

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:

- 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

1A-1. CoC Name and Number: TX-603 - El Paso City & County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: El Paso Coalition for the Homeless

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: El Paso Coalition for the Homeless

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

- 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

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

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

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	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Veteran Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	Migrant Refugee Services	Yes	Yes	Yes

You must select a response for elements 1 through 33 in question 1B-1.

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)

This is the Continuum of Care (CoC) – a transformative approach that is a game-changer for underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities who disproportionately bear the burden of homelessness. At its core, the CoC model is built on culturally competent services that truly understand and respect the unique backgrounds, values, and beliefs of the communities they serve. Picture bilingual staff, programs that acknowledge the distinct challenges and strengths of Black and Brown communities, and services that reflect the community they serve. But we must confront the ugly truth: systemic racism is a root cause of homelessness. The CoC model tackles this head-on, advocating for policy changes, education, and advocacy to dismantle racial disparities in housing, employment, education, and criminal justice. We cannot ignore the deep-seated trauma that many homeless individuals have endured. The CoC model prioritizes trauma-informed care, providing safe spaces and avoiding re-traumatization. This is crucial for communities of color who have faced generations of systemic trauma. The CoC's Housing First approach ensures people get permanent housing quickly, providing support needed for stability. A stable home is the foundation for addressing employment, health, and education. For communities of color, this means access to safe, affordable housing in neighborhoods with real opportunities. The CoC's coordinated entry system streamlines access to services, ensuring the process is accessible, equitable, and aware of the unique barriers communities of color face. Community involvement is at the heart of the CoC model, with education, outreach, and partnerships that give community members a real voice in shaping solutions. Importantly, the CoC model leverages data to understand homelessness and track progress. By collecting and analyzing race and ethnicity data, we can target services effectively and hold ourselves accountable for reducing homelessness in Black and Brown communities. The Continuum of Care model is a powerful framework for transforming how we address homelessness, centering equity and the unique needs of communities of color. It has the potential to create lasting change and ensure everyone has a safe, stable place to call home. We are proud to have our CoC Board composed of more than 57% Black (1 LGBTQIA+ woman and three CIS Gender men), 43% Brown (3 women)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC Board is composed of 43% (3 Brown CIS Gender women), 4 Black (1 LGBTQIA+ retired veteran woman, 2 CIS gender retired veteran men & 1 male with lived experience. 1)Each year an email is distributed to the Coalition’s listserv of 450 plus email addresses describing the work of the CoC including the Coalition’s role as a coordinating entity for numerous agencies that provide housing, services, and support to the homeless in our community, inviting entities to join the initiative and support the Coalition and our partners to address strategic initiatives to prevent and end homelessness. Membership applications are available on our website. Invitations are communicated, announced, publicly posted on community bulletin boards and released through electronic media (social media and CoC list serve). CoC invites community members to activities such as county-wide community task force meetings, Coalition meetings, business districts, and through many networking opportunities. 2)The CoC ensures effective communication w/individuals with disabilities by sharing invites/apps in a variety of accessible electronic formats, including CoC webpage, which is responsive to screen reader software (e.g., accessibility tags to PDF docs) and email listservs.3)The CoC ensures that Homeless/formerly homeless are continuously encouraged to join the CoC during events such as Point in Time, homeless advisory meetings (all homeless-local mental health authority), etc., and throughout the year. The CoC conducts targeted outreach to have conversations with those experiencing homelessness and what a pivotal role they can have in how the system is designed. The CoC is inclusive when soliciting new members to address equity in El Paso County. Invited entities include, for example, Ysleta del sur Pueblo, Department of Finance and Revenue (Indian Reservation); Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe, La Fe Clinic (FQHS targeting those who residing in Segundo Barrio, a low-income, Hispanic neighborhood); Center of Hope (non-profit agency serving victims of human trafficking); Casa de Colores (non-profit agency serving LGBTQIA+); Volar Center for Independent Living (non-profit agency supporting people with disabilities) and Borderland Rainbow Center (LGBTQIA+ community center)The CoC is focused on diversity in its representation.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC solicits a wide variety of individuals/organizations who weigh in on the issue of homelessness. Through the ongoing planning process which includes monthly meetings of the CoC Planning body, we rely on local expertise from nonprofits that oversee/manage homeless programs, along with homeless & formerly homeless people who have lived experience. Also, we solicit participation from our local PHAs & law enforcement in all committees. The CoC works closely with CoC’s across the state to obtain a perspective on how other communities are addressing similar issues & review best practices. 2)CoC coordinates monthly general membership meetings which are advertised on the agency’s website & announced through the listserv of 450+ email addresses. Meetings are open to the public & the agenda includes items where interested entities can offer opinions, share upcoming functions, or discuss issues with existing programs. City, ESG Recipient & a member of the CoC, frequently contacts the CoC regarding feedback from City Council Reps & their constituents. 3)The CoC ensures effective communication w/individuals with disabilities by sharing invites/apps in a variety of accessible electronic formats, including CoC webpage, which is responsive to screen reader software (e.g., accessibility tags to PDF docs) & email listservs. 4)The CoC continuously gathers information from the various meetings throughout the year in addressing/preventing homelessness. Over the past year, the Planning Committee has focused on addressing improvements to overall program performance, as evaluated in the system performance report. Over the past year, the Performance Committee has been evaluating local benchmarks, for specific subpopulations, i.e., Chronically Homeless, Youth, Survivors of DV, etc. Youth Collaborative was convened to focus on evolving the current youth homeless system, by identifying crucial positions/opinions on stabilizing the Youth Advisory Board. Of this, a focused Point in Time was developed to account for sheltered & unsheltered youth. The Youth Advisory Board continues to develop events to continue to identify homeless youth. Information gathered from providers identified the need for funds with more flexibility for preventing households from becoming homeless, i.e., Diversion. Information gathered in addressing, preventing & ending homelessness is incorporated in the ESG/CoC priorities. As a result, the CoC is in its 2nd year of administering Diversion funds.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC actively notifies and encourages new proposals/applicants who are not currently funded. CoC notified the public that the local competition was open and would be accepting projects applications via email announcement on 8/3/23, on the CoC website and other community list serves. In the local competition notice, two public workshops were scheduled for 08/09/2023 for entities interested in submitting a new project proposal or for renewals with questions about the process. Handouts highlighting project criteria and competition timeline, as posted in the RFP, were distributed to attendees. 2)Local competition documentation indicated that all projects must be submitted via email with all required documents attached. Two workshops were scheduled on 8/9/23, AM for Renewals and PM for New Projects. Both workshops focused on the application process, including eligibility, and addressed any immediate questions. In addition to the workshop, CoC Staff were available via email, virtually or phone call. 3)Communicated in the local competition documentation and the workshops, was the process, the timeline, and the scoring tool. The CoC adopted the scoring and ranking of 19 FY 2023 CoC Application projects through the local RFP process. The rating/ranking tool for new and renewal projects, not only focused on performance but on community need and HUD best practices, agency capacity, ability to meet stated CoC goals and HUD priorities. 4) The CoC announces at every meeting the availability of accessible formats and ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by posting content and documents on our website that can be accessible to screen-reading software via PDF documents.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works and coordinates closely with 14 school district Homeless Liaisons, SEA and LEAs to ensure McKinney-Vento educational services are being met and to identify children eligible for homeless education services. Participation assures that programs are actively engaging with schools and the CoC's policies and that programs address the educational needs of youth. The CoC convenes quarterly with school districts and shelter staff. CoC's policies ensure homeless children in CoC/ESG programs are enrolled in school and connected to services in collaboration with School District Homeless Liaisons. Shelters are provided materials that enforce students' rights to continuing education services regardless of homeless status. School district homeless liaisons collaborate with runaway shelters to connect runaway youth with appropriate resources based on their age. Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) provides resources and services to ensure that all Texas children living in homeless situations can enroll in, attend, and succeed in school. CoC policy required that providers serving households w/children designate a specialized staff person as an educational liaison to inform households of their eligibility for schooling. The CoC has strong collaborative relationships with each of the school districts in the CoC Geographic area. Strong partnerships have made a positive impact on the efficacy in linking homeless children back into school with transportation and any services they may need under McKinney-Vento. All Homeless Liaisons participate routinely in membership meetings of the CoC. The CoC has a formal partnership with a Homeless Liaison from Socorro ISD through their participation on the CoC Board. 1C-4b. Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services. NOFO Section V.B.1.d

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)

Providers who work with families with children or unaccompanied youth attend State & local education mtgs. Provider staff at family programs have a designated position (family advocate) that work with & meet with relevant school personnel in the appropriate school district to discuss issues the children in the program may be experiencing that may impact their education. Emergency Shelters & Transitional Housing programs have policy/procedures, publicly posted, informing residents of their right to educational services for homeless children. At the time of intake, Case Managers provide information to residents that details the steps which will be taken to ensure that parents are aware of & take advantage of their rights under McKinney-Vento, to include, uniforms, transportation, school supplies & after school tutoring, which is provided by Region 19, local Education Service Center. The CoC, SEA & LEA ensure that shelter staff are trained regularly to ensure that families seek out & receive services in a timely manner. The homeless liaisons & shelter staff work to maximize benefits for the homeless children. The CoC has an RRH program for youth that has a formalized MOU with a large school district. CoC policy requires that providers serving households with children designate a specialized staff person as an educational liaison to inform households of their eligibility for schooling. The liaison provides direct support to set up services on the household's behalf to ensure there is no disruption in education services to those experiencing homelessness or who are transitioning from shelter to permanent housing. The CoC provides quarterly training on HUD funded programs & eligibility. The CoC also collaborates with UTEP FHAR (Foster Homeless Adoptive Resources). This collaboration expands educational services needs among homeless households who are no longer school age.

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

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC coordinates with our local Domestic Violence shelter for the safety needs needed by victims and survivors of DV, Dating Violence, Stalking and Sexual Assault: 1) The DV Emergency Transfer Plan prioritizes safety and victim centered services to prioritize safety. Our DV provider, who is active in the CoC, offers trauma-informed, victim centered services that focus on maintaining safety/security, referrals to PH interventions that prioritize safety, confidential ES and 24-hour hotline. The Transfer Plan also requires all CoC providers to be trauma-informed and to troubleshoot other possible options to resolve in a safe way. The Transfer Plan has been in effect since 2020. 2) Coordinated Entry Policies ensure survivors have access to all resources. Coordinated Entry (CE) staff receives ongoing training on safety protocols, and how to notify participants fleeing or attempting to flee DV or sexual assault. Currently, CE refers DV victims to DV center hotline. The CoC is working with our DV provider to implement their newly funded CE project. The shelter assists victims to navigate the criminal justice and social service systems to meet their needs and maintain their safety, based on choice. The CoC has 3 shelters that provide safe and confidential shelter/services to survivors of Domestic Violence. As part of the CoC, the shelter provides consistent guidance to the CoC and community on issues surrounding victims and provides needed services. CoC coordinates housing services w/shelters through referral and collaboration at the DV Center to ensure victims are given safe options and safety planning is received. Safety and security are maintained through safety planning and following all applicable laws and statutes guiding confidentiality and disclosure of victims. CoC ensures DV training so non-victim service providers are knowledgeable about safety precautions and resources to assist victims.

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)

CoC has implemented a coordinated entry process that addresses the unique needs of DV survivors, prioritizing their safety & confidentiality.

Trauma-Informed Approach: DV survivors have experienced significant trauma. Therefore, all assessments & interactions are conducted in a trauma-informed manner to minimize re-traumatization. Staff are trained to be sensitive to the survivor's emotional state, to listen without judgment, & to empower the survivor to make their own decisions whenever possible.

Confidentiality Protocols: The CoC has strict confidentiality protocols in place to protect the survivor's privacy. All staff & volunteers are required to sign confidentiality agreements, & information is shared only on a need-to-know basis. The CoC uses secure communication methods & stores records in a locked, secure location.

Safety Planning: The CoC works with the survivor to develop a personalized safety plan. This plan identifies potential risks & outlines strategies to mitigate those risks. It may include things like changing contact information, varying daily routines, & having a plan for emergency situations.

Direct Referral to DV Providers: When appropriate, the CoC bypasses regular service providers & directly refers survivors to domestic violence hotlines or organizations. These organizations specialize in providing support to domestic violence survivors & can offer more targeted assistance.

Collaboration with DV Providers: The CoC collaborates with DV providers to ensure survivors receive the support needed. These providers offer best practices for serving DV survivors & help the CoC develop policies & procedures that are trauma-informed & survivor-centered.

Cultural Competency: The CoC strives to provide culturally competent services. Staff are trained to be aware of their own biases & to provide services that are respectful of the survivor's culture. They also have access to interpreters & cultural brokers as needed.

Minimal Assessment: The CoC minimizes the number of assessments & interviews that survivors must go through. They only collect the information that is absolutely necessary to resolve the survivor's immediate housing crisis. This helps to reduce the stress & trauma of the assessment process.

Risk Assessment Tools: The CoC uses risk assessment tools to identify the level of danger the survivor is in & to develop an appropriate referral strategy. These tools help to ensure that survivors who are in imminent danger are prioritized

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

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

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

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 CoCs written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan. 2) The CoC program prioritizes keeping participants fully informed about their rights, particularly related to emergency planning. From the initial intake and at least annually thereafter, the CoC program ensures that all participants clearly understand their rights. 3) A critical component of this is the development of a personalized emergency plan for each participant. The CoC program works closely with each individual or family to create a plan tailored to their specific needs and circumstances. These plans include essential contact information, details about service providers, specific emergency instructions, and information about the participant's functional and support needs. They must inform their DV Advocate or CE of their request to activate their emergency transfer plan.

4)The CoC program recognizes the importance of ready access to these emergency plans. As such, it ensures that plans are readily available and easily accessible to participants at all times. To keep these plans relevant and effective, the CoC program reviews and updates them with participants at least annually, and whenever there is a change in the participant's circumstances. Training is another crucial aspect of the CoC program's approach. Participants receive comprehensive training on their emergency plans, including how to execute them during emergency situations. This empowers individuals and families to feel better prepared for any crises that may arise. Confidentiality is strictly maintained for all emergency plans, in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. The CoC program understands the sensitive nature of this information and safeguards it appropriately. Through these proactive measures, the CoC program ensures that participants are fully aware of their rights related to emergency planning and are well-equipped to navigate emergency situations. Once the client requests their emergency transfer plan to be activated advocates, housing manager, landlord, and any other instruction on the transfer plan is set into motion to successfully remove the DV survivor from any danger.

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)

CoC has taken concrete steps to ensure that households reeling from trauma or fearing for their safety due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have swift, safe access to all the housing & services available within its geographic area. **Coordinated Entry Process:** The CoC streamlined the process for quickly identifying, assessing, & connecting these households with the most appropriate housing & services. This minimizes the trauma of having to relive their stories multiple times with different providers. There are times where CE will bypass all CoC protocols to connect the DV survivor directly with a DV service provider to minimize re-traumatization. **Adhering to Strict Confidentiality & Safety Protections:** The CoC & all participating organizations are prioritizing strict confidentiality & safety protocols to shield survivors' identities & locations from abusers. This includes using secure, confidential referral systems & ensuring that no one is turned away due to a lack of availability. **Providing Priority Access:** Households fleeing situations are given priority access to all available housing programs, including emergency shelters, transitional housing, RRH & PSH. This ensures they quickly get the safe housing they desperately need. **Offering Mobile Advocacy Services:** The CoC is funding mobile advocacy services that can meet survivors in a safe location of their choice, rather than requiring them to risk being seen at a fixed office or building that an abuser may know about. **Operating 24/7 Crisis Hotlines:** DV service providers provide round-the-clock crisis hotlines that survivors can call for immediate support & referrals to safe housing & services. Hotlines are staffed by trained advocates who provide instant guidance & connect to vital resources. **Partnering with Specialized Providers:** The CoC is building strong partnerships with local domestic violence & sexual assault providers, shelters, & rape crisis centers. **Utilizing Flexible Funding:** The CoC is using flexible funding to meet the unique needs of survivors, such as providing short-term rental assistance, security deposits, moving costs, or replacing essential belongings like clothing & documents that were lost or left behind in the escape. **Assisting with Housing Search:** The CoC is providing housing search assistance specifically tailored to the safety needs of survivors, such as finding apartments with secure entry systems, locating units, and trustworthy landlords.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:	
	1. identifying barriers specific to survivors; and	
	2. working to remove those barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

Addressing the systemic barriers within homeless response systems that hinder the safe housing of survivors of DV is crucial. To ensure safety for victims, protocols are established for CE to bypass regular service providers when appropriate & direct to a DV 24-hour hotline. Otherwise, specific questions facilitate alternate interventions, relying on the guidance/expertise of DV providers in serving DV in a true client-centered approach based on what they identify as their immediate need. One critical need for many survivors, that has often been overlooked when considering the services DV programs provide, is stable housing. DV programs typically offer safety planning, counseling, advocacy, support groups, & some form of temporary safe housing (shelter/transitional housing), but increasingly, survivors need assistance securing safe & stable long-term housing. CoC consistently monitors data, i.e., PIT, HIC, APR, CAPER, to assess the needs of the community when analyzing gaps in services & barriers, specifically related to services for survivors. CoC coordinates with our local DV shelter for services needed by victims. The DV shelter assists victims in navigating the criminal justice & social service systems to meet their needs & maintain their safety, based on choice. DV survivors are given top priority when working with a DV service provider to ensure that they do not experience any barriers in their time of need or transfer emergency.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC continues its collaboration with the Borderland Rainbow Center (BRC), an LGBTQIA+ community center in El Paso County. The BRC helps the CoC understand the evolving needs of the LGBTQIA+ community and provides training as needed to enhance members' knowledge. In July-August 2024, the CoC received Sexual Harassment and Fair Housing Act training from the Texas Workforce Commission and HUD's Equal Access Rule training regarding LGBTQIA+ individuals and families. Trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, harm reduction, racial equity, and LGBTQIA+ cultural competency are standards for all street outreach, CE, and providers within the CoC. Additional partners include the Dept. of Public Health (HOPWA), Sun City Pride, and PFLAG.2) The CoC is developing anti-discrimination policies aligned with the Equal Access Final Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule. The CE process prohibits screening out individuals due to perceived barriers, including income status, substance abuse history, domestic violence, resistance to services, disability-related needs, eviction history, poor credit, lease violations, or criminal record. The CE process documents participants' membership in protected classes but does not use this as justification for restricting referral options.3) The CoC assists in developing and implementing anti-discrimination policies consistent with HUD guidance. We monitor CoC Program-funded projects to ensure their policies align with practices. The CoC reviews programmatic benchmarks and adherence to Performance Policies & Procedures annually. Fair Housing and Equal Access are incorporated into all training (RRH, PSH, CE, etc.).4) CoC Program-funded projects not adhering to program requirements receive a monitoring compliance notification from the Performance Analyst outlining findings and concerns. Agencies must respond in writing within 30 days and address findings promptly.

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?
Housing Authority of the City of El Paso a.k.a. HOME		No	Yes

You must enter information for at least 1 row in question 1C-7.

1C-7a.	Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
	Describe in the field below:	
	1. steps your CoC has taken, with the two largest PHAs within your CoC's geographic area or the two PHAs your CoC has working relationships with, to adopt a homeless admission preference—if your CoC only has one PHA within its geographic area, you may respond for the one; or	
	2. state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The Continuum of Care (CoC) is fortunate to have established strong working relationships with the City of El Paso Housing Authority (HACEP) and El Paso County Housing Authority. The CoC proactively educates both Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) on homelessness issues and the need for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) options beyond CoC-funded programs. As a result of these efforts, HACEP has adopted a homeless preference for public housing. Ongoing discussions aim to increase the preference for Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs). El Paso County Housing Authority has partnered with the CoC for strategic planning and is reviewing its policies to establish a homeless preference.

The CoC maintains regular one-on-one meetings and email communication with both PHAs, supplemented by data on existing PSH programs. This collaborative process enables the CoC and PHAs to assess the current needs of the homeless population effectively. The CoC actively engages with both PHAs serving the geographic area: HACEP and El Paso County Housing Authority. HACEP provides greater access to HCVs, and manages HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers in collaboration with the local VA. El Paso County Housing Authority manages HUD-VASH vouchers in collaboration with the VA and HCV programs. The CoC will continue collaborating with both PHAs to share Point-in-Time (PIT) and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data for reviewing preference criteria.

2) The CoC has initiated discussions with both HACEP and El Paso County Housing Authority about adopting or increasing homeless prioritization within their programs. The CoC will continue these conversations to maximize opportunities for homeless individuals to access PHA resources.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	17
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.	17
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The Continuum of Care (CoC) ensures Housing First compliance by reviewing project policies, procedures, and performance reports. Factors assessed include income, origin, homelessness duration, and disabilities. 2) The Performance Committee ensures strategies are in place to meet this measure. The CoC conducts quarterly evaluations of all projects, regardless of funding, against local benchmarks. 1-lack of income; 2-where households are originating from, i.e., streets, 3-reported length of time households are homeless, 4-reported disabilities, i.e. mental health, substance abuse disorders, physical disabilities. Reviewing these various data points in HMIS provides a detailed portrayal of each of the households. After the CoC Competition, the CoC works with programs to improve standards. New and renewal projects must sign a Housing First Agreement.3)CoC staff review all projects, regardless of funding source, in evaluating performance metrics as it relates to the CoCs local benchmarks. The frequency is quarterly. After all most recent versions of program Policies & Procedures are submitted during and after the CoC Competition, the CoC works with programs to address & improve program standards. In addition, the CoC reviews all APRs prior to being uploaded into SAGE. In addition to APR, new & renewal CoC projects are required to sign a Housing First Agreement. To improve Housing First fidelity, the CoC conducts regular evaluations, prioritizes continuous improvement, and uses assessment tools. Guidance is distributed to ensure accurate implementation. The CoC actively seeks Housing First funding, emphasizing an ongoing commitment to these principles, such as CoCBuilds.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

For years, the CoC has spearheaded a crucial outreach consortium, tirelessly working to locate every individual forced to live on the streets. Secured funding from various donors & agencies support this comprehensive initiative, which specifically targets vulnerable populations such as youth, LGBTQIA+, veterans, those grappling with mental health disorders, & families in desperate circumstances.

But the situation has grown even more dire. Since TX Governor Greg Abbott's anti-camping ban took effect on 9/1/21, the lives of those experiencing homelessness have become even more precarious. That's why the CoC has swiftly established an MOU with the El Paso Police Department channel one & developed emergency protocols called Homeless Outreach Street Programs (HOST). HOST is racing against time to identify the size & location of camps, assess the specific needs of the people there, & connect them with vital services like substance abuse treatment, mental health care, & safe housing. Our teams work around the clock, seven days a week, including after hours & for emergencies. We've set up a 'Channel 1' hotline with the El Paso Police Department so they can reach our outreach teams immediately to address urgent situations.

The CoC is committed to relentless engagement with those who are the hardest to reach, carefully building trust with individuals who have been let down time & time again by the system. We've assembled specialized teams to reach marginalized groups like youth, LGBTQIA+ individuals, veterans, & those struggling with mental health disorders. We're targeting encampments with a high concentration of people who have been chronically homeless. Working hand in hand with police to identify those who have fallen through the cracks & documented in the HMIS database.

The stakes are too high. The CoC will keep fighting to ensure that 100% of our geographic area is covered, that no one is left behind. We'll keep seeking out every last dollar of ESG, SSVF, SAMSHA, RHY funding, & donations from foundations, private donors, & volunteers. We'll keep expanding our teams until every individual experiencing homelessness has been reached & connected with the support they desperately need.

We can't afford to let bureaucracy get in the way. The CoC is ready to do whatever it takes to prevent criminalization of homelessness & to ensure every person has access to safe, dignified housing & services. We won't rest until the word 'homeless' is a relic of the past.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes

2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	400	598

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC systematically keeps staff informed through email distribution, through agenda items at membership meetings, through dissemination of training opportunities including webinars & conferences. Mainstream benefit providers partners are TX HHS (SNAP, TANF, people of disabilities, etc.), EP County General Assistance, FQHCCs, & Molina Health Care. CoC provides guidance on SOAR training to providers to ensure quick access to SSA benefits. CoC disseminates information on the availability of mainstream resources. State/local benefit programs are invited to membership meetings to disseminate information on programs that would benefit our population, i.e... Peer recovery, TANF/food stamps, rehab,etc. CoC staff are encouraged to attend benefits meetings & review benefit program websites to ensure they are aware of changes & opportunities. CoC collaborates with providers assisting with ACA applications & linkages to health care through mobile units, multiple clinics. CoC collaborates with local county hospitals that offer healthcare options for those who are experiencing homelessness. One FQHC is funded by the National Healthcare for the Homeless Foundation for a dedicated clinic for the homeless. The county hospital & the FQHC work together to coordinate health care coverage to address medical needs. Second FQHC, provided a letter of commitment stating that they will provide access to treatment & recovery services for all program participants in CoC (see attachment MOU + letter of commitment). 2) A key strategy that the CoC has implemented over the past 6 years is for our CoC Program-funded projects participation in the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, & Recovery (SOAR) process. CoC program-funded projects are required to participate in SOAR training & use the SOAR process to better identify, engage, & enroll homeless households with disabilities so they can receive cash assistance they are entitled to. Our CoC Compliance Director has completed the online SOAR Adult Curriculum on May 15, 2023 and has completed SOAR Leadership Academy Training on August 10, 2023, he is now the El Paso SOAR Lead. Changes to our local CoC NOFO and application requiring all agencies that receive CoC funding have at least on SOAR certified advocate on site. The requirement for all agencies was the completion of one SOAR application for 2024.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC will adhere strictly to all local, state, and federal guidelines for implementing policies and procedures during a state of emergency. Should the County/City receive additional funding in such an event, the CoC will ensure all funds are allocated and utilized appropriately. The CoC is fully committed to adhering to the Public Health Department's Isolation and Quarantine guidelines for the City/County of El Paso, aligning all actions with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for isolation and quarantine. The CoC will consider all available evidence-based public health interventions to reduce COVID-19 infection and spread. In the event of any other outbreak, the CoC will comply fully with CDC and Public Health Department directives.

2) It is well-documented that households experiencing homelessness are increasingly susceptible to COVID-19. As such, the CoC has enacted policies to prioritize this vulnerable population, including: supporting staff and residents in staying up-to-date with COVID vaccines, providing COVID testing as needed, maintaining a stock of personal protective equipment, ensuring supplies for hand hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection are always available and implementing isolation protocols for residents who test positive

The CoC remains hyper-vigilant regarding U.S. outbreaks of E. coli, Listeria, Salmonella, Measles, and COVID-19 mutations, standing ready to respond effectively should these penetrate our city.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

As we continue to navigate the challenges posed by COVID-19, its emerging mutations, and the ever-present threat of other infectious diseases, the importance of robust collaboration, data sharing, and proactive protocols has never been more clear. The [Name of Your Organization] is committed to fortifying our defenses and enhancing our ability to swiftly respond to infectious disease outbreaks that could impact our community.

Strengthening Partnerships and Data Sharing

1) We are in active discussions with the Paso Del Norte Public Health Exchange (PHIX) to establish a formal collaboration. PHIX facilitates secure, electronic data sharing between a network of hospitals, emergency departments, clinics, public health agencies, and other healthcare providers. This partnership will grant our providers access to patients' comprehensive medical records at the point of care, thereby improving treatment outcomes.

2) Simultaneously, we are sharing data with the Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN), a collaborative database comprised of nine Texas Continuums of Care. This partnership enables us to provide critical COVID-19 vaccination data to Texas Health and Human Services (HHS), promoting a more coordinated statewide response.

Addressing vulnerabilities and enhancing protocols, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, its ongoing mutations, has underscored the importance of vigilance and proactive planning. We have identified key areas for improvement and are taking swift action to bolster our response:

1. **Vaccination Support:** We are working closely with staff and residents to ensure access to the latest vaccines and boosters, promoting herd immunity within our community.
2. **Rapid Testing:** We have implemented protocols for rapid testing to quickly identify and isolate cases, preventing potential outbreaks.
3. **PPE and Supply Management:** We are maintaining a robust stock of personal protective equipment (PPE), hand hygiene supplies, and cleaning/disinfection materials to safeguard our community.
4. **Isolation Protocols:** We have established clear procedures for the immediate isolation of individuals who test positive for any communicable or infectious disease, minimizing the risk of transmission. The health and safety of our community is our top priority. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and implement additional measures as necessary to protect those we serve. Ongoing vigilance and cooperation are crucial in our collective efforts to prevent outbreak

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 Coordinated Entry System (CES) is designed to ensure that all individuals in need, regardless of their location within the Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic area, have fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services. This is achieved through the use of the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT).

2)The VI-SPDAT is a standardized assessment tool used across the CES to evaluate an individual's or household's vulnerability and service needs. It takes into account factors such as the length of homelessness, presence of disabilities, and risk factors that may impact an individual's ability to obtain and maintain housing. By using the VI-SPDAT, the CES can prioritize those with the greatest need and vulnerability, ensuring that the most appropriate and intensive interventions are targeted to those who will benefit the most. This helps to make the best use of the limited resources available within the CoC.

3)The CES also recognizes the importance of collecting personal information in a trauma-informed way. This means that the assessment process is conducted with sensitivity and respect for the individual's experiences and with an understanding of the potential impacts of trauma. Trauma-informed care is an approach that acknowledges the high prevalence of trauma and its impact on individuals' lives. It aims to create a safe and supportive environment where individuals feel comfortable sharing their information and are empowered in their path towards housing and stability.

4)Importantly, the CoC is committed to continuously improving the VI-SPDAT. Annually, the CoC updates the assessment tool by incorporating feedback from participating projects and clients participating in the CES. This ensures that the VI-SPDAT remains a relevant and effective tool for identifying needs and prioritizing access to housing and services. In the third quarter of 2024 we implemented for CE Assessors to begin the timeline documentation of all possible chronically homeless clients onto a standardized chronicity and disability form.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CES ensures all individuals regardless of location within the CoC geographic area, have fair, equitable, & equal access to housing & services. Since 2023 partnerships with agencies in central (Punto de Partida & opioid addiction center), the westside (Mustard Seed Café, which serves warm delicious meals to those in need), Northeast (Sanaremos, an opioid addiction center) & in Fabens (El Paso County Housing Authority), who provide office space for our CES assessors. In addition the CoC established an outreach task force to proactively identify & engage homeless individuals not reached by traditional services. This task force combines CE assessors with agency outreach teams, leveraging the expertise of both to provide immediate assessment & connection to resources in the field. Utilizing data from the Homeless Outreach Statistics Tool (HOST) program, the task force targets areas with high concentrations of homelessness. Through proactive, in-person outreach, they build trust with individuals, provide information, & facilitate real-time connection to appropriate services. Follow-through is key, with the task force providing ongoing support & advocacy to help individuals access resources & work toward stabilization & permanent housing. By going to where people are at & providing immediate, relevant support, the task force is reaching & engaging those most in need. 2)This is achieved through the use of the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). The VI-SPDAT is a standardized assessment tool used across the CES to evaluate an individual's or household's vulnerability & service needs. It takes into account factors such as the length of homelessness, the presence of disabilities, & risk factors that may impact an individual's ability to obtain & maintain housing. 3)CES also recognizes the importance of collecting personal information in a trauma-informed way. The assessment process is conducted with sensitivity & respect for the individual's experiences & with an understanding of the potential impacts of trauma. Trauma-informed care acknowledges the high prevalence of trauma & impact on individuals' lives. It creates a safe & supportive environment for sharing their information & are empowered in their path towards housing & stability. 4)Importantly, the CoC is committed to continuously improving the VI-SPDAT. Annually, the CoC updates the assessment tool by incorporating feedback from participating projects & client

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.o.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:		
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;	
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and	
3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Each project participating in CE is required to post or otherwise make publicly available a notice (provided by the CoC) that describes coordinated entry. This notice should be posted in the agency waiting areas, as well as any areas where participants may congregate or receive services (e.g., dining hall). All staff at each agency are required to know which personnel within their agency can discuss & explain CE to a participant who seeks more information. CoC shall affirmatively market its housing & supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach, & maintains records of those marketing activities. All aspects of the Coordinated Entry process comply with all Federal, State, & local Fair Housing laws & regulations. Participants will not be “steered” toward any housing facility or neighborhood because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability, or the presence of children. 2)Locations where persons are likely to access or attempt to access the CoC’s Coordinated Entry System include signs or brochures displayed in prominent locations informing participants of their right to file a non-discrimination complaint & containing the contact information needed to file a non discrimination complaint. Requirements associated with filing a non discrimination complaint, if any, will be included on the signs or brochures. 3) When a complaint is received, the Coordinated Access Oversight Committee (CAOC) will complete an investigation of the complaint within 60 days by attempting to contact & interview a reasonable number of persons who are likely to have relevant knowledge, & by attempting to collect any documents that are likely to be relevant to the investigation. Within 30 days after completing the investigation, the CAOC will write an adequate report of the investigation’s findings, including the investigator’s opinion about whether inappropriate discrimination occurred & the action(s) recommended by the investigator to prevent discrimination from occurring in the future. If appropriate, the investigator may recommend that the complainant be re-assessed or re-prioritized for housing or services. The report will be kept on file for two years. Unresolved complainants will be recommended to seek legal assistance & will be provided HUDs Discrimination Hotline. 1D-10.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	No
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	03/09/2023

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC has been discussing Racial Equity in our community for 5 years. The initial phase focused on highlighting the scope of racial disparities of those experiencing homelessness and comparing those data points to US Census data. From there the community focused on data from CE referrals and program acceptance. This step highlighted the inequitable rates and what changes are needed to ensure equitable rates. Based on these findings, a committee was created to address (to include someone with lived experience) these findings and to determine whether any identified racial disparities are being perpetrated by processes within our system. This guidance was derived from participating in HUDs CE Prioritization and Assessment Community Workshop. Addressing racial equity was part of the scoring in the FY 2024, 2023, FY 2022 CoC, and FY 2021 local competition. The CoC is currently dealing with one of our working committees on how to monitor and address disparities in access to CoC Program-funded projects. This working group consists of agencies representing emergency shelters, street outreach programs, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs. When analyzing data from HMIS/PIT and comparing to Census data, BIOPIC is underrepresented in our homeless population. BIOPIC represents a majority of County population. 2)In developing the Independent Review Team for the FY2021 CoC applications, CoC solicited volunteers from a broad range of entities to ensure diversity in the group. Hispanics and African Americans, both of whom are overrepresented in the local homelessness population, were represented on the IRT. Projects were also scored based on narrative responses that described how their agency is addressing racial inequities and what future planning they are doing towards an equitable system specifically the racial and ethnic makeup of the agency's leadership staff and board, the initiatives and efforts the agency implemented to increase the representation of people of color in leadership positions, the agency's efforts to increase cultural and racial competency among staff/volunteers/program participants, how the agency analyzed data and information about race and ethnicity and examples of how agency addresses racial inequities for participants in your programs. The CoC did not identify any racial disparities. CoC continues to monitor data.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	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?	No
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)		
12.	Continue to monitor discriminated White Non-Hispanic Households at the ES level	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is committed to ongoing evaluation and improvement of system-level processes, policies, and procedures to ensure racial equity in the delivery of homeless services. Here is an overview of our current plan. HMIS: We collect race and ethnicity data for all participants and conduct regular analysis to identify trends and disparities in service access, engagement, and outcomes. Based on findings, we develop and implement action plans to address disparities and improve racial equity. OAT: We provide ongoing training and technical assistance to ensure fair and equitable assessment processes and mitigate bias. We monitor OAT data regularly for signs of bias or disparities in assessment outcomes. SOAR: We provide training and technical assistance to ensure accurate collection of race and ethnicity data. We analyze SOAR data regularly to identify trends and disparities in service access, engagement, and outcomes. Based on findings, we develop and implement action plans to address disparities and improve racial equity. CoC-Conducted Unit Inspections using NSPIRE: We conduct regular unit inspections to assess the physical condition and safety of facilities and monitor for signs of bias. We take corrective action to address any findings of bias or inequity in the provision of facilities. CoC-Level Policies and Procedures: We have a racial equity policy in place that outlines our commitment to racial equity and the strategies for achieving it. We provide ongoing training to CoC staff and stakeholders on the racial equity policy and their roles and responsibilities. We regularly monitor and evaluate the implementation of the racial equity policy and make necessary updates and improvements.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)CoC is continuously reviewing various levels of data that is reviewed in HMIS. CoC reviews all programs (regardless of funding) quarterly as per benchmarks set by the Performance and Benchmark Committee, since 2013. As this committee reviews detailed data, this process will highlight internal program processes that need to be addressed. The CoC has implemented; 1)SOAR Over the past year of reviewing Annual Performance Reports, we identified a trend, where there was a higher percentage of CH households that were exiting PSH/RRH without any income. As a result, we implemented scoring criteria in this years local competition. CoC will provide guidance with each program case manager on identifying qualifying CH households for SOAR implementation. Next year’s competition will have a more weighted scoring on the # of CH households were linked and approved for SSI/SSDI via SOAR and tracked in OAT; 2)Uninhabitable Units-during the administration of EHV with our local PHA, it was discovered that CoC units were not meeting the requirements of the HQS. This was addressed by creating an inspection team that focuses on inspecting units with case managers, to have a better understanding of inspecting for habitability standards; 3)CE Referral Action-based on our HMIS system, we were analyzing data from the CE Project and identifying the length of time it took for agencies to take action. Referrals were sitting and action wasn’t being taken to contact clients for assistance. As a result, the Performance and Benchmarks Committee discussed in depth and implemented a local benchmark that gives agencies 3 days to take action on the referral; 4)Documentation of Chronically Homeless-In reviewing referrals of CH households, and following the referral to we have unearthed a plethora of problematic documentation. CoC is in the process of developing a guided and user-friendly process for consistency purposes; and 5)Veteran By-Name List-To address higher quality of data needed for the Veteran By-Name List, HMIS staff developed additional reporting to provide agencies (SSVF grantees and VA) the tool to improve data accuracy. 2)Tools utilized are customized reporting from HMIS plus comparable HMIS systems and the online application tracker (OAT) for applications submitted by agencies using SOAR.

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 Continuum of Care (CoC) recognizes the critical importance of centering the voices and perspectives of individuals who have personally experienced homelessness in our leadership and decision-making processes. Our current board, comprised of 43% women of color (three who identify as Brown, cisgender) and 4 Black individuals (one LGBTQIA+ retired veteran woman, two cisgender retired veteran men, and one man with lived experience of homelessness), reflects our commitment to this principle. We are actively building on this strong foundation through the following ongoing outreach efforts. Social Media Announcements: We leverage our social media platforms to widely publicize opportunities for leadership involvement and decision-making participation. We regularly post about open positions on our board and committees, publicize meetings where key decisions are made, and share information about how individuals can get involved. Targeted Outreach: We conduct targeted outreach to organizations serving individuals who have experienced homelessness, such as shelters, drop-in centers, and peer support groups. We partner with these organizations to spread the word about opportunities for involvement and provide support to help individuals from these communities participate. Peer Outreach: We train and deploy peers (individuals with lived experience of homelessness) to conduct outreach to their networks. We have seen the power of peers in reaching and engaging others who have experienced homelessness. Culturally Specific Outreach: We conduct outreach specifically tailored to communities of color and other marginalized groups disproportionately impacted by homelessness. We partner with culturally specific organizations and use culturally appropriate outreach strategies. Supports for Participation: We provide support to help individuals with lived experience of homelessness participate fully in leadership and decision-making. This includes offering stipends, childcare assistance, access to transportation, and other accommodations as needed. Leadership Development Opportunities: We provide opportunities for individuals with lived experience of homelessness to develop their leadership skills. This includes offering training, mentorship programs, and opportunities to take on increasing leadership roles over time. Ongoing Engagement: We prioritize ongoing engagement with individuals who have experienced homelessness, rather than one-time participation.

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

You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
 Enter in the chart below the number of people with lived experience who currently participate in your CoC under the four categories listed:

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

4. Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	1	1
---	---	---

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC has developed a process in identifying and implementing best practices, including supportive services for employment and client-tailored wrap-around services. This process helps the household and case manager identify the most appropriate income-generating path for them, whether it's applying for public benefits due to disability or beginning the process of education and training leading to employment. CoC has also fostered partnerships between employment vendors for training and education. For example, the American GI Forum's partnership with TX Workforce focuses on training homeless households to enter the workforce. CoC Member organizations provide professional development and employment opportunities within their programs. This is a common practice among some of our providers. The process begins with offering peer support job training and internship placement. They are then offered employment.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)Each of the CoC Program-funded projects incorporate into their policies & procedures how to gather feedback from service participants on their experience receiving assistance. However, the feedback that is collected during the Point in Time has provided insight as to why the unsheltered remain unsheltered & the specific services they requested. The top three services that the unsheltered community has requested are, help finding a place to live, help finding a job, & transportation. We have also found the answer as to why the unsheltered will not sleep in a shelter. Some answers provided were infestation, drug use, violence, & theft. 2) CoC Program-funded projects collect feedback by: 1. PH programs having monthly meetings with program participants on their experience while in the program & how case managers can improve; 2. DV provider administers client surveys regularly; 3. PH programs conduct exit interviews with questions about their experience in the program; 4. Youth providers meet with program participants monthly to discuss how to improve & strengthen services. 3)The CoC has dedicated time & resources to addressing the issues presented by both unsheltered & agency feedback. One July 11, 2023 the CoC hosted the Planning Meeting where member of the CoC addressed the resources most requested by unsheltered individuals. Each agency identified how their agency would be able to fulfill the service needs of the unsheltered in help finding a place to live, help find a job, & transportation. To assist with finding a place to live, individuals would have to call the CE hotline in to receive a referral to an agency. To serve the unsheltered immediately, CE has created a hybrid of Outreach & Assessor. The Outreach Assessor will have the capability of conducting the initial assessment on the spot, create a referral to the agency that best meets their needs according to the Vi-SPDAT & then transport them to the agency where they can receive assistance. This process will help with finding a place to live, address the transportation issue, & the agency assisting with RRH will create a tailored plan to determine what steps must be taken to get the client employed. Another example of how feedback has made a difference at the agency level is the DV Provider. Their clients requested a change in operating hours so that they could continue working without worrying about a curfew.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works with its member partners to provide technical assistance and support as they work on specific housing development projects to increase the affordable housing supply. The CoC advises and supports addressing land use policies as well as zoning and regulatory barriers to housing development as member partners encounter them. This has included addressing NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) concerns as well as formal policies restricting development.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/30/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/09/2024

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

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

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

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
----	---	-----

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	260
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	13
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC created an objective scoring that rewards projects for prioritizing chronic homelessness (CH), reducing barriers, and meeting or exceeding local performance measures. The focus of this year's tool was to incorporate local performance measures. Projects that serve CH exclusively are also prioritized. Threshold criteria include that all projects must participate in CE which assesses and prioritizes CH households and severity of needs and vulnerabilities for program openings. During ranking, the score was considered first for each applicant. Scoring criteria included varied performance thresholds by project type. The project narrative, housing first questionnaire, eLOCCS reports, and HMIS/comparable database reports were used when determining ranking. 2)The CoC and Performance and Benchmarks Committee have been developing local benchmarks since 2013. This process evaluates benchmarks yearly and ensures that strategies have been established/implemented to meet the local benchmarks. One of the benchmarks is the time that it takes for a household to get housed beginning from the CE referral, to project acceptance, to the household being enrolled, to an actual move-in date. The local benchmark for all RRH and PSH programs is 30 days. 3)The CoC provided opportunities for projects that serve high-barrier persons to receive additional application points. Also included was a section that addressed Housing First, which gave the reviewing team which projects would implement a housing first/low barrier approach to vulnerable populations, including persons with criminal backgrounds (sex offenders, convicted murderers), the LGBTQ population, and persons with drug or alcohol addiction. 4)The CoC project renewal scoring tool analyzes each PH housing program data from the APR that is created on random timelines that do not coincide with their operating years. The CoC and the Performance and Benchmarks Committee recognize that programs that serve CH may experience more challenges. The CoC Board reviews the performance outcomes for these projects within the broader context of the need for the project and the additional challenges of higher barrier populations. If the project is serving vulnerable populations and the project is needed to address these populations, the CoC Board may recommend renewal of the project even if its performance outcomes may not be as high as those of other projects.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC uses input from people of different races and ethnicities, however, our CoC is unique in that the BIOPIC is under-represented. By actively involving and listening to individuals from racial and ethnic groups in the local homelessness population, we ensure that their voices are heard and that the rating factors used to review project applications are aligned with their needs and priorities. This approach promotes transparency, equity, and community engagement in addressing homelessness. When reviewing Census stats for El Paso County, Hispanic population represents approximately 76%. When comparing to our homeless statistics Hispanics are under-represented. Prior to the release of the NOFO, the CoC gathered input from the CoC PH Collaborative Committee. This group is comprised of Hispanic, Non-Hispanic, and Black. A detailed conversation on past scoring and rating factors and changes for the upcoming competition. 2) The CoC is unique in that our homeless population (BIOPIC) is under represented. The CoC Board is comprised of Hispanic, Non-Hispanic, Black. The governing board is the deciding body in forming and finalizing the FY 2023 CoC Slate. 3)The CoC is unique in that our homeless population (BIOPIC) is under represented. Local service providers are vigilant in assuring that their programs are equitable when serving households regardless of age, sex, gender, religion, ethnicity, race. The CoC closely monitors data to identify over-representation should it occur.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
--	---	-----

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

1.	Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	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.	10/14/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
--	--	------------

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

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
--	---	-----

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/28/2024
--	--	------------

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	

You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	10/28/2024
--	---	------------

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Clarity Human Services: Bitfocus
--	--	----------------------------------

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/10/2024
--	---	------------

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC works closely with our DV Provider, Center Against Sexual and Family Violence, and with their HMIS comparable database, OSNIUM. Our HMIS staff have had various meetings with OSNIUM staff to ensure that the data elements being collected are from the most recent HUD Data Standards.
 2) HMIS Staff has worked closely with OSNIUM Staff in reviewing reports being created from their system and comparing to hard data, this process has confirmed that the reports being generated from OSNIUM are able to provide de-identified aggregate data and is submitted to the CoC quarterly. The deidentified data provided by the DV Provider is monitored for all DV programs managed by CASFV to ensure conformance to local performance metrics. The process utilized for monitoring and evaluating program performance is followed for all DV programs.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds				
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds				
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds				
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds				
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds				
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds				

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC will continue working with the Opportunity Center for the Homeless (OC) to encourage adopting a license and usage of HMIS, improve data quality, and rely on the geographical HMIS to manage their two large ES programs serving individuals. The CoC will continue dialogue with the shelter serving undocumented clients to participate in HMIS. 2) Technical advisors were granted to our CoC in addressing HMIS Policies & Procedures. Specifically, concerns from the OC. The CoC is working closely with TA to address concerns and to possibly amend Policies & Procedures that will address concerns. The CoC, through the Coalition as HMIS Administrator, intends to increase the OC's usage of HMIS through compliance with City requirements as well as refresher training, increasing licenses for OC staff data entry and adjusting the OC HMIS administrator's access role to allow for reviewing all OC programs collectively. To improve data quality, the Coalition will provide auto-exit functionality and scan technology, along with data quality monitoring to ensure accuracy and completeness. Finally, it is the intent of the Coalition in collaboration with the City and County, to work with the OC on using a single system to manage their homeless program data by providing technical support and ad hoc reporting capabilities to ensure all their data needs are being met. Progress will be monitored weekly regarding these initiatives.

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:

- 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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/25/2024
--	---	------------

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/10/2024
--	---	------------

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) Sheltered and Unsheltered, is a thorough planning process identifying those who are experiencing homelessness and chronic homelessness. This includes youth providers, El Paso Human Services and El Paso Center for Children. Between the two youth providers mentioned, the planning process assures that their run-away emergency shelter, aging out of foster emergency shelter, LGBTQ TH program, CoC RRH, CoC PSH, ESG RRH, are an integral part of the yearly Point-In-Time count. All shelter case managers are thoroughly trained in HIC and PIT. Shelters are provided with a list of critical data elements expected to be collected and receive training on how data is submitted into the app. Data gathered from PIT is comprehensive from shelters serving: 1) individuals chronic and non-chronic, 2) Families with children chronic and non-chronic; and 3) veterans chronic and non-chronic and 4) Youth. In addition to demographic questions, the Coalition requests that each person experiencing homelessness on the date of the PIT complete an app-based survey to inform the CoC about their homelessness, i.e. how long they've been homeless, the reasons why they are homeless or continue to be homeless, whether or not they have any physical/mental disability which contributes to their homelessness, along with a question regarding any services they've required but not received. Responses from this app-based survey are used throughout the year to assess gaps in services and unmet need and to illustrate the nature and scope of homelessness in the El Paso CoC. Formerly homeless youth group was consulted with and contributed to the planning process. 2) The CoC always encourages both youth providers to engage their youth in participating in this process. This year a youth that was enrolled in the LGBTQ TH program, did participate with the Youth Street Outreach Coordinator. 3) In 2023, the CoC administered Youth Point-In-Time. In our CoC, street youth are well hidden and can be a challenge to locate. Former homeless youth and aging out of foster provided guidance in locating youth. This was instrumental in locating the very 'hidden' youth households in the streets.

2B-4.	PIT Count—Methodology Change—CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2023 and 2024, if applicable;	
3.	describe whether your CoC's PIT count was affected by people displaced either from a natural disaster or seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance who recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic; and	
4.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or	
5.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2024.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1) The Continuum of Care (CoC) didn't change its Point-in-Time (PIT) count methodology between 2023 & 2024, but 2023's data quality improvements carried over. A live comm& center, established in 2023, monitored data in real-time, allowing immediate contact with volunteers about discrepancies. The sheltered count saw a 100% increase in volunteers per shelter, extra training, & experienced volunteers leading the count.
- 2) The CoC didn't change its unsheltered PIT count methodology between 2023 & 2024, but again, 2023's data quality improvements remained. The 2023-established live comm& center continued. The partnership with Veteran Affairs, begun in 2023, provided transportation to PIT teams & allowed care packages for the unhoused.
- 3) The recent arrival of displaced individuals seeking shelter affected the PIT count. While manageable, the 11% of new arrivals who were asylum seekers led to shelters operating over capacity. Service providers adapted, but the surge highlighted the need for flexible response plans. The CoC remains committed to providing access to shelter & services.
- 4) The 2024 Point-in-Time (PIT) count revealed a mild shift in the demographics of individuals & families experiencing homelessness within our Continuum of Care (CoC). There was an 11% increase in those seeking asylum. This has caused a minor influx to our top ten categories of individuals & families experiencing homelessness. Asylum seekers often arrive with zero income, contributing to the rise of this group within our homeless population. The stress & uncertainty of their immigration status, coupled with the lack of a stable income, puts them at increased risk of homelessness. First-time homelessness also increased, likely due to the vulnerable state of many asylum seekers. Without established support networks, they may be more prone to experiencing homelessness for the first time. The asylum-seeking population also reported higher instances of mental health conditions. The trauma associated with fleeing one's home country & navigating the asylum process can exacerbate existing mental health conditions or trigger new ones. Long-term disabilities were another area of concern. Asylum seekers may have experienced physical trauma or torture in their home countries, leading to chronic disabilities. Others may develop disabilities due to the harsh conditions of their journey to seek safety. Substance abuse as a coping mechanism for trauma is also a concern.

2C. System Performance

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

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)Our community is experiencing a severe rise in the overall cost of living (rent, groceries, gas, utilities). Risk factors identified are households, with fixed incomes (SSI/SSDI/SSRI). We are seeing elderly households, families, individuals, youth. Over the past two years rent has continuously increased for individuals/families who have become homeless for the first time utilizing HMIS. From 2020 to 2024, there has been a 44.75% increase in Fair Market Rent Values. This is a TREMENDOUS increase. These increases are a tremendous strain on households who are on a fixed income. Minimum wage in TX is \$7.25/hour. 2)Strategies that the CoC uses to address households at risk of becoming homeless are programs that provide financial management, credit repair, childcare, utility, and rental assistance services (homeless prevention) to help at-risk households maintain their housing. Diversion is a vital program that has flexibility in accordance with the needs of the clients. The CoC continues to focus on building more flexible funding to work in conjunction with ESG prevention. Unfortunately, unless these elevated cost of living issues and low living wages are addressed at a state and federal level, sustaining these funds discussed (diversion/prevention), is only going to continue to be a bandaid. 3) The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless is responsible for ensuring strategies have been established/implement

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

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

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

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

- In the field below:
- | | |
|----|--|
| 1. | describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless; |
| 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)As habitable housing units are less available, the CoC has encountered the decreased length of time it takes for all households to get housed. According to the most recent LSA Report, the average length of time a household is homeless is a median of 38 days. The creation of AFFORDABLE units is needed. The challenge for households is once the subsidy expires, their ability to continue without subsidized rental assistance is significant. The CoCs strategy over the past year has been focused on Emergency Housing Vouchers and Housing Choice Vouchers. The CoC is in the process of discussing further with local Community Housing Development Organizations and the HOME program. 2) On a quarterly, semiannual, and annual basis, utilizing HMIS data, the CoC and Performance and Benchmarks Committee monitor the average length of program stay and evaluate households with the longest length of stay to determine their recurring factors. In addition to monitoring, needed tools and best practices are provided to ensure length of stay is decreased. CoC is working with ES, RRH and TH programs to ensure they are connecting participants with employment opportunities and mainstream benefits. The CoC uses By Name list tools to track data regarding the length of homelessness for specific populations including veterans, youth, and chronically homeless. CE Policies require prioritization to be given to households with the longest lengths of homelessness. 3) The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless along with the Performance and Benchmarks Committee is responsible for ensuring strategies have been established/implemented to meet this measure.

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

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC continues to emphasize Housing First and low/no barrier approach to help homeless persons obtain and maintain permanent affordable housing. A vital part of the strategy for the CoC to ensure that the CE is fully functional in identifying and prioritizing households with high acuity. The CoC has implemented a system for clients who are in PSH and have stabilized and whose service needs have decreased, these clients are offered PH options, which makes available units for moving persons directly from the street. The CoC works collaboratively with PSH partners in addressing and meeting this performance measure and strategies to make improvements. The Coalition continues efforts to engage landlords who are willing to offer low/no barrier housing to those experiencing homelessness. The CoC also focuses on connecting households to housing subsidies, i.e., HCV, Section 811, Section 211. Performance metrics have also been adopted by the CoC's Performance Committee to review the Average Length of Time (Days) from Start Date to Move-in for PSH to evaluate and potentially expedite the process. This strategy has been consistent over the past several years. Data from HUDHDX2 is closely monitored. From LSA 2022, where there was a 37% of persons who exited to PH. 2) The CoC monitors the LSA. In FY 2023 FY 2022 has an increase 5%, 89%. Strategies to increase rates at which households in PH, other than RRH retain their PH are, the CoC has been focusing with new local PH interventions that increase home-based case managers to ensure that households in PH interventions receive case management while in the program, ensuring the engagement of clients to ensure that they are meeting their individualized service plans and are stable. The CoC is also in the process of revitalizing the focus on improving access of the SOAR process which is mandated for all CoC-funded programs. 3) The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless along with the Performance and Benchmarks Committee is responsible for ensuring strategies have been established/implemented to meet this measure.

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)

In evaluating LSA from FY 2023, overall returns to homelessness stand at 27.8%. HMIS data analysis has identified households who return to homelessness and the characteristics of those experiencing multiple bouts of homelessness in our community. The CoC has identified common factors among households (families/individuals) by analyzing HMIS data. According to LSA, the higher percentage of households returning to homelessness were those who were unsheltered. The CoC's strategy continues to prioritize collaboration with local mental health authorities to emphasize mental health stability, in addition to working with agencies serving individuals with substance abuse disorders.

Based on data, the CoC reports to the Performance Committee, comprised of representatives from ES, TH, mental health providers, CE staff, and PH programs. The committee will focus on identifying those returning to homelessness and target them for services that may not have been previously offered, such as increased mental health services and a stronger focus on income streams including employment opportunities. To reduce returns to homelessness, the CoC has implemented the following strategies: CE is utilizing VISPDAT to identify vulnerabilities of those experiencing homelessness, with referral into PH programs based on score. Programs providing PSH must prioritize beds for those households with the longest histories of homelessness and/or most episodes of homelessness. Best practices training on case management and strengthening collaborations that focus on developing linkages and resources to provide supports to households at risk of returning to homelessness will be provided. The CoC believes case management is crucial in ensuring households can remain stably housed. Agencies providing RRH or TH assistance must provide at least 6 months of follow-up services to ensure households have transitioned and remain stable in PH. The bonus project will create a CH project with a high level of case management, a mental health clinic, and a 24/7 case management presence, all within the same structure. This project is designed to reduce recidivism. The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, the Performance Committee, and the CE Oversight Committee are responsible for ensuring strategies have been established and implemented to meet this measure.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	
	In the field below:	
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources;	
2.	describe how your CoC works with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness increase their employment cash income; and	
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC continues to ensure program participants are connected with mainstream resources for employment. The process helps the household and case manager identify the most appropriate income-generating path for them and to begin the process of education and training leading to employment. The CoC has also organized partnerships between employment vendors for training and education. Programs within our CoC have employment specialists that have developed partnerships with businesses who have a preference for hiring those who are experiencing homelessness including those who have a sex offense in their background. In reviewing our System Performance Data FY 2023 for both Stayers and Leavers, there are increases across the board. A decrease in Total Income for Leavers with a total of a FY 2022 was 20% to 17% this FY. increase from the previous year. 2) The CoC has a partnership with TX Workforce Solutions in working with heads of households and individuals in gaining employment while receiving SSI/SSDI. The VAs Compensated Work Therapy works with homeless veterans to gain employment. American GI Forum has been awarded a grant from TX Workforce that targets those who are homeless and unemployed, it provides assistance and necessary tools to obtain employment, i.e., transportation, equipment, uniforms, etc. TX Workforce has a designated employee who spends 8 hours a week working with migrant farmworkers in exploring other avenues of employment. 3) The El Paso Coalition for the Homeless is responsible for ensuring strategies have been established/implemented to meet this measure.

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 continues to ensure program participants are connected with mainstream resources of non-employment AND employment income for which they are eligible. CoC has established a goal of 30% of program participants exiting programs with non-employment income. CoC has developed a process for identifying and implementing best practices, including supportive services for employment and client-tailored wrap-around services. This process helps the household and case manager identify the most appropriate income-generating path for them, whether it's applying for public benefits due to disability or beginning the process of education and training leading to employment. A key strategy implemented over the past year was our CoCs participation in the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) process. CoC program funded projects are required to participate in SOAR training and use the SOAR process to better identify, engage, and enroll homeless households with disabilities so they can receive the cash assistance they are entitled to. A SOAR Steering committee has been established as an ongoing support system to assist those completing applications and discuss barriers and solutions encountered. This effort will continue indefinitely. The CoC strategy focuses on providing each of the program case managers with the tools needed to guide program participants when accessing mainstream resources, i.e., SOAR, TANF, SNAP. TX HHS provides direct training with programs that give the case manager the ability to directly apply on behalf of the household. Coalition staff also provides direct training. In reviewing the most System Performance Data FY 2023, Stayers increased and Leavers decreased. The most significant decrease is for Leavers with a total of FY 2023 at 8.4%, a 3.6% decrease from the previous year. 2) The Coalition and the Performance Committee are responsible for ensuring strategies have been established/implemented to meet this measure.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
--	--	----

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

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

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
This list contains no items			

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

- 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

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

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

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

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

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

- 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

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

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

3C-2.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Not Applicable

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?		Yes
--	--	--	-----

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.

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

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

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

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

You must enter a value for elements 1 and 2 in question 4A-3.

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects—only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.

Applicant Name

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

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

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

1.	Applicant Name	
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	

You must enter a response for elements 1 through 3 in question 4A-3b.

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

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

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

(limit 1,500 characters)

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

Describe in the field below how the project applicant:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:	
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentiality policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:	
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;

3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)	

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

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

(limit 5,000 characters)

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	

Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:

- | | |
|----|---|
| 1. | with a range of lived expertise; and |
| 2. | in policy and program development throughout the project's operation. |

(limit 2,500 characters)