

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NY-602 - Newburgh, Middletown/Orange County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: HONOR-ehg

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: CARES

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	No	Yes
9.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	No	No
10.	Law Enforcement	Yes	No	Yes
11.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	No	Yes
12.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No	Yes
14.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	No	No
15.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Nonexistent	No	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Nonexistent	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Nonexistent	No	No
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	Nonexistent	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	Nonexistent	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC’s bylaws contain the policy to ensure community-wide commitment and participation. Annually, the CoC plans a public campaign to recruit new members, especially underrepresented stakeholders. The outreach target audience is informed by bi-annual evaluations of membership to identify gaps in expertise essential for supporting CoC policy priorities, strategies, and funding acquisition activities. The CoC Planning Coordinator (PC) extends invitations twice annually through public postings, e-mail “blasts”, social media, phone calls and targeted visitations/talks. 2) In electronic communications (email, web, social media), the CoC PC follows best practices for accessibility, including use of descriptive subject lines, simplified/ high-contrast color schemes, responsive design techniques and font size. CoC messaging always prioritizes quality content for readers to ensure targeted, value-focused communications. 3) Special outreach ensures that CoC member representation includes persons with homelessness experience. Street outreach workers, shelter operators, CoC permanent supportive housing providers are all trained annually in engagement techniques (such as motivational interviewing) to solicit participation from persons with a variety of experiences, including families, youth, LGBTQ, veterans and survivors of DV/ fleeing/trafficking. Upon enrollment, new members are invited to present opinions and their experience at CoC meetings. The CoC proactively networks with organizations that serve the cultural communities home to Orange County, which includes the Newburgh Housing Coalition. Through the CoC’s meetings and active communication channels, the CoC PC actively solicits information about new and existing community cultural organizations that may be interested in CoC membership. This past year, our CoC added 2 new organizations to our membership: Osborne Association, which works with youth and adults reentering from correctional facilities; and Sisters of Charity, which includes the aging population in their focus. Over our tenure as a CoC and an active community collaborator, we have garnered a positive reputation that supports inclusivity for underrepresented populations.

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) The CoC’s Strategic Planning & Development Committee releases community stakeholder and consumer surveys and holds regular meeting forums that include a broad array of organizations. These include all local homeless providers as well as local Dept. of Social Services and Office of Community Development and local organizations including Habitat for Humanity. The CoC is an inclusive and outcome-oriented community-wide planning/execution body, in which structure, operations and decision-making are codified in written policies/standards which are informed by an inclusive membership base. In January 2022, the CoC published its annual survey to community providers, local DSS, homeless population and general public for distribution to consumers to assess opinions on preventing homelessness and barriers to housing. Survey responses from non-HUD organizations informed strategies to complement and enhance existing HUD-funded services and avoid duplication. Examples of added services based on feedback included rental assistance, security deposits, and prevention.
- 2) The CoC committees, subcommittees and workgroups are comprised of regional experts in homeless services and meet monthly to strategize on best practices; the CoC also facilitates bi-monthly public meetings. The CoC Planning Coordinator (PC) uses in-person distribution, electronic mail and social media to distribute new information materials to its members, local officials and private organizations.
- 3) The CoC PC, CoC Board and General Members review all information gathered in public meetings and forums and conduct proactive discussions with structured agendas to promote innovative strategies that prevent and end homelessness. Strategies are prioritized with defined action plans that include accountable stakeholders. Progress on these activities are monitored throughout the year by the CoC PC and reported to the Board and membership. The Collaborative Applicant is a local emergency shelter provider and has access to trainings, legislative forums, etc. During the past year, we have intentionally focused on outreach to prioritize a housing first approach for rapid placement and access to the wraparound services (i.e., mainstream benefits, employment support, healthcare referrals). Our CoC has achieved an 8% improvement in FY 2021 over FY2020 for successful exits to permanent housing for those in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH, plus those in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing.

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) On August 3, 2022, the CoC Planning Coordinator (PC) notified all CoC members that HUD had opened the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition. The CoC Board prepared a public notification letter containing the following information: the program competition is now open; the Board encourages all stakeholders who have not previously received CoC funding to consider submitting an application for a new project; the amount of available new project funding; HUD-allowable types of new projects and eligibility; how to access full information (HUD EX); recourse for non-inclusion. On August 17, 2022, the PC published the letter via email “blast lists” (private/public) and CoC membership list (most are non-HUD funded stakeholders). On 8/18/2022 the CA published the RFP via public postings to the CA and CoC Facebook Pages.

2) The notification included the new project application with instructions for application submission via electronic mail to the PC with contact information.

3) Our CoC public messaging included a description of how applicants would be evaluated: For project selection, the CoC Board members acted as the scoring committee; members representing applicants were recused. Applicants were scored based on criteria including performance (resource use, participant income increase and benefits attainment, LOS), housing stability, consumer feedback and project need. Scores determined which applications the CoC will submit to HUD and the ranking order. Higher scores were prioritized. HUD makes final decisions regarding which applications are funded. The committee then selects and notifies the project in writing of acceptance/rejection.

4) The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats. The CoC PC follows best practices for accessibility, including use of descriptive subject lines, simplified/ high-contrast color schemes, responsive design techniques and font size. The CoC also collaborated with partner organizations to assist individuals with disabilities, e.g., Independent Living, which is a consumer-directed, cross-disability advocacy and service organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for individuals living in the Hudson Valley region. Our CoC partners with them regularly to ensure that communications are accessible.

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

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

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1C-2.	CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients.	
	NOFO Section 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) The Orange County Office of Community Development (OCCD) administers the HUD funded Community Development Block grant and is an active member of the CoC. HONOR, the only CoC member with ESG funding is also the CoC's Collaborative Applicant (CA). The Executive Director of HONOR has been an active participant in the ESG planning process on a state level and has introduced this resource to the planning for our Consortium. He also serves as the President of the Board of the CoC.
- 2) The CoC provides performance and outcome data for PSH, RRH through HMIS and PIT, HIC & CoC System Performance data for Consolidated Plan development (CP). Regular review of HMIS data supports timely identification of mainstream resources and gaps, reduction in service duplication, increased continuity of purpose & prioritization of resources on service provider goals. The CoC has reported data reliably and timely for the last 4 years. HONOR uses ESG funding to strengthen outreach efforts to homeless individuals living on the street, in an effort to support the CoC's Housing First approach. To-date, this effort has facilitated the successful outreach to 197 individuals and rapid re-housing of 86 individuals.
- 3)The CoC has conducted the PIT count of homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered) in our geographic area annually since 2007. We have become adept at this process with increasing accuracy year by year. The count is always adheres to HUD requirements and is scheduled for one 24-hour period on a HUD-approved date; this past year it was completed in March 2022, which was delayed from January 2022 due to weather and the Omicron surge in the county.
- 4) CP local officials are CoC members. OCCD is on the CoC Board and participates in CoC planning. The CoC consults quarterly with the recipients to support priorities/outcomes/allocations. The CoC has 3 Plan CP jurisdictions and updates are submitted to the OCCD, the primary HUD conduit for our community as well as to the HUD offices in the cities of Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis. The Board conducts quarterly consultations (phone/face) with all 3 CPs to provide input on Action Plans/ CAPER and guide how CPs allocate HOME, CDGB, ESG, etc. resources to prevent, reduce and end homelessness.

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)

The CoC established a Homeless Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) to create a forum for on-going collaboration with youth education providers. Members include youth, shelter and outreach providers, McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons, school personnel, and CoC youth service providers. Partnerships with youth education providers include Newburgh Head Start, Maternal Infant Services Network, Easter Seals of Port Jervis and Middletown ABCD (Head Start). Our CoC has partnerships with all 3 major LEAs in Port Jervis, Middletown and Newburgh; these have McKinney-Vento liaisons who actively participate in the CoC's Outreach Coalition. The COC has established protocols for working with local liaisons and marketing McKinney-Vento State Education Agency posters and brochures. These relationships enable provision of quarterly trainings for CoC's (Rights under M/V Act, how to ID eligible youth/families, Mandated Reporting, Trauma Care, Human Trafficking), technical assistance, placement, and evaluation of needs of homeless youth. These existing partnerships serve as a foundation for the evolution of more formal arrangements around distribution of education materials and expansion of referral networks.

As the sole homeless youth shelter operator in a 3-county radius, HONOR, as a representing member of the CoC has a formal agreement with the Middletown LEA to provide Title I, Part D educational services to students in its youth and emergency services shelter. Services include coordination with social, health and other community services, tutoring and the provision of education supplies and materials. We are in the process of formalizing an agreement between the CoC and the Middletown LEA for the same scope of work.

The CoC also established a Homeless Youth Advisory Committee (HYAC) to create a forum for on-going collaboration with youth education providers. Members include youth, shelter and outreach providers, McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons, school personnel, and CoC youth service providers. Partnerships with youth education providers include Newburgh Head Start, Maternal Infant Services Network, Easter Seals of Port Jervis and Middletown ABCD (Head Start).

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.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has implemented policies and procedures that require all providers to document informing households in projects of educational rights under the McKinney-Vento Act (M/V). These are distributed to new members upon acceptance to the CoC and are readily accessible on the CoC Facebook page. Projects are required to collaborate with M/V Liaisons so program participants have access to educational services. Homeless providers are required to post specific information and assign Case Managers who are responsible for informing homeless families of their rights under this act. The assigned Case Manager in each housing component is responsible for confirming school enrollment and informing homeless families of their rights under the M/V Act within 24 hours of program admission. Organizations capture signed acknowledgments of receipt of these rights from participants. The Case Manager assumes responsibility for contacting the homeless liaison for each homeless child to ensure that enrollment, transportation to schools of origin, and other appropriate supportive services are provided. The CoC provides annual trainings on the M/V Act and distributes educational materials to providers, parents, and students on their rights under this act. The CoC requires funded CoC and ESG programs to post and distribute literature which outlines the act and educational rights of homeless students.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Our CoC actively collaborates with all members and non-members through the Coordinated Entry (CE) system so help provide housing and supportive services to survivors of domestic violence, data violence, sexual assault and stalking. Through the CE system, community organizations in our region collaborate to discuss vacancies across all programs, not just specific to DV or HUD-funded programs. Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. (FHV) is an active member of the CoC that provides services for individuals impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, human trafficking, stalking, sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization. As the sole provider of these specialized services in the CoC service region, FHV offers annual training to all CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff. FHV is also a member of the NY State Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the NY State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, which facilitates the CoC’s access to violence prevention tools and best practices that can be incorporated into CoC policies. Trainings cover dynamics of abuse and victimization, and safety & planning protocols adopted by the CoC. These include practices for privacy and confidentiality, conducting thorough and ongoing assessments around safety and risk, and safety planning, including how to handle crisis and emergencies and informing victims of their rights to choice, safety and confidentiality. The CE system provides a regular forum for these organizations to communicate needed updates to policies specific to supporting DV and trauma survivors, which are then adopted and disseminated by the CoC to its member organizations.

2) CoC protocols ensure victims are provided the choice to access either FHV or the Homeless Resource Center. Trainings also include skill building for appropriate, person-centered, trauma-sensitive engagement with victims. Training content includes the impacts of trauma and strategies for engaging with survivors with mindfulness of the ways in which trauma can manifest. Work with survivors is centered around ensuring support and access to ongoing psycho-education around the impacts of victimization and efforts toward healing are prioritized and steered by each survivor.

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) Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. (FHV) is an active member of the CoC that provides services for individuals impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, human trafficking, stalking, sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization. Several CoC projects have existing linkage agreements with FHV that are renewed annually. As the sole provider of these specialized services in the CoC service region, FHV offers annual training to all CoC area projects and Coordinated Entry staff. Training covers dynamics of abuse and victimization, and safety & planning protocols adopted by the CoC. These include practices for privacy and confidentiality, conducting thorough and ongoing assessments around safety and risk, and safety planning, including how to handle crisis and emergencies and informing victims of their rights to choice, safety and confidentiality. CoC protocols ensure victims are provided the choice to access either FHV or the Homeless Resource Center. Trainings also include skill building for appropriate, person-centered, trauma-sensitive engagement with victims.

2) The Coordinated Entry Coordinator serves as the liaison between CoC area projects, CE staff, and FHV to schedule trainings. Trainings and information sharing include ongoing evaluation of intakes, policies, procedures and shelter screenings to ensure practices are trauma-informed, do not jeopardize safety, and allow victims to access all needed services.

The # of trainings provided, # of individuals who received training, training topics covered, and policies and procedures created are tracked and reported annually to CoC. The volume and comprehensiveness of our trainings ensures that all members of the CoC have up-to-date information on how to refer to FHV, services available, and programs within FHV to support and enhance case management for those survivors finding placement outside of a domestic violence shelter.

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) Fearless! (FHV), the sole provider of these specialized services in the CoC service region, is bound by Federal and State legislation to maintain the confidentiality of all survivors who seek services. Additionally, they are prohibited from entering any client data into HMIS. FHV does, however, maintain and utilize a comparable data management application, EmpowerDB. This data program is highly secure and is used to collect all client information and demographics, as similarly reported by other CoC agencies into HMIS. EmpowerDB also has the capability to generate the CoC APR and ESG CAPER CSV files in a zipped file for the purposes of ensuring consistency in reporting requirements and expectations for all CoC agencies. These reports do not include any personally identifying information.

2) FHV is permitted to share aggregate data, general trends, and hypothetical case studies, and also participates in the annual Point-In-Time Count. The CoC includes FHV data in annual PIT count results and aggregates de-identified data from HMIS to assess the scope of community needs, including volume of survivors who need safe, confidential placements.

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) All CoC programs are strongly encouraged to participate in a county-wide WELCOME Orange initiative (majority have participated) that reinforces the importance of adopting a system of care that includes cultural competency, trauma-informed care, person-centered and warm hand-offs to meet the complex needs of individuals.

2) If a survivor in placement identifies safety concerns, CoC partners must follow the emergency transfer plan within the Orange County CES Policies and Procedures. As a standard practice for all CoC members, if an individual or family expresses concern for safety in their current placement, staff must work with that individual/ family to find another safe placement. This practice supports a person-centered/ trauma-informed approach, to meet individuals/ families where they are, and remove barriers to finding safe placement. The CoC does not impose a formal process for survivors to request a placement change due to safety concerns; survivors can communicate to any staff member, and their concern is immediately addressed.

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)

Since 2004, individuals & families who are fleeing or attempting to flee DV situations have been able to access the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and emergency services 24 hours a day. The CoC’s DV provider and the only such provider in the county, Fearless! provides assessment, risk and safety planning, and placement for individuals identifying as survivors. Protocols are sensitive to the lived experience of all people presenting for services and ensure the CoC is trauma-informed and preventing re-victimization. Through the CE system, community organizations in our region and our CoC collaborate to discuss vacancies across all programs, not just specific to DV or HUD-funded programs. Through Fearless, DV shelter can be accessed in a variety of ways, including via direct call to the 24-hour hotline or in connection to an advocate through any of the agency’s office locations. Entry into DV shelter is not required through Coordinated Entry (CE), though referrals can be generated by any CE partner. Fearless also coordinates appropriately and within VAWA requirements to ensure access to available housing resources through CE and other available housing opportunities, though the options are limited and not sufficient to adequately meet the needs of all homeless households. Survivors have access to supportive services, both through the applicant agency and local community resources. Within its work related to shelter and housing placement in Orange County, Fearless has demonstrated history of supporting survivors in navigating the housing market and locating options to meet their needs, mostly without the availability of subsidies. Since 2017, Fearless has operated a Housing First program in collaboration with HONOR (Collaborative Applicant) within Orange County. Through this program, 5 households (13 individuals) have been supported in obtaining and maintaining housing while also accessing supportive services to increase their level of sufficiency, stability, independence. These organizations are also collaborating to launch a Rapid Rehousing program for DV survivors in October 2022 as part of the CoC DV renewal application.

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)

1,3) As a prominent resource for the CoC and our community, Fearless (FHV) offers annual training to all CoC projects and Coordinated Entry (CE) staff. CoC CE safety and confidentiality protocols require staff training that includes crisis intervention, safety planning, confidentiality and mandated reporting. Protocols in program participant confidentiality are mandatory and involve ensuring that conversations are private, never in the presence of other people or survivor partner, and that files and participant data are always secured. CoC participant engagement protocols support identification of housing options that prioritize their own safety and housing needs. FHV staff are trained and well-versed in the various civil and legal options available to support survivor safety and can provide consult to CoC member organizations if needed. FHV DV shelter locations have security systems and alarm devices, including cameras, door intercoms, extra lighting, alarms on all windows and doors, and panic buttons to silently engage police assistance. The location of the emergency shelter is maintained confidential as required by federal and state legislation. Within scattered site housing options, FHV works with property landlords and survivors themselves around evaluating safety measures that feel most supportive. Safe and confidential locations are standard protocols for assessment, intake, and referrals. CoC programs inform survivors that they have the right to refuse disclosure of their information in HMIS and may refuse to allow the CoC to share their information among providers, and that information is only shared with dated written consent. Providers are prohibited from denying assistance if the survivor exercises these rights.

2) The CE system provides a regular forum for these CoC organizations to communicate needed updates to policies specific to supporting DV and trauma survivors, which are then adopted and disseminated by the CoC to its member organizations. As an active CoC member, FHV participates regularly in CE, CoC membership and hearing committee meetings, which serve as strategic planning forums for adequate housing and supportive service capacity in the region. In 2021, these planning forums exposed the need for more investment in DV housing and resulted in the CoC's successful application for a DV bonus through FHV.

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)?	No
	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)?	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC believes it is important to have an anti-discrimination policy and to engage stakeholders to influence this policy. All agency efforts are rooted in our commitment to equity. Accordingly, consistent with state and federal labor laws, the CoC has instituted a system wide practices and standards that all providers and staff commit to ensuring that individuals and families receive supportive services regardless of race, gender, disability, or sexual orientation. We also provide bilingual staff and providers. These practices are infused in all standards and programs. Additionally, all HUD providers have instituted similar policies in their organizations. The CoC participates regularly in various community forums, including the Strategic Planning & Development Committee, Homeless Youth Advisory Committee, Financial Coordination Committee, which offer ample opportunities for stakeholder feedback; we also conduct an annual consumer feedback survey. These feedback mechanisms enable our CoC to catalog any feedback related to anti-discrimination, discuss and implement needed changes to CoC policies. 2) The CoC includes its anti-discrimination policy in its full set of operational policies and procedures; these are shared with CoC projects as part of the renewal process. For the next round of renewals in FY2022, we will explore the inclusion of anti-discrimination policies in our CoC project evaluation criteria. Our CoC is in the process of finalizing a handbook that contains guidelines for inclusion and anti-discrimination policies; CoC members will have to sign off on reviewing this handbook. We are also planning to revise our membership MOU to include requirements for training on racial/social justice, LGBTQ and linguistic competency; grievance procedures; and policies and procedures on racial/cultural equity. 3) The CoC board meets monthly and makes compliance a key priority in our ongoing collaborations. We anticipate developing a clear policy in 2023. The CoC takes very seriously any issues that may arise involving our clients, providers and staff. We have ongoing check-ins with providers and are working to develop a CoC system handbook that serves as a reference tool. In the event the CoC receives a complaint, or should a concern arise, those issues are submitted to the CoC board for review and consideration. We address any concern, agree on a consistent course of action and follow up with any person directly.

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?
Village of Kiryas Joel Housing Authority	100%	Yes-Both	No
Homes and Community Renewal	100%	Yes-Both	Yes

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
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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)

During this past year the CoC Planning Coordinator has cultivated successful partnerships with two PHAs in Orange County. Our contract with Kiryas-Joel Housing Authority includes emergency housing vouchers and prevention services for individuals and families at-risk for homelessness. Our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) with New York State Homes and Community Renewal also includes emergency housing vouchers for individuals and families identified as homeless. Both have a homeless admission preference (see attached Homeless Preference letters from PHAs).

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

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

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

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section 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)	Yes
	4. HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)	Yes
	5. Mainstream Vouchers	Yes
	6. Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers	No
	7. Public Housing	Yes
	8. Other Units from PHAs:	

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

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

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

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

PHA
Village of Kiryas...
New York State Ho...

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

Name of PHA: Village of Kiryas Joel Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: New York State Homes and Community Renewal
("HCR") /Housing Trust Fund Corporation
("HTFC")

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.	14
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.	14
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.	100%

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) Through the CE process, the CoC prioritizes project funding based on a Housing First (HF) approach getting individuals rapid placement into permanent housing, while at the same time avoiding requirements for service participation and other preconditions that could delay or inhibit a transition to permanent housing. Projects were ranked higher if demonstrating a clear outreach and supportive services plan existed to engage and serve the most vulnerable populations using the HF approach to prioritize shelter. The CoC created a vulnerability index tool that identifies risk factors, such as age, DV status, housing status, and disability status, to support the HF Approach; this index is used at weekly CE meetings to prioritize individuals for placements.

2) The CoC's ranking and selection process prioritizes funding for projects serving specific vulnerabilities, particularly those with the highest vulnerability index scores. The CoC took the following actions to ensure consideration of these vulnerabilities during the review, rating and ranking process: projects were ranked and selected based on applicant experience/capacity to serve the chronically homeless, active substance users, people with criminal history and/or disabilities, and the unsheltered. Evaluation standards for renewal projects differ for PSH from RRH given the more acute needs in PSH (e.g., chronically homeless people with significant behavioral/physical health issues). Projects are scored objectively using these customized HF standards describe above and ranking is based on evaluation scores.

3) Our CoC regularly monitors projects outside the competition for a HF approach through the CE process, which involves weekly meetings with comprehensive participation from organizations across the region. Meeting agendas include review of HMIS data with HF criteria, which informs prioritization and distribution of referrals. The CE Committee provides the forum to discuss and address barriers to accepting referrals. Going forward, the CoC plans to implement a new protocol, whereby organizations will be required to submit a letter to the CoC that describes reasons for denial.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC is located 45 miles NW of NYC, consisting of a 816 square mile area; which includes 3 cities and 42 municipalities. The CoC is both urban and rural. Most of the 383,000 population lives in and around the three cities (78%). The CoC has 3 FTE Street Outreach Workers (SOWs). SOW's are trained in engagement strategies, such as motivational interviewing to support trauma-informed, survivor-centered, compassionate interactions with those they encounter. Over time, the CoC has increased outreach by cultivating Community Connectors (CC's) which consists of (store owners, churches, soup kitchens/food pantries, liquor stores, laundromats, school counselors, school bus drivers, taxi companies, fast food, carting, librarians, redemption centers etc.) who are regularly in contact with the public who may know of individuals experiencing homelessness. Community Connectors are trained by Street Outreach Workers to contact them when they encounter any homeless individual. 2) Outreach covers 100% of the CoC. 3) SOW's outreach 7 days (combined) at different hours of the day in places that the unsheltered have been known to congregate. Street Outreach Workers are on-call to respond to Community Connectors to ensure that any individuals encountered are linked to services immediately. 4) The CoC's has tailored its outreach to engage those that are least likely (individuals with SUD, undocumented, doubled up/ couch-surfing, DV, trafficking victims, youth) to access services by relying heavily on Outreach Team and Community Connectors. SOWs ensure program participant safety; distribute "gateway" terms; give accurate information (palm cards); provide transportation and initiate contact through the Coordinated Entry System. A CoC Provider, MHA provides language line/deaf connections.

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	No	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		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.”	22	22

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:

- 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;
- 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
- works with projects to promote SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) certification of program staff.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC’s case management (CM) cohort, which consists of CMs of all HUD & non-HUD mainstream CM associates, support CoC-funded projects by linking program participants with resources to facilitate stability. CMs are locally hired and participate in regular trainings and supervision that facilitate the most up-to-date resources for program participants. The CoC coordinator is deeply involved in community networks, such as Single Point of Access (SPOA for mental health access), Cornerstone Family Healthcare (FQHC), Veterans Taskforce Meetings, Welcome Orange, DSS homeless meetings and the CoC County Outreach Coalition, to stay abreast of current local resources and services that can support CoC projects and program participants. The CoC regularly attends the local Financial Coordination Committee, chaired by the Legal Services of Hudson Valley and attended by all community providers, including the local DSS; the CoC leverages this forum to ensure members attend and have information on all benefits. The coordinator disseminates any new information of mainstream resources via email to all CoC members and organizations weekly and informs CoC members of updates during monthly committee meetings. 2)The CoC members have developed ongoing relationships with the health plan liaisons at NYS Medicaid Managed Care Plans, such as Affinity, Wellcare and Fidelis, to facilitate enrollment of individuals and families into health plans. The CoC actively coordinates with liaisons to work with participants directly at CoC member sites for health plan enrollment activities. The CoC is finalizing an MOU with Cornerstone Family Healthcare, a local Joint Commission and Patient Centered Medical Home accredited FQHC that provides physical and behavioral health (BH) services in the county. Cornerstone provides a medical van onsite at the CoC’s emergency adult and family shelter for healthcare. The CoC will collaborate with Cornerstone to establish referral streams for mental health and substance abuse treatment for any program participant. 3) All CoC Case Managers and outreach workers are SOAR certified and use the Coordinated Entry Assessment to capture participant needs and develop a support plan. CMs assist participants with connections to resources that include applications for food stamps, SSI, TANF, BH treatment, transportation and advocacy support. SOAR certification is mandatory as part of the job description for all CoC project staff and member organizations.

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)

Housing First is the core tenet behind our CoC’s approach to housing; as a result of advocacy from the CoC’s President, with the support of its member organizations, Orange County plans to initiate a contract with HONOR (the Collaborative Applicant) to provide Housing First-funded, non-congregate housing opportunities for families. The CoC has also collaborated with the County to add another 30 hotel beds in the past year, in addition to the HIC. Our CoC recognizes that most of the time, most shelter beds are full, and the pandemic drove the need for supplemental non-congregate beds to support both Housing First and infectious disease control strategies. Because HONOR also operates the after-hours call center for the county, it is also a predominant referral source for this type of housing. MHA is a CoC member that operates the county’s crisis line; this working relationship seamlessly facilitates housing referrals to the after-hours call center. Given the connections and positive relationships that the CoC has formed over the years with local politicians, law enforcement and non-profit social service organizations, we expect to continue advocacy efforts around Housing First and non-congregate housing expansion throughout the next year.

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 the pandemic, the CoC created a strategy and planning committee to coordinate the distribution of ESG-CV funding to address multiple pandemic impacts, including: eviction prevention, safety measures, healthcare and sanitary supplies, and the reconfiguration of congregate shelter for clients and staff. The CoC established routine weekly and monthly virtual meetings at the height of COVID with mainstream healthcare organizations and representatives, including the NYS Department of Health, local Health Department, HUD representatives, and area healthcare organizations. This collaboration resulted in the development and dissemination of policies and procedures for infection control readiness and response. These policies are permanent and are reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis with this collaborative forum to ensure the CoC is prepared in the event of other public health emergencies.

2) Furthermore, an organizational Disaster Preparedness Plan was developed to address a future mass public health event following a directive from HUD. The CoC has implemented the disaster plan upon direction from the local Department of Health. Some examples of improved readiness include: flexible reduction in program capacity to allow for social distancing in a manner that is safe for clients and staff, yet works to remain responsive to the community's need for support, implementation of temporary physical plant changes to support safety for staff and clients, establishment of new policies and procedures for all programs to maintain hygiene and personal safety at necessary levels, purchase and installation of disinfection equipment across the CoC, and incorporation of additional infection control procedures for client screenings into the intake process. Development of public safety and infection control policies and procedures follows directives from the CDC and NYS Department of Health. Surplus PPE has been acquired and stocked in storage and permanent supply vendor relationships are established for restocking. Virtual communication protocols have been developed and implemented to ensure CoC membership and clients have effective methods of sharing information and operational continuity.

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 pandemic carved out an essential and efficient communication pathway for the CoC to collaborate with our State and local health departments to disseminate timely information for infectious disease prevention and control measures, specifically tailored to providers who serve those who are homeless. The NYS Department of Health, local Health Department, HUD representatives, and area healthcare organizations have an established communication protocol and forum with the CoC to discuss and update CDC and NYS Department of Health safety protocols, share information from HUD, and provide local public health safety restrictions and hospital bed availability information.

2) The CoC disseminates any updates from public health agencies about infection control practices to the entire membership, including street outreach and housing via email and posts updated information on its website. All CoC employees have been provided detailed instructions in infection control protocols, social distancing protocols, and self-quarantine requirements.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC (NY-602) in Orange County covers 839 sq. miles of mostly rural landscape, including the cities of Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis (designated as a Metropolitan Statistical Areas) and 23 rural towns and villages. The Coordinated Entry Assessment System strategy has been codified into policies and procedures for all CoC members and covers 100% of the CoC geographic area. The Coordinated Entry (CE) System uses a multiple access point assessment and intake model. The CoC facilitates comprehensive participation at CE committee meetings from organizations across the region, which includes the Orange County Dept. of Social services, all housing and shelter providers, CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, DV providers, mental health and substance abuse treatment providers, hospital, health, veterans and disability organizations, homeless liaisons from area school districts, early childhood providers, and local law enforcement. The CE system relies on extensive street outreach to identify and provide services to youth, adults, and families living on the streets and utilizes a local 211 call center system to identify homeless in need of services. 2)The CE system uses a standardized vulnerability index tool to ensure prioritization of street and chronic homeless, ill, disabled, and homeless with safety concerns. The tool identifies risk factors, such as age, DV status, housing status, and disability status, to support the Housing First Approach; this index is used at weekly CE meetings and daily intakes to prioritize individuals for placements. This tool provides uniform decision criteria based upon vulnerability score. Street outreach efforts and site access points follow the same assessment protocols. All CoC members and private organizations have adopted the process for CE universally for all participants. The CoC Planning Coordinator reviews all CE assessments, which optimizes efficiency in ensuring that persons, especially those most vulnerable in need receive timely assistance. 3)The CoC conducts an annual survey that is distributed to all CoC program participants that participated in CE and this feedback is reviewed by all CoC members to inform programming, address issues and improve the quality of services to the community .

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) The CE system relies on extensive street outreach to identify and provide services to youth, adults, and families living on the streets and utilizes a local 211 call center system to identify homeless in need of services. The call center is staffed with trauma-informed clinicians and provides direct entry to services for those in need. 2) The CE system uses a standardized vulnerability index tool to ensure prioritization of street and chronic homeless, ill, disabled, and homeless with safety concerns. This tool provides uniform decision criteria based upon vulnerability score. 3) Street outreach efforts and site access points follow the same assessment protocols. Access points are distributed throughout the region to facilitate timely access. All CoC members and private organizations have adopted the process for CE universally for all participants. The CoC Planning Coordinator reviews all CE assessments, which optimizes efficiency in ensuring that persons, especially those most vulnerable in need receive timely assistance. 4) Through the CE process the CoC prioritizes project funding based on a Housing First approach getting individuals rapid placement into permanent housing, while at the same time avoiding requirements for service participation and other preconditions that could delay or inhibit a transition to permanent housing. Our CoC has made significant efforts to reduce burden in the CE process by allowing intakes via phone, collaboration among the CoC Coordinator and Case managers to efficiently collect required documentation for participants to enroll in CE housing.

1D-10.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting 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.	08/19/2019

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:

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|----|--|
| 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) Our CoC continues to leverage our Racial Disparity Assessment to support the identification of racial disparities in the provision of homeless assistance. Additionally, we look at current demographic data and cross reference the information with our assessment for validation. 2) Our CoC's Racial Disparity Assessment is used to expose vulnerabilities related to our efforts to support all members in the community. Specifically identifying potential inequities and racial disparities. Based on what we learn, we then adjust our strategies to expand our outreach and partnerships to insure we are reaching our most vulnerable of the Orange County community. Based on our analysis from our racial disparities assessment and the demographics of those we serve, it has been determined that people of color disproportionately more likely to experience homeless than white populations. Additionally, we also recognize that this population also experiences other disparities related to their social needs such as access to healthy foods, medical homes, transportation and jobs. The CoC strives to expand our efforts to assess social needs and provide a mechanism to refer them for support.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Our CoC’s Racial Disparity Assessment concluded that people of color in the CoC’s region are more likely to experience homelessness, less likely to access permanent supportive housing (PSH), and less likely than the white population to exit homeless assistance programs into positive housing destinations. While the CoC Board of the CoC requires all CoC members to have antidiscrimination policies within each agency, we also recognize the need to build more equity-based policies into day-to-day provider operations. This is a different journey for each of our member organizations and our CoC supports members with timely and reputable literature on equity strategies for homeless provider systems. The pandemic catalyzed efforts to disseminate materials and convene discussion forums that promote equity-driven decision-making and activities to our CoC members, as part of the homeless system response to COVID-19. The CoC and its members have acted to improve racial equity in the provision of homeless services, which include: a series of facilitated “Talking Sessions” and social justice/racial equity trainings by the Executive Director of the Orange County Human Rights Commission to discuss racial and social injustice; targeted staff recruitment and retention efforts to attract BIPOC candidates; dedicated funding to contract with the services of the Social Justice Humanistic Education Department at State University of NY New Paltz to assist with organizational objectives relating to racial equity and social justice; comprehensive review and revisions to organizational Cultural Equity/ Anti-Discrimination Policies, with staff-wide re-dissemination; active engagement in DEI expertise for training and inclusion in strategic planning processes; active CoC Committee review of COVID-19 infection and vaccination disparities and development of strategies to support mitigation of these disparities.

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 Orange County CoC is committed to providing equitable and culturally appropriate services to the community it serves. We leverage a variety of strategies that influence our decisions and approach to outreach and service delivery. The National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH) has provided some guidance to addressing disparities that we work towards in our work. First, leveraging data is a key component to our efforts. Our initial process involves assessing local demographic data on race and ethnicity as well as HMIS data to determine the level of disparities that exist within the community. Our data review includes an assessment of disparities in length of time to permanent housing, housing stability and participant income and benefits attainment. We use our HMIS data to track our progress year after year. Our CoC's participation in our community networks and regular review of industry data from advocacy organizations like NAEH informed our recognition that lack of access to health and behavioral health care adversely influences housing stability. In response, our CoC has strengthened our wraparound services provided by our case managers across our member organizations. We recognize the road to equity is not a destination but an ongoing journey. Our CoC recognizes that prevention and elimination of disparities must be a community-wide, cross-system collaborative effort among a range of stakeholders and we are embedded in our community networks to exchange information, listen, engage with community stakeholders, and partner to act.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC recognizes the value of engaging the voices of those with lived experience of homelessness. Our goal is to continue to build trusting relationships with individuals to help inform our work and improve the experience of those we encounter. The CoC engages voices through Board participation and historically, we have had persons with lived experience serve and actively contribute. We are in the process of onboarding a person with lived experience from one of our member organizations (ReCAP) and anticipate his start in Oct/Nov 2022. MHA, another CoC member is also in the process of onboarding someone for their board. Our community outreach and annual consumer surveys are additional channels for feedback from those with lived experience, which inform our CoC's strategies for improving homeless services in our community. We continually explore ways to enhance our engagement of voices with lived experience. For example, we are exploring the development of a lived experiences advisory council. This council will be responsible for advising the Continuum of Care in its efforts to improve the quality and delivery of care and to address other social factors that influence a person's ability to build their capacity to be self-sufficiency and acquiring permanent housing.

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.	2	2
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	2
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	2
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	2
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	2	2

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)

Beyond housing, our CoC recognizes the importance of creating space to increase self-sufficiency for those living in crisis. Accordingly, we look to address other social factors such as employment and professional development to support housing stability. We engage individuals in case management to offer job training, readiness and placement; our case managers have extensive knowledge of existing employment/professional development programs throughout the county and make any needed referrals. Specifically, the member organizations of our CoC, RECAP, MHA and HONOR, have provided opportunities within their organizations for those with lived experience of homelessness. Our CoC leverages existing employment and professional development programs from each member organization by coordinating and referring through our collaborative. Prior to the pandemic, we also partnered with Orange County on their job development assistance program and we plan to restart that partnership when the county is prepared to do so. Our CoC is also planning a job forum, whereby community providers will have the opportunity to meet directly with persons with lived experience.

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)

The voices of persons with lived experience of homelessness are essential for the sustainability and continuous evolution of the quality of services that our CoC and member organizations provide. 1) The CoC conducts an annual consumer survey this feedback is reviewed by all CoC members at regular CoC Committee meetings to inform programming, address issues and improve the quality of services to the community. 2) Our CoC uses a quality improvement approach to addressing challenges raised by those with lived experience. Once an issue or challenge is identified, our CoC committee collaborates using a “plan-do-study-act” framework to implement improvements. Examples of improvements based on feedback have included rental assistance, security deposits, enhanced prevention efforts and improvements in the quality of housing stock through needed repairs/renovations to adhere to housing quality standards (HQS).

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)

1,2,) The Orange County CoC recognizes the need to advocate for reforms to expand permit housing and to reduce regulatory barriers to housing developments. Orange County is experiencing a large housing demand with limited supply and the CoC President participates in ongoing meetings with the city leadership to address and advocate for improvement in these issues. Among the CoC, we continue to explore opportunities to add to the supply of permanent housing; Safe Harbors (a CoC member) is in the early stages of working with the city of Newburgh to purchase three contiguous properties to build low-income housing in the city. Additionally, representatives of the CoC attend zoning meetings; RECAP and Safe Harbors, Newburgh Ministry and HONOR have provided letters of support for newly funded projects and advocate to city officials about the need to expand our supply within the community.

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:

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- 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.	
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	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC’s local competition.	08/18/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below. NOFO Section 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:	
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1.	Established total points available for each project application type.	Yes
2.	At least 33 percent of the total points were based on objective criteria for the project application (e.g., cost effectiveness, timely draws, utilization rate, match, leverage), performance data, type of population served (e.g., DV, youth, Veterans, chronic homelessness), or type of housing proposed (e.g., PSH, RRH).	Yes
3.	At least 20 percent of the total points were based on system performance criteria for the project application (e.g., exits to permanent housing destinations, retention of permanent housing, length of time homeless, returns to homelessness).	Yes
4.	Provided points for projects that addressed specific severe barriers to housing and services.	Yes
5.	Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	Yes

1E-2a.	<p>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.</p> <p>NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.</p>	
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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?	15
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

1,2) Our CoC collects housing stability data from each project in order to monitor CoC success in successfully housing program participants in permanent housing; our evaluation scores for 2022 projects show an 8% increase from FY2020-FY2021 for the % of participants who remained in PSH or exited to permanent housing. The CoC Board, reviews this data on a quarterly basis to collaborate on challenges, gaps in referrals, outreach and housing capacity in the county.

We are currently collecting data in the 2022 project application process to establish a baseline for the average length of time housing for PSH and RRH participants. Our proposed benchmark for 2023 is 85% of participants housed within 60 days. We also consider a range of qualitative factors that influence time to permanent placement, such as disability status and availability of appropriate housing structure, expressed personal preferences for geographic location by those who are homeless.

3)The CoC’s ranking and selection process prioritizes funding for projects serving these specific vulnerabilities: chronic homelessness, zero income, criminal history, active substance use, psychiatric/physical disability, IDD, and unsheltered homelessness.

4)The CoC took the following actions to ensure consideration of these vulnerabilities during the review, rating and ranking process. Projects were ranked and selected based on applicant experience/capacity to serve chronically homeless, active substance users, people with criminal history and/or disabilities, unsheltered; a clear outreach and supportive services plan to engage and serve the most vulnerable populations using the Housing First model. Evaluation standards for renewal projects differ for PSH from RRH given the higher need population in PSH (e.g., chronically homeless people with significant behavioral/physical health issues). Projects are scored objectively using these customized standards and ranking is based on evaluation scores. Other factors prioritizing projects serving the most vulnerable populations include answers to the following:

- significant and long-standing experience?
- operate successful Housing First programs?
- link participants to Medicaid and other mainstream services?
- increase participant income, including through SOAR?
- help participants to stabilize in housing?
- assess interest in/assisting with moving on from PSH (if applicable)?
- rent units and administer rental assistance (if applicable)?

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)

The demographics of the county’s homeless and at-risk populations have shifted over the last couple of years. Based on our CoC’s Racial Disparity Assessment, people of color in our geography are more likely to experience homelessness, less likely to access permanent supportive housing (PSH) resources, and less likely to exit homeless assistance programs to positive housing destinations than the white population. 1) Our CoC uses a range of input sources that represent the racial composition of the populations we serve to inform our local competition process. These include equity literature, feedback from our consumer survey, our CoC Scoring Committee and our Strategic Planning & Development Committee. Last year, the CoC formed a Strategic Planning & Development Committee to proactively address racial trends in the homeless/ at-risk population and create strategies to be more inclusive. 2) For the project scoring process, Scoring Committee members used a combination of their community experience, disparity data and recommendations from equity literature to inform rating factors for project applications. Evaluation standards for renewal projects differ for PSH from RRH given the higher need population in PSH (e.g., chronically homeless people with significant behavioral/physical health issues). Our CoC also considers history of success with addressing the needs of local homeless population, particularly those over-represented. Our evaluation standards include capacity to provide culturally competent support. 3) The current composition of our CoC Scoring Committee includes 2 African American individuals, who represent Project Life, which provides housing services in Orange County. The CoC is actively recruiting new members who represent different races in Orange County, particularly those disproportionately represented in at-risk and homeless populations. 4) The CoC took the following actions to ensure consideration of racial disparities which are exacerbated by vulnerable risk factors during the review, rating and ranking process; projects were ranked and selected based on experience/capacity to serve chronically homeless, active substance users, people with criminal history and/or disabilities, unsheltered; a clear outreach and supportive services plan to engage and serve the most vulnerable populations using the Housing First model.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Orange County Housing Consortium utilizes objective and performance-based criteria and outcome data to ensure strategic allocation of federal, state and local resources within the CoC jurisdiction to the most effective and high success probability projects and interventions to reduce homelessness. Projects are monitored twice annually. Data sources utilized include individual assessments; HMIS data; Consumer Surveys; and APRs. The Planning Coordinator routinely monitors all projects per CoC Board instructions. Programs that are not meeting the CoC goals of effectively servicing the needs of homeless in the community are first provided with technical assistance, and when indicated, corrective action plans are initiated. Any program unable to meet defined performance goals is then subject to reallocation per CoC policy. The Orange County Housing Consortium will consider involuntary reallocation if an agency cannot achieve desired outcomes after corrective action plans have been initiated; or an agency has overestimated project costs and is at risk of returning a portion of funding to HUD; or an agency receives a score of 70 or less as a result of the NOFA project renewal. A funded agency may voluntarily reallocate its funding if they submit to the board in writing that they are no longer receptive to receiving HUD funding and have developed their own strategy to serve the participants in their project. The final reallocation decisions are made by the Board after considering the recommendation of the Scoring/Ranking Committee.

2) The CoC did not identify projects meeting reallocation requirements in 2022.

3) The CoC did not reallocate project funds in 2022.

4) The CoC did not reallocate project funds in 2022 because CoC member projects did not meet the reallocation requirements per policy.

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
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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)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
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.	

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
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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
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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
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section 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
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	05/05/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section 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) Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. (FHV) is an active member of the CoC that provides services for individuals impacted by domestic violence, teen dating violence, human trafficking, stalking, sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization. As the sole provider of these specialized services in the CoC service region, FHV is bound by Federal and State legislation to maintain the confidentiality of all survivors who seek services. Additionally, they are prohibited from entering any client data into HMIS. FHV does, however, maintain and utilize a comparable data management application, EmpowerDB. This data program is highly secure and is used to collect all client information and demographics, as similarly reported by other CoC agencies into HMIS. 2) EmpowerDB is VAWA and 2022 HMIS compliant and also has the capability to generate the CoC APR and ESG CAPER CSV files in a zipped file for the purposes of ensuring consistency in reporting requirements and expectations for all CoC agencies. These reports do not include any personally identifying information and data is fully encrypted and inaccessible to anyone outside organization. FHV is permitted to share aggregate data, general trends, and hypothetical case studies, and also participates in the annual Point-In-Time Count.

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	212	17	195	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	44	0	44	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	46	0	31	67.39%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	325	0	280	86.15%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	4	4	4	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)

The Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for RRH is artificially inflated because the actual number of available RRH beds was much lower than the reported HIC. Much of RRH capacity (“scattered sites”) due to limited housing inventory. While there is high demand for RRH beds existed, there is still inadequate housing stock., it was difficult to find available RRH capacity. With the winding down of the COVID pandemic, the inventory of RRH is expected to increase. In the next 12 months the CoC will increase efforts to find and secure additional RRH inventory by working with community partners and area landlords. Further, the CoC will continually assess inventory to prioritize/ optimize capacity.

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	03/04/2022
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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.	05/05/2022
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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) The CoC has conducted the PIT count of homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered) in our geographic area annually since 2007. We have become adept at this process with increasing accuracy year by year. The count is always adheres to HUD requirements and is scheduled for one 24-hour period during the last week in January each year as prescribed. The CoC established a homeless Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) as a forum for on-going collaboration with youth, shelter and outreach providers, McKinney-Vento homeless liaisons, school personnel, and CoC youth service providers. Partnerships with youth education providers include Newburgh Head Start, Maternal Infant Services Network, Easter Seals of Port Jervis and Middletown ABCD (Head Start). Our CoC also partners with all 3 major LEAs in Port Jervis, Middletown and Newburgh; these have McKinney-Vento liaisons who actively participate in the CoC's Outreach Coalition. Fearless! (FHV), the CoC's DV provider, which serves children and accompanied youth who are survivors of DV, teen dating violence, human trafficking and other crimes, provides housing, advocacy and social supports facilitates achievement of stability, which in turn, prevents disproportionate use of health, mental health, incarceration, unemployment services in the future. FHV has worked to partner with other agencies to ensure service linkages necessary to support locating and sustaining housing.

2,3) The CoC includes data from FHV and McKinney-Vento liaisons in annual PIT count results and aggregates data from HMIS to assess the scope of community needs. The Youth Advisory Committee also serves as a forum to share current, real-time information about where homeless youth are most likely to be identified in preparation for the annual PIT count.

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)

N/A. There have been no changes or revisions to our current PIT count or unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC determines risk factors by using past history, experience, and best industry practices, as well as evidence-based risk factor correlations to first time homeless clients (e.g., best predictors). Factors are generated through provider and consumer surveys, HMIS data, and cross collaboration with community resources. Top risk factors identified include, mental illness and SUD, marital breakdown, DV, transitions in/out of institutional care settings, affordability of housing and employment status, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), history of evictions, incarceration and/or hospitalization 90 days plus, low social economic status, and young age with history of adversity and trauma. 2) A county-led housing workgroup addresses and identifies specific resources to reduce first time homelessness. Several agencies are applying/supplementing funding through ESSHI focusing on serving the identified needs such as inadequate housing subsidies for consumers, as well as the other factors noted above and potential mitigation strategies. We increased RRH beds using ESG-CV dollars. We also partnered with Orange County to identify and reach out to at-risk families to provide rental supplements to prevent loss of housing. Our CoC saw an 18.6% decrease in the percentage of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time from FY2020 to FY2021. 3) The CoC Board is responsible for designing and implementing strategies to address the changing needs of the homeless population. The CoC Planning Coordinator (PC) under supervision of the collaborative applicant, HONOR, assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce first time homelessness.

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) Through the CE process the CoC prioritizes project funding based on a Housing First approach getting individuals rapid placement into permanent housing, while at the same time avoiding service participation and preconditions that might delay placement. Once placed into housing, the CoC utilizes Case Management and other resources to address chronic homelessness history, income deficits, past criminal history, active substance use, psychiatric/physical disabilities, and other factors. The CoC uses the vulnerability index tool, constantly updating scoring to reflect changing populations, prioritized around resident age, physical and mental status, substance usage, and DV status. Unsheltered clients are given priority. From FY2020-FY2021, our CoC saw a 23.6% reduction in average LOT homeless (bed nights) for persons in ES, SH and TH.
- 2) Shelters within the CoC are under performance contracts with DSS to reduce shelter stays. DSS holds monthly case conferences with the CE system providers to review length of time spent homeless and addresses barriers to housing through referrals to mainstream resources, specialized case management, and housing placement assistance. The CE system providers review those clients in the HMIS system with the longest length of time homeless and prioritize head of households for permanent supportive housing projects. The CoC was also funded for a RRH program was awarded the DV bonus. The CoC Board identifies and houses individuals and families by utilizing the CE list via HMIS through comprehensive intake and assessments. Using data within CE (HMIS) determines individuals with the longest length of homelessness. The CoC utilizes standardized assessment (CE Intake /Assessment and Vulnerability Index) tool to ensure that all homeless participants will be prioritized by the same vulnerability standards. This tool provides uniform decision criteria based upon vulnerability score.
- 3) The CoC PC under supervision of the CA; HONOR, assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of homelessness.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	

2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC utilizes several strategies to increase transitions to PH, including the HUD endorsed "Moving On" strategy, the use of payment vouchers to facilitate transition to PH, and intensive CM to assist clients during the transition process. Further, efforts to address employment status, job training, and physical and MH status are emphasized. Current data indicate that successful exits to permanent housing destinations for this entire cohort improved from 34% to 42% from FY2020 to FY 2021. The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which program participants (PP) from ES, SH, TH, RR exit to PH destinations is centered on unsuccessful transitions, namely clients exiting ES. The CoC studied this measure utilizing the 2020 SPM Data Quality Report and determined that the greatest number of homeless who experience "unsuccessful" exits to PH destinations are those in the ES as many of these individuals "self-discharge" without notice to the ES operators. As a result, the CoC now has CM staff trained in individualized "Safe Exit Planning" with newly enrolled clients. Planning includes PH navigation and "safety net" strategies to maintain PH and avoid future episodes of homelessness. These strategies are implemented prior to discharge of ES client.

2) CoC HMIS data indicates PH retention trend continues to be strong and is achieved through very close monitoring of projects by the PC. Our CoC's exit to PH retention rate increase from 94% to 98% from FY2020 to FY2021. Strategies to retain or exit to PH (except RRH) includes intensive case management informed by a HF approach that intentionally creates a plan focused on retention, overall wellness & psycho-social trauma informed supportive services; individualized stabilizing protective factors that are monitored by project staff, and regular monitoring and quality of client's linkages to mainstream resources.

3)The CoC PC under supervision of the CA, HONOR, assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC reviews the HMIS monthly report identifying individuals and persons in families at greatest risk of returning to homelessness. Common factors identifying individuals include, but not limited to, mental illness and SUD, marital breakdown, DV, transitions in/out of institutional care settings, affordability of housing and employment status, intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), history of evictions, incarceration and/or hospitalization 90 days plus, low social economic status, and young age with history of adversity and trauma.

2) CoC strategies include reviewing CoC project discharge policies, identifying ways to track program participants (PP) at risk of return to homelessness, and providing strategic intervention to prevent returns. The CoC expanded CE to provide post discharge follow up and create a standardized program discharge procedure to ensure appropriate level of care at discharge. Additionally, the CoC ensures post discharge follow up, and individual placements continue to be reviewed during the Housing First Meetings where a multidisciplinary approach is utilized to review individual history of placements, successful/unsuccessful levels of care, and natural supports to reduce the rate of additional returns. Furthermore, Intensive Case Review (ICR) Meetings are held for participants that are identified with a higher rate of recidivism. Orange County replicated CoC's Housing First Model with a non-HUD funded program. We have also worked with the county to enhance supports in response to the negative impact of the pandemic to facilitate access to housing. As a result of our strategies, our CoC saw an improvement in returns to homelessness in 2 years from 25% to 18% from FY2020 to FY2021.

3) The CoC PC under supervision of the CA; HONOR, assumes responsibility for overseeing the CoC's strategy.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC collaborates with local chambers of commerce and disability advisory councils to increase program participants' (PP) access to skills and employment. HMIS data informs the CoC of successful program types and assists in developing systematic responses to help homeless PP increase employment and income. The CoC saw an overall decrease in earned income for leavers (-1%) and stayers (-3%) from FY2020 to FY2021 and we attribute this to local workforce challenges manifested by fluctuations in unemployment rates that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. The Department of Social Services attends monthly CoC meetings and is an active collaborator assisting clients with employment assistance. Also, the Employment & Training Administration (ETA) assists clients in finding work.

2) The CoC works with mainstream employment organizations, the local ETA and Orange County Workforce Development Board to help individuals and families increase their cash income by hosting work fairs, use of job developers, work readiness programs, education programs and providing client transportation. CoC projects assess PPs at entry to determine income goals and help connect them with resources such as care management and legal services to increase income from mainstream sources.

3) The CoC Planning Coordinator under supervision of the Collaborative Applicant; HONOR, assumes responsibility for monitoring CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth 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) The CoC strategy to increase non-employment cash income to program participants (PP) includes providing access to SOAR training (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) to increase access to Social Security Administration (SSA) disability benefits for eligible individuals who have a mental illness, medical impairment, and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. HMIS data informs the CoC of successful program types and assists in developing systematic responses to help homeless PPs increase income. Program CMs assess all PPs for eligibility for non-employee entitlement funding support, including disability and IDD. Further, the CoC provides assistance enrolling PPs in the Medicaid program if they are eligible.

The CoC works with local Department of Social Services which provides access to non-employment cash sources. CoC projects assess PPs at entry to determine income goals and connect them with resources such as care management and legal services to increase non-employment cash income from available Federal and State mainstream benefit programs. The CoC saw an overall increase in non-employment cash income for leavers (15%) and stayers (3%) from FY2020 to FY2021.

2) The CoC PC under supervision of the Collaborative Applicant; HONOR, assumes responsibility for monitoring CoC's strategy to increase 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
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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
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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
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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
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

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

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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?	Yes
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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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Children and accompanied youth who are survivors of domestic violence, teen dating violence, human trafficking and other crimes experience a complex process of disentanglement from the abusive person on many levels – emotional, psychological, physical, financial, and legal. Diminished capacity for choice is one of the hallmarks of victimization; advocates work to help survivors rediscover their ability to exercise control over their own lives with confidence. As a survivor makes this personal journey, public policy and the availability of resources have a tremendous impact on their ability to live free from violence and abuse. The McKinney-Vento Act aims to ensure that school and education remain a part of a child’s stable environment. 2) Fearless!, this CoC’s DV provider, provides housing, advocacy and social supports facilitates achievement of stability, which in turn, prevents disproportionate use of health, mental health, incarceration, unemployment services in the future. Fearless! has a 35-year history of providing supports in education, prevention, advocacy, and shelter to victims and survivors of interpersonal violence, human trafficking and sexual violence, and other types of crime victimization, and serving households that are homeless due to domestic violence, as well as those living in the community and attempting to flee domestic violence and access safety through other avenues. Fearless! currently operates a 37-bed emergency domestic shelter for individuals and families who have experienced DV and homeless as a result. With significant experience in providing shelter and community-based programming and services, Fearless! is familiar with the diverse needs of survivors of domestic violence as well as the landscape of housing options and opportunities within the service region. Throughout its history, Fearless has worked to partner with other agencies to ensure service linkages necessary to support locating and sustaining housing.

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:

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| 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. |
| 2. | You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'. |
| 3. | We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube. |
| 4. | Attachments must match the questions they are associated with. |
| 5. | Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. |
| 6. | If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either. |
| | . 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). |
| | . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment. |
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes		
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes		
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes		
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes		
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes		
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

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

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