

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

Many questions require you to address multiple elements in a single text box. Number your responses to correspond with multi-element questions using the same numbers in the question. This will help you organize your responses to ensure they are complete and help us to review and score your responses.

Attachments

Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: VA-602 - Loudoun County CoC

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: County of Loudoun

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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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| 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 |
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| 1. | Affordable Housing Developer(s) | Yes | No | No |
| 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) | No | No | No |
| 9. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent | No | No |
| 10. | Law Enforcement | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 11. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 12. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 13. | Local Government Staff/Officials | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 14. | Local Jail(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 15. | Mental Health Service Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 16. | Mental Illness Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |

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

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

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| | 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 Continuum of Care (CoC) solicits new members annually in-person, via its webpage, and at community outreach events. CoC General Membership meetings are publicly posted on its webpage.
2. Language and Accessibility Services are provided at www.loudoun.gov/coc. American Sign Language Interpretation services can be accessed by Loudoun County staff on our intranet <https://intranet.loudoun.gov/1134/ASL>. Video Remote Interpreting (VRI), a secure and encrypted platform with access to professional interpreters, is available to staff to assist the public. All public county webpages have the Google language extension offering over 90 languages, allowing activation of the "Read Aloud" option in the browser.
3. Loudoun County Information and Referral Specialists serve as Coordinated Entry participants in community outreach events and campaigns such as the Loudoun County Latino Festival and Sterling Fest to increase community awareness and invite organizations serving culturally specific communities to join the CoC. Individuals who have experienced homelessness serve on the Governance Board and as part of sub-committees. The CoC invites and partners with several culturally diverse organizations such as INMED Partnerships for Children (Latino/Hispanic community), ECHO, who provides job training and transportation to persons with limited abilities, and Equality Loudoun, a non-profit organization that advocates, educates, defends, and builds community to support LGBTQ+.

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| 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. | |

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1. The CoC and Coordinated Entry (CE) staff actively participate in several community task force meetings that directly or indirectly work with homeless populations. The CoC strives to integrate the input and opinion of these community groups, a broad array of organizations, the public, and individuals, including community stakeholders specializing in homeless services and housing stabilization resources. The CoC's meeting structure encourages input from all parties involved in homeless assistance, including domestic violence and youth service providers, school social workers, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, law enforcement, mental and medical healthcare providers, and individual persons with lived experience, promoting diversity of perspective and expertise on homeless issues. CoC solicits public input via input sessions, community meetings, and ongoing invitations for feedback via the CoC webpage. The CoC continues to collaborate with the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS) in a Cross-Systems Mapping project that brought together behavioral health, criminal justice leaders, and other stakeholders to develop strategic plans that reflect the locality's priorities to improve the outcomes at the intersection of the behavioral health and criminal justice systems.
2. The CoC communicates information during CoC General Membership meetings, training, and program monitoring meetings, and via the CoC webpage to solicit public information and suggestions. Information gathered at public meetings or other forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness, is collected, reviewed, compared with federal, state, and local policies to ensure compliance, and implemented based on community needs.
3. The CoC took into consideration the information gathered through involvement with area-wide learning collaborative groups, such as Authentic Engagement and the Racial Equity Action Council (REAC) through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government (MWCOC), the Region Data Metrics Group, and the Regional Case Coordinator Learning Collaborative, all which have prompted the Loudoun County CoC to evaluate current operations and make changes such as the inclusion of persons with lived experience (PLE) and invite the participation of LGBTQ+ organizations.

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| 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. | |

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1. The CoC notified the public that the local competition was open and accepting project applications via an email announcement, posted to the CoC's webpage, and distributed through the County's Civic Alert SMS-text notifications. Information pertaining to new project applicants that have not previously received CoC funding was shared via email and on the CoC webpage. Information regarding how to apply, what projects will be funded, and other helpful HUD documents and training webinars were shared with the CoC via email and listed on the local competition posting on our website.
2. The local announcement included information on eligibility for funding, how to access e-SNAP, how to create a new project application, and HUD funding documentation and instruction. The announcement included deadlines for letters of intent, project applications, review, scoring and ranking of project applications by CoC, notification of project acceptance or rejection, and collaborative application deadline. Applicants were asked to input their applications in e-SNAP without submitting and instead, to submit a pdf via email directly to the CoC Lead. Included with the announcement was information from the National Alliance to End Homelessness about Do's and Don'ts and a Scoring Chart Comparison 2021-2022 for the NOFO.
3. Projects which scored 80 percent of total possible score and with the recommendation of the reviewers were accepted to be included into the collaborative application. Any project that scored above 80 percent but with contingencies expressed by the reviewers would be contacted for clarification to resolve any questions before being included in the collaborative application.
4. The local announcement was shared via email and posted at <https://www.loudoun.gov/4111/Funding-Opportunities---Continuum-of-Care>, which includes contact information for the Language and Accessibility program that assists with providing materials in formats that meet the needs of individuals with disabilities through the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

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? |
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| 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) | Nonexistent |
| 10. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent |
| 11. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes |
| 12. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | Yes |
| 13. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | Yes |
| 14. | Private Foundations | Yes |
| 15. | Public Housing Authorities | Nonexistent |
| 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. | |

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| | 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 Loudoun County Continuum of Care (CoC) met with ESG Program recipients on a monthly basis to confirm that funding was utilized to meet the needs of the most vulnerable and at-risk individuals during the pandemic. ESG recipients used PPE, sanitization, and off-site hotel rooms to maintain the CDC guidelines for social distancing within homeless shelters.

2. The CoC partnered with the Department of Family Services (DFS) to evaluate and report the use of ESG funds provided to the homeless shelter provider and hosted monthly check-in meetings to check on project status, expenditures, and additional support needed. DFS required the homeless shelter provider to report the number, age, and justification for placement in the non-congregate shelter setting (hotel). DFS also required the shelter provider to submit a Homeless Certification Form and the basic Habitability List to the CoC monthly. DFS also required the shelter provider to provide detailed receipts for the non-congregate shelter setting, including the names and ages of the individuals. This information was matched with the report provided by the shelter provider to confirm the information was correct.

3. The CoC provided Point-in-Time (PIT) Count data to the Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development for the Consolidated Plan for the geographic area of Loudoun County, Virginia. The CoC provided the PIT and housing inventory count (HIC) data through meetings with staff, email communications and provided the regional Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOC) report on the status of homelessness both in Loudoun County and across the Northern Virginia region.

4. The Loudoun County Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and homeless services providers were provided data by the CoC in both verbal and written formats on access to housing and homeless services, types of housing needed, the increase in housing costs, the lack of affordable housing for household exiting homelessness and other critical issues related to preventing and ending homelessness in Loudoun County. This information was used to update the Consolidated Plan. DHCD is the lead agency responsible for developing and revising the Consolidated Plan, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, and Housing Trust Fund, which allocates funds to developers and nonprofit organizations in the local jurisdictions that serve Loudoun County residents.

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| 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:

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| 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) | |
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| 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:

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| 1. | Youth Education Provider | Yes |
| 2. | State Education Agency (SEA) | No |
| 3. | Local Education Agency (LEA) | No |
| 4. | School Districts | Yes |

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| 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 collaborates with youth education providers through the Coordinated Entry program via intentional support, engagement, and case conferencing meetings based on the needs of each child in the household.

The CoC works closely with the youth services organization, Mobile Hope, to provide supportive services and homeless assistance to homeless youth. The CoC collaborates with Loudoun Youth, Inc., providing teens with leadership and communication skills. The Loudoun County CoC collaborates with Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) by engaging with Parent Liaisons at the school level to assist the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, with connecting with homeless services and wrap-around services such as accessing public benefits. This partnership is also with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons Office for families with school-aged children who are homeless (including domestic violence shelters) or in danger of homelessness to provide transportation services to and from school. Although the CoC and the school district partnership is not currently formalized, collaboration occurs at the program and client levels to provide comprehensive services related to children and youth and coordination of education and homeless services.

The CoC's Coordinated Entry staff provides training to Parent Liaisons, informing them of community resources and homeless services programs available in the county. The Loudoun County CoC's current policies and procedures for securing education services for homeless individuals are required within the emergency shelter screening process for households with children. During the homeless assessment, households with school-age children are notified of their educational rights to services during the transition to permanent housing. Loudoun County CoC partner, Shelter House, Inc., who administers the Emergency Shelter Program, employs case management staff for family shelter intake, provides information to the family and assists them in completing applications for transportation assistance, subsidized lunch, or other homeless and low-income assistance to school-age children and their families. Households sign a release of information, giving permission for their household information to be shared with the Homeless Education Liaison, who further assists the households with educational service linkages, including a school social worker if necessary.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Although no formal policy or procedure exists, the Coordinated Entry program connects individuals with school-aged children, who are experiencing homelessness, to the McKinney-Vento program at their assigned school.

The Loudoun County CoC partners with the Department of Family Services (DFS) Child Care Subsidy Program. This program works to provide subsidy funding to families who apply and qualify for ongoing child care subsidy to afford high quality child care services in Loudoun County. The Child Care Subsidy Program partners with local child care providers who work with families who access child care subsidy. The Child Care Subsidy Program has policies in place that prioritizes child care service for families who identify as homeless, quickly approving them for subsidy to access child care services in the community.

Loudoun County CoC partners with a local non-profit, Northern Virginia Family Services (NVFS), who operates the Early Head Start program in Loudoun County. NVFS also partners with the DFS Child Care Subsidy Program to provide high quality child care services to eligible families.

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

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| 1. | update CoC-wide policies; and |
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| 2. | ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors. |
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC has a current MOU with the local domestic violence (DV) services provider, LAWS – Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services. LAWS participates in the CoC Governance Board, which approves policy updates and ensures that DV standard practices are included. During the pandemic, the CoC met monthly with LAWS' staff who provide services to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. LAWS also works with the local Court Services Victim Witness Services program. The Loudoun County CoC provided CHERP funding in FY22 to LAWS to support overflow services, hotel rooms, for the Domestic Violence Shelter operated by LAWS.

2. Loudoun County CoC promotes a trauma-informed practice in written policy for all homeless services providers and those working with domestic violence and other related services. The CoC promotes training to all CoC participants provided by HUD and the state DHCD regarding trauma-informed related practices through emails and CoC meeting announcements.

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| 1C-5a. | Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. |
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| Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for: |
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| 1. | project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and |
| 2. | Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually). |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC coordinates and provides training for project staff that addresses safety and best practices through a partnership with LAWS Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services, CoC-sponsored training, and virtual webinars and forums aimed at addressing best practices in service delivery. LAWS is responsible for coordinating training and information sessions for staff and volunteers operating a 24/7 domestic violence hotline. LAWS serves as the lead in addressing the relevant training needs of first responders and other community groups that intersect with individuals fleeing domestic violence and provides training as requested. The Coordinated Entry staff regularly participates with Loudoun County Trauma-Informed Community Network (TICN), which meets monthly and shares trauma-informed best practices.

2. The Loudoun County CoC coordinates with funders and local service providers to provide Coordinated Entry staff training that addresses safety and best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence. Coordinated Entry serves as the first point of contact for many individuals fleeing domestic violence and needing to access homeless services. The CoC provides regular training opportunities via email communication, verbal announcements during CoC meetings, and informational sessions at large group meetings such as the Loudoun Human Services Network, a coalition of nonprofit organizations working to ensure availability and access to human services for Loudoun County residents.

The Information, Referral, and Coordinated Entry program is a member of the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems (AIRS). AIRS is the driving force behind the delivery of quality information and referral (I&R) I&R services and the sole source for standards, program accreditation and practitioner certification for the I&R sector. I&R/CE staff will have access to AIRS trainings and certifications. The Loudoun County CoC will continue to work with I&R/CE staff, LAWS, and the Loudoun County Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART) to provide an annual training on trauma-informed care and safety planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence. DART has developed protocols that assure clear and expeditious lines of communication within the justice system as well as encourages the legal exchange of critical information that should lead to uniform and consistent responses to domestic and family violence.

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| 1C-5b. | Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. | |
| NOFO Section VII.B.1.e. | | |
| Describe in the field below: | | |
| 1. | the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and | |
| 2. | how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess and meet the special needs related to domestic violence (DV) through strategic collaboration with the DV provider, LAWS. As the County's only DV provider, LAWS is required to use the Commonwealth of Virginia's confidential database, VaData. De-identified aggregate data is used by the CoC to assess current needs of households actively fleeing DV living situations, gaps in service delivery for survivors, and programming support resources needed to sustain high performing projects such as the DV emergency shelter.

2. Another way de-identified aggregate data is used to assess special needs is by running monthly reports from HMIS (ServicePoint) to monitor the amount of DV referrals coming in to see if the amount of DV referrals increases and to monitor the needs of those households. To protect the confidentiality of DV survivors, the CoC's Coordinated Entry staff does not collect client specific data related to the household; callers are only marked in the call record as a 'DV call'. Coordinated Entry staff assesses callers for safety and triages accordingly making immediate referrals to the county's DV program when such cases are present. As determined by LAWS, clients with immediate safety concerns who are actively fleeing DV are housed in an undisclosed DV shelter, while those not at risk are assigned a case worker and assisted with regular shelter entry.

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| 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. | |

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1. For residents actively fleeing domestic violence, Coordinated Entry (CE) staff ensure confidentiality by not indicating specific household information in the HMIS database and speaking with callers about safety planning. CE staff provide callers actively fleeing domestic violence with the LAWS hotline number which is staffed 24/7 including weekends and holidays. One of the ways confidentiality is provided is that CE staff enter "LAWS" in the First Name field and "REFERRAL" in the Last Name field to prevent documenting any identifying information. Caller contact information is the only data captured and the household is referred to LAWS for further screening, assessment and for potential emergency transfer as well as enrollment in domestic violence services. All clients accessing homeless services in the county are first assessed for safety, then housing need. Individuals who are actively fleeing domestic violence are placed in the DV shelter, while others are triaged to the mainstream services for which they are eligible and referred to an appropriate housing intervention.

2. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), LAWS allows residents who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the resident's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer can be made directly to LAWS.

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| 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. | | |

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All individuals screened by Coordinated Entry are assessed for safety. If an individual shares a history of domestic violence, they are immediately connected to the Domestic Violence provider, LAWS, to be screened for imminent danger or emergency transfer. Should the individual not qualify for immediate intervention through LAWS, LAWS will provide our CoC's Passport to Services, a comprehensive guide to health and human services in Loudoun County, and re-direct the individual to the Coordinated Entry services where a housing assessment is gathered, and all of the available housing and homeless services are offered.

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| 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. | |

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1. The Loudoun County CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) safety protocols incorporate a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach that prioritizes safety, confidentiality, and continuity of care. The Coordinated Entry/Crisis Response System is staffed by CE Specialists and an Information & Referral (I&R) Program Manager. The I&R phone line (703-777-0420) is answered Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. The phone line is a "must answer" line. Calls roll until an available extension is located. Unless all available extensions are busy, I&R calls are answered by a live person. If all extensions are busy, the caller is placed on hold and offered the option to leave a message. If a caller needs to leave a message, the I&R program strives to return the call by the end of the same business day and within no more than 24 business hours. Messages that are left overnight, over the weekend, or on holidays are returned on the next business day.

2. As part of the planning protocol, the CoC incorporates a trauma-informed care, victim-centered approach while maximizing client choice is the CoC's collocation within the Department of Family Service. This added benefit of co-located services allows households to receive standard referrals to public assistance programs and healthcare and additional services such as mental health services, workforce development, child and family services, or the DV program. Caseworkers at DV and regular shelters are trained in client-centered, strengths-based services with a focus on the Housing First approach of moving clients quickly from homelessness to housing. DV households remain a higher housing priority and receive assistance from DV-specific service providers.

3. For residents actively fleeing domestic violence, CE staff ensure confidentiality by not indicating specific household information in the HMIS database and speaking with callers about safety planning. CE staff provides callers actively fleeing domestic violence with the LAWS hotline number, which is staffed 24/7, including weekends and holidays. CE staff enter "LAWS" in the First Name field and "REFERRAL" in the Last Name field to prevent documenting any identifying information. Caller contact information is the only data captured, and the household is referred to LAWS for further screening, assessment, and potential emergency transfer and enrollment in domestic violence services.

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

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

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

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| | 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 Loudoun County CoC updates the CoC policy regarding anti-discrimination based on feedback from stakeholders. Most anti-discrimination policy changes are the result of policy changes from HUD and DHCD. Most recently, CoC policies that protect equal access for gender identity and preventing family separation have been created and promoted through training with HUD and DHCD.

The CoC has been involved with the MWCOG to review a CoC-wide anti-discrimination evaluation that ensures the fair and equal treatment of all community residents and program participants. In May 2021, our CoC partnered the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and provided a training to the Loudoun County CoC on Housing First which included discussion on anti-discrimination, inclusion and equity in policies and practices in accessing homeless services. The Loudoun County CoC acts as the Lead Agency and falls under the anti-discrimination policy of Loudoun County Government.

2. The Loudoun County CoC reviews policies for all federal, state grant and locally government funded homeless services that include anti-discrimination policies ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing. The CoC also has policy in place stating all clients shall be informed of their right to initiate a grievance process if they believe they have been discriminated against. The CoC also has policy in place that all clients have the right to appeal their grievances to a designee of the CoC.

3. The Loudoun County CoC evaluates compliance with CoC anti-discrimination policy through approval of policies and procedures of federal, state grant and locally government funded homeless providers. In addition, the CoC reviews all client official grievances that have been presented to homeless providers that are federal and state grant and locally government funded.

4. The Loudoun County CoC addresses noncompliance of anti-discrimination policies that follow the formal CoC grievance process or has been officially reported to the CoC with all federal and state grant and locally government homeless providers. The CoC addresses each incident of noncompliance through the review of written reports, emails, documentation and official meetings with clients and homeless providers. The CoC will rectify any circumstance of noncompliance in writing to the client and the homeless provider.

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| 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. | |
| <div>You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.</div> <div>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:</div> | | |

| 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? |
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| Loudoun County Dept of Housing & Community Development, VA035 | 0% | Yes-HCV | No |
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| 1C-7a. | Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.g. | |

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| | 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)

Loudoun County does not have a Public Housing Authority. The Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) was created as a new department in March 2022. DHCD performs the functions of the PHA in Loudoun. Prior to March 2022, PHA functions were performed by the Office of Housing, within the Office of the County Administrator.

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

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

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

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| 1. | Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) | No |
| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP) | Yes |
| 3. | Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) | Yes |
| 4. | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) | Yes |
| 5. | Mainstream Vouchers | Yes |
| 6. | Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers | No |
| 7. | Public Housing | No |
| 8. | Other Units from PHAs: | |
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| 1C-7d. | Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.g. | |

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| 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. | Family Unification Program (FUP) |

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| 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. | |

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| | 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? | No |
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| 1C-7e.1. | List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program. | |
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| | Does your CoC have an active Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program? | No |
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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. | |

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| PHA |
| This list contains no items |

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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| 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.

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

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

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| 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. | 1 |
| 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. | 1 |
| 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% |

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC evaluates projects for a commitment to Housing First by reviewing the project applicant's policies and procedures and requiring monthly check-in meetings with homeless services providers to assess the implementation of the approach. Service providers contracted through the county and those receiving state or federal funding are required to move participants quickly to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment, or service participation requirements. Supportive services are provided to maximize housing stability and prevent returns to homelessness.

2. The CoC meets once per month to review program performance, and if the project promotes participant choice in services, is person-centered, moves participants quickly into housing regardless of sexual orientation, race, gender identity, or marital status, participants receive service support in addition to housing, continued engagement with a case manager, and that exits to homelessness are avoided.

3. The Loudoun County CoC utilizes the HUD Housing First Assessment Tool through the contract and monthly meetings to evaluate service providers' use of the Housing First approach. In the monthly meetings with service providers, the CoC reviews how providers use the Housing First approach to move participants into housing quickly and without barriers.

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| 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. | |

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1. The Continuum of Care partners with the Project Assistance to Transitions from Homelessness (PATH) program in the Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS) to conduct outreach and engagement with persons in the community that are unsheltered and experiencing some severe mental health. Outreach includes weekly in-person case management meetings with clients wherever they reside and on-demand outreach to homeless residents with severe mental health diagnoses.
2. Loudoun County CoC Outreach staff covers 100% of our geographic area, conducting outreach in popular areas where homeless individuals tend to frequent, including libraries, and by following leads from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, community residents, and faith-based organizations. Street outreach encompasses the whole geographical area of the County, including outreach to more rural areas in Western Loudoun.
3. PATH outreach workers respond on demand to referrals from Information & Referral/Coordinated Entry often when residents inquire about assistance for a homeless individual they have encountered. If possible, PATH workers attempt to locate and connect with the individual in person. PATH also conducts monthly outreach events at local libraries, where the homeless often congregate during the day.
4. The methods of service delivery vary based on the often-transient nature of the unsheltered population. Limitations due to the ongoing pandemic have resulted in modified outreach efforts. However, individuals can access drop-in services and connect with staff at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center or in the community. The goal is to connect residents with primary behavioral healthcare, substance abuse services, and other supports that enhance societal stability and functioning.
 The Department of Family Services also employs a Benefits Outreach Worker who assists community residents and organizations with linkages to mainstream benefits. Coordinated Entry (CE) staff conduct outreach efforts, including connecting individuals and families with needed resources throughout the community. Outreach services for unsheltered residents are delivered in conjunction with the PATH Program to ensure that homeless and unsheltered persons can receive support in areas that often go unaddressed by traditional resources and connect them with services to access the crisis response system.

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| 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 |
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| 1. | Engaged/educated local policymakers | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | Engaged/educated law enforcement | Yes | Yes |

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| 3. | Engaged/educated local business leaders | No | No |
| 4. | Implemented community wide plans | No | No |
| 5. | Other:(limit 500 characters) | | |
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| 1D-5. | Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC). | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.I. | |

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| | 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." | 1 | 0 |

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| 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? |
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| 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) | |
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| 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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC coordinates with State public benefits program and provides up-to-date information on mainstream resources via email communication, and verbal announcement during CoC and other community coalition meetings, such as the Loudoun Human Service Network. The CoC communicates information about the available mainstream resources or updates to the benefits process in real time as the information is provided from various programs such as SNAP or Medicaid. In addition, the Department of Family Services Public Benefits Outreach Specialist participates in local events and does direct outreach to hard-to-reach populations.

2. The Loudoun CoC participated in the COVID Human Services meetings, a coalition of nonprofit organizations and government agencies working through advocacy and collaboration to stay informed of rapidly changing COVID recommendations. The CoC remains actively involved in monthly meetings of the Loudoun Human Services Network, which continues the work of connecting healthcare, substance use and mental health services organizations who serve Loudoun residents, and participates in CoC Sub-committee, Cross Mapping Systems, which is working to solve homelessness for those with serious mental illness exiting the justice system.

3. Individuals and families that are homeless and qualify for Medicaid are provided assistance for the effective use and expedition of their Medicaid benefits by working with an SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) trained clinician in the Project for Assistance with Transitions from Homelessness (PATH) program. The Loudoun County CoC encourages its member organizations to partner with local government agencies (e.g. Health Department) and healthcare providers such as HealthWorks of Northern Virginia and the Loudoun Free Clinic to facilitate the interaction between the individual and the organizations providing the mainstream benefits.

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| 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)

Since the pandemic, the Loudoun County CoC and its community partners have continued to address the safety and housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness. At-risk households requiring emergency shelter were placed in non-congregate settings using hotel accommodations. The Loudoun County CoC facilitates monthly check-in meetings with providers to monitor compliance with CDC guidelines, confirm adequate supplies and safety measures were in place to provide for sanitation of facilities and units.

For the sheltered population experiencing homelessness, the general risk reduction was completed by decreasing density of the shelter clients, which required creating additional space to sustain bed numbers, increase cleaning, and screening guests for symptoms.

Staff supporting program participants in shelter settings are vigilant to quickly separate people with symptoms, ensure they had on facemasks, and create isolation spaces for those requiring quarantine or isolation. Families with small children were placed in a hotel or, non-congregate settings, and case management services addressed their immediate housing needs. Staff conducted weekly check-ins with congregate and non-congregate program participants to provide masks, gloves, complete temperature checks, and assess for additional requirements.

The Loudoun County CoC continues to work with homeless services providers, shelter and transitional housing programs, domestic violence partners, and the Health Department to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to frontline staff and clients. Items such as masks, gloves, disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, etc. were provided to staff on an ongoing basis and restocked as needed. Any individuals entering the shelter had to complete a temperature check and an initial screening to assess for any symptoms of illness. The Loudoun County CoC utilized several HUD waivers during the pandemic to accommodate for social distancing needs which allowed for case management meetings to be conducted virtually or over the phone.

As the capacity of homeless shelter has returned to full bed use, the shelter provider has secured shelter overflow location(s) in local hotels to provide temporary shelter for those times when the congregate care shelter facility reaches total capacity. The CoC continues to work with DFS and the shelter provider to increase the use of non-congregate sheltering to meet the needs of the unsheltered population.

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| ID-8. | Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.o. | |
| | Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to: | |
| 1. | develop CoC-wide policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and | |
| 2. | prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC improved readiness for future public health emergencies by implementing community-wide standards on delivering homeless services for all Loudoun County CoC-funded and non-CoC-funded homeless services. Policy guidelines were updated to reflect that organizations within the Loudoun County geographic area must have Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP) that detail the delivery services to individuals and families during unexpected and/or natural disaster type events.

2. As a result of the pandemic, the Loudoun County CoC strengthened communication and coordination with the local Health Department and healthcare providers to successfully meet the unique needs of both sheltered and unsheltered residents. Coordination efforts continue to highlight a key factor of multiple sectors working together to simultaneously address a community-wide issue of a public health emergency and homelessness. The Loudoun County CoC is now better equipped to meet the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness during a future health crisis.

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| 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. | |

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1. The CoC participated twice per month in the COVID-19 Human Services meeting, including representatives from local health and human services organizations and area nonprofits, where outreach events, vaccination events, COVID requirements, and recommendations directed by the CDC were presented. We continue to share information about public health measures and homelessness via emails and county civic alerts.

2. Loudoun County has a civic alert system that shares information with the public to prevent or limit future outbreaks. Homeless service providers are strongly encouraged to subscribe to these updates.

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| 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. | |

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1. According to the Census Bureau, Loudoun County has a total area of 521 square miles and is comprised of seven towns and several unincorporated communities. Loudoun County CoC utilizes a central coordinated entry system, which covers 100% of its geographic area. During the CE assessment callers are asked to provide their zip code and this is noted within HMIS to better connect callers with applicable resources and to provide data that allows the CoC to assess what geographic locations are experiencing increased need and therefore respond with targeted outreach to those area.

2. A standardized Coordinated Entry assessment is currently utilized for all individuals contacting the CE intake line. The assessment is located within HMIS (ServicePoint) and stores longitudinal information about individuals who access the service system as well as clients, services and referral tracking, case management, agency and program indexing, and reporting. The CoC works with several homeless services providers to revise the assessment and to incorporate all required HUD data points and local data.

3. The CoC is actively revising the CE assessment with input from participating projects and incorporating required HUD data points. The draft assessment will be available for comments with the CoC General Membership, to include individuals with lived experiences. The finalized CE assessment will be presented to the CoC Governance Board for approval.

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| 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. | |

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1. According to the Census Bureau, Loudoun County has a total area of 521 square miles and is comprised of seven towns and several unincorporated communities. Loudoun County CoC utilizes a centrally coordinated entry system covering 100% of its geographic area. Through its member organizations like PATH, which conducts outreach in all county areas, it can reach those not likely to request assistance. The Loudoun County CoC takes into consideration the different organizations and their respective location to maximize the benefit of county-wide coordination.

2. Coordinated entry (CE) is the front door and central organizing feature of the crisis response system. The purpose of CE is to organize "the Continuum of Care's (CoC) system so that it fits together intentionally and efficiently, resulting in more efficient use of resources and improving fairness and ease of access to resources while prioritizing people who are most in need of assistance. A locally developed prioritization tool (Prioritization Screening Tool) identifies those "most in need" based on a combination of factors, including household type, length of time homeless, health, housing barriers (including rental and homeownership history), and criminal justice involvement. A weighted scoring framework assigns point values to these vulnerability factors and obstacles, with the highest scores indicating the most vulnerable households. These households are prioritized for the limited resources available in the crisis response system.

3. CE assesses a client's needs and prioritizes their housing preference. Ongoing placement and outcomes are monitored in monthly meetings with providers and CoC. System changes such as case management support, client needs, and housing availability are evaluated, and changes are made to ensure those most in need receive permanent housing promptly.

4. The Loudoun County CoC meets monthly with homeless services providers to ensure those most in need receive prioritization. It allows oversight of the Coordinated Entry process and monitors those moving through the system, reducing the burden of those seeking housing. The CoC is implementing a By-Name list to further reduce the burdens on those using the coordinated entry system. The CE assessment is also in the process of being redesigned to be more comprehensive, culturally, and race-sensitive which will also reduce the burden on people using coordinated entry.

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| 1D-10. | Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness—Conducting Assessment. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q. | |

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| 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. | 12/16/2021 |

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| 1D-10a. | Process for Analyzing Racial Disparities—Identifying Racial Disparities in Provision or Outcomes of Homeless Assistance. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | your CoC's process for analyzing whether any racial disparities are present in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and | |
| 2. | what racial disparities your CoC identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. | |

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The Loudoun County CoC updates the CoC policy regarding anti-discrimination based on feedback from stakeholders. Most anti-discrimination policy changes are the result of policy changes from HUD and DHCD. Most recently, CoC policies that protect equal access for gender identity and prevent family separation have been created and promoted through training with HUD and DHCD.

The CoC has been involved with the MWCOG to review a CoC-wide anti-discrimination evaluation that ensures the fair and equal treatment of all community residents and program participants. In May 2021, our CoC partnered with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and provided training to the Loudoun County CoC on Housing First, which included discussion on anti-discrimination, inclusion, and equity in policies and practices in accessing homeless services. The Loudoun County CoC acts as the Lead Agency and falls under the anti-discrimination policy of the Loudoun County Government.

The Loudoun County CoC reviews policies for all federal, state grant, and locally government-funded homeless services, including anti-discrimination policies ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive support, shelter, and housing. The CoC also has a policy stating that all clients shall be informed of their right to initiate a grievance if they believe they have been discriminated against. The CoC also has a policy in place that all clients have the right to appeal their grievances to a designee of the CoC.

The Loudoun County CoC evaluates compliance with CoC anti-discrimination policy through approval of policies and procedures of federal, state grants and locally government-funded homeless providers. In addition, the CoC reviews all official client grievances presented to homeless providers that are federal and state grant and local government funded.

The Loudoun County CoC addresses noncompliance with anti-discrimination policies that follow the formal CoC grievance process or has been officially reported to the CoC with all federal and state grant and local government homeless providers. The CoC addresses each incident of noncompliance through the review of written reports, emails, documentation, and official meetings with clients and homeless providers. The CoC will rectify any circumstance of noncompliance in writing to the client and the homeless provider.

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| 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. | |

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| 1. | The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC. | Yes |
| 2. | The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC. | Yes |
| 3. | The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups. | Yes |
| 4. | The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups. | Yes |
| 5. | The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness. | Yes |
| 6. | The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector. | Yes |
| 7. | The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness. | Yes |
| 8. | The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity. | Yes |
| 9. | The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness. | Yes |
| 10. | The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system. | Yes |
| 11. | The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness. | Yes |
| | Other:(limit 500 characters) | |
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| 1D-10c. | Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.1.q. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Loudoun County CoC participated in the racial equity analysis, which provided findings on disparities within the CoC. The Racial Equity Sub-committee will be established as a part of the CoC General Membership to help guide the CoC on addressing the findings. The CoC is collaborating with the Loudoun County Chief Equity Officer to provide information and training to staff and homeless services providers.

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| 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 Loudoun County CoC is in the initial stages of defining the role and responsibilities of the Racial Equity Sub-committee and defining how to track and address the findings identified in the Metro Washington Council of Governments/Loudoun County Quantitative Data Findings and Analysis. An initial draft of the Racial Equity Protocol contains information about plans to track progress and prevent or eliminate disparities.

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| 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 Loudoun County CoC has collaborated with the staff from our Homeless Prevention & Diversion, (HPD), PSH, RRH, and shelter programs to continue to connect with persons with lived experience (PLE) and encourage participation in CoC meetings and decision-making processes. The CoC currently has one individual participating in our General Membership meetings.

The CoC has been participating with the Authentic Engagement group, which is an opportunity to learn about the basics of authentic engagement, examples of how to incorporate people with lived experience into the CoC, how to get started with the work, and to find out how the local community could further dig into the authentic engagement work. Additionally, the CoC also provides the Passport to Services in English and Spanish.

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| 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 |
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| 1. | Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process. | 1 | 1 |
| 2. | Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing. | 1 | 1 |
| 3. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups. | 0 | 0 |
| 4. | Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness. | 1 | 1 |
| 5. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 0 | 0 |

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| 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)

Several of the organizations participating in the CoC employ individuals who have lived experiences. Several employment assistance providers, Crossroads Jobs and Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, offer complimentary, individualized job placement and career development services to Loudoun area residents who are unemployed or underemployed and experiencing barriers to employment. The program is structured to allow workers to get to know the applicants and communicate with local businesses to learn about available job openings and ongoing or upcoming needs. Workers then match the right person to the right job, which benefits the applicant, the employer, and the community.

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| 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:

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| 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 |

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1. The CoC has monthly meetings with PSH, RRH, and shelter staff to review and discuss participant feedback, participant needs, and the next steps to meet those needs. The CoC also meets monthly with our DV providers (LAWS) to examine participants' needs and experiences. The CoC continues to encourage persons with lived experience to participate in the CoC. Through the Authentic Engagement workgroup, the CoC has learned about compensation for Persons with Lived Experienced (PLE) and is currently considering some form of compensation for the individual's time participating in the CoC.

2. Feedback was received from participants regarding after-hours arrival at the shelter. The CoC and shelter discussed the feedback, modified the existing policies, and made changes to accommodate workers employed in evening and overnight shifts so that they could arrive at the shelter later in the night. Additionally, the CoC and shelter modified the drop-in center operational days through participant feedback to include Saturdays and Sundays.

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| 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. | |

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1. In September 2021, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved an Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP). The UHNSP defines how the county will address the unmet housing needs of households in a comprehensive way and is a crucial implementation step of the County's 2019 General Plan. Strategy 5.3 of the UHNSP is to remove regulatory barriers to affordability in the zoning ordinance and consider barriers during the rewrite project. A complete discussion of this strategy and key implementation actions are available on pages 42-43 of the UHNSP, which is available online at www.loudoun.gov/DocumentCenter/View/167024/Unmet-Housing-Needs-Strategic-Plan-Approved-9821-with-Appendices.

Loudoun County is undergoing a wholesale zoning ordinance update to implement the 2019 General Plan. This effort may have large-scale impacts on overall development patterns and requirements; it may also benefit affordable housing. One piece of the zoning ordinance rewrite is to improve and strengthen the County's inclusionary zoning program and make other changes that could encourage more affordable and attainable housing. Details about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite are available online at www.loudoun.gov/5274/Zoning-Ordinance-Rewrite.

2. In January 2022, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors approved a new Rental Housing Acquisition and Preservation (RHAP) Loan Program and funding for RHAP. This program complements the County's Affordable Multi-Family Housing Loan Program, established in 2018 to provide gap financing to developers for the construction, rehabilitation, and/or preservation of affordable rental housing. Details are available at www.loudoun.gov/multifamilyfinancing. Finally, in July 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted the program design for a new Affordable Housing Land Development Application and Development Permit Fee Waiver Program. In September 2022, the Board approved the associated Ordinance. 100% affordable housing developments will be eligible to have building and permit fees of up to \$100,000 waived by the County starting in July 2023. This will encourage further development of affordable, attainable housing in Loudoun.

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

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

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

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| 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. | 08/19/2022 |
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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. | No |

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

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

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| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 108 |
| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit? | 0 |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use? | None |

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

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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. |

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1. The Loudoun County CoC reviewed, scored, and selected projects based on specific severities of needs and vulnerabilities as identified as priority subpopulations. Based on the severity of conditions and vulnerabilities, the Loudoun County CoC considers the maintenance of current programming operations in the ranking and selection process and the continuance of housing and supportive services to individuals and families enrolled in the Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program. Consideration was given to projects that provide housing and supportive services to the most vulnerable and most challenging to serve populations, including individuals with serious mental illness and a diagnosed disability.

2. The CoC discharge data is collected in HMIS and reflects the time it takes individuals and families to move into permanent housing. Recent data demonstrates this time has increased; however, more individuals and families are moving into permanent housing than previously reported.

3. To measure varied HUD projects against each other, the CoC delineates target outcomes by project type and includes the application score in the ranking processes. This ensures the vulnerabilities of the varying populations in these programs are considered when the CoC prioritizes projects for funding. Application scores are the primary metrics informing ranking and are designed to set more accurate targets for programs serving clients with higher housing barriers. Secondary metrics used by the Rank and Review Committee include participation in coordinated entry and the percentage of beds dedicated to special populations such as the chronically homeless, domestic violence survivors, or those with severe mental illness.

4. The Loudoun County CoC uses annual program outcome data to identify the populations with the highest barriers and requests that the Rank and Review Committee give special consideration to those programs that serve individuals and families currently enrolled in the PSH program. The Rank and Review team prioritized the highest performing renewal project PSH program with the highest scores. Considering program outcomes and the need for ongoing support to house the chronically homeless, where all program beds are dedicated to the population, and all clients enrolled in the program are high-barrier households - the Rank and Review Committee agrees that the current PSH program effectively houses the County's most vulnerable residents.

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| 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. | |
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1. The Loudoun County CoC obtained input from local and regional partners that serve persons of different races in determining the rating factors to review project applications. The project application scoring matrix required reviewers to evaluate applications for inclusion of persons of color and racial equity demonstrated in the proposed project.
2. The rating factors allowed reviewers to evaluate project applications, and the services they provide are inclusive of all individuals, regardless of race. No rating factors specifically highlighted race as a criterion.
3. The CoC contacted member organizations to participate in the review, selection, and ranking process regardless of race, excluding any organizations likely to apply for funding.
4. The Rank and Review team took into consideration when scoring project applications whether the applicant stated efforts to eliminate barriers to participation by individuals of different races and ethnicities as well as youth, minorities and LGBTQ2+ individuals.

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| 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. | |

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The Loudoun County CoC reallocation process addresses community needs or poor program performance. Based on application scores, results from monitoring audits of system performance, and the review of program outcomes. The FY22 CoC Program Competition received only one (1) application for funding for Joint PH/RRH and one (1) application for PSH, and as a result the reallocation process was not required.

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

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| | 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. | |

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

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| 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. | |

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| | 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. | |

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| | 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. | |

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| | 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. | |

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| | 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. | 09/30/2022 |
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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| 2A-1. | HMIS Vendor. | |
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| | Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using. | WellSky |
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| 2A-2. | HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. | |
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| | 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. | |

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| | 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. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The County's only domestic violence provider, LAWS, is required to use the Commonwealth of Virginia's confidential database, VaData. De-identified aggregate data is used by the CoC to assess current needs of households actively fleeing DV living situations, gaps in service delivery for survivors, and programming support resources needed to sustain high performing projects such as the domestic violence emergency shelter. The Coordinated Entry program does not collect any personally identifiable information (PII) from callers who identify any form of DV. The Coordinated Entry Call Record is labeled as First Name: LAWS Last Name: REFERRAL, which allows the CoC to quantify the number of DV referrals made without any PII.

2. The Loudoun County CoC HMIS Vendor, WellSky, maintains HUD compliance as part of the contract between the CoC and the HMIS Vendor. The software. Support coordinated entry, track outcomes, raise awareness through insights, and manage funding with our comprehensive system.

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| 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 | 44 | 12 | 56 | 175.00% |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds | 37 | 0 | 37 | 100.00% |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing | 17 | 0 | 17 | 100.00% |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

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| 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:

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| 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. |

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1. The Loudoun County CoC will be implementing the use of a By-Name list to be able to have a count of all individuals experiencing homelessness at any given time. The list will allow the COC to create a process for quick turnaround when units become available. CoC will establish monthly meetings with providers not meeting the bed coverage of 85 % to discuss any barriers and ways to increase the utilization of beds available.

2. Implementation of the By-Name list will allow the CoC to quickly move individuals who are continuing to experience homelessness into open and available beds.

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

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| 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

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

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

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| | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count. | 01/26/2022 |
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| 2B-2. | PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.4.b | |

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| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX. | 05/04/2022 |
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| 2B-3. | PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.4.b. | |

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| | 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 Loudoun County CoC Governance Board includes an individual from Mobile Hope, an organization which specifically works with homeless youth. The Mobile Hope CoC member provides input and reviews the need and capacity for the unsheltered youth count.
2. The Loudoun County CoC utilized feedback from homeless youth providers regarding areas where homeless youth might seek shelter. This information was used by PIT volunteers the night of the PIT count.
3. The Loudoun County CoC Governance Board member that represents youth organizations were able to offer guidance on locations where sheltered and unsheltered youth might be found.

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| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c. | |
| | In the field below: | |
| | 1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; | |
| | 2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and | |
| | 3. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or | |
| | 4. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC worked primarily with County staff to conduct the annual PIT count due to concerns of exposure to COVID-19. The CoC continued to use the same data methodology.
2. The Loudoun County CoC utilized the knowledge of more diverse team of volunteers for the PIT count to locate unsheltered individuals near community/fitness centers which has access to showers and to identify areas where homeless individuals congregate to remain out of sight of the general public. This diverse team included, African-American, Latino, Middle Eastern, Asian as well as Caucasian.
3. The changes mentioned above provide a more accurate count of homeless individuals within the Sterling, VA, area, which demographically has a high population of Latino individuals who are sometimes more difficult to engage in services. Unsheltered outreach teams encountered a rise in people sleeping in their vehicles, especially in Sterling, VA, a high-populated, low-income Latino community. It is not typical for the immigrant community to search for shelter services when facing homelessness, as shelters are usually not an option in their countries. The immigrant communities tend to look for housing options among friends and relatives because it is easier to ask for help in their language. If there are no options, they utilize their vehicle for shelter. There is a misconception about shelters being dangerous, especially if they have children.
4. Not applicable.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Criteria included where the family currently resides, how long the household can continue to live in their current living situation, and whether there are other housing options to meet the immediate need. CoC criteria to identify individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless for the first time include low-wage employment, poor rental history, credit issues, recently released from jail or institution, and lack of affordable housing.

2. Homeless Prevention and Diversion (HPD) services include assessing, arranging, coordinating, and monitoring the delivery of individualized services to facilitate housing stability for HPD participants residing in permanent housing or to assist a participant in overcoming immediate barriers to obtaining housing. Completion of the Housing Barriers Assessment and a Self-Sustainability Matrix help identify current needs, household strengths, and barriers to housing stability. HPD staff conduct an in-depth review of the community resources the household has utilized, the informal support the family may have to draw from, and the mainstream benefits they are currently accessing. When gaps are identified, the HPD provider works with the household to access wrap-around services to aid in stabilization and leverage other formal and informal supports. This planning is goal-oriented and client-driven. Housing stability plans are task-oriented, with target dates, and tasks are broken into small measurable components. This type of quantifiable Housing Stability Plan fosters the ability to track client progress and stability objectively. It also has the likelihood of creating small wins and not overwhelming a client who typically is in a crisis.

3. The Loudoun County Department of Family Services, the CoC Governance Board and the Continuum of Care Lead oversees the development of strategies designed to reduce the number of individuals and families that experience homelessness for the first time.

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| 2C-2. | Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce. | |
| | NOFO Section VII.B.5.c. | |
| | In the field below: | |
| | 1. describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless; | |
| | 2. describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and | |
| | 3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Loudoun County CoC works within the Lead Agency structure to provide data quality and outcome metrics to service providers operating programs that serve chronically homeless individuals and families. The Loudoun County CoC has monthly meetings with homeless services providers to review all performance measures, including length of homelessness, and discuss specific strategies to reduce length of time homeless.

2. The Loudoun County CoC has begun exploring utilizing a By-Name list in order to more effectively track longest lengths of time homeless and to ensure individuals are prioritized accordingly. The By-Name list is a tool that enables CoC's to account for every person experiencing homelessness in real time and is the critical first step to solving homelessness for the entire community.

3. The Loudoun County Department of Family Services, the CoC Governance Board and the Continuum of Care Lead oversees the development of strategies designed to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. A strong network of non-profit organizations and other community partners including homeless services providers work together to support a Housing First approach to assist in the reduction of length of time households are homeless. The Loudoun County CoC conducts a competitive proposal process to fund homeless services and programs that quickly move clients to a house. A less immediate but equally important response to the length of homelessness is the Transitional Housing (TH) programs in the Loudoun County CoC, and the feasibility of restructuring them to operate as permanent housing. Leading this charge is the Loudoun County CoC and the programs with supportive services that clear the path towards increasing housing stock for the chronically homeless.

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

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| | 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 Loudoun County CoC will increase the rate of exits to permanent housing through the strategic implementation of Housing First and assuring homeless services providers have access to trainings and resources that foster a service delivery model consistent with access to housing as top priority for all households enrolled in homeless services program. The Loudoun County CoC will continue to work with partners and community organizations to provide comprehensive supportive services to individuals and families once they are stably housed to assure systems are in place to support the maintenance of stable housing, including connections to employment resources, and financial assistance for utilities or other supports, as needed. To promote individuals and families in retaining permanent housing upon program exit, the Loudoun County CoC will continue to support the implementation of housing and supportive services that provide after-care and follow-up services to individuals and households upon program exit.

2. The Loudoun County CoC collaborates with a variety of community support services to provide access to needed resources in order to assist individuals and families in retaining housing long after program exit. For example, the Rapid Re-Housing program conducts regular check-ins with households up to one-year post-program exit.

3. The Loudoun County Department of Family Services, the CoC Governance Board, and the Continuum of Care Lead.

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| 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 Loudoun County CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness via the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) database. Client records are maintained, and homeless services staff capture entry and exit data for each program and individual or family is enrolled in (e.g., emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, etc.).

2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness focuses on the core principle of Housing First – securing stable housing and then providing supportive services to help maintain that housing.

3. The Loudoun County CoC Governance Board and the CoC Lead are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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| 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. | |

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1. The Loudoun County CoC's strategy to increase employment cash focuses on providing resources, trainings and client-centered interventions that promote equal access to employment opportunities. The Loudoun County information on resources, email communication and CoC General Membership meetings, is where employment organizations such as Crossroads Jobs and Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, share upcoming job fairs and employment trainings resources.

2. The Loudoun County CoC oversees the strategy to increase income from employment. Crossroads Jobs and Loudoun Workforce Resource Center also offer free, individualized job placement and career development services to Loudoun area residents who are unemployed or underemployed and experiencing barriers to employment. The program is structured in a way that allows workers to get to know the applicants and communicate with local businesses to learn about available job openings and ongoing or upcoming needs. Workers then match the right person to the right job, which benefits the applicant, the employer, and the community.

3. The CoC General Membership oversees the strategy to increase income from employment. The Executive Director of Crossroads Jobs actively participates in the CoC serving on the Governance Board and remains vigilant in updating the CoC on employment-related engagement with homeless services participants.

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| 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. | |

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1. The Loudoun County CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income focuses on providing resources and access to mainstream benefits that help individuals and families maintain housing stabilization. The Loudoun County CoC works with mainstream benefits within the Department of Family Services to help individuals and families increase non-cash income by sharing information on resources, application process and materials, email communication and via CoC General Membership meetings. For example, during winter months benefits staff oversee a utility assistance program which is shared with the CoC.

2. Loudoun County's Department of Family Services, Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Developmental Services PATH outreach worker. No one organization or position is responsible for overseeing strategy to increase the non-employment case income of clients. Instead, it is the concerted, interdependent efforts of all the Loudoun County CoC member organizations. The Loudoun County CoC will continue to leverage those transitions to improve the collaboration between mainstream benefits and homeless services.

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. | |

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| | 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? | No |
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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. | |

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| | Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness? | No |
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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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| This list contains no items | | | |

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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| 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:

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| 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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n/a

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

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

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

n/a

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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| | 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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| 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference | No | | |
| 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference | No | | |
| 1E-1. Local Competition Deadline | Yes | Local Competition... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool | Yes | Local Competition... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application | Yes | Scored Renewal Pr... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced | Yes | Notification of P... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted | Yes | Notification of P... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects | Yes | Final Project Sco... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes | Web Posting-CoC-A... | 09/30/2022 |
| 1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes | Notification of C... | 09/30/2022 |
| 3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments | No | | |

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

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| Submission Summary | No Input Required |

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Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Wyss, Corinne
Subject: Local Announcement: FY22 CoC Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal
Attachments: FINAL 8-19-22 HUD CoC YHDP Local Application Announcement.pdf; Continuum_of_Care_Competition_and_Noncompetitive_YHDP.pdf; DoDont_NOFO2022.pdf; FY2022_NOFO_ScoringChartComparison.pdf; FY-2022-CoC-Estimated-ARD-Report.pdf; Sample-FY-2022-CoC-Application.pdf
Importance: High

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED ANNOUNCEMENT FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND DEADLINES
See additional resources attached.

The Loudoun County Continuum of Care (CoC) is pleased to announce that nonprofit organizations can now apply for local grant funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants. This funding is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending homelessness, to provide funding for efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families, and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The goal of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is to support the development and implementation of a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness and sharing that experience with and mobilizing communities around the country toward the same end. The population to be served by the demonstration program is youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.

The Loudoun County CoC will be submitting a Consolidated Application and encourages nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County residents to consider being part of this application.

Total funding through this special competition is approximately \$2,794,000,000. HUD determines the amount that each CoC is eligible to apply for, which is shared via the CoC Estimated Annual Renewal Demand Report (ARD). The following is a brief overview of the funding available to Loudoun County's CoC in the FY2022 HUD CoC Program Competition as well as the eligible project types. Proposed projects can apply for a part of OR all of the Bonus or DV Bonus funding.

| Funding Opportunity | Eligible Project Types | Target Population |
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| CoC \$180,168 (Est. ARD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CoC Planning | Individuals/Families experiencing homelessness |
| CoC Bonus \$20,532 (existing renewal or new funding, expansion, consolidation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Housing (PH)-Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) | Individuals/Families experiencing homelessness |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH-Rapid Rehousing (RRH) • Joint Transitional Housing (TH)/PH-RRH • Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry | |
| DV Bonus \$50,000 (new funding, expansion, consolidation) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH-RRH • Joint TH/PH-RRH • Supportive Services Only -Coordinated Entry | <p><i>PH-RRH and TH-RRH project types must serve individuals and/or families that are survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that meet the definition of homeless in paragraph (4) of 24 CFR 578.3; Expansion projects are only eligible if 100% of clients served in the project meet the criteria above.</i></p> |
| YHDP (existing renewal or replacement) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PH-PSH • PH-RRH • Join TH/PH-RRH • TH or Crisis Residential TH • Supportive Services Only • Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry • Supportive Services Only – Host Home and Kinship Care • HMIS • Shared Housing | <p>Youth experiencing homelessness, including unaccompanied and pregnant or parenting youth.</p> |

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The local application process is open to all nonprofit organizations serving Loudoun County residents. Eligible applicants must:

- Be an active member of the Loudoun Continuum of Care (CoC);
- Be an organization that is a nonprofit that is current on Form 990 filings with the Internal Revenue Service;
- Create an account in HUD's portal *e-snaps*; and
- Established standard accounting practices including internal controls, fiscal management accounting procedures, cost allocation plans, and reliable tracking methods for organizational and program budgets by revenue sources and expenses.

INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDELINES

Nonprofit organizations interested in applying should review the following resources regarding the local application process and applying as a collaborative applicant:

- Review the Detailed Instructions for Collaborative Applicants;
- Learn how to Access the CoC Program Project Application in *e-snaps*
- Learn how to Create a profile in *e-snaps*
- Learn about the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act: HUD 24 CFR 578: HUD HEARTH Act

HOW TO APPLY

Organizations within and outside the county are encouraged to apply. Those interested in applying should be members of the Loudoun County Continuum of Care.

Step 1: Submit a “Letter of Intent to Apply” to the CoC Lead by emailing the letter to corinne.wyss@loudoun.gov no later than **5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.**

Step 2: Complete and **save, but do not submit**, the application in HUD’s electronic grant management system, *e-snaps*, and email a PDF format to corinne.wyss@loudoun.gov no later than **5:00 pm on August 30, 2022. Do NOT click “submit” a CoC Project Application in e-snaps.**

Loudoun County’s CoC (VA-602) is responsible for conducting a local funding competition to evaluate, select, and rank projects as part of the CoC Consolidated Application. All project applicants will be notified in writing whether or not their applications were accepted for inclusion in the CoC Consolidated Application.

IMPORTANT DATES

Important dates related to the local competition can be found below:

- **Wednesday, August 24, 2022**

Letter of Intent to Apply – must be submitted by **5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2022**. The letter must include the project type and target population. Organizations interested in applying must submit a “Letter of Intent to Apply” to the CoC Lead by emailing the letter to corinne.wyss@loudoun.gov

- **Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

All project applications must be completed and **only saved** into *e-snaps* no later than **5:00 pm on August 30, 2022**. **Do NOT click “submit.”**

- **Friday, September 9, 2022**

Project submissions are reviewed, scored, and ranked to determine eligibility.

- **Thursday, September 15, 2022**

Organizations will be notified whether the project application has been accepted, rejected, or reduced by the CoC.

- **Friday, September 30, 2021 – CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION DUE**

The final consolidated application must be submitted by CoC in *e-snaps* no later than **8:00 PM EDT on September 30, 2022**.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To sign-up for HUD’s mailing lists for additional information, click on the links below:

- SNAPS Competition Announcements - for competition-related messages
- SNAPS Program Information - general information regarding SNAPS programs.

To become a member of the Loudoun County CoC, please complete and return the membership form that can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

Questions about the CoC Supplemental NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness must be submitted to the following HUD.gov email addresses:

- CoCNOFO@hud.gov for questions about the NOFO, program competition, and applications.
- e-snaps@hud.gov for questions about *e-snaps* technical issues.

General HUD information can be found [here](#).

Corinne Wyss

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Loudoun County Department of Family Services

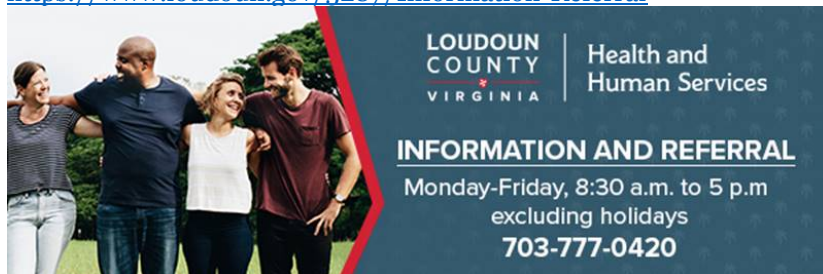
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Wyss, Corinne

From: Wyss, Corinne
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:00 PM
To: Jackie Dussault
Cc: Gene Ficarra; Watts, Cesar
Subject: CoC Competition and Non-competitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration - Results

Good afternoon, Jackie.

The CoC would like to inform Good Shepherd that they were not selected to be included in the CoC Collaborative Application for the CoC Competition and Non-competitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration.

Here are the details regarding the review and scoring of the project submission:

Good Shepherd Alliance:

- Experience – scored a 10 out of a possible 24 points
- Project Description – scored 6 out of a possible 12 points
- Supportive Services – scored 9 out of a possible 18 points
- Budget – scored 9 out of 12 possible points
- Additional Question based on Criteria in the NOFO: For New Project Applications under Joint TH/PH-RRH – the organization needed to score at least 4 out of 6 points – Good Shepherd scored a 0, 3, 3.
- Rating on organization's justification for why the project is essential – scored 8 out of a possible 12 points
- Overall, how would you score the applicant's ability to deliver services – scored 17 out of a possible 30 points.
- Without the Additional Question – the applicant overall scored 59 out of 108 possible points
- Comments/Concerns:
 - No indication of how/ if individuals in underserved populations receive services, or how if at all, youth are served.
 - While the applicant states they use a Housing First approach, their description of the Six Steps of Self Sufficiency seem to contradict a Housing First approach
 - The applicant did not detail a history of experience managing federal grant funds
 - The applicant did not identify any subpopulations that may be assisted with funds
 - The applicant does not or would not participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry process
 - Lacked any description of best practices
 - Did not address prior history of managing federal grant funds and doesn't seem to follow a housing first model based on the six-step program outlined in the application.
 - Regarding risk:
 - Applicant did not provide detail about past history of managing federal or state grant funds

It is our hope to be able to work with Good Shepherd to assist with future submissions for funding. We hope to be able to provide guidance and assistance that will allow Good Shepherd to submit a more robust application when future funding becomes available.


Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Wyss, Corinne

From: Wyss, Corinne
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Danielle Colon; Laura Woody
Cc: Mairin Rivett; Dave Maloney; Watts, Cesar
Subject: CoC Competition and Non-competitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration - Results

The CoC would like to inform Shelter House that they were selected to be included in the CoC Collaborative Application for the CoC Competition and Non-competitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration. Congratulations.

Here are the details regarding the review and scoring of the project submission:

Shelter House, Inc.


- Experience – scored a 22 out of a possible 24 points
- Project Description – scored 10 out of a possible 12 points
- Supportive Services – scored 16 out of a possible 18 points
- Budget – scored 11 out of 12 possible points
- Additional Question based on Criteria in the NOFO: For New Project Applications under Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing: New permanent housing projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected– Shelter House scored a 4, 3, 4.
- Rating on organization's justification for why the project is essential – scored 11 out of a possible 12 points
- Overall, how would you score the applicant's ability to deliver services – scored 27 out of a possible 30 points.
- Without the Additional Question – the applicant overall scored 97 out of 108 possible points
- Comments/Concerns:
 - More detail on internal controls.
 - No discussions of subpopulations such as youth, minorities, LGBTQ or plan to include these subpopulations.
 - There were no risks were identified.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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Watts, Cesar

From: Wyss, Corinne
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 11:29 AM
To: Wyss, Corinne
Subject: Notification of CoC Consolidated Application Posted on Website

Good morning CoC.

The CoC has posted the Consolidated Application and Priority Listing for FY 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grant on our website.

You can view the application at [here](#).

Best,

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