

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 2021 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2021 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 2021 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

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Ending Homelessness Group

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.n., and VII.B.1.p.	

In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2020 to April 30, 2021:

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

19.	Mental Illness Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Non-CoC Funded Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Non-CoC-Funded Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT persons	Yes	No	No
24.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	No
27.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
28.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)			
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By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated the invitation process annually to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	conducted outreach to ensure persons experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless persons are encouraged to join your CoC; and
4.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,000 characters)

- Agencies interested in becoming members of the CoC must participate in three consecutive full membership or subcommittee meetings and submit a request for membership. Included in their membership request, interested parties must submit a short biography and the reason for wanting to join the CoC. The membership request is reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee and can be submitted at any time.

- The invitation process is on the CoC website and with contact information for any interested parties to ask questions about the committee and how to become involved. The website is accessible, and all documents are provided in an accessible PDF format. The CoC Executive Committee encourages stakeholders to consider membership in the CoC at all human service related meetings held. During the bi-monthly full membership CoC meetings the CoC Lead invites interested agencies to join the CoC and provides background information on membership. Invitations for membership are also extended to

stakeholders when CoC members participate in homeless planning activities with non-CoC partners.

- Membership invitations occur throughout the year however the CoC dedicates time during the annual meeting to make an official request for CoC membership. All members of the community are encouraged to invite anyone that is an advocate or who might be interested in participation. Any necessary accommodations would be made for those with disabilities.

- The CoC Executive Committee and subcommittee chairs conduct specialized outreach to encourage key stakeholders to participate in the CoC planning process. The Executive Committee has met with outreach agencies and sheltering programs to help identify homeless or formerly homeless persons who may be interested in participating and are working to engage more faith based agencies. The Coordinated Assessment agency has connected formerly homeless persons to the CoC meetings and coordinated their involvement in the planning process.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

- The CoC hosts bi-monthly full membership meetings and monthly subcommittee meetings. All CoC meetings are open to the public and do not require CoC membership to attend or participate in the discussion. The CoC is made up of services providers, government entities, non-profit agencies, faith based agencies and formerly homeless persons. The CoC Exec committee also meets with key community stakeholders to discuss relevant issues of homelessness and identify areas for collaboration. In 2019 the CoC developed a strategic plan that will guide the work of CoC committees. In developing the plan the CoC drew input from all CoC committees, devoting 3 meetings to plan discussion, and other relevant community processes such as the Human Service Advisory Council Needs Assessment.

- The CoC meeting schedule is published on the CoC website and monthly meeting reminders are sent out by email. The Email list includes all persons who have attended meeting in the past or requested information about the CoC. The meeting agenda provides opportunity for sub-committee updates, training and open discussion of community issues. All meeting attendees are free to offer input and discussion during the meetings.

- CoC meeting agendas include “open discussion or updates” items to encourage open discussion of resources, address questions or discuss system issues or trends. When significant issues are identified, they are assigned to

existing committees for further discussion and strategy development. During the strategic planning process outreach was highlighted as an area of concern. As a result an outreach committee has been created to develop strategies to improve efforts to identify and engage unsheltered homeless.

- All meeting materials are posted on the CoC website and sent out in electronic formats such as PDF to increase accessibility. Meetings are held in an ADA compliant location.

1B-4.	Public Notification for Proposals from Organizations Not Previously Funded.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.a.(4)	

Describe in the field below how your CoC notified the public:	
1.	that your CoC’s local competition was open and accepting project applications;
2.	that your CoC will consider project applications from organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding;
3.	about how project applicants must submit their project applications;
4.	about how your CoC would determine which project applications it would submit to HUD for funding; and
5.	how your CoC effectively communicated with individuals with disabilities, including making information accessible in electronic formats.

(limit 2,000 characters)

- CoC released a request for proposals on 3/4/21. The request was released by email & posted on the website. The CoC also discussed the upcoming request for proposals at the 3/8/21 CoC meeting. The RFP included the funding priorities for new & renewal projects, the application, & scoring criteria. The CoC had a webinar for technical assistance session on 3/17/21, which was made available for all interested applicants. The webinar educated on eligible funding activities, CoC funding priorities, & how to complete the local selection process. The request included an open invitation for all interested agencies including those not previously funded through the CoC.

- Renewal projects are evaluated on performance, monitoring results for compliance with HUD regulation, use of Housing First model, & participation in the Coordinated Assessment process. Project expenditure rates over the last 3 years & overall program performance & monitoring scores are taken into consideration to determine whether funding will be reallocated from renewal projects. New projects are scored based on the project application submitted & take into consideration agency experience with the target population/services, program design, budget & leveraging, & proposed performance measures. New projects include a review of proposed implementation timeline & agency capacity to successfully implement the program. New & renewal projects are scored based on separate scoring scales. Final program scores are a percentage of points received for each respective scoring scale allowing for comparative review & rank of new & renewal projects.

- The CoC announced the RFP on 3/4/21

- The CoC released the RFP with electronic notices, in PDF format, announcements at meetings, & posted it on the CoC website. A technical

assistance webinar was provided.

- The CoC accepts proposals from those who have not received funding in the past and advertises this throughout the local selection process and technical assistance session.

1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

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1C-1.	Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.b.	

In the chart below:

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| 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 Planning or Operations of Projects
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Nonexistent
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	No
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBT 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 VII.B.1.b.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

The State of NJ Department of Community Affairs is the ESG recipient covering the Ocean County CoC region. DCA hosts conference calls and provides an opportunity for community stakeholders to submit written comments related to their funding priorities and anticipated allocations per eligible activities. CoC Executive Committee members participate in DCA mtgs to discuss local needs and funding priorities and identify ways state ESG funds can assist with local efforts.

- DCA also requires all applicants for ESG funds to submit a letter of support from the CoC as evidence that the project is in line with local policies and planning. The CoC participates in the DCA public comment opportunities and provides letters of support to projects seeking funding through the ESG program after careful evaluation of the agency and program.

- The CoC does not currently have any ESG funded programs within its region. However should local programs receive ESG funding, the CoC shall apply local performance standards to those programs and review project progress in accordance with the CoC approved standards that are also applied to CoC funded programs.

- The CoC evaluates performance for all HMIS entering programs on a regular basis. This evaluation will include state funded ESG programs should projects be awarded funding in the future. The CoC participates in Statewide CoC conversations where there is an opportunity to discuss local needs and priorities with DCA representatives for inclusion in the consolidated plan. While the local con-plan jurisdictions don't have ESG funds, they do attend CoC meetings and participate in the homeless system strategic planning process. All information regarding local needs and strategies is shared with the local con-plan jurisdictions for inclusion in their process as appropriate.

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

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

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

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth—SEAs, LEAs, Local Liaisons & State Coordinators.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC collaborates with youth education providers;
2.	your CoC's formal partnerships with youth education providers;
3.	how your CoC collaborates with State Education Agency (SEA) and Local Education Agency (LEA);
4.	your CoC's formal partnerships with SEAs and LEAs;
5.	how your CoC collaborates with school districts; and
6.	your CoC's formal partnerships with school districts.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has a member who is the McKinney-Vento liaison for Ocean County. He provides regular updates on the needs in the school and works with the youth providers to ensure the schools have all the resources available for any children in need.

Members of the CoC participate in the Children's Interagency Coordinating Council (CIACC) which meets regularly to address the needs of youth with special needs including homeless youth. The CIACC includes participation from juvenile justice, behavioral health, McKinney-Vento Local Education Agency representatives, child welfare representatives, youth service providers, local government, and education and employment services for youth.

The CoC conducts an annual training for the homeless liaisons in the local schools in the region to inform them of the services available through the homeless service system, how to access services and the PIT count process including training for administering the PIT survey.

The homeless liaison participated in the 2021 PIT count and schools were included and trained in administering the PIT survey for any families experiencing homelessness or at risk. The CoC educated the homeless liaisons on how to refer any families to the coordinated entry process.

The director of the homeless liaisons for the region regularly attends CoC meetings and organized a regional meeting for all homeless liaisons and homeless providers in the area. Homeless liaisons for every school attended

and homeless providers made a brief presentation as to what services were offered and client eligibility. There was time for liaisons to ask questions and to gather any resources for present or future referrals.

1C-4a.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC requires all agencies providing services to families with school aged children to ensure case managers inform the parents of education related services the children are entitles to or connect them to service providers that specialize in education related services. All programs serving families discuss the education needs of children eat program enrollment. Case managers assist families in developing an educational plan for the children in the household when needed. The CoC review committee monitors all CoC funded projects and revies program files and protocols to ensure agencies serving families demonstrate evidence that they provide education related services to families they serve.

1C-4b.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–Educational Services–Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	No	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	No	No
4.	Early Head Start	No	No
5.	Federal Home Visiting Program–(including Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home and Visiting or MIECHV)	No	No
6.	Head Start	No	No
7.	Healthy Start	No	No
8.	Public Pre-K	No	No
9.	Tribal Home Visiting Program	No	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)		
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1C-5.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Annual Training–Best Practices.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.

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

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| 1. | Project staff that addresses safety and 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 safety and 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 2,000 characters)

The CoC holds annual trainings at CoC meetings conducted by the Domestic Violence providers in the community for all CoC members, including those who receive CoC funding and coordinated entry staff, so that all providers are up to date on referral processes and best practices. The DV training also covers information such as how to identify DV survivors, basics of trauma informed care, safety planning and the importance of survivor empowerment through victim centered services. The CoC has an up-to-date resource list to refer DV survivors to agencies who specialize in DV services and utilize trauma-informed and victim-centered care. During the project monitoring process the CoC reviews trainings offered to and required of CoC funded project staff. CoC funded programs are expected to ensure staff are trained in best practices such as trauma informed care and are given access to DV specific trainings such as victim centered services and safety planning.

Currently the Coordinated Entry program assesses households or persons that are victims during the initial assessment. The CE will then refer the person or household to the DV hotline to be assessed for level of safety risk and shelter in the county. If the shelter is full there are reciprocal relationships with DV providers and programs in surrounding communities to refer clients for placement. The CE utilizes de-identified data for DV Survivors on the prioritization list to protect their identification.

1C-5a.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Using De-identified Aggregate Data.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC uses de-identified aggregate data from a comparable database to assess the special needs related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC collects information on DV survivors during the annual PIT Count. The PIT report provides detailed information on the % of DV households identified out of the full homeless population, households characteristics (gender, race, age), disabilities, income and homeless history. Dottie’s House and Providence House, Ocean County’s DV providers, offer aggregate data at monthly meetings on the number of people served, trends in the population and emerging issues or needs. The CoC also reviews aggregate data from HMIS on a monthly basis for those DV survivors accessing services from non-DV specific programs. Based on a review of this data the CoC has identified an increase in the number of DV households interacting with the service system.

1C-5b.	Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors—Coordinated Assessment—Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC’s coordinated entry system protocols incorporate trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches while maximizing client choice for housing and services that:	
1.	prioritize safety;
2.	use emergency transfer plan; and
3.	ensure confidentiality.

(limit 2,000 characters)

Households with an immediate safety risk are served through the Domestic Violence programs in the community. Catholic Charities, Providence House, and Home’s Now, Dottie’s House, operate as the DV programs in the CoC. The agencies are both members of the CoC. All persons assessed through Coordinated Entry are asked questions regarding their safety needs. Any person or household identifying DV or a safety issue is referred to the DV hotline and assessed for their level of safety risk and needs for DV specific services. Households without an immediate DV issue may be referred back to the general homeless system for shelter and services.

In August 2019 the CoC adopted an emergency transfer plan. The plan allows tenants who are victims of domestic violence to request an emergency transfer from their current unit to another unit. The plan has guidance for who is eligible for emergency transfer, documentation needed, confidentiality protections, and guidance to ensure tenants safety and security.

DV survivors work with the DV agency to complete the assessment and de-identified data is sent to the Coordinated assessment agency for inclusion on the list. The Coordinated Assessment agency works with the DV provider to understand the most appropriate housing options for the households and send identified programs and housing opportunities to the DV provider so they can discuss with the client and determine if the program/unit is a good fit. Clients are able to turn down available housing options and remain on the prioritization list for the next available unit should they determine the identified option isn’t appropriate.

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

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

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC’s Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy. You Must Upload an Attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report at <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2020-CoC-PHA-Crosswalk-Report.pdf> or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC’s geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2020 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?
CSP		Yes-HCV	No
State of NJ Dept. of Community Affairs	4%	Yes-HCV	No

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

Two PHAs in the region, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs and CSP, have homeless preferences within their HCV admin plans. The CoC has reached out to Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) and Lakewood Township Residential Assistance Program (LTRAP) to begin the conversation of implementing a homeless preference within the PHA admin plans. CoC leadership has met with the LHA director to present data on the need in the community and information about coordinated entry. The LHA director coordinated presentations for the CoC leadership before the LHA Board of commissioners for consideration of establishing a homeless preference. The CoC attended 6 months of LHA board of commissioner meetings to answer questions and address concerns raised about establishing a homeless preference. The Board of Commissioners chose not to establish a homeless preference but the CoC continues to keep conversations open with the LHA. With the advent of the Emergency Housing Voucher Program, the CoC leadership connected with the LTRAP director to discuss EHV program implementation and referral process through the coordinated entry system. The CoC used this opportunity to begin conversations about establishing a broader homeless preference for LTRAP HCVs. This is an on-going conversation the CoC is engaging in with the leadership of LTRAP.

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

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

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

1C-7c.	Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Does your CoC include PHA-funded units in the CoC’s coordinated entry process?	No
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1C-7c.1.	Method for Including PHA-Funded Units in Your CoC’s Coordinated Entry System.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

If you selected yes in question 1C-7c., describe in the field below:

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| 1. | how your CoC includes the units in its Coordinated Entry process; and |
| 2. | whether your CoC’s practices are formalized in written agreements with the PHA, e.g., MOUs. |

(limit 2,000 characters)

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

Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application(s) for funding of projects serving families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other non-federal programs)?	No
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1C-7d.1.	CoC and PHA Joint Application—Experience—Benefits.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

If you selected yes to question 1C-7d, describe in the field below:

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| 1. | the type of joint project applied for; |
| 2. | whether the application was approved; and |
| 3. | how your CoC and families experiencing homelessness benefited from the coordination. |

(limit 2,000 characters)

1C-7e.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Apply for or Implement HCV Dedicated to Homelessness Including American Rescue Plan Vouchers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	

Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	No
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1C-7e.1.	Coordinating with PHA(s) to Administer Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program–List of PHAs with MOUs.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

Did your CoC enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with any PHA to administer the EHV Program?	Yes
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If you select yes, you must use the list feature below to enter the name of every PHA your CoC has entered into a MOU with to administer the Emergency Housing Voucher Program.

PHA
State of NJ Depar...
Lakewood Township...

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

Name of PHA: State of NJ Department of Community Affairs

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

Name of PHA: Lakewood Township Residential Assistance Program

1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organiza

1C-8.	Discharge Planning Coordination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.h.	

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

1. Foster Care	No
2. Health Care	No
3. Mental Health Care	No
4. Correctional Facilities	No

1C-9.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2021 CoC Program Competition.	6
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 2021 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	6
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-coordinated entry projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

1C-9a.	Housing First–Project Evaluation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly evaluates projects to ensure those that commit to using a Housing First approach are prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and are not requiring service participation or preconditions of program participants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC site monitoring tool includes 10 questions related to project adherence to housing first principles. The monitoring tool evaluates program policies and procedures to ensure low barriers to program entry, process to expedite admission, compliance with fair housing and equal access rules, integration of

input from persons with lived experience of homelessness, efforts to prevent evictions, use of standard leases, use of culturally appropriate and client centered case management models and review of termination criteria to ensure efforts are made to retain households even after eviction from a particular housing unit. The CoC review program policies, client files and interviews key program staff to assess program adherence to housing first. In addition, the CoC evaluates program data and entered into HMIS to review reasons for program exit, destination at exit, length of program stay and chronic homeless status of admitted households to help understand how closely the program data matches a housing first framework.

1C-9b.	Housing First–Veterans.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

Does your CoC have sufficient resources to ensure each Veteran experiencing homelessness is assisted to quickly move into permanent housing using a Housing First approach?	No
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1C-10.	Street Outreach–Scope.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.j.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

- There are 3 outreach teams operating in the CoC as well as several service based drop in programs that are accessible to the unsheltered homeless.
- The outreach teams cover specific regions in the county (north, central & southern) to ensure full coverage of the CoC geographic area. As such street outreach covers 100% of the geographic region
- Outreach occurs 7 days a week with on-call availability after hours. The teams conduct outreach in known locations and target service based locations where the unsheltered are known to access.
- The teams work closely with law enforcement & hospitals to respond to calls for assistance with unsheltered persons. The outreach teams & service based drop-in centers access translation services to assist those with limited English proficiency. The teams & service based programs conduct outreach to community groups serving specific populations to make them aware of available services & encourage communities that don’t traditionally access services to connect with the outreach teams when assistance is needed. Over the past year the CoC region formalized a code blue protocol which included specific code blue locations in addition to flexible funding for hotel placements as appropriate on nights of extreme cold. The new code blue protocol enabled the

CoC outreach teams and service provider agencies to better connect with unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness helping to build rapport, identify locations where unsheltered persons stay, and secure participation of new partners to assist in the process of outreach and engagement.

1C-11.	Criminalization of Homelessness.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.k.	

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

1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	No
4.	Implemented communitywide plans	Yes
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
		No

1C-12.	Rapid Rehousing–RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.I.	

	2020	2021
Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC–only enter bed data for projects that have an inventory type of “Current.”	25	77

1C-13.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Healthcare–Enrollment/Effective Utilization.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.m.	

Indicate in the chart below whether your CoC assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance and effectively using Medicaid and other benefits.

	Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment?	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
1.	Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
2.	Private Insurers	Yes	Yes
3.	Nonprofit, Philanthropic	Yes	Yes
4.	Other (limit 150 characters)		
		No	No

1C-13a.	Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance–Information and Training.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.m

Describe in the field below how your CoC provides information and training to CoC Program-funded projects by:

1.	systemically providing up to date information on mainstream resources available for program participants (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs) within your CoC's geographic area;
2.	communicating information about available mainstream resources and other assistance and how often your CoC communicates this information;
3.	working with projects to collaborate with healthcare organizations to assist program participants with enrolling in health insurance; and
4.	providing assistance with the effective use of Medicaid and other benefits.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1.The Board of Social Services (BOSS) is an active member of the CoC, both executive and general CoC meetings. BOSS provides updates at all meetings of resources available or changes in Mainstream Benefits. For instance, NJ adjusted enrollment and access protocols as a result of COVID to allow for virtual screenings. DSS reported changes and new resources at CoC meetings.

2.BOSS informs the CoC of availability of benefits at bimonthly exec committee meetings, monthly subcommittee meetings, and quarterly general meetings.

3.The CoC works collaboratively with healthcare systems to provide access to health care benefits as well as successful discharge planning. The discharge planning subcommittee is made up of healthcare organizations and agencies in the community that provide mental and physical health services, as well as housing agencies. The committee works to decrease recidivism in visits to the emergency dept as well as inpatient psych facilities. Increasing connection to health insurance and community providers is one of the main strategies of the committee.

4.The CoC has a number of agencies that in addition to providing housing also provide services. The case management available to consumers ensures that they stay stable in the community, attends all physical/mental health appts, and consumers are connected to all eligible benefits including Medicaid. NJ Helps is a website available to anyone in the state to complete an online, 5-10 minute, screening tool to determine basic eligibility for food stamps, general assistance, TANF, and Medicaid. This is a tool the CoC refers clients to utilize when trying to apply for benefits.

5.The Executive Committee is responsible for oversight of strategy implementation

1C-14.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Tool. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.	

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

1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
3.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance; and
4.	ensures people most in need of assistance receive assistance in a timely manner.

(limit 2,000 characters)

- The coordinated assessment (CA) process focuses on assessment & connection to permanent housing opportunities, however the Coordinated Assessment Agency (CAA) also works to connect clients to other community services as needed. They work to establish relationships with housing developers to expand the CoC’s affordable housing stock. The assessment tool (AT) focuses on homeless history presence of disabling conditions, history of involvement in the corrections system, history of involvement with hospitals & treatment facilities, & housing & employment history. The CA process covers the entire CoC geographic region through a network of community agencies strategically located throughout the CoC. Partner agencies are trained on administering the AT & completing assessments on clients seeking assistance. ATs completed by partner agencies are submitted to the CAA for inclusion in the housing prioritization list.

- The CAA also meets with community agencies that work with various subpopulations to inform them of the CA. The CAA develops relationships with referral partners to ensure all persons in need of housing can access the assessment process including providing transportation to the office, extended program hours & completion of assessments in the community as appropriate. Trauma to clients is minimized by allowing partner agencies to complete the assessments & submit client information.

- The prioritization list is organized by chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of homeless to ensure the most vulnerable are served first. The AT is currently being set up in the HMIS system so as to streamline services & better coordinate with other HMIS providers in the CoC’s area.

The CoC Executive committee evaluates CAA performance on a monthly basis collecting progress reports of persons assessed & households referred. The Permanent Housing Committee also provides updates on the timeliness of referrals to ensure households are quickly connected to assistance.

1C-15.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness–Assessing Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Did your CoC conduct an assessment of whether disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance exists within the last 3 years?	Yes
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1C-15a.	Racial Disparities Assessment Results.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the findings from your CoC’s most recent racial disparities assessment.

1.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive homeless assistance.	No
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2.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive homeless assistance.	No
3.	People of different races or ethnicities are more likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	No
4.	People of different races or ethnicities are less likely to receive a positive outcome from homeless assistance.	Yes
5.	There are no racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No
6.	The results are inconclusive for racial or ethnic disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance.	No

1C-15b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

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.	No
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.	No
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.	No
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1C-15c.	Promoting Racial Equity in Homelessness Beyond Areas Identified in Racial Disparity Assessment.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.o.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to improve racial equity in the provision and outcomes of assistance beyond just those areas identified in the racial disparity assessment.

(limit 2,000 characters)

CoC leadership participated in a 2-day summit on racial disparities, systemic

racism, housing and homelessness. This provided an opportunity for CoC partners to explore, alongside leadership from other CoCs across the state, reasons for the disproportionality in who experiences homelessness and explore ways in which policies inside and outside the homeless service system contribute to that.

1C-16.	Persons with Lived Experience–Active CoC Participation.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	

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

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

You must enter a value of '0' or more for elements 1 through 5 in both columns in question 1C-16.

1C-17.	Promoting Volunteerism and Community Service.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate steps your CoC has taken to promote and support community engagement among people experiencing homelessness in the CoC's geographic area:

1.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on connecting program participants and people experiencing homelessness with education and job training opportunities.	No
2.	The CoC trains provider organization staff on facilitating informal employment opportunities for program participants and people experiencing homelessness (e.g., babysitting, housekeeping, food delivery, data entry).	No
3.	The CoC works with organizations to create volunteer opportunities for program participants.	No
4.	The CoC works with community organizations to create opportunities for civic participation for people experiencing homelessness (e.g., townhall forums, meeting with public officials).	No
5.	Provider organizations within the CoC have incentives for employment and/or volunteerism.	No
6.	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
		No

1D. Addressing COVID-19 in the CoC's Geographic Area

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1D-1.	Safety Protocols Implemented to Address Immediate Needs of People Experiencing Unsheltered, Congregate Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing Homelessness.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
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Describe in the field below protocols your CoC implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic to address immediate safety needs for individuals and families living in:	
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1.	unsheltered situations;	
2.	congregate emergency shelters; and	
3.	transitional housing.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC has a limited number of congregate shelters available in the community. The rotating shelters provided through family promise stopped the rotational model and moved to single site shelter equipped to accommodate 1 - 2 families as a means of curbing the spread of COVID. The majority of the remaining shelter options in the community were structured as non-congregate sheltering pre-COVID, and continued to provide the same shelter structure throughout the pandemic. The state of new jersey provided additional resources to help communities connect households experiencing homelessness to non-congregate shelter through an expansion of the 2-1-1 homeless hotline where household experiencing homelessness could call and receive an immediate hotel placement until the next business day. After initial placement, households were instructed to contact the local board of social services to determine eligibility for mainstream benefits programs that could support extended non-congregate shelter placements. At the same time, the state provided additional resources to the boards of social services across the state to support more households in securing shelter placement.

1D-2.	Improving Readiness for Future Public Health Emergencies.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	
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Describe in the field below how your CoC improved readiness for future public health emergencies.	
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(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC expanded strategic planning with local and state departments of health to address the needs of households experiencing housing crisis in the midst of the covid pandemic. This coordination include addressing quarantine arrangements for households with COVID symptoms or vulnerability, testing for households experiencing homelessness and vaccination events in partnership with outreach and drop in centers. This planning work continues today and the Coc is now equipped to mobilize a variety of partners to address future health emergencies as they arise.

1D-3.	CoC Coordination to Distribute ESG Cares Act (ESG-CV) Funds.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q	

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with ESG-CV recipients to distribute funds to address:

1.	safety measures;
2.	housing assistance;
3.	eviction prevention;
4.	healthcare supplies; and
5.	sanitary supplies.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC worked closely with the community development offices of entitlement communities in the region to prepare for, plan and disseminate CARES Act funding. Within the CoC region, there are no entitlement communities that receive direct allocations of ESG funding, however, the entitlement communities were supportive of efforts to utilize CDBG-CV funding in a coordinated way to support the needs of the community in response to COVID. The CoC partnered with community development offices to coordinate the use of CDBG-CV funding for testing, emergency food, temporary rental assistance, PPE, Code Blue, shelter, cleaning, transportation, telehealth and counseling for households affected by COVID. The CoC, in partnership with the community development offices, met with community providers to discuss the needs and devised a funding strategy plan to help guide the allocation of resources provided through the CARES Act.

1D-4.	CoC Coordination with Mainstream Health.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinated with mainstream health (e.g., local and state health agencies, hospitals) during the COVID-19 pandemic to:

1.	decrease the spread of COVID-19; and
2.	ensure safety measures were implemented (e.g., social distancing, hand washing/sanitizing, masks).

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC worked closely with the local department of health to determine appropriate safety protocols to suggest to all community providers. IN partnership with the department of health, the CoC devised protocols to connect persons diagnosed with COVID or displaying symptoms to non-congregate quarantine sites. Funding was set aside to cover the cost of hotel placements

for quarantine and the board of social services served as the screening agency for all calls from individuals with experiencing housing crisis in need of quarantine space. Additionally the local and state departments of health coordinated with the CoC to get PPE supplies such as masks, gloves and hand sanitizers to agencies service people with housing insecurity or experiencing homelessness. The CoC adjusted the Code Blue congregate sheltering protocol to include increased use of non-congregate hotel placements as a way to supplement decreased use of congregate sheltering during the season. The department of health, along with local health service providing agencies partnered with the CoC to coordinate regular testing and vaccination events as they became available.

1D-5.	Communicating Information to Homeless Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicated information to homeless service providers during the COVID-19 pandemic on:

1.	safety measures;
2.	changing local restrictions; and
3.	vaccine implementation.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC utilized all CoC and subcommittee meetings to share emerging information about COVID, decreasing the spread, accessing non-congregate shelter, connecting with PPE and other important updates on a regular basis. Additionally, the CoC shared all updates regarding changing protocols and additional resources via email to the extensive CoC listserv. CoC leadership participated in statewide conversations around preparing for and responding to COVID in the homeless service system and shared all new information with local CoC membership. Sheltering organizations participated in a statewide survey about program needs in response to COVID and joined in on statewide planning calls where they were able to share emerging practices and ideas about how to address changing needs due to COVID.

1D-6.	Identifying Eligible Persons Experiencing Homelessness for COVID-19 Vaccination.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC identified eligible individuals and families experiencing homelessness for COVID-19 vaccination based on local protocol.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The State of New Jersey identified persons experiencing homelessness as one of the first groups eligible for vaccination after first responders and seniors. Upon announcement of vaccination availability for persons experiencing homelessness the CoC began work to mobilize partners to coordinate vaccination events. Working closely with outreach teams, shelter providers and service providers, the CoC brought in health service providers and the department of health to assist in coordinating vaccination events in locations accessible to persons experiencing homelessness. Six different vaccination

events were coordinated within the community and all persons experiencing homelessness were eligible to receive a vaccination if they attended the events. Community providers conducted extensive outreach leading up to the events to help inform people of the coming availability of vaccination, pre-register people when possible, and address any concerns expressed about the vaccination process.

1D-7.	Addressing Possible Increases in Domestic Violence.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		

Describe in the field below how your CoC addressed possible increases in domestic violence calls for assistance due to requirements to stay at home, increased unemployment, etc. during the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

1D-8.	Adjusting Centralized or Coordinated Entry System.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.n.		

Describe in the field below how your CoC adjusted its coordinated entry system to account for rapid changes related to the onset and continuation of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC adjusted the coordinated entry protocol to allow for virtual assessment and a no -contact referral process. Due to COVID and the impacts on agency staff as well as the homeless service system, all in person work through coordinated entry stopped. Case conferencing meetings transitioned to virtual meetings and the coordinated entry moved toward connecting with community partners still in physical contact with clients to help support the collection of documents and completion of housing applications.

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

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1E-1.	Announcement of 30-Day Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice of How Your CoC Would Review, Rank, and Select Projects. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	

1.	Enter the date your CoC published the 30-day submission deadline for project applications for your CoC’s local competition.	03/04/2021
2.	Enter the date your CoC publicly posted its local scoring and rating criteria, including point values, in advance of the local review and ranking process.	03/04/2021

1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria listed below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	

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.	Used data from a comparable database to score projects submitted by victim service providers.	No
5.	Used objective criteria to evaluate how projects submitted by victim service providers improved safety for the population they serve.	Yes
6.	Used a specific method for evaluating projects based on the CoC’s analysis of rapid returns to permanent housing.	Yes

1E-2a.	Project Review and Ranking Process–Addressing Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities.	
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NOFO Section VII.B.2.d.

Describe in the field below how your CoC reviewed, scored, and selected projects based on:

1.	the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities your CoC considered when ranking and selecting projects; and
2.	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 2,000 characters)

- The funding priorities for the local selection process included a priority for programs serving chronically homeless persons and projects using a Housing First methodology which has been shown to be successful in serving those with the most severe need. Renewal projects in which 85% or more of the target population are chronically homeless received 5 bonus points and 22 points were awarded for use of housing first as demonstrated through program access policies, program retention procedures and services provided. New projects received 8 points for serving chronically homeless households, youth, or veterans, 8 points for using housing first and 4 points for demonstrating the use of evidence based practices in service provision.

- All projects funded through the CoC must accept referrals through the coordinated assessment process which prioritizes household with highest vulnerability based on the standard CoC assessment. Projects must demonstrate the capacity to serve those with severe needs and discuss how they connect with or propose to connect with the coordinated assessment process.

- In order to avoid penalizing renewal projects serving highly vulnerable populations, the performance review of connection to income is adjusted to only evaluate employment income for those households not enrolled in SSI as their disabling condition may prevent connection to employment income.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

1.	obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, when determining the rating factors used to review project applications;
2.	included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process;
3.	rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their program participants mirror the homeless population demographics (e.g., considers how a project promotes racial equity where individuals and families of different races are over-represented).

(limit 2,000 characters)

- The CoC worked to diversify the funding committee that serves to develop and approve all local applications and scoring tools during FY2021. This engagement included diversification based on race and gender to more equitably serve the CoC.

- The CoC funding committee included persons of different races that represents the homeless population.

- The CoC plans to make changes to the monitoring tool for renewal applications in the upcoming monitoring to address the racial breakdown of projects and whether or not that is reflective of the current homeless population. For projects that do not reflect racial equity the CoC will develop trainings and policies for programs to implement to effect change.

1E-4.	Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

- The review committee (RC) reviews all applications submitted based on the approved funding priorities & applications tools released for the local process. Projects are evaluated on fit with funding priorities, ability to serve vulnerable populations, participation in planning process, program impact & agency health. The RC scores all projects and determines level of funding based on application score, monitoring and performance Reviews. The Exec committee (EC) may empower the RC to make final funding decisions or the RC recommendations may be sent to the EC for approval
- There were no projects identified for reallocation this year
- The CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects in 2021
- The CoC reallocated from a project in FY2019; in evaluating the program monitoring from FY2020 a number of improvements had been made by projects that were identified as lower performing.
- In the local selection application and funding announcement all agencies are informed of the possibility of reallocation based on scoring and program need and new projects will be considered for funding through reallocation as well as bonus funding. These announcements are sent via email, communicated at the TA session, and posted on the CoC website.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2016 and FY 2021. We use the response to this question as a factor when determining your CoC’s eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criterion below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2016 and FY 2021?	Yes
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen if You Select Yes.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	If you selected yes, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps.	08/24/2021

1E-5a.	Projects Accepted–Public Posting. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

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.	08/24/2021
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1E-6.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	

Enter the date your CoC’s Consolidated Application was posted on the CoC’s website or affiliate’s website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; 2. Priority Listings; and 3. all projects accepted, ranked where required, or rejected.	
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You must enter a date in question 1E-6.

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

To help you complete the CoC Application, HUD published resources at https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition, including:
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2A-1.	HMIS Vendor.	
	Not Scored—For Information Only	

Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Foothold Technology
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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 VII.B.3.a.	

Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2021 HIC data into HDX.	05/11/2021
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2A-4.	HMIS Implementation—Comparable Database for DV.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

Describe in the field below actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC:

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|----|---|
| 1. | have a comparable database that collects the same data elements required in the HUD-published 2020 HMIS Data Standards; and |
| 2. | submit de-identified aggregated system performance measures data for each project in the comparable database to your CoC and HMIS lead. |

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC does not currently have and CoC funded DV providers within the region that are required to utilize an HMIS comparable database. Nevertheless, the DV providers in the region do use a common database that has the capacity to provide aggregate reports on the general characteristics of persons served. The DV providers track information internally using these databases for households served in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs within their agency. Additionally, the DV provider also track calls for assistance through the DV hotline. The DV provider gives bi-monthly updates about the trends and needs as documented within their internal database at the CoC meetings.

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

Enter 2021 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2021 HIC	Total Beds in HIC Dedicated for DV	Total Beds in HMIS	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	53	27	26	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	58	48	10	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	77	0	77	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	320	0	129	40.31%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH)	0	0	0	

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

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

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

The largest number of PSH beds not currently on the HIC are provided through the HUD VASH program and a state funded program directed at child welfare involved families where the system involvement is due to lack of housing (Keeping Families Together KFT). These two programs are not currently mandated to enter information into HMIS. The CoC has begun work with the KFT program to integrate the coordinated assessment into the program referral process in addition to direct referrals through the child welfare agency. As part of these conversations, the CoC is exploring how these units can be integrated into HMIS.

2A-5b.	Bed Coverage Rate in Comparable Databases.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

Enter the percentage of beds covered in comparable databases in your CoC's geographic area.	100.00%
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2A-5b.1.	Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Question 2A-5b.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.c.	

If the bed coverage rate entered in question 2A-5b. is 84.99 percent or less, describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

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

Did your CoC submit LSA data to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 15, 2021, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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2B-1.	Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to conducting a sheltered and unsheltered PIT count in Calendar Year 2022?	Yes
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2B-2.	Unsheltered Youth PIT Count—Commitment for Calendar Year 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

Does your CoC commit to implementing an unsheltered youth PIT count in Calendar Year 2022 that includes consultation and participation from youth serving organizations and youth with lived experience?	Yes
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2C. System Performance

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2C-1.	Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless—Risk Factors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.b.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC determined which risk factors your CoC uses to identify persons becoming homeless for the first time;
2.	how your CoC addresses 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 or to end homelessness for individuals and families.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC continues to identify and implement strategies to reduce first time homelessness. The Coordinated Assessment (CA) process focuses on connecting people into PH, but CA staff work with those who are assessed and would benefit from prevention services as well. The CA works with the prevention programs in the county and they participate at monthly case conferencing meetings. The CoC full membership has proposed the following strategies:

- Use Ocean ResourceNet as an accurate on-line resource guide for prevention services
- Identify all prevention services and ancillary services to help support households in need by completing a survey of all provider agencies in the region
- Hosting quarterly prevention meetings
- Develop a standard assessment form and data collection/reporting process
- Expand the scope of the CA Agency to include prevention assistance
- Create an eligibility tree that identifies all funding sources and eligibility requirements.

The CoC Lead Agency reviews HMIS data for households at risk of homelessness in an effort to understand the profile of families at risk of homelessness.

The CoC Executive Committee and CoC Lead agency is responsible for implementation of these strategies.

2C-2.	Length of Time Homeless–Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	your CoC’s strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
2.	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 2,000 characters)

The CoC is working to reduce the length of time homeless through prioritization in the Coordinated Assessment process. The Coordinated Assessment Agency (CAA) prioritizes households by chronic homeless status, vulnerability score and length of time homeless. Through this prioritization households with the longest histories of homelessness are the first households connected to permanent housing opportunities. The CAA has been working diligently to connect permanent housing opportunities to the system working with Low Income Housing Tax Credit Projects, Affordable Housing Developers and Private landlords in addition to CoC funded PSH. The Permanent Housing Committee is also working to expand PH options connected to the system and is developing a comprehensive list of all PH opportunities in the region identifying the target population and the history of working with homeless populations. The CAA is working to secure preference for referrals from all housing providers getting those agencies to sign MOUs detailing the referral and preference process.

The CoC is working to increase identification of households with the longest histories of homeless through expanding outreach efforts connecting Code Blue Warming Centers to the CAA during winter months. The CoC is also working with PSH providers to provide training and ensure all providers use a Housing First framework to ensure households identified are able to access the available PSH opportunities.

Information on length of homelessness is collected at program intake for shelters and transitional housing programs and is included in the coordinated entry assessment tool. The prioritization list calculates length of homelessness from identified start date of homelessness to point of intake and adds on time in program if the person is in ES, TH or on the street.

The CAA and Exec Committee are responsible for implementation of these strategies. The CoC Lead agency provides oversight of implementation.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC will increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in:	
1.	emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations; and	
2.	permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations.	

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC is working to increase access to permanent housing through the following:

1. Working with all PSH providers to review program eligibility requirements. The CoC is working with providers to remove barriers to program entry and providing training opportunities to ensure agencies understand and implement the tenants of the Housing First model
2. Assess all households through the coordinated assessment process to ensure households are connected to the appropriate type of housing based on household needs
3. Expand permanent housing options connected to the system through targeted outreach to affordable housing and LIHTC providers. The Coordinated Assessment Agency is working to develop referral protocols and secure preferences for homeless households referred by signing MOUS with willing housing providers
4. Increase housing placement services provided by the Coordinated Assessment Agency through an expansion of the CAA grant to increase staffing. The CAA staff assist households in all aspects of securing housing including completing applications, negotiating with landlords, completing budgeting with households, securing moving services and furniture and other services to help households access housing To maintain the high rate of retention in PH the Exec Committee reviews PSH provider policies and procedures as well as service provision to ensure there is a focus on housing retention. The Permanent Housing Committee is working on developing PSH service standards that will foster housing retention to be adopted by all PSH providers.

The PH committee and coordinated assessment agency are responsible for implementing these strategies. The CoC Executive Committee and CoC Lead Agency provide oversight for implementation.

2C-4.	Returns to Homelessness–CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.e.	

Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC identifies individuals and families who return to homelessness;
2.	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 2,000 characters)

CoC works to maintain a low rate of returns to homeless for households that have exited to permanent housing. The primary strategy to maintain low rates of return include the following:

1. All households in SO, ES, and TH programs are connected to the Coordinated Assessment Agency (CAA) to complete an assessment and receive assistance with connecting to PH opportunities. The CAA identifies household needs and connects households with the appropriate type of housing that will foster long term housing stability.
2. When household are transitioned to permanent housing agencies provide

information about prevention services should the household run into trouble in the future with housing stability. The CoC is working to develop coordinated prevention service protocols to make it easier for household to access services and reduce duplication. The CoC is also working with the prevention agencies to understand households using prevention services with the possibility of creating priorities for assistance.

3.The CoC is working with all PSH programs serving homeless households to ensure they develop a service standard that focuses on program retention or transition to other permanent housing opportunities. The CoC reviews PSH discharge rates, destinations and reasons annually to better understand program retention outcomes. Projects with problematic retention rates or high rates of discharge to homeless destinations must work with the Executive committee to create improvement plans to address those performance issues.

The permanent housing committee and coordinated assessment case conferencing committee are responsible for implementing these strategies. The Executive committee is responsible for oversight of implementation.

2C-5.	Increasing Employment Cash Income-Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,000 characters)

Homeless service agencies conduct an assessment of employment income & history at program intake. Many CoC provider have job coaches & financial assessment services to assist households in reviewing their budgets, understanding their income needs & identifying options for improving their income. Households are connected to the Ocean County One-Stop employment & training program to identify earning potential and strategies to increase income.

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services & Workforce Now programs assist clients who have the ability to work & are currently unemployed or accessing mainstream benefits in strengthening their skills. Available services include job coaching, educational/specialized training, resume building, interview skills, job search as well as soft skills such as job interview etiquette, resume building, and communication.

Ocean County College operates the Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County (DHP). DHP aims to provide services to individuals who have lost their primary source of income due to separation, divorce, disability, or death of the primary provider. The program assists individuals with career, employment, & life counseling & partners with agencies to assist with connection to housing resources.

The CoC held a training on employment services offered by the Ocean County

PIC (Workforce Investment Board provider) provider agencies to ensure their knowledge of employment & training services available in the community. The training focused on services available, how to access services & reviewed needs of those with special circumstances such as no permanent address, need to develop work skills, working with those with disabilities. Trainings with Ocean County PIC were held at the CoC meetings & with staff from Code Blue warming centers in an effort to connect the unsheltered population to employment resources

The CoC exec committee is responsible for oversight of strategy implementation.

2C-5a.	Increasing Employment Cash Income–Workforce Development–Education–Training.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

	1. promoted partnerships and access to employment opportunities with private employers and private employment organizations, such as holding job fairs, outreach to employers, and partnering with staffing agencies; and
	2. is working with public and private organizations to provide meaningful education and training, on-the-job training, internships, and employment opportunities for program participants.

(limit 2,000 characters)

The CoC invites members from employment organizations to the Project Homeless Connect sites. The PIT committee aims to organize bimonthly fairs to continue this work throughout the year. Employment services also are made available at warming centers. The Workforce program provides education on all services available and would like to work with the CoC more formally and an MOU is being developed.

The CoC and the CoC funded programs have existing relationships with Board of Social Services where the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and Workforce programs are strongly utilized. These programs will assist those clients able to work in either getting specialized training to develop skills to launch a career or job coaching and assistance in job search for those that are work ready. The CoC would like to enhance these relationships and work to have bi monthly events in which employers, employment specialists, local colleges, and job coaches would be available to meet with those in the community seeking assistance.

Ocean County College has developed a new program with a grant from the NJ Division on Women to assist individuals who have lost their primary source of income due to separation, divorce, disability or death of a primary family provider. The program provides pre employment counseling and training, career counseling and planning, educational and training opportunities

2C-5b.	Increasing Non-employment Cash Income.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

Describe in the field below:

	1. your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income;
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2.	your CoC's strategy to increase access to non-employment cash sources; and
3.	provide the organization name or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

(limit 2,000 characters)

At program intake, agencies determine household connection to mainstream cash benefits. All agencies serving persons experiencing homelessness refer households to the Board of Social Services where they can apply for mainstream benefits. The coordinated assessment agency is closely connected to the board of social services and has protocols for referral to ensure all households assessed for the housing prioritization list are also connected to the board of social services in order to access mainstream benefits. As necessary, case management staff accompany individuals to their appointments to assist in the application process.

The Board of Social Services has required those applying for cash assistance to apply for SSI to find out if persons utilizing assistance are eligible for SSI. Case managers are familiar with the process to apply for SSI and will assist clients in scheduling appointments if in person application is necessary or will assist in completing online applications. NJ Helps is a website available to anyone in the state to complete an online, 5-10 minute, screening tool to determine basic eligibility for food stamps, general assistance, TANF, and Medicaid.

The CoC executive committee is responsible for oversight of strategy implementation

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Bonus Points

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3A-1.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	

Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project(s) 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-1a.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project—Leveraging Housing Commitment. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.a.	

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the organization(s) that provided the subsidies or subsidized housing units for the proposed new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project(s).

1.	Private organizations	No
2.	State or local government	No
3.	Public Housing Agencies, including use of a set aside or limited preference	No
4.	Faith-based organizations	No
5.	Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG Programs	No

3A-2.	New PSH/RRH Project—Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	

Is your CoC applying for a new PSH or RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No
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3A-2a.	Formal Written Agreements–Value of Commitment–Project Restrictions. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.6.b.	

1.	Did your CoC obtain a formal written agreement that includes: (a) the project name; (b) value of the commitment; and (c) specific dates that healthcare resources will be provided (e.g., 1-year, term of grant, etc.)?	No
2.	Is project eligibility for program participants in the new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project based on CoC Program fair housing requirements and not restricted by the health care service provider?	No

3A-3.	Leveraging Housing Resources–Leveraging Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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3B-1.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs—New Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.r.	

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

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

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| 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 2,000 characters)

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

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

Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No
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3C-2.	Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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| 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. |

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4A. DV Bonus Application

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

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

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

We prefer that you use PDF files, though other file types are supported. Please only use zip files if necessary.

Attachments must match the questions they are associated with.

Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed—including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process.

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).

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-14. CE Assessment Tool	Yes		
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No		
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No		
1E-1. Local Competition Announcement	Yes		
1E-2. Project Review and Selection Process	Yes		
1E-5. Public Posting—Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes		
1E-5a. Public Posting—Projects Accepted	Yes		
1E-6. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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