serves on the HCoC board of directors in addition to the General Membership and helps shape polices and decisions. HCoC contracted with a local consultant to conduct an equity analysis of our CoC over the past year. This included FOCUS GROUPS WITH TWELVE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND OVER FORTY COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. One of the findings pointed to our CoC needing to DO A MORE EFFECTIVE JOB TRAINING AND COMMUNICATING ON ANTI-DISCRIMINATION. To help foster continued stakeholder feedback, inform households about the policy, and provide an easy way to report discrimination, the HCoC began the process of creating a new website as one tool to accomplish this. Additionally, new COMMUNITY STANDARDS ARE IN DEVELOPMENT that will provide additional clarity around our local policy, formal steps that can be taken to file a complaint, and the process for complaints being addressed.
2. As a result of the equity analysis and needs assessment findings, one action step involved the HCoC partnering with Memorial Health System to conduct an EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION FOR ALL on July 28 with plans to do additional trainings semi-annually. This training provided FOUNDATIONAL EDUCATION to help providers and staff develop a deeper understanding of the significance of anti-discrimination training along side Equal Access and Gender Identity trainings. The Pheonix Center makes several trainings a year available to the HCoC General Membership and community at large.
3. HCoC UTILIZES THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM as a key tool to ensure households are not being discriminated against for housing opportunities. Agencies report openings to the HMIS Administrator and the CE Task Group provides referrals based on eligibility requirements and results from the HCoC Assessment Tool. Agencies do not get to choose clients and the record of program denials provides the CoC with the opportunity to evaluate rationale for denial.
4. A demonstrated commitment to Fair Housing, Equal Access, and Anti-Discrimination have been added as a threshold factor for scoring for all CoC led funding allocations. In the event of non-compliance, the HCoC will work with agencies to create an improvement plan. Failure to improve results in the loss of funding due to not meeting threshold requirements to be eligible for applying.

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Springfield Housing Authority	0%	Yes-HCV	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. A Springfield Housing Authority staff member, the only PHA in HCoC's area, SERVES ON HCoC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & other staff participate in the HCoC General Membership. SHA & HCoC share data & discuss policy to INFORM LOCAL STRATEGY & assessment of barriers to housing. SHA helped FUND A COMMUNITY WIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS for HCoC & serves on the steering committee working to support planning process. SHA and HCoC HAVE AN MOU IN PLACE FOR THE EHV PROGRAM and HCoC HIRED A HOUSING NAVIGATOR with SUPPORT OF EHV ADMINISTRATE FUNDS THROUGH SHA. SHA revises its Administrative Plan annually to address the changing housing needs of the community. In 2018, the Admin Plan was amended to allow for a limited preference for Mainstream Vouchers for homeless families. In 2021, the SHA was awarded 37 EHVs and amended its Administrative Plan to allow for direct referrals from the HCoC CES for EHVs. SHA communicated to HUD that it would accept & administer additional EHVs if available. SHA administers many special program vouchers such as VASH, Family Unification, Near Elderly Disabled, Mainstream, EHV, etc. Each special program requires collaboration and referral from partner agencies to serve the needs of the special population. The Salvation Army, DCFS, Helping Hands, MERCY Communities, Fifth Street Renaissance all work with SHA to assist homeless or at-risk of homeless populations to apply for & maintain applicable vouchers. SHA annually posts a rolling Request for Proposal for Project Based Vouchers. Landlords, developers, etc. may apply monthly for Project Based Vouchers. These vouchers may be available and awarded to development partners looking to develop PSH in the Springfield/Sangamon County community. SHA provides project-based voucher assistance to Cook Street Renaissance/Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center/Hope Springs/Haven Apartments. SHA does not currently track households homeless at admission but does have the capacity to do so & will explore how to do this through client self-disclosure.

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes

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

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

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

Name of PHA: Springfield Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.	

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

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

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

	1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	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 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	9
	3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	90%

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The HCoC utilizes a LOCAL APPLICATION as part of the rating and ranking process that requires applicants to share about their housing first approach and any barriers to accessing their programs. The Rating and Ranking Committee reviews local CES Data to review referral rejections as a TOOL TO MONITOR BARRIERS TO SERVICES. The CES Task Group meets bi-weekly and helps facilitate movement through our system and flags instances that do not line up with the HCoC's commitment to Housing First. The goal of this process is to have agencies demonstrate a commitment to Housing First while also incorporating continuous monitoring of the system to ensure the commitment translates into action.

2. The HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee scores projects for ENSURING THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT BE SCREENED OUT of the program for having too little income, active or history of substance use, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, history of victimization, failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make progress in service plan, criminal history, mental illness, and loss of income or failure to improve income. Projects are scored using APR data to review percentage of program participants with severe needs when an agency has a plan in place to meet specific needs.

3. The HCoC Coordinated Entry System is an essential part of evaluating projects to ensure a Housing First approach is being used. The CE Task Group monitors system movement and works with agencies any time a referral is rejected. The HCoC's Strategy and Service Committee works to evaluate gaps in the system and monitor project performance. Each of these groups report to the HCoC Board of Directors and have the capability of involving the board's Executive Committee to intervene in the event a project it is not meeting it's threshold requirements.

1D-3.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC Outreach Task Group organizes outreach activities in collaboration with medical students/local churches/civic groups. OUTREACH IS PLANNED AT VARYING TIMES OF DAY and includes homeless encampments/public gatherings/communal meal opportunities. INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE ASSIST regularly with outreach to unsheltered individuals and families. This year, the HCoC utilized ESG funding to purchase additional HMIS licenses for outreach workers in our community. A new needs assessment was created within HMIS that allows outreach workers to make referrals and track progress. Through training resources, the Outreach Task Group has built on efforts to develop a by-name list of all persons experiencing homelessness in our geographic area.

2.Outreach COVERS 100% OF HCOC GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

3.HCoC MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS CONDUCT STREET OUTREACH EACH DAY through partnerships with the Springfield Police's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), the City of Springfield's Community Care Coordinator, Memorial Behavioral Health, and staff from CoC agencies. The HOT team encourages public safety officials to make referrals when they encounter individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Supportive Services for Veteran Families conducts outreach three times/wk throughout our geographic area. A volunteer team led by a local faith community conducts street outreach each Saturday in partnership with local agencies.

4.HCoC OUTREACH TASK GROUP MOBILIZES PARTNERS from throughout the community to meet those experiencing homelessness where they are. An emergency assistance provider, Helping the Homeless in Springfield, DELIVERS ESSENTIAL ITEMS to persons experiencing homelessness throughout our CoC area and MAKES REFERRALS TO SERVICES. Fifth Street Renaissance operates a mobile outreach unit & TRAVELS TO WHERE PEOPLE ARE LOCATED to offer health screenings, CES access, meals, and mental health services. The HOT Officer serves on Sangamon County's Drug, Veteran, & Mental Health Court & meets weekly with judges to consider non-legal alternatives such as mental health, addiction services, and mainstream services instead of criminal charges. This program is an invaluable tool for reaching individuals experiencing homelessness who are unlikely to request assistance. HCoC Outreach Task Group uses CASE CONFERENCING to locate, offer housing assistance and supportive services, and plan follow-ups.

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

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

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

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

		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC–only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of "Current."	37	45

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The HCoC encourages agencies to BECOME COMMUNITY PARTNERS with the Illinois Department of Human Resources in order to utilize their consolidated application for benefits eligibility (ABE) for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid. As a community partner, agencies can HELP ILLINOIS RESIDENTS APPLY ONLINE for benefits by providing a computer or one-on-one assistance with applications. Communication about training, updates, and information about how to become a community partner are included in all HCoC General Membership emails. Updates from IDHS and other pertinent organizations is shared with the General Membership as well. In response to SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS, the HCoC Strategy and Services Committee is recommending adding ABE Community Partnership as a scored item in future funding competitions.
2.The HCoC CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM CREATES COLLABORATION through the work of Emergency Shelter, Coordinated Entry, Street Outreach, and Permanent Housing Task Groups. Each of these groups include both staff from projects and healthcare organizations and create space in meetings for UPDATES TO AVAILABLE COMMUNITY RESOURCES. Partnerships with two FQHCs in our community have CREATED WALK-IN CLINICS located in the physical buildings of two HCoC service providers. The HCoC participates in the Sangamon County Recovery Oriented System of Care Council which works to INCREASE SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESOURCES AND SUPPORTS, in our community. Through a partnership with Memorial Behavioral Health, certified mental health specialists to in-reach to our local shelters and assist with outreach throughout the community. STRATEGIC PLAN FOCUS GROUP FEEDBACK highlighted the need for more collaboration around DISCHARGE PLANNING, the HCoC is actively working with local healthcare organizations to develop a new Discharge Planning Task Group.
3.The City of Springfield funds an HCoC-WIDE SOAR CERTIFIED CASE MANAGER through Fifth Street Renaissance. Agencies are required to have SOAR certified program staff who partner with the HCoC-wide case manager to guide individuals through the SOAR process. The HCoC engaged with the Supportive Housing Providers Association for CoC-wide training on SOAR in 2022. HCoC General Membership emails include training opportunities such as SAMHSA's SOARING OVER LUNCH training program. Through SHPA, HCoC Strategy and Service committee has begun to review local SOAR data as part of community data analysis.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Through the HCoC's COVID-19 response, our community, service providers, and funders developed a deeper understanding of the need and value of non-congregate shelter. Non-congregate shelter has aided our community in preventing the spread of infectious disease. A further benefit is that non-congregate shelter has IMPROVED OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER SYSTEM by creating more flexibility in who can be served and helping to ensure that families seeking shelter are not separated. In 2022, the HCoC partnered with the Illinois Public Association's Pandemic Health Navigator Program and Sangamon County Department of Public Health to PROVIDE NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER FOR HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS SEEKING QUARANTINE SPACE. The success of these programs allowed the HCoC to make a case for $4,000 in hotel funding to be allocated for non-congregate shelter through our local Emergency Food and Shelter Program funding process. Through our community wide strategic planning process, the final plan recommended a portion of local HOME-ARP funding be used to develop non-congregate shelter space.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. During COVID-19, HCoC mobilized all parts of the Crisis Response System & identified the need to IMPLEMENT PLANNING AND PREPARATION POLICES AND PROCEDURES for future disasters, pandemics, and other emergency events. HCoC created an EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT) to meet this need. ERT may be activated by HCoC coordinator or the HCoC Executive Committee to anticipate and respond to public health crises. ERT core members must have representation from all CoC work group teams (ES/PH/Outreach/Community Ed/Veteran/HP), Housing Navigator, HMIS lead, CoC executive team, and CoC Coordinator will also be included. At minimum one member of ERT must have lived experience with homelessness or experience as a resident in a housing program. ERT will complete trainings on disaster preparedness, public health emergencies, and review HCoC's Emergency Preparedness Protocols annually. ERT will work with Sangamon County Department of Public Health and Office of Emergency Management, local healthcare providers, public health officials, police departments, IEMA/FEMA & any other municipal entities during disasters.
2.The HCoC Board of Directors and Task Groups INTENTIONALLY INCLUDE STATE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES. The HCoC receives further guidance and training from the Director of Programs and Community Health for the Illinois Public Health Association (IPHA) who serves on the board of directors of the HCoC. These partnerships INFORM THE WORK OF THE HCoC's ERT and guide CoC and program safety protocols through TRAINING, RESOURCE SHARING, AND PROBLEM SOLVING. A recent example involved the DEVELOPMENT OF NEW QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS for congregate shelter due to previous non-congregate resources expiring in June of this year. The Emergency Shelter Task Group was able to receive training on up to date quarantine and isolation recommendations from IPHA and guidance from the Sangamon County Department of Public Health in order to create a plan for multi-agency quarantine space with appropriate supports. As COVID cases begin to rise again, agencies were able to respond quickly and mitigate safety risks for others utilizing shelter services and staff members.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The HCoC's General Membership Meetings and email list are two key vehicles for SHARING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCES AND INFORMATION. General Membership meetings include opportunities for TRAINING AND SHARING OF RESOURCES from the public health organizations. A recent example was the spread of Monkey Pox, the Director of Programs and Community Health for the Illinois Public Health Association shared information about monkey pox and pointed the General Membership toward valuable resources for sharing information with clients as well as safety measures to implement. Organizations were encouraged to join HUD OFFICE HOURS or review them on-demand for the valuable information from the CDC and other entities.
2.HCoC Task Groups provide important opportunities for HCoC staff and Public Health agencies to PROVIDE REGULAR UPDATES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE to homeless service providers. Relationships and connections made in Task Group meetings and General Membership meetings have created CLEAR PATHWAYS FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS to CONNECT WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES to address needs. Sangamon County Department of Public Health, Southern Illinois University, Central Counties Health Centers, and our two local hospitals have been activity engaged in HCoC efforts including supporting providers as they seek to ensure the safety of people they serve. The HCoC Coordinator is available for agencies to reach out to for assistance connecting with appropriate public health partners. Contact information for health providers and updates are shared in each General Membership email sent out by the HCoC.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) COVERS ENTIRE HCoC GEOGRAPHIC AREA of Sangamon County. Outreach workers & teams are able to RESPOND TO ANYWHERE IN OUR COUNTY where people are experiencing homelessness. In the past year, outreach workers have been trained and equipped to complete CES assessments in the field instead of only being able to refer to a physical access point. Multiple agencies have trained staff to conduct CES assessments over the phone or through video technology to make CES accessible and safe, from anywhere within our geographic area.
2.HCoC COMPLETED A CES ASSESSMENT TRANSITION shift away from utilizing VI-SPDAT tools to a PLACE VALUE HOUSING SCORING MODEL ASSESSMENT customized by stakeholders and people with lived experience in our community. The goal of this transition was to develop a customizable assessment that is responsive to community feedback and supports dynamic housing prioritization with sensitive, meaningful scores. The new HCoC process includes trained assessors working with households to complete the assessment. The HCoC CES Task Group uses the assessment to identify a household's service needs, potential program eligibility, and prioritizes households through bi-weekly CASE CONFERENCING meetings. HCoC Task Group case conferencing meetings work through CES assessment protocols for our community using the PVHSM assessment score and HMIS data.
3. The recent process to DEVELOP A NEW CES ASSESSMENT for the HCoC was driven by feedback from organizations utilizing CES and feedback received through STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUITY ANALYSIS FOCUS GROUPS WITH PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE. National studies about equity issues with the VI-SPDAT combined with local dissatisfaction with the time intensive process due to the number of questions and results that were often perceived to not prioritize those most in need of services FRAMED THE PROCESS For DEVELOPING A NEW ASSESSMENT.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC reaches people who are least likely to apply for assistance by EQUIPPING OUTREACH AND OTHER STAFF TO CONDUCT CES ASSESSMENTS IN THE FIELD & by intentionally SEEKING DIVERSE PARTNERS who can assist in providing outreach and connectivity to CES. TRAINING OUTREACH WORKERS FOR CES has allowed the HCoC to connect people living in encampments and other unsheltered locations who are reluctant to access shelter or other services to access CE. The HCoC has made additional efforts to increase COMMUNITY EDUCATION ABOUT THE CES PROCESS so even those not trained for CES are knowledgeable about how to connect people with CES assessors. This training was a part of our COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR TRAINING that 139 community members completed this year.

2.Programs funded by CoC, ESG, and other funding sources receive referrals from HCoC's CES to fill vacancies. The priority list from CES is developed through the HCoC Task Group CASE CONFERENCING MEETINGS TO PRIORITIZE ON THE BASIS OF SEVERITY OF NEED using an assessment developed locally to achieve this. HCoC uses a CE Assessment tool to assess individuals who are then PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO VULNERABILITY AND THE HIGHEST NEEDS.

3.HCoC set the goal of PROVIDING PERMANENT HOUSING ASSISTANCE WITHIN 30 DAYS by Jan of 2028 through our COMMUNITY WIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS. PSH and RRH need far exceeds capacity and HCoC is planning to expand these programs through adding 765 new housing opportunities by 2028 to meet the need. Given resource limitations, the HCoC and housing partners work to meet needs as quickly as possible. As soon as a vacancy is reported, the highest need household on the list appropriate for the unit is served first. Agencies ensure referrals are processed in a timely manner and outreach workers provide assistance connecting with clients and providing access to resources to increase document readiness.

4.The new HCoC CES Assessment & Prioritization process were DEVELOPED WITH REDUCING BARRIERS in mind. The assessment is shorter due to eliminating all questions deemed to be unnecessary for prioritization purposes. A process for updating assessments through CE Task Group Case Conferencing prevents clients from possible need for reassessment in many cases. INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CASE MANAGERS AND STREET OUTREACH WORKERS TRAINED TO DO ASSESSMENTS and including training for completing assessments by phone has allowed the HCoC to triple the number of access points while also making them more flexible.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	05/25/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. To improve equity analysis, HCoC CONTRACTED WITH HOMEBASE AND LATHANHARRIS, INC. to conduct a QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE EQUITY ANALYSIS as part of our HCoC Community Wide Strategic planning process. The PROCESS UTILIZED HMIS DATA FROM THE PAST FIVE YEARS to provide quantitive analysis of our homelessness system. Additionally, LathanHarris, Inc. utilized the HUD RACIAL EQUITY TOOL as part of the DEVELOPMENT OF A NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR THE HCoC. With this initial in-depth analysis completed, the HCoC's STRATEGY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE will utilize new dashboards being created for the HCoC to do monthly analysis of data in order to recognize trends and monitor system improvement and system changes. HUD's STELLA TOOL is used for annual analysis of HCoC Homeless System. QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS was completed as a part of strategic planning through FOCUS GROUPS and SURVEYS. The HCoC's new LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD will be a part of an annual process to collect qualitative data through focus groups and other means.
2. Data analysis demonstrates an OVER REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUPS compared to the total population of our geographic area. Minority groups make up 18% of Sangamon County population and 49% of our homelessness system using data going back to 2020. Stella P demographic data showed NO NOTABLE DISCREPANCY for exits to permanent housing programs across different racial and ethnic groups. CES data analysis showed that percentages of people accessing CES is comparable to homeless system make up. QUALITATIVE DATA gathered during the Strategic Planning Process demonstrated a need for additional access points and methods for CE that reflect the diversity of the community. The HCOC CE Task Group has already taken steps and conducted training of additional assessors in response.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In response to local disparities in the homelessness system, HCOC HAS TARGETED ADDTIONAL TRAINING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITES as a foundational component to helping organizations and the CoC as a whole EFFECTIVELY PREVENT AND ELIMINATE disparities in our system. The HCoC partnered with MEMORIAL HEALTH to provide EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION FOR ALL training for the CoC. HCoC staff and 3 HCoC General Members participated in a HUD Community Workshop and completed all the pre-requisite Equity Foundational Workshop requirements.QUALITATIVE DATA gathered during the Strategic Planning Process demonstrated a need for additional access points and methods for CE that reflect the diversity of the community. The HCOC CE Task Group has already taken steps and conducted training of additional assessors in response.The HCoC Community Wide Strategic planning process helped the HCoC develop NEW PARTNERSHIPS to address gaps in outreach and develop relationships with new service providers who had previously not been an active part of the HCoC General Membership. Events connected to the strategic planning process have been intentionally located in parts of the community that ensure easy access for all, particularly populations over represented in our homelessness system. All of these steps and the new steps that emerge from these efforts will factor into the work that the HCoC Strategy and Services committee does to monitor the effectiveness of our homelessness system.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The HCoC's strategic plan begins with a commitment to equity as a foundational element to our community's response to homelessness. In order to actualize this commitment, the HCOC will utilize QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA to track and drive changes to the system. DEVELOPING CLEAR AND UNDERSTANDABLE COMMUNITY FACING DATA DASHBOARDS is an action step underway through our strategic planning process. These dashboards will serve as a tool for our Strategy and Services Committee as they meet monthly and as they work to provide regular updates for our community's gaps analysis. Training provided to the HCoC through the strategic planning process has improved local capacity at the CoC and project level to make data informed decisions. Alongside more effective use of quantitative data, the HCoC will utilize qualitative data through a two-way communication strategy. This will be accomplished through QUARTERLY FOCUS GROUPS and through the work of our Lived Experience Advisory Board who play a key role in focus groups as well as integration with the HCoC's Task Groups and other organizing bodies. This effort will help to ensure accountability and provide progress reports based on the experience of those experiencing homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Inclusion of people with lived experience has been an important value for the HCoC but a recent shift has been to work toward INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee that has been guiding our community through the planning process included a community member who entered permanent housing through RRH during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Local service providers have been key partners in engagement to people with lived experience for inclusion in focus groups, surveys, and other opportunities for input. The strategic plan called for the establishment of a formal plan and policy to foster inclusion and the HCoC received a grant from the Community Foundation of the Land of Lincoln for $30,000 to staff the board and PROVIDE COMPENSATION FOR THE WORK that people with lived experience do to participate in and guide HCoC efforts. The LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD was developed in the summer of 2022 to establish a policy for lived experience engagement and DEVELOP A COMMON SET OF ENGAGEMENT AND COMPENSATION PRACTICES to be implemented throughout the HCoC governance structure. The compensation matrix provides a comprehensive set of strategies to account for the different types of engagement individuals with lived experience will participate in the HCoC including: focus groups, work group participation, internships, consulting, and more.The HCoC's new LIVED EXPERIENCE ADVISORY BOARD will be a part of an annual process to collect qualitative data through focus groups and other means.This will be accomplished through QUARTERLY FOCUS GROUPS and through the work of the board who will play a key role in focus groups as well as integration with the HCoC's Task Groups and other organizing bodies. Outreach to potential members of the Lived Experience Advisory board and other efforts will occur through communication shared through HCoC Service Providers, the HCoC Facebook page, and the HCoC General Membership email list.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	40	30
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	1	1
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	2
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	1	1
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	1

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In addition to informal relationships with local businesses that agencies have developed to CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, the HCOC has worked to assist in the DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. HCoC has working relationships with state and local agencies that provide mainstream employment opportunities for people served in CoC Program-funded projects.The Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance participates in the HCoC General Membership and has entered into an MOU with the HCoC to provides access to Workforce Investment and Opportunity funded training and education programs. Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance provided training for the entire HCoC General Membership on the services they offer and steps for clients to connect with their services. HCoC agencies work with the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for job search assistance, career counseling, training opportunities, hiring events, workshops, and assistance with IllinoisJobLink for searching for positions and posting resumes. Another HCoC partner, Capital Township provides temporary employment for jobless adults by matching people with an employer based on their job skills and interests. Clients eligible for this program gain experience and tangible skills while earning a pay check. Employment training skills are taught by service providers as part of their efforts to help clients increase income. The Springfield Urban League is a member of the HCoC General Membership and their Workforce Empowerment Center offers training and classes each quarter that are free for clients to participate in. HCoC has developed relationships with local temporary employment agencies and communicates job fairs with agencies and the entire General Membership and encourages agencies to view local job opportunities and work with clients to share their resumes. Sangamon County State's Attorney Office provides resources for expungement and sealing of certain criminal records to help remove that barrier from the job and housing search process. HCoC communicates these opportunities through General Membership meetings and monthly newsletter about these opportunities. The City of Springfield Office of Community Relations held four job fairs in the past year that HCoC invited agencies, clients, and entire General Membership to participate in.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Focus groups of people with lived experience, provider agencies, and community members are key part of the HCoC strategy on local challenges. Feedback from these focus groups this year highlighted the ongoing challenge of attempting to navigate a system to address homelessness with a large gap between the available supportive housing opportunities and local need for those opportunities. The STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS included gathering the feedback about CHALLENGES AND HOPED FOR SOLUTIONS.

2. As a result of feedback received, a significant portion of the plan focuses on how to involve a broad group of local partners alongside state and federal funding to EXPAND BY 765 HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES OVER 5 YEARS. Feedback also highlighted items that could be added on more quickly. For example, feedback regarding Emergency Shelter usage led to a local shelter provided RESTRUCTURING how and when they do shelter intake. Feedback about challenges accessing certain services led to the CREATION OF TWO OUTREACH POSITIONS through the City of Springfield and Memorial Behavioral Health. Feedback about a lack of safe and comfortable places available for people to be during the day and access services and computers led to two organizations EXPANDING DAY SERVICES.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. On January 16, 2018, the City of Springfield City Council adopted the 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan. The plan culminated in countless hours of research, study, analysis, and discussions with residents and leaders. A significant point of discussion was HOW THE CITY SHOULD ADDRESS HOUSING NEEDS IN THE FUTURE. The planning team agreed that the city should give special attention to preserving what the plan calls LEGACY NEIGHBORHOODS. The group discussed that some of the locations were OPPORTUNITY AREAS that required Plans for Special Areas (pg. 28, City of Springfield 2017-2037 Comprehensive Plan). The land use sector maps included in the plan identify Opportunity Areas. However, MANY OLDER LOTS ARE NARROW AND LACK THE REQUIRED SQUARE FOOTAGE TO MEET THE CURRENT SETBACK AND BULK REGULATIONS. However, the city could MITIGATE THIS BARRIER by officially designating Opportunity Areas and WRITING AND ADOPTING THE PLANS FOR SPECIAL AREAS. ALTERNATIVE ZONING REGULATIONS could be developed and adopted by the city council only for the Special Areas. This would ensure that the lots are "DEVELOPMENT READY," thus eliminating a lengthy zoning process. Any steps that could add flexibility as the HCoC and community partners seek to create 765 housing opportunities over the next five years through partnerships with existing landlords and developing new properties could help our community reach strategic planning goals.

2. HCoC Staff and members of the Executive Committee members held a MEETING WITH THREE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS on September 16, 2022 to discuss the strategic plan to address homelessness and this particular barrier. The next steps in the process involve developing a concept project that could BENEFIT FROM THE REDUCTION OF THIS BARRIER and meet with council members on the development of alternative zoning regulations.

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	08/01/2022

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

	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

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

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

	1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
	2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	9
	3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC utilizes THREE KEY SOURCES of data to score projects for the NOFO Competition. Each project submits their most up to date ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT and completes a LOCAL APPLICATION. The HCoC HMIS Administrator provides a COORDINATED ENTRY REPORT detailing each projects' results from the Coordinated Entry System. The NOFO Rating and Ranking Committee utilizes the HCoC Scoring Tools for Renewal and New projects to analyze the data from each source and decide on the final score for each item on the scoring tool.
2.ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT data from each project is used to determine how long it takes to house people in permanent housing and to score according to the table in the HCoC Scoring tool.
3.The HCoC Local Application PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR AGENCIES TO LIST BARRIERS their clients face including: having too little income, active or history of substance use, having a criminal record with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, history of victimization (e.g. domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse), failure to participate in supportive services, failure to make progress in service plan, and loss of income or failure to improve income. The Local Application INVITES AGENCIES TO INCLUDE NARRATIVES about factors that impact placement in housing. The Rating and Ranking Committee uses the narratives provided as the HCoC Scoring Tool allows.
4.The HCOC Local Application INVITES AGENCIES TO INCLUDE NARRATIVES about factors that impact performance of a project in the ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT. The Rating and Ranking Committee uses the narratives provided, as the HCoC Scoring Tool allows, to take into consideration the agencies efforts to provide needed services to the hardest to serve populations in our community. The HCoC Gaps analysis and strategic plan to end homelessness guide the HCoC Board on community priorities. During this local competition, a new project received reallocated funds and was placed above another project in part due to serving hardest to house populations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The HCoC Board of Directors nominates and votes on a Rating and Ranking Committee prior to each CoC NOFO ENSURING THE COMMITTEE IS DIVERSE with a particular emphasis on those overrepresented in our homelessness system. Twenty percent of the HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee for this competition were people of color. This ensured input was provided throughout the entire process.

2.2.Input from those over-represented in the homelessness system placed a high value on the importance of lining up the scarce resources the HCoC receives with the GREATEST IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY NEEDS. A greater emphasis was placed on reallocation of lower performing projects through these conversations. Questions on the local application were added to have projects provide additional information about how their projects are aligned to meet community need.

3.The HCoC Board of Directors nominates and votes on a Rating and Ranking Committee prior to each CoC NOFO, ENSURING THE COMMITTEE IS DIVERSE with a particular emphasis on those overrepresented in our homelessness system. Twenty percent of the HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee for this competition were people of color.

4.The HCoC Local Application requires agencies provide a narrative about how the organization ANALYZED THE PROJECT AND PROJECt DATA to identify barriers to participation faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population. Further PROJECTS WERE SCORED ON THE PLAN TO ELIMINATE BARRIERS IDENTIFIED provided by the agency in the local application.

| 1E-4. | Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.2.f. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC's Local Competition Policy includes the process for reallocation. The HCoC's policy gives the HCoC Rating and Ranking Committee the discretion to recommend projects for involuntary reallocation. The Rating and Ranking Committee determines if any renewal project should receive a decrease in funding (or an elimination of funding) due to substandard performance in outcomes and/or utilization of funds. Any funding captured from an existing project will be made available for reallocation to a new project that meets the requirements in the NOFO. The Rating and Ranking Committee makes their recommendation to the HCoC Board of Directors who votes on the decision as part of approving and created the Ranked Priority Listing of projects.
2. YES
3. YES

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No

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

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/15/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/15/2022

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/28/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC's website or partner's website.	09/28/2022

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky Community Services

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/08/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The HCoC requests de-identified aggregate data from INFONET, a comparable database that stores information outside of our CoC HMIS database. Sojourn Shelter is a victim service provider that is active in our CoC's geographic area and the operator of the INFONET database which is supervised by their Director of Operations, a certified domestic violence professional. Sojourn is a voting member of our CoC and their Chief Executive Officer is on the HCoC Board of Directors. HMIS Lead evaluates comparable database annually to confirm it meets HUD Standards. Sojourn PROVIDES DE-IDENTIFIED DATA so that our CoC can analyze it as part of strategic planning and determine the level/type of needs experienced by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. This data allows our CoC to evaluate need and project performance in the same way as projects with data in our HMIS.
2. YES

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

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

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	125	23	101	99.02%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	171	0	171	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	45	0	40	88.89%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	148	0	93	62.84%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	37	0	0	0.00%

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

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC's PSH and OPH project types have a bed coverage rate that is below 85%. 55 PSH beds are connected to HUD VASH Vouchers through our local housing authority. Our HMIS Administrator has had conversations with our HMIS provider to get the cost of uploading the HOMES data tool. The HCoC is looking for funding sources at this time to cover the cost of the upload and the first upload will take place in the next 12 months. 37 OPH beds are the 37 Emergency Housing Vouchers our community received. At, the time of the Housing Inventory County our HMIS Administrator and HCoC Board were still working through guidance received from an AAQ. All 37 Vouchers are included in the HCoC's HMIS at this time.

2.Our HCoC Coordinator is pursuing funding that will cover the cost of the HOMES upload and it is anticipated that the funding will be received by the end of 2022. The HCoC already has a partnership with Veterans Affairs and is ready to move forward with the HOMES report. Upon receiving of funding, the HCoC will contract with our HMIS provider to upload the data and subsequently increase PSH bed coverage to over 85%.

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

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	02/22/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/08/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. As part of HCoC's 2022 PIT count process, a youth count was carried out at the same time as the full PIT count by local youth service agency, Youth Service Bureau, to ensure youth were accurately counted and represented. Community stakeholders were identified who had connections to youth experiencing homelessness. Outreach efforts were conducted to all known stakeholders to engage them and prepare them for the upcoming youth count. Additionally, flyers and media posts were utilized to find other potential stakeholders not previously known. To ensure the count was inclusive and representative of the diversity of youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability in our community, a wide range of stakeholders were engaged including area schools, youth service providers, LGBTQ youth services, police departments, probation, DCFS, area churches, local youth groups, community agencies, mental health providers, local shelters, food pantries, and any organization, entity, or individual that would have knowledge and expertise in identifying youth experiencing homelessness.

2. One of the efforts of the newly created Youth Homelessness Task Group is to develop a Youth Advisory Board that will play an active role in planning and carrying out the 2023 HCoC Youth PIT Count. In 2022, we did not have youth who participated in the actual count.

3. Careful consideration was made to identify the areas that youth may congregate or where youth were most likely to be identified. Outreach efforts were conducted to spread the word that the youth count was being conducted including advertising through social media, websites, and the placement of flyers in areas that youth congregate to ensure youth who were experiencing homelessness and housing instability and who wanted to be counted were aware of the event. Youth Service Bureau staff conducted both a visual count and utilized a brief survey to gather information about the demographics of the youth, current living situation, length of homelessness, and where they planned to sleep that night. The count was conducted at various locations around the community where stakeholders had previously identified youth experiencing homelessness including areas such as schools, a mental health crisis center, on the street, a local youth shelter, and community organizations.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Not Applicable
2. Not Applicable
3. Yes
4. Not Applicable

2C. System Performance

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC Homelessness Prevention/Diversion Task Group is a part of our Crisis Response System. This task group DETERMINES which RISK FACTORS our CoC uses as we work to divert people from our system & prevent experiences of homelessness by EXAMINING HMIS DATA related to households entering homelessness and data from our local Community Action organization, Sangamon County Community Resources. The Task Group identifies trends through HMIS data evaluation, 211 call data, reports on the number of eviction court cases, & feedback from case managers & Community Action Agency staff. Priority RISK FACTORS for the HCoC are eviction, loss of income, & health related crisis.

2.HCoC Homelessness Prevention/Diversion Task Group helps train organizations around our strategy to prevent homelessness. The HCoC Homeless Prevention and Diversion Task group COMMUNICATES & COORDINATES about resources & services available to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless or divert them as quickly as possible from emergency shelter into permanent housing. Our community receives a HP Grant that PROVIDES DIRECT ASSISTANCE to help people at risk of becoming homeless. Public, private, governmental, faith-based, & educational organizations refer individuals & families who may be at risk to HP & diversion assistance. CE personnel are trained to determine during the assessment process if prevention/diversion funds could provide the stability needed to maintain current living conditions and divert literal homelessness. The HCoC helped to launch the Sangamon Housing Help Line this year that provides an initial intake in HMIS and then makes a direct referral to an agency in the community that provides rent or utility assistance. The HP/Diversion Task Group works to prioritize agencies to be referred to first for rent and utility need based on funding available.

3.The chair of our Homeless Prevention/Diversion Task Group is responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce or end the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC data analysis reveals a significant NEED FOR NEW AND EXPANDED PH PROGRAMS in order to REDUCE THE LENGTH OF TIME people remain homeless. HCoC has increased the number of types of CE access points in order to better communicate the level & severity of need to organizations, potential funders, & community. THE EHV program allowed HCoC to develop a MOVE ON PROGRAM to create movement in the limited supply of PSH beds available. The HCoC's recently completed community wide strategic planning process calls for 765 new housing opportunities in the next five years. Expanding available rental subsidy and case management to create affordable housing opportunities will be provided initially from HOME-ARP and local funding. Additionally, the HCoC is engaging landlords to increase the number of units available through a Landlord Rick Mitigation Fund and the work of the HCoC Housing Navigator to educate landlords on supportive housing opportunities.
2.The HCoC strategies to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless include factoring length of time an individual or family has experienced homelessness into our CES PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY, INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PH UNITS, TRAINING ON HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING, & DEVELOPING NEW COLLABORATIVE OUTREACH PROCESSES. HCoC has prioritized RRH & PSH development as the highest priority for funding. Through prioritizing PH, we aim to increase RRH availability by 100 percent and increase the number of organizations w/ RRH programs. Our CES prioritizes CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS & the length of time a household experiences homelessness is a factor for our prioritized CE list. Individuals needing permanent housing are identified by personnel in emergency shelters, the Coordinated Entry System, and street outreach efforts.
3.The chair of the Permanent Housing Task Group is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC data analysis reveals significant NEED FOR NEW AND EXPANDED PH PROGRAMS to increase exits to PH destinations. The supply of PSH and RRH units within our CoC is insufficient to meet community need which causes prolonged stays in ES and TH programs w/ limited opportunities for exits to PH. HMIS data demonstrates Adult Only households have the lowest rate of exit to permanent destinations and make up the largest percentage of households waiting for resources on our CE list. INCREASING AVAILABILITY OF PH programs is a high priority of our CoC and a key part of our strategy to increase exits to PH. HCoC is accomplishing this through prioritizing PH programs that follow a HOUSING FIRST approach with all funding the CoC helps to allocate. Though TRAINING and AGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING, our CoC will develop new PSH and RRH programs. The EHV program has led to a development of a Move On program in our community that the CoC hopes to expand to include HCVs to increase the opportunities for vouchers for PH program participants. A CoC Housing Navigator has been hired to build landlord relationships and expand access to housing units throughout our geographic area to provide clients greater choice in unit location and configuration. A key strategic plan initiative for this winter involves utilizing HOME-ARP funds to create housing opportunties for 30 people.
2.HCoC's strategy to increase retention of permanent housing includes increasing training, services, client choice, and connectivity to mainstream benefits. The CoC will increase the number of trainings on helping clients connect to mainstream benefits and available community resources and using HMIS data to evaluate potential gaps that could lead to challenges in retaining permanent housing. Additionally, HMIS will be utilized by the Strategy and Service Committee to analyze and identify any projects that are performing below the community goal set through the strategic planning process of 95% retention rate. Organizations are encouraged to maintain supportive relationships with clients and serve as a resource that will help people retain housing.
3.Chair of the Strategy and Services Committee is responsible for overseeing the HCoC'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.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC's Strategy and Services Committee IDENTIFIES RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS THROUGH HMIS ANALYSIS. All CoC and ESG funded projects enter client information into HMIS that allows HCoC to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness, which household types most frequently return to homelessness, and the projects and project types they participated in. This year most returns to homeless came from adult only households who exited from Emergency Shelter programs.

2.HCoC's strategy to REDUCE the RATE OF RETURNS to homelessness involves identifying causes of returns to homelessness and expanding RRH and PSH opportunities so that ES clients will be able to directly enter high-quality supportive housing programs. ES clients can access Coordinated Entry as well as health care programs, mental and behavioral health supports, job location support, and other services designed to help create pathways to housing. Our system currently has a large gap between the need and availability for PH which causes people to remain in ES and other programs for a prolonged period. Community data demonstrates that exits to housing that occur by means other than RRH or PSH have higher rates of returns to homelessness. To create more RRH and PSH programs, HCoC has made the development of new and expanding existing programs our highest priority and has worked with local funding sources to find new streams for developing additional capacity for RRH and PSH.

3.The chair of the Strategy and Services Committee is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including returns to homelessness and working the Committee to develop a strategy for improvement by reducing the rate of returns.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC's strategy to INCREASE EMPLOYMENT INCOME involves supporting agencies that provide homelessness services as they include provision of employment services in their project design and execution and DEVELOPING PARTNERSHIPS that increase employment opportunities. Agencies work with each client to address employment needs and appropriate support for job training, communication/soft skill development, resume building. HCoC has elevated increasing income as a scoring metric in our CoC Competition. The Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance participates in the HCoC General Membership and provides access to Workforce Investment and Opportunity funded training and education programs. HCoC invites area employers and Chambers of Commerce to participate in the HCoC General Membership. HCoC will provide ongoing training for agencies on best practices and effective strategies to help connect clients with employment opportunities. HCoC will also provide community education and outreach to help make businesses aware of the role they can play in ending homelessness through employment.
2.HCoC agencies work with the Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance for job search assistance, career counseling, training opportunities, hiring events, workshops, and assistance with IllinoisJobLink for searching for positions and posting resumes. Another HCoC partner, Capital Township provides temporary employment for jobless adults by matching people with an employer based on their job skills and interests. Clients eligible for this program gain experience and tangible skills while earning a pay check. Sangamon County State's Attorney Office provides resources for expungement and sealing of certain criminal records to help remove that barrier from the job and housing search process. HCoC communicates these opportunities through General Membership meetings and monthly newsletter about these opportunities.
3.The chair of the Strategy and Services Committee is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including increasing employment cash income and working the Committee to develop a strategy for improvement that would increase program participants' incomes from employment.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.HCoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income is to CONNECT CLIENTS TO MAINSTREAM BENEFITS as quickly as possible to increase the percentage of adults who have income on entry to CoC programs. The HCoC encourages agencies to become community partners with The Illinois Department of Human Services in order to utilize their consolidated application for benefits eligibility (ABE) for SNAP, TANF, and Medicaid. As a community partner agencies can help Illinois residents apply online for benefits by providing a computer or one- on-one assistance with applications. Additional training for increasing non- employment cash income has been prioritized by the HCoC in order to increase the number of clients system wide connected to mainstream benefits. Agencies work to ensure that all non- employment income is applied for when clients are accepted into their agency programs. Several agencies employ SOAR-certified Case Managers to stay abreast of changes to qualifications and availability of non-employment cash income. Case Managers work closely with clients to maintain and record any changes in eligibility. The CoC also has SOAR trained Case Managers in the community and agencies can access their expertise when necessary. Transportation, computer access and interpretation services are provided to ensure applications are completed.
2.The Chair of the Strategy and Services Committee is tasked with analysis of Systems Performance Measures including non-employment cash income and working the Committee to develop a strategy for increasing program participants' non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Helping Hands PSH...	PH-PSH	9	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project?   Helping Hands PSH Expansion

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):   EKKCGMRSJLS6

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

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

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:	
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and	
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
Applicant Name		
This list contains no items		

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

		We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:
	1.	You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	09/28/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Local Compe...	09/28/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Comp...	09/28/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	1E-2a. Scored Ren...	09/28/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	09/28/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	09/28/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	1E-5b. Final Proj...	09/28/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c. Web Postin...	09/28/2022
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d. Notificati...	09/28/2022
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	3A-1a. Housing Le...	09/30/2022

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcare...	09/29/2022
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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Submission Summary

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HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN

SPRINGFIELD (IL) HOUSING AUTHORITY
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12. <u>Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs)</u>

The Emergency Housing Vouchers are to assist individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness; at risk of experiencing homelessness; fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking; or were recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability.

After September 30, 2023, SHA may not reissue the Emergency Housing Vouchers when the assistance for an assisted family ends. After one year of receiving assistance under the Emergency Housing Voucher program, the family will be issued a HCV voucher and absorbed into the HCV program without being placed on the HCV waiting list.

Special Note: The Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 eliminated the requirement of Housing Authorities to expand their Family Self-Sufficiency Program when in receipt of new Public Housing units or HCV Vouchers on or after October 21, 1998. Any new Public Housing units or HCV Vouchers received after said date will not affect the FSS Program size.

informal hearing. Denial of a preference does not prevent the applicant from exercising any legal rights the applicant may have against the SHA if he/she believes discrimination contributed to the denial of the preference. **(24 CFR 982.207)**

D.   Order of Selection from the Waiting List

Applicants will be positioned on the waiting list based upon the number of preference points for which they are qualified, and date and time of application. Applicants who qualify for the highest number of preference points will be positioned ahead of those who qualify for fewer or no preference points on the waiting list. Preference points are not applied to applications for the HUD-VASH and Emergency Housing Voucher programs.

1.   Local Preference Definitions and Verification Procedures

A local preference will be granted to applicants who have met the eligibility requirements outlined in previous sections of this Plan and who, at the time of submission of an application for housing, certify that they meet the guidelines of the local preference(s) as outlined below:

a.   **Local Residency Preference:** Applicant households with a permanent physical residence in Sangamon County, Illinois. Eligibility for Local Residency Preference must be demonstrated by having a permanent physical residence within the jurisdictional area. Physical residence shall be defined as a domicile with a mailing address, other than a post office box, for which the applicant can produce one or more of the following: a lease or a purchase agreement, utility bills showing the claimed residence address, or two pieces of first-class mail addressed to a member of the applicant household at the claimed address. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (25 points).

b.   **Local Employment Preference:** Applicant households in which a member of the household (head, spouse or sole member) is currently employed in Sangamon County for the past 12 consecutive months or longer.   Eligibility for Local Employment Preference must be demonstrated by third party employment verification. Applicants in Sangamon County where the head and spouse, or sole member is age 62 or older, or is a person with disabilities will also be awarded this preference. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (30 points)

e.   **Homeless Preference (Mainstream only):** Applicant households in which a member of the household (head, spouse or sole member) is non-elderly with a disability and transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting, or at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless or at risk of homelessness. **(24 CFR 982.207)** (60 points)

Verification of Local Preference:

Certification verifying local residency preference can be in the following form:

a.   A lease or purchase agreement, utility bills showing the claimed residence address, or two pieces of first-class mail in the envelope addressed to a member of the applicant household at the claimed address.

Certification verifying local employment preference can be in the following form:

a. Completion of a third-party Employment Verification and receipt of said verification directly from the employer indicated on the form; or

b. Verification that the head, spouse, or sole member is 62 or older, or is s person with disabilities.

Certification verifying homeless preference can be in the following form:

a. Third-Party verification from institutional setting or a homeless provider; and

b. Verification that the head, spouse, or sole member is a person with disabilities.

E. Special Admissions

1. Some family applicants will be admitted to SHA's HCV Program without ever being on the waiting list or without considering the applicant's place on the waiting list. This may occur when HUD has awarded funding to SHA for a targeted group of households living in specified units. This HUD-targeted funding may include (but is not limited to):

a. Families displaced because of demolition or disposition of a public or Indian housing project;

b. Families residing in a multifamily rental housing project when HUD sells, forecloses or demolishes the project;

c. Housing covered by the Low-Income Preservation and Resident Homeownership Act of 1990;

d. Non-purchasing families residing in a project subject to a homeownership program;

e. Families displaced because of a mortgage prepayment or voluntary termination of a mortgage insurance contract;

f. Families residing in a project covered by a project-based HCV HAP contract at or near the end of the HAP contract term; and,

g. Non-purchasing families residing in a HOPE 1 or HOPE 2 project.

2. Natural Disaster Assistance Policy (Board Approved 9/06). Families affected by officially-declared natural disasters will receive housing preference over other waiting list placeholders.

- Documents traditionally required by leasing staff for the processing of applications (driver's license, social security cards, birth records, etc.) may be provided by individuals/families as soon as possible during the initial six-month stay if the individuals/families cannot provide the information at the time of application.

- All family members eighteen (18) years of age and older must complete and pass a criminal background check in accordance with Springfield Housing Authority HCV Administrative Plan.

- Individuals shall be responsible for moving and all related costs, including but not limited to the transfer of telephone, cable, garbage and/or utility services.

- Rent shall be determined by standard calculation procedures as defined in the SHA Administrative Plan. A security deposit will be required.

- Individuals/families will not be penalized for terminating the SHA lease agreement within the first twelve (12) months of participation in a Springfield Housing Authority housing program.

- Housing Choice Voucher holders who experience significant damage to the units in which they reside will not be penalized by the Springfield Housing Authority for relocating to other units before the lease agreements expire.

F.   Preference Points

At the time of application and subject to appropriate verification, preference points will be awarded as indicated below:

Local Preferences	Points Awarded
Currently a resident of Sangamon County. Residency must be on a permanent, non-temporary basis.	25
Currently employed in Sangamon County. Employment must be for the past 12 consecutive months or longer.	30
Non-elderly household with a disability transitioning out of institutional or other segregated setting, or at serious risk of institutionalization, or homeless or at risk of homelessness. (Mainstream only)	60

Heartland Continuum of Care
1E-1 LOCAL COMPETITION
DEADLINE-ADVANCE PUBLIC
NOTICE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

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HUD recently announced two funding opportunities for CoCs and our local competitions for each will be beginning soon. New organizations are welcomed and encouraged to apply for both grants. Local technical assistance webinars about the application and rating and ranking processes will be scheduled and included on the timelines for each grant that will be posted this Thursday.

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year 2022 Continuum of Care Competition
Local Project Application Deadline: August 31st at 5 PM
View Grant Opportunity Here:
https://heartlandcontinuum.us18.list-manage.com/.../click...

Special Notice of Funding Opportunity to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness
Local Project Application Deadline: September 16th at 5 PM
View Grant Opportunity Here:
https://heartlandcontinuum.us18.list-manage.com/.../click...

More information will be released following this Thursday HCoC Board of Directors meeting. If you have any questions about either opportunity, please contact HCoC Coordinator at heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com

Heartland Continuum of Care
1E-2 LOCAL COMPETITION
SCORING TOOL

HCOC 2022 NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool			
1. THRESHOLD FACTORS			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**STATUS**	**SCORE**
Policies Remain Compliant	All of the renewal project's relevant policies and procedures were examined as part of a previous year's review and rank process. The project should pass this threshold factor if it certifies that none of its policies have changed in ways that could impair its federal obligations, including: • identifying and lowering its barriers to housing in line with a Housing First approach • participating in coordinated entry • entering data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS (or comparable database for domestic violence services). • maintaining adequate internal financial controls, record maintenance and management, and policies regarding termination of assistance, client appeals, ADA and fair housing requirements, and confidentiality. • providing equal access and fair housing without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, local residency status, or any other protected category • only accepting new participants if they can be documented as eligible for this project's program type based on their housing and disability status	Pass/Fail	All Pass
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project fills 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System and follows CES polices.	Pass/Fail	All Pass
HMIS Implementaiton	The project is an active participant in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail	All Pass
Match	The matching funds for the project meet HUD's standards as described in the CoC Interim Rule and requirements in Notice of Funding Opportunity.	Pass/Fail	All Pass
2. COMPLIANCE (15 PTS)			
NAME	**DECSCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Audit Findings	Award 5 points if: • the project was audited, but there were no sustained or final negative findings relating to housing quality or financial mismanagement. Award 3 points if: • the project received negative audit findings, but the project adequately explains how the findings are being addressed. Award 0 points if: • the project's audits revealed negative findings that have not been corrected.	All HUD or financial audits from last 2 years. HCoC App (5)	Up to 5 points.
Coordinated Entry	Award 5 points if the project reported 100% of its bed openings and filled those openings from the Coordinated Entry System.	HCoC App (6) HMIS CES data	5 points.
Accurate Data	The fraction of data points that are recorded as missing, don't know, client refused to answer, and/or unable to calculate. Lower percentages are better.	APR Q6a	< 5% error = 3 5% - 10% error = 2 10% - 15% error = 1 >15% error = 0

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Timely Data	The average length of time between when a client enters or exits the project, and when the project records the entry or exit in HMIS. Note that APRs only record the approximate time range for each client, e.g., "1 to 3 Days delay."	APR Q6e	≤ 6 days = 2 7 days -10 days = 1 > 10 days = 0
3. COMMUNITY (20 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Participation in CoC Activities	Award points for the agency's attendance, participation, and leadership at CoC events, meetings, committees, forums, and projects, with a focus on activities that took place since the last CoC Competition. Full points will be awarded if the agency meaningfully participated in at least 4 voluntary events over the course of the year, or if the agency led at least 1 successful event, training, or initiative over the course of the year.	HCoC App (7)	4 points.
Voluntary Reallocation	Award 4 points if the agency voluntarily reallocated any HUD CoC Program funds in the FY2019, FY2021, or FY2022 competitions.	GIW HCoC App (8)	4 points.
Incorporating Lived Experience	Award 4 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (9)	4 points
Racial Equity	Award 4 points if agencies have demonstrated that they have analyzed their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (10)	4 points
Local Competition Deadlines	Award 4 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments. Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late. If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	4 points
4. HOUSING PERFORMANCE (12 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING			
Housing Retention (SPM 7)	Count each person who either remained in the project at the end of the measurement period or exited to permanent housing. These are the successes. Then, count the total number of people who participated in the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 95% = 10 90% - 94.9% = 8 85% - 89.9% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 2 <80% = 0
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR 22c	≤ 30 days = 2 30-60 days = 1 > 60 days = 0

HCOC 2022 NOFO **Renewal Project Scoring Tool**			
RAPID RE-HOUSING			
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR Q22c	≤ 30 days =4 30-60 days = 3 > 60 days = 0
Rate of Entry into Suitable Housing	The percentage of clients in the program who successfully entered some type of private or semi-private housing (e.g. an apartment). Clients who have left the program without being housed are treated as negative outcomes. The measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing- such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.	APR Q22c	≥ 80 % = 4 70 - 79.9% = 3 60 - 69.9% = 2 50 - 59.9% = 1 < 50 % = 0
Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 3 75% - 79.9% = 2 70% - 74.9% = 1 < 70% = 0
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)			
Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 12 80% - 84.9% = 8 75% - 79.9% = 4 70% - 74.9% = 2 < 70% = 0
5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE (26 PTS)			
NAME		**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Cash Income (SPM 4)	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q16	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0

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Increased Income (SPM 4)	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants at start and at time of latest annual assessment including leavers). Apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q19a1 APR Q19a2	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0
Health Insurance	Count each participant who had at least one form of health insurance at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living participants (minus the number of stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q21	≥ 90% = 5 80% - 89.9% = 3 < 80% = 0
Other Mainstream Benefits (SPM 4)	Count each adult who had any non-cash, non-health care benefits (such as food stamps or bus passes) at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living adults (minus the number of adult stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q20b	≥ 75% = 8 < 75% = 0
6. FULL UTILIZATION (15 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Bed Utilization	Count the average number of people enrolled in the project on the last Wednesday of each quarter, and divide it by the number of beds promised in e-snaps to get the bed utilization rate. Award points based on the scale on the right.	APR Q7b Previous E-snaps App	≥ 90% = 8 80% - 89.9% = 6 70% - 79.9% = 4 60% - 69.9% = 2 < 60% = 0
Grant Spenddown	Divide the amount of money drawn down from e-LOCCs during the project's most recently completed contract, by the amount of CoC funding shown for that project on the corresponding GIW. Award points based on the scale on the right.	Most recent HUD spending report / eLOCCS GIW HCoC Application	≥ 95% = 5 85% - 94.9% = 3 75% - 84.9% = 2 65% - 74.9% = 1 < 65% = 0
Quarterly Drawdowns	Award points if the program successfully drew down from e-LOCCs at least once during each and every quarter of the competition period.	e-LOCCS HCoC Application	At least quarterly = 2 At least twice = 1 Less Often = 0
7. PRIORITIZATION (12 points)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Housing First	Award up to 8 points, 1 point for each box checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application. If all boxes are checked, award 8 points.	HCoC App (16)	Up to 8 points.
Severity of Needs	Award up to 2 points if 50.0% or more of the project's clients are people with severe needs and the project has a plan in place to meet specific needs and vulnerabilities, including: low or no income, current or past substance use, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness.	APR Q 5 Q13a2	Up to 2 points.

HCOC 2022 NOFO Renewal Project Scoring Tool			
Fair Housing	Award 2 points if the project affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, and/or disability to engage people who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.	HCoC App (19)	2 points.

HCOC 2022 COC COMPETITION New Project Scoring Tool			
1. THRESHOLD FACTORS			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**STATUS**	
Housing First	This project will commit to running a low-barrier, Housing First program.	Pass/Fail	Pass
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project will participate in coordinated entry and fill and 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System.	Pass/Fail	Pass
HMIS Implementation	The project will participate in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail	Pass
Project Quality Thresholds	Project meets requirements for project type found on pages 45-48 of NOFO.	Pass/Fail	Pass
2. COMPLIANCE (10 PTS)			
NAME	**DECSCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Audit Findings	Award 2 points if: • the agency was audited, but there were no sustained or final negative findings relating to housing quality or financial mismanagement. Award 1 points if: • the agency received negative audit findings, but the project adequately explains how the findings are being addressed. Award 0 points if: • the agency's audits revealed negative findings that have not been corrected.	All government & financial audits from last 2 years. HCoC App (5)	Up to 2 points.
Experience with Federal Grants	Award up to 3 points, 1 points for each box checked for Experience with Federal Grants on the HCoC Application reflecting that the agency has... • Successfully drawn down at least 95% of funding from a grant of at least $50,000 • Successfully completed a full contract year of a grant from a state or federal government • Prepared detailed timesheets to a funder that showed the hours worked by each staff person each week on different activities and projects • Prepared detailed eligibility documentation to a funder that shows what assistance each client received and why that client was qualified to receive that assistance.	HCoC App (6)	Up to 3 points.
HMIS	Award 2 points if the agency has an HMIS license and an employee trained to utilize the system. 2 points can be awarded if the agency demonstrates this is in process.	HCoC App (7)	2 points
Coordinated Entry	Award up to 3 points, 1 point for each box checked on the Coordinated Entry question on the HCoC Application reflecting that… • the agency has a trained staff person to enroll clients in Coordinated Entry or can demonstrate that this is in process • the agency has a plan for communicating open beds to CES, • Commitment to participating in case conferences, • has a plan for using referrals from CES to fill openings.	HCoC App (8)	Up to 3 points
3. COMMUNITY (23 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**

HCOC 2022 COC COMPETITION New Project Scoring Tool			2
Participation in CoC Activities	Award points for the agency's attendance, participation, and leadership at CoC events, meetings, committees, forums, and projects, with a focus on activities that took place since the last CoC Competition. The full 3 points will be awarded if the agency meaningfully participated in at least 4 voluntary events over the course of the year, or if the agency led at least 1 successful event, training, or initiative over the course of the year.	HCoC App (9)	2 points
Local Competition Deadlines	Award 2 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments. Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late. If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	2 points
Homeless System Improvement	Award 15 points if agency identifies and provides a plan for how this project will work to improve community system performance by meeting a demonstrated need in our community including: • A description of the local need for project and flexibility to meet changing community needs (6 points) • A quantitative estimate of the size of the gap between local resources and local need that is consistent with CES and other local data, (6 points) • A quantitative estimate of how the proposed project will reduce that gap (7 points)	HCoC App (10)	19 points

4. HOUSING DESIGN (9 PTS)

NAME	DESCRIPTION	SOURCES	SCORE
Housing Meets Client Needs	Award 3 points for a housing design that checks all boxes on the HCoC Application for Housing that Meets Client Needs. Award one point for each box checked. The agency should demonstrate has a plan to: • find layouts, location, and/or features that are thoughtfully matched to the target population including units accessible to people with disabilities • Has plan for insuring Housing Quality Standards are met • provide rare or unique options, e.g., pet-friendly housing, or housing with parking spots, or housing with elevators.	HCoC App (11-12)	Up to 3 points.
Housing Navigation	Award 1 point for each of the housing navigation question boxes are checked on the HCoC Application reflecting that the agency has: - a credible plan for providing housing navigation services - A plan for outreach to landlords - Has staff who have pursued training on housing navigation	HCoC (13-14)	Up to 3 points.
Projected Measurable Outcomes	Award one point for each projected measure outcome listed in the HCoC Application up to 3 points with an explanation of how outcomes will be measured.	HCoC Application (15)	Up to 3 points.

5. SERVICES DESIGN (21 PTS)

NAME		SOURCES	SCORE
Housing First	Award 5 points, if all boxes are checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application.	HCoC App (17)	5 points.

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Severity of Needs	Award 2 points if the project will serve individuals with one or more of the following types of severe needs its clients are likely to have (including low or no income, unaccompanied minor, current or past substance use, mental illness, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness)	HCoC App (18)	2 points.
Appropriate Supportive Services	Award 1 point for each checkbox checked on the HCoC Application for the Appropriate Supportive Services Question. Reflecting projects that: • offer ongoing support to stay in permanent housing, • are thoughtfully matched to the target population; for DV projects this includes services that improve safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking. • will individually assist each client to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply. • Appropriate for caseloads and ratio is provided; • Trained in innovative or evidence-based practices; and • Trained to meet the needs of the population to be served	HCoC App (19-20)	Up to 6 points.
Incorporating Lived Experience	Award 3 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (21)	4 points.
Racial Equity	Award 3 points if agencies have a plan to analyze their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (22)	4 points.
6. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE FACTORS (25 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Community Coordination (SPM 4)	Award up to 5 points if the project provides a plan that details specific partnerships with other agencies to refer their clients for services to assist program participants with obtaining and increase non-employment income, employment income, and resources to improve health. Two points will be awarded for a detailed plan, one point will be awarded for each partner listed (up to 3 points).	HCoC App (23)	Up to 5 points.
Increased Employment Income (SPM 4)	Award 5 points if the project includes a detailed plan for increasing employment income of clients in the program. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	HCoC App (23)	5 points.
Increased Non-employment Income (SPM 4)	Award 5 points if the project includes a detailed plan for increasing non-employment income of clients in the program. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	HCoC App (23)	5 points

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Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1)	The project includes a plan for making the period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment) as short as possible. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	HCoC App (24)	5 points
Rate of Retention or Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7)	The project includes a plan for monitoring rate of retention (PSH projects) and Exits to Permanent Housing (other Project types) and evaluating at points throughout grant cycle. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	HCoC Application (25)	5 points
7. PROJECT START UP (12 PTS)			
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**
Relevant Experience	Award 3 points if the agency submitting this application has demonstrated, through past performance and data, the ability to successfully carry out the work proposed and has successfully served people experiencing homelessness as a particular group as part of a similar project. 3 points awarded for previous project explanation that includes data that demonstrates experience. Data/metrics to demonstrate this experience can include: • exits to permanent housing • limiting returns to homelessness • rapidly placing households in housing • increasing income • improving safety for survivors of domestic violence	HCoC App (26)	3 points.
Budget	Award up to 3 points based on the following factors being met: • The budget is complete and provides appropriate clarity. (2 points) • The budget includes a 25% match. (1 point)	Budget HCoC Application	Up to 3 points.
Fiscal Capacity	Award 3 points if the agency checks all boxes on the HCoC Application for having sufficient fiscal capacity to manage the grant, including: • internal financial controls • grant match tracking • well-maintained records • oversight by a board of directors • a strategy for documenting eligible costs • a strategy for ensuring adequate grant drawdowns	HCoC App (27)	3 points.
Ready to Start	Award up to 3 points if the project will be ready to begin housing clients within 3 months of receiving HUD funding. Award one point for each check box from the HCoC Application reflecting that: • The agency has already served the same subpopulation with similar service types. • The project site does not face regulatory obstacles such as tenant displacement, environmental issues, or zoning issues; • The agency's current staff has the capacity to begin preparing for this project; • The agency already has policies and procedures that can be used as-is or easily adapted for use in a CoC-funded project	HCoC App (28)	Up to 3 points.

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1. THRESHOLD FACTORS

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Policies Remain Compliant	All of the renewal project's relevant policies and procedures were examined as part of a previous year's review and rank process. The project should pass this threshold factor if it certifies that none of its policies have changed in ways that could impair its federal obligations, including: • identifying and lowering its barriers to housing in line with a Housing First approach • participating in coordinated entry • entering data for all CoC-funded beds into HMIS (or comparable database for domestic violence services). • maintaining adequate internal financial controls, record maintenance and management, and policies regarding termination of assistance, client appeals, ADA and fair housing requirements, and confidentiality. • providing equal access and fair housing without regard to sexual orientation, gender identity, local residency status, or any other protected category • only accepting new participants if they can be documented as eligible for this project's program type based on their housing and disability status	Pass/Fail		Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Coordinated Entry System Participation	The project fills 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System and follows CES polices.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	
HMIS Implementaiton	The project is an active participant in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) or comparable database if a victim services provider.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Match	The matching funds for the project meet HUD's standards as described in the [CoC Interim Rule](#) and requirements in Notice of Funding Opportunity.	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

2. COMPLIANCE (15 PTS)

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Coordinated Entry (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 5	Award 5 points if the project reported 100% of its bed openings and filled those openings from the Coordinated Entry System.	HCoC App (6) HMIS CES data	5 points.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	0
Accurate Data (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +3) Total 8	The fraction of data points that are recorded as missing, don't know, client refused to answer, and/or unable to calculate. Lower percentages are better.	APR Q6a	< 5% error = 3 5% - 10% error = 2 10% - 15% error = 1 >15% error = 0	3	3	3	3	3	1	0	3
Timely Data (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +1) Total 9	The average length of time between when a client enters or exits the project, and when the project records the entry or exit in HMIS. Note that APRs only record the approximate time range for each client, e.g., "1 to 3 Days delay."	APR Q6e	≤ 6 days = 2 7 days -10 days = 1 > 10 days = 0	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	0
3. COMMUNITY (20 PTS)											
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Voluntary Reallocation **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4)** **Total 13**	Award 4 points if the agency voluntarily reallocated any HUD CoC Program funds in the FY2019, FY2021, or FY2022 competitions.	GIW HCoC App (8)	4 points.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incorporating Lived Experience	Award 4 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (9)	4 points	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Racial Equity	Award 4 points if agencies have demonstrated that they have analyzed their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (10)	4 points	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2
Local Competition Deadlines **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4)** **Total 17**	Award 4 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments. Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late. If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	4 points	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4. HOUSING PERFORMANCE (12 PTS)											
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**								
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING											

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Housing Retention (SPM 7) (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +10) Total 27 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +10) Total 10	Count each person who either remained in the project at the end of the measurement period or exited to permanent housing. These are the successes. Then, count the total number of people who participated in the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 95% = 10 90% - 94.9% = 8 85% - 89.9% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 2 <80% = 0	10	10	10	8	NA	10	10	0
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1) (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2) Total 29 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +2) Total 12	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR 22c	≤ 30 days = 2 30-60 days = 1 > 60 days = 0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
RAPID RE-HOUSING											
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1 (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 21 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 4	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR Q22c	≤ 30 days =4 30-60 days = 3 > 60 days = 0								
Rate of Entry into Suitable Housing (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 25 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 8	The percentage of clients in the program who successfully entered some type of private or semi-private housing (e.g. an apartment). Clients who have left the program without being housed are treated as negative outcomes. The measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing- such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.	APR Q22c	≥ 80 % = 4 70 - 79.9% = 3 60 - 69.9% = 2 50 - 59.9% = 1 < 50 % = 0								

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Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 29** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 12**	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 3 75% - 79.9% = 2 70% - 74.9% = 1 < 70% = 0								
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)											
Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +12) Total 29** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +12) Total 12**	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 12 80% - 84.9% = 8 75% - 79.9% = 4 70% - 74.9% = 2 < 70% = 0					0			
5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE (26 PTS)											
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Cash Income (SPM 4) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 34** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 13**	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q16	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Increased Income (SPM 4) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 39** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 18**	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants at start and at time of latest annual assessment including leavers). Apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q19a1 APR Q19a2	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Insurance **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 44** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 23**	Count each participant who had at least one form of health insurance at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living participants (minus the number of stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q21	≥ 90% = 5 80% - 89.9% = 3 < 80% = 0	5	5	0	3	5	2	0	0
Other Mainstream Benefits (SPM 4) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8) Total 52** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +8) Total 31**	Count each adult who had any non-cash, non-health care benefits (such as food stamps or bus passes) at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living adults (minus the number of adult stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q20b	≥ 75% = 8 < 75% = 0	8	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
6. FULL UTILIZATION (15 PTS)											
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Bed Utilization **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8)** **Total 60**	Count the average number of people enrolled in the project on the last Wednesday of each quarter, and divide it by the number of beds promised in e-snaps to get the bed utilization rate. Award points based on the scale on the right.	APR Q7b Previous E-snaps App	≥ 90% = 8 80% - 89.9% = 6 70% - 79.9% = 4 60% - 69.9% = 2 < 60% = 0	6	8	8	6	8	8	8	0
Grant Spenddown **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5)** **Total 65**	Divide the amount of money drawn down from e-LOCCs during the project's most recently completed contract, by the amount of CoC funding shown for that project on the corresponding GIW. Award points based on the scale on the right.	Most recent HUD spending report / eLOCCS GIW HCoC Application	≥ 95% = 5 85% - 94.9% = 3 75% - 84.9% = 2 65% - 74.9% = 1 < 65% = 0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Quarterly Drawdowns **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2)** **Total 67**	Award points if the program successfully drew down from e-LOCCs at least once during each and every quarter of the competition period.	e-LOCCS HCoC Application	At least quarterly = 2 At least twice = 1 Less Often = 0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7. PRIORITIZATION (12 points)											
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**								
Housing First	Award up to 8 points, 1 point for each box checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application. If all boxes are checked, award 8 points.	HCoC App (16)	Up to 8 points.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

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Severity of Needs	Award up to 2 points if 50.0% or more of the project's clients are people with severe needs and the project has a plan in place to meet specific needs and vulnerabilities, including: low or no income, current or past substance use, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness.	APR Q 5 Q13a2	Up to 2 points.	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
Fair Housing	Award 2 points if the project affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, and/or disability to engage people who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.	HCoC App (19)	2 points.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
				80	72	77	73	60	66	63	43

HCoC Final Approved Ranked List
FY 2022 CoC NOFO Competition Projects

TIER 1

(1) Ranked Score: 80 - M.E.R.C.Y. Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 1 $99,888

(2) Ranked Score: 77 - M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Chronically Homeless Families $42,897

(3) Ranked Score: 73 - Helping Hands Permanent Supported Housing $30,809

(4) Ranked Score: 72 - M.E.R.C.Y. Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 2 $21,548

(5) Ranked Score: 66 - Youth Service Bureau Families Headed by Youth Ages 24 and Under $25,909

(6) Ranked Score: 63 - Fifth Street Renaissance PSH 6 $41,388

(7) Ranked Score: 60 - Youth Service Bureau Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Youth $33,440

(8) Unscored: MERCY Communities Rapid Re-housing for Families $52,760

(9) Ranked Score: 73 - Helping Hands Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project $33,077 (Total project with reallocation $53,167)

TIER 2

(9) Ranked Score: 73 - Helping Hands Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project $20,090 (Total project with reallocation $53,167)

(10) Ranked Score: 43 - Fifth Street Renaissance Vets Expansion $34,908 ($18,259 from renewal amount reallocated to HH Expansion Project)

CoC Planning Grant

- Unscored - Helping Hands CoC Coordinator Position $20,945

**Heartland Continuum of Care
IE2a: Scored Project from Local
Competition**

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Voluntary Reallocation (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 13	Award 4 points if the agency voluntarily reallocated any HUD CoC Program funds in the FY2019, FY2021, or FY2022 competitions.	GIW HCoC App (8)	4 points.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incorporating Lived Experience	Award 4 points if the agency engages homeless and formerly homeless clients in program design and policy making by including them on its board of directors or staff, by having a consumer advisory board that meets regularly, by administering consumer satisfaction surveys, and/or by convening client focus groups.	HCoC App (9)	4 points	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Racial Equity	Award 4 points if agencies have demonstrated that they have analyzed their project and data to identify 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 a plan to eliminate identified barriers.	HCoC App (10)	4 points	2	2	2	0	2	2	2	2
Local Competition Deadlines (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 17	Award 4 points if the project met all local competition deadlines, including deadlines for turning in supporting documents and attachments. Award no points if any portion of the local application was turned in late. If any portion of the local application was turned in more than 72 hours late, award no points, and, at your discretion, you may choose to exclude the project from the competition entirely.	HCoC Application	4 points	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
4. HOUSING PERFORMANCE (12 PTS)											
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**								
PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING											

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Housing Retention (SPM 7) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +10) Total 27** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +10) Total 10**	Count each person who either remained in the project at the end of the measurement period or exited to permanent housing. These are the successes. Then, count the total number of people who participated in the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	$\geq$ 95% = 10 90% - 94.9% = 8 85% - 89.9% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 2 <80% = 0	10	10	10	8	NA	10	10	0
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2) Total 29** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +2) Total 12**	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR 22c	$\leq$ 30 days = 2 30-60 days = 1 > 60 days = 0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
RAPID RE-HOUSING											
Length of Time between Project Start Date and Housing Move-in Date (SPM 1 **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 21** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 4**	The average (mean) period of time between when a client is enrolled in a program and when the client physically enters long-term housing (e.g. an apartment). This measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing and/or who have left the program without being housed; such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator.	APR Q22c	$\leq$ 30 days =4 30-60 days = 3 > 60 days = 0								
Rate of Entry into Suitable Housing **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 25** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 8**	The percentage of clients in the program who successfully entered some type of private or semi-private housing (e.g. an apartment). Clients who have left the program without being housed are treated as negative outcomes. The measure ignores clients who have not yet entered housing- such clients are counted neither in the numerator nor the denominator. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving the safety of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and/or stalking.	APR Q22c	$\geq$ 80 % = 4 70 - 79.9% = 3 60 - 69.9% = 2 50 - 59.9% = 1 < 50 % = 0								

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Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +4) Total 29** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +4) Total 12**	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right. * The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 4 80% - 84.9% = 3 75% - 79.9% = 2 70% - 74.9% = 1 < 70% = 0								
TRANSITIONAL HOUSING (TH)											
Rate of Exit to Permanent Housing (SPM 7) **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +12) Total 29** **(SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +12) Total 12**	Count the number of people who exited from the program to permanent housing during the measurement period, not including people who died. These are the successes. Then, count the number of people who left the project during the measurement period, excluding people who passed away or who exited to foster care*, nursing homes, or non-psychiatric hospitals or inpatient medical facilities. Divide the number of relevant successes by the number of living leavers and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q23	≥ 85% = 12 80% - 84.9% = 8 75% - 79.9% = 4 70% - 74.9% = 2 < 70% = 0					0			
5. SYSTEM PERFORMANCE (26 PTS)											
NAME		SOURCES	SCORE								

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Cash Income (SPM 4) (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 34 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 13	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants, and apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q16	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Increased Income (SPM 4) (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 39 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 18	Divide the number of successes by the number of relevant participants at start and at time of latest annual assessment including leavers). Apply points according to the scale to the right. *** The HCoC identifies this metric as a significant component in improving safety for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and/or trafficking.**	APR Q5 APR Q19a1 APR Q19a2	≥ 95% = 5 90% - 94.9% =4 80% - 89.9% = 2 < 80% = 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health Insurance (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5) Total 44 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +5) Total 23	Count each participant who had at least one form of health insurance at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living participants (minus the number of stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q21	≥ 90% = 5 80% - 89.9% = 3 < 80% = 0	5	5	0	3	5	2	0	0
Other Mainstream Benefits (SPM 4) (OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8) Total 52 (SYSTEM PERFORMANCE CRITERIA +8) Total 31	Count each adult who had any non-cash, non-health care benefits (such as food stamps or bus passes) at exit or at a timely annual follow-up interview. These are the successes. Divide the number of successes by the number of living adults (minus the number of adult stayers not yet due for an annual assessment) and apply the scale to the right.	APR Q5 APR Q20b	≥ 75% = 8 < 75% = 0	8	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
6. FULL UTILIZATION (15 PTS)											
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**								

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HCOC 2022 NOFO **Renewal Project Scoring Tool**				M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Permanent Supportive Housing for Families	M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 2	M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Chronically Homeless Families	Helping Hands Permanent Supported Housing 2019	YSB Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Youth	YSB Families Headed by Youth 24 and Under	Fifth Street Renaissance PSH 6	Fifth Street Renaissance Vets Expansion
Bed Utilization **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +8)** **Total 60**	Count the average number of people enrolled in the project on the last Wednesday of each quarter, and divide it by the number of beds promised in e-snaps to get the bed utilization rate. Award points based on the scale on the right.	APR Q7b Previous E-snaps App	≥ 90% = 8 80% - 89.9% = 6 70% - 79.9% = 4 60% - 69.9% = 2 < 60% = 0	6	8	8	6	8	8	8	0
Grant Spenddown **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +5)** **Total 65**	Divide the amount of money drawn down from e-LOCCs during the project's most recently completed contract, by the amount of CoC funding shown for that project on the corresponding GIW. Award points based on the scale on the right.	Most recent HUD spending report / eLOCCS GIW HCoC Application	≥ 95% = 5 85% - 94.9% = 3 75% - 84.9% = 2 65% - 74.9% = 1 < 65% = 0	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Quarterly Drawdowns **(OBJECTIVE CRITERIA +2)** **Total 67**	Award points if the program successfully drew down from e-LOCCs at least once during each and every quarter of the competition period.	e-LOCCS HCoC Application	At least quarterly = 2 At least twice = 1 Less Often = 0	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
7. PRIORITIZATION (12 points)											
NAME	**DESCRIPTION**	**SOURCES**	**SCORE**								
Housing First	Award up to 8 points, 1 point for each box checked for Housing First on the HCoC Application. If all boxes are checked, award 8 points.	HCoC App (16)	Up to 8 points.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8

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Severity of Needs	Award up to 2 points if 50.0% or more of the project's clients are people with severe needs and the project has a plan in place to meet specific needs and vulnerabilities, including: low or no income, current or past substance use, a history of victimization such as domestic violence or sexual assault, criminal histories, and chronic homelessness.	APR Q 5 Q13a2	Up to 2 points.	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2
Fair Housing	Award 2 points if the project affirmatively markets housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, limited English proficiency, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, familial status, and/or disability to engage people who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.	HCoC App (19)	2 points.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
				80	72	77	73	60	66	63	43

Heartland Continuum of Care
1E-5: Projects Reduced-
Notification Outside of e-snaps

The HCoC reduced one project and reallocated some of the funding to another project. This was announced through an email to all applicants that shared the final ranked list with funding amounts and included an attachment with all recipients and scores. The attachment is the same document included in attachment 1E-2a. Two projects were deemed to not meet threshold requirements to move forward by our rating and ranking committee. Each of those applicants were notified through individual emails.

Final CoC NOFO Competition Rating and Ranking Results

Josh Sabo <heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com>   Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 4:13 PM
To: Annie Lantgen <annie@helpinghandsofspringfield.org>, "Voils, Amy" <amy@mercycommunities.org>, Penny Powell <pennypowellfsr@gmail.com>, Katina Kooi <kk@ysbi.com>, Valera Yazell <vyazell51@gmail.com>

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New Project Application

Josh Sabo <heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com>   Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 12:38 PM
To: Harvey Hall Sr <hhall@beneighbors.vet>
Cc: Valera Yazell <vyazell51@gmail.com>

Hi Harvey, thank you for your application for the HUD CoC Competition. Our Rating and Ranking Committee has completed their work and determined that the Be Neighbors' project did not pass the threshold factors to be submitted for funding at this time. The second threshold factor "2. The project will fill 100% of beds through the Coordinated Entry System and follow CES policies." Per the application, the funding request did not cover funding that would create opportunities for people to be referred from Coordinated Entry to beds in this project. As a result, the project will not be listed on the Heartland Continuum of Care's Recommended Ranked List for possible funding.

If you have questions, please let us know.
Josh Sabo

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 12:10 PM Harvey Hall Sr <hhall@beneighbors.vet> wrote:
[Quoted text hidden]

Re: HCoC Reminder: Accepting Applications for CoC NOFO Competition

Josh Sabo <heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com>   Tue, Sep 13, 2022 at 11:27 AM
To: Women's Empowerment Center <womensempowermentcenter1@gmail.com>

Quiana, thank you for your application for the HUD CoC Competition. Our Rating and Ranking Committee has completed their work and determined that the Women's Empowerment Center project did not pass the threshold factors to be submitted for funding at this time. As a result, the project will not be listed on the Heartland Continuum of Care's Recommended Ranked List for possible funding.

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Heartland Continuum of Care
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Heartland Continuum of Care
IE-5b: Local Competition Selection
Results-Scores for All Projects

**This list was included on our website, emailed to applicants, and sent to General Membership list.

HCoC Final Approved Ranked List
FY 2022 CoC NOFO Competition Projects

TIER 1

(1) Ranked Score: 80 - M.E.R.C.Y. Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 1 $99,888
(2) Ranked Score: 77 - M.E.R.C.Y. Communities Chronically Homeless Families $42,897
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(4) Ranked Score: 72 - M.E.R.C.Y. Permanent Supportive Housing for Families 2 $21,548
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TIER 2
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CoC Planning Grant
- Unscored - CoC Coordinator Position $20,945

*All projects above are accepted for submission in the FY22 CoC NOFO Competition

Rejected Projects
- Be Neighbors
- Women's Empowerment Center

Heartland Continuum of Care
IE-5c: Web Posting-CoC Approved
Consolidated Application

FY 2022 HUD CoC NOFO Competition

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FY 2022 HUD COC NOFO COMPETITION HCOC CONSILIDATED APPLICATION

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Heartland Continuum of Care
IE-5d: Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website

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HCoC News: HUD CoC NOFO Consolidated Application Posted

Heartland Continuum <heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com>   Wed, Sep 28, 2022 at 1:42 PM
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To: heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com

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Join the 139 Community Members who have already taken the HCoC Community Ambassador Training!

Your spot in the Heartland Continuum of Care Community Ambassadors training is available. This training has been designed to help members of our community learn how to be a part of the solution to homelessness.

If you haven't checked this out and shared it with others yet please do! The Community Education Task Group and Ronni Norton from Strategic Allied did a great job on this!

[Go to training.](#)

Training & Resources

USICH maintains a page with upcoming webinars and events that is updated weekly. It curates virtual and in-person events, sorted by topic, from USICH council member agencies and other organizations involved in our mission to prevent and end homelessness. Events are hosted or sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), unless otherwise noted.

The current selection covers the following topics: **CoC Registration, HMIS, COVID, fair housing, EHV, equity, youth and family homelessness, and housing counseling.**

https://www.usich.gov/news/upcoming-events-for-preventing-and-ending-homelessness

New Guide on Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents
SAMSHA'S Homeless and Housing Resource Center r[ecently released this guide with tips on how to best help people obtain identification documents](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination and Booster Resources

- **Vaccination and Booster Scheduling**
- You can access vaccination scheduling as well as a dashboard with local data on vaccinations at [Sangamon County Department of Public Health's Website](#)

- [Memorial Medical Center's Vaccination Sign-up Site](#)
- [HSHS Vaccination Site](#)

News and Resources

- [Sangamon County Department of Community Resources](#) invites your organization to present at one of their upcoming Friday staff meetings about your organization or agency. This will be a great help to us and allows Community Resources staff members to learn the most up to date information about the work you do which will help with referrals as they work with Sangamon County residents.
If you are interested, please [email Dave MacDonna](#) to schedule a presentation.

- **[Sangamon County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)**

If you have resources you would like to help make others aware of, please send them to heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com

Employment Resources

- **[Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance Employment Resources](#)**. Find a complete set of employment tools and resources in one convenient location. Search jobs, get career counseling, seek out training, find hiring events, and much more.

- The **Springfield Urban League's Empowered through Economic and Workforce Development** program assists in the eradication of poverty and helps families overcome financial hurdles and obtain financial stability, gain employment and build sustainable careers and provide other services that support success. [Learn more here.](#)

- Through the **Capital Township Workfare Program**, workfare assistance is available for Capital Township residents. Participants will gain valuable workplace experience and learn a tangible skill while earning a paycheck. Eligible participants may work 70 hours per month for a period of 9 months. [Learn more here.](#)

- The **City of Springfield's Office of Community Relations** is putting together a list of employers who are willing to give individuals with criminal backgrounds a second chance at finding meaningful employment. If you know of employers who would like to be on the list please contact Juan Huerta.

Want to share a resource? Please send them to heartlandcontinuumofcare@gmail.com

Heartland Continuum of Care
3A-1 NEW PH-PSH PROJECT LEVERAGING HOUSING RESOURCES

September 30, 2022

Helping Hands of Springfield
1023 E. Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Attn: Laura Davis, Executive Director

Re: Helping Hands of Springfield Letter of Commitment

Dear Mrs. Davis:

First Presbyterian Church is grateful to partner with Helping Hands to address homelessness in our community. Therefore, First Presbyterian Church commits to supporting Helping Hands of Springfield's Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project. We recognize that the need for Permanent Supportive Housing resources far exceeds the resources currently available in our community, and expanding those resources is a key to ending homelessness in Sangamon County. We are committed to supporting the work Helping Hands of Springfield is doing and in furtherance of our mission, First Presbyterian Church commits to providing a financial commitment of $13,000 during HUD Fiscal Year 2022 to subsidize two of the six units in Helping Hands of Springfield's *Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project.*

We acknowledge that project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by First Presbyterian Church.

Sincerely,

Pastor Susan Phillips

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3A-2 NEW PH-PSH PROJECT
LEVERAGING HEALTHCARE
RESOURCES

September 29, 2022

Helping Hands of Springfield
1023 E. Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62703
Attn: Laura Davis, Executive Director

Re: Helping Hands of Springfield Letter of Commitment

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Central Counties Health Centers commits to supporting Helping Hands of Springfield Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion Project. We recognize that healthcare and housing stability are intricately linked and we are committed to supporting the work Helping Hands of Springfield is doing to end homelessness in Sangamon County. In furtherance of our mission, Central Counties Health Centers commits to providing medical clinic services at a value of $13,500 during HUD Fiscal Year 2022. Services will be provided to clients at 1023 E Washington Street Clinic.

We acknowledge that project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH project will be based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and will not be restricted by the health care service provider.

Respectfully,

Heather Burton
President and CEO
Central Counties Health Centers, Inc.
Phone: (217) 788-2461
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