

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: NJ-513 - Somerset County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Somerset County, NJ

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: NJ HMFA

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	No	No	No
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.				

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 Somerset CoC has taken a number of steps to address the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown populations, who are disproportionately represented in the CoC’s homeless population. The CoC has conducted a number of racial equity analyses through the use of HMIS and Point in Time count data to evaluate where inequities exist. The CoC will use this data to identify and implement strategies to help address the disparities seen within the CoC. The CoC also emphasizes culturally competent care, ensuring that staff and providers are trained in diversity, equity and inclusion. The CoC priorities projects that hire individuals who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of the populations they serve. The CoC has engaged community providers who are doing racial equity work at the project level and have asked them to share this information with the full CoC to help encourage other providers to take similar approaches to the work. The CoC continues to engage in advocacy at the local and state levels, pushing for policies that address systemic barriers contributing to homelessness among people of color such as affordable housing shortages, discriminatory practices, and the criminalization of homelessness. Lastly, the CoC is working on implementing an advisory board of persons with lived experience to help ensure the CoC is aware of and working to address the barriers specific to the clients utilizing the Somerset CoC system.

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. The CoC hosts bi-monthly meetings which are open to the public including non-profit agencies, community stakeholders, healthcare organizations, persons with lived experience and advocates in the community. Meeting notices are sent out via various human service listservs and posted on the CoC website. Any agency that has attended a CoC meeting in the past is added to the CoC distribution list and informed of meetings on a regular basis. The CoC Lead Agency also sends out monthly emails with community events available to assist the homeless or vulnerable in the community.

2. All meeting materials & notices are sent in accessible electronic formats compatible with text-to-speech & enlargement tools for persons with disabilities. The committee holds meetings via Zoom which includes phone-in, chat and CC options. The CoC Lead is available to make additional accommodations as needed.

3. The CoC Lead and partner agencies have conducted outreach to specific agencies that have not traditionally attended CoC meetings to provide presentations on their work and ensure their insights are shared at the meetings. As an example, the CoC Lead engaged the Greater Somerset YMCA who attended and presented at a CoC meeting regarding their recent work to shift to more inclusive programming as well as inclusive staffing that better represents the communities they are serving.

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 bi-monthly CoC meetings which are open to the public including non-profit agencies, community stakeholders, healthcare organizations, persons with lived experience and advocates in the community. The CoC meetings offer an opportunity to discuss community priorities, strategies for strengthening the system and barriers to connecting people with appropriate services. Additionally, the CoC is currently in the process of developing a lived experience Advisory Board to provide a clear way for persons with lived experience to participate and lead the CoC planning process. Meeting notices are sent out via various human service listservs and posted on the CoC website. Any agency that has attended a CoC meeting in the past is added to the CoC distribution list and informed of meetings on a regular basis. The CoC Lead Agency also sends out monthly emails with community events available to assist the homeless or vulnerable in the community.
2. Participating agencies have an opportunity to share program information and hold discussion on issues of impact. All information and major areas of concern that are brought up at public meetings are considered as areas of focus by the CoC's Executive Committee.
3. All meeting materials & notices are sent in accessible electronic formats compatible with text-to-speech & enlargement tools for persons with disabilities. The committee holds meetings via Zoom which includes phone-in, chat and CC options. The CoC Lead is available to make additional accommodations as needed.
4. All input that is provided through public meetings is taken into consideration when the Executive Committee is setting the CoC's priorities and in funding decisions. As an example, the CoC will be conducting a survey of all providers to identify the most needed trainings for agencies with the CoC, which will be coordinated by the CoC Lead.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Awarded CoC Program Funding.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
2.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications—the process;
3.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
4.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC discussed the upcoming funding for the 2024 CoC process and the allowable activities at the May 21, 2024 full membership meeting. The email notifying agencies that the CoC was accepting proposals went out on 5/30/24 and informed agencies to submit applications by email to the CoC lead by 6/21/24. The information was also posted to the CoC's website on the same date. A technical assistance session was provided on 5/29/24 to help community agencies understand the type of funding and projects that are eligible for CoC funding. All meetings, notices and the technical assistance session encouraged agencies who have not previously applied for HUD funding to consider submitting a proposal through the local process. The application scoring is designed to ensure all agencies have an equal opportunity.
2. Agencies were notified through the funding notification email and website posting that all applications needed to email their proposal to the CoC lead by the 6/21/24 deadline.
3. The funding notification email and website posting included both the CoC application policies and procedures which outlined the review committee process and how agencies would be selected for funding. The scoresheet was also posted and sent out with the application so agencies were aware how points would be awarded.
4. All CoC funding notices were sent in accessible electronic formats compatible with text-to-speech & enlargement tools for persons with disabilities. While agencies were required to submit the application via email, the CoC Lead was available to make accommodations as needed.

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	Nonexistent
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)	Nonexistent
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?	No

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

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)

Bi-monthly CoC meetings include participation from youth service providers and RHY funded programs. These agencies participate actively in the CoC and subcommittee meetings assisting the CoC in developing strategies to address the needs of school aged youth experiencing homelessness. Recently, the McKinney Vento Regional Liaison reached out to the CoC Lead to begin attending the CoC meetings and CoC members participated in the liaison's recent strategic planning process which highlighted the needs and strategies that should be implemented to better serve youth and families who are experiencing homelessness.

Members of the CoC participate in the Somerset County Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) which is overseen by the Somerset County Youth Division. The CIACC focuses on special needs youth, inclusive of homeless youth, and integrating the appropriate level of services in the community to provide for them. The CIACC includes youth service providers (some of which are CoC members) and the homeless liaisons from the school districts around the county. CIACC offers several cross-training opportunities throughout the year and provides training on the homeless services available to youth through the school systems as well as through the homeless service system.

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)

All agencies and programs serving households with school aged children are required to attend to the educational needs of the children in the household. Per CoC policies, agencies operating in the region must take the following steps:

1. At program intake case managers must evaluate the number of youth in the household and their school enrollment status. Case managers must also discuss with families any special education needs known of for the youth in the households.
2. Case managers must inform the household of how to access homeless related education services in the school system through the homeless liaisons in the schools.
3. In accordance with client choice case managers can work with clients to connect them directly to the homeless liaisons in the schools
4. If case managers are not equipped to provide education related services directly to the family, they must refer the household to a community service provider that can review the educational needs of the children in the household and connect them to the appropriate services.

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

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

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

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of 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. Safe + Sound, the CoC's primary victim service provider, is an active member of both the NJ Coalition to End Domestic Violence and the NJ Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Safe + Sound attends CoC meetings and is available to raise issues and provide updates to CoC-wide policies with the larger committee, which would then be reviewed by the Executive Committee for final approval and vote.

2. During the annual CoC monitoring process, agencies are scored based on whether their staff receives training on trauma-informed care and can meet the needs of survivors. The CoC also informs all agencies about community training opportunities, including training on trauma-informed care, which staff can take advantage of.

1C-5b.	Implemented Safety Planning, Confidentiality Protocols in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:

1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Somerset CoC coordinated entry (CE) system operates as a no-wrong door system where all providers conduct assessments on clients when vacancies become available and submit de-identified client level information to the CoC Lead for inclusion in the housing prioritization list. Each agency requires staff to complete trainings on best practices in client centered services and safety protocols for DV clients. Safe & Sound is a trauma informed, evidence-based provider of DV survivor services and prevention programs. When households fleeing DV reach out to S&S either through the hotline or direct referral, the agency completes an assessment to determine the household safety risk. If the household has a significant safety risk, they are placed in S&S sheltering programs. If the safety risk is such that the household can't stay in the area, S&S will connect the household with a DV provider in another area and arrange the transfer of the household to a secure shelter location. If the household safety assessment does not indicate an imminent risk, the household may be referred to shelter services provided by other non DV programs. S&S considers client safety before facilitating any referrals through the CoC's Coordinated Entry system and ensures the client has a choice in the referral.

2. When collecting information regarding possible referrals for domestic violence survivors, the CE requires all consumers to provide written consent to ensure they feel safe sharing their information. Referrals to CE can be made without direct client information if the client does not feel comfortable sharing that information and the housing provider would instead be connected to the client's case manager who they can work through to facilitate the referral.

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's policies and procedures have an emergency transfer plan that was approved in 2019 and covers all individuals and families receiving CoC program assistance.

2. All CoC program recipients, upon acceptance into a CoC funded program are given information regarding the ability of an emergency transfer, should the household experience a domestic violence situation that threatened their safety. Additionally, all clients are connected to case management services through their program and so if upon case management meetings, the case worker feels that there may be safety concerns, they would remind the household of the ability to request an emergency transfer and what that means.

3. To request an emergency transfer, the tenant must notify their CoC case worker or the CoC funded agency's management office in writing that they are requesting to transfer to another location and a statement regarding why they are requesting the transfer.

4. Once an agency receives an emergency transfer request, they immediately work to identify a safe housing option for the household. This could include moving to another unit with their tenant-based rental assistance, or if project based, another project-based unit in another location. The tenant has the right to decide whether the proposed placement is safe for them and their family. If a safe placement cannot be determined immediately, the client will be referred to the next housing opportunity that becomes available through the CoC. The tenant does not lose that priority until a safe placement is found.

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)

The goal of coordinated entry is to facilitate a plan for aligning services into a streamlined process whereby access, assessment, prioritization and referrals are standardized in a way that is both HUD compliant and community based. When considering victims of domestic violence, the coordinated entry implements strict confidentiality protocols to keep households as safe as possible, but this confidentiality does not limit the housing opportunities victims of domestic violence are considered for. All clients are assessed using the same tools and are incorporated into coordinated entry list through their deidentified data. If a victim of DV is eligible for a housing opportunity, the coordinated entry lead will reach out to the provider, rather than the client directly to coordinate referral and placement. All housing placements are done based on the households choice and safety planning in mind. This ensures that households are not limited in the referrals they receive, but that a referral is only made if it is in line with the household’s specific safety 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)

Safe + Sound, the CoC's primary DV agency, is a partner in the CoC and receives funds to provide victims of domestic violence with rapid rehousing assistance. In partnership with Safe + Sound the CoC is working to address systemic barriers that specifically impact victims of domestic violence. One such barrier that was brought up through the CoC partnership was the need to establish a way for victims to be added to the list in a de-identified way to ensure prioritization, but in a way that they could not be identified and risk their safety. Additionally, the CoC is establishing an Advisory Board of persons with lived experience to help evaluate the system of care and identify barriers in place that may be impacting victims of domestic violence housing outcomes. The CoC lead and Executive Committee evaluate all barriers or systemic issues that are brought up through either specific providers, such as Safe + Sound or through general full membership meetings to determine specific strategies or best practices that need to be implemented to better serve these households.

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

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

3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	No
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1C-6a.	Anti-Discrimination Policy–Updating Policies–Assisting Providers–Evaluating Compliance–Addressing Noncompliance. NOFO Section V.B.1.f.	
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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 evaluates all policies on an annual basis and will make updates as needed or develop new policies. If a stakeholder, partner, or CoC member notifies the CoC Lead of any updates needed the Lead will consult with agencies that are impacted and best suited to provide input on the policy to ensure all policies meet the needs of the population.

2. During the monitoring process, the monitoring committee evaluates program level policies and procedures as well as program guidelines, intake/referral processes, and grounds for termination or non-acceptance into the program. If there are any program findings at all, but specifically showing that clients are not being accepted or are being terminated in any way that does not meet housing first, anti-discrimination CoC-wide policies the agency would have findings. The CoC would then provide the agency with technical assistance to develop the appropriate processes for serving those experiencing homelessness in Somerset County. The CoC would also pull in partners from within the county, state, or federal government that could provide assistance to the agency in developing an effective program.

3. The CoC evaluates compliance with anti-discrimination policies on an annual basis through the monitoring process. If a consumer or agency filed a complaint with the CoC lead, the executive committee would follow the CoC monitoring policy and complete additional evaluations to ensure the agency/program was adhering to all CoC policies as well as HUD regulations.

4. If concerns or findings are identified in the annual monitoring, the monitored agency must submit a response in writing or in person by the timeframe specified in the Monitoring Results Letter. The response may include additional information to address concerns or findings and/or the anticipated timeframe in which the agency will correct/address the issues identified in the Monitoring Results Letter. If the agency does not correct the issues they risk loss of funding and further corrective action.

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?
NJ Department of Community Affairs	37%	Yes-HCV	No
Somerville Housing Authority	11%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

- 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
- state that your CoC has not worked with the PHAs in its geographic area to adopt a homeless admission preference.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is working to engage all housing authorities in the region that do not yet have a homeless preference. The CoC will conduct outreach to all PHAs, meeting with leadership to discuss the needs of the CoC and the role HCV opportunities can play in assisting to end homelessness in the community. Currently several PHAs have a preference for survivors of domestic violence. The CoC will also meet with those PHAs to work on expanding the eligibility for the homeless preference to a larger group of persons experiencing homelessness.

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	No
2.	PHA	No
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	State Rental Assistance Program	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	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.	4
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1&2. The CoC uses a multi-step approach to evaluate whether projects are adhering to the information they submit in their application and if they are following a housing first approach. Through the local application, the CoC reviews the admission and termination criteria of the project as well as best practices, such as trauma-informed care, that the project is using to provide services. These responses from the local application are compared to the project application in esnaps to ensure consistency. The CoC also evaluates the agency's response to services provided to help households connect to and retain housing in the esnaps application.

3. Outside of the CoC competition, the CoC conducts a performance review and monitors all funded projects on an annual basis (alternating site and desk monitorings). The monitoring includes a review of program policies and all lease agreements to ensure services are not required for continued program enrollment. The CoC also evaluates whether the program obtains input from persons in their program to adjust service provision as needed.

4. To improve fidelity to Housing First, the CoC continues to prioritize projects that truly adhere to Housing First principals. The CoC also works to connect newer agencies with those who have been operating projects for longer periods of time and are successfully utilizing Housing First to help new agencies understand the importance and success of the model. The CoC has and is continuing to evaluate the types of trainings that would be most beneficial for the CoC providers and discusses the reasons why the system values a housing first model.

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)

The CoC's PATH provider is the primary entity responsible for outreach services in Somerset CoC. The PATH team covers 100% of the geographic area and targets locations that are reported by community providers, local police departments, and households who were formally unsheltered to make sure they are targeting areas where clients who are least likely to request assistance reside. Outreach teams use bi-lingual staff and translation services to connect with persons with limited English proficiency and use other technology services to reduce communication barriers. Outreach teams and the drop-in center connect with local organizations such as churches and civic groups to develop relationships with communities that may have difficulty accessing services. Outreach teams and the drop in center focus on developing relationships with those living unsheltered in the region to build the trust necessary to help them engage in the service system in a more productive way. All outreach providers utilize motivational interviewing and work to meet clients where they are with the long-term goal of service engagement.

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

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

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

	HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	5	7

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. All CoC providers work with clients to make sure they are connected with all benefits they are eligible for and services that have been identified as a need. Caseworkers assist with scheduling appointments and obtaining proper health services, with the aim of getting all clients on a regular schedule to assist in preventing longer term concerns. Additionally, substance abuse treatment program, healthcare, and mental health providers attend full membership CoC meetings, share information regarding programming, initiatives and services, and regularly collaborate with housing programs for anyone who is seeking treatment. The County Welfare agency (CWA) is also an active member of the COC and will share information about mainstream resources and Medicaid enrollment with housing providers.

2. The CoC shares information regarding the SOAR program with all providers in the community and has asked providers in the past who have received the certification to discuss their success with the program to the CoC providers.

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:

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| 1. | respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and |
| 2. | prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

Through recommendations from the local Health Department and national best practices, the CoC and its local providers made adjustments in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that have become ongoing practices and will improve readiness for future public health emergencies. Ongoing practices at the shelters include: use of PPE by staff & clients, implementation of air filtration systems & amplified cleaning procedures, additional spacing between beds at all shelter locations, implementation of a rotating or staggered meal service to avoid overcrowding in meal rooms. Programs are also continuing to improve their process for sharing educational information regarding illnesses including not only COVID-19 but the flu, etc.

Through all of these practices the CoC has set up the infrastructure & communication, such as holding meetings virtually, allowing for virtual intakes of clients & electronic collection of documentation that may be useful in future health emergencies. Additionally, through the CoC listserv, the CoC lead is able to share public health information and best practices from both the County Health Department and local health care providers.

ID-7a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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| 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)

The CoC worked closely with the local department of health to determine appropriate safety protocols to suggest to all community providers. In partnership with the department of health, the CoC devised protocols to connect persons diagnosed with COVID or displaying symptoms to non-congregate quarantine sites. Funding was set aside to cover the cost of hotel placements for quarantine and the board of social services served as the screening agency for all calls from individuals that were experiencing housing crisis and in need of quarantine space. Additionally the local and state departments of health coordinated with the CoC to get PPE supplies such as masks, gloves and hand sanitizers to agencies serving people with housing insecurity or experiencing homelessness. The department of health, along with local health service providing agencies, partnered with the CoC to coordinate regular testing and vaccination events as they became available. These protocols were shared widely throughout the County. The health dept made them available on their website as well as the county website, social media, and frequent email blasts to CoC and human service list serves.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Somerset CoC utilizes a no wrong door approach to coordinated entry to help ensure the system is accessible to everyone and to avoid barriers to entry. The CoC PATH team is the primary entity responsible for outreach and connecting households experiencing unsheltered homelessness to the coordinated entry system. Through these methods, the coordinated entry system covers 100% of the CoC's geographic area.
2. The coordinated entry system uses a standardized assessment to determine priority for housing opportunities. The assessment tool focuses on homeless history, presence of disabling conditions, history of involvement in the corrections system, history of involvement with hospitals & treatment facilities, & housing & employment history. By using the assessment tool to identify prioritization, the CoC ensures a fair and equitable process for identifying referrals to housing programs, especially when the CoC receives more referrals than the number of housing units that are available.
3. Because the CoC uses a no wrong door approach, clients looking to access housing opportunities are able to be included in the CoC's CE system in a way that they are most comfortable with and ensures they do not feel that they are sharing their personal information with multiple agencies for no reason. Clients can still be referred for a housing vacancy even if they do not share their full information, as the housing provider would then instead be connected to the provider working with the client, rather than the client directly. All clients also have to sign consent forms ensuring they are comfortable with the information shared and fully understand where their information is going.
4. The CoC meets with community agencies that work with various subpopulations to inform them of the coordinated entry process. The CoC lead develops relationships with referral partners to ensure all persons in need of housing can access the assessment process. When updates or barriers regarding the coordinated entry system are brought to the attention of the CoC lead, the Coordinated Entry committee is convened to determine the best way to address and adjust the process to better meet the needs of households experiencing homelessness utilizing the system. Most recently, the process was adjusted to best accommodate the new DV RRH program that was funded based on input from the provider regarding the needs of the clients they serve.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Somerset CoC utilizes a no wrong door approach to coordinated entry to help ensure the system is accessible to everyone and avoid barriers. This structure enables households, even those least likely to apply for assistance to be connected, as they do not have to access a new agency or meet any requirements to be prioritized. In addition, the provider they are working with, which could be the CoC’s PATH team, which conducts outreach to engage those least likely to request assistance, can complete the prioritization tool directly with the client and submit on their behalf, reducing any barrier that may lead to the client not engaging with the system.

2. The CoC coordinated entry process features a standard vulnerability assessment/HPT administered by all emergency shelter and transitional housing programs as well as outreach programs for clients connected to community agencies. The HPT provides a vulnerability score based on history of homelessness, current location, disability, veteran status, DV experience, limited/no income, employment history, eviction history, incarceration history and use of local hospitals or mental health facilities. Households with the highest scores are referred to PH vacancies.

3&4. When a PSH vacancy is available, the CoC Lead notifies the full CoC mailing list, which includes shelters, transitional housing programs, outreach teams, and drop-in centers as well as general community partners of the availability. Community providers complete the Housing prioritization tool (HPT) on all households served by their agency and submit a de-identified spreadsheet with information on household composition, vulnerability score, chronic homeless status, and other details pertinent to PSH placement to the CoC Lead agency who compiles all the community assessments into one document and organizes households by vulnerability. Taking the burden off of clients seeking assistance. The process design minimizes trauma by reducing false hope through placement on a housing wait list and through utilizing community providers to engage and complete the HPT, leveraging the rapport they have built with clients. Agencies have extensive networks with a variety of providers to reach persons who may not traditionally engage in services and access language translation services and other disability related services as needed.

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. All programs seeking referrals through the CoC’s coordinated entry system must notify the CoC lead of their vacancy & eligibility requirements. The lead then puts out a call to all agencies on the listserv including emergency shelters, outreach, board of social services, drop-in centers & non-housing service partners to submit referrals including the CoC’s prioritization tool. The lead then submits referrals to the program based on each household’s priority until all slots are filled. This technique ensures a wide marketing of all housing vacancies, as any agency can submit referrals. Once a referral is made, the client is made aware that they do not have to accept the housing opportunity & that they will not lose their prioritization if they decide it is not right for them. This is especially important for project-based openings to ensure the client feels safe & comfortable in the community.

2. To ensure clients are aware of their rights related to fair housing & civil rights law, all agencies have fair housing & housing discrimination information posted & accessible for all clients. Many programs have housing discrimination information in their program intake packet. Clients are notified that if at any point during the referral, housing search or housing process, they feel discriminated against, they should reach out to their case worker (or if it is a complaint about their case worker, to their supervisor) who will help them determine the best course of action.

3. All CoC agencies have attended trainings provided by local legal service agencies as well as the NJ Division of Civil Rights regarding NJ Law Against Discrimination, the Fair Chance Housing Act & to understand how to file a complaint. The most recent training took place on 9/13/24. To make this process easier, NJ is moving forward with a policy that would allow a service provider, not just the client directly, to report a claim of discrimination. All agencies are encouraged to file complaints of housing discrimination through both the State of NJ & HUD. Additionally, the CoC maintains a contract with Central Jersey Housing Resource Center who provides training and provides education materials to all providers regarding client rights. When clients report any discrimination they are connected to CJHRC for screening & assistance.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/28/2024

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. Somerset CoC utilized HMIS data from all permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, emergency shelter and street outreach programs in the CoC's HMIS system for its most recent racial disparities analysis. In addition to HMIS data, the CoC used Census data for the County. Data elements pulled from each source included: census data broken down by race for the general population within the County and the following HMIS data elements: total population served, whether a disabling condition was identified and type of disability, persons experience with domestic violence, average household size and age of persons served. Each of these elements was broken out by the race and ethnicity categories used in HMIS.

2. General population data for the County was compared to the racial breakdown of the homeless population served and showed a large disparity among households identifying as Black/African-American. Households identifying as Black or African-American only represented 8.7% of Somerset County's general population, but 43.8% of the population experiencing homelessness. The opposite was found for households identifying as White, with White households representing 50.2% of the general population, but only 25.4% of the population experiencing homelessness. In evaluating the racial breakdown of households identifying as having a disability, while Black/African-American households represented 43.8% of the population experiencing homelessness, they only represented 11% of the population reporting a disabling condition. This point requires further evaluation to see whether this information is accurate, or if there are disparities in the way this information is evaluated and collected. Lastly, the CoC evaluated the racial breakdown by project type and found that while households identifying as Black/African-American represented 57.9% of the population served in emergency shelter programs, they only represented 33.3% of households in permanent supportive housing and 43.3% of households served in rapid rehousing programs. Further analysis is needed to determine the reasons behind these differences.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the strategies your CoC is using to prevent or eliminate racial disparities.
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1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	No
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	No
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?	No
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?	No
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?	No
	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)

All CoC policies and procedures are reviewed at least bi-annually with more frequent updates being completed as an issue or new need arises. As part of this process, the CoC will evaluate the policies from a racial equity lens to determine whether any policies currently in place are leading to disparities within the system. All CoC funded providers are asked to report annually, during the application process how they are working to address disparities at their agency level. Additionally, the CoC will conduct a racial disparities analysis at least annually to evaluate system level outcomes and practices that may be resulting in racial disparities among the population being served. These disparities will be presented to the CoC Executive Committee to determine next steps, strategies or monitoring that needs to take place to ensure they are addressed.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Executive Board made updates to local selection and monitoring materials to include an evaluation of agencies ability to serve those in need in an equitable manner. The evaluation consisted of questions determining whether the agency has the capacity to serve those from all cultures in an appropriate manner and the ability to meet all linguistic needs of the community. Points were awarded to agencies that could demonstrate that they sought input from those with lived experience or hired them, and were able to meet the needs of the community in an equitable manner. The findings from the monitoring and local selection provide insight into whether further outreach is needed to engage clients in leadership roles. Additionally, the CoC is implementing annual racial equity reports, in addition to the PIT reports, to show progress that is being made in eliminating disparities. These reports include a review of housing outcomes, shelter services and coordinated entry referrals by race.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has engaged persons with lived experience in the CoC committee through its housing programs. The CoC lead seeks consumer input and brings recommendations to the Executive Committee to identify barriers to access housing and resources in the community. The CoC is currently in the process of developing a CoC Advisory Board of persons with lived experience. To start this process, the CoC will host focus groups to engage households in the larger planning work. Outreach for focus groups will be done through flyers shared widely with all local agencies including housing providers, emergency shelters, outreach teams, drop in centers and food programs. Anyone who attends a focus group will be compensated and those interested in receiving training and taking a more active role in CoC leadership and decision making will be part of the formalized CoC Advisory Board.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	0

2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	2	0

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)

The CoC has a number of member organizations that value the expertise that lived experience brings to the table and prioritizes such experience when hiring for staff within their organizations. Once hired, staff at these organizations participate in trainings, continuing education and other professional development activities to support advancement within the agency. The CoC monitors CoC agency efforts to hire persons with lived experience. Members of the CoC's Advisory Board will receive training on different CoC and homeless services topics and will have the opportunity to participate in CoC planning meetings which will enhance the professional development trainings they receive through agencies.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC providers are monitored every year and scored on whether the agency is regularly conducting consumer feedback surveys on their experience receiving assistance. The annual monitoring also scores on whether persons with lived experience serve on the agency’s governing or policy-making board and have input on program design. As outlined above, the CoC is in the process of developing regular focus groups of persons with lived experience and a formal Advisory Board of Persons with Lived Experience. This advisory board will become the primary mechanism for the CoC to obtain feedback from clients who have been served in the system and have received CoC and/or ESG program services.

The CoC monitors agencies for how feedback that is obtained through persons with lived experience is then incorporated into program development. Larger system wide issues are discussed at full CoC meetings and further strategized and addressed by Executive Committee.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State of NJ monitors municipalities to ensure that they are providing their ‘fair share’ of the region’s need for affordable housing for moderate and low income households. The Mount Laurel Doctrine and recent A4/S50 legislation enforces the assessment of statewide needs for affordable housing and allocates that need on a municipal fair share basis. Municipalities are then evaluated to ensure they are meeting their affordable housing obligations. Many organizations within the CoC were part of the advocacy efforts surrounding the updated A4/S50 legislation to ensure it met the needs of the community and households who are in need of affordable housing.

Two strategies the CoC has taken to ensure the CoC geographic area has met their affordable housing development supply are:

- (1) Identifying funding sources to support affordable housing development.
- (2) The CoC will also provide letters of support to advocate for more low income housing development in the community.

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	05/30/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	05/30/2024

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.	<p>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.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.</p>	
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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)?	240
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	4
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

1E-2b.	<p>Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process.</p> <p>NOFO Section V.B.2.d.</p>	
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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. Each renewal project is monitored on their performance based on data in HMIS and Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for non-HMIS participating projects. Full points are received for projects where at least:

- 85% of households will remain housed for at least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing (PH), or continue in PH(permanent housing retention)
- Less than 10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness
- 85% of households will maintain or increase income at exit and annual assessment
- 20% of adults who are not on SSI/SSD will be employed at program exit or annual assessment
- 85% of households will maintain or obtain mainstream noncash benefits at program exit or annual assessment
- The project reports over 90% occupancy
- The project has less than 10% of data quality errors in HMIS

This monitoring score is then factored into the renewal local selection score.

2. The CoC currently evaluates whether projects are entering an accurate project admission vs permanent housing move in date with full points being awarded to projects that show that all PH move in dates are different than admission dates. The CoC does not currently score projects on the length of time between admission & move in as the CoC understand that many factors impact this data.

3&4. The CoC’s local application process prioritized projects that targeted homeless households with the most severe needs and vulnerabilities by awarding 10 points for projects that serve the chronically homeless. The CoC specified that the CoC would prioritize projects that adopted a Housing First approach and had detailed questions in both the local application and in the monitoring on implementation of housing first practices, efforts to lower barriers, use of evidence-based practices, and efforts to retain participants. These questions were used to evaluate program capacity to serve those with the most severe needs, including and especially persons who may otherwise be denied services due to criminal background, low or no income, or substance use.

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 Somerset CoC Executive Board is the group responsible for the development and oversight of the Somerset CoC funding process. The Executive Board annually reviews all monitoring, performance and local application documents and scoring criteria. Based on input from the full membership, local priorities and areas of concern, the Executive Board determines additional rating factors and weight of scoring for that year. The Executive Board is a diverse governing body that includes over represented groups.

2. The CoC Review Committee is a subcommittee of the Executive Board and is responsible for using the executive board approved tools to conduct project reviews and finalize funding and ranking decisions.

3. During the monitoring for renewal programs, the CoC included questions on consumer input & cultural competency to evaluate agencies on their ability to provide equitable & culturally appropriate services & involve persons with lived experience. The CoC combines monitoring scores & application responses for a final renewal project score. Projects who prioritize the most vulnerable such CH households, longer retention rates, or discharges to PH, including client feedback to improve services & clear Housing First approaches are viewed as promoting racial equity for housing. Additionally, through the local application, there are 15 points available for projects who demonstrate that they can deliver services in a manner than is culturally and linguistically competent and reflects the needs of the populations they serve; Projects that are working to incorporate input from persons with lived experience in the program and having agency leadership include persons with lived experience; and Projects that are making an effort to address racial equity by having staff reflect the population they are serving and utilizing strategies to address racial disparities

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 CoC conducts an annual monitoring, performance review and application process for all renewal projects seeking CoC funding. The monitoring process reviews program compliance with HUD and local regulations, adherence to housing first and service provision, and performance outcomes. Additionally, each project is scored based on the submitted renewal application. The review committee looks at the annual spending reports and APRs to ensure timely reporting and project spending. Projects with poor monitoring scores or significant underspending are identified for possible reallocation.
2. The CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects for the FY2024 cycle.
3. The CoC did not do any reallocation in FY2024.
4. During the FY2022 competition, the CoC reallocated a large portion of its funding (31% of its ARD) to address low performing and projects that were consistently underspending. With these adjustments, projects have shown significant improvement in their spending and performance. Projects will be evaluated again in FY2025 to determine if further reallocation is needed.

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	08/28/2024
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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.	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.

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.	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Foothold Technology, Inc.
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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.	Multiple CoCs
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/08/2024
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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 DV provider in the region, Safe+Sound, was awarded CoC funding in the FY2022 competition. The agency utilizes Apricot, which is a HUD-compliant comparable database to collect client level data and is capable of providing aggregate reports regarding the total number of people served, and outcome trends. The DV provider offers aggregate information on number of persons served, emerging trends and needs. Additionally the DV provider participates in the annual PIT count providing client level data for broader CoC analysis.

2. Yes, Safe and Sound utilizes Apricot, a HUD-compliant comparable database which is compliant with the FY2024 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	68	15	62	74.70%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	161	0	130	80.75%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	7	0	7	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	451	0	44	9.76%
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)

Emergency Shelter:

The bed coverage rate for Somerset Emergency Shelter programs is inaccurate. There is one 15 bed domestic violence emergency shelter in which data is entered into a comparable database. For some reason, during the HIC export, this program is not being identified as in a comparable database even though it is. With this, the bed coverage for emergency shelter would be 93%. The last program is a small 6 bed emergency shelter program run by a faith based organization. While the program participates in the CoC, they have reported not having the capacity to enter into HMIS. The CoC will continue to encourage this project to consider HMIS participation.

Transitional Housing:

There are three agencies that provide transitional housing in the Somerset CoC that do not enter all information into HMIS. The largest program, which is a 16 bed program, is new to the HIC. The CoC will meet with them over the next 12 months to gauge their ability to enter data into HMIS. The other agency that the CoC has met with is a youth provider who enters some program information into HMIS, but has been hesitant in the past to add an additional reporting requirement for their beds that do not require HMIS submission. The CoC will explore the option of uploading information with the HMIS Lead to improve the TH bed coverage.

Permanent Supportive Housing:

Somerset CoC's geographic area includes the primary Veterans Affairs Campus in NJ. For this reason, the CoC has a large number of VASH beds in its jurisdiction as well as a veteran project-based PSH program that is also operated by the VA. These two programs account for 343 beds of PSH in the community. The CoC Lead and HMIS Lead have discussed the possibility of uploading or alternative methods to get the VA data into HMIS, but they have not been successful thus far. The other PSH project that does not enter into HMIS is the same organization that runs the 16 bed TH program. The CoC will explore the option of uploading with them as well to try and improve the overall coverage rate.

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

2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count.	01/23/2024
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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.	05/08/2024
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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)

Visions and Pathways is the primary youth service provider in the CoC. They are an active member of the CoC and participate in the PIT planning committee. Visions and Pathways provides youth targeted emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing services as well as street outreach. For the PIT count, Visions and Pathways ensures information for all youth served in the shelter and transitional housing programs is submitted via HMIS or client level surveys through SurveyMonkey. Visions and Pathways, as a member of the PIT committee, engages with its network of youth service providers to inform them of the PIT count and engage them in participating in the process either through administering surveys or referring homeless youth to project homeless connect events coordinated on the PIT count day or service providers administering surveys.

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)

Not Applicable – there were no changes to the PIT count implementation or methodology for either the sheltered or unsheltered count between 2023 and 2024

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC reviewed PIT & HMIS data on characteristics of households experiencing first time homelessness (FTH) & CoC membership provided feedback on risk factors. Through these methods the CoC identified: level of income, employability, household size, connection to family/friends, & housing prices as factors impacting households resulting in FTH.

2. The CoC works to reduce FTH by ensuring all persons experiencing housing crisis are connected to the Board of Social Services (BOSS) as soon as possible to determine eligibility for mainstream benefits. All community agencies have been informed of protocols to refer persons at risk of homelessness to BOSS. Households are referred to prevention programs and local churches to supplement assistance available through BOSS or to stabilize households not eligible for BOSS benefits. The CoC shares information with CoC member agencies about available prevention resources and encourages referrals. Several CoC agencies have expanded their services to increase supports available to households at risk of homelessness including Legal Services of NJ and HOME (formerly Interfaith Hospitality Network). The efforts of these agencies provide legal and case management supports to prevent households from entering the homeless service system.

3. The CoC Lead agency is responsible for oversight of strategies to reduce 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:

	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 has worked to implement strategies to reduce length of time homeless (LTH) through the prioritization and referrals to CoC funded units through the CoC's coordinated entry system. In addition, the CoC is working to expand the number of PSH and RRH units available to households in the community. The CoC shares information about all affordable housing opportunities with the full CoC mailing list to ensure agencies are referring clients as housing becomes available. Additionally, the CoC requires any projects requesting letters of support to work through the CE process when vacancies are available to ensure full coordination of dedicated units. The CoC prioritization list is generated when vacancies arise and prioritize households with the highest vulnerability and longest histories of homelessness. Over the course of the past year the CoC has had a number of PSH opportunities open up creating a chance to move those with the longest histories of homelessness into permanent housing.

2. The CoC uses HMIS and the CoC's Coordinated Entry prioritization list to identify families and individuals with the longest lengths of time homeless.

3. The CoC Lead agency is responsible for implementation and oversight of the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time households 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. To increase the rate of PH discharges from ES, TH and RRH, the CoC is working to expand housing options connected to the CoC. Over the course of the last year the CoC has distributed information about housing opportunities through new low income housing units, Low Income Housing Tax Credit units and opportunities through new rapid rehousing resources. All providers work to connect clients to all sources of income, including mainstream benefits as well as employment resources, such as the Workforce Development Board. The increase in income increases the likelihood of the household finding housing they can afford in the community.

2. To increase the rate of housing retention, the CoC encourages agencies to connect individuals currently in housing to support services to help increase their stability. New and expanded services have emerged over the last year including legal services to address landlord tenant issues, free tax filing services through the United Way, the Neighbors in Need program offering case management and financial counseling, employment and education services through the workforce development board and community college, and prevention programs funded through NJ DCA. All CoC funded projects are required to operate using a Housing First framework. This includes reducing barriers to project admissions and providing supports to retain people in program and reduce terminations. All projects are monitored on adherence to housing first principles annually. The annual project monitoring also includes a review of service delivery, staff training and program policies to ensure funded agencies provide the maximum support needed to help people access and retain housing.

3. The CoC Lead agency is responsible for implementation and oversight of the CoC strategies to increase the rate of housing exits and housing retention.

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. During the annual project monitoring, the CoC review committee looks at program termination information and reviews destinations at program exit as well as reason for discharge. The program intake collects information about previous episodes of homelessness and residence prior to program entry. The CoC reviews this information and utilizes these data fields to identify individuals and families returning to homelessness as a starting point for completing further analysis of population characteristics to understand trends in returns to homelessness. All providers in HMIS are directed to utilize a consumer lookup before entering the client into their HMIS program so they can identify whether they have been homeless in the past. This information then helps to inform the services provided to those households.

2. The CoC requires all funded projects to implement a housing first approach that works to reduce barriers to program entry and provides adequate supports to reduce program terminations. Additionally, projects are expected to provide client centered and trauma informed services that provide greater success in client engagement and housing retention. The CoC continually works with providers to identify gaps in services and emerging trends at bi-monthly CoC meetings. New services and supports are shared with the CoC membership as a way of providing additional support to persons in CoC funded permanent housing. Agencies are encouraged to connect clients to the services in the community to expand the scope of services available. For instances where housing stability and potential returns to homelessness are connected to clients ability to continue rent payments, the CoC encourages all providers to connect clients to supports such as legal services and new prevention programs such as homelessness prevention, and local CDBG funded prevention supports.

3. The CoC Lead is responsible for oversight of these strategies to decrease 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. The CoC reviews program ability to connect households to employment income and to increase employment income to a living wage. All projects are encouraged to provide supports to clients to assist them in increasing income as appropriate to the household capabilities. The CoC shares information about job fairs and the County hosts virtual job fairs which all CoC agencies were encouraged to attend and connect clients to.
2. The CoC works with the Workforce Development program, childcare resources, unemployment, and the division of social services to provide households with the support they need. CoC agencies connect with Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board to ensure clients access job readiness workshops, individual career counseling and job search assistance. The Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board also participates in the CoC's Executive Committee and Performance and Evaluation Committee, which helps ensure connection between their services and the housing programs working through the CoC.
3. Somerset County as the CoC Lead is responsible for oversight of strategies to improve connection to employment income.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC reviews program ability to connect households to mainstream benefits annually. All projects are encouraged to provide supports to clients to assist them in increasing income as appropriate to the household capabilities. The Board of Social Services is an active member of the CoC and provides information to community agencies on a bi-monthly basis about how to access mainstream benefits and any changes in programs. All community agencies are encouraged to connect their clients to the Board of Social Services so they can complete applications for mainstream programs such as GA, TANF and SSI/SSDI as appropriate. Service providers offer staff assistance for individuals in need of support navigating the application process by accompanying clients to appointments, assisting clients in collecting required documentation and working with clients and the Board of Social Services to follow up on applications. The agency began accepting and completing applications via phone and email to ensure the safety of consumers and staff.
2. The CoC Lead Agency is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No
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	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	10/22/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes		
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing F...	10/22/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	10/22/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	10/22/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/22/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	10/22/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	10/22/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Homel...	10/22/2024
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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Document Description: 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

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Document Description: 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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Competition Report

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Submission Summary

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

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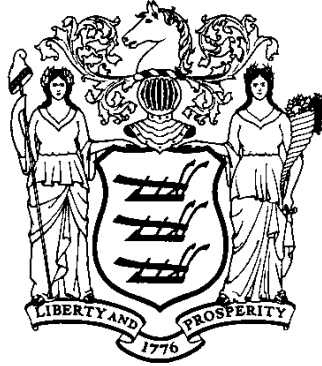
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4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

- a. NJ Dept of Community Affairs

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

Administrative Plan



State of New Jersey
Department of Community Affairs
Division of Housing and Community Resources

State Fiscal Year 2020
(July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)



<http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/>

Chapter 5

SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION

The selection process begins with the program's commitment to exceed the regulatory requirement that not less than 75 percent of the households admitted to the Housing Choice Voucher Program from the program's waiting list must be extremely low-income households. The DCA selection policy then employs a local preference for households that include a person with disabilities, victims of domestic violence and Veterans of the United States Armed Forces. The program has the discretion to establish local preferences that are consistent with the PHA Plan and Consolidated Plan under which the local PHA jurisdiction is covered.

Residency is a secondary preference that is used to further rank those applicants with a local preference and applicants without a preference. Applicants living in the county are offered assistance before non-residents of the county. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or denying admission because of the applicant's age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected class. The standards instituted by the DCA for verification of a local preference are presented in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-2). Applicants who have not claimed a preference are afforded the opportunity to claim a preference at any time while on the waiting list. However, a change from no preference to a local preference will not be implemented without supporting documentation. Applicants are notified of their right to an informal review if their claim of a local preference is denied. Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the selection of applicants

As noted above, with the exception of HUD program regulations pertaining to special admissions and targeted funding, persons will be placed on the DCA's waiting list using a lottery system.

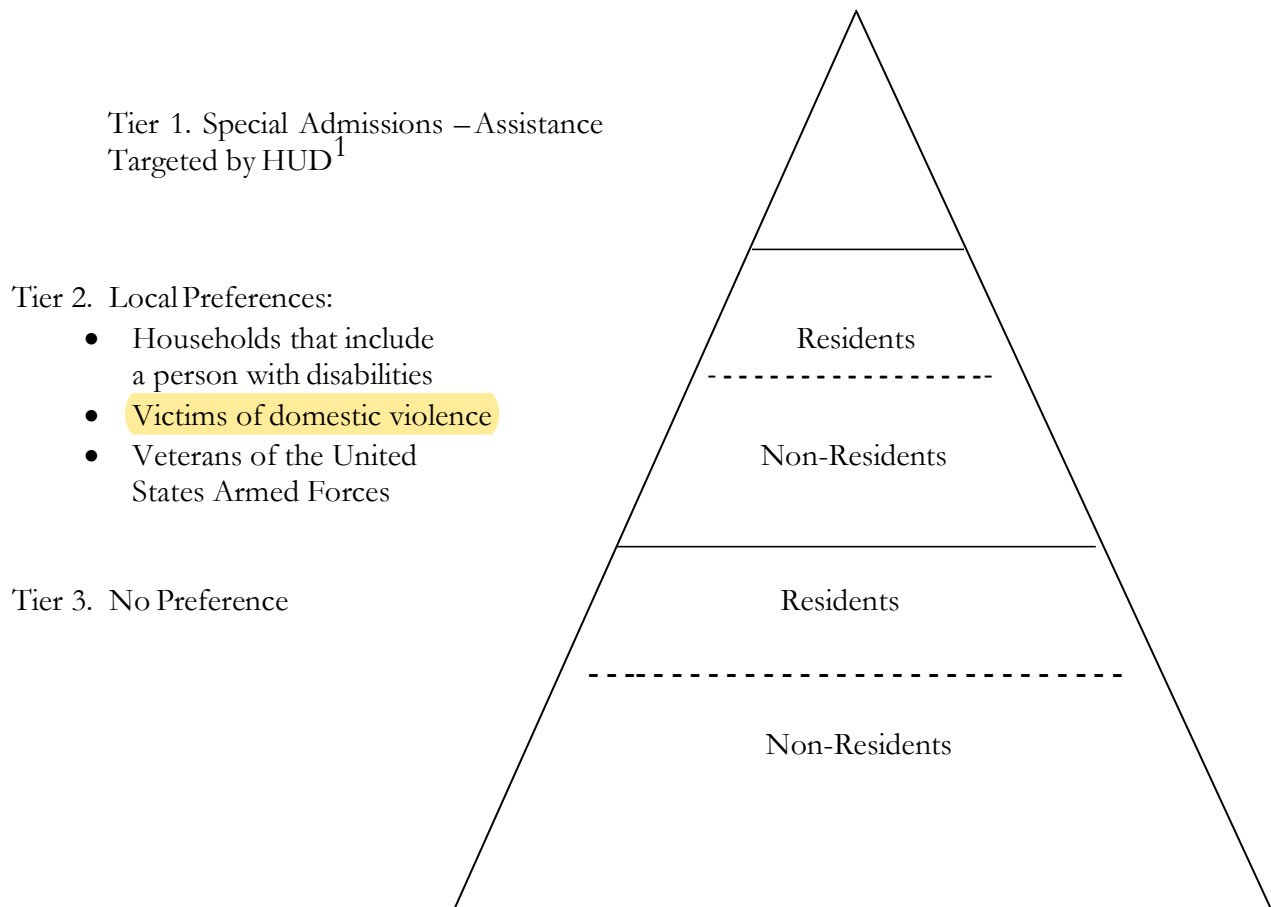
In selecting applicants for participation, the DCA will first offer assistance to Tier I applicants. If there are no Tier I applicants on the jurisdiction's waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier II applicants. If there are no Tier II applicants on the waiting list, assistance is offered to Tier III applicants. (see Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-1).

Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation within fifteen (15) business days of the date of the notice from the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in order to provide a reasonable accommodation, on a case-by-case basis. Programs that require variations to the standard selection policy are identified in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-4).

5.1 Single Member Households

In accordance with 24 C.F.R. §982.207, *Waiting list: Local preferences in admission to program*, the DCA provides a preference for the admission of single persons with disabilities over other single person households.

ILLUSTRATION OF THE DCA'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY



¹ The DCA will select a household that is not included on the waiting list, or without considering the household's waiting list position, if HUD awards the program funding that is targeted for households living in specified units.

EXHIBIT 5.2

Verification Standards for the Local Preferences

All documents received to verify a local preference must be dated and current. To be considered “current” a document must not be dated more than sixty (60) days before the issuance date of a Voucher to an applicant household. All certifications from a third party (including facsimile transmissions) must be on the agency’s letterhead, dated and signed by the appropriate representative of the agency. If verifications are more than sixty (60) days old before a Voucher is issued, new written verifications must be obtained.

Households That Include a Person with Disabilities

1. Documentation from the Social Security Administration that a member of the household is a disabled person who is receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits; or
2. Certification from a physician, on a Certification of Disability form (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-3), that a member of the household is a person with disabilities.

Victims of Domestic Violence

Official correspondence from a social services agency, the local police department, a court of competent jurisdiction, or a public or private facility that provides shelter or counseling to victims of domestic violence that the applicant:

1. Is currently living in a housing unit in which a member of the household engages in such violence. The actual or threatened violence must be of a continuing nature and have occurred within the past 120 days; or
2. The applicant has been displaced because of domestic violence and is not currently residing in standard, permanent replacement housing, to avoid the threat of continued abuse.

Veteran of the United States Armed Forces

Only veterans discharged or released from active duty in the armed forces under honorable

conditions are eligible for veterans' preference. This means you must have been discharged under an honorable or general discharge.

If you are a "retired member of the armed forces" you are not included in the definition of preference eligible unless you are a disabled veteran OR you retired below the rank of major or its equivalent. See veteran definition on page 15.

The surviving spouse of a Veteran who died outside of service is entitled to the same preference as the Veteran, up until they remarry.

VARIATIONS TO THE STANDARD SELECTION POLICY

Mainstream Program and Elderly Disabled (NED)

The Mainstream and NED Programs assist households in which the head of household or spouse is a person with disabilities. The program administers Mainstream Vouchers in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, and Union Counties. Mainstream Vouchers combine housing assistance and appropriate supportive services that are provided by local social service agencies. The program assists individuals in gaining access to the supportive services in their community. The person with disabilities, however, is not required to accept the services as a condition of participation in the program.

The DCA will first review its regular Housing Choice Voucher Program waiting list in selecting applicants for admission to the Programs. Households in which the head of household or spouse is a person with disabilities that are included on a county waiting list where the Programs are administered will be offered a voucher. If the waiting list does not include any eligible households, the DCA will perform outreach activities to local social service and non-profit agencies.

1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference

b. Somerville Housing Authority

SOMERVILLE
ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN
FOR THE
HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM

*Approved by the Borough Council of the
Borough of Somerville Acting as the Housing Agency*

Approved by the HA Board of Commissioners: **NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

Submitted to HUD: **DECEMBER 2022**

4-III.C. SELECTION METHOD

PHAs must describe the method for selecting applicant families from the waiting list, including the system of admission preferences that the PHA will use [24 CFR 982.202(d)].

Local Preferences [24 CFR 982.207; HCV p. 4-16]

PHAs are permitted to establish local preferences, and to give priority to serving families that meet those criteria. HUD specifically authorizes and places restrictions on certain types of local preferences. HUD also permits the PHA to establish other local preferences, at its discretion.

The HA uses the following local preference system:

1. *Elderly Resident Family: A family whose head, spouse, or sole member is a person who is at least 62 years of age; or two or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living together; or one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one live-in aide. (See Glossary description for Elderly Family). This preference is limited to the first ten applicants on the waiting list for claiming this preference.*
2. *Residency preference for families who live or work in the jurisdiction.*

At the time of application, an applicant's entitlement to a local preference will be made on the following basis.

The PHA will verify all preference claims at the time they are made. The PHA will reverify a preference claim, if the PHA feels the family's circumstances have changed, at time of selection from the waiting list.

If the preference verification indicates that an applicant does not qualify for the preference, the applicant will be returned to the waiting list without the local preference and given an opportunity for a meeting, or not placed on the waiting list if the list is only being reopened for those families that qualify for the local preference.

In addition, the PHA will offer a preference to any family that has been terminated from its HCV program due to insufficient program funding.

Among applicants with equal preference status, the waiting list will be organized by date and time.

The PHA will offer a preference to families that include victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking who have either been referred by a partnering service agency or consortia or is seeking an emergency transfer under VAWA from the PHA's public housing program or other covered housing program operated by the PHA.

The applicant must certify that the abuser will not reside with the applicant unless the PHA gives prior written approval.

The PHA will first assist families that have been terminated from the HCV program due to insufficient funding and then assist families that qualify for the VAWA preference.

1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation

**Somerset County Continuum of Care
Site Monitoring Questionnaire**

Agency Name: **Alternatives, Inc.**

Project Name: **Rapid Rehousing II (RRH II)**

COC AND COORDINATED ASSESSMENT PARTICIPATION (10 possible points)	Response (Yes/No/ N/A)	Possible Score	Score
1. Did the agency attend the minimum number of required CoC meetings to maintain membership?	Yes	4	4
2. Has the agency updated internal program policies to reflect integration with the coordinated entry system?	Yes	2	2
3. Have all vacancies in the last year been filled through the coordinated entry process?	Yes	2	2
4. Do tenant selection policies and eligibility criteria reflect compliance with fair housing regulations and reduction in barriers to housing entry as specified in the project application?	Yes	2	2
Notes: Alternatives attended 5 of 6 CoC meetings (typically they attend all). All vacancies are filled through the Somerset County Coordinated Entry System and Alternatives, Inc.'s documentation includes this process.			

CLIENT REVIEW (22 possible points)	Response (Yes/No/ N/A)	Possible Score	Score
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?	Yes	5	5
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling conditions? (PSH only)	Yes	5	5
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the project has applied for?	Yes	2	2
4. Is the agency collecting information on household's income at least annually?	Yes	2	2
5. Do all client files contain appropriate lease documentation?	Yes	2	2
6. Do all client files contain the required HQS inspection?	N/A	2	2
7. Do all client files contain documentation of rent reasonableness review?	Yes	2	2
8. Do all client files contain evidence of supportive services?	Yes	2	2
Notes: All clients are experiencing homelessness and have a serious mental health diagnosis when they enter the program, which was stipulated in the CoC application. All client files have current income and lease documentation, which is updated at least annually. All RRH client folders had documentation of current HQS inspections. Clients pay 30% of their income for rent. Supportive services are documented in client folders with the Individualized Rehabilitation Plan and also in HMIS.			

HOUSING FIRST (10 possible points)	Response (Yes/No/N/A)	Possible Score	Score
1. Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?	Yes	2	2
2. Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the project?	Yes	2	2
3. Is there a grievance procedure for the project?	Yes	2	2
4. Do leases include nontraditional stipulations, such as participating in supportive services?	Yes	2	2
5. Does the agency work with clients to overcome and avoid eviction, including keeping the person in the program even after threat of eviction?	Yes	2	2
Notes: Alternatives, Inc. provided aggregate results of the client satisfaction survey to the Community Development Office. Rules and regulations are in both the client's Service Agreement and the Acknowledgement Packet. The grievance procedure and requirement to participate in supportive services are both in the Service Agreement. Alternatives, Inc. follows Housing First policies, which is documented in the Service Agreement, second paragraph of first page and under "Housing Services" on the fourth page.			

FINANCIAL REVIEW (18 possible points)	Response (Yes/No/N/A)	Possible Score	Score
1. Is the project sufficiently utilizing the funds awarded?	Yes	5	4
2. Is the project drawing down funds from LOCCS on at least a quarterly basis?	No	5	2
3. Is the project basing rent payments on the HUD approved rent calculation worksheet?	Yes	2	2
4. If project is requesting service, operating or administrative funds, does it have the appropriate back up, including time sheets, required for the drawdown?	Yes	2	2
5. Is the adequate match being provided by the project for all funds requested?	Yes	2	2
6. Does the agencies accounting system match the drawdowns being requested from HUD?	Yes	2	2
Notes: eLOCCS payment voucher entries were reviewed to answer questions 1 and 2. Only one drawdown was done in the last half of 2023. Some funds were deobligated by HUD. HUD rent calculation worksheets were in the client folders. Each program has a code assigned. Staff charge time using the "iSolved" app with the appropriate code, so that back up timesheets are generated for the LOCCS drawdown. Joe Mattia will email a match letter. This program receives funds beyond the CoC grant which Alternatives, Inc. receives from other sources. These funds cover the 25% match and include additional dollars identified as leverage, typically greater than 15% more. Alternatives, Inc. uses the Abila MIP accounting software for nonprofits to track finances. Drawdown figures in Alternatives, Inc's system match HUD's system.			

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION (10 possible points)	Response (Yes/No/N/A)	Possible Score	Score
1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to HUD within the 90 day window?	Yes	2	2
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant agreement with HUD for this project?	Yes	2	2
3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with HUD?	No	2	2
4. Does the agency have a current and approved Code of Ethics on file with HUD?	Yes	2	2
5. Does the agency have a signed copy of the most recent grant agreement?	Yes	2	2
Notes: Nicole Kurdyla will provide the APR and when it was submitted to HUD. Alternatives, Inc provided the most recent grant agreement and the Code of Ethics, which is on file with HUD. Joe Mattia stated that there were no outstanding audit/monitoring findings with HUD.			

Total Score: 66

Total Possible: 70

Additional Notes/Comments:

Date Completed: 07/01/2024

Completed by: Edward Prior

Somerset Continuum of Care 2024 Performance Evaluation

Agency Name: Alternatives, Inc.

Program Name: Alt- Rapid Rehousing2

	Programmatic Indicator	Measure & Data Source	Benchmark	Percentage	Score
Utilization Rate					
1	Program operates at full capacity	> 85% Occupancy	≥85%= 10 70%-84%= 7 50%-69%= 5 <50%= 0	79%	7
Income, Employment, and Mainstream Benefits					
2	Households are receiving income (based on most recent entry)	54% will be connected to income sources	≥54%= 10 40%-53%= 6 25%-39%= 3 ≤24%= 0	100%	10
3	Adults who are not enrolled in SSI/D are employed (based on most recent entry)	20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed	≥20%= 2 10%-19%= 1 ≤9%= 0	0%	0
4	Adults have increased their level of income (from entry to update or discharge)	54% of households will have increased their income	≥54%= 5 35%-53%= 3 ≤34%= 0	67%	5
5	Households are connected to mainstream benefits, including healthcare (based on most recent entry)	56% will be connected to mainstream benefits/healthcare	≥56%= 3 45%-55%= 2 35%-44%= 1 ≤34%= 0	100%	3
6	Households obtained mainstream non-cash benefits while in the program (from entry to update or discharge)	56% of households obtained noncash benefits	≥56%= 2 35%-55%= 1 ≤34%= 0	N/A	N/A
Housing Stabilization					
7	Households will exit to PH or will remain in current PH location	80% will remain in permanent housing or exit to other permanent housing	≥80%=10 75%-79%= 7 70%-74%= 5 ≤70%= 0	100%	10
8	Households being discharged are not discharged into homelessness (transitional housing, emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation)	<10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness	<10%= 10 10%-15%= 7 16%-20%= 5 ≥21%= 0	0%	10
9	Households being discharged are not discharged due to noncompliance or a disagreement with the project rules or persons	<10% exit involuntarily	<10%= 3 10%-15%= 1 ≥16%= 0	0%	3
Administrative					
8	HMIS Data Quality and Compliance	See Data Quality Report	20	Total Score:	17.00

Final Score:	65
Maximum Points Available:	73

1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

**Somerset County Continuum of Care
2024 Local Competition Scoring Tool**

Agency Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Type: _____

Renewal or New Project: _____

DV Focused Project? _____

Threshold Review			Response
1. Does the project agree to participate in coordinated entry?			
2. Does the project agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for domestic violence programs?			
Data Quality and Accuracy	Result	Possible Score	Score
1. Name		1	
2. SSN		1	
3. Date of Birth		1	
4. Race & Ethnicity		1	
5. Gender		1	
6. Veteran Status		1	
7. Disabling Condition		1	
8. Living Situation (Residence Prior to Entry)		2	
9. Relationship to Head of Household		1	
10. Destination		2	
11. Client Location for Project Entry		1	
12. Data is entered in HMIS within 48 hours		2	
13. All annual updates have been entered for clients when applicable		3	
System Performance	Result	Possible Score	Score
1. Program operates at least 85% capacity		10	
2. 54% of households are receiving some form of income		10	
3. 20% of households not connected to SSI/SSDI are receiving earned income		2	
4. 54% of households have increased their income		5	
5. 56% of households are connected to mainstream benefits, including healthcare		3	
6. 56% of households obtained mainstream benefits/healthcare while in the program		2	
7. 80% of households will remain in or will exit to permanent housing		10	
8. 90% of households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness		10	
9. 90% of households will not exit housing involuntarily (i.e. noncompliance with program, disagreement with rules/person, max length of stay)		3	
10. Agency is entering accurate admission and permanent housing move-in dates showing when the household was accepted into the program versus when they found housing and moved in		2	
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	Response	Possible Score	Score
<i>CoC and Coordinated Assessment Participation</i>			
1. Did the agency attend the minimum number of required CoC meetings to maintain membership?			4
2. Has the agency updated internal program policies to reflect integration with the coordinated entry system?			2
3. Have all vacancies in the last year been filled through the coordinated entry process?			2
4. Do tenant selection policies and eligibility criteria reflect compliance with fair housing regulations and reduction in barriers to housing entry as specified in the project application?			2
<i>Client File Review</i>			
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?			5
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling condition?			5
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the project has applied for?			2
4. Is the agency collecting information on household's income at least annually?			2
5. Do all clients files contain appropriate lease documentation?			2
6. Do all client files contain the required HQS inspection?			2

7. Do all client files contain documentation of rent reasonableness review?		2	
8. Do all client files contain evidence of supportive services?		2	
<i>Housing First</i>			
1. Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?		2	
2. Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the project?		2	
3. Is there a grievance procedures for the project?		2	
4. Do leases include nontraditional stipulations, such as participating in supportive services?		2	
5. Does the agency work with clients to overcome and avoid eviction, including keeping the person in the program even after threat of eviction?		2	
<i>Financial Review</i>			
1. Is the project sufficiently utilizing the funds awarded?		5	
2. Is the project drawing down funds from LOCCS on at least a quarterly basis?		5	
3. Is the project basing rent payments on the HUD approved rent calculation worksheet?		2	
4. If project is requesting service, operating, or administrative funds, does it have the appropriate back up, including time sheets, required for the drawdown?		2	
5. Is the adequate match being provided by the project for all funds requested?		2	
6. Does the agencies accounting system match the drawdowns being requested from HUD?		2	
<i>Project Administration</i>			
1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to HUD within the 90 day window?		2	
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant agreement with HUD for this project?		2	
3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with HUD?		2	
4. Does the agency have a current and approved Code of Ethics on file with HUD?		2	
5. Does the agency have a signed copy of the most recent grant agreement?		2	
<i>Local Priorities</i>			
1. Projects will be prioritized based on project type: PSH - 10 pts, RRH - 8 pts, SSO - 7 pts, TH/RRH - 5 pts		10	
2. Projets will receive points based on their prioritization of the chronic homeless population: 75% of beds dedicated to CH - 10 pts; 50% of beds dedicated to the CH - 5 pts		10	
Local Application		Possible Score	Score
<i>Project Use, Housing First and Staffing</i>			
1. Project clearly described how the CoC funds will be used for their project, and uses fall in line with CoC priorities		5	
2. Agency demonstrates appropriate training and continuing education efforts to ensure effective service provision		5	
3. Project identifies as law barrier based on eligibility criteria		5	
4. Project ensures participants are not terminated by using a housing first approach		5	
<i>Racial Equity and Consumer Input</i>			
1. Agency is making efforts to address racial equity - full points would be awarded for agency's who staff reflect minority populations and populations they are serving and they are utilizing multiple strategies to address racial disparities.		5	
2. Agency works to incorporate input of persons with lived experience of homelessness - full points would be awarded for agency's who leadership and/or agency board include persons with lived experince of homelessness and have a clear process for using input from persons with lived experience in service delivery and project administration.		5	
3. Agency is able to deliver services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent and reflects the needs of the minority populations it serves.		5	
4. For renewals only, clients served over the last year have a racial breakdown in line with the CoC's overall service breakdown, showing they are in line with serving the community in need.		5	
<i>Community Participation</i>			
1. Applicant demonstrates active participation in the CoC and/or subcommittees.		5	
<i>New Projects Only</i>			
1. Applicant clearly demonstrates how the project will address an area of need in the community and how the project assists the community in meeting system goals.		15	
2. Applicant demonstrates realistic measurement tools and strategies to assist the community in address system performance.		5	
3. Applicant demonstrates a wide variety of services related to program goals that will be made available to participates and demonstrates these services will be client-centered, accessible, and based in best/evidence based practices.		10	
4. Applicant has experience providing the type and level of services needed to adminster the project. Applicant has experience administering HUD or other federal funding.		10	
5. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.		10	
<i>Domestic Violence Projects Only</i>			
1. Applicant clearly describes how they will use a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach to meet the housing, resource and safety needs of clients.		10	
2. Applicant adequately identified how the safety needs of victims of domestic violence will be met through this project.		10	
3. Applicant will be able to utilize an HMIS comparable database for this project that will meet the needs of the CoC and their funding.		5	

Project Budget

1. Budget items correlate with program design, goals and performance

5

Renewal Project Scoring	Possible Score	Final Score	Final Percentage
Data Quality and Accuracy	18	0	0%
System Performance	57	0	0%
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	90	0	0%
Local Application	75	0	0%
Total	240	0	0%
New Project Scoring	Possible Score	Final Score	Final Percentage
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	20	0	0%
Local Application	120	0	0%
Total	140	0	0%

1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

**Somerset County Continuum of Care
2024 Local Competition Scoring Tool**

Agency Name: Alternatives, Inc.

Project Name: Rapid Rehousing II

Project Type: Rapid Rehousing

Renewal or New Project: Renewal Project

DV Focused Project? No, Not DV Focused

Threshold Review			Response
1. Does the project agree to participate in coordinated entry?			Yes
2. Does the project agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for domestic violence programs?			Yes
Data Quality and Accuracy	Result	Possible Score	Score
1. Name	100%	1	1
2. SSN	100%	1	1
3. Date of Birth	100%	1	1
4. Race & Ethnicity	100%	1	1
5. Gender	50%	1	0
6. Veteran Status	100%	1	1
7. Disabling Condition	100%	1	1
8. Living Situation (Residence Prior to Entry)	100%	2	2
9. Relationship to Head of Household	100%	1	1
10. Destination	100%	2	2
11. Client Location for Project Entry	100%	1	1
12. Data is entered in HMIS within 48 hours	100%	2	2
13. All annual updates have been entered for clients when applicable	100%	3	3
System Performance	Result	Possible Score	Score
1. Program operates at least 85% capacity	79%	10	7
2. 54% of households are receiving some form of income	100%	10	10
3. 20% of households not connected to SSI/SSDI are receiving earned income	0%	2	0
4. 54% of households have increased their income	67%	5	5
5. 56% of households are connected to mainstream benefits, including healthcare	100%	3	3
6. 56% of households obtained mainstream benefits/healthcare while in the program	N/A	N/A	N/A
7. 80% of households will remain in or will exit to permanent housing	100%	10	10
8. 90% of households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness	100%	10	10
9. 90% of households will not exit housing involuntarily (i.e. noncompliance with program, disagreement with rules/person, max length of stay)	100%	3	3
10. Agency is entering accurate admission and permanent housing move-in dates showing when the household was accepted into the program versus when they found housing and moved in	0%	2	0
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	Response	Possible Score	Score
<i>CoC and Coordinated Assessment Participation</i>			
1. Did the agency attend the minimum number of required CoC meetings to maintain membership?	Yes	4	4
2. Has the agency updated internal program policies to reflect integration with the coordinated entry system?	Yes	2	2
3. Have all vacancies in the last year been filled through the coordinated entry process?	Yes	2	2
4. Do tenant selection policies and eligibility criteria reflect compliance with fair housing regulations and reduction in barriers to housing entry as specified in the project application?	Yes	2	2
<i>Client File Review</i>			
1. Are clients eligible based on homeless status?	Yes	5	5
2. Are clients eligible based on disabling condition?	Yes	5	5
3. Do the clients served in the project match the subpopulations the project has applied for?	Yes	2	2
4. Is the agency collecting information on household's income at least annually?	Yes	2	2
5. Do all clients files contain appropriate lease documentation?	Yes	2	2
6. Do all client files contain the required HQS inspection?	Yes	2	2

7. Do all client files contain documentation of rent reasonableness review?	Yes	2	2
8. Do all client files contain evidence of supportive services?	Yes	2	2
<i>Housing First</i>			
1. Does the agency administer a client satisfaction survey for this project?	Yes	2	2
2. Does the agency provide clients with the rules and regulations for the project?	Yes	2	2
3. Is there a grievance procedures for the project?	Yes	2	2
4. Do leases include nontraditional stipulations, such as participating in supportive services?	Yes	2	2
5. Does the agency work with clients to overcome and avoid eviction, including keeping the person in the program even after threat of eviction?	Yes	2	2
<i>Financial Review</i>			
1. Is the project sufficiently utilizing the funds awarded?	No	5	4
2. Is the project drawing down funds from LOCCS on at least a quarterly basis?	No	5	2
3. Is the project basing rent payments on the HUD approved rent calculation worksheet?	Yes	2	2
4. If project is requesting service, operating, or administrative funds, does it have the appropriate back up, including time sheets, required for the drawdown?	Yes	2	2
5. Is the adequate match being provided by the project for all funds requested?	Yes	2	2
6. Does the agencies accounting system match the drawdowns being requested from HUD?	Yes	2	2
<i>Project Administration</i>			
1. Did the project submit the most recent Annual Performance Report to HUD within the 90 day window?	Yes	2	2
2. Does the agency have a copy of the most recently signed grant agreement with HUD for this project?	Yes	2	2
3. Does the project have any outstanding audit/monitoring findings with HUD?	No	2	2
4. Does the agency have a current and approved Code of Ethics on file with HUD?	Yes	2	2
5. Does the agency have a signed copy of the most recent grant agreement?	Yes	2	2
<i>Local Priorities</i>			
1. Projects will be prioritized based on project type: PSH - 10 pts, RRH - 8 pts, SSO - 7 pts, TH/RRH - 5 pts	RRH	10	5
2. Projets will receive points based on their prioritization of the chronic homeless population: 75% of beds dedicated to CH - 10 pts; 50% of beds dedicated to the CH - 5 pts	0%	10	0
Local Application		Possible Score	Score
<i>Project Use, Housing First and Staffing</i>			
1. Project clearly described how the CoC funds will be used for their project, and uses fall in line with CoC priorities		5	3.87
2. Agency demonstrates appropriate training and continuing education efforts to ensure effective service provision		5	4.63
3. Project identifies as law barrier based on eligibility criteria		5	4
4. Project ensures participants are not terminated by using a housing first approach		5	4.75
<i>Racial Equity and Consumer Input</i>			
1. Agency is making efforts to address racial equity - full points would be awarded for agency's who staff reflect minority populations and populations they are serving and they are utilizing multiple strategies to address racial disparities.		5	5
2. Agency works to incorporate input of persons with lived experience of homelessness - full points would be awarded for agency's who leadership and/or agency board include persons with lived experince of homelessness and have a clear process for using input from persons with lived experience in service delivery and project administration.		5	4.75
3. Agency is able to deliver services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent and reflects the needs of the minority populations it serves.		5	4.63
4. For renewals only, clients served over the last year have a racial breakdown in line with the CoC's overall service breakdown, showing they are in line with serving the community in need.		5	5
<i>Community Participation</i>			
1. Applicant demonstrates active participation in the CoC and/or subcommittees.		5	4.75
<i>New Projects Only</i>			
1. Applicant clearly demonstrates how the project will address an area of need in the community and how the project assists the community in meeting system goals.		N/A	N/A
2. Applicant demonstrates realistic measurement tools and strategies to assist the community in address system performance.		N/A	N/A
3. Applicant demonstrates a wide variety of services related to program goals that will be made available to participates and demonstrates these services will be client-centered, accessible, and based in best/evidence based practices.		N/A	N/A
4. Applicant has experience providing the type and level of services needed to adminster the project. Applicant has experience administering HUD or other federal funding.		N/A	N/A
5. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.		N/A	N/A
<i>Domestic Violence Projects Only</i>			
1. Applicant clearly describes how they will use a trauma-informed, victim-centered approach to meet the housing, resource and safety needs of clients.		N/A	N/A
2. Applicant adequately identified how the safety needs of victims of domestic violence will be met through this project.		N/A	N/A
3. Applicant will be able to utilize an HMIS comparable database for this project that will meet the needs of the CoC and their funding.		N/A	N/A

<i>Project Budget</i>		
1. Budget items correlate with program design, goals and performance	5	4.25

Renewal Project Scoring	Possible Score	Final Score	Final Percentage
Data Quality and Accuracy	18	17	94.44%
System Performance	55	48	87.27%
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	90	71	78.89%
Local Application	50	45.63	91.26%
Total	213	181.63	85.27%
New Project Scoring	Possible Score	Final Score	Final Percentage
Project Monitoring/Objective Criteria	N/A	N/A	N/A
Local Application	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A

1E - 5. Notification of Projects Rejected - Reduced
N/A - no projects were rejected for reduced for
the Somerset CoC in FY2024

1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted

Subject: 2024 CoC Funding Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 3:16:35 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kimberly Cowart
To: Nicole Kurdyla, Mattia, Joseph, Chelsea
CC: Katelyn Ravensbergen
Attachments: Alternatives Funding Notification_2024.pdf

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Good afternoon- attached please find a letter with details pertaining to the Review Committee's recommendations.

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LINDA M. PORCARO

August 28, 2024

Ms. Nicole Kurdyla
Alternatives, Inc.
600 First Ave. Raritan, NJ 08869

Thank you for submitting an application for inclusion in Somerset County's FY 2024 Consolidated Continuum of Care (CoC) application. The review committee has evaluated your proposals and your projects have been recommended for consideration by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Below please find your final application, monitoring and performance scores as well as the final budget and ranking of your project.

Permanent Supportive Housing I Project Scoring			
	Total Scored	Total Possible	Final Percentage Used for Ranking
Monitoring	66	68	
Performance Review	44	52	
Local Application	63.96	70	
Total Score	173.96	190	91.56%
Based on this percentage, your project was ranked 2 which put your project in Tier 1			

Permanent Supportive Housing II Project Scoring			
	Total Scored	Total Possible	Final Percentage Used for Ranking
Monitoring	66	68	
Performance Review	51.5	56	
Local Application	64.11	70	
Total Score	181.61	194	93.61%
Based on this percentage, your project was ranked 1 which put your project in Tier 1			

Somerset County Rapid Rehousing II Project Scoring			
	Total Scored	Total Possible	Final Percentage Used for Ranking
Monitoring	66	70	
Performance Review	65	73	
Local Application	50.63	70	
Total Score	181.63	213	85.27%
Based on this percentage, your project was ranked 3 which put your project in Tier 1			

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Approved Project Budgets:					
Project Name	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	Admin	Total
Permanent Supportive Housing I	-	\$44,550	\$42,744	\$4,350	\$91,644
Permanent Supportive Housing II	-	\$44,120	\$43,191	\$4,350	\$91,661
Somerset County Rapid Rehousing II	\$72,720	\$23,860	-	\$6,300	\$102,880

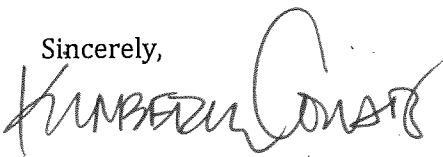
At this point you should begin working on your project applications in esnaps. As a reminder, all draft project applications should be completed and submitted to Katelyn Ravensbergen at kravensbergen@monarchhousing.org and Kenya Lamarr-Booze at Klamarr@monarchhousing.org no later than **Friday, September 27, 2024**. This submission should be a pdf copy of your application from esnaps and it should be sent over **BEFORE** you submit the application in esnaps. Once the application has been emailed it will be reviewed for accuracy and consistency and Katelyn and Kenya will provide any updates that need to be made and let you know when it is ready to be submitted in esnaps.

If there are questions on completing the application, the link to the detailed instructions released by HUD can be found here: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY-2024-CoC-RENEWAL-Application-Detailed-Instructions.pdf>

If your agency wishes to appeal the decision of the Somerset CoC Review Committee, a written appeal letter with the project name and funding request as well as a description of the grounds for appeal must be submitted to Kimberly Cowart at cowart@co.somerset.nj.us by Friday September 6, 2024, at 4pm. Upon receipt, the Review Committee will have 10 business days to review and make a final decision. Finally, please remember that your organization will have to contribute toward the \$27,500 fee that Monarch Housing Associates charges Somerset County for the CoC-related homeless planning, data collection and application support that it provides. Somerset County will pay half of the fee (\$13,750) and your organization will pay a proportional share of the remaining cost that is based on how much of the FY 2024 application's total amount is requested by Alternatives. You will receive an invoice from Monarch and I ask that you pay in a timely manner.

Thank you for your continued work serving those experiencing homelessness in Somerset County. If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Cowart

Subject: 2024 CoC Funding Recommendation
Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 3:17:17 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Kimberly Cowart
To: Ana Diaz
CC: Katelyn Ravensbergen
Attachments: Safe and Sound Funding Notification_2024.pdf

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August 28, 2024

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PO Box 835, Somerville NJ 08876

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Safe & Sound Rapid Rehousing DV Project Scoring			
	Total Scored	Total Possible	Final Percentage Used for Ranking
Application Score	76.89	95	80.94%
Based on this percentage, your project was ranked 4 which put your project as straddling Tier 1 and Tier 2			

Approved Project Budgets:					
Project Name	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	HMIS	Admin	Total
Safe & Sound Rapid Rehousing DV	\$99,216	\$6,583	\$1,000	\$4,766	\$111,565

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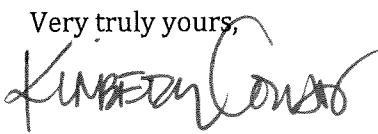
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Thank you for your continued work serving those experiencing homelessness in Somerset County. If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kimberly Cowart". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kimberly Cowart, Director

1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results

Somerset CoC FY2024 Budget

Tier	Rank	% of Points Earned - Score	Agency	Project	Grant Number		Status	Amount Requested From HUD	Reallocated Funds
1	1	93.61%	Alternatives, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing II	NJ0137L2F132316	PSH	Accepted	\$ 91,661	\$ -
1	2	91.56%	Alternatives, Inc.	Permanent Supportive Housing I	NJ0136L2F132316	PSH	Accepted	\$ 91,644	\$ -
1	3	85.27%	Alternatives, Inc.	Somerset County Rapid Rehousing II	NJ0587L2F132305	RRH	Accepted	\$ 102,880	\$ -
1/2	4	80.94%	Safe & Sound Somerset, Inc.	Rapid Rehousing Safe & Sound Rapid Rehousing Housing DV	NJ0691L2F132301	RRH	Accepted	\$ 111,565	\$ -
		N/A	Somerset County	2024 CoC Planning Project	N/A	N/A	Accepted	\$50,000	\$ -
Total Approved Projects								\$ 447,750	\$ -
Projects Not Approved for Funding									
			N/A	N/A					

Total Request \$447,750

Total Renewal (Annual Renewal Demand - ARD)	\$397,750
Somerset PPRN	\$623,548
Allowable Planning Grant	\$50,000
Tier 1 Renewal	\$357,975
Tier 2 Allowable	\$208,133
Bonus Allowable	\$74,826
Total DV Bonus	\$93,532
Total Renewal & Bonus	\$566,108
Total Amount of Funding	\$616,108

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report

2024 HDX Competition Report

This workbook contains summary information about your CoC's data as it was entered into HDX 1.0 and HDX 2.0 for your use as part of the 2024 Competition.

To Print this Workbook:

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On Accessibility, Navigability, and Printability:

This workbook attempts to maximize accessibility, navigability, printability, and ease of use. Merged cells have been avoided. All tables and text boxes have been given names. Extraneous rows and columns outside printed ranges have been hidden. Formulas may include references to hidden rows and columns or data tables. For ease of use, these referenced sources have been hidden but can be unhidden by any user at any time. Raw data sources contained in this workbook are named according to the module and fiscal year from which they originate - e.g. "HIC_2024" is the Housing Inventory Count raw data from Fiscal Year 2024.

For Questions:

If you have questions, please reach out to HUD via the "Ask a Question" page, <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/> and choose "HDX" as the topic.

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2024 Competition Report - Summary

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HDX Data Submission Participation Information

Government FY and HDX Module Abbreviation	Met Module Deadline*	Data From	Data Collection Period in HDX 2.0
2023 LSA	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).	November 2023 to January of 2024
2023 SPM	Yes	Government FY 2023 (10/1/22 - 9/30/23).**	February 2024 to March 2024
2024 HIC	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024
2024 PIT	Yes	Government FY 2024. Exact HIC and PIT dates will vary by CoC. For most CoCs, it will be last Wednesday in January of 2024.	March 2024 to May 2024

1) FY = Fiscal Year

2) *This considers all extensions where they were provided.

2) **"Met Deadline" in this context refers to FY23 SPM submissions. Resubmissions from FY 2022 (10/1/21 - 9/30/22) were also accepted during the data collection period, but these previous year's submissions are voluntarily and are not required.

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2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	ESTAO	ESTAC	ESTCO	RRHAO	RRHAC	RRHCO	PSHAO	PSHAC	PSHCO
Fully Usable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Partially Usable									
Not Usable		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	339	396	434
AO	265	261	318
AC	58	131	110
CO	9	7	4

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	108	87	58
AO	81	66	53
AC	28	22	5
CO	0	0	0

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PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	95	94	92
AO	95	93	92
AC	0	0	0
CO	0	1	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing;

PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons

in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different

household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type.

Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

3) Total Sheltered count only includes those served in HMIS participating projects reported by your CoC.

4) For CoCs that experienced mergers during any of these reporting periods, historical data will include only the original CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than the look back stop date or client's date of birth, whichever is later.

Metric 1.1: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.

Metric 1.2: Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

a. This measure is of the client's entry, exit, and bed night dates strictly as entered in the HMIS system.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	253	142.4	49.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	432	151.3	75.0

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

This measure includes data from each client's Living Situation (Data Standards element 3.917) response as well as time spent in permanent housing projects between Project Start and Housing Move-In. This information is added to the client's entry date, effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	310	321.9	134.5
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	489	291.1	150.0

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness for Persons who Exit to Permanent Housing (PH) Destinations

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns ⁴	Count	% of Returns ⁶	Count	% of Returns ⁸
Exit was from SO	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from ES	52	1	1.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	1.9%
Exit was from TH	51	0	0.0%	3	5.9%	1	2.0%	4	7.8%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	7	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	110	1	0.9%	3	2.7%	1	0.9%	5	4.6%

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

This measures the change in annual counts of sheltered homeless persons in HMIS.

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	434
Emergency Shelter Total	254
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	183

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Measure 4: Employment and Income Growth for Homeless Persons in CoC Program-funded Projects

This measure is divided into six tables capturing employment and non-employment income changes for system leavers and stayers. The project types reported in these metrics are the same for each metric, but the type of income and universe of clients differs. In addition, the projects reported within these tables are limited to CoC-funded projects.

Metric 4.1 – Change in earned income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	14
Number of adults with increased earned income	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0.0%

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Metric 4.2 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	14
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	1
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	7.1%

Metric 4.3 – Change in total income for adult system stayers during the reporting period

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	14
Number of adults with increased total income	1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	7.1%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	3
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0.0%

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Metric 4.5 – Change in non-employment cash income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	3
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	1
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	33.3%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	3
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	1
Percentage of adults who increased total income	33.3%

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Measure 5: Number of Persons who Become Homeless for the First Time

This measures the number of people entering the homeless system through ES, SH, or TH (Metric 5.1) or ES, SH, TH, or PH (Metric 5.2) and determines whether they have any prior enrollments in the HMIS over the past two years. Those with no prior enrollments are considered to be experiencing homelessness for the first time.

Metric 5.1 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, and TH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	361
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	31
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	330

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Metric 5.2 – Change in the number of persons entering ES, SH, TH, and PH projects with no prior enrollments in HMIS

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	413
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	42
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	371

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Measure 6: Homeless Prevention and Housing Placement of Persons defined by category 3 of HUD's Homeless Definition in CoC Program-funded Projects

Measure 6 is not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.

Measure 7: Successful Placement from Street Outreach and Successful Placement in or Retention of Permanent Housing

This measures positive movement out of the homeless system and is divided into three tables: movement off the streets from Street Outreach (Metric 7a.1); movement into permanent housing situations from ES, SH, TH, and RRH (Metric 7b.1); and retention or exits to permanent housing situations from PH (other than PH-RRH).

Metric 7a.1 – Change in SO exits to temp. destinations, some institutional destinations, and permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	1
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	0
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	1
% Successful exits	100.0%

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Metric 7b.1 – Change in ES, SH, TH, and PH-RRH exits to permanent housing destinations

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	356
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	111
% Successful exits	31.2%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in PH exits to permanent housing destinations or retention of permanent housing

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	84
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	81
% Successful exits/retention	96.4%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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System Performance Measures Data Quality

Data coverage and quality will allow HUD to better interpret your SPM submissions.

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	286	184	92	107	3
Total Leavers (HMIS)	219	107	9	39	1
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	18	3	0	0	0
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	8.2%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

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FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Notes For Each SPM Measure

Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

Measure	Notes
Measure 1	No notes.
Measure 2	No notes.
Measure 3	No notes.
Measure 4	No notes.
Measure 5	No notes.
Measure 6	No Notes. Measure 6 was not applicable to CoCs in this reporting period.
Measure 7	No notes.
Data Quality	No notes.

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

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For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	83	62	68	0	68	91.2%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	161	130	161	0	161	80.7%
RRH	7	7	7	0	7	100.0%
PSH	451	44	451	0	451	9.8%
OPH	92	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	794	243	687	0	687	35.4%

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV [†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	83	0	15	0	15	0.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	161	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	7	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	451	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	92	0	92	92	0	NA
Total	794	0	107	92	15	0.00%

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 For HIC conducted in January/February

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	83	62	83	74.70%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	161	130	161	80.75%
RRH	7	7	7	100.00%
PSH	451	44	451	9.76%
OPH	92	0	0	NA
Total	794	243	702	34.62%

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

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For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	27	61	18	5	7

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

2) *This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds not associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

3) **This column includes Current, Year-Round, Natural Disaster beds associated with a VSP that are not HMIS-participating or HMIS-comparable database participating. For OPH Beds, this includes beds that are Current, VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

4) Data included in these tables reflect what was entered into HDX 2.0.

5) In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").

6) In the HIC, "Current" beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

7) For historical data: Aggregated data from CoCs that merged are not displayed if HIC data were created separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

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For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

Date of PIT Count	Received HUD Waiver
1/23/24	Not Applicable

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and full unsheltered count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	112	167	128	135	237	327
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	183	165	98	82	96	126
Total Sheltered Count	295	332	226	217	333	453
Total Unsheltered Count	6	10	0	3	5	1
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	301	342	226	220	338	454

1) *Data included in this table reflect what was entered into HDX 1.0 and 2.0. This may differ from what was included in federal reports if the PIT count type was either sheltered only or partial unsheltered count.

2) Aggregated data from CoCs that merged is not displayed if PIT data were entered separately - that is, only data from the CoC into which the merge occurred are displayed. Additional reports can be requested via AAQ for any CoCs that have been subsumed into other CoCs.

3) In 2021, for CoCs that conducted a "Sheltered and partial unsheltered count", only aggregate and not demographic data were collected.