

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.  
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:** MI-508 - Lansing, East Lansing/Ingham County CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:** Child and Family Charities

**1A-3. CoC Designation:** CA

**1A-4. HMIS Lead:** Haven House

## 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

While only 12% of the general population in Ingham County identifies as Black or African American, 47% of Ingham County's homeless population identifies as Black or African American representing a significant racial disparity. CoC membership includes two organizations that are led by and serve black, brown, indigenous, and other people of color. Cristo Rey was created to meet the needs of the poor, specifically vulnerable immigrants and migrants, and serves a large Hispanic population in the community. The Refugee Development Center, located in Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing, focuses on inclusivity and social justice promoting equality and social progress.

The CoC's Street Outreach Teams conduct outreach in underserved areas to reach target populations including those living in poverty, BIPOC, LGBTQ+ identifying, youth/young adults, the elderly, and the unsheltered. The Street Outreach teams bring crisis intervention, intake, assessment, and services directly to these disproportionately represented populations experiencing housing instability, reducing barriers to accessing shelter and supportive services. The CoC membership represents the broad demographics of the community it collectively serves in terms of race, age, gender identity, and sexual orientation. The CoC conducts surveys and listening sessions with persons with lived experience (PLE) of homelessness to inform and guide our strategic planning initiatives. The input received from PLE was used to redesign our Coordinated Entry system to prioritize those most vulnerable facing multiple barriers. The CoC is currently conducting a homeless study, led by the City of Lansing in partnership with Public Policy Associates where one of the listening sessions will specifically include only BIPOC individuals in order to identify specific needs and strategies that improve equitable access to housing and services.

CoC membership continues to engage in professional development around Equity with Arc4Justice, the Anti-Racism Center for Justice and Transformative Change. Arc4Justice redresses racial inequities and harms caused by systemic racism and discrimination in access to safe, quality housing, accessible and culturally responsive services, and community supports. The CoC will utilize community data, listening sessions, and best practices learned from professional development to create racial equity strategies in its new Strategic Plan coming in 2025.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1- New CoC members are welcome to join at any time throughout the year. The CoC Website contains a link to join the CoC at the top of its main page. During annual membership drives, members identify who is missing from the table. The CoC's membership committee is then charged with recruiting new members, accepting nominations for vacant board seats, and identifying candidates for appointed positions.

2- The CoC uses its website and email distribution list to communicate with the public. The email distribution list contains over 280 individuals representing 57 different partner agencies. Board and committee meetings are held both virtually and in-person or hybrid giving folks the option to participate either way. All spaces where in-person meetings are held are accessible. The CoC provides forms and documents online in accessible formats that are screen-reader friendly. Translation services and TDD (Telecommunications devices for the deaf) are available as needed.

3-The CoC makes a concerted effort to engage and invite groups that represent culturally specific and generally marginalized and underserved communities.

CoC member agencies include:

Cristo Rey and the Refugee Development Center work primarily with the BIPOC community.

The Salus Center serves Lansing's LGBTQ+ communities.

Disability Network, Disability Appeals Advocates, JIMHO (Justice in Mental Health Organization), the Lansing Area Aids Network, Lifeboat, Mid-Michigan Recovery Services, and the Davies Project all serve persons with a variety of disabling conditions including physical, developmental, and/or sensory impairments as well as behavioral or emotional disabilities including severe and persistent mental illness and substance use disorders.

The Tri-County Office on Aging and AARP serves the rising population of elderly folks experiencing homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The CoC regularly solicits opinions from member agencies, grassroots groups who serve the homeless, and persons with lived experience. The CoC offers targeted surveys and listening sessions on key topics with PLE to get feedback and recommendations. The CoC consults with consumer advisory groups (Youth Action Board, CMH's Consumer Advisory Board, Peer Recovery Coaches, and Justice in Mental Health Organization) to seek guidance on community gaps and needs, barriers to achievement, and service implementation. The City of Lansing offers opportunities for public comment on consolidated plans where the CoC both provides and receives feedback on strategies to prevent and end homelessness. CoC members are currently involved in three community planning workgroups addressing housing and homelessness with the City of Lansing, Ingham County and the Tri-County Planning Commission.

2- The CoC uses its website and email distribution list of over 280 individuals as the primary means of communicating information to to the public. In addition, announcements are also made during network meetings and information is shared and collected during CoC Committees and Ad Hoc Workgroups. CoC members are encouraged to share community trends and agency updates and events during the network meetings. CoC members can request to have information circulated through the email distribution. Feedback loops are intentional and inclusive in order to create the most robust and strategic plans that are reflective of the needs of the Greater Lansing community. Data reports like PIT and HIC and CoC Performance Measures are shared in committees, at the board meetings, and with the Network membership followed by Q & A sessions and public comments.

3-Feedback is solicited in many forms to ensure all are able to contribute. The CoC utilizes electronic surveys, offers both in-person and virtual listening sessions, and encourages the public to provide comment/feedback during public events. Meeting notes are distributed via email in reader-friendly formats.

4-The CoC utilizes all sources of feedback (data and anecdotal) to create strategic initiatives to prevent and end homelessness, to identify projects to fill gaps and needs, to guide program implementation, and to evaluate and improve housing projects, access to services, and systems of care.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1- There are 5 agencies up for renewal under this application. In an effort to solicit project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding, the CoC held an information session in July to educate interested agencies about the HUD NOFO process and eligible projects. When the HUD CoC NOFO was released, the CoC notified it's entire distribution list consisting of over 280 individuals from 57 local agencies of the local competition. All materials were posted to the CoC website and included renewal projects, new bonus funding available, community needs and priorities, an application schedule, and spaces for Q & A. Announcements of the local competition were also shared in community meetings.

2-The CoC held a virtual meeting to walk through the project application process. All materials were posted to the CoC website and included HUD priorities for funding, the CoC's priorities, the GIW, the NOFO document, the application timeline, the application, and the scoring rubric identifying how projects would be selected. A team of non-applicants was recruited to score and rank applications submitted by the local competition deadline. All project applicants received notification of whether their application was accepted along with their application scores.

3-The CoC's scoring and ranking committee reviews each project application and scores each section using the agreed upon and posted scoring rubric. The scores are tallied and total scores for each project application are shared with the CoC's Finance Committee who also considers community need, past project performance and organizational capacity. The Finance Committee then makes a recommendation to the CoC Board of Directors of which projects to fund, recommending projects for both Tier 1 and Tier 2. The CoC Board votes on the final submission of the projects to include in the CoC's Collaborative Application. Written notices are sent to each agency with the results of their application. Projects selected for the Collaborative Application are then posted to the CoC's website.

4-All local project application materials are posted to the CoC website in reader-friendly formats. Informational sessions were offered in both in-person and virtual spaces. New agencies were highly encouraged to apply.



## 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients?	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 questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC renews their commitment each year through a signed Collaborative Partner Agreement with the SEA. This partner agreement verifies and assures that the LEA and the CoC will engage in needs assessments and grant planning processes together, share data regarding students experiencing homelessness, and coordinate McKinney-Vento services to ensure students receive the services they need to succeed academically. The CoC agrees to support students and families referred for services by making connections to community and government agencies for homeless resources.

The CoC's by-laws specify that one CoC board seat is reserved for the LEA. Each year, the LEA and CoC member agencies who work with youth and families present to all McKinney-Vento Liaisons in the CoC region to educate school liaisons about the programs and services available to unaccompanied youth and families experiencing housing instability and how to connect them to services. The LEA makes hundreds of referrals each year to the CoC. The number one reason children do not graduate from school in the CoC region is housing instability. This includes families who are doubled up with other families. Initiated by the trends seen in the school district, a partnership was created by CoC member agencies and the United Way to create a program to serve families doubled-up.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CoC membership receives information and training on the roles of McKinney-Vento Liaisons in each school district, how to help schools identify students experiencing housing instability, and the services offered by the schools to support students displaced from home. These include overriding documentation requirements during enrollment, arranging transportation to and from the student's temporary home, providing some basic needs support, and supporting the students academic success by ensuring they have schools supplies and equipment necessary to fully participate in academics and other school-related activities. Unaccompanied youth and families with school aged children receive this information during intake at any Coordinated Access Point within the CoC.

CoC governance policies include Written Standards which document expectations for administering and operating emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, prevention, and permanent housing programs. These policies apply to all HUD CoC and ESG funded projects. Relative to educational services, the CoC Written Standards ensure:

- 1-Shelter rules do not interfere with a person's ability to seek or maintain education resources.
- 2-As a function of case management services, persons served are informed and receive information or referrals to eligible education and employment services, including vocational assistance, training, literacy training, GED training or supports, and English as a second language training and support.
- 3-As a function of housing first standards, persons are served regardless of educational status

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

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

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

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

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

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	No
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	No
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.	EVE-Ending Violent Encounters and MSU Safe Place- local DV/SA service providers. Child and Family Charities also serves youth and young adult survivors of human trafficking.	Yes

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-EVE- Ending Violent Encounters, a local agency serving survivors of domestic violence, supports the CoC by recommending language for the CoC's VAWA emergency transfer policy. The CoC policy applies VAWA protections to all covered programs within the CoC, ensuring participants and landlords are notified of victims' rights under VAWA including emergency transfer rights and protocols. The CoC Emergency Transfer Policy was updated to reflect the VAWA Reauthorization Act of 2022 with the following changes: definitions of and associated with the term "domestic violence", including homeless definitions; identifying which housing programs are covered under the policy; and identifying HUD and CoC compliance processes including the prohibition of retaliation. The CoC provided education and training on these updated, program eligible activities, rights and responsibilities, emergency transfer protocols, and safety planning.

2-EVE also conducts annual trainings in October (DV Awareness Month) where CoC members learn about the fundamentals of survivors, power and control, and how to support survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking using trauma-informed care. An additional DV provider, MSU Safe Place, has expanded its service area focus and is joining our Network this year and is planning to join our CoC and serve as an additional training resource. DV training typically encompasses trauma-informed care, safety planning, and informs on other best practices for working with survivors. The training, via Network meetings, reaches more than 50 agencies annually with multiple staff in attendance.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC addresses the needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking through its coordinated entry process so survivors can safely access permanent housing options in the community. EVE-Ending Violent Encounters, acts as the primary Coordinated Access Point in the CoC's Coordinated Entry (CE) system for survivors, however, survivors may enter the CoC's CE system from any access point. Survivors entering the system from non-victim service provider agencies are referred to survivor-centered services, once identified during CE assessment. This includes person-centered safety planning, selecting housing units that will provide the best safety features for the household, obtaining Personal Protection Orders when needed, and arranging for safe transfers during child visitations. Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are prioritized for permanent housing vacancies based on their level of vulnerability. For safety, survivors may elect to opt out of entry into CoC systems such as HMIS and the by-name-lists or elect to be entered using an alias. If choosing to have their information entered into HMIS, survivors may elect to have their data visible or invisible, shared or not shared with the CE agencies or specific housing/service providers. Opting out of entry into HMIS does not exclude survivors from receiving services.

2-All CoC agencies are trained in privacy, confidentiality, and security annually. Users must sign User Agreements and a Code of Ethics. Data entered into HMIS is regulated and protected. Sharing of data is a planned activity guided by Sharing Agreements between agencies. Each agency may elect to keep private some or all of their client records including personally identifying identifying data. This is common for providers who serve a vulnerable populations, such as the CoC's youth/young adult provider. DV providers do not enter data into HMIS, but use an alternative comparable data base. Survivors who access services at non-victim provider sites may elect to opt out of HMIS or use an alias. All CoC agencies are trained to screen for safety issues related to the use of HMIS, to educate clients about risks and obtain informed consents through signed releases. Agency staff participating in the weekly case conferencing and reviewing by-names lists receive additional confidentiality training and sign confidentiality agreements prior to participating.

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

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

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

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1C-5d.	Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer;
3.	what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and
4.	what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The CoC has a written policy to address the VAWA Notification and Emergency Transfer . All CoC funded agencies are required to have their own written polices that are in line with the CoC policy. The written plan addresses a tenant's rights under VAWA, protections for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, removing the abuser or perpetrator from the home, moving to another unit, documentation of survivor status, and confidentiality. VAWA emergency transfer policies are also included in lease addendums with landlords to ensure landlords are aware of and agree to enact the emergency transfer plan, as needed.

2-CoC agencies provide notice to all clients during intakes for housing programs of their rights to protection, how to request an emergency transfer under VAWA, their rights to confidentiality, and how to report any non-compliance. This information is provided in their intake packet.

3-The household may request to be moved to another unit for their own safety or the safety of others in their household if they reasonably believe that remaining in the current unit may result in further threats or imminent harm or if the survivor was a victim of sexual assault which occurred on the premises in the 90-days prior to the request for transfer. The housing provider may request documentation that the household is requesting to move because of an incidence of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. The household may do this using a HUD-approved certification form, submitting police reports or copies of personal protection orders, or submitting a signed statement from a victim service provider.

4-The CoC's housing provider may request the documentation outlined above. The housing provider may need to use the information provided in an eviction or termination proceeding to evict an abuser in order to protect the remaining tenants. The housing provider will then act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of the unit. If no other unit is available, the housing provider will assist the tenant in identifying alternative housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. The housing provider will also assist the tenant in contacting local organizations offering assistance to survivors.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)



Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking may access the Coordinated Entry System to be placed on by-names lists (can use an alias for safety) to be considered for all housing vacancies the household is eligible for in the CoC. The CoC also has a specialized RRH project for DV survivors, and survivors can also access that project outside the Coordinated Entry System, if they so choose. All CoC housing providers receive training in trauma-informed care and person-centered (in this case, survivor-centered) planning. Survivors experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing abuse can access emergency shelter, permanent housing, safety planning, advocacy, and other supportive services at non-victim service providing agencies who will coordinate specialized services with CoC Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault providers. CoC assessment tools are designed to identify households fleeing violence. CoC housing providers share resources available to the survivor in the community and respect client choice whether to utilize DV-specific resources or alternatives. Safety planning is designed around utilizing the services selected by the survivor. Clients may elect to use any of the safety measures developed by the CoC to further protect safety and confidentiality (i.e. using an alias in shared data systems, opting out of data entry).

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services through strong partnerships and an organized response system among CoC agencies, DV/SA service providers, local law enforcement, hospitals, and related DV/SA support services. Safety and Resource planning are two activities used in the CoC to identify potential barriers for survivors. This includes identifying barriers related to safety, access to identification documents, safe transportation options, child care, custody and visitation issues, access to finances and basic needs, and social support. This includes advocacy for survivors around housing safety, employment, and child care, preventing eviction or loss of employment or other services from occurring due to the behaviors of the perpetrator. CoC DV and SA providers are closely connected to the State DV and SA Coalitions and receive research, trends, and service guidance that is shared with other CoC member agencies as best practices.

2-CoC partners coordinate care to reduce or remove barriers. CoC members are able to problem solve safe shelter options, transportation to shelter and other vital appointments, connect the household to basic needs supports for food, clothing, personal needs items, and advocate for victims rights by connecting the survivor to legal and other advocacy services to ensure protections regarding housing, employment, and other spaces where the perpetrator has caused problems for the household. CoC agencies also connect survivors to DV/SA specialized services (court support-PPO's, custody/visitation hearings, etc., support groups, counseling for survivors and their dependent children). Survivors are empowered to choose the services most beneficial for their family and individualized service plans focus on restoring the survivors feelings of safety, choice, and control.

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

	1. Did your CoC implement a written CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
	2. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	No
	3. Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No

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

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

4. your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC's original equal access policy was proposed by a CoC member agency's LGBTQ+ youth group and then modified to fit the accessibility of all CoC partner shelter and housing providers. This anti-discrimination policy is reviewed at least annually as feedback continues to be brought forth from the LGBTQ+ community during intakes, service provision, surveys, and listening sessions regarding their experiences accessing and receiving services. The CoC ensures all persons are able to access safe emergency shelter and housing programs regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

2-Fair Housing trainings are offered to CoC member agencies annually and includes anti-discrimination training. Anti-discrimination polices had been requested as part of prior CoC grant application rounds to ensure each CoC-funded agency has an Equal Access Policy consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy.

3-Non-compliance or concerns regarding sexual orientation and/or gender identity discrimination are identified during consumer sharing during service provision, surveys, listening sessions, and the CoC's grievance policy. Agencies are held accountable to the CoC's Equal Access policy through the CoC's grievance policy and grant monitoring by the City of Lansing and HUD where Corrective Action Plans are shared with the CoC Board. CoC funding applicants must describe their agency policies or strategies that improve access to equitable services that address the needs of LGBTQ+ individuals.

4-The first step to resolve a discrimination complaint is usually an informal discussion held between two CoC member agencies (the one hearing the complaint and the agency the complaint was made against) to check for understanding and problem solve at the local level. Unresolved concerns are then brought to the CoC through the CoC's grievance committee. The grievance committee investigates the grievance and makes recommendations to resolve the grievance to the CoC's Board of Directors. All involved parties receive notice of the decision. Agencies found to be in non-compliance with the anti-discrimination policy may be required to submit a corrective action plan to achieve compliance and/or receive training or technical assistance from the CoC, the City of Lansing, HUD, or MSHDA. Continued non-compliance will result in poor performance scores on CoC funding applications resulting in reduced funding awards to that agency.

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

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Lansing Housing Commission	0%	No	Yes
MI State Housing Development Authority	100%	Yes-HCV	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The largest PHA within the CoC's geographic area is the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA). They have a homeless preference. Ninety-seven households were pulled for Housing Choice Vouchers during 2023 and 100% were experiencing homelessness. The CoC just recently signed an MOU to partner with MSHDA and MDHHS (Child Welfare) to bring FUP vouchers into the community.

The CoC's 2nd largest PHA relationship is with the Lansing Housing Commission (LHC). LHC works with the CoC as a strategic community partner working toward the goal of ending local homelessness. LHC no longer has a homeless preference, thus they no longer track the number of homeless at admission. However, for every 5 pulls from the waiting list, one voucher is offered to a youth aging out of foster care. LHC has also started a Move-Up Voucher where LHC takes recommendations from Housing Case Managers within the CoC whose participants have demonstrated the ability to be stably housed. The case manager provides a written recommendation to LHC showing the participant can pay their own rent, tend to their medical needs, and has a good support system. If vouchers are available, this supports moving folks from CoC PSH projects into a voucher project without ongoing supportive services.

2.N/A

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

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

1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	Yes
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	Yes
4.	Local low-income housing programs	Yes
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.		

1C-7c.	Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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In the chart below, indicate if your CoC includes units from the following PHA programs in your CoC's coordinated entry process:

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

1C-7d.	Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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1.	Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)?	Yes
		Program Funding Source
2.	Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement.	FUP

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV). NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	
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	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	9
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	9
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.Housing First is a priority as demonstrated consistently in CoC policies and written standards of operation with requirement of adherence by all CoC funded agencies. It is a priority that ensures participants move into housing as quickly as possible. When applicant check "Housing First" on their project applications, they are then asked to describe their eligibility criteria as it pertains to substance use, income, criminal records, marital status, familial status, and sexual orientation or gender identity. The CoC’s local application process and its annual monitoring processes includes a review of agency policies and procedures for alignment with Housing First approaches, review of agency training records for the programs direct care and management staff and a completion of a Housing First Evaluation Tool by funded project/program.

2.The CoC Housing First evaluation incorporates a review of the following factors or indicators for all funded agencies: Review of staff training, voluntary participation in treatment and supportive services, program entry/exit policies, procedures, and protocols, and eviction avoidance strategies.

3.The CoC collaborative providers receive annual reviews that include client file reviews and performance reviews. The CoC CQI Committee reviews agency data on a quarterly basis for trends and outcomes, sharing reports with provider agencies and presenting them to the CoC Board. The CoC also discusses policies and procedures during workgroups focused on enhancing outcomes. The CoC also conducts annual focus groups and surveys of exiting participants to better understand their needs and experience with agency programs, focusing on both sheltered and unsheltered participants. Concerns regarding Housing First barriers are discussed with the agency, who is also offered additional training and technical assistance. The agency may be required to submit a corrective action plan to comply with Housing First Principles.

4-The CoC offers annual trainings, provides a checklist to self-evaluate projects, and offers training and technical assistance to providers struggling to embrace Housing First Principles.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Data—Reaching People Least Likely to Request Assistance. NOFO Section V.B.1.j.
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Describe in the field below how your CoC tailored its street outreach to people experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



The CoC has a comprehensive Street Outreach process that works in partnership among Ingham (including urban center, City of Lansing) and adjacent rural counties (Eaton and Clinton); this ensures effective coordination as rural homelessness impacts homeless numbers, services, and planning in urban centers. Outreach teams visit locations where people are known to congregate including parks, bridges, trails, encampments, and other outdoor venues or places not meant for habitation to provide basic needs items and encourage people to go to shelter. Our Street Outreach works collaboratively with local public transportation with staff located at the downtown bus terminal, community drop-in centers, and public library, where unsheltered persons congregate. Our Outreach Team partners with regional law enforcement and police social workers, parks, libraries, mobile mental health crisis unit, mobile health care services (MSU Street Medicine Team), local business owners/associations, and city/county/state (governing bridges/roadways where homeless camp). The Team uses smartphone apps to share locations and obtain resources. Weekly Outreach Team staff meetings and quarterly tri-county outreach meetings are held to discuss high utilizer areas, locations of encampments, and strategies for building safety and housing stability. A key partnership is with Youth Outreach services/providers, which use paid Peer Navigators with a history of homelessness to guide teams to areas where youth are known to congregate and provide a youth-centric engagement approach. Youth can utilize a 24-hour crisis hotline or website to request services from Outreach staff.

The population of youth and elderly first-time homeless has grown this past year. Both groups are less likely to connect to services as they do not know where to go and distrust “systems” such as child welfare, juvenile/criminal justice, adult protective services, and mental health. All Street Outreach Teams connect with participants through a consistent, relational approach; utilizing a harm reduction strategy to engage. Team members assist individuals to meet immediate basic needs, build trust, and work toward permanent housing. The positive housing rate for Outreach overall, from the latest system performance measures, was 33%. This is a decrease from the prior year and is strongly impacted by a lack of affordable housing, a freeze on state homeless-preference housing vouchers, and longer shelter stays limiting bed turnover

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

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

Your CoC’s Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1. Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2. Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes

3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		
	We have informed state-wide conversations of local experience/trends. Locally, maintained consistent communication regarding local encampments and secured informal agreement with City of Lansing to allow encampments to remain if actively participating in Street Outreach support.	Yes	Yes

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	118	126

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC has a strong healthcare resource network, including MH and SUD treatment. The Health Department, Community Mental Health and other health care providers share trends and updates during monthly CoC Network meetings. This keeps CoC members updated on resource availability and changes to mainstream resources among government agencies, non-profit service providers and others. MDHHS provides annual training related to SNAP, SSI and TANF resources. CMH provides annual training on MH and SUD programming offered including SUD detox, inpatient, and outpatient services. The CoC promotes access to available mainstream resources, on-line training and webinars offered through Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH), HUD and Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). Recently two SUD recovery agencies, Lifeboat and RISE, increased participation specific to peer-recovery support, essential to current homeless assistance strategies. Involvement of local medical clinics, such as Carefree Medical and Cristo Rey Medical, has increased, as well. These programs collaborate with ICHD, CMH, and other providers offering residential and outpatient services for persons with co-occurring conditions. ICHD offers health navigators and CMH, peer recovery coaches available for CoC participants. The CoC partners with the main regional hospitals (McLaren and Sparrow) to utilize the mobile health units, making healthcare more accessible to vulnerable populations. CoC provider (Child and Family Charities) operates an SUD clinic and prioritizes these youth for eligibility for PSH. The CoC distributes resource information via email on housing, open enrollments, funding opportunities, grants available in the community, health information, and benefits. CoC has a strong liaison relationship with MDHHS for SNAP, utility, and State Emergency Relief. The City of Lansing has contractual agreements with community health care clinics and community centers to enroll uninsured and underinsured in Medicaid and other available services. Project staff are often trained as navigators within the MDHHS systems to help participants enroll in Health Care Plans.

2-The CoC has five SOAR practitioners housed in four different agencies. The CoC supports SOAR certification of staff, however, it is often challenged by the level of demand and staff turnover.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC continues to collaborate, primarily through its shelter and outreach programs, with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD) to prevent and mitigate the spread of infectious disease outbreaks. The CoC collaborates with each of these state and local health care agencies to provide regular testing, vaccinations, and assistance with obtaining sanitation supplies which includes hand sanitizer, masks, and other sanitation supplies. Testing and vaccinations are made available on a scheduled basis for sheltered and unsheltered persons at multiple sites. The CoC also partnered with Michigan State University's Street Med program which coordinates with the CoC's PATH Outreach teams (Advent House) has in the past provided additional testing and vaccination education and information about testing sites to unsheltered homeless persons. The Street Med program provides assessment and immediate non-emergent care while coordinating medical services with local clinics, such as Carefree Medical and Cristo Rey Medical. The CoC works to ensure these vital relationships will continue.

ICHHD has made themselves available over the 2 years to make spatial recommendations to prevent and mitigate the spread of infectious disease. All area healthcare agencies provide regular education and communication to assist with developing CoC and agency level procedures and protocols that could effectively mitigate the spread of disease for participants and staff. When there are instances of an outbreak, ICHHD helps by providing best practice recommendations to the CoC on shelter operations, outreach. Shelters have instituted respiratory screening practices and have the ability to scale down to ensure a limited number of isolation beds are available.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC has a strong relationship with Carefree Medical and Cristo Rey Medical clinics to assist in sharing information at a grassroots level with those we serve. In addition, the CoC shelter and homeless service collaborative has an on-going connection with the ICHD Pathways to Care Program, offering a multitude of health and general stabilization services to individuals and families struggling with homelessness and poverty. Supplementing these clinical services is the monthly effort of the MI State University Street Medicine outreach team that visits area shelters and accompanies the CoC Street Outreach Team to support good health care for those living on the street. All of these medical health resources are prepared to assist the homeless population in the event of a communitywide medical emergency.

2-Communication shared during and after the recent pandemic resulted in shelters and other homeless support organizations making permanent changes in their physical facilities because of communications, collaborations and lessons learned. This communication developed to include the Ingham County Health Department (ICHHD), MDHHS, local hospitals and clinics. These changes also informed the practice of Street Outreach for our CoC. In shelters, changes include updates to ventilation and air flow in facilities, changes to provide more privacy, incorporation of isolation spaces and improved sanitation protocols and practices. Changes for Street Outreach include increased communication and collaboration between the Street Outreach Team and emergency management, public health, county, and city governmental agencies. A critical change is that the CoC and homeless and housing service providers coordinate and plan services to ensure safety and wellness of sheltered and unsheltered homeless participants. The collaboration has resulted in regular sharing of information between Emergency Management and Shelter providers, which has continued since the pandemic regularly but with less frequency. The history of communication and planning created a communication pathway and pattern that is now supporting coordination for unsheltered in encampments and a shelter overflow plan

1D-8.	Coordinated Entry Standard Processes.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

	1. can serve everybody regardless of where they are located within your CoC's geographic area;
	2. uses a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services within your CoC;
	3. collects personal information in a trauma-informed way; and
	4. is updated at least annually using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-CoC Coordinated Entry covers 100% of Lansing/East Lansing/Ingham County. The CoC works with agencies, such as Capital Area Community Services (CACS) rural offices, and the three district courts to ensure open communication with rural communities. The CoC ensures distribution of resources through Street Outreach, utilizing countywide services, such as libraries and MDHHS offices, to disseminate information and track need. Outlying areas are on the CoC list-serv and include law enforcement, human service agencies, 211, 24-hour businesses, & faith-based groups for the purpose of educating and informing them of available resources. The PIT count & Homeless Awareness week events assist with outreach and cover the entire CoC geographic area including encampments.

2-The CoC uses a new Coordinated Entry (CE) Assessment tool developed with Technical Assistance through HUD. The TA assisted our CoC in redesigning our CE System design, including the CE Assessment that replaced the formerly used VISPDAT/SPDAT assessments. We are implementing our new robust CE System and gathering feedback from partner agencies and those we serve to ensure its effectiveness. The goal of the new CE System is to ensure fairness and equity with assessment and enrollment processes and to identify special needs for special populations. The CoC continues to use diversion strategies primarily with youth and families to divert participants who have safe housing options other than shelter. During intake, all applicant households are triaged either by phone or in- person to assess needs. Prioritization is based on length of homelessness and the CE Assessment tool. Using the By Names List reviewed during weekly case conferencing with representation from all area partner agencies, this system ensures access for all applicants into available housing including Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing, VASH, or other assistance.

3-A relational, engaging, and consistent housing first approach is used with all applicants., using a Trauma Informed approach, for which all staff in our CE System are trained. The CE uses warm-hand to prevent re-traumatization and the need for repeated assessments,

4-The Coordinated Entry System is designed to solicit feedback from agencies, partners, and participants. The input is wrapped back into program development and regular reassessment. The information and data inform policy priorities and the appropriate flow of households in & out of the system

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry–Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their needs and preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people seeking assistance.	
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**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC makes a concerted effort through regular Street Outreach efforts to reach the most vulnerable populations. The use of the CoCs drop-in centers and variety of free meal services allow the Outreach Teams improved access to those who may not engage easily otherwise. By building engagement in these environments, it makes the continuity of engagement easier in unsheltered environments. Additionally, the Outreach Teams, along with the MSU Street Medicine team, offers food, water, and basic needs items and utilizes peer relationships to gain access to some who may not engage on their own.

2-The CoC has historically incorporated the best practice of using a By Name List in a weekly meeting of area front line agencies to prioritize the most vulnerable among the sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations and match them with housing resources. The CoC is now utilizing a newly designed Coordinated Entry System with a comprehensive CE Assessment tool to more effectively prioritize those most vulnerable and identify and address the particular housing needs of those households. These meetings are regularly attended by staff representing 20-30 area agencies and services. The group has worked diligently to ensure the most vulnerable locally are prioritized.

3-The CoC reviews data quarterly as part of the CE system reboot. The reports are derived primarily from HMIS data and reviews the length of time from enrollment to housing; the average and median lengths of stay by housing types, gender, and race. The CoC CE System ensures that our community is able to assess housing needs and barriers, and account for personal preference in the development of individualized housing plans. Housing availability and household barriers, such as family size, will limit access to housing opportunities, thereby limiting the ability to consider preferences. Our CoC has acquired Housing Navigator Program grants for the general population and for youth, which will assist in improving landlord relationships, negotiating lower rents, and improving housing retention this coming year.

4-Based on the data, the CE team is reviewing assessment protocols to ensure they are not burdensome but gather data necessary to assist participants in obtaining housing without unnecessary barriers. Questions are designed to ascertain CE score, needs, and eligibility and can be completed by phone or other virtual strategy for convenience.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-The CoC CE System promotes regular communication regarding housing resources and identification of the most vulnerable households for prioritization for housing placement. These agencies bring information back to the individuals and families they serve which includes BIPOC, LGBTQ+, youth, elderly, families, and households with disabilities. CoC Street Outreach Teams, located in public places and shelters frequented by those most in need, are trained and updated regarding housing information, which is disseminated at those locations. In addition, through the work of the Housing Navigator Programs for the general population and for youth, the CoC ensures regular communication with area landlords to develop new housing leads and ensure that housing is accessible and affordable. An available housing list is posted on the CE System lead agency’s website and linked to other resource sites.

2- CoC members are offered annual Fair Housing Training. The CoC CE System maintains informed points of contact for Fair Housing information and resources. The City of Lansing’s most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, was completed in 2016. The City’s Development Office meets monthly to analyze progress in overcoming impediments. The City of Lansing works with MSHDA to support affordable housing developers to provide PILOTs for LIHTC projects, encouraging the development of affordable housing. The Lansing Housing Commission (LHC) has been awarded several affordable housing tax credits that are currently in various stages of development for additional affordable housing options. Lansing continues to support housing rehabilitation in partnership with area developers. The City of Lansing continues to support the Financial Empowerment Center, which provides residents with tools for debt reduction, increasing credit scores and savings accounts, and connecting individuals to banking services that are safe and affordable.

3-CoC Fair Housing staff report violations to the appropriate entity. They receive annual Fair Housing Training by the Fair Housing Center of SE Mid-Michigan who has a satellite office in Lansing. The City of Lansing’s Code Enforcement and Ingham County Land Bank are partnering to review utilization of land contracts which can be predatory. Civil Rights complaints are reported to HUD.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/26/2024

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

Describe in the field below:



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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The data that was analyzed to identify racial disparities present in the access, provision, and outcomes of assistance includes American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year population demographic and poverty data and annual data from HMIS, system-wide and by project type, mostly from Stella P. It included a comparison of racial identity demographics from the ACS 5-year Estimate data for the entire population of Ingham County and for the City of Lansing, as well as demographics of people in poverty in those geographies, with the racial identity of people who experienced homelessness in the CoC, as captured in HMIS. The HMIS data used included race/ethnicity, household type, project type, age ranges and other characteristics. We looked at housing rates, length of time homeless, and returns to homelessness broken down into different sub-populations to explore differences of access and outcomes.

2. The analysis on provision of assistance was similar to that found in the HUD CoC Race & Ethnicity Analysis Tool, but used local annual data rather than PIT data. Racial and ethnic identity of the overall population estimates in the CoC's geography were compared to identities of people who sought homelessness assistance. People of color, specifically African Americans, are disproportionately experiencing homelessness compared to their representation in the county and city population. The disparity is even greater for families with children of color, which make up 15% of the family population in the county, but 54% of the families experiencing homelessness. Stella P and the Michigan HMIS Data Warehouse reports allowed for outcomes data for housing, length of time homeless, and returns to homelessness to be examined by various client characteristics in addition to race and ethnicity. This allows for more targeted analysis of disparities beyond the racial identities of all people experiencing homelessness that may indicate a shortcoming or gap in assistance. We looked at the overall outcome achievements from the system level and program type level and then disaggregated the outcomes by racial and ethnic identity and household type to identify which groups were over- and under-achieving compared to the overall rate.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes

5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
Other:(limit 500 characters)		
12.	The City of Lansing continues its work on Racial Justice and Equity including DEI Trainings; a DEI Advisory Board; a Racial Justice & Equity Alliance dedicated to strategizing on how to eradicate racism and violence through fair and equitable treatment of all; including an Equitable Economic Initiatives Committee. CoC members continue to participate in the plan's development and implementation	Yes

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC continues to engage in Racial Equity training and technical assistance offered by Arc4Justice- the Anti-Racism Center for Justice and Transformative Change. We are learning about systemic racism and historical policies and procedures that promoted ongoing inequities. The CoC includes BIPOC PLE in community discussions to better understand racial inequities that continue to be experienced by BIPOC persons at the local level. The CoC is invested in continuous learning to identify CoC strategies that can be used to promote equitable access to housing and supportive services and how to advocate for social change. The City of Lansing, a significant CoC member agency, has initiated a citizen-led Diversity, Equity, and inclusion (DEI) Advisory Board, providing cultural enrichment activities, and conducting DEI trainings that aim to eradicate racism and violence by promoting fair and equitable treatment for all. In 2024, the City expanded its efforts by offering a Racial Equity Grant to support community organizations in addressing the root causes of racism in Lansing. Two CoC members agencies were awarded grants and will share their training and strategies with the CoC network. The City is spearheading DEI-focused programs and activities designed to engage and benefit residents.

When surveying the community, reviewing and revising CoC-wide policies, and redesigning CoC systems, the CoC includes several persons with lived experience from a variety of vulnerable sub-populations to ensure inclusion of all voices. This helps to identify any unintended consequences of policies, procedures, and processes and to eliminate language that perpetuates racial inequities.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

In our most recent disparity analysis, we looked at American Community Survey population estimates from the Census Bureau and annual HMIS data from the LSA/Stella P and Michigan HMIS Data Warehouse. Specifically, we looked at the racial and ethnic demographics of the county compared to that of the people who experienced homelessness to identify if there are groups disproportionately represented in the homeless population. We also looked at the racial and ethnic demographics of people assisted in different levels of our homeless assistance system – shelters & transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing – to look for potential disparities in who is being connected to more intensive housing resources. For outcomes, we look at rates of exits to permanent housing, length of time homeless, and returns to homelessness by race/ethnicity and household type. The source for this data is also the LSA/Stella P and the Michigan HMIS Data Warehouse reports.

1D-10.	Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC’s Outreach Efforts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	
	Describe in the field below your CoC’s outreach efforts (e.g., social media announcements, targeted outreach) to engage those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decisionmaking processes.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC conducts outreach to project participants at all partner agencies to recruit and engage those with lived experience in community dialogue around the need for housing and homeless assistance. The CoC offers surveys and listening sessions with a targeted purpose and ensures inclusion of marginalized populations like BIPOC, LGNTQ+, youth, elderly, families, and households with disabilities. Participants are compensated for their time and their feedback is highly valued to drive community programming from the perspective of the consumer and promotes equitable access to services. Persons with lived experience are invited to join all CoC committee and work group spaces.

The CoC has a Youth Action Collective (YAC) made up of youth under the age of 24 with lived experience, representative of the homeless youth/young adults in the community. The purpose of YAC is to identify community gaps and needs, evaluate existing youth projects, and guide new project implementation. This group was involved in the creation of a Coordinate Community Plan to prevent and end youth homelessness, identify needed projects to fill housing gaps for youth and young adults, selected projects YHDP funds would be used to support, engaged in the procurement process by recommended language for the request for proposal and reviewing CoC grant applications and selecting the housing providers for each project. The YAC continues to review project handbooks and evaluate language- identifying program expectations that are not client-centered or youth-centric. This group has been instrumental in guiding the direction of youth programs and services. The YAC group recruits additional members through social media, flyers distributed in the community where youth are known to congregate and through word of mouth.

The CoC membership nominates a person with lived experience to serve on the CoC's board of directors. This is an appointed position, so the seat is reserved for a person with lived experience.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	14	2
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	4	1
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	4	1
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	63	37

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

CoC member agencies have hired persons with lived experience to act as therapists, maintenance, shelter staff, life skills specialists, case managers, outreach workers, and community health workers. CoC member agencies will accept lived experience of homelessness in place of education requirements, when able. The CoC currently employs two part time Youth Action Collective Leaders to facilitate the Youth Action Collective Work and engage as representatives with lived experience on the CoC's new Youth Subcommittee. These leaders are engaged in many professional development opportunities through the YHDP TA. One YAC Leader is attending the two-day statewide Housing Summit. There was a specialized position created under the YHDP projects for a Peer Mentor, which will ensure a person with lived experience within the past 7 years occupies this position and provides guidance through the lens of lived expertise.

The CoC historically has accessed the services of Capital Area Michigan Works! and Peckham for employment assistance to the individual and family households we serve. These agencies offer consistent and typical employment services, including the following:

Capital Area Michigan Works! offers -

- a. Area job opportunity listings via in-person, online through Pure Michigan Talent Connect, social media, and job finder groups.
- b. Help with interview preparation workshops/classes.
- c. Job coaching and funding for classroom and
- d. On-the-job- training based on eligibility through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).
- e. New American Resources supporting refugees and virtual classes for adult English language learners.
- f. A youth mentorship program
- g. Assistance applying for unemployment insurance claims.

Peckham offers -

- a. Basic on-the-job skills training.
- b. Supplemental services for those with disabilities.
- c. Resume development and interview skills.
- d. Immediate job placement within their manufacturing job group.

The CoC also links participants to Michigan Rehabilitation Services which develops work solutions for persons with disabilities.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has significantly increased its work with People with Lived Experience (PLE). It recruits people to serve on its Board as well as on various committees and workgroups including Strategic Planning, Finance, CQI, Youth Subcommittee, the Youth Action Collective and the Network. The CoC reimburses PLE for their expertise from the CoC planning grant budget, at a competitive wage. The CoC also conducts open forums for PLE and stakeholders and focus groups throughout the community to gather input from PLE.

2. The CoC uses monthly engagements with Shelter and RRH participants to gather information. In addition information is gathered at any time through placement of feedback containers in a variety of locations frequented by those we serve. Targeted surveys and listening sessions occur as needed- when redesigning systems and evaluating by-laws and policies. The CoC also utilizes feedback from consumer groups from CMH, peer recovery coaches, and the Youth Action Collective.

3 & 4- The CoC providers have monthly engagements with Shelter and RRH participants to gather information by surveys and feedback forms. Shelters and Transitional housing providers conduct weekly housing meetings to obtain information. Additionally, some CoC and ESG providers have feedback forms and boxes placed in central locations where participants congregate. The boxes are reviewed weekly and sent to a centralized location for evaluation. Others provide an electronic link to participants and stakeholders to complete an online survey. The survey results go to a central data base and is reviewed at team meetings.

5- Persons with lived experience have identified barriers to accessing and participating in services to gain access to housing and sustain safe and affordable housing. The CoC strategizes ways to reduce identified barriers and improve systems for persons experiencing homelessness. The CoC has incorporated feedback into system designs and project implementation. The CoC facilitates meetings with the persons with lived experience. The CoC may request member agencies make changes in policies or program design as part of the grievance resolution process if the changes will result in improved services or program systems

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	
	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:	

1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC has strong relationships with area developers and with the Capital Area Housing Partnership (CAHP), which is the only developer located in Lansing. With those relationships, the CoC has been in support of the following:

a. The CoC has engaged the City of Lansing in the past two years, allowing for the development of a \$5 million mixed-use, mixed income, including PSH, with CAHP, the local CHODO. By late 2024, this LITAC project will have completed 76 affordable apartments in Lansing, with 2 floors of commercial space including affordable childcare center and a community resource center. In addition, a smaller development project to create 46 affordable 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units close to downtown Lansing is in process of approval for funding. If funded, that project will be complete in early-2026.

b. The City Rescue Mission of Lansing successfully advocated for the rezoning needed for a special land use permit to operate a larger sheltered care facility for serving homeless adults. This project will be complete in late 2025 or early 2026 and will allow a separate shelter facility, currently focused on single women and families, to be dedicated to sheltering families.

2. The CoC is an active participant and has taken a leadership role in the newly developed Regional (Tri-County) Housing Partnership. The partnership consists of 40+ organization across multiple sectors including developers, government, non-profits, hospital/healthcare, and private businesses that are actively engaging in solutions focused planning in three primary areas:

a. Existing and new housing stock development strategies

b. Preventing and ending Homelessness

c. Housing ecosystem, equity, racial justice, homeownership, communication, and education

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/13/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	09/13/2024

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

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

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

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



6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes
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1E-2a.	Scored Project Forms for One Project from Your CoC's Local Competition. We use the response to this question and Question 1E-2. along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.  NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
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You must upload the Scored Forms for One Project attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.  
 Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition:

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	65
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	11
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1 & 2-The CoC HMIS/APR reports were used to examine data quality, number of persons served, exiting into, or maintaining permanent housing, maintaining, or increasing income, length of stays, length of time to move participants into housing, and returns to homelessness. Additional reports were utilized to cross-reference data; to examine data quality and other areas listed previously. For victim service providers an APR report from their comparable database was used to evaluate and score performance for their housing application. All performance data was reviewed for the same 12-month time frame. In addition to the performance data scoring, applicants provided narrative descriptions of how their project contributes to improving overall system performance.

3-Severity of needs and vulnerabilities were considered in the scoring/ranking process by assigning more points to projects that targeted higher need populations such as people experiencing chronic homelessness or other priority populations with greater severity of needs, as demonstrated by participants with longer periods of time being homeless or people with higher average severity scores using the Coordinated Entry Assessment and other risk factors. Projects not targeting higher needs populations received fewer points in this section. Project type was considered to prioritize projects that serve priority types or populations. PH projects are prioritized and receive more points. Maximum points were awarded to PSH projects dedicated to serving chronically homeless.

4-Applicants had to explain challenges and performance impacts that result from working with highest needs clients. This allows projects serving higher needs populations points that they may have missed because of lower performance compared to projects not serving the same populations. Applicants had to explain how participant barriers impacted the project's performance and how they work to overcome barriers. Applicants had to explain how they consider history of victimization/abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, childhood abuse, criminal histories, chronic homelessness, low or no income, racial or gender discrimination/disparities, and current or past substance abuse. The CoC wanted to give applicants the ability to explain potential performance concerns and awarded additional points to the projects that target those with the greatest needs or with project models best suited to meet those needs.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC publicized the finance committee meeting charged annually to review local project applications, prior to administering local competitions. The CoC conducted intentionally targeted recruitment efforts seeking inclusion by those over-represented in CoC participants. The effort resulted in a 40% representation for participation in review and revision of the local project applications. The input and recommendation for revisions included representation from overrepresented populations, including both the Black/African American, and multiracial.

2.The CoC widely publicized the local CoC competition and competition calendar, inviting participation in the scoring and ranking processes from all populations, including those who are over-represented. The CoC continued intentionally targeted recruitment for participation in the applicant scoring and ranking process. The input among rankers/scorers, from overrepresented populations, including African American/Black was successful in the scorer recruitment stage of the project, but experienced significant attrition during the scoring process.

3.SEE SCORESHEET QUESTION 7, 8, and 9, Each scorer/ranker, brought their own skills and perspectives, including those with significant years as a homeless provider who had experience scoring and ranking projects. Scorers maintained a person-centered and housing 1st approach as they were reviewing project applications. Projects were scored based on their ability to:

- a.make program changes to address racial disparities.
- b.recognize and develop strategies to eliminate racial and gender disparities.
- c.provide specific examples of how racial equity is addressed.

All scorers sent their responses to the CoC who compiled them. Scorers and rankers, which excluded the agencies applying for funds, were provided information related to program performance by the Lead HMIS Agency. All projects' scores were compiled and presented based on an average of each project's cumulative scores including the scoring of program performance questions. Productive discussion among the rankers led to a consensus recommendation to the CRHC Board for ranking. The Board, which also has members representing over-represented populations, approved the ranking without changes.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-Performance Review reallocation – The CoC considers reallocation routinely, during performance review meetings conducted by the Board. This process includes a review of the following: HUD priorities, fidelity to the project model, gap analysis of homeless populations, types of housing available, services available, HMIS outcomes data, PIT and HIC counts and data trends over time to identify emerging needs, threshold review and spend-down, current CoC and ESG funded programs and efficacy, and whether projects continue to address needs of the CoC’s prioritized subpopulations. The decision to reallocate funding is a function of the CoC Board. All CoC funded agencies are encouraged to attend these meetings to address concerns and to provide plans to address deficient performance. Several project grants required transfers to new recipients in the middle of the grant terms during this past year and reallocation decisions were made to allow the new grant recipients to better tailor the projects to their strengths, target populations, and operations.

2-When reviewing past performance, there were projects that did not spend all funds. The CoC evaluated the continued need for these projects. The CoC lost one PSH project last year, thus determined the need for the ongoing PSH projects. One DV RRH project came under review, as the providing agency was unsure if they had the capacity to continue the project.

3-No projects were identified as less needed. Low performing project were discussed with plans to improve future performance.

4-The CoC actively works with the applicant to assist with resolving issues and will further analyze and review additional solutions prior to making the decision to reallocate the projects. The DV RRH project is the only project in the CoC specific to the DV population. While the project has struggled, the CoC is invested in continuing the project. The CoC has looked for a new provider, but ultimately decided to support EVE in continuing this project with ongoing evaluation by the CoC, along with support from the CE agency and other RRH providers.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/13/2024
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes
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1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	10/28/2024
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	WellSky
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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.	Statewide
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC and the HMIS Lead Agency collect data from the DV housing and service provider which receives funding through the CoC grant competitions. The data is collected regularly reviews data quality, outcomes reporting. The CoC reviews 27+ aggregate DV data reports on a semi-annual basis. The data analysis completed by the DV provider and the Lead HMIS Agency helps to research service gaps, trends, best practices, and areas where services may be strengthened between the CoC and DV partnerships. The HMIS Lead works with the DV provider on ESG reporting for CAPER submissions and reviews APR submissions, and by doing so, ensures that their database can generate HUD reporting formats and collects the necessary data elements to meet the reporting requirements. Information is shared about what is required of an HMIS comparable database and the agency confirmed their ability to comply with the standards. EVE partners with the CoC to share aggregate data reporting as needed/requested by the CoC. Its databases are comparable to the CoC HMIS system.

The DV data is stored and tracked in a separate data system, called Empower DB. Empower DB is recognized a being HUD compliant, as a cloud-based data system, providing,

- a.zero-knowledge encryption,
- b.giving additional data protection against data breach and
- c.ensuring access to only the DV provider.

2.Yes, DV housing and service providers receiving HUD funding are using a comparable database that is up-to-date with the FY24 HMIS Data Standards. This is demonstrated by their successfully completion of Sage reports requiring the data uploads to be compliant with the FY24 Data Standards.

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

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

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	527	46	248	47.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	24	0	24	100.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	41	0	41	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	126	25	126	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	425	0	261	61.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	52	0	44	87.00%



2A-5a.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.c.	
	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:	
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and	
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.	

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. We are deficient for shelter and PSH beds. The rescue mission is not willing to participate in the HMIS and their data entry was not subsidized in the past year. Turnover and capacity have been an issue for continuing to incorporate the local rescue mission's shelter data into HMIS. For the PSH beds, it is because of HUD VASH voucher beds. Our software provider, WellSky, has experienced complications with the HUD VASH data import/export tool. If the HUD VASH data were incorporated, we would be at 100% coverage for PSH beds. The CoC is brainstorming funding options to capture the data from the Lansing City Recue Mission, including increasing the ask under the CoC local Planning Grant or HMIS project.

The HUD VASH bed information import/export tool was expected to be made available by the 2021 HIC submission deadline. However, that was not the case, and the tool is still not available as of 2024. The lead agency of the statewide implementation, which is the liaison between CoC's and the software provider, has indicated there is nothing the local level CoC can do to fix the issue; the issue is solely with the software provider. We are eagerly awaiting the solution so that the HUD-VASH data can be integrated into the HMIS database.

2. Once the date is announced for the HUD VASH data integration tool's availability, the local HMIS Lead will work with the local VA contact to establish a process to securely transmit the HOMES data to the HMIS lead for import to the HMIS database on a regular basis, at least annually. Unfortunately, the implementation has been put on hold at the state level (our HMIS is part of a statewide implementation) as a result of the delay with the software provider and inconsistencies between CoC and VA Catchment geographies. The project remains on hold as of this submission. The CoC has been invited to apply for funds to support CoC efforts by both the United Way and the Community Foundation. Funds to support capturing the bed coverage lost by City Rescue Mission data might be considered as it vital to understanding the CoC's trends and needs since the Rescue Mission serves a large population of the CoC's homeless. Bringing the City Rescue Mission beds back on line will exceed the 85% target rate for bed coverage.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	Yes
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/30/2024
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The youth service providers and school district representatives are active members of the CoC and engage in the PIT count planning process each year. Child & Family Charities, a youth-specific service provider, has a youth-targeted outreach team whose involvement in the PIT planning is integral to the success of the count. They do outreach year-round and regularly share information with other outreach providers in addition to their annual participation in the PIT count.

2-Also, the Youth Action Council, which meets monthly, were involved in planning, strategizing, and identifying targeted locations where youth are known to congregate. CFC participated directly in the PIT count targeting areas identify by youth where youth may congregate.

3-CFC staff, which included a paid staff member who is a youth with lived expertise, participated the night of the count. Also, the Youth Action Council, which meets monthly, were involved in planning, strategizing, and identifying targeted locations where youth are known to congregate.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Weather may have been a factor in the unsheltered count increase. January 2024 was unseasonably warm for Lansing, with temperatures about 10 degrees higher than average with little to no snowfall and staying above freezing for most of the day of the PIT count.

However, changes in availability/utilization of shelter space and fewer housing resources were likely more impactful. Covid funding that was still being used in January 2023, specifically for homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing, had ended by 2024 leaving fewer resources to help people move from shelter to housing or to maintain their housing. During the PIT count for 2024, a hotel-based shelter program had recently transferred to a different agency in the winter of 2023 and the new operating agency was still working with the funder to identify priorities and therefore were operating at a lower capacity compared to 2023. At the end of 2023 and in early January 2024, the Street Outreach Team reported an increase of at least 200% in the number of homeless individuals they encountered on the street. At that time, area shelters were at capacity, with one of the main shelters for single adults running a waitlist for shelter beds and the other large shelter reporting consistently full beds for single women and families, as well as only a very limited number of beds for single men. All other shelters were full at that time, and the number of those on the street was increasing daily. At this time, the lower barrier Outreach Center was also very close to capacity. A warming center was opened in November 2023 and operated until April 2024 to help address the need for additional shelter space over the winter, however it did not draw in as many people as we would have liked to see. Further, the increase in the number of those on the street during the PIT Count can be correlated to the ending of CERA (Covid Emergency Rental Assistance) assistance for homelessness prevention and the increase in housing costs, which resulted in individuals and families who were doubled being put out of their host homes and attempting to enter a shelter system that was being pushed beyond capacity. The lack of affordable housing in the area, no additional state Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated for people experiencing homelessness, and a reduction of resources to help rehouse people in shelters led to longer shelter stays, less turnover of shelter beds, and more people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

## 2C. System Performance

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Our community has experienced an increase of 4% from 2021 of people who indicate they are first time homeless and 10% increase from 2020. Prior to 2021 the number was consistent annually. However, 2021 and 2022 have seen incremental increases yearly. A person is considered homeless for the 1st time if they had no interaction with the CoC's homeless system for at least 24 consecutive months.

1-Risk factors used to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time are

- a) those whose have very low income (30% or less AMI) AND have one of the following characteristics.
- b) persons with access to housing choice vouchers, persons with children or persons fleeing domestic violence or persons with a disability, or from BIPOC or LGBTQ+ communities, or persons with history with the criminal justice systems.

2-A prevention services work group was developed in 2021 to monitor available prevention services and funding resources; monitor the demand for prevention services; and to develop monitoring and prioritization systems for prevention cases. The group meets regularly and considers housing arrearages for renters, homeowners, utility arrearages. The CoC collaborates weekly to monitor and prioritize prevention cases with the Eviction Diversion Facilitator of 54-A District Court (Lansing, the largest regional district court). A partnership between the Court, Legal Services and HARA is vital to prioritizing this case for assistance with the approach of preventing new cases of homelessness. The City of Lansing ESG allocation was approved by the CoC to increase legal services and mediation funds to assist with keeping people housed.

3-The CoC's Continuous Quality Improvement and Strategic Planning Committees are charged with making strategy recommendations to the CoC Board to reduce 1st time homelessness.

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

Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:
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1.	natural disasters?	No
2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	No

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

In the field below:
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1.	describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;
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-CoC strategies include:

- a.Increased training for housing providers, including trauma informed care, housing first, better use of fair housing to impact outcomes, improving youth, DV survivors, LGBTQ+ services and developing strategies to the impact of racial disparities.
- b.Inclusion of best practices to expand landlord engagement and their willingness to work with CoC participants, despite housing barriers.
- c.Continuation of integration between housing providers and financial management resources helping participants succeed as tenants including budgeting/cost analysis.
- d.Increased integration between program participants and housing counselors
- e.Participation in a Regional Housing Planning Workgroups for affordable housing strategies,
- f.Continuation of engagement and advocating with landlords to accept housing choice vouchers as a form of income to be counted toward total income calculations.
- g.Working with participants to proactively identify potential tenant screening barriers and providing active assistance locating safe, affordable permanent housing.
- h.Shelters have adopted stronger housing focus by:
  - i.Continuation and revision of standardized housing plans to assist moving from shelter to housing.
  - ii.Participating in shelter coordination meetings with coordinated entry committee and placing persons on the By Name List to better address barriers such as getting birth certificates, applying for benefits, identifying housing, completing rental applications, credit/background/criminal background checks - all using trauma-informed, client-centered approaches.
  - iii.CES & shelters collaboration to revise and update landlord “lists” that are provided to clients.  
 Shelters are reviewing monthly metrics about inflows and outflows and holding regular conversations with shelter guests about housing and progression in their housing plan.
  - iv.CQI regularly reviews data on LOT homeless to identify trends within emergency shelter, transitional housing, and street outreach programs.

2-The Outreach team pro-actively identifies street homeless, often CH or those nearing CH status with longer LOT in homeless. All are screened and prioritized at the CES/Shelters for longest time homeless and most severe services needs and CPD-16-11 Orders of Priority. The CES verifies LOT, uses a By-Name-List, makes referrals to available RRH and PSH.

3- CoC's Committees- Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (CQI),Coordinated Entry, and the Board.

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

In the field below:



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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-Local shelters participate in 'Shelter Coordination Meetings' collaborating to improve exits from shelters to housing. The CoC, inclusive of the shelter system, has adopted a low-barrier, housing-focused model to improve and better prioritized integration of high acuity and unsheltered homeless households into the CoC's systemic response to homelessness. Additional strategies include: training housing providers, including shelters on trauma informed, client-centered housing plans, intensive and progressive engagement to establish connections with hard-to-reach persons, By Name List case review, Coordinated Entry System making specific referrals according to needs and eligibility, and improving matching with available resources and improving the availability of landlord "lists" to identify housing leads, improved linkages to benefits and especially employment programs, and develop and support follow-up for post housing stability planning.

2-Strategies include case management to connect participants with resources to maintain housing, identification of housing retention barriers, need for employment or disability benefits/services, low-cost child-care. The By Name List committee (BNL) reviews long-term and high acuity cases to generate solutions and enlists help addressing barriers. Standardize landlord engagement by developing better request alerts from landlords about late or unpaid rent statuses. Success with families requires more integrated strategies with DV partners, MDHHS, schools, and landlords while increasing engagement with CMH for youth MH services. Helping people to identify affordable and continuing to prioritize persons in public housing with a history of homelessness for post housing case management. Continuing success in retention in PSH.

3-CRHC CoC Continuous Quality Improvement Committee (CQI), the CoC Coordinated Entry Committee, and CoC Board.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness--CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

In the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-CE screening is designed to capture demographics, housing needs and barriers. The screening includes questions about current housing status and housing history to identify people who are returning to homelessness. In addition to current assessment tools, the CE Team is developing a tool to better assess and prioritize based on local needs. Tools are focused on assisting strategizing trends affecting specific sub-populations. Housing providers identify participants in jeopardy of eviction or returning to homelessness. Targeted case management is scheduled with identified participants and landlords to see if evictions can be avoided. People are encouraged to call CoC providers before they lose their housing. If a client has experienced homelessness in the past and is utilizing prevention services, the CE Prevention teams have checkup calls for 90 days to monitor client progress. For those identified as in danger of returning to homelessness, rapid intervention is made to attempt to mitigate and prevent returns. Rehouse individuals, when losing housing cannot be avoided.

2-The HARA team works with local shelters, including DV service providers, to assess and assist with screenings for housing choice vouchers. MSHDA, the largest PHA has a homeless preference for its housing choice voucher waitlists. Street outreach teams meet unsheltered people and work with the HARA team to ensure their inclusion on the housing choice voucher waitlists, the by name list and any other eligible housing resource. Other strategies include ensuring participants are familiar with mainstream resources/services that address their basic needs (SNAP/TANF- cash assistance, food, clothing, rent, utilities, medical care, childcare, employment services, educational resources, substance use, mental health, financial literacy, and prevention). Ongoing assessment of housing barriers & “step-down” case management for clients exiting housing services and focus on eviction prevention for public housing. Eviction diversion coordination between legal services, the HARA and the district courts identifies people facing eviction, referring them to the HARA and prevention resources. The CoC educates “at-risk” people about mainstream programs through awareness events and agencies.

3-Quarterly CQI reports to CoC Board focusing on KPI measures. The CQI Committee is overseen by the CoC Board and collaborates closely with Strategic Planning, and the CE - BNL Committee.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–CoC’s Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.f.	

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1-Strategies to increase earned income include: Housing plans that have job/income /financial literacy goals, “warm hand-offs” to One-Stop employment centers, MI Talent Connect, Peckham, Inc. (vocational rehab), youth job programs, community colleges, training programs, job application help, literacy programs, hiring homeless persons, link to volunteer work, referrals to GED, ESL, or refugee services, transportation assistance, counseling, education and providing resource opportunities to participants. Life skills education takes place within TH, PSH programs which can be a precursor to employment. Vouchers to local thrift shops and “community closets” are used to help people acquire work attire or clothing for interviews. Case managers are expected to connect participants to employment and education resources including case managers who help with applying for jobs, creating resumes, and teaching soft skills to help maintain employment. Participants are referred to Peckham Vocational Industries, PAR Rehab vocational rehabilitation or a variety of temp agencies, based on participant interests and abilities. These resources can help connect people with disabilities to part-time employment opportunities.

2-CoC provides a “warm hand-off” to mainstream agencies such as Michigan Works!, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC), Independent Living Centers, AAAs, AARP, SOAR, and Community College programs which offer resources, support, and skills development to people needing employment services. Services and referrals are provided to develop and improve soft skills that lead to promotional opportunities. CoC agencies have VA, homeless subcontracts to assist in job searches. Many of these agencies above are CoC members, attending and presenting their resources/opportunities at Network meetings.

3-The CRHC CoC Board and all homeless providers and mainstream agencies.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1-The primary strategy for increasing non-employment income when work is not an option is to apply for SSI/SSDI benefits. Two specific legal clinics, specializing in assisting homeless and low-income individuals, come on-site to homeless and housing providers to help people apply for disability income and represent them in hearings and appeals to secure benefits. Those eligible for SSI/SSDI also apply for State Disability Assistance. PATH, DV provider and four other agencies, including CMH, two shelters and the HARA also have SOAR trained staff to help people access SSI/SSDI benefits. VA and County staff are locally available to assist veterans access VA benefits. For families, particularly single-parent households, parents are encouraged to file for Child Support to increase income. Families with children are also encouraged to apply for TANF assistance. The Veteran's Housing Program works to connect eligible veterans to VA and other veteran-specific resources. A major identified barrier to access to non-employment income is a lack of state or federally issued identification documents. To address this, shelters can use ESG funds and City general funds assist people experiencing homelessness to secure identification documents. The Michigan Secretary of State also has an implemented policy to accept HMIS-generated ID cards as a valid form of identification to assist with obtaining a State ID and the ability to apply for a State ID fee waiver. A large portion of PSH participants are candidates for SSI/SSDI and are referred to SOAR specialists, Disability Appeals Advocates or the local law clinics to help with SSI/SSDI applications or appeals. Access to these resources is available to people before, during and after their stay in a shelter or enrollment in a housing program. Shelter, PATH outreach workers and housing providers share information about income benefits to participants and make appropriate connections to resources. Referrals are also made to MDHHS for State Disability Assistance, cash/food assistance, Medicaid & other benefits. Ingham County Health and Human Services has dedicated staff that work with CoC providers to assist with shortening wait times and bureaucracy. Multiple homeless service providers have the DHHS Navigator designation, allowing them and their participants access to records electronically.

2.The CRHC CoC Board and all homeless providers and mainstream agencies.

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	

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

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

### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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 for New DV Bonus Funding

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

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
<b>Applicant Name</b>		
This list contains no items		



## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
  - . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
  - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
7. After you upload each attachment, use the Download feature to access and check the attachment to ensure it matches the required Document Type and to ensure it contains all pages you intend to include.
8. Only use the "Other" attachment option to meet an attachment requirement that is not otherwise listed in these detailed instructions.

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	10/28/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	10/28/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	1D-10a. Lived Exp...	10/28/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	10/25/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	10/28/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	10/25/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/25/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/28/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	10/28/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's HDX C...	10/28/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No	3C-2. Project Lis...	10/25/2024
Other	No		

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

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**Document Description:** 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference

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**Document Description:** 1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation

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**Document Description:** 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

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**Document Description:** 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

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## Submission Summary

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

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1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference



The purpose of the Homeless Preference for MSHDA's Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs) is to better ensure that critical, long-term housing subsidies are directed to those experiencing homelessness. It is incorporated as part of MSHDA's Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program so that each community has the ability to add eligible households to HCV waitlist under this preference, utilizing it as another tool to help end homelessness.

Under MSHDA ESG funding, each Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA) is responsible for the addition of homeless households to HCV waitlists via Homeless Preference. The HCV waitlists are held by county, which means that some Continuums of Care (CoCs) or Local Planning Bodies (LPBs) may have multiple waitlists within the geographic coverage area. The ability to add households to the HCV waitlist is secured via completion of the Key Person Security Agreement (MSHDA Form 1796c). Only HARAs are permitted to request Key Person Security Agreements, unless otherwise requested and approved by MSHDA.

Questions or concerns? Email [mshda-hs@michigan.gov](mailto:mshda-hs@michigan.gov).

### WHO QUALIFIES FOR THE HOMELESS PREFERENCE WAITLIST?

- Category 1: Literally Homeless
- Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- Temporary shelter with another household
  - This is only permitted when a community does not have a homeless shelter available to assist the general population.
  - Annual requests for approval must be made by the CoC or LPB with the ESG Exhibit 1 and submitted to MSHDA for final approval.

Applicants who are enrolled in housing assistance programs maintain their homeless status provided that:

- Assistance is term limited and does not exceed 24 months. Examples include but are not limited to Rapid Re-Housing, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Transitional Housing, Rehabilitation or Substance Use Disorder Facility, etc.
- Applicant was qualified as category 1, 4, or, in qualified communities only, temporarily sheltered with another household *prior to entry*.

### WHO DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE HOMELESS PREFERENCE WAITLIST?

Including, but not limited to, any individual or family:

- Living in Permanent Supportive Housing, Shelter Plus Care, or Project Based Vouchers
- Living in subsidized rental units and the subsidy does not have a specified end date
- Living in a shelter, shelter-type facility, home, etc. that has *not* been designated to provide temporary living arrangements
- Living in a unit through the Offender Success program
- Who is at risk or imminent risk of homelessness, excluding category 4
- Who is stably or permanently housed
- Who is paying for their current shelter/housing on their own (ex. Paying for own hotel stay)

### REQUIRED HOMELESS PREFERENCE WAITLIST DOCUMENTATION

For all applicants, the following 3 items of documentation must be obtained **prior** to filing the HCV Homeless Preference Waitlist Application:

#### 1. *Consent for the Release of Confidential Information for the HCV Homeless Preference*

The Consent for the Release of Confidential Information for the HCV Homeless Preference must be signed and dated prior to filing the application. This document is valid for 12 months from the date of applicant's signature. This document will also need the HMIS number of the applicant, unless it is a DV or Fleeing DV applicant.

Agency Email Example:

Not Approved	Approved
<p>Thanks,</p> <p>John</p> <p>ABC Agency</p>	<p>Thanks,</p> <p>John Doe, Position Title</p> <p>ABC Agency Name and/or Logo</p> <p>Phone Number</p>

*\*Please note: The date the email is sent must match the homeless verification date. Emails should be saved electronically and/or printed for the physical client file.*

Applications to the HCV Homeless Preference waitlist must be filed within five (5) business days from the homeless verification date.

Proof of homelessness for the applicant’s primary nighttime residence at the time of application is required for the Homeless Preference waitlist. This proof is only required for the date observed or verified. If the applicant has a history of homelessness, it is not necessary to supply or include the entire history.

<b>Category 1: Literally Homeless</b>
<p>Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Place Not Meant for Human Habitation</b> A public or private place not meant for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including street, sidewalk, car, park, abandoned building, bus station, airport, or camp ground.</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Shelter</b> A publicly or privately-owned emergency shelter designated to provide temporary living accommodations.</li> <li>• <b>Hotel or Motel paid for by a Charitable Organization or Federal, State, and Local Government Program</b></li> <li>• <b>Exiting an Institutional Care Facility</b> (i.e., jail, substance abuse treatment facility, mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility); stay must be 90 days or less and resided in a shelter or place not meant for human habitation before entering the institution.</li> <li>• <b>Transitional Housing</b> A project that is designed to provide housing and appropriate supportive services to homeless persons to facilitate movement to independent living.</li> </ul>
<b>Required Documentation for the HCV Homeless Preference Waitlist</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Written observation by a street outreach worker or HARA staff member; <b>OR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Example: “I, staff name, on date observed that client name is residing at/in location description. I have verified that physical description is in this County. In my professional opinion, this is client name’s primary nighttime residence and is a public or private place not meant for human habitation.”</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Written letter from emergency shelter provider for emergency shelter verification that denotes date(s) of stay; <b>OR</b></li> <li>- Written referral by another housing or service provider; <b>OR</b></li> <li>- Self-certification of homelessness completed by the household (see <u>MSHDA ESG Self-Certification form</u>).</li> </ul>



## SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REVIEWS

The HCV Homeless Preference waitlist supporting documentation is reviewed by MSHDA Homeless Solutions staff. In all circumstances, MSHDA and HARA staff should strive to maintain a Homeless Preference waitlist for qualified applicants only. The goal of the review process is to maintain the integrity of this limited resource and ensure that it is being utilized in a fair and consistent manner across the state of Michigan.

Details regarding the reviews are as follows:

- Requests will be made monthly, or as needed, via email to a designated HARA staff person from Homeless Solutions staff.
- Requests will be made for copies of the following information:
  - Consent for the Release of Confidential Information for the HCV Homeless Preference,
  - Proof of residency in the county of application, and
  - Proof of homelessness in the county of application.
- The review will cover completeness of forms, timeliness of applications, county of residence, and ensuring that all necessary components of proof of homelessness have been provided.
- Documentation must be sent to [mshda-hs@michigan.gov](mailto:mshda-hs@michigan.gov) or faxed to 517-763-0185
- HARA staff will be given a deadline to provide a response or request additional time.
- Failure to respond or request additional time to any request for documentation or clarifying information will result in removal of the applicant(s).

## REMOVAL OF AN APPLICANT

- If MSHDA Homeless Solutions staff find that an application to the HCV Homeless Preference Waitlist was insufficiently documented or completed in error, removals will be facilitated through [mshda-hs@michigan.gov](mailto:mshda-hs@michigan.gov).
  - HARA staff will be notified of the request and the removal.
  - It is the responsibility of HARA staff to notify the applicant of the removal.
- If HARA staff find that an applicant no longer meets eligibility requirements for any reason, an email should be sent to MSHDA's HCV waitlist staff at [mshdawl@michigan.gov](mailto:mshdawl@michigan.gov) to request their removal.
  - This email must include the applicants first name, last name, county of application, waitlist type (homeless), and reason for the removal request.
  - It is the responsibility of the HARA staff to notify the applicant of the removal.
- If HARA staff determine that a previously removed applicant qualifies for homeless preference, HARA staff can obtain the proper documentation then complete a new application at that time.
- If an applicant is not recertified within 30 days of the application expiration, the system will automatically remove the applicant on their expiration date. The automatic removal will result in a letter being sent to the applicant's address listed in the portal notifying them of the removal.

## APPLICANT CORRECTIONS

- In the event of a spelling error, corrections should be sent directly from HARA staff to [mshdawl@michigan.gov](mailto:mshdawl@michigan.gov).
  - This email must include the applicant's current incorrect name spelling, and the applicants correct first name, last name, and county of application.
- In the event that an applicant is entered onto an incorrect county, an email should be sent to [mshdawl@michigan.gov](mailto:mshdawl@michigan.gov).
  - This email must include the applicants first name, last name, original county of application, and the correct county of application you are requesting the applicant to be added.
  - This is only allowed when the county of application was an error, not when applicant relocates.

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1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference

Lansing Housing Commission -  
Moving On Preference for PSH Participants

## **1-II.B. PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAM BASICS**

HUD writes and publishes regulations in order to implement laws enacted by Congress that effect public housing. HUD contracts with LHC to administer programs in accordance with HUD regulations and provides an operating subsidy to the PHA. LHC creates written policies that are consistent with HUD regulations. Among these policies is LHC's Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy ("ACOP"). The ACOP is a policy which requires approval by the LHC's Board of Commissioners.

Pursuant to HUD regulations LHC is required to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, in good repair, to low-income families at an affordable rent. LHC screens applicants for public housing and, if they are found eligible and suitable offers the applicant a rental unit. If the applicant accepts the offer, LHC enters into a contract with the applicant known as the lease. Upon acceptance, the applicant becomes a resident of the public housing program.

In the context of the public housing program, a resident is defined as the adult person(s) (other than a live-in aide who (1) executed the lease with the PHA as lessee of the dwelling unit, or, if no such person now resides in the unit, (2) who resides in the unit, and who is the remaining member of an otherwise qualified household of the resident family residing in the dwelling unit. [24 CFR 966.53]. The terms resident, tenant, families and households are used interchangeably in this policy, depending on context.

Since LHC owns the public housing development, LHC is the landlord. LHC must comply with all of the legal and management responsibilities of a landlord in addition to administering the program in accordance with HUD regulations and LHC's policy.

## **1-II.C. PUBLIC HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS**

LHC has significant partnerships with HUD, the Local Unit of Government (City of Lansing), Residents and Vendors. LHC entered into a contractual agreement with HUD (ACC) to administer the public housing program. The Mayor of the City of Lansing appoints a 5-member board to govern the operations of LHC. LHC works cooperatively with various city departments, including Development and Planning, Human Relations, Fire and Police. LHC also enters into a contractual relationship with the residents through the public housing lease. This contract details the roles and responsibilities of the resident and LHC. In addition, LHC enters into contracts with private vendors to provide services and supplies the Commission and residents.

The chart on the following page illustrates key aspects of these relationships.

## Family.

Live-in aides must comply with LHC's rules and regulations. Relatives are not automatically excluded from being live-in aides, but they must satisfy the live-in aide requirements described above.

Family members of a live-in aide may also reside in the unit, providing doing so does not require an additional bedroom for the Family and that the presence of the live-in aide's Family member(s) does not overcrowd the unit.

LHC will recertify all Live-In Aide requests annually.

## PART II: BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

### 3-II.A. INCOME ELIGIBILITY AND TARGETING

#### Income Limits

HUD is required by law to set income limits that determine the eligibility of applicants for HUD's assisted housing programs, including the public housing program. The income limits are published annually and are based on HUD estimates of median family income in a particular area or county, with adjustments for family size.

#### Types of Low-Income Families [24 CFR 5.603(b)]

**Low-income family:** A family whose annual income does not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size.

**Very low-income family:** A family whose annual income does not exceed 50 percent of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size.

**Extremely low-income family:** A family whose annual income does not exceed 30 percent of the median income for the area, adjusted for family size.

HUD may establish income ceilings higher or lower than 30, 50, or 80 percent of the median income for an area if HUD finds that such variations are necessary because of unusually high or low family incomes.

#### Using Income Limits for Eligibility [24 CFR 960.201]

Income limits are used for eligibility only at admission. Eligibility is established by comparing a family's annual income with HUD's published income limits. To be income-eligible, a family must be a low-income family.

### **Using Income Limits for Targeting [24 CFR 960.202(b)]**

At least 40 percent of the families admitted to LHC's public housing program during a LHC fiscal year from the PHA waiting list must be extremely low-income families. This is called the "basic targeting requirement".

If admissions of extremely low-income families to LHC's housing choice voucher program during a PHA fiscal year exceed the 75 percent minimum targeting requirement for that program, such excess shall be credited against the PHA's public housing basic targeting requirement for the same fiscal year.

The fiscal year credit for housing choice voucher program admissions that exceed the minimum voucher program targeting requirement must not exceed the lower of:

- Ten percent of public housing waiting list admissions during LHC fiscal year
- Ten percent of waiting list admission to LHC's housing choice voucher program during LHC's fiscal year
- The number of qualifying low-income families who commence occupancy during the fiscal year of public housing units located in census tracts with a poverty rate of 30 percent or more. For this purpose, qualifying low-income family means a low-income family other than an extremely low-income family.

For discussion of how income targeting is used in tenant selection, see Chapter 4.

### **3-II.B. CITIZENSHIP OR ELIGIBLE IMMIGRATION STATUS [24 CFR 5, Subpart E]**

Housing assistance is available only to individuals who are U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals (herein referred to as citizens and nationals), or noncitizens that have eligible immigration status. At least one family member must be a citizen, national, or noncitizen with eligible immigration status in order for the family to qualify for any level of assistance.

All applicant families must be notified of the requirement to submit evidence of their citizenship status when they apply. Where feasible, and in accordance with LHC's Limited English Proficiency Plan, the notice must be in a language that is understood by the individual if the individual is not proficient in English.

#### **Declaration [24 CFR 5.508]**

HUD requires each family member to declare whether the individual is a citizen, a national, or an eligible noncitizen, except those members who elect not to contend that they have eligible immigration status. Those who elect not to contend their status are



populations [24 CFR 1.4(b)(1)(iii) and 24 CFR 903.2(d)(1)].

The order in which families will be selected from the waiting list depends on the selection method chosen by LHC and is impacted in part by any selection preferences that the family qualifies for. The availability of units also may affect the order in which families are selected from the waiting list.

LHC must maintain a clear record of all information required to verify that the family is selected from the waiting list according to LHC's selection policies [24 CFR 960.206(e)(2)]. LHC policies must be posted any place where the PHA receives applications at an individual development. LHC must provide a copy of its tenant selection policies upon request to any applicant or tenant. LHC may charge the family for providing a copy of its tenant selection policies [24 CFR 960.202(c)(2)].

#### LHC Policy

When an applicant or resident family requests a copy of LHC's tenant selection policies, LHC will provide copies to them free of charge.

NOTE: All applications are "only" accepted at the development where the family is applying for housing.

### **4-III.B. SELECTION METHOD**

LHC must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that LHC will use.

#### **Local Preferences**

The preference system described below will work in combination with requirements to match the characteristics of the Family to the type of unit available, including units with targeted populations and income targeting requirements. The ability to provide preferences for some family types will depend on unit size available.

A public hearing with opportunity for public comment will be held before LHC adopts any local preference.

LHC will use the following preferences:

#### **South Washington one bedroom units only:**

A foster care ward age 18 or older approved for the Independent living program.

#### **Federally Declared National Disasters Preference:**

LHC may use available public housing units to assist Applicants affected by a national disaster that occurred on or after July 1, 2005, as designated by Executive Order of the President of the United States. This preference category shall take precedence over all other local preference categories.

**Working Preference (24 CFR 5.415)**

For Families where the head of household, spouse or sole Family member is employed and has been employed for twelve (12) months:

- While the Family is on the waiting list employment by a previously employed Family member, age 18 or over, that lasts at least 90 days. The employment must provide a minimum of 20 hours of work per week for the Family member claiming the preference.
- Employment at the time of offer to receive the local preference, the Applicant Family must have at least one Family member, age 18 or older, employed at the time of LHC's offer of housing. Employment at the time of the offer must be for the 90 day period immediately prior to the offer of housing and provide a minimum of 20 hours per week for the Family member claiming the preference.

This includes Families who are graduates of or participants in educational and training programs designed to prepare the individual for the job market.

**Victims of Domestic Violence Preference**

A local preference is available for an Applicant who can verify involuntary displacement due to domestic violence. The actual or threatened violence must have occurred within the past twelve (12) months or be of a continuing nature. The violence must be documented through (1) federal, state or local police or court records, or (2) a statement, on a form prepared by LHC, that the incident or incidents in question are bona fide incidents of abuse. The statement must be signed, under the penalty of perjury, by an employee, agent or volunteer of a victim service provider, an attorney or a medical professional from whom the victim has sought assistance in addressing domestic violence or the effects of the abuse. The victim of domestic violence must also sign the statement and identify the alleged perpetrator.

An Applicant who lives in a violent neighborhood or is fearful of other violence outside the household is not considered involuntarily displaced.

To qualify for this preference, the abuser must still reside in the unit from which the Applicant was displaced. The displacement from the unit must be verified as being involuntary to avoid an attempt to circumvent the waiting list by the alleged victim and abuser.

**Elderly or Disabled Families Preference**

Applicants who are elderly or disabled will be given a selection priority over all 1-person household Applicants regardless of preference status.

**Preference**

Preferences are given to the following as households are processed from the current Public Housing Waiting List: for every 4 households approved to move into a Public Housing unit one household from each of the 3 categories below will be processed to determine eligibility and suitability. Households participating in the Permanent Supportive Housing I and II program (PSH I & II), individuals aging out of Foster Care, at the time of application, with supportive services, VASH Voucher Holders recommended by the Veteran's Administration who have successfully completed the VASH program as determined by the Veterans Administration. \*Note: Each household must pass the suitability and eligibility standards as identified in the ACOP.

In addition, for every 10 new Public Housing "move ins" - 1 Chronically Homeless household applicant (as determined by HARA) will be processed to determine eligibility and suitability for tenancy in public housing.

**\*Note:** Each household must pass the suitability and eligibility standards as identified in the LHC Admissions and Continued Occupancy Plan ("ACOP"). Households described above who successfully meet LHC's eligibility and suitability for tenancy requirements will be offered a lease by LHC.

**Income Targeting Requirement [24 CFR 960.202(b)]**

LHC will monitor its admissions to ensure that at least 40% of Families admitted to public housing in each fiscal year have incomes that do not exceed 30% of area median income.

Families whose incomes do not exceed 30% of area median income will be referred to as "extremely low-income families" in this ACOP.

Once LHC has met the 40% targeted income requirement for new admissions of extremely low-income families, LHC will fill the remainder of its new admission units with families whose incomes do not exceed 80% of the HUD approved area median income.

**Procedure to be Used when there are Insufficient Applicants on the Waiting List****Mixed Population Developments [24 CFR 960.407]**

A mixed population development is a public housing development or portion of a development that was reserved for elderly families and disabled families at its inception (and has retained that character) or the PHA at some point after its inception obtained HUD approval to give preference in tenant selection for all units in the development (or

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**1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letters**

To Whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to on behalf of the Capital Area Regional Housing Collaborative to show support for the implementation of various projects submitted by the CRHC. These programs are essential for the continuation of supports and programs desperately needed for the unhoused populations in my community, the Greater Lansing Area. I have experienced and lived with housing instability and homelessness from a young age until I was 27 years old. When I was 27, my girlfriend at the time, and our 2 children found ourselves couch surfing with family and friends for 3 months, after being forced to move 4 times prior. Months later, we received a Section 8 voucher and we were able to find long term stability, resulting in the emotional and intellectual development that allowed us to start on the development of a foundation that will support our growth and refine skills needed to be a healthy contributing member of society. Receiving a Housing Choice Voucher has allowed me and my family to stay stable in housing for 7 years, and despite our efforts and hard work in the past, navigating the complexities of the system proved challenging and often led to frequent relocations and, at times, homelessness.

Since we were awarded a Section 8 voucher, my now wife, who was my girlfriend when we were homeless, has been able to stay stable in a job now for 3 years, while I have been able to pursue a college degree. This is the impact that programs and projects submitted by the CHRC have on the lives of people closely connected to poverty and why the continued funding of these projects are of utmost importance. Programs that are catered to the youth will have a profound effect for the people who are living experiences similar to my own experience of being a homeless youth. When I was 18 years old, I was told that I had to leave my parents home, which resulted in me staying with family members, aunts and uncles. As a homeless youth for 3 years, I slept anywhere I could, outside, inside friend's house, in cars, and during that time I did not know or realize how impactful this experience was because I felt it was normal for everyone who was my age to leave their parents house and have nowhere to go. If I had known or been introduced to programs that could have helped me, my entire experience as a homeless youth would have been monumentally more positive, since that is what I was looking for during the time I was a youth experiencing homeless, I was in search of support and guidance.

Housing programs that accompanied by supportive services has the potential to reduce homelessness in an sustainable manner, while additional community services are utilized to mitigate entry and re-entry into homelessness. Housing programs without the supportive services, even mental health and domestic violence services, can lead to a reoccurring cycle of housing instability which can result in street homelessness with no where to go and no support system to bolster motivation or supplement necessities. As a person who facilitated case management with people experiencing homelessness, accompanied by my personal lived experience of homelessness and as an community health worker with a focus on Social Determinants of Health at Ingham County Health Department, I am engrossed in the understanding that these projects are crucial to the development of the much needed collective foundation that will change the mindset of people that are living to survive and support them while they transition to a mindset and belief system that guides them in learning how to live and thrive. Thank you for your time and consideration!

x Clinton Mireles

**10/26/2024**

x Rita Martinez-Mireles

**10/26/2024**

October 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

This letter is being written on behalf of the Ingham County Youth Advisory Collective (MI:508 Lansing, East Lansing/Ingham) to share our support for the CoC's Collaborative Application. The Youth Action Collective, a recognized committee of the Capital Region Housing Collaborative, and supports the CoC's mission to unite community partners to end homelessness more efficiently in Ingham County, coordinating services and resources to ensure support for persons experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

The CRHC prioritized the following goals during this year's HUD CoC NOFO competition:

- reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness
- reducing the length of time people spend experiencing homelessness
- increasing the rate of discharges to permanent housing
- decreasing the rate of returns to homelessness within 24 months of obtaining permanent housing
- increasing the number of safe, accessible, and affordable housing for homeless
- preventing homelessness whenever possible
- collaborating with local and statewide systems
- improving equity and reducing racial disparities
- authentically engaging persons with lived experience
- using data to improve accountability

The Youth Action Collective supports these priorities for serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness and supports the renewal of the permanent housing projects (RRH and PSH) listed in the application.

Sincerely,

*River Damery*

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YHDP/YAC Youth Leader

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1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation

Capital Region Housing Collaborative (CRHC)  
MI-508 (Ingham County, MI)  
Housing 1st Evaluation Tool for Providers

Program Name/Grant #: RRH for Youth

Agency Name: Child and Fami

Person Completing Form: Jennifer McMa

Date Completed: 9/21/2024

Is your program/project funded by any HUD program, including CoC, ESG, HOPWA, CDBG, or HOME funds?  Yes  No

*Answer the following questions related to your program/project? If an answer to any questions 1-10 is "No", provide a brief explanation. Further questions may follow appropriate review.*

1. Does Your Project Use Housing First Principles?  Yes  No

2. Are applicants allowed to enter the program without income?  Yes  No

3. Are applicants allowed to enter the program even if they aren't "clean and sober" or "treatment compliant"?  Yes  No

4. Are applicants allowed to enter the program even if they have criminal justice system involvement?  Yes  No

5. Are services informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes that drug and alcohol use and addiction are a part of some tenants' lives?  Yes  No

6. Are applicants ever evicted from the program because of substance use, without other lease violations?  Yes  No

prately until they sober up and consult with their case manager re: safe behaviors in shared housing.



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7. Are tenants engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use and are offered education regarding risky behavior and safer practices?

Yes     No

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Are service and treatment plans voluntary, and tenant driven, such that tenants cannot be evicted for not following through on treatment plans?     Yes     No

\_\_\_\_\_

9. If your project is unable to serve someone, do you work through CE to ensure that person or family has access to housing and services elsewhere?     Yes     No

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you make efforts to provide a tenant the opportunity to transfer from one housing situation, program, or project to another if a tenancy is in jeopardy, so eviction back to homelessness is avoided if possible?     Yes     No

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1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

**CRHC COC Grant application Score Sheet**

Grant Applicant and Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions & Selection Criteria**

Instructions for Scorers:

**2024 CoC Program NOFO Project is: (circle or highlight one) RENEWAL NEW**  
*(Score Rows 1-24 depending on the type of project.)*

<b>Category</b>	<b>Possible points</b>	<b>Notes for Scoring</b>
1. Extent to which the Project Application addresses CRHC priorities.	0 to 8 points.  <b>SCORE</b> _____	Up to 6 points - for PSH or RRH Project with Target population - Chronic and high acuity populations prioritized for target population  Up to 2 points with detailed processes to address racial disparities. . See CRHC Priorities and Application Q1.
2. Extent to which the Project addresses HUD/NOFO priorities and targets. Contribution to improving system-wide performance.	0 to 12 points.  <b>SCORE</b> _____	Maximum points for alignment with HUD Priorities. See <u>CRHC App Q2</u> for <b>specific examples</b> of how the project will improve CoC outcomes – up to 2pts per outcome (8 pts total); <u>Q3</u> for <u>Housing First</u> approaches – up to 4 pts.
3. Extent to which the project prepares participants for independent living and eventual transition from CoC project assistance to other permanent housing.	0 to 6 points  <b>SCORE</b> _____	Maximum points for providing specific examples of a process with objective criteria for evaluating ongoing need for assistance and readiness for housing without CoC supportive services. See <u>CRHC App Q4 &amp; Q5</u> .
4. >95% of referrals accepted from the CES* – 3 pts >90% of referrals accepted from CES* – 2 pts <89% referrals accepted from the CES* – 0 pts	0, 2, 3 + 3 points  (6 total points)	See <u>CRHC App Q6</u> response in use of Coordinated Entry system (CES*) using scale as shown. Are efforts to communicate openings comprehensive? Responses must be specific to the project being applied for.

<p>Agency promptly and effectively notifies CES of project openings – up to 3pts</p>	<p><b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	
<p>5. The proposed project has a system to engage the most vulnerable populations especially chronically homeless with the most severe needs per CRHC CoC policy.</p>	<p>0 to 5 points <b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	<p>Maximum points for demonstrating ability to engage CH with most severe needs/vulnerable groups and solid outreach efforts. See CRHC App 07. Consider whether outreach efforts seem appropriate for the target population and offer equitable opportunity for people in need of the proposed services.</p>
<p>6. Does the applicant describe a process for soliciting and incorporating input from individuals with recent lived experience of homelessness into their service delivery, decision making, and policy decisions?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points <b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	<p>See CRHC App 08 – Award up to 4 points for applicants that have a process for gathering input from people with lived experience of homelessness (within 4 years) and document how that input has influenced policies or decisions.</p> <p>Award up to 2 points if engagement efforts are identified but there are not examples or evidence of influencing policies or decisions.</p> <p>Award no points if no engagement efforts are identified.</p>
<p>7. Does the applicant have strategies or policies that better equip them to meet the unique needs of: BIPOC; LGBTQ+ individuals; victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and the criminalization of homelessness?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points <b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	<p>See CRHC App 09 – Award up to 1 point per bullet that the applicant describes a strategy or policy they have or will employ to address the needs of the listed populations or issues.</p>
<p>8. Consider the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of project participants and if the applicant has specific plans/practices to address those vulnerabilities. Is the applicant well-equipped to meet the needs of this population?</p>	<p>0 to 8 points <b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	<p>See CRHC App 010 - Award up to 4 points if the majority of project participants have multiple barriers to housing (using the list in the app).</p> <p>Award up to 4 additional points for demonstrating an effective plan to meet the needs of participants with</p>

		high barriers to housing.
9. Racial equity and addressing disparities among people experiencing homelessness. Does the applicant demonstrate specific actions that have been or are planned to eliminate barriers to the project?	0 to 5 points  <b>SCORE</b> _____	<u>See CRHC App Q11</u> – award up to 2 points to applicants who have adopted progressive strategies to address racial disparities in the community. (2 points)  Award up to 3 additional points if barriers are identified and if examples of steps to eliminate barriers are clearly provided. (3 points)
10. Does the applicant have formal partnerships with or coordinate with local health care providers and public health agencies?	0 to 3 points  <b>SCORE</b> _____	<u>See CRHC app Q 12</u> – award 1 point if the applicant describes how they partner with public health agencies or health care providers in responding to or preventing the spread of infectious disease.  Award an additional 2 points if a written agreement is in place and included with the application.
11. Agency's capacity to manage program such as: staffing capacity, training, and experience working with people experiencing homelessness	0 to 2 points  <b>SCORE</b> _____	<u>See CRHC app Q 15</u> 0 points- does not have capacity for all 1 points- has capacity for staffing capacity (Ex: staffing capacity but not training capacity, etc). 2 points- has both staffing and training capacity and plan for working with people experiencing homelessness
12. Agency has adequate financial capacity/cash flow to sustain program operations, if payments are delayed.	0 to 2 points  <b>SCORE</b> _____	<u>See CRHC app Q 16</u> 0 points- Does not have capacity for all 2 points- Has financial capacity to adequately sustain services.
13. Agency informs CoC if they plan to subcontract any of the work of the project.	<b>Not Scored</b>	<u>See CRHC app Q17.</u> If the agency is subcontracting, it is indicated and the subcontractor(s) are listed with the work expectations.

<b>Scoring for Reallocation or New Projects Only</b>		
<p>14. Mission of the Organization and experience in providing services for which funding is being requested.</p>	<p>0 to 6 points <b>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</b> SCORE _____</p>	<p>Experience with the services type or population to be served – 2 point; Experience with administering Federal funds – 4 point. <u>See CRHC App Q21.</u> <i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
<p>15. Project plan should describe how to work with landlords to lower barriers for clients using program design i.e., case management or other strategies to obtain quality units.</p>	<p>0 to 5 points <b>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</b> SCORE _____</p>	<p>See CRHC App Q22 and score on the scale provided. To receive maximum points applicants must describe specific steps that will be taken to assist participants to quickly identify and secure housing. <i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
<p>16. Project plan design should have a supportive service plan to include mainstream resources, client choice. Design should include a client income plan.</p>	<p>0 to 6 points <b>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</b> SCORE _____</p>	<p><u>Refers to Application Q23.</u> To receive maximum points applicants must identify measures and targets for the project. <i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
<p>17. Implementation plan to start the project on time and have 30 day, 60 day, 120 day, and if applicable 180 day benchmarks. MOUs if applicable; Estimated # of days to start housing participants?</p>	<p>0 to 3 points <b>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</b> SCORE _____</p>	<p><u>Refers to Application Q24.</u> <i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
<p>18. Estimated Cost Effectiveness taken into consideration based on the formula listed</p>	<p>Must Answer. Consider if there is a tie in the scoring/ranking. <b>NOT SCORED</b></p>	<p><u>Refer to Application Q25.</u> Must be completed for new projects.</p>

<p>19. Agency is willing to be trained and the agency has agreed to participate in CoC sponsored training to manage or administer the HUD grant.</p>	<p>Must Agree <b>NOT SCORED</b> Scored by CA/HMIS Reallocation or New Project Only</p>	<p>Refer to <u>Application Q26</u> Must be in agreement to be considered for funding.</p>
<p>20. Do you have a client-level database that is capable of meeting HUD's Annual Performance Reporting requirements? (see comparable database document on CRHC website for clarification as well as pgs. 7 &amp; 8 of this document for performance measures)</p>	<p>Yes - 3 points No - 0 points New DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p><b>ONLY for DV Bonus applicants (Q27-31)</b> Refers to <u>Application Q27</u> and scored on scale provided. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>
<p>21. Does the applicant demonstrate specialized experience working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking? Is data provided that demonstrates a local need for additional permanent housing dedicated to survivors of domestic violence?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p>See <u>CRHC App Q28</u>. Award up to 2 points based on the applicant's history and experience working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Award up to 2 points if the applicant supplied local data about the need for housing assistance to this population. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>
<p>22. For DV Renewals ONLY: Provided data from the comparable database that demonstrates achievements on HUD defined program outcomes.</p>	<p>PSH &amp; RRH: 0 to 19 points (16.b.) DV -RENEWALS ONLY</p>	<p>See <u>CRHC App Q29</u></p>
<p>23. What are the issues facing DV survivors in accessing local CoC permanent housing assistance programs? Support your response with local data.</p>	<p>0 to 5 points DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p>Refers to <u>Application Q30</u> and scored on scale provided. Maximum points for use of local data and demonstrating understanding and experience working with DV survivors. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>

<p>24. How do you address/improve safety for the DV populations you serve?</p>	<p>0 to 5 points <b>DV-Bonus Projects ONLY</b> SCORE _____</p>	<p><u>Refers to Application Q31 and scored on scale provided. Maximum points for demonstrating understanding of DV survivor safety issues and providing the percent of cases assisted with safety planning.</u> <b><i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></b></p>
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HUD's HMIS Comparable Database Manual: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-Comparable-Database-Manual.pdf>

Recommended for funding: Yes No Ranked by: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency represented: \_\_\_\_\_



**Questions Scored by the HMIS/Collaborative Applicant – Reviewers do not score these questions**

<p>19. Amounts and sources of leveraged funds identified and match including documentation for In-kind match for the Project</p>	<p>0 to 4 points. 25% cash or in-kind match required. Leverages other funds. <b>Scored by CA/HMIS</b></p>	<p>CRHC App, Pg 1 - Leverage question and Part III. Budget – Match. Pg 1 Part III Maximum points for leveraging at 20% or more; 25% match including detailed plan to document in-kind match. Also match correctly applied to the budget.</p>
<p>20.a. Past performance measures/APR data (number served, maintain or exit to PH, maintain or increase income, length of stay, return to homelessness – 5 pts each) 20.b. Monitoring Criteria reviewed: 1 – participant eligibility, 2 – utilization rates, 3 – drawdown rates, and 4 – no funds recaptured; (1 pt each)</p>	<p><b>PSH &amp; RRRH:</b> 0 to 19 points <b>TH/RRH:</b> 0 to 22 points 0 to 4 points (16.b.) <b>Scored by CA/HMIS RENEWALS ONLY</b></p>	<p>Ranked by Collaborative Applicant/HMIS for renewals only – <b>(details on p. 7 &amp; 8 – Project Performance)</b>, Monitoring Q17 – Ranked based on CA/HMIS data &amp; any monitoring findings. <i>Not scored for new projects.</i></p>
<p>21. Did you house 100% or more of contracted units? 95-100 % - 1 points 101-105% - 2 points Over 106% - 3 points</p>	<p>1-3 points <b>PSH, PH-RRH</b> <b>Scored by CA/HMIS</b></p>	<p>Renewals scored by CA/HMIS based on previous year outcomes and targets. (See p. 7 – <u>Project Performance</u>) New projects scored based on projected %</p>
<p>22. Program is renewal or new program for Permanent Supportive Housing; Rapid Re-housing, Homeless Management Information System, Supportive Services Only (SSO) for Coordinated Entry System, or Transitional Housing that exclusively serves homeless youth projects – 3 points Other Transitional Housing project – 1 points</p>	<p>1 or 3 point <b>Scored by CA/HMIS</b></p>	<p>Project types are listed on Pg 1 of CRHC Application; Projects scored based on this scale from 2022 HUD NOFO as shown.</p>
<p>23. There are no: a) outstanding Civil Rights matters b) financial obligations to the Federal government c) debarments or suspensions There is: code of conduct 1 pt each</p>	<p>0 to 4 points <b>Scored by CA/HMIS</b></p>	<p>CA/HMIS staff performs an on-line systems check for violations, debarment or exclusions (e.g. MDCCR, SAM registry) to determine score. <u>Also App O13</u> response.</p>

<p>24. HMIS data reports error free and FSR correct (cumulatively – scores averaged to nearest %) Below 70% - 0 points  70% to 75% - 1 points  76% to 82% - 2 point  83% to 91% - 3 points  92 to 100% - 4 points</p>	<p>0-2, 3, 4 points   <b>Scored by CA/HMIS RENEWALS ONLY</b></p>	<p>Refers to <u>Application Q15</u> and scored on scale provided. <i>Not ranked for Reallocation or New projects.</i></p>
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**Questions Scored by the Collaborative Applicant – Reviewers do not score these questions**

<p>25. Findings and CAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More than one Finding and there was a CAP – 0 pts.</li> <li>• More than one Finding and No CAP – 2 points</li> <li>• 1 Finding and there was a CAP – 3 points</li> <li>• 1 Finding and No CAP – 4 points</li> <li>• No Findings and No CAP – 6 points</li> </ul>	<p>0, 2, 3, 4, 6 points   <b>Scored by CA/HMIS RENEWALS ONLY</b></p>	<p>Refers to <u>Application Q17</u> and scored on scale provided. <i>Not ranked for Reallocation or New projects.</i></p>
<p>26. Agency has identified staff or contact person who are knowledgeable on Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing requirements.</p>	<p>1 point   <b>Scored by CA/HMIS</b></p>	<p>See <u>CRHC Application Q14</u> response. Listing a staff person's name and phone number earns 1 point.</p>

Recommended for funding: Yes or No Ranked by: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency represented: \_\_\_\_\_

**16a. Project performance and Annual Performance Report data reviewed for scoring CoC Program project applications** Renewal applicants will be scored based on a comparison of the actual project results achieved during July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 with performance standards and targets set by applicants in their 2022 HUD CoC project application. The source of the performance data is HMIS data from the HUD Annual Performance Report (APR), HUD CAPER Report and HMIS BusinessObjects (BI) reports on Returns to Homelessness in HMIS. Should a renewal application be submitted by a victim-service provider that is prohibited from using HMIS the data source will be their HMIS comparable database. Victim-service providers must submit the data necessary to calculate the following outcomes by August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the due date of the local CoC application.

The performance data will be generated from ServicePoint or a comparable database on or after 09/26/2023.

This question is not applicable to projects that have not operated for at least 12 months. The points will be subtracted from the total potential points when the scores are calculated and will not be counted for or against the applicant for projects that have not been operating for at least 12 months.

*Performance accounts for a total of 19 points for PSH and RRH and 22 for TH/RRH. Points will be awarded as follows:*

1. **TH - The average number of clients served by the project** (includes the TH portion of TH/RRH grants) **Total Points = 3**
  - 3 points for projects that exceeded their target from the CRHC 2022 application
  - 2 point for projects that met their target
  - 1 point for projects that were within 10% of meeting their target
  - 0 points for projects that were below their target by greater than 10%

2. **PSH and RRH – The percent of participants that remain in or exited to permanent housing** **TH – The percent of participants that exited to permanent housing**  
**Total Points = 5**

- 5 points for projects that had  $\geq 90\%$  move to permanent housing
- 4 points for projects that had 85-89% move to permanent housing
- 3 points for projects that had 80-84% move to permanent housing
- 2 points for projects that had 75-79% move to permanent housing
- 1 point for projects that had 70-74% move to permanent housing
- 0 points for projects that had  $< 70\%$  move to permanent housing

3. **All Project Types – The percent of participants that maintained or increased income from any source** **Total Points = 4**

- 1 points for projects with 10% of stayers increasing earned income
- 1 points for projects with 10% of stayers increasing non-employment income
- 1 points for projects with 10% of leavers increasing earned income
- 1 points for projects with 10% of leavers increasing non-employment income

#### 4. Length of Stay/Length of Housing Search

**RRH – Participants are moved into housing within 30 days of program entry**

**TH – Participants are moving into permanent housing with 180 days of program entry**

**PSH – Participants are remaining housed for at least 12 months**

**Total Points = 5**

- 5 points for projects that met the standard for their project type for 100% of clients
- 4 points for projects that met the standard for their project type for 95-99% of clients
- 3 points for projects that met the standard for their project type for 90-94% of clients
- 2 points for projects that met the standard for their project type for 85-89% of clients
- 1 point for projects that met the standard for their project type for 76-84% of clients
- 0 points for projects that met the standard for their project type for <75% of clients

**5. All Project Types – Recidivism – returns to homelessness within 12 months of discharge Total Points = 5**

- 5 points for projects that had less than or equal to 15% of participants return to homelessness within 12 months 2.5 points for projects that had less than or equal to 20% of participants return to homelessness within 12 months
- 0 points for projects that had more than 20% of participants return to homelessness within 12 months

**Potential points for PH-PSH, PH-RRH projects: 19**

**Potential points for TH/RRH projects: 22**

2024 HUD CoC NOFO (MI-508)  
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

**CRHC CoC Grant application Score Sheet**

Grant Applicant and Project Name: PSH, CIVIL & FAMILY

**Instructions & Selection Criteria**

Instructions for Scorers:

2024 CoC Program NOFO Project is: (circle or highlight one) **RENEWAL** NEW  
 (Score Rows 1-24 depending on the type of project.)

Category	Possible points	Notes for Scoring
1. Extent to which the Project Application addresses CRHC priorities.	0 to 8 points.  SCORE <u>8</u>	Up to 6 points - for PSH or RRH Project with Target population - Chronic and high acuity populations prioritized for target population  Up to 2 points with detailed processes to address racial disparities. See CRHC Priorities and Application Q1.
2. Extent to which the Project addresses HUD/NOFO priorities and targets. Contribution to improving system-wide performance.	0 to 12 points.  SCORE <u>11</u>	Maximum points for alignment with HUD Priorities. See CRHC App Q2 for specific examples of how the project will improve CoC outcomes – up to 2pts per outcome (8 pts total); Q3 for Housing First approaches – up to 4 pts.
3. Extent to which the project prepares participants for independent living and eventual transition from CoC project assistance to other permanent housing.	0 to 6 points  SCORE <u>10</u>	Maximum points for providing specific examples of a process with objective criteria for evaluating ongoing need for assistance and readiness for housing without CoC supportive services. See CRHC App Q4 & Q5.
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<p>Agency promptly and effectively notifies CES of project openings – up to 3pts</p>	<p>SCORE <u>3</u></p>	
<p>5. The proposed project has a system to engage the most vulnerable populations especially chronically homeless with the most severe needs per CRHC CoC policy.</p>	<p>0 to 5 points SCORE <u>5</u></p>	<p>Maximum points for demonstrating ability to engage CH with most severe needs/vulnerable groups and solid outreach efforts. See CRHC App Q7; Consider whether outreach efforts seem appropriate for the target population and offer equitable opportunity for people in need of the proposed services.</p>

<p>6. Does the applicant describe a process for soliciting and incorporating input from individuals with recent lived experience of homelessness into their service delivery, decision making, and policy decisions?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points SCORE <u>4</u></p>	<p>See CRHC App Q8 – Award up to 4 points for applicants that have a process for gathering input from people with lived experience of homelessness (within 4 years) and document how that input has influenced policies or decisions.  Award up to 2 points if engagement efforts are identified but there are not examples or evidence of influencing policies or decisions.  Award no points if no engagement efforts are identified.</p>
<p>7. Does the applicant have strategies or policies that better equip them to meet the unique needs of: BIPOC; LGBTQ+ individuals; victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and the criminalization of homelessness?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points SCORE <u>3</u></p>	<p>See CRHC App Q9 – Award up to 1 point per bullet that the applicant describes a strategy or policy they have or will employ to address the needs of the listed populations or issues.</p>
<p>8. Consider the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of project participants and if the applicant has specific plans/practices to address those vulnerabilities. Is the applicant well-equipped to meet the needs of this population?</p>	<p>0 to 8 points SCORE <u>9</u></p>	<p>See CRHC App Q10 - Award up to 4 points if the majority of project participants have multiple barriers to housing (using the list in the app).  Award up to 4 additional points for demonstrating an effective plan to meet the needs of participants with</p>



		high barriers to housing.
9. Racial equity and addressing disparities among people experiencing homelessness. Does the applicant demonstrate specific actions that have been or are planned to eliminate barriers to the project?	0 to 5 points  SCORE <u>5</u>	See <u>CRHC App Q11</u> – award up to 2 points to applicants who have adopted progressive strategies to address racial disparities in the community. (2 points)  Award up to 3 additional points if barriers are identified and if examples of steps to eliminate barriers are clearly provided. (3 points)
10. Does the applicant have formal partnerships with or coordinate with local health care providers and public health agencies?	0 to 3 points  SCORE <u>3</u>	See <u>CRHC app Q 12</u> – award 1 point if the applicant describes how they partner with public health agencies or health care providers in responding to or preventing the spread of infectious disease.  Award an additional 2 points if a written agreement is in place and included with the application.
11. Agency's capacity to manage program such as: staffing capacity, training, and experience working with people experiencing homelessness	0 to 2 points  SCORE <u>2</u>	See <u>CRHC app Q 15</u> 0 points- does not have capacity for all 1 points- has capacity for staffing capacity (Ex: staffing capacity but not training capacity, etc). 2 points- has both staffing and training capacity and plan for working with people experiencing homelessness
12. Agency has adequate financial capacity/cash flow to sustain program operations, if payments are delayed.	0 to 2 points  SCORE <u>2</u>	See <u>CRHC app Q 16</u> 0 points- Does not have capacity for all 2 points- Has financial capacity to adequately sustain services.
13. Agency informs CoC if they plan to subcontract any of the work of the project.	Not Scored	See <u>CRHC app Q17</u> . If the agency is subcontracting, it is indicated and the subcontractor(s) are listed with the work expectations.

Scoring for Reallocation or New Projects Only		See CRHC App Q 21-26
14. Mission of the Organization and experience in providing services for which funding is being requested.	<p>0 to 6 points</p> <p><del>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</del></p> <p><del>SCORE _____</del></p>	<p>Experience with the services type or population to be served – 2 point;</p> <p>Experience with administering Federal funds – 4 point. See CRHC App Q21.</p> <p><i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
15. Project plan should describe how to work with landlords to lower barriers for clients using program design i.e., case management or other strategies to obtain quality units.	<p>0 to 5 points</p> <p><del>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</del></p> <p><del>SCORE _____</del></p>	<p>See CRHC App Q22 and score on the scale provided. To receive maximum points applicants must describe specific steps that will be taken to assist participants to quickly identify and secure housing.</p> <p><i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
16. Project plan design should have a supportive service plan to include mainstream resources, client choice. Design should include a client income plan.	<p>0 to 6 points</p> <p><del>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</del></p> <p><del>SCORE _____</del></p>	<p><i>Refers to Application Q23. To receive maximum points applicants must identify measures and targets for the project.</i></p> <p><i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
17. Implementation plan to start the project on time and have 30 day, 60 day, 120 day, and if applicable 180 day benchmarks. MOUs if applicable; Estimated # of days to start housing participants?	<p>0 to 3 points</p> <p><del>REALLOCATION or New Project ONLY</del></p> <p><del>SCORE _____</del></p>	<p><i>Refers to Application Q24.</i></p> <p><i>Not scored for Renewals</i></p>
18. Estimated Cost Effectiveness taken into consideration based on the formula listed	<p>Must Answer. Consider if there is a tie in the scoring/ranking.</p> <p><b>NOT SCORED</b></p>	<p><u>Refer to Application Q25.</u></p> <p>Must be completed for new projects.</p>

<p>19. Agency is willing to be trained and the agency has agreed to participate in CoC sponsored training to manage or administer the HUD grant.</p>	<p>Must Agree <b>NOT SCORED</b> Scored by CA/HMIS Reallocation or New Project Only</p>	<p><u>Refer to Application Q26</u> Must be in agreement to be considered for funding.</p>
<p>20. Do you have a client-level database that is capable of meeting HUD's Annual Performance Reporting requirements? (see comparable database document on CRHC website for clarification as well as pgs. 7 &amp; 8 of this document for performance measures)</p>	<p>Yes - 3 points No - 0 points New DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p><b>ONLY for DV Bonus applicants (Q27-31)</b> <u>Refers to Application Q27</u> and scored on scale provided. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>
<p>21. Does the applicant demonstrate specialized experience working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking? Is data provided that demonstrates a local need for additional permanent housing dedicated to survivors of domestic violence?</p>	<p>0 to 4 points DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p><u>See CRHC App Q28.</u> Award up to 2 points based on the applicant's history and experience working with victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Award up to 2 points if the applicant supplied local data about the need for housing assistance to this population. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>
<p>22. For DV Renewals ONLY: Provided data from the comparable database that demonstrates achievements on HUD defined program outcomes.</p>	<p>PSH &amp; RRH: 0 to 19 points (16b.) DV-RENEWALS ONLY</p>	<p><u>See CRHC App Q29</u></p>
<p>23. What are the issues facing DV survivors in accessing local CoC permanent housing assistance programs? Support your response with local data.</p>	<p>0 to 5 points DV-Bonus Projects ONLY SCORE _____</p>	<p><u>Refers to Application Q30</u> and scored on scale provided. Maximum points for use of local data and demonstrating understanding and experience working with DV survivors. <i>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</i></p>

<p>24. How do you address/improve safety for the DV populations you serve?</p>	<p>0 to 5 points  <b>DV-Bonus Projects ONLY</b>  <b>SCORE</b> _____</p>	<p>Refers to Application Q31 and scored on scale provided. Maximum points for demonstrating understanding of DV survivor safety issues and providing the percent of cases assisted with safety planning.  <b>Only score for DV-Bonus applications</b></p>
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HUD's HMIS Comparable Database Manual: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-Comparable-Database-Manual.pdf>

Recommended for funding:  Yes  No Ranked by: MMTY VanFossen Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency represented: City

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1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced  
Not Applicable  
No projects were rejected or reduced.

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1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results

Project Name	Score	Status	Rank	Amount Requested From HUD	Reallocated Funds
CoC Planning		Accepted	NR	\$156,193	\$0
HMIS		Accepted	1	\$40,121	\$0
Child and Family Charities Rapid Rehousing for Youth	60	Accepted	2	\$193,501	\$0
Child and Family Charities Transitional PSH for Youth	59	Accepted	3	\$159,434	\$0
Lansing Housing Commission Permanent Supportive Housing 2	58	Accepted	4	\$840,217	\$0
Lansing Housing Commission Shelter Plus Care	57	Accepted	5	\$393,060	\$0
Lansing Housing Commission Permanent Supportive Housing 2 Bonus	57	Accepted	6	\$214,491	\$0
Advent House Hope Housing Expansion	50	Accepted	7	\$295,522	\$0
Advent House Fresh Start	49	Accepted	8	\$379,733	\$0
Advent House Permanent Supportive Housing for families	47	Accepted	9	\$83,127	\$0
Advent House Coordinated Entry	44	Accepted	10	\$207,128	\$0
End Violent Encounters (EVE Inc.) DVRRH		Accepted	11	\$317,535	\$0

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3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes

Not Applicable

There is no Project List for Other Federal Statutes

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