

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NY-513 - Wayne, Ontario, Seneca, Yates Counties CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency (FLACRA)

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: FLACRA

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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| 1B-1. | Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry. | |
| | NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p. | |
| | In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024: | |
| 1. | select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or | |
| 2. | select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area: | |

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The two stakeholder groups that the CoC is comprised of are the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium (FLHC) and the CoC Board. In addition, each of the four counties in the CoC geographic area have Housing Consortia where CoC information and issues are shared as a standard agenda item. Finger Lakes Area Counseling and Recovery Agency (FLACRA) is the lead agency for the CoC. The CoC does not conduct a specific membership campaign; rather, its membership enrollment is ongoing throughout the year. Membership is inclusive and open to any individual or organization with an interest in addressing and eradicating homelessness in our community. We actively welcome participants from diverse sectors, including businesses, faith-based and secular organizations, law enforcement, individuals with disabilities, and representatives from various cultural backgrounds. All communications related to membership are distributed via email to current members, comprising over 80 community-based organizations across the four counties served by the CoC. The Executive Committee conducts a semi-annual membership review to ensure comprehensive geographic representation and maintain a diverse range of expertise and systems knowledge. A dedicated CoC page is also available on the FLACRA website, where all relevant CoC information is regularly shared and accessible to the public.

2. The CoC effectively communicates with individuals with disabilities via email, phone, and TTY. Documents are shared via email, and key documents can be found on the CoC website. All documents are posted in PDF format.

3. As a predominantly rural CoC covering a four-county area, we have limited organizations dedicated to serving a single population group. Instead, our member organizations prioritize hiring culturally diverse staff who are sensitive to and experienced in addressing the needs of marginalized communities. While some organizations focus on specific populations, such as the Family Counseling Center of the Finger Lakes, an active CoC member, the emphasis is generally on inclusive service delivery. The Family Counseling Center, for example, brings valuable expertise in working with LGBTQ+ individuals and families, contributing their unique insights to our strategic planning, training initiatives, and other collaborative efforts.

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

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| | Describe in the field below how your CoC: |
| 1. | solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness; |
| 2. | communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information; |
| 3. | ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and |
| 4. | took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC membership is open to anyone within the CoC geographic area interested in addressing homelessness issues in our CoC. The CoC Board proactively recruits members with expertise in specific subpopulations/related fields such as law enforcement, mainstream benefits, medical, housing, and persons with lived experience. The Executive Committee reviews membership semi-annually to ensure adequate & fair representation from all four counties in the CoC geography. Meeting announcements are widely shared, and Agendas are sent with each meeting announcement. Meeting facilitators frame topics and often solicit an expert in the field to further the discussion. Benefits and risks are discussed & input is encouraged. Input from all members is considered for all decisions made.

2. Four (4) Housing Consortiums represent each of the four counties within the CoC. Each consortium sends at least one representative to the CoC full membership meetings. They are actively involved in the planning process to end homelessness in the CoC, and each brings their unique perspective and housing expertise to the table, i.e., ongoing discussions of the need for more eviction prevention funding, extending rapid re-housing assistance, and landlord engagement. Agendas and minutes of CoC meetings are widely distributed via the CoC email list, including member and non-member agencies. Standard agenda items include update reports from community groups and CoC Committees. Attendance at the four Housing Consortiums has grown resulting in local community-based organizations that serve sub-populations; i.e. - re-entry, developmentally disabled, joining the county housing consortiums.

3. The CoC effectively communicates with individuals with disabilities via email, phone, and TTY. Documents are shared via email, and key documents are posted to the CoC page on the FLACRA website.

4. CoC Board members and stakeholders participate in many task forces, community forums, committees, etc. outside of the CoC meetings/activities. These are systems intimately related to homelessness such as chemical dependency and mental health, which ensure that the needs of the homeless are brought to the attention of all sectors of the community. This has led to partnerships that have pursued funding opportunities outside the CoC. This has been particularly successful in creating new affordable and permanent housing units, which are units set aside for the homeless special needs populations.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The local application process for CoC funding is discussed at each of the four-county Housing Consortium meetings as well as at the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium meetings, the general membership meeting of the CoC. Many of the organizations that attend these meetings regularly are not currently receiving CoC funding; so through attendance at these meetings, become educated on the process. The extensive CoC email list also goes to many organizations that are not currently receiving funding. There is a focus on developing and funding solutions to end homelessness, simplifying the application process, and providing technical assistance and education throughout the year to better prepare organizations that may be interested in applying for CoC funding. The COVID pandemic forced the County Housing Consortiums and the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium (full membership meeting) to conduct meetings via Zoom. Because of the distance, the ability to meet virtually has increased membership, and meetings continue to be held via Zoom.

2.The annual CoC Funding RFP is widely distributed throughout the four counties. All the materials needed to apply are on the CoC page of the FLACRA website. Clear instructions and submission dates are provided. The process has been reviewed multiple times throughout the year at CoC and Consortium meetings as well. For FY 2023, the RFP was released and published on the website on 8/2/2023. Applications must be submitted electronically and were due on 8/18/2023. Organizations that submit applications will be notified of the projects submitted to HUD by 9/5/2023.

3.Renewal and New Project applications submitted are reviewed and scored by the Review and Ranking Committee. A scoring matrix is provided for renewal and new projects at the beginning of the process and was posted on the website along with the RFP and other materials. Each member of the Review and Ranking Committee scores each application. The reviewer's scores are averaged. Scoring criteria for renewal projects are primarily performance-based. Each project application is ranked by score. Projects are submitted to HUD in ranked order until the maximum amount of funding has been reached.

4.The CoC effectively communicates with individuals with disabilities via email, phone, and TTY. Documents are shared via email, and all application documents and materials can be found on the CoC website.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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| 1C-1. | Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.b. | |
| | In the chart below: | |
| 1. | select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or | |
| 2. | select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area. | |

| | Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects | Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects? |
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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) | Yes |
| 10. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent |
| 11. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes |
| 12. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | Yes |
| 13. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | Yes |
| 14. | Private Foundations | Yes |
| 15. | Public Housing Authorities | Yes |
| 16. | Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) | Yes |
| 17. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | Yes |
| | Other:(limit 50 characters) | |
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| 1C-2. | CoC Consultation with ESG Program Recipients. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.b. | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collaboration with youth education providers entails the full coordination of educational services for children experiencing homelessness, complete assessment of the child's education needs, and development of action plans in order to minimize the disruption to education caused by homelessness. All programs involved in housing search for households with school-age children make every effort to find safe, affordable housing in the same school district to ensure educational continuity, assuming that is the preference of the parent/guardian. Homeless service providers encourage the parents to take an active role in their child's education and assist them in getting whatever supplies, materials, clothing, etc. that the child may need either through the school district homeless coordinator or other community resources. The CoC continues to encourage school districts to participate in CoC activities by participating in membership meetings and attending the individual County Housing Consortium meetings.

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

Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC written standards require that any CoC-funded project that serves unaccompanied youth and/or families with children identify a staff position that is responsible for informing program participants of their eligibility for education services. This includes assisting with the coordination of transportation, ensuring that there is no disruption in any school services or activities that the child was involved in prior to becoming homeless and that all school supplies are available to the child. The goal is to ensure that the child is prepared for school and will miss few or no days of school due to homelessness. Information is also provided to families with pre-school age children concerning HeadStart and PreK programs available and assist with securing childcare or other services if special needs are identified. When working with unaccompanied youth and families on housing search, there is discussion to ensure that the housing is located in the current school district, if that is what the family/youth want, to try and maintain continuity for the student as much as possible.

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

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

| | | MOU/MOA | Other Formal Agreement |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| 1. | Birth to 3 years | No | Yes |
| 2. | Child Care and Development Fund | No | Yes |
| 3. | Early Childhood Providers | No | Yes |
| 4. | Early Head Start | No | Yes |
| 5. | Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV) | No | No |
| 6. | Head Start | No | Yes |
| 7. | Healthy Start | No | Yes |
| 8. | Public Pre-K | No | Yes |
| 9. | Tribal Home Visiting Program | No | No |
| | Other (limit 150 characters) | | |
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| 1C-5. | Addressing Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking—Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers. |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. |

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

| | Organizations | |
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| 1. | State Domestic Violence Coalitions | Yes |
| 2. | State Sexual Assault Coalitions | Yes |
| 3. | Anti-trafficking Service Providers | Yes |
| | Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters) | |
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| 1C-5a. | Collaborating with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers to Address Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The DV providers located in the CoC geographic area are the Victim Resource Center (VRC), Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes (FCFL), and Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (SHFL). All are active members of the CoC and participate in the county Housing Consortiums and CoC full membership meetings; SHFL is a member of the CoC Board. The CoC collaborates with DV providers to ensure that the housing and service needs of DV survivors are met throughout the CoC. Based on the feedback of DV providers regarding DV issues the CoC policies and procedures may be revised and updated as needed. Based on input from DV providers the CoC has provided support letters for the development of a new DV transitional housing program in Seneca County which opened in August of 2023. Input from DV provides was essential in the development of the CoC Emergency Transfer plan. DV providers participate in the CoC Coordinated Entry (CE) system which ensures that DV survivors have access to the full range of housing and services provided in the CoC.

2.DV providers and CE staff are all trained in trauma informed care. The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (VRC), Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (SHFL) and Family Counseling of the Finger Lakes (FCFL) provides regular training opportunities throughout the year (minimum semi-annually) to providers keeping them well-informed of best practices concerning safety and planning for both domestic violence and human trafficking issues. The comprehensive training ranges from proactive listening to crisis management with trauma-informed care as the general method of communication. This effective client-centered approach offers workers perhaps unfamiliar with this population the tools necessary to assist the person fleeing from domestic violence. Planning protocols such as planning an emergency exit from domestic violence to future safety planning once escaped are also components of the training. Family Counseling Services of the Finger Lakes and Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes also provide services to survivors of Domestic Violence and provide safety planning training, school based training focusing on prevention. All training is conducted through a trauma-informed lens. This training is also valuable to all homeless program staff since homeless women suffer more sexual assault or past domestic violence than the general population.

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| 1C-5b. | Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |
| | Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including: | |
| 1. | safety planning protocols; and | |
| 2. | confidentiality protocols. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Victim Resource Center of the Finger Lakes, Inc. (VRC) and Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (SHFL) provide regular training opportunities throughout the year (minimum semi-annually) to community-based providers keeping them well-informed of best practices concerning safety planning and other related issues regarding domestic violence and human trafficking issues. The comprehensive training ranges from proactive listening to crisis management with trauma-informed care as the general method of communication. This effective client- centered approach offers workers perhaps unfamiliar with this population the tools necessary to assist the person fleeing from domestic violence. Planning protocols such as planning for an emergency exit from domestic violence as well as safety planning over the long term are also components of the training. While the training for safety planning is provided to all of the housing providers, the victim service providers should be involved in any immediate crisis situations. This training is also valuable to all workers since homeless women suffer more sexual assault and past domestic violence than the general population. For example, a person may be seeking substance abuse counseling but that person may also have a history of severe sexual trauma. This training helps workers identify behavioral indicators that may be a sign of past abuse.

2.VRC provides consultation to providers who conduct the VI-SPDAT on administering this lengthy questionnaire through the lens of trauma-informed care on request. This involves instruction on the language used, suggestions for the location of the interview, responses of the interviewer and when to "take a break" - all critical elements so as not to re-traumatize survivors. Additionally, the CoC shares information on training resources such as the National Alliance to End Homelessness, the National Domestic Violence Hotline and other training on Trauma Informed Care (TIC), client centered practices, Motivational Interviewing and other best practices when serving DV survivors, homeless and other vulnerable sub-populations.

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

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

| | | Project Staff | Coordinated Entry Staff |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| 1. | Training Occurs at least annually? | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices? | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices? | Yes | Yes |
| 4. | Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs? | Yes | Yes |
| 5. | Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations? | Yes | Yes |
| 6. | Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated? | Yes | Yes |
| | Other? (limit 500 characters) | | |
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| 1C-5d. | Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan; | |
| 2. | how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer; | |
| 3. | what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and | |
| 4. | what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Case Manager or Housing Specialist would inform the household of the emergency transfer process should the need arise. The emergency transfer plan is part of the Coordinated Entry (CE) operations manual so that program staff are aware of the policy and able to inform their clients. The CoC has implemented an emergency transfer plan in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This plan identifies tenants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to tenants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is in compliance with VAWA. If a program participant experiences domestic violence and it is determined that their safety is at risk if they remain in the housing unit, they will be transferred to another unit within the program if one is available or will go to the top of the prioritization list if they must transfer to another program.

2. All households who are seeking or receiving CoC program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer. The information on how they may request an emergency transfer is provided both during the intake into the program and case managers educate participants throughout their stay on the process and encourage them to share right away if they feel they are in any sort of danger. The safety plan may then be changed if necessary.

3. If a household is in need of an emergency transfer they are instructed to contact their case manager for the housing program and inform them of their situation and the need for the transfer. The case manager will then contact Coordinated Entry staff, the Prioritization List Coordinator to let them know that that they have a participant that needs to be relocated to a different unit due to being in danger from an abuser.

4. The Prioritization List Coordinator will determine whether there is an availability of another unit in the current program or whether a transfer to another program is going to be needed. The Prioritization List Coordinator will schedule an emergency case conference if there is a need to transfer to another program. If there are no current openings, the household will go to the top of the Prioritization List.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.While there are no CoC funded DV programs, DV providers make referrals regularly to Coordinated Entry. The DV provider completes the VI-SPDAT, the vulnerability assessment tool used by the CoC, and refers the client to Coordinated Entry (CE) anonymously for prioritization. When an opening becomes available, CE staff works with the DV provider to set up an intake with the client and and the housing provider. The DV survivor has the option to remain anonymous in HMIS once they have been placed in a CoC funded housing program through the use of a unique ID number.

2.Victim Service providers are active members of the county Housing Consortiums and the CoC full membership meetings. There is always a standing agenda item for providers to bring up any barriers that arise that makes it more difficult to get households safely housed. The primary barrier now for accessing housing for all homeless households including those experiencing DV, is the lack of safe, affordable housing units. A priority of the CoC is working collaboratively to increase landlord engagement activities that will increase the supply of available units. Unique to the needs of DV providers ensuring that housing units have solid, locking doors and windows and that units are not in locations that the abusers live in or known to frequent.

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| 1C-5f. | Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | |

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:

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| 1. | identifying barriers specific to survivors; and |
| 2. | working to remove those barriers. |

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

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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 V.B.1.f. | |

Describe in the field below:

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

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1. The CoC, in partnership with Legal Assistance of Western NY (LAWNY) provides Fair Housing training which addresses anti-discrimination. Homeless program staff are encouraged to participate in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) training. Equal access training is provided annually. There are also a variety of Trauma-Informed Care trainings provided throughout the year. The CoC notifies providers of these training opportunities by email as well as making announcements at Housing Consortium and CoC meetings.

2. Program providers have policies and procedures that address and include anti-discrimination practices. The CoC upon request will assist programs in developing their anti-discrimination policies and procedures.

3. CoC staff monitor CoC and ESG programs annually. During the monitoring visit, program nondiscrimination and equal opportunity policies are reviewed. Should there be a complaint made to the CoC regarding possible violation(s) of anti-discriminatory policies, the incident will be addressed immediately. HMIS data is reviewed throughout the year to ensure that there is equity in program participation that ensures that all persons are able to access and feel comfortable and welcome in all CoC programs.

4. If the CoC should find a program is not compliant with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies, a corrective action plan will be developed. If there are continued violations the program's funding would be in jeopardy.

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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 V.B.1.g. | |

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

| Public Housing Agency Name | Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry | Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference? | Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On? |
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| Geneva Housing Authority | 0% | Yes-Both | No |
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| 1C-7a. | Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.g. | |

Describe in the field below:

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| 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. |

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1.While the Geneva Housing Authority (GHA) does not have a homeless preference in their administrative plan, it is one of the original members of the CoC. Currently, GHA staff is co-chairperson of the CoC Board. GHA representatives are very active in both the CoC and in the Ontario and Wayne County Housing consortiums. GHA is the developer for a 48 unit affordable housing project for veterans that has a set aside of 25 units for homeless veterans. GHA notifies CoC programs and members of openings that are available in any of their public housing units or other sites they have developed so program participants can get on the waiting lists. The Newark Housing Authority is a member for the Wayne County Housing Consortium and though it does not have a preference for homeless, it does have a preference for survivors of domestic violence. Another CoC member is the Seneca Housing Council which is an administrator of Housing Choice Vouchers through NYS Homes and Community Renewal (NYSHCR). They have no homeless preference but they do have a preference for victims of domestic violence.

2.While preference has not been adopted, aside from domestic violence preference, the CoC and the PHA's are strong partners. Both Housing Authorities have been long time active members of the CoC. GHA is a member of the CoC Board and chairs the CoC Rating/Ranking Committee. The Newark Housing Authority is a member of the Wayne County Housing Consortium

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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 | Yes |
| 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 V.B.1.g. | |

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

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| 1. | Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) | Yes |
| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP) | No |
| 3. | Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) | No |
| 4. | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) | Yes |
| 5. | Mainstream Vouchers | No |
| 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 V.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)? | No |
| | | Program Funding Source |
| 2. | Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement. | |

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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 V.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? | Yes |
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1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Prisons/Jails? | Yes |
| 2. | Health Care Facilities? | Yes |
| 3. | Residential Care Facilities? | Yes |
| 4. | Foster Care? | Yes |

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

You must enter a value for elements 1 and 2 in question 1D-2.

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

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| | You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |
| | Describe in the field below: |
| 1. | how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach; |
| 2. | the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; |
| 3. | how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach; and |
| 4. | what your CoC has done to improve fidelity to Housing First. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC monitors projects annually. As part of the monitoring process, the CoC verifies that the project's Policies and Procedures are consistent with Housing First principles and that those principles are translated into practice. These P&P's should (1) reflect an admissions policy that does not demand prerequisites to housing such as an income, sobriety, etc. (2) include a client-driven process where self-determination is underscored and gradual social integration is encouraged, (3) focus on wellness and allow recovery to follow, (4) provide/offer all the wrap-around services for which the client is entitled, (5) termination policies and procedures ensure that measures are taken to avoid termination, that there are not discharges to homelessness and the participant is given due process throughout.

2. The CoC also examines the admission of the clients to confirm that they were prioritized on the Coordinated Entry list, e.g. those with the highest needs/most vulnerable, and that any denials were justified and the occurrence of such denials are rare. The time period from engagement to date housed for all admissions is examined to ensure that clients are being housed rapidly thus minimizing the time spent homeless and that barriers are being eliminated and not reinforced. Case notes are reviewed to ensure that, once housed, clients are receiving services and they are not being forced to participate or services are conditional based on client's action or inaction. Individual Service Plans (ISPs) are also reviewed to ensure that goals are client based and not program based, with the exception of programs that specialize in the provision of a particular service such as a substance abuse program, etc. The goals in the ISPs are tested for variety of goals and how those goals contribute to housing stabilization, client growth and well-being.

3. Project's commitment to using Housing First principles is examined as part of the annual monitoring process. The Housing First Policy is reviewed and recommendations for updates/revisions will be made to the project. Case notes are reviewed and there would be a discussion if notes demonstrate that housing first is not being implemented; i.e. - a case note that states the client must participate in treatment or they will be discharged from the program.

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| 1D-3. | Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.j. | |

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| Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. |
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VA Homeless Outreach workers go to known places and community organizations to identify veterans who are homeless, complete assessments and link them to VA services for housing and medical care. There is no funded Street Outreach program in the CoC that is specifically for the homeless population. Finger Lakes Area Counseling & Recovery Agency (FLACRA) has a 24-hour outreach and engagement team enter of Treatment Innovation (COTI) team which is a mobile clinic bus. The COTI is equipped with technology so that doctors, nurses, counselors, etc. may speak with clients via video conference in cases of substance abuse and mental health crisis. Peer advocates operate the mobile unit and go out to meet with clients wherever they are. The peers go to the hotels and motels where homeless individuals and families are placed by DSS. This unit covers all four counties that are part of the CoC geographic area. In addition to meeting homeless individuals at hotels/motels, there is now a Housing Peer Advocate engaging homeless individuals at each of the four county DSS offices weekly. The network of service providers - both CoC funded and non-CoC funded agencies - are present throughout the CoC's four county geographic area. The CoC does not have traditional street outreach due to the rural nature and wide geographic area of our CoC. There is a network of workers - those serving the homeless directly and those serving them indirectly, such as a soup kitchen, food pantry, faith-based organization, etc. In the event an unsheltered homeless person presents at any of our partner agencies, that person would be referred to a homeless service agency or call "211" or the police if immediate shelter is needed. Unsheltered homeless are most likely in an encampment, sleeping in their car or an abandoned structure of some sort. Our outreach is primarily a communication network of trained personnel/volunteers who know how to respond to a person presenting as homeless whether they have been living unsheltered for a period of time, are newly homeless, or perhaps fleeing from domestic violence. Depending on the severity of need, an immediate referral can be made to the outreach and engagement team.

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

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

| Your CoC's Strategies | Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers | Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness |
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| 1. Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness? | Yes | No |
| 2. Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places? | Yes | No |
| 3. Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places? | Yes | No |
| 4. Other:(limit 500 characters) | | |

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

| | | HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data | 2023 | 2024 |
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| | Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR. | | 3 | 1 |

You must enter a value for both years in question 1D-5.

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

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

| | Mainstream Benefits | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
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| 1. | Food Stamps | Yes |
| 2. | SSI–Supplemental Security Income | Yes |
| 3. | SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance | Yes |
| 4. | TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | Yes |
| 5. | Substance Use Disorder Programs | Yes |
| 6. | Employment Assistance Programs | Yes |
| 7. | Other (limit 150 characters) | |
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| 1D-6a. | Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.m | |

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

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1. Program staff are kept up to date regarding mainstream resources at bi-monthly CoC meetings and bi-monthly county housing consortium meetings. Local DSS districts and Legal Assistance of WNY conduct presentations when there are changes in processes or regulations that affect mainstream benefits.
2. Program staff are kept up to date on primary health care resources, substance use treatment options as well as mental health treatment options in order to assist with linking participants to these resources. Representatives from the primary care, substance use treatment and mental health treatment participate in the Housing Consortium and CoC full membership meetings. Information on any new resources or changes in procedures are shared at these meetings.
3. Case managers and Health Home Care Managers throughout the CoC are SOAR trained to assist participants who are eligible for SSI/SSD. LAWNY provides legal assistance for persons who have been unfairly denied benefits through fair hearings or the SSI/SSD appeals process

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| ID-7. | Partnerships with Public Health Agencies—Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.n. | |
| | Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that: | |
| | 1. respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and | |
| | 2. prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. | |

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1. The county Departments of Health provide guidance to programs on how to educate participants on practices that prevent the spread of infectious diseases and the encouragement of vaccinations (COVID, Flu and RSV) when available. The Department of Health communicates to program providers information on vaccination and booster clinic times and sites, as well as other community vaccination sites such as pharmacies. The Department of Health no longer provides program providers with access to personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to their participants. Programs have worked those into their operating budgets.
2. Emergency housing placements in the CoC are done through the county DSS districts utilizing hotels/motels located throughout the CoC. Utilizing non-congregate settings for Emergency Housing prevents the spread of infectious disease. DSS and homeless program staff keep program participants educated on when and where flu, COVID and RSV vaccinations are available.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC has fully implemented a Coordinated Entry (CE) system throughout the entire CoC geographic area. Access to emergency shelter and transitional housing takes place through the Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates County DSS or Finger Lakes Region "211". FLACRA, the CoC Lead Agency, manages the Prioritization List for TH, RRH and PSH. CE is discussed at each county at the Housing Consortium meetings as well as the CoC full membership meetings. FLACRA monitors referring agencies to ensure that referrals are being submitted from each of the four counties that are part of the CoC. Households can move to any of the four counties that are part of the CoC geography.

2.CE currently utilizes the VI-SPDAT as a standardized assessment tool for the prioritization list which ensures that all households are assessed in the same way. Both CE staff and providers administer the VI-SPDAT. The VI-SPDAT score is calculated and based on that score, the household is placed on the prioritization list. It is a dynamic prioritization process, so ranking on the list can change based on the range of VS-PDAT scores that are processed.

3.CE is a standard agenda item for each of the housing consortium meetings and the bi-monthly CoC full membership meeting. At that time, providers are able to provide feedback on challenges when using the CE system should they experience any. Providers are also able to make suggestions to needed revisions to CE policies and procedures. Potential solutions to any issues are determined and brought to the CE lead agency to make any changes/revisions as needed. FLACRA's new SAMHSA grant, Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals will have SOAR trained staff.

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| 1D-8a. | Coordinated Entry--Program Participant-Centered Approach. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.o. | |
| | Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system: | |
| 1. | reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach; | |
| 2. | prioritizes people most in need of assistance; | |

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| 3. | ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and |
| 4. | takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance. |

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1. Outreach to organizations that serve high needs populations, i.e. people with severe & persistent mental illness, chemical addiction, co-occurring disabilities, etc. is conducted to keep them informed of CE policies and procedures. These organizations refer people who have multiple disabilities & who are frequent users of ERs and hospitals, that generally result in a high VI- SPDAT score.

2. The CE process is monitored regularly to ensure that those with the highest VI-SPDAT score, the vulnerability tool being used by the CoC, are prioritized. The VI-SPDAT scoring factors include: disability(ies), engaged in treatment or not, length of time homeless, frequency of homeless episodes, numbers of hospitalizations, ER visits, calls for ambulances, safety and/or fleeing domestic violence, criminal justice system involved, etc. These factors produce a score; the person with the highest score is served first, then second, etc.

3. The CE Lead maintains and monitors the Prioritization List which is a compilation of all referrals ranked by the level of need, i.e. those most vulnerable are served first. The CoC measures 1) time between date of referral to referral to an agency, 2) the time it takes the agency to make initial contact with the client, 3) date from initial referral to housing placement and 4) number of agency denials. If a pattern of slow response is detected, or a high percentage of referrals being denied, the CoC will place a call to the receiving agency to see if further assistance is needed.

4. Our CE process is designed to create as little burden as possible on program providers. Program providers and others making referrals to CE only need to complete the VI-SPDAT. Program providers call or email CE staff to provide basic information on client program choice and type. Additional information is collected when an individual's name is reached on the list.

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

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

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

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1.Coordinated Entry and HMIS data is used to analyze whether there are any racial or sub-population disparities present in access to or outcomes of homeless housing programs. The CoC ensures that marginalized groups, groups over-represented in the homeless population are served with respect and dignity. Service providers receive training to be culturally aware and to understand the causes of homelessness through the lens of racial disparities.

2.CE staff and program staff inform program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. CE and program staff educate program participants about the different programs for which they are eligible to ensure as much client choice as possible when accessing housing programs. During the housing search process, program participants are encouraged to let program staff know if they encounter landlords or property managers that are not following fair housing law, i.e. - asking about disability, denial based on source of income, etc.

3.If there were incidents of discrimination, program staff could advocate for the participant or participant could be referred to the appropriate legal services that could resolve the issues. Appropriate local governmental entities would also be notified when discrimination and/or violation of Fair Housing Laws is determined to have occurred.

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

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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. | 12/01/2023 |

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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1. Coordinated Entry and HMIS data is used to analyze whether there are any racial or sub-population disparities present in access to or outcomes of homeless housing programs. The CoC ensures that marginalized groups, groups over-represented in the homeless population are served with respect and dignity. Service providers receive training to be culturally aware and to understand the causes of homelessness through the lens of racial disparity.

2. CE staff and program staff inform program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. CE and program staff educate program participants about the different programs for which they are eligible to ensure as much client choice as possible when accessing housing programs. During the housing search process, program participants are encouraged to let program staff know if they encounter landlords or property managers that are not following fair housing law, i.e. - asking about disability, denial based on source of income, etc.

3. If there were incidents of discrimination, program staff could advocate for the participant or participant could be referred to the appropriate legal services that could resolve the issues. Appropriate local governmental entities would also be notified when discrimination and/or violation of Fair Housing Laws is determined to have occurred.

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

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

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| 1. | Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC? | Yes |
| 2. | Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC? | Yes |
| 3. | Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups? | Yes |
| 4. | Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups? | Yes |
| 5. | Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness? | Yes |
| 6. | Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector? | Yes |
| 7. | Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness? | Yes |
| 8. | Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity? | Yes |
| 9. | Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness? | Yes |
| 10. | Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system? | Yes |
| 11. | Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness? | Yes |
| | Other:(limit 500 characters) | |
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| 1D-9c. | Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.p. | |

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

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| 1D-9d. | Plan for Using Data to Track Progress on Preventing or Eliminating Racial Disparities. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.p. | |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | the measures your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and |
| 2. | the tools your CoC plans to use to continuously track progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance. |

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HMIS and Coordinated Entry data are analyzed to determine if there are disparities in accessing homeless housing and services. While persons of color and those with disabilities are found disproportionately in the homeless population; access to CoC programs reflects the proportion of those sub-populations in the homeless system. i.e. - persons of color are less than 1% of the population of the CoC; however they are 30% of the homeless population and as well as 30% of the program participants in CoC and ESG-CV funded programs. There were no disparities found in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance so no new strategies were implemented.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC continues to recruit additional members of the Persons With Lived Experience Advisory Committee. Outreach is being conducted to providers and community based organizations to recruit potential members with recent lived experience of homelessness. Members of the group are to be individuals with lived experience of homelessness as well as providers and stakeholders. The role of the Persons with Lived Experience Advisory committee will be to review CoC policies and procedure, including CE, to identify any disparities, and make recommendations for any revisions and solutions. The CoC hopes to recruit one to two committee members to report to the CoC meeting and at least one member to join the CoC board. The intent is also to have the advisory committee review project applications to ensure that the services proposed will meet the needs of the homeless population from the perspective of persons with lived experience.

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

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

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

| | Level of Active Participation | Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant | Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations |
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| 1. | Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness. | 5 | 1 |
| 2. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups. | 6 | 0 |
| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 2 | 0 |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process. | 2 | 0 |

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Throughout the community, Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) have opportunities for education, training and employment within homeless housing programs. Recent experience has shown that programs that employ peer supports (who are often PLE or who are in recovery from substance use disorder) have more success with building relationships and remaining engaged with their participants. New York State offers a professional certification in Peer Recovery Advocacy (CRPA). There are staff in CoC-funded programs who have earned their CRPA which allows them to draw on their personal experience with substance use and recovery to provide non-clinical support services to their program participants.

The Peer Advocate that did outreach to each of the local DSS districts did a wonderful job. He was approached by one of the DSS offices to see if he was interested in a position with them. He accepted the new position and is doing well. While missed by the CoC for his great outreach work, it is great to see people advance in their career paths.

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| 1D-10c. | Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.q. | |
| | Describe in the field below: | |
| 1. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; | |
| 2. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; | |
| 3. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; | |
| 4. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and | |
| 5. | steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness. | |

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1. Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) participate in the Four County Housing Consortium, the Finger Lakes Housing Consortium, CoC committees, and various community workgroups. The CoC uses their input garnered from the groups to inform application review and rating processes, to revise as needed CoC written standards and modify individual program's policies and procedures as needed.

2. Feedback from PLE has been utilized to make changes in CE policies and procedures by utilizing peers to stay in contact with homeless households while they are waiting for their housing placement. PLE also shared the difficulties encountered in accessing public benefits. PLE are now located in the Four County DSS offices on a weekly basis to assist homeless households through the application process for public assistance.

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

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| 2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development. |
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1. The CoC and the Four County governments have ongoing discussions on the challenges and barriers to the development of affordable housing. In addition, NIMBY issues the biggest challenge to reforming zoning ordinances in that there is no countywide zoning ordinance. Each individual town and village have their own zoning codes. There has been some success with affordable housing development using Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative and other capital funding. Ontario County has completed a Housing Needs Assessment. The assessment identified significant gaps in housing stock and infrastructure. CoC Lead Agency staff and members of the Ontario County Housing Consortium have been involved in the planning and discussions with the consultant for the plan, Urban Partners. The assessment will be providing data on number of Housing Cost Burdened households, number of existing affordable units, number of affordable units needed, zoning policies, etc. Plans were developed that remedy the gaps and address restrictive zoning issues.

2. The CoC is an active member of the Supportive Housing Network of New York (SHNNY) that does statewide advocacy to increase the resources for the development of affordable housing. There have been discussions with NYS Homes and Community Renewal to gain flexibility in regulations for the LIHTC program that increase the cost of developing affordable housing.

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition. | 08/18/2023 |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition. | 08/18/2023 |

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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 V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., 2.d., and 2.e. | |

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

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 54 |
| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit? | 4 |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use? | PH-PSH |

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC monitors CoC funded programs annually. HMIS data is used to determine whether programs are successfully moving participants to permanent housing. Destination is the data standard used to measure the outcome - percentage of individuals and households with children who move to permanent housing. The returns to homelessness data is also reviewed to monitor the housing stability of participants.

2.Coordinated Entry data is used to track how long it takes programs to move participants to permanent housing. CE data tracks average number of days from placement on list to program referral, average number of days from referral to program entry date and average number of days from program entry date to the housing move-in date. HMIS data for the length of time persons are homeless is also reviewed.

3.HMIS data is used to determine sub-populations served by each program, i.e. - chronic homelessness, substance use, mental health, DV, etc. Due to the prioritization process used by Coordinated Entry, those persons with the most severe service needs are those who gets housed in our CoC programs so there is not a big difference between programs in the types and severity of needs of the participants. APRs are reviewed as part of the ranking and rating process which provides data on the types of and number of disabilities participants have which is a good indicator of the severity of needs. All of the renewal programs are successfully moving participants to permanent housing or retaining participants in permanent housing.

4.HMIS data is used to track project level outcomes for exits to permanent housing, retention in permanent housing, increasing employment and non-employment cash income, receipt of non-cash benefits . Outcomes are similar from program to program.

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| 1E-3. | Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.2.e. | |

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications; |
| 2. | how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and |
| 3. | how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers. |

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1.The composition of the local Ranking and Review Committee matches the composition of the population of the geographic area served by the CoC. The CoC continues to work on recruiting Persons with Lived Experience on this committee. Rating factors are reviewed and revised as needed annually based on the input of the local Ranking and Review Committee.

2.The Ranking and Review Committee is composed of non-conflicted community members, i.e. - do not receive CoC funding, on Board of a CoC funded project, etc. Committee members are recruited annually. The priority of the recruitment activities is to ensure that the members reflect the composition of the homeless population as well as Persons with Lived Experience.

3.The CoC's most recent disparity analysis shows no disparity in access of housing programs. The CoC Renewal Application asks applicants how they ensure that participants experience few or no barriers to accessing housing resources and what their plan is to involve Persons with Lived Experience in their programs. There were no points given for these questions this year. None of the programs identified issues with access housing and services based on race, ethnicity, language, gender, age, disability, etc. HMIS data confirms that as well.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Reallocation is a process that is used by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to ensure that the projects submitted to HUD for funding are those that provide quality housing and services and meet a need in the CoC geographic area. The decision to reallocate funds is made by the CoC Review and Ranking Committee as follows:

- Project does not expend all of its HUD funds and can't provide sufficient reason for the underspending - excess funds will be reallocated
- Project has history of not meeting performance measures and has not followed through with a performance improvement plan
- A project can volunteer to have its project's funds reallocated to create a new project that meets a need in the CoC. In this case, the new project (assuming it meets threshold requirements) will be prioritized and placed in Tier 1

2.There were no projects identified as low performing or less needed in the local application process this year.

3.There were also no projects identified for reallocation this year.

4.N/A - All programs met or exceeded their program outcomes and all programs continue to meet a community priority.

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

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| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024? | |
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You must select a response for question 1E-4a.

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

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| 1. | Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition? | |
| 2. | Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition? | No |
| 3. | Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition? | No |
| 4. | If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024. | |

You must select a response for element 1 and element 2 – if you select Yes, you must enter a date in element 4 in question 1E-5.

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

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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 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024. | 09/30/2024 |
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| 1E-5b. | Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. | |
| | You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

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| | Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-. | |
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You must provide a response in question 1E-5b.

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| 1E-5c. | Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95. | |
| | You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

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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. | 10/29/2024 |
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| 1E-5d. | Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. | |
| | You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

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| | Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website. | 10/29/2024 |
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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- 24 CFR part 578;
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- 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 V.B.3.a. | |

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| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX. | 05/10/2024 |
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| 2A-4. | Comparable Databases for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.3.b. | |

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Information has been given to the Victim Service providers throughout the CoC on the importance of collecting HMIS data in a comparable database. Each organization has a data base that they use and provide annual data for the Point in Time Count.

2.At this time there are no Victim Service providers who are recieving CoC or ESG-CV funding and until very recently none had a comparable database. Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes (SHFL) just opened a Transitional Housing Program for DV survivors in August 2023. SHFL has been using EmpowerDB for entering client data. They purchased an additional module that does make the database an HMIS comparable database.

3.The CoC shares an HMIS implementation with NY-500; using WellSky Community Service. The system is compliant with 2022 HMIS Data Standards and will be compliant with 2024 HMIS Data Standards effective 10/1/2023.

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

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

| Project Type | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report] | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report] | Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report] | HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report] |
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| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds | 336 | 23 | 313 | 100.00% |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds | 133 | 0 | 126 | 94.70% |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds | 1 | 0 | 1 | 100.00% |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 170 | 16 | 154 | 90.60% |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% |

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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 V.B.3.c. | |

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

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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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There were no project types with a bed coverage that is at or below 84.99%

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| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.3.d. | |
| | You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |
| Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST? | | Yes |

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 V.B.4.a | |

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| | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count. | 01/31/2024 |
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| 2B-2. | PIT Count Data—HDX Submission Date. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.4.a | |

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| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX. | 05/10/2024 |
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| 2B-3. | PIT Count—Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.4.b. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.Youth providers were included on the point-in-time planning committee. A PIT count was conducted in each of the four counties that are part of our geographic region. The committees recruited and trained volunteers for the actual count and identified specific locations to search for unsheltered homeless.
- 2.No homeless youth participated in the count, but homeless youth provider staff volunteered for the count.
- 3.Youth providers provided a list of locations and times that homeless youth would most likely be found.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

There were no changes in the PIT Count methodology from 2023 - 2024.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC examines HMIS data regularly in order to identify situations people experience just prior to becoming homeless. The most significant risk for first time homeless is the lack of affordable housing which leads many households to double up with friends or family. This may occur as a result of eviction due to rental arrears, a choice to move in together to share costs & childcare, family/friend offers temporary accommodations in an attempt to prevent the individual from becoming homeless. While some families doubling up is advantageous, other situations devolve due to overcrowded conditions, behavioral issues due to stress, substance abuse, mental illness, insufficient income to support the temporary guest(s) – resulting in homelessness. A barrier to housing is often the lack of security deposit and first/last month rent. Each of the four county DSS Districts are the primary entry point into the homeless system as they are the primary providers for emergency shelter in the CoC. Similar to neighboring CoCs, the number of persons entering the homeless system decreased dramatically during COVID. Ontario and Wayne County DSS districts have received funding from NYSOTDA to provide rent supplements up to 85% of FMR to single individuals receiving public assistance which will reduce the number of persons who are first time homeless.

2.Providers throughout the CoC are pursuing increased resources for homelessness prevention. Currently the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funds available through the United Way in each County; are insufficient to meet the community need. Eligible households may seek assistance from the DSS for rent arrears, security deposits and utility arrears; ineligible households may seek assistance from faith-based or other community organizations. Diversion techniques are also employed by Peer Advocates, local DSS staff offices and 211 to divert households from the homeless system. This process may include re-negotiating with landlords to remain-in/re-enter apartment, provide short term financial and food assistance to family/friend who are agreeable to provide temporary housing until permanent housing is secured.

3.Each County's DSS district office is responsible for prevention and diversion strategies and ensuring providers in their respective communities are aware of what resources are available. Collaborative efforts are being made to secure other prevention/diversion resources.

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

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

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

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Strategies being utilized to reduce the length of time homeless (LOT) include a) outreach and relationship building with landlords in the community to increase the stock of affordable, safe housing; b) focusing on developing a housing plan immediately upon contact with homeless household including administering the VI-SPDAT to get people directed to the prioritization list or other community resources as quickly as possible; c) removing barriers to housing by encouraging housing first and harm reduction principles; d) the development of RRH programs – a program model that provides short-medium term assistance for households to access and stabilize in PH; e) Coordinated Entry assessment collects info on length of time homeless and frequency of homeless episodes; households who have been homeless the longest and most often are prioritized for housing resources and f) the CoC supports activities to create new resources for affordable and supportive housing. New services have been added in the CoC that will address reducing the length of time homelessness. Ontario County DSS has provided funding for case management services for homeless households who are residing in hotels, FLACRA's SAMHSA grant provides services throughout all four counties that make up the CoC geographic area that will work with people in emergency housing and Wayne County DSS has partnered with Wayne County Behavioral Health to provide case management with a focus on reducing the time homeless.

2.The Coordinated Entry system (CE) identifies homeless individuals and families who have the longest lengths of time homeless. While there are many factors involved in determining placement on the prioritization list, the length of time homeless is weighted heavily and is used as a tie breaker should there be one or more people with the same score.

3.CE and DSS staff are primarily responsible for overseeing strategies to reduce length of time homeless.

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| 2C-3. | Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.d. | |

In the field below:

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| 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 number of successful exits to permanent housing in 2022 decreased slightly from 2021. The primary strategies to increase exits to permanent housing are: to increase landlord engagement and increase the supply of affordable housing units and for the CoC to actively pursue additional resources for rapid re-housing services, particularly for short term rental assistance and security deposits. The percentage of persons who remained in, or exited to PH stayed the same from 2021 to 2022, with 98% of persons remaining in or exiting to PH. The high percentage of participants remaining in PH is due to a shift over the years from program focused case management to client focused case management where the primary objective is to stabilize housing by improving the quality of life for program participants. This is accomplished by ensuring that their income and benefits are stable, access to a full range of community supports such as soup kitchens, food pantries, etc. and encouraging clients as opposed to perhaps more punitive measures used in the distant past. Housing First principles are being embraced by service providers and have resulted in rare program terminations.

3.The Finger Lakes Housing Consortium is responsible to oversee these strategies and monitor HMIS data reports throughout the year to ensure continued progress.

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| 2C-4. | Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.e. | |
| | In the field below: | |
| 1. | describe your CoC's strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness; | |
| 2. | describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate that individuals and families return to homelessness; and | |
| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HMIS data and information collected through the Coordinated Entry process allows the CoC to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness. Those who return to homelessness are more likely to have exited programs to market rate unsubsidized units in the CoC with little to no case management support.

We also know through HMIS data that persons who have shorter lengths of stay in PSH programs or have been terminated from a program for behavioral issues are more likely to return to homelessness. Prior episodes of homelessness are also an indicator of returns to homelessness, as well as participants who do not fully engage with case management and support services. Case conferences are more frequently scheduled for households returning to the homeless system to ensure that there is a housing plan in place from the beginning of the placement to improve the likelihood of housing stability.

2. The primary strategy is to increase RRH and affordable housing units within our CoC. Over the past few years we have added a NYS-STEHP RRH grant. Each of the

four counties applied and were awarded RRH funding utilizing ESG-CV funding. The CoC is active in advocating and facilitating partnerships for increased production of affordable housing units throughout the CoC; affordability is crucial for stabilizing housing for our clients. Another strategy is by educating clients on how to divert themselves from a housing crisis, e.g. what proactive steps they can take to avoid an impending crisis or to resolve the crisis without jeopardizing their housing. The CoC encourages partnerships and provides support letters annually for organizations that are partnering with housing developers to develop affordable housing with set asides for homeless households and other special needs populations utilizing NYS ESSHI funding, NYS HHAP funding, NYS HTF, HOME and tax credits. HOME-ARPA funding will be explored once RFPs are released as a new resource for rental assistance, and increasing affordable housing resources.

3. The four County Housing Consortiums and STEHP collaborative are the organizations that are responsible for oversight of these strategies.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC encourages providers to include employment goals in participant's independent living plans. Case Managers discuss past employment experience and the client's desire to return to that type of work or would they prefer to acquire new skills for another career path. Clients who express an interest are linked with employment services, they may attend employment readiness classes and training. Additionally, case managers in the past have engaged with employers to educate them on homelessness and dispel any negative myths to encourage employment of program participants. For recipients of SSI/SSD benefits, SOAR trained case/care managers can educate the recipients on work incentives that allow benefits to be retained while gradually transitioning to substantive employment. Through the program monitoring process, the CoC evaluates employment income. This measure is also a factor examined during the reviewing and scoring the local application process for CoC funding.

2.The CoC will facilitate conversations with employers, Workforce Investment Boards, community college and employment/training programs to build partnerships that improve access to employment for homeless persons. The CoC will educate providers on resources for soft employment skill development and will encourage providers to provide opportunities for employment for persons with lived experience.

3.The CoC Board will facilitate the conversations with employers, employment services, etc. to build the partnerships needed to increase access to employment and increased income. HMIS staff will also work with programs to ensure that they are updating income in interim and annual updates in HMIS. Income data is one of the data standards where there are data quality issues that affect accurate outcomes.

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| 2C-5a. | Increasing Non-employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.5.f. | |
| | In the field below: | |
| | 1. describe your CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income; and | |
| | 2. provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income. | |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC's strategy to access non-employment cash income is to educate providers on the requirements for participants to access public assistance, SNAP, Medicaid and SSI/SSDI. Local DSS districts provide the training to the providers. There is now a peer advocate in local DSS district offices to assist homeless households in applying for benefits. The CoC encourages all programs to have SOAR trained program staff to assist participants with applying for SSI/SSDI. If a household applies for emergency housing; an application for both cash assistance programs (TANF or General Assistance) is processed simultaneously. New services now available in the CoC address increasing non-employment cash income; FLACRA's SAMHSA grant includes funding for SOAR training, The case management services funded by Ontario County DSS and the case management services funded in the partnership between Wayne County DSS and Wayne County Behavioral Health all focus on assisting homeless persons with obtaining public benefits.

2.The local DSS districts are primarily responsible for oversight of the strategies to increase non-employment cash income. DSS representatives attend County Housing Consortium meetings and CoC meetings and will share changes in processes or benefits with providers at those meetings.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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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 V.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 V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b. | |

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

| Project Name | Project Type | Rank Number | Leverage Type |
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| This list contains no items | | | |

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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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 V.B.1.r. | |

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

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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. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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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. | Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. | |
| | NOFO Section V.F. | |

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

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

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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 for New DV Bonus Funding

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

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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:

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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8. Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

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| 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference | No | | |
| 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference | No | | |
| 1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter | Yes | | |
| 1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation | Yes | | |
| 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool | Yes | | |
| 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project | Yes | | |
| 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced | Yes | | |
| 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted | Yes | | |
| 1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results | Yes | | |
| 1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes | | |
| 1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes | | |

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

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Submission Summary

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| 1A. CoC Identification | 09/11/2024 |
| 1B. Inclusive Structure | Please Complete |
| 1C. Coordination and Engagement | Please Complete |
| 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd | Please Complete |
| 1E. Project Review/Ranking | Please Complete |
| 2A. HMIS Implementation | 10/28/2024 |
| 2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count | 10/28/2024 |
| 2C. System Performance | 10/28/2024 |
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