

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: KS-503 - Topeka/Shawnee County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: City of Topeka, Kansas

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: City of Topeka, Kansas

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	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	Yes
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
14.	Mental Health Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
15.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
16.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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)

The CoC works to address the need of underserved communities in a variety of ways. The CoC has a Mobile Access Partnership program that provides food, clothing, showers, laundry, healthcare, and other services to those experiencing homelessness. This program travels around the community to ensure we are reaching those who wouldn't otherwise have access to those services. Our community food pantry system is strategically based in high need neighborhoods for easier access. We have several agencies and programs (The Salvation Army, Fellowship and Faith, El Centro, and SENT) that are specifically geared towards black and brown communities as well as Spanish speaking individuals. These programs are located and operated in underserved communities to ensure equitable access to services. SENT specifically launched in one of our most underserved, impoverished and at-risk neighborhood. SENT is a one stop shop that provides numerous resources and services to individual. They also continually add new programs and partners as they see a need in the community. Additionally, our CoC has a community program that serves homeless children and families called Impact Avenues. This program is a collective impact model that has over 42 partner agencies that provide wrap around services to families. The goal is to not only house the families but to work through barriers and issues with families so they can sustain their housing long term. Each family is assigned a case manager that works with them for 12 months to ensure stability.

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. An open invitation to join the CoC is available all year long. Contact and meeting information is posted to the webpage of the collaborative applicant. The City of Topeka has a group list serv of community resource agencies that it emails monthly with an invitation to attend the monthly CoC meeting and to participate in the CoC competition. The CoC coordinates a public, monthly Homeless Task Force (HTF) meeting that includes an average of 40 participants, representing a wide variety of public and private organizations, as well as individual advocates, with interest and activities focusing on ending homelessness. Additionally, invitations are made at other public meetings such as the Citizen Advisory Council, the Intersection Coalition, and the All Hands on Deck Coalition. Members are encouraged to bring new people to the meetings. Regularly, the CoC reviews memberships and conducts outreach to organizations and individuals not represented or participating. Additionally, partner organizations are using their social media platforms to inform their community about opportunities to join the CoC and HTF.

2. The CoC provides all materials of the Homeless Task Force to members electronically, using accessible PDF formatting, and provides paper copies of materials at meetings. The CoC accommodates requests for other formats as requests are made. Spaces where CoC Homeless Task Force meetings are held are accessible to individuals with a wide range of disabilities. The CoC also utilizes zoom for all of its meetings which includes accessibility features. To ensure our differently abled community members are aware and are able to access information about the CoC and HTF meetings we utilize podcasts, which are available in audio and video formats.

3. The CoC has a wide variety of members representing black, Latino, LGBTQ+, and people with disabilities. The CoC has invited culture centers, LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations, and disability agencies (e.g. El Centro, The Salvation Army, Valeo Behavioral Health Care) to attend and take roles within the CoC to address racial and ethnic disparities in persons experiencing homelessness. Members are encouraged to bring diversity to the membership. Additionally, the CoC actively monitors membership and seeks out groups or organizations that are not being represented. Some of our communication tools mentioned above are targeted in diverse geographic areas to ensure equity and inclusion.

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 hosts the Homeless Task Force (HTF) monthly meeting, which is the primary strategy for collaboration on preventing, and ending homelessness. With an average of 40 members attending regularly, the HTF brings a broad array of individuals together to address homelessness. Monthly topics include important subjects such as Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, domestic violence, human trafficking, Fair Housing, and LGBTQIA+. The CoC holds workshops annually to gather feedback from the community as well as provide education on the issue. Representatives from the CoC also attend public events, forums, and meetings hosted by local agencies that have an interest in preventing and ending homelessness to solicit and consider additional opinions. Additionally, CoC funded agencies ask clients to complete a survey on their experience. Every HTF meeting individuals have an opportunity to openly share innovative tools and techniques to end homelessness.

2. CoC membership provides quarterly updates to the city council and council committee meetings to inform the community of HTF efforts. The community is invited to ask questions and share their opinions during meetings. HTF community ambassadors communicate the work of the HTF at clubs and organizations frequently to seek feedback. The CoC accepts feedback through email & calls as well.

3. The City established the ADA Council to bring a voice for persons with disabilities to the City and community. The ADA Council provides advice in different areas including communication issues relating to sensory impairments. Furthermore, the city uses closed captioning on City communication channels like YouTube and Zoom. The City contracts with Nexus Interpreting LLC for residents who request public accommodations through auxiliary aids and services like qualified interpreters. Lastly, the ADA Council seeks input from the community through online forms, email, and phone calls, as well as from other community organizations.

4. The CoC has taken ideas from a previous community wide homeless innovation group and is currently working with a coalition to put the action steps in motion which includes creating a low barrier shelter, tiny home village, and a more comprehensive one stop shop. The CoC continues to hold public meetings and get feedback from those with lived experience to help the coalition make decisions. The coalition is made up of 16 different sectors which includes 160 diverse individuals.

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. At the August 2024 Homeless Task Force meeting an announcement was made that the CoC funding process had opened and that new project applications would be accepted and encouraged. Agencies were informed at the meeting that the CoC would consider proposals from organizations not previously funded. The meetings of the HTF are open to the public including social and public agencies in the community. Additionally, the funding availability announcement is put on the collaborative applicants website for the community at large. Discussions about the CoC application are held at the HTF meetings throughout the year in addition to when the NOFO opened. The notification also goes out through the CoC's email list serv group that serves the community and social media outlets.
2. Discussions about the CoC application are held at the Homeless Task Force meetings throughout the year in addition to when the NOFO opened. A handout is given with specific instructions on how to access the HUD materials, as well as a step-by-step guide on what to do with due dates. The CoC lead is also available for questions and one on one meetings during the process. Also, all information is posted on the CoC's website.
3. The CoC first looks at each project application to ensure the threshold requirements are met. If so, the Ranking and Review committee will look at each application and score it based on performance, project design, housing first, racial equity, housing stability, and project need, using a score sheet to evaluate projects. The scores determine which applications will be submitted to HUD and the ranking order. The Ranking and Review committee is made up of non-biased agencies with a focus on diversity.
4. The CoC provides all materials of the HTF to members electronically, using accessible PDF formatting, and provides paper copies of materials at meetings. The CoC accommodates request for other formats as requests are made. Meetings are held in accessible spaces to accommodate a wide range of disabilities. Meetings are also available through zoom with accessibility features. Podcasts, which are available in audio and video, are utilized to increase access to information. We contract with Nexus Interpreting to assist with any accommodation requests. All information and applications are posted online and discussed at multiple public meetings.

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 has a formal partnership with the public school district to ensure we are aware of any McKinney Vento students so can work together to get families connected to housing and resources. Each agency coordinates with the school districts and education agencies in different ways. Our Rescue Mission has a dedicated classroom on site for kids needing extra assistance, tutoring, or just access to a computer. The CoC lead had dedicated staff that work with our public school district as well as with our community partner agencies. When staff get a referral or information from the school district they reach out to the family and additional partner agencies to start the process of getting the family connected. The CoC utilizes a collective impact model to harness the assets of the community which includes a one stop shop that families attend. The goal is to help families address barriers and issues so that as we help them find housing they are able to sustain that housing long term. This one stop shop resource center that was previously was geared towards just one CoC program. We have since opened it up to the entire community and made it part of our process for connecting individuals in need for the entire CoC. Additionally, the CoC will work with the school district on an ongoing basis to ensure the kids are attending school and help address any issues that come up with the students and families. Our governance charter ensures we have a dedicated staff person in the CoC to assist all families with finding housing in their school district and connecting them to the school McKinney Vento liaison. We also reserve a spot on our executive board for the McKinney Vento liaison.

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)

The CoC adopted a policy and procedure to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services during the Coordinated Entry process. The CoC also partners with the school districts to ensure families experiencing homelessness are to ensure they are still attending school and connected to resources as well as getting any additional assistance they need.

An assessment of the family or individuals needs are completed and a referral is made through the coordinated entry process. If consumers inquire about the need for educational services, the CoC then makes a referral to partnering agencies that provide/collaborate with educational service providers. Additionally, the CoC has a dedicated staff person to assist homeless families with finding housing in their school district and assisting them with the enrollment process.

The partner agencies of the CoC are located across the city and each have protocols to help inform individuals and families of educational resources. For example, the Mobile Access Partnership program travels around the city, where homeless populations gather, to provide services and to hand out resources. The resources include educational materials within the community. Impact Avenues, another homeless program, partners with all the school districts, GED programs, high school diploma program and Washburn Technical School. These partnerships are part of the CoC's efforts and the employees of these agencies are CoC leaders.

The CoC also partners with agencies that provide early education resources, case management, addiction services, mental health services, and housing.

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

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	Yes	Yes
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	Yes
4.	Early Head Start	Yes	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program—(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	Yes	Yes
6.	Head Start	Yes	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	Yes	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	Yes	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	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC coordinates with our victim services provider (YWCA) to annually look at our CoC wide policies and make updates where needed. Our local victim services providers, provide trainings with the HTF including agencies that receive ESG and CoC funded agencies. The ESG and CoC funded agencies follow victim service provider practices

2. The YWCA of Northeast Kansas works with the CoC to provide trainings at our Homeless Task Force meetings to address trauma-informed, victim-centered approach to service delivery. The CoC's goal is to ensure services provided are steeped in trauma-informed principles: recognizing the impact of residents' trauma on their development and coping strategies; validating the experiences of residents throughout the helping relationship; focusing on the physical and emotional safety needs of residents; building rapport, while maintaining appropriate boundaries; empowering residents by prioritizing their choice and control; collaborating with residents throughout the case management process; developing and building upon residents' skills and strengths; and ensuring language access and cultural competency (Heffernan & Blythe, 2014). CoC and ESG funded agencies are required to attend the Homeless Task Force meetings as well as the domestic violence and trauma-informed trainings. The victim provider agency works with our CoC and ESG funded agencies (and others) to ensure best practices are being used.

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. A separate, confidential process is available for domestic violence survivors who are receiving services from domestic violence service providers in the community. This process allows service providers to maintain confidentiality and safety for their clients, while also ensuring that homeless survivors have access to the full array of housing opportunities in the community. The YWCA has a hotline to ensure safety planning and protections to victims of domestic violence not staying at the shelter. The confidentiality of the shelter location is extremely critical to maintaining the safety of the residents and advocates, alike. YWCA requests that all shelter residents not disclose the location of the shelter while staying there, as part of their shelter screening and intake paperwork. YWCA also requires that all advocates maintain the confidentiality of the shelter location. Any vendors or providers who are authorized to learn of the shelter location are required to sign confidentiality forms.
2. The participating domestic violence service providers will conduct the VISPDAT triage assessment with the individuals and families staying in their shelters and transitional housing programs. These service providers are prohibited by law from using HMIS, so the VI-SPDAT and additional eligibility criteria that is usually included in the HMIS standard intake will be completed on a paper form. This modified intake form will only include the minimum information necessary to determine eligibility and prioritization and it will specifically exclude personally identifying information, including: name, date of birth, social security number, and last permanent address. The service provider completing the form will include the name of the agency, the appropriate staff contact, and an alternate staff contact. All communication about the assessment and any possible placements will be conducted through the service provider to maintain client confidentiality. The domestic violence service provider will include an internally generated ID number that the agency can associate with the client, but that cannot otherwise be identified with the client. COT staff will use the number to identify the client when communicating with the service provider. COT will maintain a separate Community Queue outside of HMIS for survivors referred by domestic violence service providers. No client data will be entered into HMIS.

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

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has a policy in place that allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's unit to another. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation. Our CoC communicates its policies and procedures to all individuals and families receiving assistance regardless of their survivor status. This information is covered in the program material each recipient receives prior to entering the program, and it's discussed at the housing briefing. The Center for Safety and Empowerment (CSE) and CoC partners have established a protocol to refer survivors to a CSE advocate who can request emergency transfer plans with Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing partners, in cases where the client is fleeing from domestic violence. This protocol includes the completion of a comprehensive safety plan for the transfer and other system advocacy as needed for the survivor.

2. All households in the CoC are notified of their rights to an emergency transfer plan. It will be discussed with the individual (and a document given to them) if denied from the program, when admitted to the program, when they receive an eviction notice, and when assistance is ending. The document clearly explains the steps to request a transfer and what their rights are. The CoC works with partner agencies to give transfer participants as many housing & service options as possible. Additionally, the language is included in every lease with our permanent supportive housing program.

3. To request an emergency transfer, the individuals will contact their case manager or call the hotline to obtain the emergency transfer. CoC partner agency case managers all are trained to do an assessment of individuals seeking assistance. Walk-ins are also accepted at CSE in case they don't have a phone or can't safely make a call. Additionally, there is a form they can complete and submit on their own or work with staff to complete the form.

4. The CoC partner agency will do an assessment and start the transfer process. This includes coordinating with housing and other partner agencies. The CoC will keep the tenant's information and transfer request confidential and it will not be entered into any databases. The CoC will work as quickly as possible to grant the transfer and work with the individual on a safe plan.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC works with all partner agencies to put policies in place to assist survivor victims across all agencies. The CoC partners with the YWCA who also assists with the coordination of services. The CoC and YWCA prioritize the needs of survivors based on the information shared with advocates during their case management meetings. The beds within the emergency shelter are made available for individuals in immediate danger as determined by their abusers' access to them. The YWCA advocates prioritize the housing needs of the residents at the shelters based on their identified goals, access to identification documentation and income to secure housing, and their planned exit dates from the shelter. Additionally, the CoC has a separate, confidential process for domestic violence survivors who are receiving services from domestic violence service providers in the community. This process allows service providers to maintain confidentiality and safety for their clients, while also ensuring that homeless survivors have access to the full array of housing opportunities in the community. The CoC assessment will give a higher score to individuals experiencing domestic violence which means they will be pulled from the coordinated entry list first for available housing. CoC policies focus on ensuring trauma informed, client driven assessments to address participants physical, emotional, safety, and confidentiality needs.

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. Our CoC works to actively identify barriers and address them proactively instead of waiting for an issue to arise. Confidentiality is one barrier to survivors feeling safe receiving services. Our CoC has strict confidentiality rules and an individual's information is not entered into any databases. Our YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment work with survivors to get feedback and identify what barriers they face. They ask individuals to complete surveys at multiple points in their process as well as discuss the barriers at entry and exit.

2. We are actively looking for barriers in resource allocation, economic opportunity, equal access etc.. We saw a need for additional shelter beds for victims in order to be able to serve everyone in need. To solve this barrier our local domestic violence shelter applied for funding and built a second shelter to be able to accommodate more individuals. The second shelter is set up to accommodate families which was lacking in the original shelter. Survivors often walk away with almost nothing to their name. Gaining access to basic needs, household items, and other economic resources was noted as a barrier. To help remove this barrier, the shelter provides clothing, household items, and hygiene items on site. They also partner with other agencies that can provide services and are trained on trauma informed care and confidentiality. A day center was opened that allows individuals to come in and do laundry, take a shower, get hygiene items, food, and clothing. It allows staff to build rapport with individuals and increase their comfort level in asking for help. The center has free lockers that anyone can use for free and leave items in. This allows individuals to store items they don't feel safe having at home and to start preparing to leave their situation. Staff are available to answer questions and create safety plans with individuals. The Center for Safety and Empowerment (CSE) also has formal agreements with partner agencies to address the housing needs of survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. CSE educates families about housing options available to them in the community. The Coc and YWCA work together to identify systemic barriers, address them, and find solutions. Additionally, the HTF regularly looks at community needs and barriers and ways we can proactively make a difference in our community.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC reviews the anti-discrimination policy annually, and as needed to ensure members are aware of their expectations. CoC and HESG agencies are required to agree to anti-discrimination while utilizing those funding sources. Partner Agencies have trauma informed and TBRI staff who train others within their agency and also provide training to the community. The CoC coordinates with LGBTQ+ agencies to ensure we are meeting all anti discrimination polices.
2. The CoC provides training on anti-discrimination ensuring LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination. The CoC lead is also available for one-on-one meetings to assist agencies with policy development consistent with the CoC's antidiscrimination policy.
3. The CoC does annual monitoring of the HESG and CoC funded agencies and during that monitoring an assessment of the agency's policy is reviewed. Staff and volunteers are interviewed which can provide information on any antidiscrimination, if that is a concern. CoC agencies have opportunities for people to provide feedback on the services they receive and if they feel they were discriminated against. The CoC has two agencies that assist with discrimination Housing and Credit Counseling and Kansas Legal Services. These agencies can provide legal advice if needed.
4. If discrimination is determined it is immediately addressed by the executive team of the governing body. If they are CoC or HESG funded they will have a correction plan to be able to remain funded.

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?
Topeka Housing Authority	90%	Yes-Both	Yes

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC partners with the Topeka Housing Authority to provide a homeless admission preference. Individuals that are on the waitlist for public housing or section 8 vouchers are given preference and moved up the list if they are homeless. Additional preference is given for elderly, working, and disabled individuals.
Our CoC has also partnered with the Topeka Housing Authority for the first time this year to provide a moving on preference for our Shelter Plus Care individuals who no longer need the care piece of housing. The Topeka Housing Authority has set aside vouchers for our tenants to utilize when they are ready. Our CoC only has one PHA.
2. Our CoC is working with our PHA to adopt a homeless admission preference.

1C-7b.	Moving On Strategy with Affordable Housing Providers.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:	

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

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

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes
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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.	4
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	3
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.	75%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC regularly evaluates projects to assess the commitment to a Housing First model in two ways. First, when an organization applies for CoC funding, it must define the service approach. When CoC applications are reviewed by the local Review and Ranking Committee, members will evaluate if the application’s project employs a housing first model as a part of its rapid placement and stabilization activities. Proposed projects can receive up to 10 points based on the projects commitment to Housing First. The annual review process is the second housing first evaluation method employed by the CoC. We have an assessment tool specific to housing first that is used with each agency.
2. To determine Housing First performance indicators we look at the project to ensure there are no participation requirements and that rapid housing is happening. The CoC Housing First Monitoring tool we use evaluates programs based on 5 main criteria. (1) choice of housing, (2) decent, safe, affordable housing (3) rights of tenancy, (4) access to housing, and (5) flexible, voluntary services.
3. Housing First is a topic that is frequently discussed at the CoC's Homeless Task Force meeting. The CoC encourages all programs including those outside of the CoC competition to use a Housing First approach when at all possible. There is no formal evaluation process for projects that do not receive CoC funding. However, any challenges to not utilizing Housing First are discussed at the HTF meeting and we work together to come up with solutions. Our Housing First Monitoring tool is shared with any interested agency.
4. To insure fidelity to Housing First our CoC created a new assessment tool to use with the participating agencies. This tool was discussed with them as well as the Housing First model being discussed at our Homeless Task Force meeting. Our CoC has been collaborating with the other CoC's across the state and the tool was created jointly in order to have consistent data statewide. Additionally, we have done work with Sam Tsmberis to ensure everyone has a solid understanding of what Housing First is and how best to implement. Sam is scheduled to speak at our November HTF meeting. As our CoC is moving to a Housing First model, education is a huge piece in ensuring fidelity.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC's street outreach efforts are conducted by EAS, our coordinated entry team, and through partnering members of the Homeless Task Force. We have multidisciplinary outreach teams which include The Rescue Mission, Valeo Behavioral Health Care, the Veterans' Association, the Topeka Police Department, and other health care and social workers. These collaborative efforts help to identify and build supportive relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness. Additionally, our CoC works with all of our partner agencies including, food banks, faith based agencies, social service agencies, hospitals, and landlords to provide outreach and support to clients they work with. Street Outreach is occurring daily, in our CoC's geographic area. Having diverse entities participating in outreach efforts build a higher level of comfort among persons experiencing homelessness who may be otherwise less trusting of other partners. The Outreach Team provides regular updates at the Homeless Task Force. In addition, our CoC has a Mobile Access Partnership, targeted at taking services into the areas where the unsheltered homeless are living. This service includes a shower trailer, food trailer, clothing trailer, a mobile health clinic, pet care, mental health services, City ID program, housing assistance programs, as well as other services and providers periodically. Our street outreach teams operate on the belief that trust is the only way to help someone who is resistant to change, including utilizing volunteers with both lived and practical experience. All our teams have extensive training in Trauma Informed Care and addressing the Social Determinants of Health. These teams show up to camps with water, food, blankets, tents etc. to help open the lines of communication and trust. Rarely does it take just one engagement to get people to open up about what struggles they are facing and how the teams can help. So, these teams make it a priority to check in weekly with these individuals and offer information about services when they feel it will be openly received. This provides one point of contact for individuals experiencing homelessness and concerned community members. The street outreach team makes warm handoffs when a client is ready for services to ensure a comfortable transition. The CoC and outreach teams also meet monthly to discuss the unsheltered and ensure we are not missing any individuals that need assistance.

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	No
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	No
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

	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.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	143	91

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes

5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC-funded projects use case management staff to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance. Additionally, the major health care providers in the community are active participants in the Homeless Task Force, as are the managed care businesses in the State, making access to and effective use of Medicaid easier for customers served through CoC resources. Twice a week the local hospital has a mobile clinic that functions as a primary care site for the community. This mobile clinic travels with our MAP program to serve our homeless population that are hard to reach. Our CoC has a Health Access program that provides specialized medical coverage to those who don't otherwise have coverage. Health Access also provides prescription and behavioral health coverage. The CoC partners with agencies to provide coverage for psychotropic meds that aren't covered elsewhere. Our social service agencies receive funding from the CoC to pay for prescriptions, and dental care for clients. CoC agencies partner with substance abuse treatment programs and actively send referrals and work together to secure housing for clients. In addition, during our PIT count this year Kansas Department of Health & Environment provided health screenings and vaccinations to individuals at encampments. Impact Avenues is an additional one stop resource center in a permeant location for families to access health care, mental health services, substance use treatment, and other services as needed on a weekly basis during the school year.

2. Many CoC partner agencies are SOAR trained and the CoC encourages all agencies to become SOAR trained. Agencies have events where people are available to assist with the application process for SSI/SSDI. Several CoC agencies have Care Navigators that connect individuals to resources and help complete applications for SSDI, Medicaid, etc. The Navigators make weekly contact with the persons served to update them on their status and make additional referrals as necessary. The CoC's outreach teams also connect individuals to SSDI services and SOAR workers.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC coordinates with both state and local health agencies. They are instrumental in providing education and developing policy to the CoC on how to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. The information we received has helped us create policies and procedures to help manage and outbreak. The CoC also uses information from the CDC regularly to provide all CoC agencies information for their respective agency policies regarding a response to an outbreak. The CoC has a weekly Response and Coordination meeting that directly provides discussion on preparing for future outbreaks with any infectious disease.

2. With all the education the CoC receives, that material is passed on to all people experiencing homelessness to help prevent future outbreaks. The CoC has several outreach teams that also provide education and vaccinations in the field to those who are unsheltered. The weekly meeting looks at real time barriers and solutions for the CoC. The CoC partner agency shelters have maintained

adjusted living arrangements to prevent future outbreaks.

Agencies also consider housing alternatives, such as non-congregate shelters and other non-congregate settings. CoC agencies have a Mobile Access Partnership (MAP) that moves around the community to provide services to the unsheltered. MAP partners with the Health Department to provide immunizations during their outreach in an effort to prevent outbreaks.

They also partner with our local Rescue Mission to provide immunizations on site. The health department partners with CoC outreach teams to take health care services directly to camps. Also, the

CoC's partnership with the health department provides equipment and supplies such as Narcan to agencies as needed.

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 extensive listserv of people in the community who are vested in the homeless population. Information is sent out regularly to the community about public health measures. Information is also sent out by social media and podcasts regularly. This could include information from local, state and federal resources, such as the CDC. The VA homeless teams meet monthly to discuss infectious disease precautions, measures taken when others come into contact with positive individuals and continuously provides education and advocacy for precaution measures. The CoC has a weekly Response and Coordination meeting that directly provides discussion on preparing for future outbreaks with any infectious disease. These different organizations give presentations at our CoC meetings as well as at other public meetings. Several health agencies are a part of the weekly meeting and information is shared specific to public health and homelessness. The meeting is attending by about 40 different agencies and the information shared at the meetings is then taken back and shared with other agency staff and clients. Additionally, our CoC partners with our local health department and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to not only share information but to actively put programs and policies in place. For example, we have an outbreak of Hep A among our homeless population, so we now have a nurse that goes out with the outreach teams to deliver vaccinations.

2. Health organizations are primary partners with the ongoing efforts of the outreach teams and provide direct council and advice to congregate shelter to prevent and mitigate infectious disease. The CoC is also involved in the Mobile Access Partnership program that includes both our local health agency, both hospitals, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, and our CoC outreach providers. This partnership provides outreach to those experiencing homelessness giving them access to health services and education. The local Health Department partners with outreach teams to provide medical services at camps instead of requiring the individual to travel to them. The health department provides immunizations with the Mobile Outreach programs and at our local homeless shelter.

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.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC and Homeless Task Force covers the City of Topeka limits and Shawnee County. The Coordinated Entry System covers the same geographic area which is 100% of our CoC's geographic area. To ensure we are reaching everyone regardless of where they are located our coordinated entry team does outreach and will go to an individual to complete the assessment. We also partner with other outreach teams to engage those in encampments. We also have a 211 hotline individuals can call to find out how to get help or access to services.

2. The coordinated entry System uses a VI-SPDAT assessment through our HMIS system to score each individual so that prioritization can be used to help those most in need first. The CoC lead uses a single access point, with a dedicated phone number and email address, for individuals in need of rent assistance. Dedicated staff man the phones and assist individuals with assessments to get them enrolled into coordinated entry. The CoC works with outreach teams to make sure we are reaching our homeless population. Outreach staff already have rapport built with individuals and assist the CoC in completion of the VI-SPDAT so those individuals can get enrolled into coordinated entry. The CoC also has policies in place to prioritize assistance to those in need. First priority is given to chronically homeless with the longest history of homelessness and most severe service needs. Second priority is given to chronically homeless with the longest history of homelessness. Those policies are used in conjunction with the VISPDAT assessment score for each individual/household.

3. The outreach teams are trained on trauma informed care. They work to build rapport with the individual and monitor the clients responses and level of distress, stopping if needed. Outreach staff are cognizant of the environment they are collecting the information in.

4. The CoC meets monthly with participating agencies to get feedback on what is working well and what needs updated, as well as discuss client feedback. Agencies that receive COC funding, ask individuals receiving assistance to complete a survey that provides feedback on the their experience. Additionally, Coordinated Entry staff complete a follow up call with individuals 6 months after they receive assistance to make sure they are doing okay and get feedback.

1D-8a.	Coordinated Entry--Program Participant-Centered Approach.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our Coordinated Entry System (EAS) works in partnership with community organizations to expand the reach and communication efforts of coordinated entry and to decrease the risk of individuals not knowing about the service. EAS communicates with individuals through phone calls, email, walk ins and outreach. Other community services that come in contact with at risk individuals or families share potential resources and contact information as well as connecting both parties. Our EAS outreach team as well as our partner teams engage individuals in encampments and will either complete the assessment on sight or ensure they have information about the program.
2. EAS uses the VI-SPDAT assessment tool to evaluate need and ensure those with the most critical needs are referred first. Additionally, EAS evaluates prior service needs and length of time homeless to determine priority.
3. EAS works with partner agencies to match individuals to housing that meets their needs and preferences. Camps are mapped during intakes to ensure we are able to locate individuals at a later date in a timely manner. Our CoC encourages a housing first model to move individuals into housing quickly without additional barriers. We keep our application process as simple as possible and requests are processed within 24 -48 hours. When a referral is sent to a partner agency all of the client information is also sent. We don't want the client to have to re-tell their story and revisit the trauma. It also streamlines the process and gives the agency everything they need to quickly move to helping the client.
4. EAS was created to help reduce the burden on people seeking assistance by coordinating housing assistance through a single point of contact. This allows easier access to assistance and eliminates needing to contact multiple agencies and complete multiple intakes. EAS screens individuals to connect them to the appropriate resources and partnering agencies. EAS offers multiple routes of contact either via phone, in person, or email. The EAS team removes barriers by offering on site intakes. Additionally, we are mindful of the information we request, not asking for more than what is necessary and limiting sensitive questions as much as possible.

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. We advertise our housing & supportive services to all persons eligible, regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, etc. One of the strengths of our coordinated entry system is we have several outreach teams who focus on serving the population most in need and difficult to reach. In our area, the street homeless would be the least likely to receive services and we have many agencies that work with this population through our system. The outreach teams who already have relationships with the homeless complete VI-SPDAT assessments and get those individuals entered into coordinated entry.
2. Our CoC programs give each participant a fair housing booklet that details their rights. We also partner with Housing & Credit Counseling that works with tenants on their rights and will help with disputes. We have a referral process set up with them and will frequently send clients to them for assistance. We also have partnerships with 2 local legal services that help low income individual's with legal needs. Our CoC offers housing classes twice a month that are open to the public and cover fair housing rights as well as local laws. This past year, our CoC started a retaliatory eviction program. We work with a local law firm and will refer and cover the cost of individuals who have been unfairly evicted.
3. Our coordinated entry staff are required to report any conditions that impede fair housing to the CoC lead who then shares the information with the Homeless Task Force Executive Committee. Staff will give the individual the contact information for our housing and credit counseling agency, our 2 partner law services, and the retaliatory eviction program if it fits the situation. The CoC lead is the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan. The lead will pull in additional departments such as code compliance and other agencies as needed depending on the situation.

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.	08/30/2024

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 CoC uses the STELLA platform and point in time counts to provide guidance on the racial disparities in its programs. Several members of the HTF have implemented a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force which benefits the community. The group does training in the community to help educate on racial equity issues. CoC partner agencies do a needs assessment of disparities and report back to the CoC to ensure that no one race is underrepresented in the community or overrepresented in services utilized. CoC regularly looks at disparities during our monthly HTF and other meetings we then adjust polices as needed or work to combat the issues we see.

2. The CoC uses the STELLA report and our point in time count to identify racial disparities. The biggest disparity this year has been with our African American population. Our census data shows the African American population in our city is 10.2% but our point in time data shows we have 24% of African Americans who are homeless. We have just started digging into the possible reasons for this and looking at ways to combat it. In the previous year we noticed the Hispanic population was not represented equally compared to the population. Only 6% of services were provided to the Hispanic population while the Hispanic population is 15% in our community. The CoC actively looked at ways to increase services to the Hispanic population to eliminate this barrier. Programs were created in our primarily Hispanic neighborhoods to ensure access to services. The CoC worked with El Centro and other agencies to ensure all resources and information was available in Spanish. The CoC also stated working with agencies that don't have Spanish speaking staff to provide translation services when needed. CoC partner agencies have formed a Racial Equity Analysis group to look at policies and grant applications to make sure they are geared towards the correct individuals. They make sure the needed groups receive the information they need and disparities are reduced. Additionally, we utilize individuals with lived experience or that relate with the disparity we are working to correct on our boards and taskforces.

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.		

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)

Our CoC has implemented a policy of adding racial data reports to our regular reporting. We are now pulling the data on a regular basis and analyzing what disparities we might have so that we can address it. Our CoC has successfully implemented the EAS (Equity Access Shelter) program. This program allows an individual to walk in or call The City of Topeka and request assistance (rent & mortgage) and from there the referral will be sent to 1 of the 8 partner agencies. The partner agencies then record assistance given and housing status update via HMIS system. This also helps to eliminate agencies duplicating services and makes services equally available to all residents. To be placed on the Coordinated entry for a voucher a person must complete a VI-SPADT at one of the partner agencies or the City office. The city then uses the vulnerability score to determine prioritization and then execution of the voucher. Support agencies assist persons served in locating housing and navigating the paperwork, etc. Previously, the individuals that received assistance were those who were lucky enough to get through. It was not an equitable process. We also continue to look at our coordinated entry process and each step to ensure that new disparities are not occurring. Another disparity we are working to address is the number of Hispanic individuals seeking services being much lower than the city's population. We want to ensure services are easy to access and available to all. The CoC is encouraging all agencies to have resources and documents available in Spanish. Additionally, there is a push to for agencies to have a Spanish speaking individual on staff. In the meantime, the CoC has partnered with El Centro and other agencies to provide translation services as needed. CoC partner agencies have formed a Racial Equity Analysis group to look at policies and grant applications to make sure they are geared towards the correct individuals. They make sure the needed groups receive the information they need and disparities are being addressed. They also give feedback to the CoC on polices and processes that should be implemented to address racial equity.

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.	
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Our CoC will look at several measures to track our progress on preventing or eliminating racial disparities. We will continue to look at the percentage of each population that is experiencing homelessness compared to the population percentage. We will look at who is utilizing what programs, how long it is taking different groups to move out of homelessness and get housed. If individuals are returning to homelessness, we will look at patterns or high percentages of certain groups. Additionally, we will look at projects and agencies individually to ensure there are no disparities.

2. Our CoC uses and will continue to use the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool, STELLA reports, our Point in Time Counts and other HMIS reports. We are pulling the data and reports on a regular basis and looking at the data to see if there are disparities present, if we are making progress on eliminating them, and looking at what else we might need to implement.

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)

Within our CoC we have numerous agencies that offer support to persons served by employing Peer Support Staff. Our local CCBHC employees 12 peer support staff that average 206 hours a month of direct service to assigned persons. In addition, they have 2 peer support staff that go into our 4 NFMH's (Nursing Facility for Mental Health) and provide groups and WRAP lessons to any individual wishing to participate. The local CCBHC, Topeka Rescue Mission and VA also have outreach teams with members that have lived experience that provides community outreach 3 to 4 days a week. TRM also employees individuals that graduated from their programs. They are embedded in the organization in many ways and always available to provide support and guidance as they can speak firsthand to the struggles their guests are facing. Another resource in our CoC is NAMI. They offer Peer – to -Peer support to individuals suffering from mental illness and a many in person and online support groups. All the mentioned agencies have people with lived experience on their decision-making boards. Their input is valued and helps guide the agencies to relate to the people they serve. The CoC uses all social media outlets, podcasts, media releases for outreach to those with lived experience. The CoC continually encourages agencies to invite individuals with lived experience to our HTF meetings and seeks out feedback from those individuals when making policy decisions. Additionally, the CoC had a core team made up of subject matter experts and lived experience individuals that conducted an in-depth study on our homeless situation and utilized an innovation approach to create better solutions. The CoC hired a consult to lead the process. From this, a coalition was formed to put the top recommendation in practice. The coalition includes individuals with lived experience who are involved in the decision-making process.

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.	7	5
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	6	6
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	5	4
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	7	6

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)

Our CoC provides professional development and education opportunities in a variety of ways. We have numerous partner agencies that provide job training and skills based training. We partner with our public library that teaches a variety of free skill building classes, including computer classes. Our local collage tech program partners with agencies that serve low income and homeless individuals to connect them to their A-OK program. This free program provides a choice of 5 career paths that an individual will work towards while also completing their GED.

The vision for Transformational Services at TRM offers a wide range of educational and relational program opportunities for all guests residing at TRM. These programs consist of Career Readiness Education (CaRE), Life Skills, and Trauma Education. This 8-week program offers instruction, hands on activities, partnerships with employers and other volunteer subject matter experts to empower TRM guests to identify their personal strengths and abilities. Trauma Education Programming provides an in-depth look at our interpersonal selves and the ways we interact in and through relationships. These classes are designed to teach a broad set of “soft” social and behavioral skills for resiliency and self-regulation as guests strive to better manage their lives mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially. Valeo, our mental health provider, has a supported employment program that is designed to provide competitive employment opportunities for persons served who have a SPMI or are dually diagnosed. The Mirror Work for Success Program features the Personal and Professional Development (PPD) Curriculum which is designed to inspire participants to realize their dreams and achieve self-sufficiency by providing hope, resources, and a plan. The client will not only learn how to get a job, but they will also develop skills to keep that job and continue moving forward. Several CoC agencies have SER programs. The SER program is a community service and work-based training program for older workers to learn new skills with hands on job experience.

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:

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| 1. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |
| 2. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness; |
| 3. | how your CoC gathers feedback from people who received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; |
| 4. | how often your CoC gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC Program or ESG Program; and |

5.	steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.
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(limit 2,500 characters)

1 and 2. Our CoC gathers feedback from individuals experiencing homelessness through a variety of ways. The CoC and partner agencies conduct community listening sessions. Our outreach teams conduct quarterly surveys with our unsheltered neighbors to get a feel for their situation and get feedback from them. Individuals experiencing homelessness are part of several boards and coalitions where they are regularly asked for feedback and guidance. Additionally, our CoC hired a consultant to help us look at our homeless issue in depth and analyze what our challenges and gaps are. A big part of this was getting feedback from those with lived experience and the community. From that a coalition has been formed which includes a group with lived experience that are helping us implement the core recommendations that came from the study.

3 and 4. The CoC and ESG agencies are required to have a system in place to gather feedback from participants receiving services. Most of our ESG agencies choose to use a survey at the time of service and do a follow up call a few months later. Our CoC programs follow up with individuals at least annually and some programs more frequently. We use several methods to get client feedback. We will call and/or email the individuals as well as use a survey. All CoC and ESG agencies have people with lived experience on their boards which also provides the CoC feedback. This feedback is provided at our monthly Homeless Task Force meetings, the governing body of the CoC. Our coordinated entry staff follow up with all individuals receiving assistance to ensure they are stability housed and get feedback on the process.

5. The CoC and partner agencies use the feedback to make program changes. For example, our Shelter Plus

Care participants told us they wanted to see more partner agencies that provide the care services. They felt limited with the options and wanted to be able to have a choice in their care. As a result, we added 3 additional partner agencies to the program to give participants more options. We have received feedback from individuals that finding decent affordable housing can be difficult and that a few landlords were refusing to fix issues. In response, our CoC is working to create additional partnerships with landlords. We have met with the landlord association, and we are working with our city's code compliance department to ensure unsafe units are being addressed.

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 and 2. The Planning Commission established the Special Committee for Housing (initially the Incentives Committee) on February 19, 2024 to identify possible text amendments to the Topeka Development Code that will remove unnecessary restrictions on residential construction and create incentives for the development of affordable housing. The Committee is comprised of four members of the Planning Commission. The Committee used the City’s 2020 “Citywide Housing Market Study and Strategy” as a primary resource to understand the dimensions of Topeka’s housing shortage. The amendments proposed by the Committee and recommended by the Planning Commission affect the single family, two-family, and multiple family residential districts and include 1) reduction in minimum lot dimensions; 2) reduction in the minimum building setbacks for the R-1 Single Family Dwelling District; 3) increase in building coverage ratio; 4) increase in maximum residential densities; and 5) a density bonus provision as an incentive for affordable housing in multi-family residential districts. The proposed text amendments help to reduce development costs. The increase in maximum residential densities will provide for a form of multi-family residential development compatible with low density residential neighborhoods and similar to existing apartment buildings in Topeka. Additionally, the new DREAMS program allows more access for the community to utilize CDBG funds for housing development. In the past year, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund was funded with CoC membership playing in a leadership role. The CoC is involved in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program that helps property owners with tax breaks to promote development of intensive care areas. The City of Topeka has created a Topeka Land Bank to support the acquisition, management, and transformation of vacant, abandoned, blighted and/or foreclosed properties into a productive use benefitting the community bringing more affordable housing online in the market. The CoC has been a part of these different meetings and has met with both elected and nonelected officials to encourage policies and zoning that allow for more housing development. and reduce barriers.

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/14/2024
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.	08/14/2024

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)?	96
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	2
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	Tie

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. Data is analyzed using our HMIS system. Reports are ran and provided to the CoC and rank and review team. We look at each project and how successful they have been in housing participants' in permanent housing. We will look at how long it takes on average to house someone, the number of individuals that are housed in permanent housing, if anyone exits the program to homelessness and the timeline involved. The data is considered in an applicants score.
2. Data is analyzed using our HMIS system. Reports are ran to provide the CoC and the review and ranking team data on how long a project takes to house people in permanent housing. We also look at if they have any exits from permanent housing to homelessness. That data is considered in an applicants score.
3. Our CoC looked at the population each project was serving and the severity of needs that might affect rapid housing placement. Bonus points (10) were built into the scoring tool to give additional points to those projects that were serving hard to place individuals with more severe needs and vulnerabilities. While we do look at data on the amount of time it took a project to house an individual and if they maintained the housing we do not penalize a program if their data is justifiably low.
4. When scoring projects during the rank and review process we looked at what severe barriers a project serves. Specifically, we look at chronically homeless, low or no income, prior abuse or victimization, current or past substance abuse, and if the project is the only one that serves a specific population.

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 Homeless Task Force (HTF), the governing body of the CoC, worked on the creation of the Review and Ranking Tool. Members of the HTF represents our community and with wide variety of different races. Input was provided by all members and that input was used to make changes and to determine the rating factors used in the final tool. Our African American population is overrepresented in our homeless numbers. We have African American members on our Homeless Task Force and on our Executive Committee. These individuals were involved in the creation of our rank and review tool as well as our scoring process.
2. The HTF has an open process for volunteering to be on the Review and Ranking committee. At our regularly scheduled meeting the option to volunteer is provided to everyone which includes persons of different races. The CoC does encourage a wide variety of individuals to participate to ensure the review and ranking committee is representative of different races and ethnicities. Our African American population is overrepresented in our homeless numbers. We have African American members on our Homeless Task Force and on our Executive Committee. These individuals were involved in the creation of our rank and review tool as well as our scoring process.
3. The review and ranking team was provided a report out of STELLA regarding racial diversity of the program. This data was used when scoring a project to look at any disparities and ways in which the project was working to eliminate barriers. The project could earn up to 5 points for explaining how they were furthering equity with their project.

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. The reallocation process is determined by the Review and Ranking committee, that will look at monitoring, APR's, HMIS reporting and project proposals. They will make reallocation determinations by looking at a projects performance, utilization and effectiveness, alignment with CoC priorities, and the local need for the project.
2. No low performing or less needed projects were identified.
3. Our CoC did not note any low performing projects therefore we did not reallocate any projects for this year.
4. We did not reallocate any projects because we did not identify any low performing projects.

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?	No
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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?	Yes
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?	Yes
4.	If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	10/14/2024
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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.	10/25/2024
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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.	10/25/2024
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	04/22/2024
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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 HMIS leads educate the DV housing providers on the data standards as they are announced by HUD. The lead regularly collects and reviews the CSV uploads for reporting and to ensure the providers are using the current standards. This is monitored regularly.
2. Our DV housing provider is using a HUD compliant database and is compliant with the 2024 HMIS 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	242	0	18	102.90%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	75	0	0	103.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	21	0	0	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	326	0	0	99.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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)

We did not have any bed coverage rates at or below 84.99.

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

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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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/25/2024
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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 CoC has over 60 partner agencies and of those, the majority serve homeless youth. The PIT process involves all those agencies and they provide input on the process of the count. The agencies serving youth were a instrumental part of the planning process. The Planning Committee for the PIT count had multiple agencies on the committee. The CoC has a new partner agency that is specifically for youth experiencing homelessness due to familial rejection. This agency Braided Haven helped with the planning and implementation of the PIT count and are in the process of opening a youth homeless shelter and transitional services for older youth.
2. The CoC worked with numerous youth serving organizations in determining what locations would be best to identify homeless youth. Those locations were included in the PIT count, places such as establishments that provide lunch, the local mission, etc. Additionally, several agencies that serve youth were on the planning committee.
3. Homeless families are identified by the Impact Avenues program and participate in the PIT count.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1 and 2. Our CoC has been working on partnerships with healthcare agencies and as a result had about 10 additional volunteers this year from the VA and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. We were able to utilize the PIT count to offer additional services to unsheltered individuals. We paired nurses with our outreach teams and offered vaccines to individuals during the count. We have also been collaborating with the other CoC's across the state and worked together to make minor changes on our PIT questionnaire to ensure consistent data statewide. Additionally, we conducted a second PIT count in July of this year to gather more data and better track our homeless numbers.
3. Our CoC count was not affected by a natural disaster or people seeking shelter who had recently arrived in our area.
4. The changes to our PIT count allowed for more data and consistent data statewide. The additional volunteers allowed for an efficient count and an opportunity to address the Hep A outbreak among our homeless population.
5. Does not apply.

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The process used to identify homelessness risk factors included full group discussions at Homeless Task Force meetings as well as at meetings of the HTF Executive Committee. CoC members identified risk factors as including, but not limited to: lack of income, disability, criminal background, human trafficking, lack of health insurance, substance abuse/addiction, domestic violence, and, adverse rental histories.

2. Risk factors are heightened in the CoC resulting from the area’s lack of affordable, decent housing as well as our community’s high levels of human trafficking. Topeka is on Interstate 70, the nation’s most-used transportation route for human sex traffickers. Our CoC’s strategy to address individuals/families at risk for homelessness is to establish intentional, formal partnerships that provide supports to help families and individuals mitigate the identified risk factors. 92% of the HTF member agencies actively offer supports specifically addressing one or more of the identified risk factors and attempting to prevent homelessness from occurring. HTF monthly meetings include a detailed explanation of safety net/self-sufficiency-related services, as well as explanations of which organizations have supports currently available. The CoC Lead Agency has established plans for additional training and communication with CoC and Homeless Task Force member organizations to more accurately collect first time homeless data. Our CoC partners with jails and re-entry programs to connect individuals to resources as they are reintegrating back into the community. We know they are an at-risk population so focused efforts are made to assist those individuals. Additionally, the CoC partners with agencies to provide collective impact and a one stop shop approach. We give families that are at risk access to over 40 partner agencies at one location and get them connected to wrap around services. We offer classes to help educate families on things like healthcare, housing, employment, and budgeting to help move them closer to self sufficiency and increase their odds of long term housing sustainability. Our goal is to reach the family before they become homeless and connect them to services and resources to prevent it. Our CoC places a strong emphasis on homeless prevention and not just homeless services.

3. The CoC Lead, City of Topeka, oversees the CoC strategies related to reducing first-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:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC uses Coordinated Entry to create easier and more equitable access to housing assistance. Staff complete an assessment with each individual that gives them a score based on their level of need. Names are then pulled based on prioritization. The coordinated entry system allows individuals to receive assistance quicker and streamlines the process. Additionally, placement in the CoC's Shelter Plus Care or Permanent Supportive Housing program is coordinated by an active partnership between the CoC programs, the area homeless shelter, and the area's leading mental and behavioral health services provider. The CoC-funded programs have signed MOU's with the mental health provider and in the PSH projects there is shared office-space. The formal relationships facilitate prompt reactions when eligible individuals enter the shelter or are otherwise identified as homeless. Both CoC programs have protocols in place to "fast-track" housing applications from individuals identified through our partners. Additionally, through a collaboration with the state our CoC is becoming a Built for Zero community. We have just started the process but believe it will be a tool to help us reduce the time individuals are homeless and move us to functional zero.
2. Identification and housing of individuals with longer periods of homeless histories is achieved through the CoC-funded program's work directly with the mental health provider and the homeless shelter. Those entities supply case-by-case length of homelessness data and use that data as a measure for prioritizing referrals to the CoC-funded projects. Our Coordinated Entry system also looks at length of time homeless and we have policies in place that prioritize individuals and families with the longest lengths of time homeless.
3. The CoC Lead, City of Topeka, oversees the CoC strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC strategy, with all partner agencies, is to work more collectively and leave behind working in silos. The CoC has numerous programs that have been created with a collective impact model for assisting those in need. For example, through the efforts of the Mobile Assistance Partnership those seeking housing is being assisted with getting needed identification and documentation, facilitating quicker entry into housing. Additionally, Impact Avenues works with 42 agencies to address all domains of the family’s situation by providing intensive case management to help them become housed and keep them housed. Additionally, our rescue mission increased their funding to be able to provide rent assistance to help those get into permanent housing destinations. Our CoC uses a housing first strategy to house individuals faster and

eliminate barriers.

2. Entering and retaining permanent housing are supported through CoC partners in the Homeless Task Force that help CoC customers with targeted, strengths-based case management, employment assistance, and supports related to the identified risk factors for becoming homeless. For example, coordinated entry and similar case-specific coordination by Homeless Task Force members often result in recently housed individuals also receiving supports with landlord/tenant relations, job skills training, employment seeking assistance, home weatherization, access to Head Start or Early Head Start, and other strategies aimed at helping the individual(s) retain permanent housing. Our 95% housing retention rate for our Impact Avenues program which includes a one stop shop with our CoC partner agencies is a strong indicator of the success of the

collaborative strategy. As a result of this success, we are including more programs into

the Impact Avenues model and collaborative strategy to increase the participating client’s housing retention rates. Additionally, our rescue mission increased their funding to be able to provide case management to help those get into permanent housing destinations and remain housed.

3. The Homeless Task Force and partner agencies, as the governing body to the area CoC, are responsible for overseeing the strategies to exit to permanent housing and retain permanent housing. The CoC Lead and the HMIS lead assist in the effort by providing reports to the Homeless Task Force.

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. The CoC programs, along with other HUD-funded projects and organizations participating in the citywide HMIS, have kept a high level of data, over multiple years. This allows the CoC to pull HMIS reports monthly to look at our returns to homelessness and analyze the data. Additionally, our CoC works on a collective impact model and data is shared regularly. One of our partners is the school district's McKinney Vento liaison who updates us weekly on any status changes with families. Additionally, in collaboration with the state we are starting the process to become a Built for Zero community. With that model we will move to a weekly case conferencing schedule and a dashboard that will more accurately track homeless individuals and returns to homelessness in real time.

2. When a formerly homeless household or individual is noted to begin accessing a higher number of recorded support services, area agencies are trained to recognize and inquire about the household's overall stability and help the individual(s) prioritize permanent housing retention. The CoC utilizes landlord/tenant solution focused mediation to identify and address issues before it leads to a return to homelessness. Additionally, the CoC partners with agencies to provide collective impact and a one stop shop approach. Families that are at risk are given access to over 40 partner agencies at one location to get them connected to wrap around services. We offer classes to help educate families on things like healthcare, housing, employment, and budgeting to help move them closer to self sufficiency and reduce their odds of returning to homelessness. Our CoC puts an emphasis on homeless prevention and not just homeless services. Our goal is to reach a family and get them connected to resources and services before they become homeless. Additionally, we have implemented case management with the majority of our programs to give families long term support that can offer immediate services to ensure they sustain their housing.

3. The CoC Lead, City of Topeka is the organization responsible for overseeing the CoC strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness.

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) Agencies in the CoC all implement strategies to increase income and employment for their customers. The CoC provides case management to each participant. Case management includes a variety of assessments and support systems, including determining eligibility for mainstream benefits and/or employment supports. The CoC partners with mainstream benefit agencies, several of which provide job training and employment readiness skills to help individuals get back into the workforce and increase their income.
- (2) Opportunities, such as access to the local Workforce Center where consumers can get assistance with resume writing and job interview skills, are discussed with participants and assistance is provided to complete program applications, attend group class sessions and individual appointments, and even to attend work or training on a regular basis. Training programs offer extensive personalized employment readiness skills and opportunities. Training helps the participant increase their cash income, along with skills necessary to maintain employment. Notifications are sent out by the CoC Leads listserv which encompasses over 200 people, including workforce centers. Our CoC also partners with several employment agencies to assist clients.
- (3) Overall CoC strategy for increased job and income growth is coordinated by the CoC Lead, City of Topeka.

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. Each local CoC agency implements strategies to increase income for their customers. The population targeted by the local CoC programs is, notably and historically, difficult to employ. Participation in the Community Action Tanglewood PSH program, for example, requires a diagnosis of a severe and persistent mental illness, which can oftentimes be a barrier to regular employment. Community Action staff, City of Topeka staff, and partnering organizations (including the local mental and behavioral health center, the local Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) and area domestic violence program, assist customers who qualify for nonemployment cash (like SSI) to obtain those resources. Agencies work with individuals to apply for food stamps and medical benefits if needed and connect individuals to SOAR workers to apply for SSI and SSDI benefits. The Coc works to connect individuals to case management services that will help them find resources they qualify for and assist with completing the applications. Additionally, our CoC has a one stop shop where individuals can get access to over 40 partner agencies and assistance accessing benefits.

2. The City of Topeka, as the CoC lead, oversees the strategies and the partner agencies refer individuals to SOAR agencies to get assistance with their SSI/SSDI applications. Partner agencies with case managers work with individuals to get them connected to food stamps and other non-employment cash income.

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?	No
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3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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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
Tanglewood	PH-PSH	3	Both

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Tanglewood

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): XPALF68EYH63

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 3

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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)

N/A

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

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

	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)

N/A

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

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
2. You must upload an attachment for each document listed where 'Required?' is 'Yes'.
3. We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported—please only use zip files if necessary. Converting electronic files to PDF, rather than printing documents and scanning them, often produces higher quality images. Many systems allow you to create PDF files as a Print option. If you are unfamiliar with this process, you should consult your IT Support or search for information on Google or YouTube.
4. Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.
5. Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.
6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
 - . We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).
 - . We must be able to read everything you want us to consider in any attachment.
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	PHA Homeless Pref...	10/25/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On Pre...	10/25/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	Lived Experience ...	10/25/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	10/25/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Review and Rankin...	10/25/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	TRM - Scored Rank...	10/25/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	10/25/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notifications of ...	10/25/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Project Selection...	10/25/2024
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	KS 503 HUD Compet...	10/25/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Submission Summary	No Input Required



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October 23, 2024

Topeka/Shawnee County Continuum of Care
Attn: Carrie Higgins
City of Topeka
620 SE Madison St., 1st Floor
Topeka, KS 66607

Re: Continuum of Care Consolidated Application – Homeless Preference

Dear Ms. Higgins:

The Topeka Housing Authority (THA) in collaboration with the Topeka/Shawnee County Continuum of Care (CoC) will support individuals and households to help eradicate homelessness. THA will accept referrals that have been verified homeless by the CoC Coordinator for individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

The Topeka Housing Authority commits to working with the Topeka/Shawnee County CoC to pair housing vouchers and public housing homes with CoC funded supportive services. THA is also committed to utilizing coordinated entry for this partnership so that prioritization can be given to those in greatest need.

Sincerely,

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Re: Continuum of Care Consolidated Application – Moving On Partnership

Dear Ms. Higgins:

The Topeka Housing Authority (THA) in collaboration with the Topeka/Shawnee County Continuum of Care (CoC) will support individuals and households leaving the Shelter Plus Care program to ensure housing stability. THA will accept referrals made by the CoC Coordinator for individuals and families “moving on” from the program due to no longer qualifying for “care” but do have a housing need.

The Topeka Housing Authority commits to working with the Topeka/Shawnee County CoC to pair affected households with vouchers or public housing homes.

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Behavioral Health Care

I am writing on behalf of Valeo Behavioral Health Care to provide insight into the experiences of individuals experiencing homelessness in Topeka and to reaffirm Valeo's mission to improve the mental and physical health of residents in Shawnee County. Through our work, we have observed that a significant portion of the homeless population is impacted by severe mental illness and chronic substance use disorders. It is our commitment to address these challenges through our specialized programs, which aim to meet individuals where they are and provide comprehensive support tailored to their needs.

At Valeo, our PATH, HOPE, SOAR, and Emergency Crisis Response Teams are specifically trained to reach out to individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health crises, and substance use disorders. We strive to connect them to essential services and care, with the ultimate goal of improving the overall well-being and quality of life in our community. Whether through direct outreach or coordinated care, these teams play a critical role in offering services that are vital to the health and stability of those in need.

Additionally, our MAP program represents a coordinated venture between Valeo, Stormont Vail Health, the Topeka Police Department, and other community partners. This collaboration allows us to provide unsheltered individuals with access to basic necessities such as medical care, shower and laundry facilities, clothing, and food, along with other supportive services. This coordinated effort is key to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors.

Valeo is privileged to partner with the City of Topeka on various initiatives, including participation in the Continuum of Care (COC) meetings, the Homeless Task Force, and other grant-related activities. We are also actively involved in Coordinated Entry and the SPC housing voucher program, where we work daily to provide supportive care and outreach to individuals in need. Our continued partnership with the City is essential to building a stronger, healthier community for all residents.

Moreover, our participation in the Homelessness Lived Experience Workgroup highlights our commitment to exploring collaborative approaches to better serve the unsheltered population. By listening to those with lived experiences, we can develop effective protocols and support systems that not only meet the needs of the homeless but also enhance the well-being of the community at large.

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We are grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the City of Topeka in addressing these complex issues and look forward to continuing our partnership. Together, we can foster a healthier, more compassionate community that provides opportunities for all.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

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Housing First Evaluation - Rapid Rehousing Projects

Area 1: Choice of Housing

1.1 Housing Options

1.1a Amount of choice clients have in type of housing	4	2.5	1
Score 1.1a	4		
1.1b Amount of choice clients have of unit	4		1
Score 1.1b	4		

Tenants choose among multiple units.

1.2 Choice of living arrangements

1.2a Amount of choice clients have in their household make up/who they live with	4	2.5	1
Score 1.2a	4		

household or can choose to live alone and a predetermined a predetermined

Area 2: Decent, safe, affordable housing

2.1 Housing affordability

2.1a Clients live in a home that meets rent reasonableness guidelines	4	3	2	1
Score 2.1a	4			
100% meets reasonableness guidelines		75% meets reasonableness guidelines		Less than 50% meet guidelines.

2.2 Safety and Quality

2.2a Does the housing meet HUD's Housing Quality Standards	4		1
Score 2.2a	4		
100% of units meet HQS			Housing does not meet HQS

Area 3: Rights of Tenancy

3.1 Tenant Rights

3.1a Extent that clients have legal rights to the housing unit	4		1
Score 3.1a	4		
Tenants have full legal rights of tenancy according to local landlord/tenant laws.			Tenants do not have full legal rights of tenancy according to local landlord/tenant laws.
3.1b Is tenancy contingent on program compliance	4	2.5	1
Score 3.1b	4		

3.1c Program has provided fair housing information	4	Tenancy is not contingent in any way on compliance with program or treatment participation (e.g., sobriety or medication compliance).	Program rules require participating in ongoing services, but failure to comply with this requirement does not lead to eviction.	Tenancy is revoked based on noncompliance with program or failure to participate in treatment (e.g., not maintaining sobriety or keeping to a required medical regime).
Score 3.1c	4	Program has provided all participants with Fair Housing information, including how to make a Fair Housing complaint.	1	Program has not provided all participants with Fair Housing information.

Area 4: Access to Housing

4.1 Housing Readiness

4.1a Are clients required to display housing readiness to access units/program	4	3	2	1
Score 4.1a	4	Tenants have access to housing with no requirements to demonstrate readiness (other than provisions in a standard lease).	Tenant access to housing is determined by successfully completing a period of time in a program (e.g., transitional housing).	To qualify for housing, tenants must meet requirements such as sobriety, medication compliance, or willingness to comply with program rules.

4.1b Tenants with obstacles to housing stability are given priority	4	2.5	1
Score 4.1b	4	Tenants who meet program eligibility have equal access to housing.	Tenants are prioritized based on positive clinical or functional criteria (e.g., stability or sobriety).

4.2 Privacy

Program proactively seeks tenants who have obstacles to housing stability.	1
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4.2a Control over staff entry
Score 4.2a

4

3
Service staff may enter the unit

2

uninvited only under specific circumstances

Service staff may enter the unit

1

Staff may not enter the unit unless tenants invite them.

agreed on in advance.

uninvited only in a crisis.

Service staff has free access to housing units, including the right to make unannounced visits.

Area 5: Flexible, voluntary services

5.1 Service Options

5.1a Clients are able to choose the services or referrals they receive
Score 5.1a

4

Tenants may choose from an array of services and referral, including the option of no services or referrals.

3
Tenants may choose from an array of services and referrals, but choosing no services is not an option.

2

Tenants must participate in services and referrals that staff identify.

1

5.1b Services and referrals can be changed to meet client's changing needs and preferences
Score 5.1b

4

Service and referral mix is highly flexible and can adapt type, location, intensity, and frequency based on tenants' changing needs and preferences.

3

Service and referral mix is predictable but significant variants can occur at tenant request.

2

Service and referral mix can be adapted in minor ways.

1

5.1c Services are offered even if the participant leaves the home for any reason up to 90 days including eviction,
Score 5.1c

4

Services are offered even if the client has left the home for up to 90 days, including eviction, brief hospitalization, brief incarceration, etc.

Services are discontinued if the participant leaves the home for any reason.

5.2 Consumer Driven Services

5.2a Are services consumer driven or are they mandatory
Score 5.2a

4

3

2

1

	Some consumer	Program is staff-
	input into design and	controlled without
	control of services	meaningful consumer
	exists in design and	input.
	provision.	

5.3 Quality and Adequacy of Services

5.3a Services are provided with optimum caseload sizes

Score 5.3a

4

2.5

Caseload meets the average for CoC-funded RRH projects.

1

Caseload is higher than average for CoC-funded RRH projects.

Caseload is below the average for CoC-funded RRH projects.

5.3b Regular and formal opportunities for clients to offer feedback about program services

Score 5.3b

4

2.5

One formal opportunity is offered to clients for feedback on program services.

1

No formal opportunities for feedback are offered to clients.

Multiple formal opportunities are offered to clients for feedback on program services.

5.3c Translation services are available as needed

Score 5.3c

4

2.5

Translation services are available in limited instances.

1

Translation services are not offered.

Translation services are always available to assist in working with clients.

5.3d Training opportunities are offered to staff on cultural appropriateness

Score 5.3d

4

1

Training opportunities on cultural appropriateness are not offered to staff.

Cultural appropriateness trainings are offered to staff.

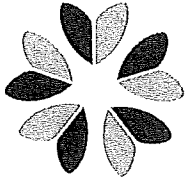
Housing First Monitoring Score Sheet

Today's Date:

Agency Name:

Assessor's Name(s):

Dimension	Indicator	Item Scores
1. Choice of Housing	1.1a Choice in type of housing	#DIV/0!
	1.1b Choice of unit	
2. Decent, Safe, and Affordable Housing	1.2a Choice in household make up	#DIV/0!
	Dimension Score	
3. Rights of Tenancy	2.1a Rent reasonableness	#DIV/0!
	2.2a Housing quality standards	
4. Access to Housing	Dimension Score	#DIV/0!
	3.1a Legal rights of tenancy	
5. Flexible, Voluntary Services	3.1b Program compliance	#DIV/0!
	3.1c Fair Housing	
Total Score	Dimension Score	#DIV/0!
	4.1a Housing readiness required?	
	4.1b People with obstacles given priority	#DIV/0!
	4.2a Control over staff entry	
	Dimension Score	#DIV/0!
	5.1a Service options	
	5.1b Change in services	#DIV/0!
	5.1c Continuity of services	
	5.2a Consumer-driven services	#DIV/0!
	5.3a Caseload sizes	
	5.3b Opportunities to offer input	#DIV/0!
	5.3c Translation services	
	5.3d Cultural appropriateness training	#DIV/0!
	Dimension Score	



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October 12, 2024

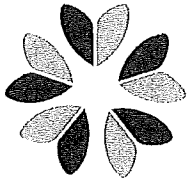
To: The City of Topeka

This letter is your notification that your application for the Permanent Housing Project was accepted by the review and ranking committee. Your application ranked 1st under the renewal applications.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Regina Franklin
Homeless Task Force Chair



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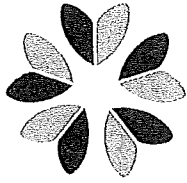
To: Community Action – Tanglewood

This letter is your notification that your application for the Permanent Housing Project was accepted by the review and ranking committee. Your application ranked 1st under new project applications.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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To: Topeka Rescue Mission

This letter is your notification that your application for the Rapid Rehousing Project was accepted by the review and ranking committee. Your application ranked 2nd under the renewal applications.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Regina Franklin
Homeless Task Force Chair



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The final project scores for KS-503 are as follows:

Project Name	New or Renewal	Reallocated	Type	Score	Accepted or Rejected	Rank	Funding Request
City of Topeka SPC	Renewal	no	SPC	76	Accepted	1 st	\$1,345,836
TRM – Rapid Rehousing	Renewal	no	RRH	75	Accepted	2 nd	\$375,826
Tanglewood	New	no	SPC	64	Accepted	3 rd	\$99,038
Breakthrough Lotus House	New	no	SPC	57	Rejected	4 th	\$218,296

The planning grant was approved and accepted.

Thank you,

Regina Franklin
Homeless Task Force Chair