

Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

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

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

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: AR-501 - Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Whitney Force

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.The CoC hosts an annual membership drive each summer and has an on-going, open invitation process for new members. The CoC membership invitation process is open to the public and communicated via the following methods: COC website, www.nwacoc.com, an email listserv comprised of 325 stakeholders, at bi-monthly General Membership and monthly COVID-19 Collaboration meetings, CoC committee meetings and other community meetings. As a precautionary measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic meetings have been held virtually, via Zoom.
- 2.The COC ensures that invitation materials are disseminated in several ways including accessible electronic documents on our website.
- 3.Representatives of the membership and board members participate in outreach activities to solicit members with lived experience and from represented population groups. Homeless and formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join the CoC throughout the coordinated entry outreach navigation process. Two formerly homeless board members provide input to inform the invitation process. Additionally, homeless service providers are asked to identify current and former clients for new membership and to provide input to inform the invitation process.
- 4.The CoC extends new member invitations to groups inclusive of the populations that are reflected in the homeless community, including, but not limited to, Black, Latino, Marshallese, LGBTQ+, families, youth, veterans, persons with disabilities, and other cultural and ethnic subpopulations. Current CoC member organization staff and potential new members serving culturally and ethnic specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area provide input to address equity in the invitation process through participation in the CoC’s membership, community collaboration and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee meetings.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The COC solicits direct expertise to achieve its mission from a broad array of organizations and individuals, including those with lived experiences. Opinions and input are solicited through general membership and community collaboration meetings, topic-focused group meetings, one-on-one conversations with members and other community stakeholders, surveys- paper and electronic- and via the CoC website. The CoC solicits opinions from our membership which is comprised 33 housing, homelessness, and mainstream services member organizations and individuals with diverse representation reflective of our community. The CoC membership is responsible for CoC governance that affect funding determinations, strategic planning, coordinated entry and ongoing development of the local crisis response system through the election of persons to serve on the CoC Board of Directors. The COC membership, board, community partners and the general public comprise the committees that carry out the work of the CoC. Prior to any approval of policies and procedures by the CoC Board of Directors, committees are provided with proposed policies and procedures to ensure feedback from various stakeholders. The only requirement for voting status is membership of the CoC, committing to an interest in ending homelessness in our region through completion of the membership application, which is available on the COC website year-round. Inclusivity is of utmost importance to the CoC – all meeting materials are made available in PDF and member organizations serving culturally specific populations assist with translation, where necessary.

2.The COC communicates current, relevant information through general membership and community collaboration meetings, email updates to a 325 listserv, the CoC website, and Facebook. 3.The CoC aggregates opinions, feedback and other information provided from a variety of stakeholders collected through numerous methods to inform the development of the CoC’s strategic plan.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Local NOFA was posted on 9/26/21 in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, via email to the CoC’s 325 person listserv and website posting, notifying the public that it would accept proposals from all eligible organizations.

2.Prior to the NOFO release, Staff hosted an informational session on 9/16/21 to encourage project applications from organizations not previously receiving CoC

Program funding. Technical assistance and support were offered throughout the application process.

3.A volunteer and unbiased Rank & Review Committee developed the NOFO scoring rubric, approved by the CoC Board and included in the project application packet. The CoC used a letter-of-intent through online survey, email or mail. The proposal submission for the local NOFA required an email submission except where technology would prohibit such an application in which case, applicants had the option to request and submit in a different format.

4.The Committee reviewed new & renewal projects, with reallocation considerations, scored and ranked projects for inclusion in the NWA CoC Application. Proposal scores and rankings were based on the local needs/gap analysis, FY 2022 NOFO, and objective scoring rubric, all of which were widely distributed and available on the CoC website. For all projects housing first and other evidence-based practices are expected. Renewal project previous year outcomes, cost effectiveness, participation in CoC activities, HMIS, and coordinated entry are expected. New project’s proposed outcomes and evidence that the outcomes are achievable through experience are important. The Committee’s total score sheet and ranking were provided to and approved by the Board. Notifications and announcements were publicly posted.

5.Representation from the disabled community are included in all meetings and those with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	No
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Arkansas DHS is the statewide ESG recipient. The CoC participates in statewide ESG subrecipient meetings, assists DHS with funding opportunity advertisement, and has ongoing consultation with ESG subrecipients in planning and allocating ESG funds. The CoC supports the DHS ESG subrecipient application process through letters of good standing for CoC members' project proposals for ESG activities. The CoC consults with the Cities in our region and member agencies regarding activities to best meet the needs of the CoC, identifying agencies most likely to have capacity to implement an effective, cost-efficient ESG project. The NWA CoC and its member agencies leveraged new ESG-CV funding opportunities to expand and create new services- shelter, street outreach, homelessness prevention, and rapid rehousing- covering our entire region to effectively prevent the spread of and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic for those at risk of and experiencing homelessness in our community. Collectively, over 60% (10) of CoC programs providing housing services, including DV agencies, were awarded ESG-CV grants. FMR waivers and no match requirements were instrumental in our agencies' ability to administer these new grants. 2. The CoC conducts ESG project reviews of system performance via HMIS including number of people served and data quality. The CoC provides support to ESG subrecipients with technical assistance and training, upon request, for effective grant administration. 3. The CoC provides region specific homeless reports to the consolidated plan jurisdictions in the CoC's region on an annual basis, specifically PIT and HIC count data. Regional reports provide demographic and other supporting information of those experiencing homelessness, including veterans, unaccompanied youth, and school-aged children and first time homeless. 4. CoC's Advocacy Committee is in the process of developing an advocacy toolkit designed to better inform consolidated plan jurisdictions. This toolkit will be updated annually.

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	No
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting AAQs or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance of service providers.	No
6.	Other. (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's Youth Council Workgroup's is a collaboration of youth education providers and housing providers in the CoC's geographic region. The Workgroup holds meetings monthly with a goal of cultivation of resources and the development of a Youth Council to inform the CoC's work to prevent and end youth homelessness. Members meet to discuss relevant topics and formulate pathways for access to housing, educational, and mainstream services. 2. The CoC has a formal partnership- MOU- with Teen Action Support Center, Arkansas Department of Human Services, and the Fayetteville Housing Authority for the administration of a Fostering Youth to Independence (FYI) project and the requirements of PIH Notice 2019-20 (HA). This project provides housing and support services for eligible youth - has attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age; Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act at age 16 or older; and Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless as these terms are defined at 24 CFR 578.3 and 24 CFR 576.2. 3. A CoC board member is a counselor at one of the local school districts and serves as a liaison for collaboration with the State and Local Education agencies. 4. The CoC does not currently have formal partnership with SEAs and LEAs. Collaborations exist with CoC agencies and homeless liaisons in the geographic area. 5. The CoC has ongoing collaboration with school districts' homeless liaisons who participate in CoC meetings, PIT counts, and are included in community needs assessments to develop shelter, housing and other services for families and youth. 6. The CoC does not currently have formal partnerships with school districts but works regularly with homeless liaisons.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NWA CoC's Written Standards meet HUD's minimum requirements and address CoC expectations for all projects. The Educational Liaison standard is included in the Written Standards requiring projects that serve households with children, designate a staff person as the homeless liaison that will ensure children are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the community, including early childhood projects such as Head Start, Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and McKinney Vento education. This standard promotes better access and outcomes within our system.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:	
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and	
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's two domestic violence service provider member organizations, Peace at Home Family Shelter and the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter, present, at a minimum, annually at CoC community meetings. These presentations review the unique nature of safety issues for survivors of domestic violence and trafficking and address trauma-informed, victim-centered best practices and planning protocols. These two domestic violence service providers participate in Coordinated Entry Committee meetings and ensure that survivors' needs are represented in the development of the coordinated system of care across our region. The CoC also works closely with Hub of Hope, a local organization providing services to trafficking survivors.

2. Coordinated Entry staff addresses safety, confidentiality, and best practices at monthly Coordinated Entry Committee meetings. With the goal of developing domestic violence coordinated entry either through incorporation into the existing coordinated entry process, while ensuring privacy and confidentiality, or the development of a parallel process, the two DV member organizations, coordinated entry members, and NWA CoC staff consulted with the National Network to End Domestic Violence and the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence to learn about best practices of other CoCs across the nation and explore appropriate options for the CoC. Conversations are ongoing with the potential for a revised program in the CoC area.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC utilizes domestic violence data from both national, state and local sources. At a national level, the CoC reviews reports from the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Coalition on Domestic Violence, and the Violence Policy Center. To understand trends at a state level, the CoC uses data from Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. At a local level, the CoC primarily uses three sources of data- ESG CAPER report, which is a required report that must be submitted for the victim service providers; PIT and HIC count annual data, questions surrounding this issue is a data point on the PIT Survey and is reported to the CoC, HUD and other constituents for future planning; and direct input from DV organizations. Additionally, through our coordinated entry system, all participants on the BNL have received a community assessment (VI-SPDAT) which includes questions surrounding intimate partner violence, including appropriate diversion to domestic violence service providers. Also the two victim service providers provide data to the CoC in both annual strategic planning and in NOFA development from their respective database systems. The CoC is working on creating a parallel BNL process that is respectful of safety and security for those participants. From these data sources, we can inform community needs - ex: demographics of victims - is there an increasing/decreasing trend around age, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Collectively, the local data provides a more detailed understanding of the circumstances precipitating domestic violence and the effectiveness of victim services offered. National and state data serves as a point of comparison and benchmarking, and is another method to identify community needs.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The sources of the de-identified aggregate data source(s) for the NWA CoC comes from the information put in by our two DV shelters along with information put in by the NWA Sexual Assault organization. While they use different systems, they are both able to upload their information to be utilized by HUD. The CoC utilizes domestic violence data from both national, state and local sources. At a national level, the CoC reviews reports from the National Network to End Domestic Violence, the National Coalition on Domestic Violence, and the Violence Policy Center. To understand trends at a state level, the CoC uses data from Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence on domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. At a local level, the CoC primarily uses three sources of data- ESG CAPER report, which is a required report that must be submitted for the victim service providers; PIT and HIC count annual data, questions surrounding this issue is a data point on the PIT Survey and is reported to the CoC, HUD and other constituents for future planning; and direct input from DV organizations. Additionally, through our coordinated entry system, all participants on the BNL have received a community assessment (VI-SPDAT) which includes questions surrounding intimate partner violence, including appropriate diversion to domestic violence service providers. Also the two victim service providers provide data to the CoC in both annual strategic planning and in NOFA development from their respective database systems. The CoC is working on creating a parallel BNL process that is respectful of safety and security for those participants. From these data sources, we can inform community needs - ex: demographics of victims - is there an increasing/ decreasing trend around age, gender, sexual orientation, etc. Collectively, the local data provides a more detailed understanding of the circumstances precipitating domestic violence and the effectiveness of victim services offered. National and state data serves as a point of comparison and benchmarking, and is another method to identify community needs.

1C-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:		
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and	
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

In accordance with all existing voucher programs, the CoC adopts the verbaige found in the "Tenant & HOME Agreement" in direct correlation to the VAWA Act. "Allow for an internal emergency transfer to another available and safe unit in the development by any tenant or other lawful resident of a HOME-assisted unit who is or has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In such cases, the transferring tenant(s) may transfer to the new unit without having to undergo an application process and will, in all other respects, be treated as an in-place tenant." The CoC is working with the DV shelters and other agencies to develop a transfer packet with related policy and procedures to be provided to each newly funded CoC program and to every existing CoC program agency when the policy is up-dated. Each agency is required to show knowledge of the VAWA transfer at monitoring. In addition, CoC providers are encouraged to contact CoC staff when assistance is needed in connecting to other CoC's with a transfer request.

A tenant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in writing to the housing provider (HP) in accordance to the procedures. The HP may request documentation to support the request. The HP will assess request and work with landlord to expedite the request. All information provided by the tenant will be protected by a limited timeframe release of information disclosure. The tenant will be urged to all reasonable precautions to guard their families safety during the transfer process.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC CE protocols incorporate the DV/Mental Health/Veteran hotlines, 2-1-1 & local police departments to provide 24-hr access to DV services. By contacting the police departments, a call from them to the hotline may expedite responses in emergency situations. All calls are screened for lethality & imminent danger to determine next steps. If ES are full, shelters may arrange for a hotel, connection to outreach advocates, or other safe & accredited DV specific services outside of the area until space becomes available. ES prioritize victims that are in immediate danger, offer safety planning & crisis intervention as first steps. Victims not in imminent danger, but seeking help to flee a violent relationship, are connected with outreach advocates that provide DV/SA specific housing & other resource programs, as well as non-DV options. DV services assist with safe, confidential, & victim centered planning. The CoC policy prioritizes safety & access to housing/services for persons experiencing DV, including transferring to other communities. If a household is willing to be identified and put on the By Name List, an assessment is completed by an outreach coordinator to assist with connecting the household to the proper services. Both shelters also utilize ESG and private funding to assist households in obtaining safe housing in the fastest yet safest way possible.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:

1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 & 2. The CoC has a set of policies and protocols to address formal emergency transfer plans, beyond referring individuals to victim service providers. The CoC also relies on the formal policies of the victim services providers who provide housing and emergency shelter resources such as Peace at Home and NWA Women's Shelter (NWAWS), both of which are CoC members. One agency does emergency relocations and typically relocate 20 or so families a year with that program that program includes installation of security systems, changing locks, or adding other security measures to reduce the need for DV survivors to constantly relocate. DV providers support 50 or so families with security upgrades annually. The CoC's Victim Service Providers are committed to a Housing First Model with all participants. As such, program participants are not required to achieve employment or sobriety in order to receive or continue receiving services. In addition, program participants are not required to participate in any supportive services offered by the agencies in order to receive or continue receiving rental assistance. While services such as financial education, support groups, legal services, safety planning, and advocacy are all provided, none of these services are compulsory. Both providers operate from a Trauma-Informed Care philosophy and approach which center on client choice. These philosophies are complimentary to the Housing First Model. The CoC Coordinated Entry committee is currently examining the CE system as it relates to survivors of domestic violence and trafficking. 3. The CoC has engaged national consultation with National Network to End Domestic Violence to ensure our policies are in compliance with safety and confidentiality requirements. From this new work, we hope to develop a coordinated entry system that best meet the needs of survivors. We do have 'opt-out' and de-identification processes for survivors to protect their records from public view.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy through stakeholder feedback; in 2021, this led to the establishment of the DEI Committee. This Committee solicits feedback from underserved populations to ensure the CoC anti-discrimination policy is comprehensive & followed by the CoC. 2) The CoC ensured that each project agency had a current anti-discrimination policy. All agencies have a comprehensive policy that aligns with the CoC’s policy. The DEI Committee has been tasked creating a new, more comprehensive policy & will work with providers to implement it at the project level. The CoC has tasked the DEI committee to provide more training for the CoC and member agencies with the major objectives to be addressing anti-discrimination, family separation, & equal access to LGBTQ+ households.

3) The CoC’s current process for evaluating compliance is to conduct annual monitoring of each project to confirm they have anti-discrimination polices in place. Complaints made by clients regarding discrimination are sent to the CoC Executive Director and then to the CoC Board Executive Committee. The DEI Committee is tasked with reviewing policies for evaluating compliance with the CoC’s anti-discrimination policies, evaluating compliance, & enforcement of those policies.

4) All complaints regarding CoC program noncompliance related to anti-discrimination policies are to be sent to the ED & the CoC Board. Complaints that warrant a fair housing violation would be turned over to HUD via a Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Complaint. Any person who makes a complaint is still eligible for services & would not be retaliated against, however, they may be transferred to a similar project to ensure they maintain housing stability.

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

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

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Fayetteville Housing Authority	100%	Yes-Both	Yes
Siloam Springs Housing Authority	100%	No	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Fayetteville Housing Authority (FHA) is the largest provider of housing assistance and rental subsidies in Northwest Arkansas and is a CoC member agency actively involved in the community's goal of ending homelessness. FHA participates in community meetings, coordinated entry, Veteran & non-veteran case conferencing, COVID-19 Response planning and the CoC's Landlord Engagement Committee. FHA's jurisdiction encompasses all of Washington county, with the exception of Springdale city limits, for public housing and vouchers. VASH vouchers include Washington and Benton counties. FHA's housing assistance includes 194 public housing units & 52 Project-Based rental units. Voucher assistance includes 130 VASH, 480 Housing Choice, and 40 Mainstream vouchers, 40 TBRA, 16 ESG-CV RRH units, 25 Fostering Youth to Independence Vouchers, and 56 Emergency Housing Vouchers. FHA offers a preference for families that are homeless. FHA allocates 10% of new vouchers and 10% of new public housing openings to the CoC administered according to the CoC coordinated entry policy. With FHA's award of EHV vouchers, FHA, NWA CoC, and other community members revised CE policy and procedures for the EHV's to ensure equitable access and leverage housing and supportive services for those most vulnerable. FHA prioritized EHV's for domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking survivors with a parallel process. The NWA CoC is responsible for case-conferencing in order to make appropriate referrals according to the coordinated entry priority policies, which includes chronicity, length of homelessness as well as the additional variables identified in the community assessment. 2. The NWA CoC continues to foster relationships with Siloam Springs Housing Authority and other housing authorities where there is not a homeless admission preference in their written policies.

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 VII.B.1.g.	

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

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

PHA	
Fayetteville Hous...	

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

Name of PHA: Fayetteville Housing Authority

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition.	7
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	7
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC will utilize the HUD's Housing First Assessment Tool to evaluate CoC funded projects, at a minimum annually, to ensure projects adhere to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First Model. Specifically, projects will be evaluated in the following standard categories: Access and Evaluation, Services and Housing, Leases, and Project Specific as applicable for the project type. Four of the seven CoC projects submitted for requested funding in the FY 2022 NOFO are Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal projects and will be evaluated in all standard categories. Two of the new projects submitted are for services and housing for PSH utilizing CoC bonus dollars. The final new project is a DV PH/services. All the new projects will be evaluated in the Access and Evaluation and Project Specific standard categories. If the assessment results in non-compliance with standards, the project will develop a corrective action plan. The CoC will provide technical assistance and support and follow-up to ensure compliance with a Housing First approach.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The NWA CoC was the subrecipient of an ESG-CV Street Outreach grant for the 2020-2022 grant term to perform street outreach activities in our community to prevent the spread of and effectively respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant has been extended through October, 2023. This grant has provided the funding needed to create an MOU with a partner agency to provide street outreach and case management to unsheltered individuals and families living on the

streets, in encampments, or other places not meant for human habitation connecting them with shelter, housing resources and other mainstream services. This partner agency has tailored their street outreach to engage with persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance by visiting encampments, parks, food pantries, day- centers and schools and other places where homeless individuals frequent.

2. Outreach activities cover 100% of the CoC's region, approximately 3,311 square miles.

3. With the large area size of the region, street outreach efforts have been conducted on a weekly basis at encampments and food pantries with street outreach activities performed in other areas upon request. The CoC has submitted a funding request for the FY 2022-2023 through ESG for an HMIS coordinator which can provide additional information for all agencies but in terms of outreach, will work directly with the outreach agency to determine if the individual has received a ViSPDAT assessment and if they have utilized other services provided in our area. The street outreach team will work closely with the day centers and with the case conferencing team to provide additional understanding of the household if needed. When a veteran is encountered, the outreach team will do the initial assessment but will then refer the household to HUD-VASH and to SSVF for further resources (if they qualify).

4. The Outreach Service Provider collaborate with CoC members, community partners and stakeholders, including those who serve culturally specific populations, to reach those who are least likely to request assistance.

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

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

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	Yes	Yes
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).		
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.		
		2021	2022
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC—only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	70	100

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The NWA CoC disseminates timely, relevant information on mainstream resources to our CoC member organizations for program participants through email updates and at General Membership and Community Collaboration meetings. The CoC facilitates presentations from a variety of mainstream service providers at CoC meetings to share information on available resources, eligibility requirements and access to services. Some CoC members provide office space to bring mainstream services, including Food Stamps, Medicaid, TANF, and SSI to program participants, eliminating the transportation barrier. Many CoC members provide mainstream services, including but not limited to, substance abuse, mental health, disability, food, legal aid, and transportation services. These agencies provide service updates to other members at CoC meetings. In addition, in the event of time-sensitive information, the NWA CoC disseminates updates at the request of members.

2. Information is communicated on a bi-weekly basis at a minimum through email updates and emergency health community collaboration meetings.

3. The Community Clinic, a community healthcare organization and CoC member, provides on-site health services and program assistance in enrolling in health insurance through a mobile unit. The NWA CoC facilitates coordination between the Community Clinic and other CoC member agencies. CoC member agency case managers providing housing and homelessness services assist program participants with application and the effective use of Medicaid and other mainstream benefits. The Outreach team and the VA along with other area organizations promote and connect households to resources that promote and provide the assistance needed to help individuals sign up for SSI/SSDI. Outreach and connection to SOAR certified staff assist in this process as well.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

As seen in 2020, the need for increasing the capacity for non-congregate shelter did not decrease as the number of positive Covid tests lowered in our area. The community learned that to combat any health crisis, it is important to have options for those both medically and psychologically cannot reside in congregate living situations. While the number of positive cases continue to decline, the residual affects of the pandemic continue to linger and it is our belief that they will continue for a long time. Some people do not want to live in congregate sheltering because of lingering health issues and past trauma caused by the pandemic.

To combat this and in an effort to increase capacity, the NWA CoC created a project that partnered both with the shelters and with the outreach team to provide hotel stays when staying at the shelter was not an option. While this is not a sustainable model due to the increase in both hotel stays and food costs, it does provide a safe and clean option to get households off the street. The CoC plans to continue partnering with area churches and other benevolence groups to create a fund for hotel stays and for food options while maintaining the protocols to keep them on the by-name-list and to refer them to agencies that could help their needs.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Covid challenged our community to continue to build a strong partnership with our public health agencies to respond to and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. This requires the ability to quickly pivot our homeless response system to effectively respond and serve those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in our community when needed. Over the last two years, a resilient system has resulted and lasting partnerships formed with allied sectors, highlighting healthcare system partners. Through collaboration, coordination, and partnership we assess, project, and plan for the likely impacts of cessation of key measures, including rental assistance, increasing capacity through non-congregate settings, and other policies on homelessness. Through communication and partnership stronger links have been created between the homelessness assistance, healthcare, educational, childcare, child welfare, TANF and other mainstream support systems. Planning structures and partnerships have been created that can assess racially-based health disparities and develop remediation strategies including engaging people with lived expertise of homelessness, representative of all subpopulations and reflective of the demographics of people experiencing homelessness, into all elements of planning, decision-making, staffing and implementation of systems strengthening activities. We have integrated and will continue to add all relevant data into HMIS for future planning purposes, including data from overflow congregate and non-congregate shelter programs, identifying and documenting promising practices and support the capacity of organizations to implement such practices, including equity-focused practices, and make mid-course corrections to program design to ensure equitable outcomes. Leveraging federal, state, local, and private funding resources has proven critical to an effective response to current health crises and to prepare for future public health crises.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively equipped providers to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants by:	
1.	sharing information related to public health measures and homelessness, and	
2.	facilitating communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1) The CoC regularly solicits & disseminates updated health bulletins from the Department of Health to the CoC via listserv & provides updates at each monthly CoC meeting. CoC leadership works closely with the Community Clinic, Mercy & Northwest Hospitals, the VA Hospital, & the Health Department to screen participant health to prevent the spread of infectious disease & provide vaccination clinics for COVID-19, the flu, HEP-A/B, & other diseases as needed. CoC agencies have access to the Community Clinics to connect individuals and households to access other medical care, including screening for TB & providing vaccines for those experiencing homelessness. Members from the Health Department and area clinics regularly attend CoC meetings including the monthly crisis meeting that was started because of the pandemic. Both the clinic and the Health Department have provided information on the COVID-19 surge & isolating in congregate settings, 2) changing policies regarding COVID-19 & increased, incentivized vaccination efforts, 3) developing emergency planning at each a provider & emergency planning guidelines at the CoC level, & virus spread mitigation, & best practices to keep program participants safe. 2.2) The CoC relays new health guidance from the VA, the Health Department, HUD & other federal agencies regarding healthcare directly to the CoC via listserv & CoC meetings. Agencies are required to contact the Health Department if an outbreak of any kind were to occur. After that contact is made and if there are any instructions provided by the Health Department, the agency relays the outbreak information to the CoC, especially if it impacts the ability of the project to serve clients or if it changes their service delivery model. CoC will convene meetings, as necessary, to address the larger community needs.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's CES covers 100 percent of our geographic area through multiple regional access points positioned throughout the region. These regional access points include 7hills Homeless Center and Salvation Army-Fayetteville, covering the Fayetteville area; Havenwood and Salvation Army- Bentonville covering the Benton County area; Samaritan Community Center covering the Springdale and Rogers area; Diva and Dudes Community Outreach and Training Center covering Bentonville, Rogers, and the NWA CoC Outreach Navigator covering all 4 counties in the CoC's geographic region, including the rural counties of Madison and Carroll. These locations are strategic in our region to be available where persons may present for one or more of their needs, including food, clothing, showers, housing assistance or spiritual guidance. To create new and support existing regional access points, the CoC's CE entry collaborates with members and partners offering ongoing training. In addition, Hark and United Way 211 facilitate diversion strategies through connecting individuals with community resources throughout the four counties. Community collaboration with schools, churches, VA service providers, and other partner organizations enables the CoC to reach those least likely to apply for homeless assistance. 2. When an individual or family experiencing homelessness is connected with a regional access point, they are assessed via the VI-SPDAT and placed on the BNL. In case conferencing, individuals and families are discussed and a resource plan of action is put in place. The coordinated entry system also includes programs such as ESG with shelter, outreach, rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services in all four counties. During case conferencing those on the BNL are prioritized based on vulnerability and need. To receive assistance in a timely manner, individuals and families on the BNL are matched with available resources during weekly case conferencing meetings. CE/By Name List is updated weekly and those who are over 90 days contact, have been incarcerated, have been housed and/or have moved out of the coverage area are put on the inactive list. If their housing status changes, their status will be moved back to active. 3. Feedback is requested on a regular basis from the partner agencies and feedback is provided to the Coordinated Entry team for policy updates or additions.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Outreach and relationship building is a launching point for a program participant-centered approach to coordinated entry. Through connection, outreach workers and regional access points are able to assess individuals and households without requiring them to seek transportation options that might not be available in the community. Best practice would require at least two visits with an individual before performing the assessment. Regional access points along with 211 are available to assist an individual that may not be reached otherwise. Hospitals, jails and other service providers are requested to connect an individual who is seeking services to connect with the access points. 2. Access to the assessment also provides the ability to get on the By-Name-List with a pending status. This status makes sure that the person and their information are validated prior to being moved to active. 3. The CoC's Coordinated Entry policies and procedures prioritize individuals and families on the By-Name-List (BNL) for housing interventions by their VISPDAT score, the highest scoring (and most vulnerable) being prioritized first. Their scores guide what types of housing programs (if any) are most appropriate in given any situation- Individuals 8+ & Families 9+: Permanent Supportive Housing, followed by Transitional Housing if no PSH is available; Individuals 4-7 & Families 4-8: Rapid Re-Housing; Individuals 0-3 & Families 0-3: No housing intervention. Other community resources provided. This guidance is for program matches based on VI-SPDAT scores, with the understanding that case conferencing and staffing meetings can provide more targeted matching of individuals and families to housing interventions. In addition to the above CE prioritization, a Move-On Strategy may be used in cases where there are homeless preference spots allocation by the area Housing Authorities. Prioritization for open vouchers for homeless preference will be as follows: First priority is those who are currently in a housing program with a score of Individuals 8+ and Families 9+ at entry but no longer in need of case management and would benefit from only rental assistance to maintain housing. CE will refer those households first for available vouchers. If there are no households to refer, CE will then proceed to select the most appropriate household(s) from the BNL. 2. These policies and procedures are included in the NWA CoC's Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	02/12/2020

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In Fall 2020 the CoC conducted a racial equity analysis utilizing HUD's Racial Equity Tool with data from the ACS 2013-17 5 year estimates and the 2019 PIT count. Particular racial disparities were highlighted- the Black population experienced homelessness at a percentage rate five times higher and poverty at a percentage rate two times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; the Hispanic population experienced poverty at a percentage rate two times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; Black Veterans experienced homelessness at a percentage rate five times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; and Other/Multi-Racial youth population experienced homelessness at a 40% increase in comparison to the percentage rate of the general population. These findings necessitated the development of the CoC's targeted strategies to address these disparities, including the development of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to develop a strategic plan, including community education on the disparities in our homeless response system, the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color, the dissemination of information through a quarterly newsletter and the development of DEI training for our CoC members. The DEI committee is in the process of conducting a survey to determine the DEI training needs of our members. Other strategies executed include the evaluation of CES policies and procedures specifically around access and prioritization. CE EHV prioritization policies were revised to address inequities. The CoC partnered with community organizations taking a leadership role in addressing structural racism through signing on to a community pledge and issuing a statement on structural racism posted on website. The CoC will continue promoting equity throughout all systems within the CoC and in collaboration with the our community.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes

8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In Fall 2020 the CoC conducted a racial equity analysis utilizing HUD's Racial Equity Tool with data from the ACS 2013-17 5 year estimates and the 2019 PIT count. Particular racial disparities were highlighted- the Black population experienced homelessness at a percentage rate five times higher and poverty at a percentage rate two times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; the Hispanic population experienced poverty at a percentage rate two times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; Black Veterans experienced homelessness at a percentage rate five times higher in comparison to the percentage of the general population makeup; and Other/Multi-Racial youth population experienced homelessness at a 40% increase in comparison to the percentage rate of the general population. These findings necessitated the development of the CoC's targeted strategies to address these disparities, including the development of a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee to develop a strategic plan, including community education on the disparities in our homeless response system, the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color, the dissemination of information through a quarterly newsletter and the development of DEI training for our CoC members. The DEI committee is in the process of conducting a survey to determine the DEI training needs of our members. Other strategies executed include the evaluation of CES policies and procedures specifically around access and prioritization. CE EHV prioritization policies were revised to address inequities. The CoC partnered with community organizations taking a leadership role in addressing structural racism through signing on to a community pledge and issuing a statement on structural racism posted on website. The CoC will continue promoting equity throughout all systems within the CoC and in collaboration with the our community.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The outreach team in conjunction with coordinated entry has created a tool to be used alongside the by-name-list. This tool looks at race, age, gender, family structure and barriers that might not otherwise be seen through the ViSPDAT. In the event that there are multiple names with the same ViSPDAT score, the case conferencing tool will look to see if the individual meets the threshold of CoC priorities including 1. Is the individual a person of color (BIPOC), 2. Does the person identify with the LBGTQIA+ community, 3. Is the individual a veteran that does not qualify for VA housing services? As an individual or household is screened for a housing program or is connected with a housing organization, all notes are included in the database and on the assessment tool. Data continues to be collected and connections continue to be made through outreach and the coordinated entry team.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC’s outreach efforts to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision making processes includes word of mouth advertisements, social media posts and targeted outreach including providing meals for households. During some of the targeted outreach, conversations are started to engage and to provide a platform by which those with lived experience can provide insight into what the CoC is doing and how it affects them and those around them. Information is brought back to the outreach team, disseminated and provided for the board and the CoC membership. When individuals are ready and interested, they are offered volunteering opportunities, committees or board roles by which to have a voice.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included and provide input that is incorporated in the local planning process.	15	15
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	5	5
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	3	3
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	3	3

5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	1
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1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
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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)

There are multiple CoC membership organizations that provide professional development and employment opportunities to individuals with lived experience of homelessness. Goodwill provides employment and professional development for individuals who are coming out of incarceration. Many of those individuals have lived experience as well as other traumas. Divaology provides life skills and educational development for individuals with lived experience and often work directly with the probation and parole officers to assist with finding educational and professional development opportunities for their community service. Workforce Development also provides educational and job skills training for individuals. In this case, they often receive job skills training while earning money. This assists in both the educational aspect and to help them pay bills that might not have otherwise gotten paid.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness. NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	
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Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Gathering feedback from people experiencing homelessness and from people who have received assistance through the CoC/ESG programs is an intricate part to our CoC programming. Feedback is requested and the information is disseminated out to the various committees such as DEI or the Executive Committee while also providing information back to the CoC in terms of data management. Information is gathered through case management and through outreach sessions provided by the outreach groups. 2. Often challenges are raised and it is important not to look at these challenges as negatives but rather as opportunities for improvement. We never want to dismiss or negate anything that is brought to the CoC's attention. Any challenges that are brought up, the policy is to ask for feedback and often discuss solutions with the individuals and then to develop a plan of action which is brought back to stakeholders, board and committee members. The solution often involves the individual with lived experience as they understand fully the impact of the challenge. We always take into consideration mental health issues as we are working through these challenges as some issues may be harder to work through than others.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.t.	
	Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months that engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	
	1. reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and	
	2. reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 & 2 Over the last 8 months, the current Executive Director has been serving on a city housing workgroup. The main goal of this workgroup is to engage with the city officials and to provide recommendations that would allow for increased capacity, land use and an increased amount of housing development with a decreased timeframe that is taken up by permits and zoning issues. If the timeline (including delivery of materials) can be shortened, the developers will be encouraged to apply for HOME funds and other funding opportunities to provide a mixed income/mixed rent apartment opportunities for those who choose to live with in the city. The City of Springdale has embarked in a new housing project through a local property management/developer that will also offer low rent (under FMR) apartments for the community.

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

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

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- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC’s local competition.	08/19/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	100
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	4
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC evaluated the gap/needs analysis conducted in 2019 relative to the current available resources in the community to house individuals experiencing homelessness and compared these resources with the needs of the individuals on the BNL within the context of current environmental factors, specifically COVID-19 pandemic impacts and racial disparities. The data examined included demographics (race, age, gender) of those active on the BNL in addition to responses on the VI-SPDAT assessments as well as chronicity (including disability status), length of time homeless and sheltered status, health care services, measures of safety, including self-report of human trafficking and domestic violence victimization of the individual and the CoC's Racial Equity Analysis. This analysis provided the basis for ranking and selecting projects to address the severity of needs and vulnerabilities. Needs identified for prioritized ranking included permanent supportive or rapid rehousing with utilization of healthcare resources, additional non-CoC funding resources, identification/removal of barriers faced by communities of color, inclusion of those with lived experience, and education/advocacy/engagement with policymakers and the criminal justice system. This analysis is in alignment with FY 2022 NOFO funding priorities that were shared with the community and member organizations, prior to release of the NOFO local competition. 2. Bonus points were awarded to projects addressing these priorities.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Input was obtained from the CoC’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee in determining the rating factors used to review projects. The DEI Committee is charged with coordinating a community response to advance equitable and inclusive solutions to close disparities in our homeless response system and is comprised of individuals with lived experience and of different races, specifically representative of those over-represented in our local homelessness population. DEI Committee objectives outlined in the CoC’s strategic plan include information gathering of community and system diversity, conducting an annual equity analysis, engaging diverse voices through hosting a listening session, and assessing and facilitating DEI education and training needs of CoC members.
2. The CoC’s Rank and Review Committee is charged with the development and execution of the review, selection, rating, and ranking process for the local NOFO, with board approval. The Committee includes five voluntary and unbiased persons from the community including representative of different races.
3. Projects were rated and ranked projects on promoting racial equity with bonus points awarded for projects demonstrating the identification and/or removal of barriers to participation faced persons of different races and ethnicities, including those with lived experience.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Rank and Review/Monitoring and Evaluation Committee will annually monitor each CoC grant recipient and complete a report to the CoC Board. The findings of the monitoring and evaluation report will be used by the committee to determine whether a recommendation is made to the CoC Board to reduce or reallocate a project's funding. The committee will consider fiscal responsibility, compliance with program guidelines, performance, outcomes and use of best practices when making a recommendation. The Board will consider the Monitoring and Evaluation Committee's recommendations for renewed, reduced or reallocated funding. Each project will be evaluated based on extent to which the project is necessary and addresses the CoC's priorities identified in the NWA CoC Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and funding priority listing. Criteria to be considered in a decision to renew, reduce or reallocate a project/project type include: Alignment with the NWA CoC Strategic Plan to End Homelessness and funding priorities; alignment with federal and state goals to end homelessness; rank and review committee's report findings including fiscal responsibility, compliance with program guidelines and performance; HMIS Data Quality Report Card; meeting the CoC Project Performance Outcome Standards; consideration of unspent CoC funds; consideration of impact on the Consolidated Application score; and the project's compliance with the CoC's Policies and Procedures. If the Board endorses the recommendation to reduce or reallocate funding, the grantee will be notified by the Board and a notice of funding availability (NOFA) will be widely distributed in the community to redistribute the reallocated funds. The details of the NWA CoC NOFO will be based on the current HUD CoC Competition NOFO.

2. No projects were identified for reallocation during this local competition.
3. There were no reallocations of low-performing or less needed projects during this local competition.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	No
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	No
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	09/09/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/28/2022
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/28/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Wellsky - Pulaski County HMIS
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	05/06/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers—CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Both the NWA CoC and the HMIS lead through Pulaski County understand the importance of ensuring DV housing. The two domestic violence service programs in the CoC region, Peace at Home Family Shelter and the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter, are members of the CoC and actively participate in CoC efforts and activities to accomplish our mission of ending homelessness in Northwest Arkansas. Both programs utilize a HUD/HMIS comparable database that collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS Data Standards. Peace at Home Family Shelter utilizes the Osnum software and the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter utilizes Community Solution Apricot software for data management. Both domestic violence programs agree to submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data to the CoC and HMIS lead.

2. The NWA CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	197	82	95	82.61%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	79	44	25	71.43%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	100	3	92	94.85%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	180	0	50	27.78%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.A total of 120 beds listed in our region are not included as beds with HMIS coverage- comprised of 107 VASH vouchers (PSH) & 11 shelter beds (ES) 6 contracted by the VA and 5 voucher beds by the NWA Coalition, and 2 TH bed provided by a newly formed small, rural non-profit currently not participating in HMIS. VA contracted agencies in our region do not contribute to the local HMIS data system for tracking clients, but their HIC numbers are included, contributing to the lower percentage rates. Inclusion of these beds would increase the CoC's HMIS bed coverage rate to 83.77%-ES; 98.73%-TH; 87.77%-PSH in these respective categories. The CoC seeks guidance from our local Veteran's Administration about the plan for HMIS implementation in HMIS. The CoC's goal is to improve these rates above 85% over the next 12 months with strategies: 1) Provide education to current/potential HMIS participating agencies on the use of data to generating community-wide data to inform program planning 2) Engage & encourage HMIS participation with non-HMIS participating shelter/housing service agencies sharing the benefits of HMIS participation- scalable systems, information and resource sharing, funding leverage, and collaboration among service providers 3) Explore technology funding resources to support participation in HMIS 4) Facilitate training for HMIS users and administrators to promote use of technology. The NWA CoC is participating in a joint task force with the entire state of Arkansas to better understand and maintain a more concise set of data through HMIS. Pulaski County is putting on a 4 day training to "train the trainers". NWA CoC has also applied through ESG for a part time HMIS coordinated for our region. We believe that this could assist us in increasing the percentages to show a more accurate representation of the bed utilization and to make sure that all beds are accounted for in HMIS.

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

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	No
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	03/10/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	05/06/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. We have several member organizations that serve youth experiencing homelessness, including emergency family shelters, emergency and transitional DV family shelters, and school districts. Our routine PIT planning solicits input from these organizations and individuals. We provided training to providers (and community volunteers) on the PIT (and related HIC) and these included multiple youth homeless serving organizations.
2. To the best of our knowledge, no youth experiencing homelessness participated as volunteers in the PIT.
3. Our region's only family shelter and two DV family shelters actively participated in the PIT count.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our formal methodology was not changed. However, the CoC began a new partnership with the University of Arkansas School of Social Work this year that is continuing. Briefly, a faculty member (John Gallagher, PhD, LMSW, Associate Professor) and a graduate student oversee all planning, training, enumeration, and data analysis. They largely left the methods unchanged in their first year, but are convening a community advisory body to inform potential future changes.
2. Our formal methodology was not changed. However, the CoC began a new partnership with the University of Arkansas School of Social Work this year that is continuing. Briefly, a faculty member (John Gallagher, PhD, LMSW, Associate Professor) and a graduate student oversee all planning, training, enumeration, and data analysis. They largely left the methods unchanged in their first year, but are convening a community advisory body to inform potential future changes.
4. Not applicable

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The 2021 HDX SPM, Metric 5.2, indicates the CoC had a 3% increase in the number of persons experiencing 1st time homelessness compared to the previous reporting year. To determine risk factors contributing to this increase the CoC conducted an environmental scan, with emphasis on the continued impact of COVID-19, analyzed data from the BNL and feedback from members and community partners. The top risk factors for experiencing first time homeless in our region were identified- 1) lack of affordable housing, unemployment, poverty, mental illness and the lack of needed services, and substance abuse and the lack of needed services. 2. CoC strategies utilized to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless include incorporating diversion practices to help immediately identify alternate housing arrangements and connections with services and financial assistance to resolve their housing crisis; Use of data on the characteristics of households in shelter to develop criteria for targeted prevention assistance; Identification and leverage of all relevant mainstream services; Improve discharge planning for people exiting systems of care and institutions; Incorporate provider-level policies and procedures aimed at promoting long term housing stability; Promote landlord/provider communication about program participants who are at risk of losing their housing and support landlords to resolve housing or lease issues before they escalate. 3. The Northwest Arkansas Continuum of Care is responsible for overseeing our CoC’s strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 2021 HDX SPM, Metric 1.2, indicates a decrease, 79%, in the average length of time persons are homeless compared to the previous reporting year. While this is notably a significant decrease in LOT Homeless, it is a decrease of 23% compared to the 85% increase reported in the 2020 year. Strategies the CoC will employ to decrease the average LOT persons are homeless: Enhance Coordinated Entry- Prioritizing individuals/families with the longest time homeless and highest service needs across all interventions; Right-size assistance through maximizing the number of households placed in housing using the housing barriers assessments to match households with the most appropriate level of assistance; Expand outreach to people living on the streets and in-reach to emergency shelters, exploring creative approaches for locating people not connected to services, building positive relationships, and engaging individuals and families in supportive services and mainstream resources that ultimately lead to stable housing; Housing-focused case management- all projects will assess barriers to housing and support households, or link them to providers, to address issues that impede them from moving into permanent housing. Provide support to create a housing plan, resolve rental screening barriers, search for housing, negotiate lease terms, and mediate family conflict. Promote long-term stability by helping people who have been re-housed to connect with community-based resources and employment, understand their tenant rights and responsibilities, and develop plans for responding to future housing crises. 2. The CoC CES identifies and houses individuals and families from the BNL with the longest lengths of time homelessness and the highest vulnerability. 3. The NWA Continuum of that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The 2021 HDX SPM, Metric 7 b.1, indicates a decrease, 6%, of successful exits from ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH to permanent housing destinations compared to the previous reporting year. Strategies the CoC will employ to increase successful exits to PH destinations: Enhance Coordinated Entry- Prioritize individuals/families with the longest time homeless and highest service needs across all interventions; Streamline admissions and lower barriers- Ensure tenant selection and admissions policies do not screen out participants based on factors such as rental, credit, or criminal histories, and sobriety, or income. 2. The 2021 HDX SPM, Metric 7 b.2, indicates an increase, 2%, of successful exits/retention of persons who remained in PH projects and those who exited to PH destinations compared to the previous reporting year. Strategies the CoC will employ to continue increasing successful exits to/retention in permanent housing destinations: Expand the number of PH units available through outreach to new landlords and cultivating long-term relationships with owners and managers. Replicate proven recruitment strategies, which draw on effective marketing and engagement efforts, and innovative incentives such as landlord payments or damage insurance funds; Build partnerships with mainstream systems to leverage affordable housing resources. Partner with local PHAs to prioritize housing subsidies for people who are chronically homeless and create meaningful preferences for people experiencing homelessness. Support people in PH by linking mainstream healthcare, mental health, employment, or family services to housing subsidies. Replicate strategies using Medicaid and TANF to scale PH interventions for individuals/families; Establish funding priorities to fill gaps & expand high performing permanent housing projects; Provide trainings and technical assistance on re-housing best practices. Use findings from high performing projects to provide peer-to-peer learning opportunities. 3. The NWA Continuum of Care is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The 2021 HDX SPM, Measure 2, indicates a 7% rate of returns to homelessness in less than six months, with a 5% 6 -12 months and a 4% for 13 to 24 months for all categories. All categories show an average of a 16% rate of return within 2 years. PH (permanent housing) and TH (Transitional housing) show the lowest percentages for returning to homelessness after securing housing. 2. Strategies the CoC will employ to decrease rate of returns to homelessness of SO exits: Right-size assistance through maximizing the number of households placed in housing using the housing barriers assessments to match households with the most appropriate level of assistance; Implement a phased assessment process which identifies households seeking shelter who are eligible for diversion resources at all CE Regional Access Points; Use data on the characteristics of households in shelter to develop criteria for targeting prevention assistance. Identify all relevant services available in the community to determine what prevention assistance should be provided by the homeless system and where mainstream resources should be leveraged. Build strong partnerships with mainstream providers and get them to help identify households at risk, facilitate referrals to and from the homeless system, support participants in permanent housing, and improve discharge planning for people exiting systems of care and institutions; Housing-Focused Case Management-barrier assessment to housing and support households, or link them to providers, to address issues that impede them from moving into permanent housing. Provide support to create a housing plan, resolve rental screening barriers, search for housing, negotiate lease terms, and mediate family conflict. Promote long-term stability by helping people who have been re-housed to connect with community-based resources and employment, understand their tenant rights and responsibilities, and develop plans for responding to future housing crisis. 3. The NWA Continuum of Care is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's strategy to increase employment income include the creation of an Employment & Income Subcommittee with the mission to increase the employment of individuals experiencing homelessness; Review the past 3 years of performance, set employment goals for the next 3 years, and monitor progress monthly for the homeless assistance system, as well as each individual CoC and non-CoC funded projects in the jurisdiction; Identify and provide technical assistance, training, and consultation to the system and provider community; Hold a listening session to get input on how well employment is integrated into the CoC system. 2. CoC programs work with mainstream employment agencies to connect program participants with employment opportunities and workforce skills development. 3. The NWA Continuum of Care is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 & 2. The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income and access to non-employment cash sources. Establish and develop partnerships with mainstream organizations who provide SSI, SSA, Food Stamp, and TANF services to promote access and application assistance for program participants.

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No
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3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.s.	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 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 Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes
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4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.	

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 2022 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.	Assessing Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.(e)(1)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	28,563
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	4,655
3.	Unmet Need:	23,908

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(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)

Unfortunately, there is no formal method for collecting data on the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in Northwest Arkansas. We contacted the Arkansas Crime Information Center to determine the number of Domestic Violence incidents in Washington, Benton, Madison, and Carroll counties in 2021 (because 2022 data has not yet been released). This is the number we used for Element 1. Please be aware this number is based solely on the times when the violence escalated to the point that police were called - which is not all-encompassing. Moreover, many DV survivors utilize personal resources to get the help and support they need - and may not be seeking shelter services and may, possibly, even contacting the police. We next examined what is currently happening with our local shelters. Legal Aid serve approximately 840 adults each year (this does not include counts for the children in each family in our shelters; but it does include both residential and non-residential services). Peace at Home received 1,349 new requests for services with 705 requests for shelter and 502 requests for housing services. Out of the 1,349 requests, 933 were able to be filled. We also collected data from law enforcement throughout the four county area. Madison County has 422 incidents reported, Carroll County had 834 incidents reported. Benton County had 9985 incidents reported and Washington County had 17,312 reported. Due to confidentiality, we do not know how many of these calls are repeat calls for the same incident. To calculate our estimate, we relied on data collected by the Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC). ACIC is the state agency responsible for providing information technology services to law enforcement and other criminal justice agencies in Arkansas. The principal role of ACIC is the administration of a comprehensive data system that is accessible by criminal justice agencies throughout Arkansas. ACIC interfaces with the FBI National Crime Information Center, as well as similar systems in the other 49 states. ACIC also collects and publishes statistics. Our CoC is not able to meet the needs of all survivors which is the desire to apply for this grant. Knowing that so many of our DV survivors are in desperate need of good legal representation not only for their themselves but for their children. This funding request will allow for families to receive the counsel they need and to have the ability to find a safe and stable place to live.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
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NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)

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
Legal Aid

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

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicants and Their Experience in Housing Placement and Housing Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant applying for one or more New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects included on your CoC's FY 2022 Priority Listing:

1.	Applicant Name	Legal Aid
2.	Project Name	Project Homeful
3.	Project Rank on the Priority Listing	D7
4.	Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	JEJAZPCGHDR6
5.	Amount Requested	\$154,958
6.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	1%
7.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	80%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant Experience in Housing Placement and Retention for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(c)	

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 both rates;
2.	whether the rates accounts for exits to safe housing destinations; and
3.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

Legal Aid, a provider of legal civil services for DV survivors, has had little involvement with direct housing placement. However, they occasionally engage in helping a DV survivor locate a permanent housing placement. Legal Aid is directly involved in assisting DV survivors in retaining their permanent housing without the worries of their abuser taking their housing away from them through filing Orders of Protection (in which they ask the Court to allow the DV victim to remain in the home along with any children) and through filing Petitions for Divorce, Petitions for Legal Separation, and Temporary Orders in child custody cases in which DV has been a factor. Neither of the above rates account for exits to safe housing destinations. As a new project, activities related to housing placement and retention have not, to date, been entered into LegalServer in an easily retrievable manner. The above percentages are based on conservative estimates made by attorneys who handle the OP cases. Project Homeful’s key objective is providing strong, single-point-of-contact legal counsel focused on moving DV survivors quickly to permanent housing by arranging for an extensive array of civil legal services to ensure the safety of each client - while helping to establish stability. Activities to remove barriers include (but are not limited to) resolving housing and credit issues, accessing/maintaining mainstream benefits, and removing the abuser from the lease.

4A-3c.	Applicant Experience in Providing Housing to DV Survivor for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(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, etc.;
3.	determined which supportive services survivors needed;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and
5.	moved clients from assisted housing to housing they could sustain—address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Legal Aid has limited experience with finding and securing housing, however, they are closely partnered with the Northwest Arkansas Women's Shelter (NWAWS). The NWAWS will provide emergency housing and location services while working a Legal Aid Coordinating Attorney (CA) to remove barriers(via civil legal services) that will hasten DV survivors' ability to secure permanent, sustainable housing. A prioritization list will used to determine most immediate need. Utilizing the precepts of Trauma Informed Care, the CA will conduct a comprehensive assessment to determine what services will move the DV client into permanent housing. Together, they will work toward that goal: facilitating connection through Coordinated Entry (via a deidentification process); discussing emergency transfer plans and how they can keep them safe; and getting the client quickly moved toward permanent, sustainable housing that is decent, safe, and free of violence. These services include (but are not limited to): Orders of Protection, Divorces, Child Custody, Housing (e.g., evictions, removing the abuser from the lease, obtaining housing vouchers, the retention of service animals, and housing discrimination), and accessing/maintaining Mainstream Benefits (e.g., Medicaid, unemployment, SNAP, SSI, etc.). Additionally, if the client needs civil legal intervention (e.g., credit repair, bankruptcy, taxes, employment, or criminal history expungement) the CA will assist them in resolving these issues. These services can be integral to augmenting a DV client's ability to gain stability and financial independence apart from the abuser. Unfortunately, domestic violence can wreak havoc on one's employment at the exact moment the one's job has become integral to financial survival. The CA can aid a DV client in retaining (or seeking) stable employment despite the client's additional obligations of attending court hearings, meeting with attorneys and therapists, and fending off attempts by the abuser to re-enter a relationship by sabotaging the victim's attempt to retain stable employment (i.e., harassment in the workplace, limiting access to transportation or money, manipulating child arrangements, etc.) Enhancing safety, they will provide each client with information regarding how to remove one's address from public internet sources, track an inmate (and ensure there is notification when release is imminent), as well as how to calculate the Discharge Credits of an incarcerated person.

4A-3d.	Applicant Experience in Ensuring DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(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 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)

Legal Aid attorneys conduct all client interviews behind closed doors (either at a shelter or in Legal Aid offices); ensuring privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview processes. Legal Aid utilizes a Housing First approach while employing the precepts of Trauma Informed Care – encouraging the DV survivor to consider what they need to quickly become safely housed in permanent housing. Legal Aid attorneys and staff are bound (legally and by written policy) to keep each client’s personal information and location confidential. Staff are carefully trained at the time of hiring and – at the least – annually on written safety and confidentiality policies and practices as each DV survivor’s physical safety is of paramount importance.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant Experience in Evaluating Their Ability to Ensure DV Survivor Safety for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project has evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement during the course of the proposed project.

(limit 2,500 characters)

As a law firm, Legal Aid is legally obligated to maintain the confidentiality and security of its clientele to protect them and keep them safe. Work Group Leaders evaluate attorney and staff activities and these evaluations are guided by the American Bar Association, Legal Services Corporation, the Legal Aid Board of Directors, and Legal Aid’s Executive Director. Legal Services Corporation and Legal Aid will also contract with outside entities to always ensure a stalwart focus on security and confidentiality. For example, Legal Services Corporation recently engaged the services of KnowB4 to test how well attorneys and staff held to the established rules and protocols surrounding cybersecurity. A pre-test was used to allow KnowB4 to tailor their training to the specific needs of Legal Aid employees, all staff were required to participate in the training, and a post-test ensured compliance; reinforcing security and working to keep all clients safe.

Protection and confidentiality are top priorities for this project. Monthly meetings between attorneys and support staff to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement will occur and corrective action (if needed) will be implemented to maintain a strong client focused program for the survivors that the program serves.

4A-3e.	Applicant Experience in Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(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:

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| 1. | prioritizing placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs; |
| 2. | establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials; |

3.	providing program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasizing program participants' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	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;
6.	providing a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

The 2022 -2026 Strategic Plan set out by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) prioritizes the goal of “Fortify[ing] support for underserved communities and support equitable community development for all people.” Legal Aid’s plan works to support underserved communities – recognizing their specific needs and working to meet those needs while utilizing a housing first approach. People escaping DV are chronically underserved and misunderstood during large portions of the DV cycle. Their high cortisol levels and reactions to kindness, empathy, authority, and perceived apathy can be confusing and off-putting to service providers as the DV client works to create a new and normal. They have a high need for stability and consistency as they heal. Using this grant, the Coordinating Attorney can be a stable, substantive support while helping them move quickly toward permanent housing first and using civil legal services to stabilize their lives. For DV clients, equitable service means intense, stable service that allows them the space to make their own decisions (and sometimes mistakes) in as safe a space as possible. Legal Aid uses a client-centered model of representation to empower each client to make informed decisions; promoting a sense of autonomy and self-confidence. The Attorneys and Staff at Legal Aid are trained through conferences, in-service trainings, work group trainings, and daily reminders in utilizing victim-centered, trauma-informed approaches to optimally meet the needs of clients trying to escape domestic violence. All staff and volunteer attorneys are thoroughly trained on how to provide trauma informed care (ensuring inclusivity and cultural responsiveness by training on equal access, microaggressions, nondiscrimination, language access, how to tailor services so they are accessible and responsive to the needs of people from a specific culture) and the complexities of working with DV survivors, including the need to prioritize client safety and confidentiality in each case. If funded, Legal Aid will continue its current practice of prioritizing and honoring the DV victim’s choices – being responsive to their wishes and needs while working hard to effect stabilization in order to move them to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Legal Aid will continue being sensitive to the trauma which each DV client has experienced; recognizing ways to reduce the power differential issues through which they are working and providing them with information on trauma while also helping each client quickly gain confidence in the choices they make. Legal Aid’s proposed use of a Coordinating Attorney to guide each client through their specific civil legal needs is designed to reduce the amount of anxiety clients experience when their needs must be met by utilizing different areas of the law. The attorney/client relationship will work to engender trust in the client’s own decisions while providing an opportunity for each client to also build trust in a professional relationship in the public realm. Many abused people are constantly denigrated and socially isolated by their abuser. Building trust in one’s ability to navigate professional relationships and learn to advocate for one’s own personal needs is important.

4A-3f.	Applicant Experience in Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors for Applicants Requesting New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(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)

Legal Aid will partner with the shelters located in Northwest Arkansas to ensure all shelter residents will be afforded access to opportunities.

- We actively recruit pro bono attorneys who can help broaden our capabilities to substantively serve more clients. Utilizing our holistic array of civil legal services and our community connections, we plan to optimize services to this vulnerable clientele. For example, we are currently working with attorneys from Walmart’s Legal Department who are willing to represent people escaping domestic violence pro bono.

- We will provide free CLE training and resources to ensure local attorneys who volunteer their services can most effectively represent this vulnerable population – utilizing the precepts of Housing First and Trauma Informed care.

- No one will be turned away from ongoing participation based on lack of sobriety. Legal Aid has funds from its Beyond Opioids program which can be used to augment services needed by people who are diagnosed as having Substance Use Disorders and/or Alcohol Use Disorders.

- We are active participants in the NWA Continuum of Care. We have one attorney who regularly attends all meetings and often helps to clarify questions coming from other group participants. Our Executive Director also attends the NWA CoC meetings as his schedule permits.

- We have also partnered with ERISA Health to aid with drug and alcohol disorder related care.

- The sole barrier to services is the financial guidelines set forth by Legal Services Corporation. (Legal Aid of Arkansas receives funds from the Legal Services Corporation (LSC). Legal Aid complies with the LSC Act, 42 USC §§ 2996 et seq., regulations, 45 CFR Part 1600, et seq., appropriations riders and all other applicable law. See, Pub. L. 104-134(1996).)

4A-3g.	Plan for Trauma-Informed, Victim-Centered Approaches for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
	NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(e)	

Provide examples in the field below of how the new project will:

1.	prioritize placement and stabilization in permanent housing consistent with the program participants’ wishes and stated needs;
2.	establish and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant staff interactions are based on equality and minimize power differentials;
3.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;
4.	emphasize program participants’ strengths—for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans works towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
5.	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;
6.	provide a variety of opportunities for connection for program participants, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
7.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Regardless of the source of referral, a single-point Coordinating Attorney will be assigned to each case within 48 hours. This attorney will be responsible for providing trauma informed care; 1) acting as the primary point of contact between the DV client and Legal Aid to promote trust, 2) answering any subsequent legal questions, and 3) coordinating a holistic array of free civil legal services specifically tailored to stabilize the DV client while being sensitive to any potential power differentials – keeping the focus on quickly rehousing the family unit (minus the abuser) in permanent housing.

4A-3h.	Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development of New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus Projects.	
NOFO Section II.B.11.e.(1)(f)		

Describe in the field below how the new project(s) will involve survivors with a range of lived expertise in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Legal Aid of Arkansas is governed by a 21-member Board of Directors that includes one client-eligible member who is appointed by a DV shelter and one member by a rape crisis center. The attorneys committed to working on this project. Additionally, many of the attorneys and support staff have experienced the intersection of domestic violence and homelessness - including chronic homelessness - from first and second-hand perspective.

Moving forward as more survivors are served, Legal Aid plans to open up more opportunities to connect survivors to agencies and programs where they can contribute their knowledge and understanding of the process. This may include CoC committees, workgroups, DV shelter workgroups and Legal Aid workgroups.

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We have provided the following guidance to help you successfully upload attachments and get maximum points:

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| 1. | You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete. |
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	NWA CoC Timeline	09/26/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Scoring rubric	09/26/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	FY2022 Scored pro...	09/27/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	FY2022 Reduce/Rej...	09/26/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	FY2022 New Projec...	09/26/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Project scores	09/26/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

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

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Submission Summary

Ensure that the Project Priority List is complete prior to submitting.

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3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	09/24/2022
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4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	09/27/2022
4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

FY 2022 Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas CoC (AR-501)

Project Scoring Rubric - *New Non DV Project*

Organization:

Project:

Reviewer:

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	Points (0 - 25)
<i>Points in this section will be awarded on a sliding scale, based on the degree to which the proposal:</i>	
Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates type, scale and location of the housing fit the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates the type and scale of all supportive services—regardless of funding source—will meet the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining and coordinating the provision of mainstream benefits.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	
Housing First/Low Barrier	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project fully meets Housing First thresholds as described in the FY 2022 NOFO.	
5 points: Does not meet HF threshold, but proposal contains significant attention to reduce barriers (based on criminal history, rental/credit history, substance use disorder, behavioral health conditions, other disability, or other factors) at program entry and for program retention.	
0 points: Proposal does not contain significant attention to reducing barriers to program entry and retention.	

COMPONENT		Points Awarded
	Points Awarded	0
Justification:		

Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project exclusively serves chronically homeless individuals/families.	
7 points: Project has set-aside 50% or more for chronically homeless individuals/families.	
5 points: Project has a lower set-aside or other mechanism to prioritize chronically homeless individuals or families.	
0 points: No prioritization or set-aside for chronically homeless individuals or families.	
	Points Awarded
	0
Justification:	

Experience Effectively Utilizing Federal Funds	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: The applicant currently or within the past five (5) years successfully manages/managed a federal grant.	
7 points: The applicant currently or within the past three (3) years successfully manages/managed a non-federal grant that required routine reporting of financial and outcome metrics.	
5 points: One or more key personnel have experience overseeing a federal grant with a previous employer within the past five (5) years.	
0 points: Proposal does not include details indicating applicant has relevant experience	
	Points Awarded
	0

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
Justification:	

Experience with Population and/or Housing and Service Delivery	Points (0 - 15)
15 points: The applicant has at least five (5) years of experience working with individuals/families experiencing homelessness or an overlapping sub-population targeted in the proposal (e.g. survivors of family violence, individuals with a serious mental illness, etc.).	
10 points: The applicant has at least five (5) years of experience delivering housing, social, or healthcare services to other populations/in other contexts.	
7 points: The applicant has at least two (2) years of experiencing working with individuals/families experiencing homelessness or an overlapping sub-population targeted in the proposal.	
0 Points: The applicant lacks experience with the population and service model.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Housing and Income Outcomes	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are clearly articulated, measurable, focused on housing and income metrics, consistent with HUD priorities and appropriate for the project and population.	
5 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are generally focused on housing and income metrics and appropriate for the project and population.	
0 points: There are significant deficiencies in the articulation, focus, appropriateness, and/or measurability of the proposed outcome measures.	
Points Awarded	0

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
Justification:	

Participation in Planning and Coordination (0 - 5 points)	Points (0 - 5)
5 points: The applicant has been actively engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, with a representative present at least half of the semi-monthly NWA-CoC membership meetings and one member actively serving on the NWA-CoC Board of Directors or a committee or work group (e.g. Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Strategic Planning, etc). The agency participates in the coordinated entry process.	
3 points: The applicant has been engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, but at a lower level than above.	
0 points: The applicant has not been involved in the NWA-CoC process for the preceding 12 months.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Bonus Points	Points (0 - 15)
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is a Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project that demonstrates utilization of healthcare resources (i.e. COVID-19 Response, etc.)	
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is new Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project new permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.	
0 - 3 Points: The proposal demonstrates the identification and/or removal of barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, including those with lived experiences.	

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates community education, advocacy and engagement with policymakers and the criminal justice system.	
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates partnerships to improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	
Total Points Awarded	0
General Notes, Comments, Strengths, Concerns:	

FY 2022 Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas CoC (AR-501)

Project Scoring Rubric - *New DV Project*

Organization:

Project:

Reviewer:

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	Points (0 - 25)
<i>Points in this section will be awarded on a sliding scale, based on the degree to which the proposal:</i>	
Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates type, scale and location of the housing fit the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates the type and scale of all supportive services—regardless of funding source—will meet the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining and coordinating the provision of mainstream benefits.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	
Housing First/Low Barrier	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project fully meets Housing First thresholds as described in the FY 2022 NOFO.	
5 points: Does not meet HF threshold, but proposal contains significant attention to reduce barriers (based on criminal history, rental/credit history, substance use disorder, behavioral health conditions, other disability, or other factors) at program entry and for program retention.	

0 points: Proposal does not contain significant attention to reducing barriers to program entry and retention.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project exclusively serves chronically homeless individuals/families.	
7 points: Project has set-aside 50% or more for chronically homeless individuals/families.	
5 points: Project has a lower set-aside or other mechanism to prioritize chronically homeless individuals or families.	
0 points: No prioritization or set-aside for chronically homeless individuals or families.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Experience Effectively Utilizing Federal Funds	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: The applicant currently or within the past five (5) years successfully manages/managed a federal grant.	
7 points: The applicant currently or within the past three (3) years successfully manages/managed a non-federal grant that required routine reporting of financial and outcome metrics.	
5 points: One or more key personnel have experience overseeing a federal grant with a previous employer within the past five (5) years.	
0 points: Proposal does not include details indicating applicant has relevant experience.	
Points Awarded	0

Justification:	
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Experience with Population and/or Housing and Service Delivery	Points (0 - 15)
15 points: The applicant has at least five (5) years of experience working with individuals/families experiencing homelessness or an overlapping sub-population targeted in the proposal (e.g. survivors of family violence, individuals with a serious mental illness, etc.).	
10 points: The applicant has at least five (5) years of experience delivering housing, social, or healthcare services to other populations/in other contexts.	
7 points: The applicant has at least two (2) years of experiencing working with individuals/families experiencing homelessness or an overlapping sub-population targeted in the proposal.	
0 Points: The applicant lacks experience with the population and service model.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Housing & Income Outcomes	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are clearly articulated, measurable, focused on housing and income metrics, consistent with HUD priorities and appropriate for the project and population.	
5 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are generally focused on housing and income metrics and appropriate for the project and population.	
0 points: There are significant deficiencies in the articulation, focus, appropriateness, and/or measurability of the proposed outcome measures.	
Points Awarded	0

Justification:	
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Family Violence Outcomes	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are clearly articulated, measurable, focused on the safety, legal, familial, social and/or emotional/psychological needs of survivors of family violence.	
5 points: The proposal contains outcomes that are generally focused on metrics relevant for survivors of family violence.	
0 points: Outcomes specific to survivors of family violence are either absent or contain significant deficiencies in their articulation, focus, appropriateness, and/or measurability.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Participation in Planning and Coordination (0 - 5 points)	Points (0 - 5)
5 points: The applicant has been actively engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, with a representative present at least half of the semi-monthly NWA-CoC membership meetings and one member actively serving on the NWA-CoC Board of Directors or a committee or work group (e.g. Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Strategic Planning, etc). The agency participates in the coordinated entry process.	
3 points: The applicant has been engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, but at a lower level than above.	
0 points: The applicant has not been involved in the NWA-CoC process for the preceding 12 months.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Bonus Points	Points (0 - 15)
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is a Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project that demonstrates utilization of healthcare resources (i.e. COVID-19 Response, etc.)	
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is new Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project new permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.	
0 - 3 Points: The proposal demonstrates the identification and/or removal of barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, including those with lived experiences.	
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates community education, advocacy and engagement with policymakers and the criminal justice system.	
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates partnerships to improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Total Points Awarded	0
General Notes, Comments, Strengths, Concerns:	

FY 2022 Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas CoC (AR-501)

Project Scoring Rubric - *Renewal Project*

Organization:

Project:

Reviewer:

COMPONENT	Points Awarded
Design of Housing and Supportive Services	Points (0 - 25)
<i>Points in this section will be awarded on a sliding scale, based on the degree to which the proposal:</i>	
Demonstrates understanding of the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates type, scale and location of the housing fit the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates the type and scale of all supportive services—regardless of funding source—will meet the needs of the participants to be served.	
Demonstrates how clients will be assisted in obtaining and coordinating the provision of mainstream benefits.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	
Housing First/Low Barrier	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project fully meets Housing First thresholds as described in the FY 2022 NOFO.	
5 points: Does not meet HF threshold, but proposal contains significant attention to reduce barriers (based on criminal history, rental/credit history, substance use disorder, behavioral health conditions, other disability, or other factors) at program entry and for program retention.	
0 points: Proposal does not contain significant attention to reducing barriers to program entry and retention.	

Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Individuals or Families	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Project exclusively serves chronically homeless individuals/families.	
7 points: Project has set-aside 50% or more for chronically homeless individuals/families.	
5 points: Project has a lower set-aside or other mechanism to prioritize chronically homeless individuals or families.	
0 points: No prioritization or set-aside for chronically homeless individuals or families.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Performance Measures	
New or Increased income	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: 50% adults added new or increased income.	
5 points: 25% to 49% adults added new or increased income.	
0 points: Fewer than 25% added new or increased income.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Exits to Permanent Housing	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: <i>RRH:</i> 90% or more move to PH; <i>PSH:</i> 90% remain or move to other PH; <i>TH:</i> 90% of exits move to PH	

5 points: <i>RRH:</i> 75% - 89% move to PH; <i>PSH:</i> 75% - 89% remain or move to other PH; <i>TH:</i> 75% - 89% exits move to PH	
0 Points: Less than 75% for all	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Bed Utilization	Points (0 - 10)
10 points: Average daily bed utilization rate of 85% or above.	
5 points: Average daily bed utilization rate of 75% to 84%.	
0 points: Average daily bed utilization rate of under 75%.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Serve High Needs Individuals	Points (0 - 5)
2.5 points: Over 50% adults with no income at intake.	
2.5 points: Over 50% adults with one or more disability at intake.	
0 points: Less than 50% for both of above metrics.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Participation in Planning and Coordination (0 - 5 points)	Points (0 - 5)
5 points: The applicant has been actively engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, with a representative present at least half of the semi-monthly NWA-CoC membership meetings and one member actively serving on the NWA-CoC Board of Directors or a committee or work group (e.g. Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Strategic Planning, etc). The agency participates in the coordinated entry process.	
3 points: The applicant has been engaged in the NWA-CoC for the preceding 12 months, but at a lower level than above.	

0 points: The applicant has not been involved in the NWA-CoC process for the preceding 12 months.	
Points Awarded	0
Justification:	

Bonus Points	Points (0 - 15)
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is a Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project that demonstrates utilization of healthcare resources (i.e. COVID-19 Response, etc.)	
0 - 5 Points: The proposal is new Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Re-Housing project new permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing project that utilizes housing subsidies or subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or ESG programs.	
0 - 3 Points: The proposal demonstrates the identification and/or removal of barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, including those with lived experiences.	
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates community education, advocacy and engagement with policymakers and the criminal justice system.	
0 - 2 Points: The proposal demonstrates partnerships to improve assistance to LGBTQ+ individuals.	
Justification:	
Points Awarded	0

Total Points Awarded	0.00
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**FY 2022 HUD NOFO COC LOCAL COMPETITION-
PROJECTS REDUCED OR REJECTED
- PUBLIC POSTING**

AGENCY	PROJECT	TYPE	REQUESTED AMOUNT
No Projects were reduced or rejected during Rank & Review for this application period.			

Total Rejected FY2022 HUD

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September 6, 2022

City of Fayetteville
c/o Yolanda Fields
125 W. Mountain Street
Fayetteville, AR. 72701

Dear Yolanda,

This letter is a follow up to our phone conversation on September 2, 2022, in regard to the City of Fayetteville applications for FY2022 HUD Renewals. As stated in the phone call, we are very excited about your renewal projects and their ranking. Thank you for what you and your team are continuing to do for our community.

On behalf of the NWA CoC Rank and Review Committee, I am excited to inform you that all four of your renewal project applications, listed below, have been accepted and will be ranked on the NWA CoC Priority Listing. Projects: 1-Hearth PSH 2-Hearth PSH bonus (1) 3-Hearth PSH bonus (2) 4-Hearth PSH AR 0071. I have attached the rankings for all the new and renewal projects.

As a reminder, the deadline for applicants to have submitted final version of your project applications via e-snaps and to have provided any outstanding MOUs regarding match and leverage or proof of compliance with SAM requirements is September 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm (CST).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rank and Review Committee Chair, Shawntill Puryear, shawntill.puryear@harknwa.com.

Thank you,

Debbie

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September 6, 2022

Diva & Dudes Community Training and Outreach Center (Divaology, Inc.)
c/o Carla Thompson
1200 W. Walnut Street, Ste. 1420
Rogers, AR. 72756

Dear Carla,

This letter is a follow up to our phone conversation on September 2, 2022, in regard to the Diva & Dude Application for FY2022 HUD New Projects. As stated in the phone call, we are very excited about your new project. Thank you for what you and your team are continuing to do for our community.

On behalf of the NWA CoC Rank and Review Committee, I am excited to inform you that your new project application, listed below, have been accepted and will be ranked on the NWA CoC Priority Listing. Project: Diva & Dude The Crossover Project (5). I have attached the rankings for all the new and renewal projects.

As a reminder, the deadline for applicants to have submitted final version of your project applications via e-snaps and to have provided any outstanding MOUs regarding match and leverage or proof of compliance with SAM requirements is September 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm (CST).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rank and Review Committee Chair, Shawntill Puryear, shawntill.puryear@harknwa.com.

Thank you,

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September 6, 2022

Legal Aid of Arkansas
c/o Sherry Thomas
1200 W. Walnut Street
Rogers, AR. 72756

Dear Sherry,

This letter is a follow up to our phone conversation on September 2, 2022, in regard to the Legal Aid Application for FY2022 HUD New DV Project. As stated in the phone call, we are very excited about your new project. Thank you for what you and your team are continuing to do for our community.

On behalf of the NWA CoC Rank and Review Committee, I am excited to inform you that your new project application, listed below, have been accepted and will be ranked on the NWA CoC Priority Listing. Project: Legal Aid of Arkansas Project Homeful Project (D7). I have attached the rankings for all the new and renewal projects.

As a reminder, the deadline for applicants to have submitted final version of your project applications via e-snaps and to have provided any outstanding MOUs regarding match and leverage or proof of compliance with SAM requirements is September 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm (CST).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rank and Review Committee Chair, Shawntill Puryear, shawntill.puryear@harknwa.com.

Thank you,

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September 6, 2022

New Beginnings
c/o Solomon Burchfield
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Fayetteville, AR. 72701

Dear Solomon,

This letter is a follow up to our phone conversation on September 2, 2022, in regard to the New Beginning Application for FY2022 HUD New Projects. As stated in the phone call, we are very excited about your new project. Thank you for what you and your team are continuing to do for our community.

On behalf of the NWA CoC Rank and Review Committee, I am excited to inform you that your new project application, listed below, have been accepted and will be ranked on the NWA CoC Priority Listing. Project: New Beginnings NWA Supportive Housing project (5). I have attached the rankings for all the new and renewal projects.

As a reminder, the deadline for applicants to have submitted final version of your project applications via e-snaps and to have provided any outstanding MOUs regarding match and leverage or proof of compliance with SAM requirements is September 23, 2022, at 7:00 pm (CST).

If you have any questions, please contact the Rank and Review Committee Chair, Shawntill Puryear, shawntill.puryear@harknwa.com.

Thank you,

Debbie

Debbie Martin
Interim Executive Director
NWA CoC

FY 2022: Proposed rankings from Rank and Review Committee to CoC Board of Directors, September 19, 2022

Tier I

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Note on final: JG discussed with 7hills and Peace at Home adding \$20,725 and \$622 respectively to their applications to maximize available funds. Per t

their agreement, and with no other changes to ranking, added these amounts to the version presented to board.