

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 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 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 2023 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: MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Central MN Housing Partnership, Inc.

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Institute for Community Alliances

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, 2022 to April 30, 2023:	
	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	No	No
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	No	No	No
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	No
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	No	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Yes	Yes	No
9.	Law Enforcement	No	No	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	No	No
13.	Local Jail(s)	No	No	No
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	No
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	No
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	No	No	No
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	No
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	No
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	No	No
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.	Veteran Services Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.				

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 the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central MN CoC advertises an open invitation for new members at least annually via emails, phone contacts & the CoC Website. The Membership Committee gathers lists of potential new members to make contact with. Meetings are open to anyone interested in preventing & ending homelessness. Whenever new agencies or seasoned agencies who do not currently participate in the CoC are identified, they are welcomed & provided with information regarding the CoC including who we are, who we serve, and how we operate & they are invited to attend a CoC meeting. 17 agencies either joined for the first time or began attending again after not being involved for a length of time over the last year. 2. Central CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by providing accessible information on our website with options for telephone & email contact. Telecommunications relay services are utilized. Central CoC monthly meetings are held virtually using meeting applications that include close captioning and other accessibility options including the option to call in rather than attend via computer. These methods make it easier for those with a disability to connect with the CoC and ask questions about membership. 3. Organizations serving culturally specific communities are invited to join the Full Membership meetings and to offer input on programs and policies that may affect various communities. The CoC has a Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee that is promoted throughout the CoC at meetings and actively recruits new members in order to expand input from the BIPOC community. The CoC Membership Committee identifies and personally makes contact with organizations that have been historically underrepresented in order to add those valuable voices to the planning and decision-making process. Staff have been attending community events to make connections with agencies serving underrepresented populations in an effort to expand our network. Two agencies led by and serving BPOC populations joined the CoC during the last year.

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. Monthly CoC Full Membership meetings are held and open to anyone who has an interest in the homelessness issue. Over 60 agencies are represented at these monthly meetings and represent housing, mental health, substance abuse, subpopulations, county government, etc. Bi-weekly Provider Collaboration meetings, and a variety of monthly committee meetings are widely promoted and participation is solicited in all of these capacities. All subpopulations are represented within the different regions of the CoC. This is accomplished by ongoing review of membership & outreach to those in underrepresented populations. Central CoC solicits and values input from the following subpopulations: domestic violence victims, sex trafficked, veterans, youth, mental health, seniors, BIPOC individuals, Native American providers, people with lived expertise, those with a criminal background, LGBTQ+ providers, homeless service providers including emergency shelters, outreach, prevention, TH, RRH, PHAs, PSH, and others. 2. The CoC Coordinator and CES staff attend meetings including Provider Collaboration, Family Homeless Prevention & Assistance Program, City Task Force, Landlord Engagement, & Keeping Families Together meetings as well as community listening sessions to speak on behalf of the CoC & to solicit valuable information/feedback needed to ensure those with the most needs are served effectively. Communities are educated on who is experiencing homelessness in their community and encouraged to participate in discussions and solutions around preventing and ending homelessness. 3. Accessibility is ensured through the use of both virtual & in-person meetings. Virtual meetings come with an array of features such as transcription. Virtual meetings facilitate easier access for those with limited mobility/transportation issues. 4. Community meetings and focus groups with people with lived experience of homelessness were used to gather feedback on system improvements. Information learned and resulting recommendations were brought to the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, CoC Full Membership Committee and the CoC Governing Board for consideration and recommendations on changes to policies and procedures that create equitable and effective programs and services throughout the CoC. An example is changes that have been made to the CES that resulted in more accurate and effective referrals to housing agencies and changes to the assessment process to make it more trauma informed.

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. Central CoC notified the public that new projects would be considered through emails, specific outreach to agencies that had previously expressed interest, and via information on the CoC website. A mass email announcement was sent to the entire CoC email listserv with over 140 people on it soliciting new applicants. The Intent to Apply form for New Projects is readily available on the website. Information is also shared during CoC Full Membership Committee meetings. New project applicants are notified of available technical assistance through the CoC. 2. Project applicants are notified of the process to submit applications via email, verbal notification at meetings, and through timelines and process information on the website. Applicants are also notified during available technical assistance through the CoC. 3. The Performance and Ranking Committee reviews & scores applications for eligibility, meeting homeless unmet needs, priority needs in the area, project design & HMIS & Coordinated Entry requirements. Documents are posted on the CoC website which explain the process that will be used & how projects will be prioritized for submission. The scoring spreadsheet is available online for applicants to review & to help them understand the priorities that have been established for the year's competition. 4. CoC provided NOFO notification to individuals with disabilities via agency website in pdf, Word & different languages. Notices are sent to agencies that work with individuals with disabilities with instructions on how to apply.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. ESG Program recipients are involved with the monthly CoC Full Membership meetings as well as biweekly Provider Collaboration meetings. Discussions with ESG providers occurred regarding which agencies would be providing services, where clients would be housed, and creating collaborations with other agencies to ensure that availability of resources was adequately announced. CoC staff also collaborated via email and phone calls as needed. CoC staff attended monthly ESG provider meetings to discuss ongoing efforts and needs.

2. Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) is the ESG recipient for the balance of MN. In the ESG RFP process DHS-OEO solicited and received input from the Central CoC Coordinator regarding priorities, organizational capacity and performance, and feasibility of proposed project funding. Programmatic performance was discussed for each applicant program. HMIS and PIT count numbers were used to assist in determining the ESG needs in the CoC area. Members of the CoC scored ESG applications for funding.

3. PIT & HIC data is available through HUD reports. CoC level data is also posted on the CoC website. Agencies that request specific information are sent information that has been customized to meet their specific needs, including by-county level data via email. County specific data was intentionally developed as this is not typically available through HUD sources and the HMIS lead agency has not historically done this important break out. Many requests for ESG information are county specific as County Commissioners are trying to determine the need for shelter in their specific area.

4. Central CoC local needs are addressed along with the other 9 MN CoC's and the Tribal Collaborative which are part of the MN Consolidated Plan and updated as needed. PIT Count data and consultation are provided for the purposes of the local Consolidated Plan update. CoC staff attended planning sessions with St. Cloud city personnel to assist in the development of that cities specific plan to address homelessness.

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 families are not separated.	Yes
3.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients.	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance.	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)

All MN CoCs including MN-505 entered into a formal Collaboration Agreement with the MN Department of Education (MDE) in 2022. The purpose of this non-binding collaborative agreement is to demonstrate interest in sharing resources, expanding collaborative efforts and implementing systemic support to better serve students and families who are experiencing homelessness. This agreement outlines the roles of CoCs and MDE and our collaborative efforts in ensuring that families and youth experiencing homelessness are informed of their rights under McKinney Vento and have access to resources they need to be stably housed. This agreement establishes a variety of ways that cross-agency communication will occur to address the needs of homeless students. In the agreement, MDE commits to a) Provide training to CoC Coordinators on how to use MDE aggregate public data on youth experiencing homelessness in Districts and Schools. b) Provide a list to CoC Coordinators of trainings offered to District and School Homeless Liaisons. c) Provide to District and School Homeless Liaisons a list of CoC Coordinators with contact information sortable by county and d) Encourage Liaisons to communicate and collaborate with their CoC. The CoC commits to MDE to a) By Oct 1 each year, provide MDE a current list of CoC contacts. b) By Oct 1 of each year, provide information on how District and School Homeless Liaisons can become members of a CoC. c) Invite MDE and educational entities within the CoC to become members of the CoC. d) As needed, provide clear information about date, time, and agenda for agreed upon collaboration meetings. Together, MDE and the CoC commit to collaborate to distribute a bimonthly MN Homeless Education Newsletter to all homeless school liaisons with important training dates, resources, and connections to assist LEAs with serving the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. This is a significant new step that will greatly enhance access to homeless students and ensure they are promptly connected to needed services throughout the CoC. Additionally, CoC policy requires ESG & CoC funded projects with school age children to link youth to a Homeless School Liaison (HSL) & have formal agreements with early childhood programs. CoC Funded providers are required to document agreements with SEAs and LEAs as part of the annual NOFO process.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families 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 become homeless of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

From page 43 of the Central CoC Written Standards & Policies: Education Policies: All homeless assistance projects within the Central MN CoC region that serve households with children (shelter, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing) will be expected to comply with the following policies: i. Identify staff person(s) who have primary responsibility for school attendance. ii. Ensure that all homeless families are informed of the McKinney Vento Act to ensure that their children can maintain enrollment in school. iii. Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged (as needed). iv. Track school attendance for all children served within your program and help families to resolve any barriers that are contributing to the absences (as needed). v. Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing Housing Goal Plans. vi. Ensure that all family members are connected to relevant educational resources in the community. vii. Encourage and assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for the Head Start Program and provide referrals to agencies that offer Head Start. This policy was updated and approved February 2, 2021. All CoC funded programs are required to complete a Households with Children Supplement Form as part of the scoring process for the NOFO. This requires the agency to document their educational plan as well as provide evidence of the plan being implemented.

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	Yes
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	Yes
7.	Healthy Start	No	Yes
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
10.			

1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–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.	other organizations that help this population	Yes

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated 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.A range of VSPs, DV shelters, and agencies which work with survivors of human trafficking are all involved with Central CoC and attend the monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings. They are able to offer insights and suggestions during these meetings. When specific policies are being looked at for updates or revisions, applicable agencies are contacted directly for guidance. 2.Coordinated Entry Policies & Procedures state: Through education and training on Historical Trauma and Trauma Informed Care assessors will increase cultural knowledge, awareness, and sensitivity to respond in a way that promotes healing. Central MN CoC will ensure that survivors of domestic violence and those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking will have access to resources regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. CES will attempt to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, and stalking survivors who have been housed in Central MN CoC homeless dedicated housing programs through Coordinated Entry. All advocates are trained in completing individual safety plans and Domestic Abuse No Contact Orders, Orders for Protection, and Harassment Orders. An advocate assists clients to get a Family Safety MFIP/DWP Employment Plan if needed. Additional training includes Trauma Informed Care, Cultural Competence, victim-centered approaches to understand trauma reactions and Motivational Interviewing. These approaches are utilized in written manuals & all actions throughout the shelter. Practices and policies have been established that keep the most vulnerable and at-risk residents safe. Victims are given the opportunity to complete an assessment tool for a housing priority list to secure housing in the place of their choosing. Individualized case plans focus on strengths to empower survivors to make their own choices & set their goals, emphasizing participant's strengths. Staff are trained on equal access, cultural competencies and nondiscrimination. Anna Marie's, a DV shelter in the CoC made their training series available to the full CoC at no charge. Anna Marie's receives money through the DOJ as well as being a program partner and subrecipient in a DV Bonus RRH project in the CoC.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:

1.	project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and
2.	Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Best practices trainings are expected to be offered at least annually. ACE's training was provided free of charge by a trained facilitator to the full CoC in 2023. Additional trainings were not offered over the last year through the CoC due to staffing turnover and capacity issues. These trainings are in the process of being reestablished and will be offered at least annually beginning in early 2024. Additional CoC planning dollars will be key to additional annual trainings which can be made available on an ongoing basis via recorded videos posted online. Several providers have provided trainings through their organizations which were made available to the full CoC. 2. Coordinated Entry staff is highly experienced and trained in the areas of DV, trauma, and trafficking and has presented trainings on these issues numerous times in a variety of settings. They are trained on ACE's, trauma, etc. and will be instrumental in the re-establishment of the CoC wide training regimen. These trainings will be an annual requirement for CoC-wide agency staff. When annual trainings are scheduled, the CoC Full Membership is alerted via CoC-wide emails and announcements at the CoC Full Membership meetings.

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC follows HUD Coordinated Entry Notice: Section II.B.10: Survivors of domestic violence and those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, & human trafficking will have access to resources, regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. Individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence & victims of trafficking must have safe & confidential access to the coordinated entry process & victim services, including access to the comparable process used by victim service providers, as applicable, and immediate access to emergency services such as domestic violence hotlines and shelter. Providers throughout Central MN CoC will complete annual training to implement best practices & utilize Trauma Informed approaches, cultural trauma, domestic violence, and trafficking. Central MN CES has local domestic violence hotlines, which are staffed 24/7 to ensure that all persons who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or sexual assault have immediate access to crisis response services. 2. Central CoC has implemented an Emergency Referral Process to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, & stalking survivors who have been housed in Central MN CoC homeless dedicated housing programs through CE. Whenever possible, household information will be de-identified & kept confidential. If no immediate viable transfer is available through the current housing provider, the housing provider will follow the Emergency Transfer Procedure to initiate assistance from the CES. The household is then prioritized for the next available housing vacancy in which they meet the requirements. The current housing provider should continue to safety plan with the household & follow best practices to ensure a rapid and safe resolution is met. 3. All provisions of the VAWA are followed in Central CoC. All information provided to a housing provider concerning incident(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking shall be kept confidential & such details shall not be entered into any shared database. Employees of the housing provider are not to have access to these details unless to grant or deny VAWA protections, and such employees may not disclose this information to any other entity or individual, except as allowed by law.

1C-5d.	Used De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC used for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Minnesota does not have a comparable database used by VSPs which can make needs assessment difficult. However, it is important to get a complete picture of the special needs around domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficking and stalking to assist with client's needs. In order to do this we analyzed information and data from 2021 MN Crime Victim Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis from OJP, 2020 Violence Free Minnesota Safe Housing Survey, The 2021 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress released in 2022, statistics from the HMIS demographics report, conversations with state and local victim service providers, and input from victims/survivors. Additionally, Central CoC has developed an alternative database to be used by VSPs and Youth serving agencies. This database collects all demographics that are typically collected through HMIS except no personally identifiable information can be entered. All households are assigned a unique number that only the provider knows which household is assigned that number. This alternative database contains an Excel spreadsheet that contains the data for each household. This allows us to do much of the data analysis but not to the full extent that HMIS does. For instance, we can track LOT on the Priority List but the returns to homelessness cannot be tracked as this is not a statewide system. HMIS data is used when DV victims and survivors are entered into HMIS through non-VSP programs as DV is a HUD UDE. This is only households that have signed an ROI for HMIS and safety is not a concern. 2. Although it may not be data, victim/survivor input can provide a clear context that may expose critical needs and gaps in our systems. This provides the CoC with an overall picture of the array of services needed to provide safe, secure, and affordable housing and services. Research into best practices is also crucial. Policies and procedures are developed based on this information. VSPs are active participants in CoC Full Membership meetings where their experience is shared with other service and housing providers. A housing safety and stability plan is developed by staff who are trained in trauma informed and victim centered approaches and specialty services are procured.

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1C-5e.	Implemented Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors. NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:	
	1. whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;	
	2. the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and	
	3. the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC follows HUD policy: Individuals fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence & victims of trafficking must have safe & confidential access to the Coordinated Entry process & victim services, including access to the comparable process used by victim service providers, as applicable, & immediate access to emergency services such as domestic violence hotlines & shelter. CoCs & VSPs provide annual training to providers on Trauma Informed Care, Strengths Based Assessments & Motivational Interviewing. Central MN CoC will ensure that survivors of domestic violence & those attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, & human trafficking will have access to resources regardless of which access point they initially contact seeking crisis services. Clients are assessed & placed on the Priority List via an alternative database which contains no personally identifiable information allowing for maximum choice for housing & services via referrals the same as the HMIS Priority List while protecting their identity by using replacement identifiers to assure anonymity. 2.If a household needs an emergency transfer, they contact the housing provider who submits the VAWA Form (HUD Form 5380) to the PLM. The household is prioritized for the next available housing vacancy in which they meet the requirements. 3.CE Emergency Transfer Policy: CES will attempt to address the safety needs of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, trafficked, & stalking survivors who have been housed through the CES. A housing provider may initiate the Emergency Transfer Policy by submitting the VAWA form (HUD Form 5380) to the PLM. The housing provider should indicate the household's ID # and needed housing setting for the purposes of safety and security. The household will then be prioritized for the next available housing vacancy in which they meet the requirements. While CES will prioritize the household for the next available vacancy that would meet the indicated need, CES cannot guarantee a housing placement or timing. The current housing provider should continue to safety plan with the household and follow best practices to ensure a rapid and safe resolution. If a successful housing referral occurs, the current housing provider will assist in facilitating a warm hand off to the new provider. This entire process is under review due to the new HUD VAWA expansion.

1C-5f.	Access to Housing 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:	
1.	ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area; and
2.	proactively identifies systemic barriers within your homeless response system that create barriers to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC has implemented an alternative database which acts as our de-identified Priority List for VSPs and Youth organizations. VSPs place households in this database similar to using HMIS but using a Microsoft Form. However, all personally identifiable information is eliminated. A unique identifier is assigned to each household which is used for referrals in place of client names or an HMIS ID#. The VSP is the only place that knows which household that unique identifier is assigned to. This alternative database is maintained and accessible only to the PLM. When a Housing Referral Request is received by the PLM, households on the alternative database are included the same as households on the HMIS Priority List in order to make all potential housing opportunities available to survivors the same as those households on the mainstream HMIS Priority List. Housing provider referrals are given the unique identifier as well as the contact information for the VSP. They must then contact the VSP to initiate contact with the household. VSPs have also established relationships with service agencies where they can refer clients with confidence that the client's identity will be protected and their safety will be a primary focus.

2. The CoC is in active conversations regarding the newly expanded HUD VAWA rule and domestic violence definition. The DV definition has already been updated in the CES Policies & Procedures. People with lived experience of homelessness are an integral part of these conversations as they bring forward real life barriers others may not think of. The CES Advisory Council meets at least quarterly to review policies and procedures and recommend revisions to the CoC Full Membership Committee and the Governing Board. VSPs are also involved in our ongoing process including a VSP who partners with a PHA in St. Cloud through a DV RRH HUD/CoC funded program.

1C-5g.	Ensuring Survivors With a Range of Lived Expertise Participate in Developing CoC-Wide Policy and Programs.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	ensured survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of your CoC-wide policy and programs; and
2.	accounted for the unique and complex needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC developed a policy and job description for people with lived expertise of homelessness (PLEs). During 2023, a number of PLEs became paid consultants to the CoC. A majority of these paid consultants have lived experience with domestic violence including active Orders for Protection. Two of the consultants are currently in the Safe at Home program where they have mail delivered to an off-site PO Box to protect their location. These participants are on several committees, attend CoC Full Membership Committee meetings, and are Governing Board members. They are also involved in our ongoing community listening sessions. The PLE on the Governing Board is also a state paid PLE consultant who is working directly with the Department of Corrections. They bring this additional perspective back to the CoC for use in policy and procedure conversations and implementation. 2. PLEs were directly involved in the new CES Scoring Worksheet that has been implemented CoC-wide. There was discussion about how high of a barrier to housing it is when someone is fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking. They were also involved in the discussion, revision, and approval of the CES Policies & Procedures which involved updates around VAWA, transfer plans, etc. They are and will be involved in revisions based on the expanded HUD definition of DV as well as the new expanded VAWA requirements. They are consulting with the CoC on what changes may need to be made to the Priority List Prioritization Order to account for DV in the priorities.

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

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC regularly reviews all Policies & Procedures. During 2022, HUD TA was accessed to help assess policies needing updates. Stakeholder feedback was solicited and was used to make changes and ensure policies meet all current Federal & State laws. All CoC and CES Policies & Procedures are reviewed and updated as necessary at the CoC annual meeting held in February. If a significant issue is identified during the year or a law or statute is changed, policies can be amended through the CoC Governing Board outside of the annual meeting. LGBTQ+ agencies are active participants in the committees, CoC Full Membership Committee and Governing Board. 2. CoC anti-discrimination policies are included in the CoC and CES Policies & Procedures and required to be followed by all HUD and State funded organizations. The CoC acts as a resource for providers so that they can receive guidance on policies. Requests are received from agencies, and the CoC Coordinator does research as necessary to provide current and correct guidance. The annual NOFO process is used as a leveraging point as programs must provide documentation of policies and the trainings required for their respective staff. Additionally, this is part of the annual trainings required for all CoC participating agencies. 3. As part of the NOFO scoring process, documentation is collected from applying agencies. Applicants are required to complete an Equal Access Checklist as part of the application packet and they are scored based on their answers and submitted documentation. 4. If issues are identified, the CoC Coordinator will contact agency leadership and alert them to what needs to be addressed. Most of the time, issues identified are quickly and easily remedied. If larger or systemic issues are identified, training is recommended or HUD staff may be contacted for additional support.

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:
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Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 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?
St. Cloud HRA	18%	Yes-Both	Yes
Brainerd HRA	20%	No	No

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has strong working relationships with the PHAs within the CoC. Central CoC works closely with the St. Cloud, Brainerd, and Stearns County HRA's, all of which are active participants on the CoC Full Membership Committee. The St. Cloud HRA has a general homeless preference. The Brainerd and Stearns County HRAs do not have a written homeless preference but notify the CoC when they are opening up the waiting list for their HCV and PH units so that homeless households are able to be one of the first people applying for housing. We continue to encourage PHA's to provide a homeless preference for their HCV and PH programs. Most major PHA's in Central CoC have very large waiting lists. As a result their waiting lists have been closed for several years. Central CoC is working to have collaborations with HRAs that do not currently participate in the CoC Full Membership committee as they can provide valuable partnerships with other organizations as we work to house households as quickly as possible. St. Cloud HRA was awarded 48 Emergency Housing Vouchers and Morrison County HRA was awarded 15 Emergency Housing Vouchers. This facilitated the CoC to collaborate with both HRAs as they worked with Coordinated Entry to receive referrals and worked with other agencies within the CoC to complete assessments to place clients onto the Priority List. Now that the EHV's are ending, we are transitioning to working with the St. Cloud HRA and it's 7 new Stability Vouchers as well as Stearns County HRA which received 5 new Stability Vouchers. The CoC and Coordinated Entry are assisting Stearns County HRA as they obtain their HMIS license, train staff, request housing referrals, and work through the Stability Voucher process.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PHA
St. Cloud HRA
Morrison County HRA

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

Name of PHA: St. Cloud HRA

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

Name of PHA: Morrison County HRA

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) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

1D-2.	Housing First—Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section 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 2023 CoC Program Competition.	11
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 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	11
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 2023 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; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. In order for a new employee to be licensed to use HMIS, they must attend training through Coordinated Entry that includes requirements, expectations, and implementation of Housing First. All CoC funded programs are required to complete an annual Housing First Checklist: Assessing Projects and Systems for a Housing First Orientation form as part of the funding application process. There are specific points allotted during the scoring process based on the results of the Housing First Checklist. Additionally, the CoC has implemented the HUD Housing First Standards Assessment Tool for use in monitoring Housing First compliance. Specific standards evaluated include Access & Evaluation, Leases, Services & Housing, and Project Specific Standards.

2. Coordinated Entry referrals are reviewed quarterly to determine if denials are based on any criteria that is in violation of the Housing First policy. If any concerning trends are identified, additional training is provided and these trends are considered as part of the Scoring & Ranking process for the annual NOFO application.

3. Data is collected and analyzed from HMIS and agency APRs that show an agency’s success rate in rapid placement through Length of Time Homeless, and stabilization through Returns to Homelessness. These elements are a part of the scoring process for the annual NOFO application. In 2023, the CoC hired a temporary intern to do additional data analysis. Part of this analysis was to look at the denial rates of each agency receiving housing referrals. The number of denials and the corresponding reason for denial was analyzed and tabulated so that the Coordinated Entry Manager could identify any programs where there might be concern that Housing First is not being applied. Expanded money in the CoC Planning Grant for FY2023 will allow the CoC to do site visits and have more extensive conversations and retraining as needed with agencies where potential concerns have been identified.

1D-3.	Street Outreach—Scope.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC has street outreach workers specifically for unaccompanied youth covering 100% of the CoC. There is additional street outreach conducted at least weekly to encampments when located. Police notify outreach workers if unsheltered persons are located so that someone can offer them services. In our largest population area, providers are at a park to provide snacks, water, resources, & assessments to more than 50 people daily. Our more rural areas also have outreach workers who will go out to areas when an unsheltered person has been located & the agency has been notified. 2.100% of our 13-county region is covered with the greatest focus being our most populous areas. There are street outreach workers in each of the 3 regions of the CoC. 3.Outreach services are provided several times a week. Youth street outreach is conducted across the CoC on a daily basis including evenings & weekends. Outreach is done daily in a park in St. Cloud. 4.Outreach targets homeless in encampments, transit hubs, on the streets, in vehicles & other places not meant for habitation, connecting them with services to meet their immediate needs, conducting assessments & entering data into HMIS (when possible). To reduce barriers, outreach workers come to people, rather than scheduling office appointments that require travel. Workers receive training in trauma-informed, person-centered care, motivational interviewing, & unique strategies for youth, veterans, trafficked, persons with serious mental illness, & substance users. CoC maintains a 24/7 Call to Connect phone line for people needing housing assistance. Outreach posters & business cards are given to businesses, property owners, emergency responders, places of worship, libraries, food shelves, & non-profit organizations. Outreach workers have devices with internet access so the household has access to online services. CoC tailored outreach efforts to target those least likely to request assistance through hiring people with lived experience from targeted populations, targeting strategic locations for outreach & using communication tools that are accessible to various subpopulations. Strong collaborations have been formed between law enforcement/emergency service providers including transporting individuals to shelters & providing contact information to needed services. This includes the use of the CAT (Critical Action Team) which is specifically trained to work with the highest barrier unsheltered homeless people.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	No	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	No	No
5.	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	2022	2023
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	118	194

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CoC provides notices of trainings & funding opportunities via email & at CoC meetings & invites people to attend meetings to discuss available resources. Representatives from many counties within the CoC attend various regularly scheduled meetings where updates & opportunities for training are shared with other organizations. Central CoC disseminates the availability of mainstream resources & assistance information to projects monthly at Full Membership & other meetings. CoC emails updated information on resources on an ongoing basis whenever notification is received about new or updated information.

2.Central CoC works with programs to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance by including health care organizations in local meetings & discussions where updates are shared. Participants are connected to MNsure certified navigators for free assistance to enroll into health coverage through MNsure. CoCs Call to Connect process is used to refer to programs that can assist clients in obtaining health insurance when the need is identified during the initial assessment process. Additionally, CoC programs are connected with mental health providers who provide on-site services and mental health providers provide in-kind services for CoC funded programs. The CoC is part of a consortium that partners health care, mental health, corrections, and housing to assist frequent users of Emergency Room services who are identified as homeless. This consortium provides mental health services and assistance in obtaining stable housing in combination with health care services.

3.CoC assists with the effective utilization of Medicaid & other benefits by making sure all who are eligible are aware of & apply for services. MN has a statewide document vault accessible through its Disability Benefits 101 & Housing Benefits 101 websites. These programs provide access to information for SSI, SSDI, health care, SNAP, Energy Assistance, work programs, childcare, affordable housing, Veteran housing, Housing & Supports Program & forms to apply. Agencies use these programs to assist clients apply for mainstream services. These services provide clients & agencies with alternatives to HUD housing and/or additional supports to help increase incomes & housing stability. CoC Programs have SOAR trained staff to assist with SSDI applications or have partnerships with SOAR certified programs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is currently working with several agencies to develop new transitional housing buildings in previously underserved areas. A new project recently opened with units for chronic inebriate housing funded through new funding in last year's NOFO. Two new RRH programs submitted applications for funding through the NOFO this year. Both programs will add housing units in areas that have not been covered in the past. The CoC is also working with a number of service providers who are applying for grants through MN DHS-OEO that will be used to create additional shelter spaces. Many of those spaces will be individual rooms/units. This includes a project that will build tiny-type homes all contained within a large warehouse type facility. The Landlord Engagement Committee has initiated a vigorous campaign to recruit new landlords as well as educate landlords previously engaged to explore ways that additional units can be made available as well as eliminating barriers in the screening/application processes. The CoC was a part of the review process for 5 new applications from developers interested in building housing in the CoC. This has the potential to add up to 56 PSH units to the CoC. Needs and gaps analysis is done to locate areas of particular need and developers are encouraged to consider these areas as a priority when they are considering new projects.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC implemented a Covid Prioritization Policy for housing referrals to move people from congregate settings as quickly as possible & reduce the chance of transmission. MN Department of Health (MDH) works with homeless service providers to address infectious diseases including HIV, syphilis, TB, hepatitis, & insect-borne diseases. The MDH Highly Impacted Settings team developed COVID-19 policies & procedures for homeless service providers related to testing, case reporting, mitigation strategies, & access to therapeutics. MDH includes homeless & correctional settings as part of its Incident Command Structure for outbreak response. Information & updates are provided at monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings & at Provider Collaboration meetings every other week. These meetings are critical in identifying sites of potential outbreaks & promoting vaccination clinics & testing sites. It also helps find openings for quarantine or where people can be moved to decrease capacity quickly to stop the spread. CoC staff attends monthly statewide meetings where MDH shares updates, concerns, & plans around various outbreaks & this information is brought back to the CoC for planning purposes. 2. The CoC collaborates with & promotes: A. Homeless service providers can access free COVID-19 tests, personal protective equipment, & supplies for on-sight isolation & quarantine through MDH. B. MDH has a permanent team in the emerging infectious disease unit to provide guidance & resources for homeless programs. C. MDH has contracts for COVID vaccine clinics, which homeless settings can request online. D. MDH’s Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program for people experiencing homelessness provides education on vaccines, how they’re tested, when to get a vaccine, & motivational interview teams to meet with people & hear their vaccine concerns and share evidence-based practices. E. MDH provides grants to support HIV prevention, training, & early intervention services for people experiencing homelessness. F. A statewide Syringe Services Program (SSP) for people experiencing homelessness, & homeless overdose prevention hubs to provide holistic care to people who use drugs or are in recovery. G. MDH’s harm reduction specialist has grantees working with people experiencing homelessness in encampments & settings where unhoused populations can be found.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC conducts monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings where providers from the whole CoC meet & information & updates are shared. Information regarding vaccinations, testing sites, & funding for mitigation & staffing shortages are shared. Informational emails are forwarded via the CoC listserv as well as links to funding sources. MDH has started a quarterly webinar series on public health and homelessness. Previous topics were related to harm reduction & homelessness, & one focused on syphilis & homelessness. When outbreaks occur (such as MPOX), MDH works with MN Interagency Council on Homelessness and CoCs around communication. Programs are encouraged to subscribe to the MDH GovDelivery listserv to get infectious disease information. MDH attends meetings with CoC and homeless providers to share infectious disease updates (e.g., surveillance data, guidance, etc.) & learn of local public health concerns. 2.The State of Minnesota shares information on public health measures with homeless service providers weekly through the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness newsletter and provider webinar. MDH also maintains a GovDelivery listserv to share infectious disease information with homeless service providers and other congregate settings. MDH also attends various meetings with homeless service providers to share infectious disease updates (e.g., surveillance data, guidance, etc.) and learn of local public health concerns. MDH also held regular meetings with provider subgroups (e.g., outreach workers, youth shelter providers) to offer guidance and address specific concerns for those settings. MDH and local public health agencies have also supported free on-site COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics at homeless settings and provided vaccine incentives to people experiencing homelessness. Homeless settings can also apply for funding to address COVID-19 outbreaks through the Minnesota Department of Human Services Shelter Outbreak Response Fund. 2. Monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings allow for PHAs and shelter providers to collaborate. Wellness Bus visits are scheduled and announced. Vaccine clinics are announced. Shelter openings are shared in case people need to move quickly due to an outbreak. The MDH Infectious Disease Trusted Messenger Program is promoted. This program provides training and stipends to people experiencing homelessness to provide peer education and support for COVID-19 and other routine vaccinations.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Central CES covers 100% of the CoC. Central CoC has multiple CE access sites. Due to the large geographic area (13 counties over 12,000 square miles) Central CoC has three CE regions - Northern, Eastern & Central. All CE activities are provided to people in all regions. Households can access CES services in any region of the CoC. Central CES has an open access policy so households can be assessed through any of several regional entry sites to receive CES services within the entire geographic area. Call to Connect fliers are given to agencies to post at their locations. These fliers highlight the 24/7 hotline option and the Central CES website. Policies are in place to ensure those who are fleeing DV & Trafficking are provided an alternative CES Priority List to ensure they are not excluded from the CES while protecting this vulnerable population. Street outreach workers assess those who do not come in for services. They go to encampments, food shelves, parks, & libraries to assess households and put them on the PL. 2.A common assessment tool is used to determine the level of service needed for the household. Diversion, prevention, or homeless assistance options are determined. Households are entered on the Priority List based on assessment outcomes & client choice. Priority categories are established and reviewed yearly to ensure those most in need are placed highest on the PL. The VI-SPDAT was eliminated from the CoC in 2023. It was replaced with a revised Assessment process and revised Prioritization Order for the Priority List. Those with the highest barriers to housing that have been homeless the longest are the first to be chosen for appropriate housing. The household is referred to providers with an opening matching the households service needs through the CE process. All agencies agree to accept households available from the priority list. 3.CES policies and procedures are reviewed at least annually and input from providers, agencies, and people with lived expertise is used to ensure that processes are fair, consistent, and equitable. These are considered living documents, able to be revised as needed. The Policies & Procedures are reviewed & updated by the CoC Full Membership Committee and the CoC Governing Board at their annual meetings.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	
3.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Street outreach workers assess those who do not come in for services. They go to encampments, emergency shelters, food shelves, parks, & libraries to reach out and assess households and put them on the PL. Call to Connect cards and fliers are given to agencies to hand out and post in public areas so households have a 24-hour phone number available to be assessed for services. 2. A common assessment is conducted to determine the level of services needed for the household, then entered on the Priority List based on assessment score & client choice. Priority categories are established and reviewed yearly to ensure those most in need are placed highest on the PL. Those with the highest barriers to housing that have been homeless the longest are the first to be chosen for appropriate housing. The household is referred to providers with an opening matching the needed service through the CE process. All agencies agree to accept households available from the Priority List. 3. By placing people on the Priority List, all households are initially considered for every housing opening that seeks a referral. This allows people to potentially be referred quickly based on their level of barriers and service needs. Clients are always offered the choice of whether they would like to pursue a particular housing option or not. Pros and cons are presented so clients can make an informed decision. 4. In order to reduce burdens on the households, assessment workers are expected to reach out to households at least monthly to maintain contact. The CoC has also implemented Housing Navigators CoC-wide who can assist clients with the certification process as well as obtaining legal documents and completing applications as needed. All assessment tools were analyzed and any unnecessary or trauma-inducing questions were removed. Programs are being trained on the 7 Steps of Coordinated Entry so that households will experience a consistent and streamlined process regardless of the assessment site and reducing the need to give information more than once.

1D-9b.	Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry—Reporting Violations.	
NOFO Section V.B.1.p.		
Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or 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 persons participating in any aspect of CE such as access, assessment, prioritization, or referral shall be afforded equal access to CE services and resources without regard to a person’s actual or perceived membership in a federally protected class such as race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability. Additionally, all people in different populations and subpopulations in the CoC’s geographic area, including people experiencing chronic homelessness, veterans, families with children, youth, and survivors of domestic violence, shall have fair and equal access to the Coordinated Entry process. 2. The CoC and CES Policies & Procedures are both posted in their entirety on the CoC website. Both contain the rights and remedies available under Federal, State, and Local Fair Housing and Civil Rights laws. Additionally, all CoC funded programs are required to post Equal Access and Fair Housing information in areas where clients can see them. 3. If any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice are identified, the CoC will first address them directly with the provider or agency. If that action is not sufficient, the CoC will reach out to appropriate State and Federal agencies to request further intervention. The CoC will also provide the appropriate contact information to the household so they can file complaints or request assistance as appropriate.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	08/23/2023

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC uses the CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool annually to get an overview of the outcomes across all populations. This combines data from the latest PIT Count, AHAR, and Census information. Additionally, a Needs & Gaps Analysis is conducted at least twice a year using HMIS data and analysis. This shows very detailed outcomes based on specific demographics as well as being able to detail outcomes for individual counties. The Tool and Analysis are discussed at the CoC Full Membership Committee and the HMIS & Data Committee digs in deeper as well as the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee. Recommendations are brought back to the full CoC for implementation. Additionally, the CoC hired a part time intern to do data analysis with a specific goal of doing a deep dive on racial equity data and identifying needs and gaps. The intern used a wide range of HMIS data tables as well as HUD data to do this analysis. This analysis was done at both the CoC-wide as well as at the by-county level. 2.The CoC has identified a particular area of concern with our Native American population. They are significantly over-represented in the data. Their disproportionate presence as well as outcomes are both concerning. In particular, they are significantly over-represented in unsheltered homelessness. Blacks are also over-represented in several areas but less than the Native American population. Maintaining/increasing incomes is problematic for Blacks and Native Americans.

1D-10b.	Implemented Strategies that Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	No
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Implemented Strategies that Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC is taking to address the disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC ended use of the VI-SPDAT in 2023 in order to achieve more equitable outcomes and remove systemic biases. The Common Assessment Form was revised and implemented. Additionally, the Prioritization Order was revised and removed the vulnerability score as a determinant as this built in disparities into the system. CoC-wide training occurred to ensure all access points are using the Common Assessment Tool and associated processes to eliminate any potential programmatic biases. Racial equity data from HMIS is collected quarterly and analyzed to identify disparities so intentional and targeted efforts can be applied to those areas. Programmatic outcomes are now collected on an ongoing basis so equity issues can be identified in specific programs. If issues are found, training or consultation is offered in an effort to address those concerns. Full CoC Membership has seen good results in increasing diversity. The racial demographics have improved with increased numbers of Black and Native American participants. These demographics are now represented on the committees and Governing Board as well. CoC Written Standards & Policies were examined through a racial equity lens and policies were updated, replaced, or implemented to address any issues identified. A particular area of focus in Central CoC is equitable outcomes for Native Americans. The CoC has a representative from the MN Tribal Collaborative (MTC) as well as another Native American with lived experience of homelessness on the Governing Board and work is being done to identify causes of disparities and identify solutions for this population while also developing trust and increasing CoC/MTC collaboration. Provider level data is being collected through HMIS and APRs and analyzed specifically to identify any disparities for BIPOC individuals in areas such as placements to permanent housing, housing stability, length of time homeless and increasing income compared to non-BIPOC individuals. Agencies have increased the diversity of staff and leadership to increase the voices of those overrepresented in homelessness.

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 1. | the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance; and |
| 2. | the tools your CoC uses. |

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Quarterly reports are provided to the full CoC by the HMIS provider with detailed data, analysis and next steps identified. Data reports are also run by the CES manager to identify any possible trends in denials of housing referrals by individual programs. If concerns are identified, upper program staff are contacted and discussions are held to determine causes as well as provide training options as needed. The more that agencies know they are being monitored, the better the outcomes seem to become. 2. CES Monitoring Reports from HMIS are used throughout the year. The Annual NOFO Scoring Tool breaks outcomes down by race and ethnicity for each program that receives HUD CoC funding. This data is directly used for scoring of the NOFO applications. The 2023 NOFO application expanded scoring of all projects on the diversity of staff as well as management and leadership and also scored specific data points based on outcomes for BIPOC individuals. Additional questions were added to compare agency demographics to actual census demographics for the service area to determine if agency staff and leadership are representative of the service area. This made agencies pay attention to these outcomes in a focused way that was not previously occurring. Programs were also required to provide a narrative about what efforts they are implementing to address differences in demographics of staff/leadership versus clients served. They also must discuss ways that cultural sensitivity and awareness have been integrated into their programming. All of these factors are now also scored helping to prioritize the need to address racial equity and inclusion.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC implemented a People with Lived Expertise Policy in 2022. This acknowledged the necessity and benefit of engaging People with Lived Experience (PLE) in the planning and operations of the CoC. Workers from across the CoC were asked to identify individuals they felt would be interested in participating and to contact them to gauge their interest. An invitation was added to the CoC website for People with Lived Experience to apply to be a paid consultant. A job description, short application, and the payment form are also posted on the website. Announcements are regularly made to the CoC Full Membership Committee that we are always looking for additional PLEs. Community meetings were held in all 3 of the CoC regions and those that attended were encouraged to apply to be a paid consultant. Funding is established to pay a stipend to people with lived expertise for participating in a variety of meetings. Response has been good and PLEs now are active parts of the CoC Full Membership Committee, several subcommittees, and the Governing Board. Listening/planning sessions are also held specifically with the PLEs to get feedback on the CoC plan to address homelessness. The effort to recruit new PLEs is a year-round process as we do see a certain amount of turnover that is inherent to the instability of this population.

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

You must upload the Letter Signed by Working Group 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.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	33	28
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	5	0
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	4	0
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	33	28

1D-11b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

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 is developing a mentorship process for People with Lived Expertise who are paid consultants. This is initially a 3-month mentorship to help understand the CoC and its many facets. Many organizations prioritize hiring people with lived expertise. In particular, Community Action Programs are mandated that 1/3 of their Board is representative of their client demographics. Individuals that are hired at organizations are provided regular training opportunities along with all staff. Some agencies (including the Collaborative Applicant for the CoC) have been able to eliminate the requirement for a college degree and have been able to accept relevant experience instead. By posting job openings on mainstream job sites, a wider variety of people are able to apply for jobs. CoC trainings are made available to the lived experience consultants at no cost and are offered virtually whenever possible to remove barriers to attendance. Several PLEs were involved in scoring grants for the CoC. This included the NOFO, MN Housing Finance Agency Planning Grant and DHS-OEO ESG grant applications. This provides vital experience in the grant process as well as expanding their knowledge of programs, requirements, and funding.

1D-11c.	Routinely Gathering Feedback and Addressing Challenges of Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Monthly CoC Full Membership Committee meetings are one opportunity for people to discuss challenges. Providers are able to contact the CoC Coordinator when they have been working with a client who is expressing concerns or difficulties with a particular provider or agency. Focus groups were held in all 3 regions of the CoC so that candid conversations could occur and individuals were able to provide feedback and suggestions about various aspects of the homeless response system without program staff present. Participants were paid for their time and food and beverages were supplied to encourage attendance. These groups were held without participation of agencies so that clients felt free to be honest without fear of reprisal. CoC staff also attend monthly statewide meetings where People with Lived Expertise share their experiences and concerns. This has been beneficial as one person was from this CoC and has since been brought on board as a consultant for our CoC. 2. Gathering feedback from those who have received assistance through the CoC are included the same way as in number 1. 3. When challenges have been raised, CoC staff contacts agency staff to discuss the situation. Every effort is made to maintain anonymity for the client unless they have given permission to share their name. If it is a policy or procedural issue, training is provided. If it is an agency wide issue, upper management is contacted. If needed, State and Federal assistance is pursued. It is important to remember that there are always two sides to an issue so staff are always given the opportunity to present the situation from their viewpoint as well. Follow-up with clients occurs as necessary to make sure issues have been resolved.

1D-12.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.t.	

Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Central CoC was a part of the planning process for St. Cloud, the largest city in the CoC. This was to establish the plan for the city for the next 5 years to address homelessness. Zoning and land use policies were both addressed during this process. The importance of examining if zoning or land use policies were limiting housing options was placed into the plan. 2. Regulatory barriers have been discussed with state housing officials. Annual meetings are held where barriers are discussed between CoC's and State staff. Also, work has been done with housing organizations that advocate at the State and Federal level for legislative change. Central CoC has a unique position as the Collaborative Applicant is a housing development organization and so is acutely aware of barriers to increasing housing.

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) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice. NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g. You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
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1.	Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/29/2023
2.	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.	08/29/2023

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.	No
6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	126
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	14
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC uses data reports from HMIS that show basic data & show outcomes based on HUD UDEs. The NOFO Scoring Tool breaks out data by individual program as well as by race/ethnicity. LOT in Programs as well as Returns to Homelessness are both scored data points. This allows the CoC to not only analyze overall rates but also determine if there are specific gaps in service that must be addressed. 2. The CoC uses HMIS data reports for LOT to be permanently housed. Data is provided for all exits to determine if the exit was to a positive destination or to an institutional setting or homelessness. Data is also collected to show LOT in permanent housing as well as returns to homelessness. Returns are refined so that it shows all persons who return to homelessness within 1 year of housing regardless of where the return to homelessness occurs in MN. 3.The CoC scoring tool rewards projects that serve households with the most severe barriers by assigning more points to agencies with dedicated CH beds. The total points possible are higher in this category to reflect the importance of serving CH & increase the score of programs with CH beds vs. those that do not. The scoring committee rewards applicants that serve the most vulnerable by scoring higher on criteria such as: maintain their permanent housing, have maintained &/or increased households' income & have worked with households to obtain needed mainstream resources. The CoC also reviewed agency policies, applications, Housing First Assessment, APR data & threshold assessments to identify if service plans & coordination met the difference in level of need for different project types & were low barrier for all participants, including those with the greatest challenges to obtaining housing.4.The scoring tool takes into account projects that serve those with higher barriers by using different outcome expectations depending on the population served. For example, increasing HH income has a lower threshold percentage for PSH in comparison to TH or RRH programs. Additionally, the exits to permanent housing score have different expectations for PSH versus TH/RRH programs to account for additional barriers present. The CoC Performance & Ranking committee considers the results of the scoring tool as well as target population & service approach toward clients with severe needs & vulnerabilities when ranking projects. Projects who serve CH & those with high barriers to housing are prioritized above those that don't.

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 the 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 to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Persons of different races as well as over-represented populations were involved in planning, implementation, and ranking and scoring. Discussions with the CoC Full Membership, Performance & Ranking Committee, and the Governing Board all included BIPOC participation and input. The chair of the Performance & Ranking Committee is a Native American which is one of the most over-represented groups in the CoC's homelessness. Specifically, in Central CoC Blacks are 3% of the population but 20% of the homeless. Native Americans are 1% of the population but 13% of the homeless. 2. Input from over-represented populations directly affected scoring & ranking of projects. When changes were being made last year to the scoring tool, BIPOC people were a part of the decision making around scoring amounts for these questions. Specific projects that did not have BIPOC people enrolled in areas with larger BIPOC populations were highlighted and insights on the area involved was first-hand knowledge. One of the 8 people involved in the ranking and scoring process is a Native American and another is Asian American. 3. Required supplemental questions were collected from all applicants. These questions included the demographics of staff, management, and leadership. Applicants also were asked to provide a data-based comparison of the racial composition of their staff, management, and leadership in comparison to Census demographics of their specific service area. This was a deliberate decision to make statewide organizations have to differentiate between diversity in large urban areas which are not representative of their service areas in Central CoC. Additional questions were added regarding inclusion of people with lived experience of homelessness in the planning, implementation, and services at the staff, management, and leadership level. Questions regarding outcomes for BIPOC clients were also required. A section was included where programs were to discuss ways they have included culturally sensitive programming, services, and behaviors and another narrative was required regarding efforts to increase the inclusion of people with lived experience of homelessness. These answers were all scored and discussed and programs that did not answer questions were impacted in their final score. Scoring was refined to reflect barriers experienced by participants in different demographic groups.

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. Central CoC reallocation process starts with a gaps analysis to determine if there are gaps in the CoC and if current projects should be eliminated or reduced to reallocate funds. Determining factors include: -Would the elimination of a grant cause a gap in needed services -Can the grant sustain a reduction in funding -Are there other funds that can be used to supplement the reduction in HUD CoC funding -Performance of reduced or eliminated grant. Reduced and/or eliminated grant applications are approved by a vote of the CoC Full Membership Committee & CoC Board at the same time as the scoring & ranking of all HUD NOFO grant applications. Agencies are notified regarding reduction and/or elimination of grant funds at least 15 days prior to NOFO submission date. Applicants are provided with appeal information If they feel it has been unfairly eliminated from the local or federal competition, that a decision made by the Performance & Ranking Committee regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the current CoC guidelines. Central CoC identified low performing projects by reviewing APRs and looking at performance in the areas of returns to homelessness, increase in income, bed utilization rate and use of grant funds. 2. Several programs were identified that have had unspent funds over the last several years. These were all considered for reallocation. Other programs were identified that are not providing a level of services commensurate with their funding amount. Improvement plans will be implemented for programs identified for the coming year. 3. The CoC did reallocate funding this year. Two current RRH programs chose not to continue funding. Also, one PSH program is ending their contract with the property management company they have been providing services for. The money from the two RRH programs was reallocated to two new RRH projects. Unfortunately, not all available funds were able to be reallocated due to lack of agency interest to increase funding or start a new program this year. All potential applicants were made aware of the reallocation process through emails and documents posted on the CoC website. All potential applicants were notified via email that these documents were available for review.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2018 and FY 2023.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	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?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	No
3.	Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?	Yes

	<p>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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.</p>	08/31/2023
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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.	

	<p>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 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.</p>	09/12/2023
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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.	

	<p>Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.</p>	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.	

	<p>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.</p>	09/25/2023
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1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section 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.	09/25/2023
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Institute for Community Alliances
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2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section 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;	
	2. state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and	

3. state whether your CoC's HMIS is compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Minnesota does not currently have a statewide comparable database for DV providers. A grant was received for a collaboration between the Office of Justice Programs (MN Department of Public Safety) and the statewide DV coalition (Violence Free Minnesota) to develop a statewide comparable database. CoC's, state agencies, and VSP housing providers will engage in the needs assessment for this project. Minnesota's statewide DV coalition currently has a staff position that provides technical assistance to victim service providers (VSPs) as it relates to comparable databases. This work has been an effort between State agencies, providers, and CoCs. The HMIS Lead has not been in an ongoing role on this project. 2. There is no current process whereby victim service providers submit data to the HMIS Lead Agency for performance measures data analysis. Central CoC does have an alternative database that VSPs use to place clients on the Priority List. This spreadsheet provides the same information as the HMIS based Priority List with the exception of personally identifiable information in order to protect the privacy and safety of DV victims. All other household demographics are collected and can be used for analysis but not at the level of a full HMIS database. Minnesota CoCs will continue engagement with the Office of Justice Program throughout the upcoming year in order to push forward the development of a HUD compliant database that VSPs can use. Now that this gap has been identified statewide, urgency has been added to this process and CoCs will state their expectations for timelines and results so that data can be accurately examined and bed coverage rates will meet expectations. Central CoC will engage in conversations with identified VSPs to understand current limitations and encourage adoption of a HUD comparable database within the upcoming year. 3. The CoC is compliant with all HMIS Data Standards but not for VSPs.

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

Enter 2023 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	439	131	158	51.30%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	270	12	150	58.14%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	194	0	194	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	300	0	300	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	462	8	448	98.68%

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.ES: The low percentage of ES beds in HMIS is an ongoing issue in the CoC. The CoC saw a 6% decline in ES beds since last year but a slight increase in HMIS reporting. Several new programs started offering ES beds. The decrease reflects the variability of motel vouchers & how many were being used on PIT Count night. Religious & community organizations & Tribal organizations have stepped up to meet the need. These groups tend to not use HMIS initially. Ongoing effort exists to get ES providers to report beds in HMIS. Smaller ES providers have struggled to maintain staff & HMIS licensing is viewed as an optional expense. We use CE referrals as a tangible benefit of using HMIS. Continued dialogue showing the relationship between putting clients into HMIS and resultant referrals is occurring. ES providers create a unique barrier as agencies that are not required by funders to use HMIS need to see a benefit to the investment of money & staff time. Increased participation of ES providers in Full Membership meetings is an opportunity for other agencies to share their successes in using HMIS & the benefit to clients in obtaining housing. There has been stated opposition from programs within the Native American population around entering information into HMIS as there is a cultural fear of agencies taking children away if families in need are identified. This will take long term and specific attention to build trust & actual experience will have to match the rhetoric if they are going to increase reporting. The dichotomy of Native Americans being part of CoC reporting/responsibility but also remaining a sovereign nation working outside the CoC creates unnecessary conflicts. Ongoing intentional collaboration will occur to bring those voices forward so concerns can be addressed. TH: This number is most impacted by Youth serving agencies & a larger shelter provider that is not mandated to use HMIS. Safety and privacy issues impact the Youth organizations using HMIS. The larger shelter is a point of continued efforts to use HMIS. CES staff are frequently in contact with that agency trying to get HMIS used but they lack staff capacity to do this. 2.Individual outreach by the CES Manager to individual programs will occur to discuss barriers to using HMIS. Specific benefits will be shared & education will occur using the HMIS lead as a resource. Providers will be encouraged to get HMIS licensure during 2023-24 & outcomes will be examined using PIT/HIC data next year.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 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 February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/25/2023
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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 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC’s Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Agencies that work specifically with homeless youth were identified for all regions of the CoC. Direct contact was made with those agencies and staff were recruited to complete the surveys. Youth in our most populous area are typically counted fairly successfully so special attention was paid to rural and outstate areas as well as working with county staff who may be working with youth through WIC and Public Health. School homeless liaison officers were also contacted and helped identify youth. Youth throughout all 3 regions of the CoC were successfully counted this year. 2. Agencies that directly work with youth were consulted to find locations that could be surveyed. Also, those agencies were provided surveys and training so that they could complete surveys over the course of the several days immediately after PIT night as they encountered homeless youth. 3. Homeless youth were not used this year in the actual count. It was discussed and determined that the safety concerns involved were too great and that privacy issues could also be an issue. The decision was made to use homeless youth staff only.

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 2022 and 2023, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The sheltered PIT Count continued being more strategic this year. A PIT Count committee was very active this year and did outreach and recruitment. A list of all known shelters was compiled and county leads were assigned places to make contact with. Surveys and trainings were sent to the entire CoC Full Membership via email to make sure everyone knew about it and had forms. Several places that did not complete counts previously were contacted by CoC staff and helped with doing observation counts. Extra effort was also made to communicate the need for the count and how it ties back to funding and services for the entire CoC.

2. Historically undercounted counties were engaged and several county staff reported numbers this year for the first time. In 2022, a renewed focus was made on locating as many places as possible to visit. This effort continued in 2023. Additional surveyors were recruited. People with lived experience of homelessness were included in conversations about places to find unsheltered people and those suggestions were implemented. Ideas were shared about possible places to find people such as fish houses, campers, etc. The importance of the PIT Count was emphasized especially for the unsheltered count. Areas that had previously reported no unsheltered numbers returned counts this year. The unsheltered count from the Native reservations did not get completed this year as they did not have the capacity to complete it. This dramatically impacted our counts of Native Americans. This will need additional focus for 2024.

3. The changes made this year created a more accurate portrayal of the numbers for several areas of Central CoC. Several areas reported counts this year for the first time. In the process, we also learned of several new programs that have since been included in our HIC and have subsequently joined the CoC Full Membership Committee. This expands the network and helps small agencies feel less isolated.

2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in 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. Central CoC consists of three regions using a common assessment prevention targeting tool to identify risk factors to determine who could potentially become homeless. The CoC started with a HUD template for determining barriers and then revised that through input of the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee, CoC Full Membership Committee, and the Governing Board. Input was also provided by people with lived experience who could speak of barriers they encountered. Risk factors include current housing status, income, barriers to housing, history of homelessness, economic instability, relationship breakdown, domestic violence, mental health, criminal background & substance abuse. Housing affordability and housing availability is one of the most significant reasons people lose their housing and become homeless. 2. Initial diversion/prevention calls are taken by any of our assessment sites throughout our 13 counties. Step One is to complete the Housing Crisis Screening Tool. This tool asks questions to quickly determine if homelessness can be prevented, can the household be diverted to other services, or do they need to complete a full assessment and be placed on the Priority List. Central CoC's strategy is to focus on diversion/prevention to reduce first time homelessness. The CES Coordinator emphasizes diversion and prevention throughout assessor training. A "9 Steps to Diversion" process is used and is available on the CES website. CoC uses established prevention and diversion tools for those that have the most risk factors. Each of the CoCs regions have active FHPAP programs who are front line access points trained in diversion and prevention strategies. The majority of initial client calls are taken by FHPAP providers. These programs have direct access and strategies for prevention money. Direct landlord engagement is available in situations where mediation may prevent an eviction or nonrenewal of a lease. 3. The Central MN CoC Coordinator and the Central CES Coordinator are ultimately responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce first-time homelessness in Central MN.

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 CoCs' geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	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 average length of time for households on the Priority List for 2022-23 was 233 days. This decreased from 248 days for 2021-22. The average LOT has decreased to 216 days since the beginning of 2023, a decrease of more than 1 month since 2021-2022. The CoC continues its strategy to reduce the length of time households are homeless by increasing the number of available beds, using CE to target households with the highest barriers & longest time homeless. The Priority List has been significantly cleaned up during 2023. Many households that had been on the PL for a long time were analyzed and many were found to be households that should have been taken off for a variety of reasons such as data errors, had become housed but not closed, lack of contact, moved out of the CoC, etc. This cleanup has decreased the LOT homeless as now the referral process typically refers eligible, currently engaged households. Increased efforts to encourage landlords to adopt a Housing First approach, including changes in how look back times on criminal and rental histories are used are ongoing. Navigators assist CH & HUD homeless households with obtaining needed documentation when initially put on the Priority List so this is completed before a unit is available and a referral is made, saving time & increasing the success rate of referrals. Central CoC policy is to refer households with the most barriers to housing and have been on the PL for the longest LOT. The Prioritization Order was completely revised in 2023 to take LOT homeless into account, not just the household’s vulnerability score. This caused a noticeable shift in referring those with the largest LOT numbers. The CoC works with MN Housing and housing developers to build affordable housing within the Central CoC. 2.Central CoC identifies and houses those with the longest lengths of time homeless through the Coordinated Entry Priority List. Length of time homeless is a data point that is listed on the Priority List and is used to prioritize which households are referred to housing programs first. CH households that have been homeless longest are referred first. 3.The Central MN CoC Coordinator and Coordinated Entry Coordinator are ultimately responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC’s Strategy	
	NOFO Section 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. Central CoC’s strategy for individuals & families in ES, SH, TH & RRH to exit to PH destinations include: Use CE to move households into appropriate housing quickly. Extra focus is placed on accuracy and timeliness of data on the PL and maintaining regular contact with households to make referrals faster and increase successful referrals; Work with HH on a housing plan as they enter the temporary housing including budgeting, plans to increase income & linking HH to mainstream resources; Identify options available to HH to reduce overall housing costs relative to their budget; Use of tenant/landlord mediation to resolve lease violations through solution driven action plans; Use of Landlord Mitigation funds to reduce the financial risk when renting to households with barriers thereby creating more housing opportunities; On-going case management support that focuses on housing stability and; Increasing affordable housing stock by working with state funding agencies & developers to develop more affordable housing. These strategies will stabilize HH by increasing their income & using available connections to strengthen their ability to obtain and stay in PH. Ongoing analysis of SPMs and increased monitoring and evaluation of providers will present opportunities to improve programming and explore ways to make case management more responsive to real life situations as opposed to theories and guesswork or doing what has always been done. 2. Strategies to assist households maintain PH include: Continue to provide ongoing case management at least 6 months with households once they obtain housing to increase problem solving skills needed to retain it; Teach budgeting to identify ways to reduce overall housing costs relative to their income and develop skills to prioritize necessary expenses over optional expenses; Tenant/landlord mediation (if needed) to help resolve lease violations through solution driven action plans and conversations before issues escalate to an eviction point; Link households to mainstream resources they may need, including childcare assistance, medical assistance, veterans assistance, domestic violence resources, SSI/SSDI, workforce agencies, substance abuse treatment, mental health providers & transportation options. 3. The Central MN CoC Coordinator and Coordinated Entry Coordinator are ultimately responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	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 of additional returns to homelessness; and	
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC strategy is to identify individuals & families who return to homelessness by reviewing System Performance Measures (SPM) & Coordinated Entry data. The CoC reviews progress data on SPMs including how many individuals & persons in families have returned to homelessness. Additionally, reports are obtained from the HMIS provider which track returns to homelessness on a statewide basis. This ensures that clients who re-enter in another CoC area will be counted as well. The timeframe is 366 days to make sure it is a true 12-month time period. 2.The CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of returns to homelessness is to utilize a network of resources households can turn to prior to returning to homelessness. The CoC worked with housing providers to revise written standards for RRH & PSH. Updates include expectations on case management services & after care services. A key component in the expectations is communicating early & often with the household about the resources available to maintain housing stability. Providers are committed to re-engaging with households after program exit if the household needs support in re-stabilizing their housing. Service providers may offer longer rent subsidies, intensive case management, assist clients in finding employment & unearned income, and health resources to maximize their housing stability. The CoC has a robust FHPAP system through the State of MN that has funds available to cover past due rent or other specific expenses in order to prevent homelessness. This covers all 3 regions of the CoC. Landlord Mitigation funds can assist in mediation between landlords & households to enable a household to stay in their current housing and not return to homelessness. Central CoC has a transfer policy for those at risk of homelessness stating if it is determined that a household’s needs no longer fit with the program they are currently participating in, or the understanding of their needs have changed since program entry they may have the ability to transition to a different housing program that better fits their needs. 3.CoC Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the strategy to reduce the rate households return 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. Collaborate with area workforce centers, community education, & employment agencies to provide ongoing training & access to employment opportunities. Connect clients with workforce centers, provide job readiness programs, employment coaching, resume creation, interview practice & training for specific careers. Identify employers who have flexibility in hiring people with criminal backgrounds. Focus on promoting youth employment programs. Assist Veterans with engagement to Veteran Service Officers & agencies to receive Veteran employment services. The largest Technical and Community College in the CoC is a member of the CoC Full Membership Committee. They promote specific resources and assistance opportunities for low-income and unstably housed individuals so they can successfully complete training programs needed to get good jobs. 2. CoC agencies have partnerships with for-profit and non-profit employment agencies & workforce centers. This partnership includes on-site services for homeless households that includes resume writing, interview practice and employment coaching. Employment agencies notify homeless service agencies of potential job openings & often provide the training needed for certain jobs. Employment and Training programs assist with individual employment plans, life skills and 1:1 sessions that include job readiness topics. Connection to career clothing for interviews/ job required clothing & emergency bus cards/gas cards support job search and retention. Mainstream employment organizations are essential to the success of households obtaining and/or increasing their cash income. CoC agencies have partnerships with for-profit & non-profit businesses, employment agencies & workforce centers. Opportunities for assistance to pay for additional schooling as well as GED classes are promoted as increasing education often leads to increased income, increased benefits, and more stable employment. 3. CoC Coordinator is responsible for overseeing the strategy to increase job & income growth from employment.

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. Central CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes partnerships with agencies assisting individuals with applications for mainstream resources such as Minnesota General Assistance, Minnesota Family Investment Program (both MN unearned income supports), Food Support, SSI, SSDI, unemployment & other unearned income benefits. Central CoC has developed robust connections with Veteran's agencies to ensure Veterans are connected to Veteran Service Officers and agencies to receive VA benefits including veteran pensions. Individuals with a disability are connected to SOAR for support and assistance with applications and navigating the SSI/SSDI process. Households are assisted in applying for child support, alimony, energy assistance, weatherization, and health insurance. County staff are critical to these connections and the CoC Full Membership Committee has regular attendance by staff from all of the larger counties in the CoC as well as many of the smaller ones. This allows for announcements to be made to the CoC Full Membership efficiently. County agencies can also send program updates to the CoC Coordinator for distribution through the CoC-wide email list.

2. Central CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources includes local partnerships with County services, Veteran Service Officers, MN Assistance Council for Veterans, SOAR and transportation services. Communication of available mainstream resources are shared and updates reported at the Central CoC Full Membership Committee meeting and other local monthly meetings. Agencies throughout the CoC educate households on services available to them to increase their non-employment cash income and reduce overall household expenses. Households are supported with applications and transportation options to increase access to mainstream resources. Many agencies assist clients in completing applications and obtaining required documentation. CoC Navigators are a critical piece of connecting households to mainstream benefits.

3. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash 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:

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 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?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections V.B.6.a. and V.B.6.b.	
	If you selected yes to questions 3A-1. or 3A-2., use the list feature icon to enter information about each project application you intend for HUD to evaluate to determine if they meet the criteria.	

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Rise Rapid Rehous...	PH-RRH	5	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Rise Rapid Rehousing in Central MN

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): ZMTHJY2CZGM5

3. Select the new project type: PH-RRH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 5

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

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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- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

	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 Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On/Hom...	09/18/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	LetterSigned By W...	09/22/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	Housing First Eva...	09/21/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Web Posting of Lo...	09/20/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/20/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	Scored Forms for ...	09/20/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/20/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/20/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	Local Competition...	09/20/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Web Posting -CoC-...	09/26/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	Notification of C...	09/26/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	FY2023 HDX Compet...	09/20/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/24/2023
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

Attachment Details

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Document Description: Letter Signed By Working Group

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

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Submission Summary

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

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4B. Attachments Screen	09/26/2023
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September 15, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of St. Cloud, Minnesota grants preferences to households that are involuntary displaced and are not living in standard, permanent replacement housing. Standard, permanent replacement housing is defined as housing that is decent, safe, sanitary, and adequate for the family size and does not include transient facilities.

Involuntary displaced is defined as a household that will be involuntarily displaced if the household has vacated or will have to vacate the unit where the household lives because of the following: displacement by disaster, government action, by action of the housing owner, domestic violence, hate crimes, reprisals, inaccessibility of a unit and HUD disposition of a multifamily project.

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority of St. Cloud, Minnesota has added the Moving Up or Moving On preference for households that are referred by Coordinated Entry. This preference was added in April 2020.

Thank you,



Louise Reis
Executive Director

September 18, 2023

To whom it may concern:

As part of the planning process for the HUD FY2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFO; a group of people with lived expertise (PLEs) met with CoC staff to give ideas and feedback. All participants currently are or have been homeless at least once during the last 7 years. The group gave input on things that are working, things that aren't, and things that are missing in the CoC. Input was also given on what things should be scored highest and we talked about how questions on racial equity and inclusion of PLE's at the agency level were asked and scored. Ideas and suggestions from these meetings were used in the planning process and put into the CoC Scoring & Ranking process. These paid consultants are also involved in the CoC Full Membership Committee meetings, subcommittees, and community meetings. One of these consultants scored NOFO applications and participated in the final scoring and ranking of program applications for this year's NOFO.

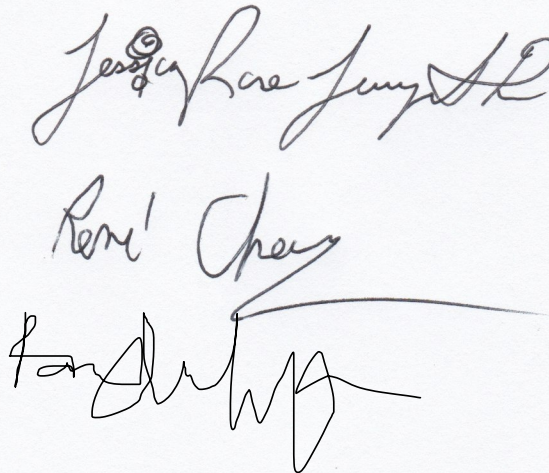
These meetings were held virtually, so an email was sent to each participant to get their approval of this letter and also to give Randi Wickham permission to sign this letter on their behalf.

Sincerely,

Randi Wickham
PLE for St. Cloud/Central CoC (MN-505)

Approval and permission were obtained from the following participants:

Randi Wickham
Rene' Cherney
Jessica Rose Jungroth



The image shows three handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is for Jessica Rose Jungroth, the middle one is for Rene' Cherney, and the bottom one is for Randi Wickham. The signatures are written in a cursive style.



Housing First Standards Assessment Tool

Overview: This tool aims to assess and document how closely a housing and service provider adheres to the recommended best practice standards of the Housing First model, in the context of the broader work to implement a Housing First orientation at the system-level. This tool specifically evaluates project-level fidelity to Housing First, which directly impacts a system's fidelity to Housing First. In addition to the universal best practice standards identified in this tool, Continuums should also take into account their local community context and local written standards pertaining to Housing First when assessing projects. A Continuum of Care can use this tool to prompt discussion and to

Provider Info tab: The Provider Information tab should be completed *prior* to beginning the assessment. Specifically, the ***Project Name, Project Type, Target Sub-Population served, and Date of Assessment*** fields need to be completed in order to populate the assessment standards and report summary with questions that are specific to the project

Standards: The standards have been arranged into the following categories: *Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific*. The "Tab" chart at the bottom of this page describes each of the categories in more detail. Some of the categories are not applicable for all project types, and those standards do not need to be completed,

Project Type	Applicable Standards
Coordinated Entry	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Street Outreach	Access & Evaluation; Project-specific
Emergency Shelter	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Project-specific
Transitional Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Rapid Rehousing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific
Permanent Supportive Housing	Access & Evaluation; Service & Housing; Leases; Project-specific

Safeguarding: Please keep in mind safeguarding concerns when assessing projects. In particular, we advise Continuums of Care to work with projects with victims of domestic violence to make sure that adequate safety and confidentiality policies and practices are in place before beginning assessments.

Scoring: For each standard, there are three scoring criteria: "Say It", "Document It", and "Do It" (as explained further below). To show that a project is in full compliance with each standard, the assessor should mark "Always" for each scoring criteria. Use the drop down in the three columns to the right to select "Always" or "Somewhat" or "Not at

- "Say It" means that project and agency staff can describe verbally what they do concerning each standard. The assessor should be able to identify that the organizational culture supports the standard by how staff talks about what is done.
- "Document It" means that there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard. Written documentation could include

- “Do It” means that the assessor was able to find evidence that supports the project’s compliance with each standard. Evidence could include information contained in client or other administrative files, client acknowledgement that something is being done, staff can point to documentation that supports

Assessor Notes: A cell below each individual standard allows the assessor to add optional notes about the information collected for that particular standard. The notes can include where information was found, what questions were asked, who answered the questions, what additional information is needed to be able to mark that standard as

Tab	Description	Purpose
Instructions	Tool overview and aim	Offers instruction to users on the assessment tool
Provider Info	Input provider, project and general assessment information	Determines project-specific standards for consideration
Standards - Access & Evaluation	Input compliance with standards concerning participant access to the project and input, project evaluation and performance management	Assesses whether access and evaluation are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Leases	Input compliance with standards concerning the lease and occupancy agreements, where applicable	Assesses whether leases and occupancy agreements are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards - Services & Housing	Input compliance with standards concerning the service and housing models and structure, where applicable	Assesses whether services and housing are compliant with Housing First principles
Standards – Project-Specific	Prompts assessment standards based on project type and targeted sub-populations served by the project, where applicable	Assesses whether specific project standards are compliant with Housing First principles
Report Summary	Displays assessment scores and conclusions, and highlights non-compliant standards	Printable summary of the assessment



Provider Information

Please complete the information below on the organization being assessed.

Provider Information	
Provider's Legal Name	Volunteers of America
Acronym (If Applicable)	VOA
Year Incorporated	
EIN	41-1554078
Street Address	7625 Metro Blvd, Minneapolis, MN
Zip Code	55439

Project Information	
Project Name	Our HOME
Project Budget	\$121,527
Grant Number	MN0092L5K052215
Name of Project Director	Michele Meyers
Project Director Email Address	michele.myers@voamn.org
Project Director Phone Number	(612)767-2447
Which best describes the project *	Permanent Supportive Housing
<i>If project is a Safe Haven, please choose project type that it most operates like, e.g. shelter, transitional housing, or permanent housing</i>	
Are your services targeted to any of the following populations specifically? Please select one if so, as this impacts your assessment questions.	None of the above

*Please note that when you select a project type, particular standards may not be relevant.

Management Information	
Name of CEO	
CEO Email Address	
CEO Phone Number	
Name of Staff Member Guiding Assessment	Lori Gudim
Staff Email Address	lgudim@voamn.org
Staff Phone Number	(763)252-4635

Assessment Information

Name of Assessor	Tim Poland
Organizational Affiliation of Assessor	CMHP-Collaborative Applicant
Assessor Email Address	tpoland@cmhp.net
Assessor Phone Number	320-258-0677
Date of Assessment	Sep 20 2023



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

No.	Standard	Access Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Access 1	Projects are low-barrier	<p>Admission to projects is not contingent on pre-requisites such as abstinence of substances, minimum income requirements, health or mental health history, medication adherence, age, criminal justice history, financial history, completion of treatment, participation in services, "housing readiness," history or occurrence of victimization, survivor of sexual assault or an affiliated person of such a survivor or other unnecessary conditions unless required by law or funding source.</p> <p><i>Could put more of this in writing.</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 2	Projects do not deny assistance for unnecessary reasons	<p>Procedures and oversight demonstrate that staff do everything possible to avoid denying assistance or rejecting an individual or family for the reasons listed in Access Standard #1.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 3	Access regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status	<p>Equal access is provided in accordance with the 2012 and 2016 Equal Access Rules, meaning that any project funded by HUD must ensure equal access for persons regardless of one's sexual orientation or marital status, and in accordance with one's gender identity. Adult only households, regardless of marital status, should have equal access to projects (if these project types are not available within a CoC, the CoC should conduct an assessment to determine if these project types are needed and work with providers to accommodate the need). Please see Equal Access Rules here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/1991/equal-access-to-housing-final-rule/</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Access 4	Admission process is expedited with speed and efficiency	<p>Projects have expedited admission processes, to the greatest extent possible, including helping participants obtain documentation required by funding sources, as well as processes to admit participants regardless of the status of their eligibility documentation whenever applicable.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Access 5	Intake processes are person-centered and flexible	<p>Intake and assessment procedures are focused on the individual's or family's strengths, needs, and preferences. Projects do not require specific appointment times, but have flexible intake schedules that ensure access to all households. Assessments are focused on identifying household strengths, resources, as well as identifying barriers to housing that can inform the basis of a housing plan as soon as a person is enrolled in the project.</p>	Always	Somewhat	Always

		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Access 6	The provider/project accepts and makes referrals directly through Coordinated Entry	Projects actively participate in the CoC-designated Coordinated Entry processes as part of streamlined community-wide system access and triage. If these processes are not yet implemented, projects follow communities' existing referral processes. Referrals from Coordinated Entry are rarely rejected, and only if there is a history of violence, the participant does not want to be in the project, there are legally valid grounds (such as restrictions regarding sex offenders) or some other exceptional circumstance that is well documented.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Access 7	Exits to homelessness are avoided	Projects that can no longer serve particular households utilize the coordinated entry process, or the communities' existing referral processes if coordinated entry processes are not yet implemented, to ensure that those individuals and families have access to other housing and services as desired, and do not become disconnected from services and housing. Households encounter these exits under certain circumstances, such as if they demonstrate violent or harassing behaviors, which are described within agencies' regulation-adherent policies.	Always	Somewhat	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Name		Participant Input Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document it	Do it
Participant Input 1	Participant education is ongoing	Project participants receive ongoing education on Housing First principles as well as other service models employed in the project. In the beginning of and throughout tenancy, participants are informed about their full rights and responsibilities as lease holders, including the potential causes for eviction.	Always	Always	Always
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Participant Input 2	Projects create regular, formal opportunities for participants to offer input	Input is welcomed regarding the project's policies, processes, procedures, and practices. Opportunities include involvement in: quality assurance and evaluation processes, a participant leadership/advisory board, processes to formally communicate with landlords, the design of and participation in surveys and focus groups, planning social gatherings, integrating peer specialists and peer-facilitated support groups to compliment professional services.	Always	Somewhat	Somewhat
		<i>Optional notes here</i>			



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Lease and Occupancy Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Leases 1	Housing is considered permanent (not applicable for Transitional Housing)	Housing is not time-limited (though rent assistance may be) and leases are automatically renewable upon expiration, except with prior notice by either party. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 2	Participant choice is fundamental	A participant has, at minimum, choices in deciding the location and type of housing based on preferences from a range of housing types and among multiple units, as available and as practical. In project-based settings, participants should be offered choice of units within a particular building, or within the portfolio of single site properties. In projects that use shared housing, i.e. housing with unrelated roommates, participants should be offered choice of roommates, as available and as practical. Additionally, as applicable, participants are able to choose their roommates when sharing a room or unit. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Leases 3	Leases are the same for participants as for other tenants	Leases do not have any provisions that would not be found in leases held by any other tenant in the property or building and is renewable per the participants' and owner's choice. People experiencing homelessness who receive help moving into permanent housing should have leases that confer the full rights, responsibilities, and legal protections under Federal, state, and local housing laws. For transitional housing, there may be limitations on length of stay, but a lease/occupancy agreement should look like a lease that a person would have in the normal rental market. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 4	Participants receive education about their lease or occupancy agreement terms	Participants are also given access to legal assistance and encouraged to exercise their full legal rights and responsibilities. Landlords and providers abide by their legally-defined roles and responsibilities. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always
Leases 5	Measures are used to prevent eviction	Property or building management, with services support, incorporates a culture of eviction avoidance, reinforced through practices and policies that prevent lease violations and evictions among participants, and evict participants only when they are a threat to self or others. Clear eviction appeal processes and due process is provided for all participants. Lease bifurcation is allowed so that a tenant or lawful occupant who is a victim of a criminal act of physical violence committed against them by another tenant or lawful occupant is not evicted, removed or penalized if the other is evicted. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Always	Always

Leases 6	Providing stable housing is a priority	Providers engage in a continued effort to hold housing for participants, even if they leave their housing for short periods due to treatment, illness, or any other temporary stay outside of the unit.	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
		<i>Do ask for updates if possible before people leave for a length of time.</i>			
Leases 7	Rent payment policies respond to tenants' needs (as applicable)	While tenants are accountable to the rental agreement, adjustments may be needed on a case by case basis. As necessary, participants are given special payment arrangements for rent arrears and/or assistance with financial management, including representative payee arrangements.	Always	Somewhat	Always
		<i>No late fees or other fees</i>			



Housing First Standards

For each standard, please use the drop down boxes in the three columns to the right to select "Not at all" or "Sometimes" or "Always". Marking "Always" signifies full compliance for the standard.

	Standard	Services Definition / Evidence	Say it	Document it	Do it
Services 1	Projects promote participant choice in services	Participants are able to choose from an array of services. Services offered are housing focused and include the following areas of support: employment and income, childhood and education, community connection, and stabilization to maintain housing. These should be provided by linking to community-based services. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Services 2	Person Centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process	Person-centered Planning is a guiding principle of the service planning process <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Services 3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Not at all	Not at all	Not at all
Services 4	Services are continued despite change in housing status or placement	Wherever possible, participants continue to be offered services even if they lose their housing unit or bed (for congregate projects), or if they are placed in a short-term inpatient treatment. Ideally, the service relationship should continue, despite a service hiatus during some institutional stays. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Services 5	Participant engagement is a core component of service delivery	Staff provide effective services by developing relationships with participants that provide immediate needs and safety, develop trust and common ground, making warm hand-offs to other mainstream service providers, and clearly explain staff roles. Engagement is regular and relationships are developed over time. <i>Optional notes here</i>	Always	Somewhat	Always

Services 6	Services are culturally appropriate with translation services available, as needed	<p>Project staff are sensitive to and support the cultural aspects of diverse households. Wherever possible, staff demographics reflect the participant population they serve in order to provide appropriate, culturally-specific services. Translation services are provided when needed to ensure full comprehension of the project. Projects that serve families with children should have family-friendly rules that allow for different schedules based on work and school hours and have services that allow parents to participate in activities without having to constantly supervise their children themselves (i.e. can use the bathroom or take a shower without their children being in the bathroom with them).</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Services 7	Staff are trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies (including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma-informed approaches, strength-based)	<p>Services support a participant's ability to obtain and retain housing regardless of changes in behavior. Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy, such as recognizing that substance use and addiction are a part of some participants' lives. Participants are engaged in non-judgmental communication regarding their behavior and are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat
Standard		Housing Definition / Evidence	Say It	Document It	Do It
Housing 1	Housing is not dependent on participation in services	<p>Participation in permanent and temporary housing settings, as well as crisis settings such as emergency shelter, is not contingent on participating in supportive services or demonstration of progress made on a service plan. Services must be offered by staff, but are voluntary for participants.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 2	Substance use is not a reason for termination	<p>Participants are only terminated from the project for violations in the lease or occupancy agreements, as applicable. Occupancy agreements or an addendum to the lease do not include conditions around substance use or participation in services. If the project is a recovery housing model focused on people who are in early recovery from drugs or alcohol (as outlined in HUD's Recovery Housing Brief), different standards related to use and subsequent offer of treatment may apply. See HUD's Recovery Housing brief here: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/4852/recovery-housing-policy-brief/</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Somewhat	Always
Housing 3	The rules and regulations of the project are centered on participants' rights	<p>Project staff have realistic expectations and policies. Rules and regulations are designed to support safe and stable communities and should never interfere with a life in the community. Participants have access to the project at all hours (except for nightly in and out shelter) and accommodation is made for pets.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>	Always	Always	Always
Housing 4	Participants have the option to transfer to another project	<p>Transfers should be accommodated for tenants who reasonably believe that they are threatened with imminent harm from further violence if the tenant remains in the same unit. Whenever possible, transfers occur before a participant experiences homelessness.</p>	Somewhat	Somewhat	Somewhat



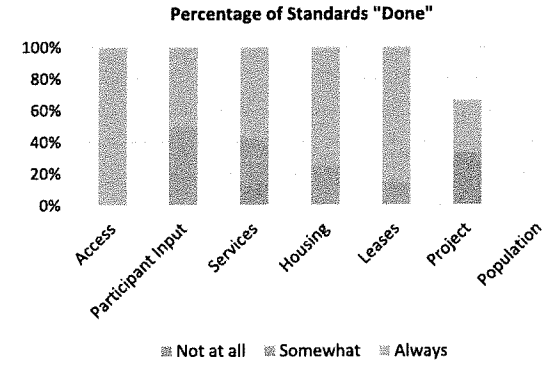
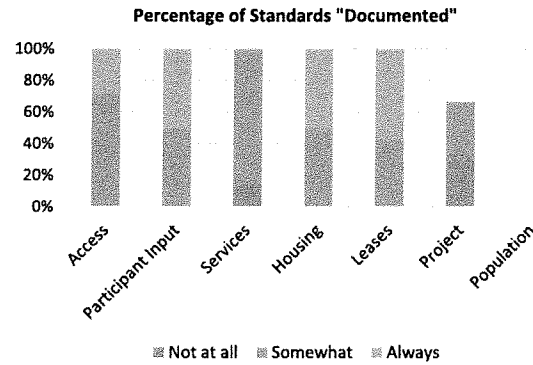
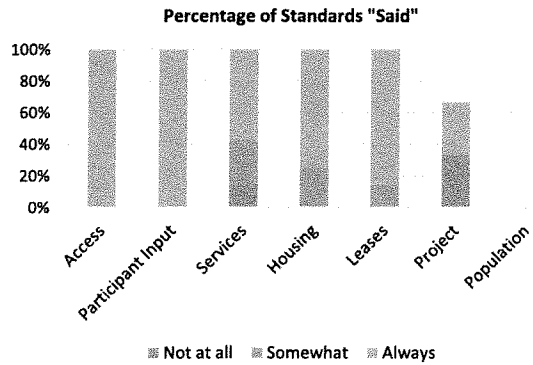
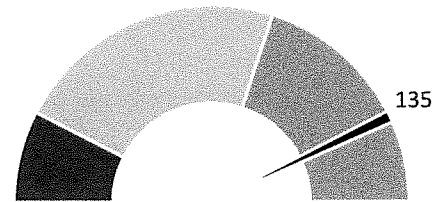
Housing First Standards: Assessment Summary

Volunteers of America
20-Sep-23

Some standards have not been evaluated. Please return and complete all standards before finalizing report.

Your score: 135
Max potential score: 180

Score is calculated by awarding 1 point for standards answered 'sometimes' and 2 points for standards answered 'always'. Categories that are not applicable for your project are not included in the maximum potential score.



Non-Compliant Standards ("Not at all" to Whether Standard Is Said)

<i>Category</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Services	3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	<p>Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.</p> <p><i>Optional notes here</i></p>
Project-specific	3		<p>In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.</p> <p><i>One staff person in the project means dual duties for the one position.</i></p>

Non-Documented Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Documented)

<i>Category</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Standard</i>
Services	3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing. <i>Optional notes here</i>
Project-specific	3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy. <i>One staff person in the project means dual duties for the one position.</i>

Non-Evidenced Standards ("Not at All" to Whether Standard is Done")

Category	No.	Name	Standard
Services	3	Service support is as permanent as the housing	Service connections are permanently available and accessible for participants in Permanent Supportive Housing. Rapid Re-Housing projects should, at a minimum, be prepared to offer services for up to 6 months after the rental assistance ends. In emergency shelter and transitional housing, services are available as long as the participant resides in the unit or bed – and up to 6 months following exit from transitional housing.
<i>Optional notes here</i>			
Project-specific	3	Property Management duties are separate and distinct from services/case management	In order to provide clear roles of staff for participants in terms of lease and rules enforcement as well as tenant advocacy, property management and service provider staff should be separate roles. However, they should work together on a regular basis through regular communications and meetings regarding Participants to address tenancy issues in order to preserve tenancy.
<i>One staff person in the project means dual duties for the one position.</i>			

HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) (formerly known as NOFA)

FY2023 Local CoC Program Competition

The HUD FY2023 NOFO is open! Please read the following information regarding eligible applicants and methods to apply.

Available again this year – Domestic Violence Bonus funds.

NEW PROJECTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

For further information, contact Tim Poland at tpoland@cmhp.net

FY2023 CoC Intent to Apply & Threshold Assessment
New Projects

FY2023 CoC Intent to Apply & Threshold Assessment
Renewal Projects

FY2023 Local CoC Program Competition Timeline

FY2023 HUD CoC Program Competition NOFO
(Published 7/5/2023)

FY2023 MN-505 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)

FY2023 HUD NOFO

FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFO Overview
Funding Opportunity Number: FR-6700-N-25

IMPORTANT PROJECT APPLICATION DATES & DEADLINES for Central MN CoC – tentative (subject to change based on HUD availability in eSnaps and CoC updates)

Check the Central MN CoC website: <https://www.cmhp.net/continuum-care/> for updates.

- **July 5, 2023** – FY 2023 NOFO published
- **July 26, 2023** – DUE - Signed **Intent to Apply & Threshold Assessment** form due to CoC via email in PDF format (DO NOT SUBMIT IN E-SNAPS)
- **TBD** – Project Application Lab
- **August 29, 2023** – Project Applications submitted to CoC via eSnaps and PDF for ranking and scoring
- **TBD** – Ranking and Scoring Committee Meeting
- **September 12, 2023** – Project Applications notified of inclusion in Collaborative Application
- **September 19, 2023** – Project response and appeals to CoC due by 4:30 PM on Application Rank & Score
- **September 22, 2023** – Vote on appeals to rank and score (if needed)
- **September 22, 2023** – Projects notified of appeals outcome and amended rank/score (if needed)
- **September 25, 2023** – Final Project Application edits submitted in eSnaps and PDF to CoC
- **September 25, 2023** – Collaborative Application posted on CoC website
- **September 26, 2023** – CoC Full Membership Committee vote on Collaborative Application
- **September 26, 2023** – CoC Governing Board vote on Collaborative Application
- **September 26, 2023** – Approved Collaborative Application posted on CoC website

HUD CoC Consolidated Application Deadline: September 28, 2023, at 7:00 PM Standard Time.
Note: Project Applications must be submitted by the Project deadlines (August 29, 2023) NOT the Consolidated Application deadline.

Central MN CoC 505 FY 2023:

\$1,955,115	Primary Pro-Rata Need (PPRN)
\$1,836,546	Estimated Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
\$1,707,988	Tier 1 (93% of ARD)
\$136,858	CoC Bonus (Tier 2 - 7% of PPRN)
\$195,512	Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus
\$97,756	CoC Planning

\$1.13 billion is available for the FY23 CoC Program NOFO, including \$52 million available for Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus projects.

Ranking
The CoC must rank all projects, except CoC Planning, placing all accepted projects in Tiers. Ranking is based on economic quality, priorities, and performance.

Central MN CoC Ranking Committee

Points Possible		PSH				RRH						TH						SSO			HMIS	
		Singles		Families/combo		Singles			Families			Singles			Families			Renewal	Reallocation/ New	DV Bonus	Renewal	Reallocation/ New
		Renewal	Reallocation/ New	Renewal	Reallocation/ New	Renewal	Reallocation/ New	DV Bonus	Renewal	Reallocation/ New	DV Bonus	Renewal	Reallocation/ New	DV Bonus	Renewal	Reallocation/ New	DV Bonus					
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE	134	126	54	134	62	110	46	46	118	54	54	110	46	46	118	54	54	62	42	42	30	18
Criteria	Possible																					
Chronic Homeless	8	8	8	8	8																	
Veterans	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
Housing First	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8				
Unmet Need	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4				
Criteria	Possible																					
Equal Access	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Equity--Staff Composition	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Equity--Staff Demographics	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Equity--Board/Leadership Composition	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Equity-- Board/Leadership Demographics	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Inclusiveness of Staff	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Inclusiveness of Board/Leadership	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Equity--Increase Overall Income	4	4		4		4			4			4			4			4	4	4		
Equity--Exits to permanent housing	4	4		4		4			4			4			4			4	4	4		
Equity--Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	4	4		4		4			4			4			4			4	4	4		
Criteria	Possible																					
Connection to K-12 education	4			4	4				4	4	4				4	4	4					
Early Childhood Development	4			4	4				4	4	4				4	4	4					
Criteria	Possible																					
DV Experience	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
DV Specialized Services	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		
Criteria	Possible																					
Bed Utilization	8	8		8		8			8			8			8							
Funding management: unspent funds	8	8		8		8			8			8			8			8			8	
Funding management: drawdowns	4	4		4		4			4			4			4			4			4	
CoC Participation	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Data Quality	8	8		8		8			8			8			8			8				
Criteria	Possible																					
Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	8	8		8		8			8			8			8							
Earned Income--Increase	2	2		2		2			2			2			2							
Earned Income--Maintain/Increase	2	2		2		2			2			2			2							
Non-Employment Income--Maintain/ Increase	2	2		2		2			2			2			2							
Increase Overall Income	2	2		2		2			2			2			2							

Housing Stability (Retention)—stay more than 12 months (PSH ONLY)	8	8		8																			
Exits to permanent housing	8	8		8		8			8			8			8								

Organization	Center City Housing Corp
Project Name	River Crest
CoC Model/Component	PSH
Populations Served	Adults/Youth without Children
Project Status	Renewal
Date of Review	9/4/2023
Reviewer	Tim Poland

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Criteria	Eligible	Ineligible	Eligible/ Ineligible	Data Details	Source
Eligible entity	Nonprofits, States, local govts, instrumentalities of State/ local gov, and public housing authorities.	Any entity that does not meet criteria identified in earlier column.	ELIGIBLE		Pre-application
Eligible population	Meets HUD requirements	Does NOT meet HUD requirements	ELIGIBLE		Pre-application
Date of Project App	Application is complete and includes all required attachments and is submitted to CoC coordinator before the deadline.	Application is incomplete, does not include all required attachments and/or is submitted to CoC coordinator after the deadline.	ELIGIBLE	8/29/2023	CoC Coordinantor
HMIS	Project has capacity and plan to participate in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	Project does not have capacity and plan to participate in HMIS (or other comparable database for DV providers)	ELIGIBLE		Pre-application
Match	25% match for everything but leasing.	No or less than 25% required match.	ELIGIBLE	25%	Project Application
Coordinated Entry	Applicant participates in or agrees to participate in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry System, including attending training, completing CES assessments and receiving referrals through Coordinated Entry as outlined in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant agrees to these expectations)	Applicant does not agree to participate in the Central MN CoC Coordinated Entry System (IF NEW APPLICANT, applicant DOES NOT agree to these expectations)	ELIGIBLE		Pre-application

HUD Monitoring	HUD Monitoring Report is provided as applicable and no unresolved significant findings are identified.	HUD Monitoring Report is not provided (if applicable) or contains unresolved significant findings that should preclude applicant from inclusion.		ELIGIBLE		Pre-application
Admin	Admin costs no more than 10%	Admin costs greater than 10%.		ELIGIBLE	0%	Project Application

EVALUATION AND RANKING STANDARDS

HUD/LOCAL PRIORITIES

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Chronic Homeless (PSH only)	95% of CoC-funded units are designated to serve chronically homeless individuals	80-94% of CoC-funded units are designated to serve chronically homeless individuals	This project designates fewer than 80% of units to serve chronically homeless individuals	8/4/0	100%	8	5 of 5 beds	esnaps Application
Veterans	50% or more of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	20-49% of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	<20% of CoC-funded units or services are for veterans	4/2/0	0%	0		esnaps Application
Housing First	Project scores at least 12 out of 15 on the housing first assessment.	Project scores 10 or 11 out of 15 on the housing first assessment.	Project scores below 10 out of 15 on the housing first assessment.	8/4/0	15	8		Housing 1st Checklist
Unmet Need: Geographic Area	Location and household type priority match	Project has only one priority match	No match	4/2/0	Matches both POP and GEO	4		e-snaps application: Households table and location(s)

EQUITY--NEW MEASURES

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Equal Access	Comply with all items listed on Equal Access checklist		Fails to comply with all items listed on Equal Access checklist	4/0	YES	4		Equal access checklist

Equity--Staff Composition	At least 20% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	10-19% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	Less than 10% of organization's staff identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	4/2/0	65%	4		Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Staff Composition	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 75%	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 50-74%	Demographics of Staff reflect the demographics of the full service areas within less than 50% or no data provided	2/1/0	100%	2	Staff is more diverse than the demographics are	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Board/Leadership Composition	At least 20% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	10-19% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	Less than 10% of organization's board, directors, managers identify as a member of an underserved population such as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, etc.	4/2/0	23%	4	23% of 13 members	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Board/Leadership Composition	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 75%	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within 50-74%	Demographics of Board/Leadership reflect the demographics of the full service areas within less than 50%	2/1/0	100%	2	23% board vs 22% demographics	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form

Inclusiveness of Staff	20% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	10-19% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	Less than 10% or more of Staff identify as a person with lived experience	2/1/0	40%	4		Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Inclusiveness of Board/Leadership	20% or more of Board/Leadership identify as a person with lived experience	10-19% or more of Board/Leadership identify as a person with lived experience	Less than 10% or more of Board/Leadership identify as a person with lived experience	2/1/0	8%	0	1 member	Racial Equity Diversity, and Inclusion Self-Assessment Form
Equity--Increase Overall Income	30% or more of BIPOC households increase overall income	20-29% of BIPOC households increase overall income	Less than 20% of BIPOC households increase overall income	4/2/0	0%	0		ICA report
Equity--Exits to permanent housing	At least 80% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	75-80% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	Less than 75% of BIPOC participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	4/2/0	0%	0		ICA report
Equity--Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	Less than 10% of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10-15% of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	15% or more of BIPOC participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	4/2/0	0%	4	0 of 1 exit	ICA report

CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO SERVING YOUTH, FAMILY & CHILDREN

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Connection to K-12 education	Written plan with staff qualifications, physical space, partner roles, and evaluation defined	Partial Plan	No Plan	4/2/0	NA	NA		Checklist/plan
Early Childhood Development	Written plan with staff qualifications, physical space, partner roles, and evaluation defined	Partial Plan	No Plan	4/2/0	NA	NA		Checklist/plan

CRITERIA SPECIFIC TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
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Domestic Violence (experience)	Project has at least 5 years experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	Project has 1-4 years experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	Project has less than 1 year experience specifically serving DV/SA survivors	4/2/0	-	0		Application (# of years)
Domestic Violence (specialized services)	Project utilizes specialized services model specifically tailored to DV/SA survivors		Project does not utilize specialized services model specifically tailored to DV/SA survivors	4/0	NO	0		Application

GRANT ADMINISTRATIVE PERFORMANCE

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
Bed Utilization	More than 90% of project beds	85-90% of project beds	Less than 85% of project beds.	8/4/0	85%	4	4.25 of 5 beds	APR Q7, APR Q8, ICA Report
Funding management: unspent funds	Spent 95% or more of grant award.	Spent 90-94% of grant award.	Spent 89% or less of grant award.	8/4/0	100%	8		eLOCCS screenshots
Funding management: drawdowns	Grantee has had at least quarterly (4+)		Grantee has had less than quarterly (4+)	4/2/0	AT LEAST QLY	4	Almost monthly	eLOCCS screenshots
CoC Participation	Project representatives attend at least 75% of CoC meetings	Project representatives attend 50-74% of CoC meetings	Project representatives attend less than 50% of CoC meetings	2/1/0	100%	2		Meeting sign-in sheets
Data Quality (NA for SSO and HMIS projects)	At least 75% of data quality points possible	65-74% of data quality points possible	Less than 65% of data quality points possible	8/4/0	50%	0	5 of 10 possible. 33% errors on disability	APR Q6a-6e, ICA Report

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Criterion	Most Desirable	Desirable	Least Desirable	Possible Points	Data	Score	Data Details	Source
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Returns to Homelessness (12 months)	Less than 10% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	10-15% of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	15% or more of participants returned to homelessness within 12 months of exit to permanent housing	8/4/0	0%	8	0 of 1 HH exited	SEC 054 Returns to Homelessness Report, ICA Report
Earned Income--Increase	10% or more increase for PSH, 35% or more for TH, RRH	5-9% for PSH, 20-34% for TH, RRH	Less than 5% for PSH, Less than 20% for TH/RRH	2/1/0	0%	0	0 of 6	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Earned Income--Maintain/Increase	20% or more for PSH, 50% or more for TH, RRH	10-19% for PSH, 40-49% for TH, RRH	Less than 10% for PSH, Less than 40% for TH/RRH	2/1/0	0%	0	0 of 6	ICA Report
Non-Employment Income--Maintain/Increase	75% or more for PSH, 50% or more for RRH, 10% or more for TH	50-74% for PSH, 40-49% for RRH, 5-9% for TH	Less than 50% for PSH, Less than 40% for RRH, Less than 5% for TH	2/1/0	100%	2	6 of 6	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Increase Overall Income	30% or more	20-29%	Less than 20%	2/1/0	50%	2	3 of 6	APR Q19a1, APR Q19a2, ICA Report
Housing Stability (Retention)—stay more than 12 months (PSH ONLY)	Over 90%	85-90%	Under 85%	8/4/0	44%	0	4 of 9	APR upload tool/Length of participation in Project, ICA Report
Exits to permanent housing	At least 90% of participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	75-89% of PSH participants or 80-89% of TH/RRH participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	Less than 75% of PSH participants or less than 80% of TH/RRH participants exited the program to permanent destinations.	8/4/0	0%	0	0 of 6 Exits	APR Q23a & Q23b, ICA Report
TOTAL POINTS RECEIVED						74		

Tim Poland

From: Tim Poland
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2023 11:28 AM
To: Rose Surma (oasiscmdirector@outlook.com)
Subject: NOFO Application

Good morning Rose-

This email is to notify you that Central CoC will be rejecting and not scoring your HUD NOFO application for the Oasis Central MN FY23 RRH program.

The reason for this rejection is because the completed application as well as all required attachments were not received by the deadline of August 29, 2023.

Although your completed application was submitted by the deadline, none of the required attachments were submitted before said deadline.

The deadline and requirements were sent to you via email on 7/31/23, 8/3/23, 8/25/23, and 8/29/23. The deadline and requirements were also posted publicly online on the CoC website at www.cmhp.net by 7/31/23.

Per the CoC Charter and Bylaws:

Appeals Process

If an applicant organization feels it has been unfairly eliminated from either the local or the federal competition, that a decision made by the Rating and Ranking Committee regarding the ranking, rejection, or funding of their project was prejudicial, unsubstantiated by project performance, or in violation of the current Continuum of Care Guidelines, the applying lead agency and sponsor, if any, may file an appeal by contacting the collaborative applicant for further instructions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

Tim Poland

Continuum of Care Coordinator

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From: Tim Poland
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 8:20 AM
To: Brenda Engelking; Amy Carter - Rise (ACarter@rise.org); Noel McCormick; Nicole Conti; Amy Kortisses; Carrie Tripp; Lori Gudim; Louise Reis (lreis@stcloudhra.com); kcallberg@centercityhousing.org; Hyacinth Stiffler (hyacinth.stiffler@bicap.org); Tammy Smith; Theresa Flinck (Theresa.Flinck@tricap.org); Amy Tudor; Jaime Stampley - LSS (Jaime.Stampley@lssmn.org); Jessica Kvistad (Jessica.kvistad@lssmn.org); Heinz-Amborn, Britt
Cc: Tim Poland
Subject: HUD NOFO Pojects Final Ranking Sheet
Attachments: Final Ranking Sheet.pdf

Good morning-

The CoC's Performance and Ranking Committee met yesterday and completed the Final Rankings for this year's applications. I have attached the Scoring/Ranking Sheet. The projects are listed in the order of ranking. All 16 projects that are ranked will be included in this year's CoC Collaborative Application for the FY2023 NOFO.

Note that the score received is only a portion of the ranking process. Other considerations in the ranking process include things such as: type of project, meeting an unmet need in the CoC, amount of unspent funds over the last several years, equity/inclusion, and whether it is a new project or not. The programs ranked #15 and #16 are in Tier 2 for funding. There is an appeals process available if you do not agree with your ranking. The appeals process is covered in the CoC Policies and Procedures manual <https://www.cmhp.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/CoC-Organizational-Documents-2021-with-Addendums.pdf>, the CoC Timeline and Overview <https://www.cmhp.net/continuum-care/hud-nofa/>, and the HUD NOFO manual <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY-2023-CoC-NOFO-Publication.pdf>.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Tim Poland

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Central MN CoC Scoring/Ranking Tool

RANK	SCORE	MESH Agency	Program	Model	Population	Status	TOTAL	% of possible	Balance Tier 1/Tier 2	Amount	ARA	+ / -	Single	Family	Youth (-24)	Youth Fam	ALL POPS	Total	Benton	Cass	Chisago	Crow Wing	Isanti	Kanabec	Millie Lacs	Morrison	Pine	Sherburne	Stearns	Todd	Wright	ALL	Cost/HH
1	1	Institute for Community Alliance	MN HMIS Central	HMIS	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	24	80%	\$ 41,099	\$ 41,099	\$ 41,099	\$ -						0														NA	
2	12	Central MN Housing Partnership	Coordinated Entry Planning	SSO	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	32	52%	\$ 91,099	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -						0													NA		
3	2	Lutheran Social Services	LSS RRH	RRH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	89	75%	\$ 278,690	\$ 187,591	\$ 187,591	\$ -	5	8				13				13									\$ 14,430		
4	15	Wright County Community Action	WCCA RRH 2023	RRH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Reallocation	17	31%	\$ 381,829	\$ 103,139	\$ 103,139	\$ -	2	3				5											5		\$ 20,628		
5	3	Rise	Rise Rapid Rehousing in Central MN	RRH	Adults/Youth with Children	Reallocation	40	74%	\$ 591,577	\$ 209,748	\$ 209,748	\$ -	7	4				11	1		1		1	1			1	2	2	1		\$ 19,068	
6	4	Tri-County Action Program, Inc.	Central Navigator CE	SSO	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	41	68%	\$ 655,774	\$ 64,197	\$ 64,197	\$ -						0													NA		
7	14	Center City Housing	River Heights	PSH	Adults/Youth without Children	Renewal	46	37%	\$ 738,218	\$ 82,444	\$ 82,444	\$ -	5					5	5												\$ 16,489		
8	9	Center City Housing Corp	River Crest	PSH	Adults/Youth without Children	Renewal	74	59%	\$ 786,295	\$ 48,077	\$ 48,077	\$ -	5					5	5												\$ 9,615		
9	11	St. Cloud HRA	HRA DV Bonus	RRH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	65	55%	\$ 930,085	\$ 143,790	\$ 143,790	\$ -	2	7				9	2								2	5			\$ 15,977		
10	13	Volunteers of America of MN & WI	Our Home	PSH	Adults/Youth with Children	Renewal	57	43%	\$ 1,051,612	\$ 121,527	\$ 121,527	\$ -		8				8						8								\$ 15,191	
11	16	BiCap Northern PSH	PSH	PSH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	30	22%	\$ 1,139,109	\$ 87,497	\$ 87,497	\$ -	3	3				6		6											\$ 14,583		
12	10	BI-County Community Action	Cass County PSH	PSH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	74	55%	\$ 1,182,004	\$ 42,895	\$ 42,895	\$ -	2	2				4		4												\$ 10,724	
13	7	St Cloud HRA	HUD RA 5	PSH	Adults/Youth with Children	Renewal	80	60%	\$ 1,270,420	\$ 88,416	\$ 88,416	\$ -		5				5												5		\$ 17,683	
14	5	St Cloud HRA	HUD RA 1	PSH	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	83	62%	\$ 1,669,324	\$ 398,904	\$ 398,904	\$ -	35	10				45	6									6	33			\$ 8,865	
15	8	Lakes & Pines Community Action	L&P CES Navigator	SSO	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	36	60%	\$ 1,733,521	\$ 64,197	\$ 64,197	\$ -						0													NA		
16	6	Lutheran Social Services	LSS CES North	SSO	Combination of Adult/Youth Singles and Families	Renewal	38	61%	\$ 1,797,718	\$ 64,197	\$ 64,197	\$ -						0													NA		
X	X	Oasis Central MN	Oasis Central MN FY23	RRH	Adults/Youth with Children	Reallocation	0	0%	\$ 1,797,718	--	--	--						0													NA		
									\$ 1,797,718	\$ 1,797,718	\$ 1,797,718		66	50	-	-	-	116	19	10	1	13	1	1	9	-	3	13	35	-	11	-	

Total Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) \$1,836,546
 Tier 1 Funds \$1,707,988
 Tier 2 Funds \$136,858



FY2023 Supplemental Questions

Housing First Checklist

Equal Access Supplement

K-12 Early Childhood Supplement

Central COC Ranking Process & Procedures

Central CoC Points Possible By Project Type

Central CoC Project Scoring Tool

Central CoC Project Dashboard

Competition Ranking and Scoring Sheet

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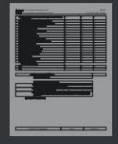
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Applicant: St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC
Project: CoC Registration and Application FY2023

MN-505
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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 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
- 2. The FY 2023 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 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.31(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).



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Applicant: St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC MN-505
Project: CoC Registration and Application FY2023 COC_REG_2023_204493

Before Starting the Project Listings for the CoC Priority Listing

The CoC Consolidated Application requires TWO submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Application MUST be completed and submitted prior to the CoC Program Competition submission deadline stated in the NOFO.

- The CoC Priority Listing includes:
- Reallocation forms – must be completed if the CoC is reallocating eligible renewal projects to create new projects or if a project applicant will transition from an existing component to an eligible new component.
 - Project Listings:
 - New;
 - Renewal;
 - UFA Costs;
 - CoC Planning;
 - YHDP Renewal; and
 - YHDP Replacement.
 - Attachment Requirement
- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan – Collaborative Applicants must attach an accurately completed, signed, and dated HUD-2991.

- Things to Remember:
- New and Renewal Project Listings – all project applications must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected based on the local CoC competition process.
 - Project applications on the following Project Listings must be approved, they are not ranked per the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO:
 - UFA Costs Project Listing;
 - CoC planning Project Listing;
 - YHDP Renewal Project Listing; and
 - YHDP Replacement Project Listing.
 - Collaborative Applicants are responsible for ensuring all project applications accurately appear on the Project Listings and there are no project applications missing from one or more Project Listings.
 - For each project application rejected by the CoC the Collaborative Applicant must select the reason for the rejection from the dropdown provided.
 - If the Collaborative Applicant needs to amend a project application for any reason, the Collaborative Applicant MUST ensure the amended project is returned to the applicable Project Listing AND ranked BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing to HUD in e-snaps.

Additional training resources are available online on HUD's website.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

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Subject: HUD FY2023 NOFO Posting

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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PIT Count Data for MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	864	934	916	801
Emergency Shelter Total	250	381	384	365
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	216	155	166	196
Total Sheltered Count	466	536	550	561
Total Unsheltered Count	398	398	366	240

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	142	215	158	206
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	41	114	136	170
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	101	101	22	36

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Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	93	89	121	107
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	76	72	81	81
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	17	17	40	26

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	85	50	39	20	29
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	61	41	30	20	28
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	24	9	9	0	1

*For CoCs that did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021, 2020 data were used.

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HIC Data for MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	570	158	439	35.99%	67	131	51.15%	225	39.47%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	270	150	258	58.14%	12	12	100.00%	162	60.00%
RRH Beds	194	194	194	100.00%	0	0	NA	194	100.00%
PSH Beds	300	300	300	100.00%	0	0	NA	300	100.00%
OPH Beds	535	470	484	97.11%	8	8	100.00%	478	89.35%
Total Beds	1,869	1,272	1,675	75.94%	87	151	57.62%	1,359	72.71%

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Notes

*For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.

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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").

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

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	64	68	137	78

Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Units Dedicated to Persons in Household with Children

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	36	21	37	44

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	245	294	182	194

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

Summary Report for MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

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 October, 1, 2012.

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.

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	869	954	31	33	43	10	17	17	24	7
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	1053	1168	105	95	103	8	29	28	29	1

b. This measure is based on data element 3.17.

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.

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)				Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)			
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1106	1255	408	400	363	-37	91	89	89	0
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	1276	1443	413	406	369	-37	169	120	116	-4

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Measure 2: The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness

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.

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)		Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months			Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months			Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	27	4	1	1	25%	0	0	0%	1	1	25%	2	50%
Exit was from ES	171	195	23	25	13%	6	0	0%	24	7	4%	32	16%
Exit was from TH	92	70	6	2	3%	1	1	1%	1	0	0%	3	4%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	
Exit was from PH	418	248	10	9	4%	2	1	0%	8	6	2%	16	6%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	708	517	40	37	7%	9	2	0%	34	14	3%	53	10%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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This measures the change in PIT counts of sheltered and unsheltered homeless person as reported on the PIT (not from HMIS).

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons		916	
Emergency Shelter Total	381	384	3
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	155	166	11
Total Sheltered Count	536	550	14
Unsheltered Count		366	

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	1098	1143	1250	107
Emergency Shelter Total	895	944	1013	69
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	246	246	271	25

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FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	96	96	68	-28
Number of adults with increased earned income	9	9	5	-4
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	9%	9%	7%	-2%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	96	96	68	-28
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	37	35	26	-9
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	39%	36%	38%	2%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	96	96	68	-28
Number of adults with increased total income	43	42	29	-13
Percentage of adults who increased total income	45%	44%	43%	-1%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	79	87	93	6
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	7	7	14	7
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	9%	8%	15%	7%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	79	87	93	6
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	18	17	17	0
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	23%	20%	18%	-2%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	79	87	93	6
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	20	19	29	10
Percentage of adults who increased total income	25%	22%	31%	9%

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Measure 5: Number of persons who become homeless for the 1st time

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	857	970	1055	85
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.	133	139	148	9
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)	724	831	907	76

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

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	1258	1365	1458	93
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.	201	180	219	39
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.)	1057	1185	1239	54

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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

This Measure is not applicable to CoCs in FY2022 (Oct 1, 2021 - Sept 30, 2022) reporting period.

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

Metric 7a.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	35	25	233	208
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	19	8	120	112
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	12	14	47	33
% Successful exits	89%	88%	72%	-16%

Metric 7b.1 – Change in exits to permanent housing destinations

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	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	1126	1160	1187	27
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	419	425	404	-21
% Successful exits	37%	37%	34%	-3%

Metric 7b.2 – Change in exit to or retention of permanent housing

	Submitted FY 2021	Revised FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	556	661	663	2
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	525	605	593	-12
% Successful exits/retention	94%	92%	89%	-3%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	221	398	545	258	200	218	532	697	893	242	237	146			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	134	187	173	174	154	198	532	683	783	242	237	146			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	60.63	46.98	31.74	67.44	77.00	90.83	100.00	97.99	87.68	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	881	918	1004	253	246	271	695	790	796	673	614	545	71	68	135
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	803	822	908	127	122	136	108	155	170	359	394	356	10	23	81
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	310	344	322	14	6	3	23	13	19	7	14	2	6	4	12
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	38.61	41.85	35.46	11.02	4.92	2.21	21.30	8.39	11.18	1.95	3.55	0.56	60.00	17.39	14.81

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Submission and Count Dates for MN-505 - St. Cloud/Central Minnesota CoC

Date of PIT Count

	Date	Received HUD Waiver
Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count	1/25/2023	

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/27/2023	Yes



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September 22, 2023

Attn: CoC Program Competition Grant Program Manager

RE: 3A-2 Leveraging Healthcare Resources at Rise

Rise is a provider of many services that we are able to leverage to support better health outcomes for people in our Rapid Rehousing in Central MN program.

In our match letter, we state that we will provide Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health services to 5 participants for a total value of \$37,500. Anyone in our Rapid Rehousing program could potentially be able to participate in this service, provided they are at least 18 years old or older, have been diagnosed with a serious mental illness and have a significant impairment in functioning as assessed by a mental health professional. This mental health service helps individuals develop and enhance psychiatric stability, social competencies, personal and emotional adjustment, and independent and community living skills. These services are inclusive of the CoC Fair Housing requirements.

If someone in our Rapid Rehousing program has a mental illness but needs an updated diagnostic assessment or believes they have a mental illness and would like to pursue a diagnosis, Rise has a formal partnership with Therapeutic Services Agency, an MA and PMAP service provider which also takes most other insurance plans.

In addition to the ARMHS, Rise has a partnership with CentraCare's Coordinated Care Clinic. The Coordinated Care Clinic is designed for patients with complicated medical, mental health and social needs that can result in frequently hospitalization. In particular they specialize in post-incarceration continuation of care. They are a key partner for Rise in our Re-Entry program and our mental health employment programs. They are a member of our steering committee for our Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Employment project. Rise's Rapid Rehousing program will take referrals directly from the Coordinated Care Clinic and will make referrals to the Coordinated Care Clinic for participants that need those services.

All health care leveraged funds will be available for the grant term of 7/1/24-6/30/25.



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