

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 2022 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2022 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 2022 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with—if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.

- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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

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

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: NJ HMFA

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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1B-1.	Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.1.a.(1), VII.B.1.e., VII.B.1.p., and VII.B.1.r.	
	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022:	
	1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:	

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	No	No
19.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	No	Yes
22.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	No
23.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
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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 a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication with individuals with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats;
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in the geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

- The invitation process is on the CoC website including 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 2,500 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- CoC released a request for proposals on 5/23/22. The request was released by email & posted on the website. The CoC also discussed the upcoming request for proposals at the 5/9/22 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 5/31/22, 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.
- 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.
- 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 5/23/22. 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.
- The CoC released the RFP with electronic notices, in PDF format, announcements at meetings, & posted it on the CoC website.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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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:	
	1. select yes or no for entities listed that are included in your CoC's coordination, planning, and operations of projects that serve individuals, families, unaccompanied youth, persons who are fleeing domestic violence who are experiencing homelessness, or those at risk of homelessness; or	
	2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist within your CoC's geographic area.	

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

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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 2,500 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. CoC Executive Committee members also participated in statewide conference calls with DCA on the administration of ESG-CV funding and the new RRH-CV program.

- 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 met with Community Development in June of 2022 and provided up to date HIC and PIT data from the 2022 process. This data will be included in the HOME ARP plan.
- 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 sexual orientation and gender identity:

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated.	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure 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, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.d.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has a 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 2022 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 McKinney Vento Regional Liaison is partnering with the CoC to explore coordination of new resources through the Department of Ed for students experiencing homelessness. The liaison presented info about the new resources at CoC meetings and is working with an adhoc CoC committee to develop a strategic partnership plan on how to deploy the new resources available to students and strengthen Coordinated Entry to meet the needs of students and their families

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	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 2,500 characters)

The CoC requires all agencies providing services to families with school aged children to inform the parents of education related services the children are entitled to or connect them to service providers that specialize in education related services. All programs serving families discuss the education needs of children at 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 reviews program files and protocols to ensure agencies serving families demonstrate evidence that they provide education related services to families they serve.

1C-4c.	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—Collaborating with Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking to:	
	1. update CoC-wide policies; and	
	2. ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Victim Service Providers are invited to the CoC subcommittees, full CoC meetings, and sit on the Executive board to raise issues and propose updates to CoC-wide policies with the larger committee, which would then be reviewed by the Executive Committee for final approval and vote. (2) During the annual CoC monitoring process, agencies are scored based on whether their staff receives training on trauma-informed care and can meet the needs of survivors. The CoC also informs all agencies about community training opportunities, including training on trauma-informed care, which staff can take advantage of.

1C-5a.	Annual Training on Safety and Best Practices to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:	
	1. project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and	
	2. Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. This training took place on May 9th, 2022. 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-5b.	Using De-identified Aggregate Data to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		
Describe in the field below:		
1.	the de-identified aggregate data source(s) your CoC uses for data on survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and	
2.	how your CoC uses the de-identified aggregate data described in element 1 of this question to evaluate how to best meet the specialized needs related to domestic violence and homelessness.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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-5c.	Communicating Emergency Transfer Plan to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.		

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
1.	the emergency transfer plan policies and procedures; and
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer.

(limit 2,500 characters)

All housing agencies within the region have an emergency transfer plan to all tenants to move should their safety be compromised while in program. The CoC implemented the emergency transfer plan in 2019. The CoC coordinated entry process is set up as a no-wrong door process. As such, all agencies interacting with persons experiencing homelessness are responsible for completing a safety assessment and entering information in HMIS. Front line staff at agencies participate in numerous trainings including serving victims of domestic violence, trauma informed care and safety planning.

At program intake, if households identify a domestic violence issue, they are immediately referred to Catholic Charities/Providence House, the primary DV service organization in the region, for a safety assessment. The safety assessment is conducted via phone and is available 24/7 to optimize access. If a safety risk is identified, then the household is enrolled in Providence House. If Providence House does not have availability in their program, the household is referred to DV shelters in neighboring areas, through reciprocal agreements, to ensure household safety. If no safety risk is identified, the household may be served in the general homeless programs in the area.

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1C-5d.	Access to Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures that survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have access to all of the housing and services available within the CoC's geographic area.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Staff for the CE agency are trained in safety protocols and trauma informed care. The goal of the program is to facilitate a plan for aligning services into a streamlined process whereby access, assessment, prioritization, & referrals are standardized in a way that is both HUD compliant & community based. The main aim of the program is to ensure DV victims have equal access to all crisis response resources, ensuring that no one falls through the cracks & that all callers have access to safe shelter at the time of access. The project employs the following strategies:

- Increase quality & efficiency of data collection for the full CoC region
- Build relationships with landlords, explain the benefits of working with housing assistance programs, & increase access to housing opportunities for clients
- Create & maintain a Housing Hub that is a real-time database where clients & staff can research available housing opportunities. The Housing Hub will provide a supportive environment where clients who are housing insecure, at-risk, or those currently unsheltered can go for resources & guidance on finding appropriate housing to meet their individual household needs.
- Make available, education & resources related to landlord and tenants' rights & responsibilities.
- Develop marketing resources to increase visibility of the CE program and access points

1C-5e.	Including Safety, Planning, and Confidentiality Protocols in Coordinated Entry to Address the Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.e.	

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

1.	safety protocols,
2.	planning protocols, and
3.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) The CoC coordinated entry process is set up as a no-wrong door process. As such, all agencies interacting with persons experiencing homelessness are responsible for completing a safety assessment and entering information in HMIS.

(2) At program intake, if households identify a domestic violence issue, they are immediately referred to Catholic Charities/Providence House, the primary DV service organization in the region, for a safety assessment. The safety assessment is conducted via phone and is available 24/7 to optimize access. If a safety risk is identified, then the household is enrolled in Providence House. If Providence House does not have availability in their program, the household is referred to DV shelters in neighboring areas, through reciprocal agreements, to ensure household safety. If no safety risk is identified, the household may be served in the general homeless programs in the area. serving victims of domestic violence, trauma informed care and safety planning.

(3)The CE program does not release any client information unless express permission in writing was given by the client. The CE would enact increased safety measures to protect victims of DV by deidentifying client information and not admitting the client in the HMIS with full demographic info.

1C-6.	Addressing the Needs of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+--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 LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement the Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity (Equal Access Final Rule)?	Yes
3.	Did your CoC conduct annual CoC-wide training with providers on how to effectively implement Equal Access in Accordance With an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (Gender Identity Final Rule)?	Yes

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	whether your CoC updates its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy, as necessary, based on stakeholder feedback;
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2.	how your CoC assisted providers in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies that are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination;
3.	your CoC's process for evaluating compliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies; and
4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1)The CoC evaluates all policies on an annual basis and will make updates as needed or develop new policies. If a stakeholder, partner, or CoC member notifies the CoC Lead of any updates needed the Lead will make policy updates

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

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

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

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.g.	
	You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the FY 2021 CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with—if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:	

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2021 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
NJ DCA	7%	Yes-HCV	No
CSP	100%	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 2,500 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 or 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. The CoC was able to successfully fill all of the LTRAP EHV vouchers.

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

Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing:
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1.	Multifamily assisted housing owners	No
2.	PHA	No
3.	Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments	No
4.	Local low-income housing programs	No
	Other (limit 150 characters)	
5.	State Rental Assistance Program	Yes

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

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

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

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

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

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

1D-1.	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	Yes
2. Health Care	Yes
3. Mental Health Care	Yes
4. Correctional Facilities	Yes

1D-2.	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 2022 CoC Program Competition.	4
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	4
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2022 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

Describe in the field below:

1.	how your CoC evaluates every recipient—that checks Housing First on their Project Application—to determine if they are actually using a Housing First approach;
2.	the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and
3.	how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of the competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC monitoring tool includes 27 points and local application includes 10 points 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. The Local Selection Process looks for projects that will adhere to a housing first framework and reviews proposed project admission criteria and termination criteria.

1D-3.	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 2,500 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. There is also a housing resource center that opened in 2021 for those that are experiencing unsheltered homelessness to access and utilize computers as well as have access to case managers for service linkage.
- 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 two years 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.

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

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

		Ensure Homelessness is not Criminalized	Reverse Existing Criminalization Policies
1.	Engaged/educated local policymakers	Yes	No
2.	Engaged/educated law enforcement	Yes	No
3.	Engaged/educated local business leaders	No	No
4.	Implemented community wide plans	Yes	No
5.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

1D-5.	Rapid Rehousing-RRH Beds as Reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC).	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.i.	

		2021	2022
	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.”	77	56

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

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

	Resource	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI—Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	TANF—Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
4.	Substance Abuse Programs	Yes
5.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
6.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- 1.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 CoC Exec Committee met with the two main hospitals in the area to discuss discharge planning protocols in 2019 and 2020 due to a number of persons being discharged from hospitals to Code Blue sites. The CoC and hospitals were able to establish procedures and protocols for safe discharge planning from EDs and inpatient floors that did not include going to warming centers. The hospitals have since been actively engaged in attending and participating in bi monthly CoC meetings and the outreach subcommittee.
- 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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC 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.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC-wide policy follows County protocol as per their Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) in the event of a future public health emergency. For example, the actions taken to prepare for a future emergency, as detailed in the Ocean County EOPs include coordination with the County Health Department to:

- Implement effective environmental health, nursing, and health education practices to minimize the incidence of disease
- Provide health care in approved shelters.
- Distribute information to the public on health matters

-coordination of vaccinations to shelters

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC worked closely with the local department of health to determine appropriate safety protocols to suggest to all community providers. In partnership with the department of health, the CoC devised protocols to connect persons diagnosed with COVID or displaying symptoms to non-congregate quarantine sites. Funding was set aside to cover the cost of hotel placements for quarantine and the board of social services served as the screening agency for all calls from individuals 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 serving 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. These protocols were shared widely throughout the County. The health dept made them available on their website as well as the county website, social media, and frequent email blasts to CoC and human service list serves.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

- The coordinated assessment (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 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. 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 prioritization list is organized by chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of homelessness 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 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 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. Participating projects have the opportunity during Case Conferencing to provide feedback on Coordinated Entry.

1D-9a.	Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.p.	
	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:	
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;	
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;	

	3. ensures people most in need of assistance receive permanent housing in a timely manner, consistent with their preferences; and
	4. takes steps to reduce burdens on people using coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Outreach teams & service providers connect with churches, community advocates, police & hospitals to inform them of the coordinated assessment (CA) process & encourage them to connect those experiencing homelessness to the service system. Through this process the CoC can begin engagement with persons not actively seeking assistance.

2. The CA tool determines vulnerability based on homeless history & barrier to stabilizing housing. The housing prioritization list (HPL) organizes households by assessment score, length of time homeless & high use of services. Households with the highest level of barriers demonstrated by the assessment score, longest time homeless & highest use of community services are at the top of the HPL and referred to housing first when vacancies arise.

3. Once a potential client has been identified, they immediately reach out to the agency who entered the client into the system and rapidly begin the process of reviewing eligibility & possible program enrollment. In 2021, CoC funded a new Coordinated Entry Expansion project to increase staffing dedicated to CE and expand outreach.

4. The Coordinated Entry system has new staff to provide outreach and in community assessment and linkage services to those experiencing homelessness that do not have transportation access. The CE team is mobile and frequents areas the homeless congregate (libraries, soup kitchens, drop in centers) to ensure all are connected to CE and mainstream resources

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	06/01/2022

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC Executive Committee troubleshoots pressing CoC-wide issues, including addressing systemic racial disparities. The committee looks at the PIT, LSA, HMIS data, and Coordinated Entry data on an annual basis to assess how homeless individuals are overrepresented in the CoC population experiencing homelessness, tracking for example how households of different races are or are not moving into permanent housing destinations.
2. The CoC has identified that Black/African Americans and Hispanic/Latinos are severely overrepresented in the CoC's population experiencing homelessness. 2022 PIT data indicates that Black/African Americans make up 2.8% of the CoC's overall population but make up 23.6% of the county's homeless population.

1D-10b.	Strategies to Address Racial Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	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.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

1D-10c.	Actions Taken to Address Known Disparities.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.1.q.	

Describe in the field below the steps your CoC and homeless providers have taken to address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Starting in 2022, the annual monitoring process and local selection applications have begun asking agencies to report on the racial and ethnic demographics of their client population as compared to their direct staff, and executive-level staff; the monitoring and local selection also evaluate and score projects on their efforts to address racial disparities, including: analyzing aggregate data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities; whether populations served by the agency are reflected in decision making and planning bodies in the agency; whether the agency has a process in place to assess whether agency staff and executive boards are racially, ethnically, culturally, and experientially, reflective of population(s) served or has a recruitment and hiring plan to achieve this outcome; and if the agency reviews existing and new proposed policies to ensure they do not create or have the potential to create a disproportionate negative impact, or pose undue barriers, to any particular group. Often, there is collaboration within agencies to assure that all service gaps are being filled and sustainable outcomes are identified in individualized treatment plans.

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

Describe in the field below the measures your CoC has in place to track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC Executive Board made updates to local selection and monitoring materials this year to include an evaluation of agencies ability to serve those in need in an equitable manner. The evaluation consisted of questions determining whether the agency has the capacity to serve those from all cultures in an appropriate manner and the ability to meet all linguistic needs of the community. They also evaluated the agencies on their own racial makeup of staff and whether it reflects the population being served. Evaluations also included whether persons of color or with lived experience sit in positions of power and influence within the agency. Points were awarded to agencies that could demonstrate that they were racially diverse, sought input from those with lived experience or hired them, and were able to meet the needs of the community in an equitable manner. The findings from the monitoring and local selection provide insight into whether further outreach is needed to engage clients in leadership roles.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has attempted to engage persons with lived experience in the CoC committee through outreach efforts at Code Blue Warming Centers and with outreach teams throughout the county. The coordinated entry agency seeks consumer input and brings recommendations to the Executive Committee to identify barriers to access housing and resources in the community. The CoC actively is seeking more involvement and someone with lived experience to sit on the Executive Board, the previous member with lived experience had to resign in 2020.

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

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	2
2.	Review and recommend revisions to local policies addressing homelessness related to coordinated entry, services, and housing.	2	2
3.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	2
4.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	2
5.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	0	0

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has active MOU with the workforce development board and encourages all programs to refer clients for the DVR (Dept of Vocational Rehab) program which provides funding for formalized training programs to all persons that are income eligible. The DVR program provides funding to go back to college, learn a trade, earn a skilled certificate to assist individuals in raising their income and stabilizing them in the community. The Dept of Community Affairs developed an Advisory Board of persons with lived experience that collaborates with statewide CoC meetings and has provided input into the development and evolution of the PIT survey and PIT process for 2022 and 2023. The CoC plans to develop a community-specific advisory board within the next year.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. CoC providers are monitored every year and scored on whether the agency is regularly conducting consumer feedback surveys on their experience receiving assistance. The annual monitoring also scores on whether persons with lived experience serve on the agency’s governing or policy-making board and have input on program design.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State of NJ monitors municipalities to ensure that they are providing their 'fair share' of the region's need for affordable housing for moderate and low income people. The Mount Laurel Doctrine prohibits discrimination against the poor by the state and municipalities in the exercise of their land use powers. In response to the Mount Laurel Doctrine the NJ Legislature passed the Fair Housing Act which created the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) to assess statewide needs for affordable housing and allocate that need on a municipal fair share basis. COAH evaluates each municipality and ensures that they review and approve housing plans that meet their affordable housing obligations.

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

(1) Identifying funding sources to support affordable housing development. The CoC Executive Board with Ocean County Community Development met to discuss HOME ARP planning. The CoC provided comprehensive data for the HOME ARP plan regarding homeless needs in the community.

(2) The CoC will also meet with local governments and provide letters of support to advocate for more low income housing development in the community. If necessary, the CoC is prepared to report municipalities that do not meet their 'fair share' housing requirements to COAH.

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

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

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

1E-1.	Web Posting of Your CoC's Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a. and 2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for project applicants to submit their applications to your CoC's local competition.	05/23/2022
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1E-2.	Project Review and Ranking Process Your CoC Used in Its Local Competition. We use the response to this question and the response in Question 1E-2a along with the required attachments from both questions as a factor when determining your CoC's eligibility for bonus funds and for other NOFO criteria below.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.a., 2.b., 2.c., and 2.d.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:	

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

You must select a response for elements 1 through 5 in question 1E-2.

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	247
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	5
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	PH-PSH

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

Describe in the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

(1) Each renewal project is monitored on their performance based on data in HMIS and Annual Performance Reports (APRs) for non-HMIS participating projects. Full points are received for projects where at least:

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

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

(2) The CoC's Housing Prioritization list is analyzed, at least annually, by staff overseeing Coordinated Entry, to assess the average length of time it takes for clients who are on the list to move into permanent housing.

(3) The CoC's local application process prioritized projects that targeted homeless households with the most severe needs and vulnerabilities by awarding 10 points for each priority populations served. The CoC's NOI specified that the CoC would prioritize projects that adopted a Housing First approach and had detailed questions in both the local application and in the monitoring on implementation of housing first practices, efforts to lower barriers, use of evidence-based practices, and efforts to retain participants. These questions were used to evaluate program capacity to serve those with the most severe needs, including and especially persons who may otherwise be denied services due to criminal background, low or no income, or substance use. Projects that did not deny entry to, or terminate clients, on the basis of these and other barriers prioritized and awarded up to 50 points per the CoC scoring criteria.

(4) Renewal projects were also evaluated on program performance with consideration for the severity of need of the populations served. For example, when the CoC evaluated whether a project met the Performance Standards for the % of clients linkage to earned income, the number of participants this measure was applied to was adjusted/reduced according to the needs were not penalized.

1E-3.	Promoting Racial Equity in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.e.	
	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC obtained input and included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population;	
2.	how the input from persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, affected how your CoC determined the rating factors used to review project applications;	
3.	how your CoC included persons of different races, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, in the review, selection, and ranking process; and	
4.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

- The CoC worked to diversify the funding committee that serves to develop and approve all local applications and scoring tools during FY2022. 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 input of these persons was critical in implementing a racial equity evaluation on both the monitoring and local selection application materials for FY22.
- The CoC made 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.	
	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; and	
4.	why your CoC did not reallocate low performing or less needed projects during its local competition this year, if applicable.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 2022
- 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 theTA session, and posted on the CoC website.

1E-4a.	Reallocation Between FY 2017 and FY 2022.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.f.	

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2017 and FY 2022?	No
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1E-5.	Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

1.	Did your CoC reject or reduce any project application(s)?	Yes
2.	Did your CoC inform applicants why their projects were rejected or reduced?	Yes
3.	If you selected Yes for element 1 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	08/17/2022

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2022, 06/27/2022, and 06/28/2022, then you must enter 06/28/2022.	08/17/2022
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1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results–Scores for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Final Project Scores for All Projects attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Applicant Names; 2. Project Names; 3. Project Scores; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Award amounts; and 6. Projects accepted or rejected status.	Yes
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1E-5c.	1E-5c. Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/20/2022
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	1E-5d. Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application has been posted on the CoC’s website or partner’s website.	09/20/2022
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2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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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.	Multiple CoCs
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2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2022
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2A-4.	Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in databases that meet HUD’s comparable database requirements; and	
2.	state whether your CoC is compliant with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC does not currently have any 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 2022 HIC and HMIS data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Total Beds 2022 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	61	49	12	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	56	0	56	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing	424	0	120	28.30%
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 2,500 characters)

The largest number of PSH beds not currently on the HIC are provided through the HUD VASH program, EHV, 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 three 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-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 February 15, 2022, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes
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2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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2B-1.	PIT Count Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2022 PIT count.	01/25/2022
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2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2022 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2022
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2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.4.b.	

	Describe in the field below how during the planning process for the 2022 PIT count your CoC:	
	1. engaged stakeholders that serve homeless youth;	
	2. involved homeless youth in the actual count; and	
	3. worked with stakeholders to select locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The youth and families committee made an effort to improve the youth count for the PIT. The Committee identified agencies serving homeless and at-risk youth as well as agencies providing services for subpopulations of youth in need of services and conducted outreach to these agencies to encourage their participation in the PIT process. These agencies were encouraged to complete surveys with all youth they encountered during the PIT count timeframe. The Committee held specialized trainings for youth agencies to help them understand how to administer the PIT survey and addendum. The Committee enlisted the assistance of local universities to secure volunteers in administering the survey and doing outreach to inform youth about the upcoming survey and project homeless connect events.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.a and VII.B.7.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable;	
	2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2021 and 2022, if applicable; and	
	3. describe how the changes affected your CoC’s PIT count results; or	
	4. state “Not Applicable” if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2022.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC altered their practice in 2022 to rely less on volunteers and more heavily on homeless service agency and outreach staff. Methodologies were altered so that more strategic outreach could be done while relying on fewer volunteers to conduct surveys. The following are changes implemented:

- elimination or changes to Project Homeless Connect events
- 7-day outreach and service-based count
- Reduction in use of volunteers to support the unsheltered count
- Increased connection with community-based services providers such as day-centers, soup kitchens and medical facilities to identify and connect with unsheltered persons

The following safety measures were implemented:

- decrease face-to-face interactions with clients;
- decrease the number of volunteers who would need to work in physical proximity;
- provide of PPE to all volunteers; and
- design a process that minimizes close contact.

The CoC did see an increase in the sheltered number of persons experiencing homelessness. Contributing factors to the increase in shelter numbers:

- NJ ended the eviction moratorium on January 1, 2022 and the homeless service system saw a flood of persons entering homelessness that were being evicted. The CoC worked strategically with courts to ensure households knew of existing resources within the community to gain access to shelter and permanent housing resources following eviction.
- The night of the PIT count was a Code Blue night, temps reached below 32 degrees, warming centers in the CoC were opened to take anyone unsheltered

2C. System Performance

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.c.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;	
	2. describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and	
	3. provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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—CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.d.	
	In the field below:	
	1. describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;	
	2. describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and	

3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.
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(limit 2,500 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. The CoC participated in a 100-day challenge to submit 100 apps to the state EHV program as a way of rapidly connecting households to PH.

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.	

In the field below:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section VII.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes
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3A-3.	Leveraging Housing/Healthcare Resources–List of Projects.	
	NOFO Sections VII.B.6.a. and VII.B.6.b.	

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
Habcore Ocean Lea...	PH-PSH	6	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Habcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC Expansion
FY22

2. Enter the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI): J675WAN814K5

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

4. Enter the rank number of the project on your CoC's Priority Listing: 6

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

3C-1.	Designating SSO/TH/Joint TH and PH-RRH Component Projects to 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.	
	NOFO Section VII.C.	

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants

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

- Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Continuum of Care Competition and Noncompetitive Award of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Renewal and Replacement Grants;
- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2022 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	PHA Homeless Pref...	09/14/2022
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	PHA Moving On	09/14/2022
1E-1. Local Competition Deadline	Yes	Local Competition...	09/14/2022
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	Local Competition...	09/20/2022
1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application	Yes	Scored Renewal Pr...	09/20/2022
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	Notification of P...	09/14/2022
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	Notification of P...	09/14/2022
1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects	Yes	Final Project Scores	09/14/2022
1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	Healthcare Formal...	09/14/2022
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		

Attachment Details

Document Description: PHA Homeless Preference

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Document Description: PHA Moving On

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Document Description: Local Competition Deadline

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

Attachment Details

Document Description: Scored Renewal Project Application

Attachment Details

Document Description: Notification of Projects Rejected

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Document Description: Notification of Projects Accepted

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Document Description: Final Project Scores

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Document Description: Healthcare Formal Agreements

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Document Description:

Submission Summary

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

Page	Last Updated
1A. CoC Identification	09/14/2022
1B. Inclusive Structure	09/14/2022
1C. Coordination and Engagement	09/20/2022
1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd	09/20/2022
1E. Project Review/Ranking	Please Complete
2A. HMIS Implementation	09/15/2022
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	09/15/2022
2C. System Performance	09/15/2022
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	09/15/2022
3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	09/15/2022
3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes	09/15/2022

4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants	09/15/2022
4B. Attachments Screen	Please Complete
Submission Summary	No Input Required

1C-7. PHA Administration Plan:
Homeless Preference

1. New Jersey DCA Admin Plan
2. Collaborative Support Programs
Admin Plan

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
PHA Plan

SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION

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

Residency is a secondary preference that is used to further rank those applicants with a local preference and applicants without a preference. Applicants living in the county are offered assistance before non-residents of the county. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or denying admission because of the applicant's age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected class

The standards instituted by the DCA for verification of a local preference are presented in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT 5-2).

Applicants who have not claimed a preference are afforded the opportunity to claim a preference at any time while on the waiting list. However, a change from no preference to a local preference will not be implemented without supporting documentation. Applicants are notified of their right to an informal review if their claim of a local preference is denied.

Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the selection of applicants.

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

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

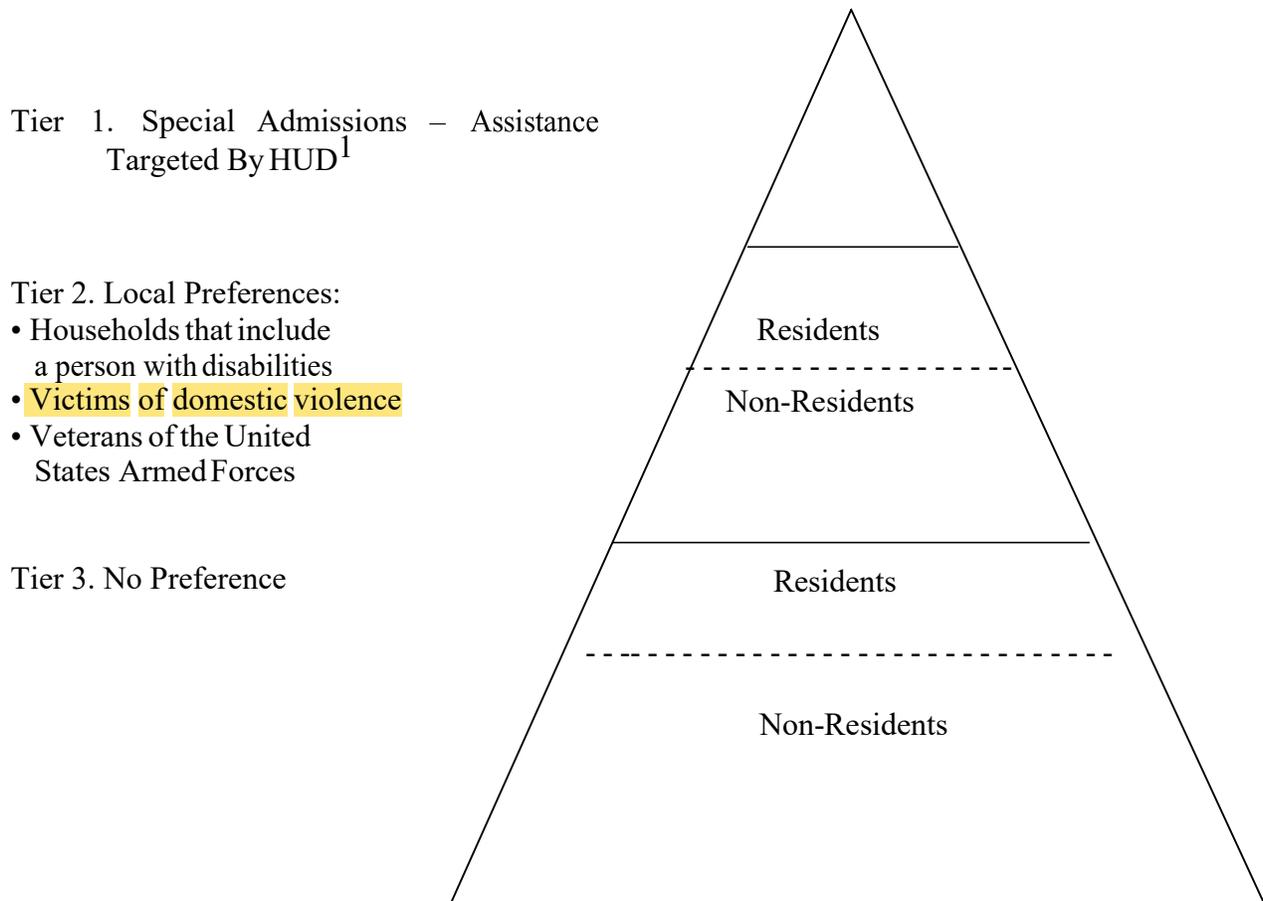
Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation within fifteen (15) business days of the date of the notice from the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in order to provide a reasonable accommodation, on a case-by-case basis.

Programs that require variations to the standard selection policy are identified in (Appendix A: EXHIBIT5-4).

Single Member Households

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

ILLUSTRATION OF THE DCA'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY



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

EXHIBIT 5-2

Verification Standards for the Local Preferences

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

Households That Include a Person with Disabilities

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

Victims of Domestic Violence

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

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

Collaborative Support Programs of NJ/CEC PHA Admin Plan

5. SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION

The selection process begins with the regulatory requirement that not less than 75% of the applicants, initially admitted for participation, must have annual incomes at or below 30% of the area median income established by HUD. CEC then employs a multi-tiered system of “preferences” (see EXHIBIT 5-1) to determine the order of selection among those applicants who are otherwise eligible (see 24 CFR 983.201).

CEC has established the following Critical Housing Needs definitions: Homelessness. Applications, which indicate a CHN preference, are placed on the waiting list in chronological order. The standards instituted by CEC for verification of a CHN preference are presented in EXHIBIT 5-2. Once verified, the applicant is not required to verify a CHN preference unless CEC has evidence that the applicant no longer qualifies for a CHN preference or 60 days has elapsed since the initial verification.

CEC has established primary "ranking preferences" to prioritize selection of those applicants who have claimed a CHN preference. These ranking preferences are used to support a number of area-wide initiatives in conjunction with specific programs of HUD and, CEC. Residency is a secondary ranking preference and is used to further rank those applicants with a CHN preference and applicants with a CHN preference and a primary ranking preference. Applicants living in the county jurisdiction, and applicants with a household member who works or who has been hired to work in the jurisdiction is offered assistance before non-residents of the jurisdiction. The residency preference will not have the purpose or effect of delaying or denying admission based on race, ethnicity, etc. as required by 24 CFR 982.202 (b)(3).

The standards instituted by CEC for verification of the primary ranking preferences are presented in EXHIBIT 5-3. Once verified, the applicant is not required to reverify a ranking preference unless the program has evidence that the applicant no

longer qualifies for a ranking preference or 60 days has elapsed since the initial verification.

Applicants without a CHN preference are afforded the opportunity to claim a CHN preference at any time while on the non-preference waiting list. However, a change from a non-CHN preference to a CHN preference or to a CHN preference and ranking preference will not be implemented without supporting documentation. Applicants are notified (EXHIBIT 5-6) of their right to an informal review if their claim of a CHN or ranking preference is denied.

APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY

CEC's applicant selection policy has been designed as a multi-tiered system and it is used to rank applications included on the waiting list. An illustration of this is presented in EXHIBIT 5-1.

Highest priority, Tier I, is given to special admissions as defined by HUD in 24 CFR Section 982.203. AS CEC runs only a Mainstream Section 8 Program, all applicants must include a disabled head of household in order to meet the criteria for assistance.

The second highest priority, Tier II, is given to applicants who have claimed and can a CHN preferences and a ranking preference. Ranking preferences include:

1. Households that are residents of the county in which the voucher funding is available.
2. Households that include a member who works or has been offered employment within the county in which the voucher funding is available.

These primary ranking preferences are equal. Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the selection of this group of applicants. Applications are placed on the waiting list based on the date of the postmark on the applications received by CEC.

Tier III status is assigned to applicants who have claimed one of the CHN preferences. Date of placement on the waiting list is the final criteria used in the

selection of this group of applicants.

Households who do not claim any one of the CHN preferences are ranked in Tier IV.

In selecting applicants for participation, CEC will first offer assistance to Tier I applicants; if there are no Tier I applicants on the jurisdiction's waiting list, then Tier II applicants will be offered assistance. If there are no Tier II applicants on the waiting list, assistance will be offered to Tier III applicants. If there are no Tier III applicants on the waiting list, assistance will be offered to Tier IV applicants.

Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation to CEC within Fourteen calendar days of the date of the notice from the Section 8 Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered to provide reasonable accommodation on a case-by-case basis.

EXHIBIT 5-1

ILLUSTRATION OF CSP-NJ'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY

Tier I Special Admissions: Assistance Targeted by HUD*		
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Tier II CHN Preference and Ranking Preference	Residents** Non-residents	
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Tier III CHN Preference	Residents** Non-residents	
	-	
Tier IV No Preference	Residents** Non-residents	

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

** Residency. Applicants with a household member who works or who has been hired to work in the county jurisdiction are treated as residents of the county jurisdiction.

**VERIFICATION STANDARDS FOR CEC'S
CRITICAL HOUSING NEEDS (CHN) PREFERENCES**

CEC gives preference for the admission of applicants to the Section 8 Housing Program who have claimed and verified one of the CHN preferences. All documents submitted for the verification of a CHN preference must be dated and current. Documentation is current when it is dated not more than 60 days from a specified deadline: (1) If verification of a CHN preference is required when submitting an Application for Section 8 Housing Assistance, the deadline is based upon the date that the application is received; (2) For selection, the deadline is based upon the issuance date of a voucher. When a certification is required from a governmental, social services or any other agency, it must be provided on the agency's letterhead with the name, title and telephone number of the agency representative making the certification.

HOMELESS

A homeless household includes any person or household that:

1. Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence; **and**
2. Has a primary nighttime residence that is:
 - (i) A supervised publicly or privately operated shelter including welfare hotels, congregate shelters and transitional housing;
 - (ii) An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized; or
 - (iii) A place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation.

Verification that an applicant is homeless consists of official correspondence from a public or private facility that provides shelter for such households or from the local police department or a social services agency.

VERIFICATION STANDARDS FOR CEC'S RANKING PREFERENCES

Ranking preferences are used by CEC to select among applicants that have verified a CHN preference. Written certification of a ranking preference must be provided on the appropriate agency's letterhead, the certification letter must be signed and dated by an authorized agency representative, and it must be current as defined for the CHN preferences.

A) Household That Includes a Person With Disabilities

The applicant must submit his/her Application for Section 8 Mainstream Housing Assistance along with:

1. Verification of one of the CHN preferences; and
2. Documentation from the Social Security Administration that a member of the household is a disabled person who is receiving Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income benefits; or
3. Certification from a physician, on a Verification of Disability form (EXHIBIT 5-4), that a member of the household is disabled.

EXHIBIT 5-4

**COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CORPORATION
VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY FORM**

Re: _____
(name of person claiming disability)

The above-referenced person is a member of a household that has applied to participate in a federally assisted housing program administered by Community Enterprises Corporation. To determine program eligibility, we must verify whether he/she is a "person with disabilities" as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

As defined by the HUD regulations (24 CFR, Part 5, Subpart D), a "person with disabilities

(1) Means a person who:

- (i) Has a disability, as defined by U.S.C. 423*;
- (ii) Is determined, pursuant to HUD regulations, to have physical, mental, or emotional impairment that; (a) is expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration; (b) substantially impedes his or her ability to live independently; and (c) is of such a nature that the ability to live independently could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; or
- (iii) Has a developmental disability as defined in 42 U.S.C. 6001**.

(2) Does not exclude persons who have the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;

(3) For purposes of qualifying for low-income housing, does not include a person whose disability is based solely on any drug or alcohol dependence; and

(4) Means 'individual with handicaps', as defined in 24 DRF 8.3***, for purposes of reasonable accommodation and program accessibility for persons with disabilities.

CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY

I certify that the above referenced persons is ____ is not ____ a "persons with disabilities" according to the above definition.

Name: _____

Address: _____

T e l e p h o n e

Number: _____

A g e n c y :

Signature _____ Date: _____

Exhibit 5 - 4

* In 42 U.S.C., the term *disability* means:

- (A) Inability to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months; or
- (B) In the case of an individual who has attained the age of 55 and is blind (within the meaning of "blindness" as defined in 42 CFR 416 (i)(1), inability by reason of such blindness to engage in substantial gainful activity requiring skills or abilities comparable to those of any gainful activity in which he/she has previously engaged with some regularity and over a substantial period of time.

** *Developmental disability* means a severe, chronic disability of a person 5 years of age or older which;

- (A) Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments;
- (B) Is manifested before the person attains age twenty-two;
- (C) Is likely to continue indefinitely;
- (D) Results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: (i) self-care; (ii) receptive and expressive language; (iii) learning; (v) mobility; (v) self-direction; (vi) capacity for independent living, and (vii) economic self-sufficiency; and
- (E) Reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, a treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated; except that such term, when applied to infants and young children means individuals from birth to age 5, inclusive, who have substantial development delay or specific congenital or acquired conditions with a high probability of resulting in developmental disabilities if services are not provided.

*** *Individual with handicaps* means any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; has a record of such impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment. The term does not include any individual who is an alcoholic or drug abuser whose current use of alcohol or drugs prevents the individual from participating in the program or activity in question, or whose participation, by reason of such current alcohol or drug abuse, would constitute a direct threat to property or the safety of others.

Exhibit 5 - 5

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PREFERENCE

APPLICANT'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE _____

Re: Application Number A-A9999

Dear Mr./Ms. _____:

The Section 8 Housing Program has performed a review of your Application for Section 8 Housing Assistance, and any supporting documentation. It was determined that your household's current circumstances required a change in your position on the waiting list.

Your household's Application for Section 8 Housing Assistance remains on the _____(name of county) County waiting list, but your position on the waiting list has been downgraded because (Specify the reason why the applicant's claim of a selection preference was denied).

If you believe that this determination is incorrect, an informal review may be requested by writing within ten calendar days of the date of this letter. Your request must be sent to:

Housing Director
CEC
11 Spring ST
Freehold, NJ 07728

Sincerely,

TITLE

EXHIBIT 5-7

SELECTION PREFERENCE CODES

- A. Homeless Disabled Households
- B. Homeless, Elderly Households
- C. Homeless Households
- D. Homeless Households
- P. Household That Includes a Person With Disabilities
- Q. Local Preference
- R. Disabled Household Without a C.H.N. Preference
- S. Elderly Household Without a C.H.N. Preference
- T. Reserved
- U. Reserved
- V. Low-Income Household Without a C.H.N. Preference
- W. Reserved
- X. Reserved
- Y. Reserved
- Z. Reserved

1C-7. PHA Administration Plan –
Move-on Multifamily Assistance Housing
Owner's Preference

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

2018 Annual Action Plan



State of New Jersey
Phil Murphy, Governor

Department of Community Affairs
Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner

500 households who are involved with the child welfare system.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

New Jersey will continue its continuum of care approach to address and identify the needs of the homeless. This includes programs and services addressing each stage of the homeless continuum: homeless prevention, rapid re-housing, emergency shelter, temporary housing assistance and permanent supportive housing programs.

Homelessness Prevention: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide temporary financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeless households in imminent risk of homelessness due to a rental eviction through the Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP). The HPP can provide the following types of assistance:

1. Rental Arrears—a maximum of 3 months' back rent plus any court fees, legal fees and other late fees included as rent in a written lease.
2. Relocation: security deposit of up to 1 ½ months' rent and 2 months' rent.

ESG: The State of New Jersey will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program to homeless households at or below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI). Rapid re-housing assistance includes financial assistance, case management, housing search and placement, credit repair, money management and budgeting.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The State will continue to provide funds to maintain shelter facilities through the ESG Program. The program provides funding to do the following:

1. Address life and safety issues in emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities.
2. Purchase equipment and furnishings that will provide direct benefits to the shelter's residents.
3. Create new emergency shelter beds when needed.

DCA and the State Parole Board will also continue the Another Chance program. The program expands housing resources available to inmates released from prison without a stable living arrangement. The program provides temporary housing assistance (up to six months) to offenders being released from designated Department of Corrections' facilities that do not have an approved residence of record. The program is currently operating in Camden, Newark, New Brunswick and Trenton.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The State will continue to apply for HUD Continuum of Care funding (CoC) provide rental assistance to homeless persons with disabilities, in collaboration with local social service providers. Funds for this program have been granted in Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Essex, Gloucester, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Warren Counties. In addition, the State through the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program will continue to provide rapid re-housing assistance to households up to 30% of Area Median Income.

The State's Housing First Initiative awarded 500 tenant-based State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) vouchers and \$250,000 in supportive service funding to 12 agencies across the state. 425 vouchers will provide housing for chronically homeless people who are frequent users of public systems, and 75 vouchers will provide housing for homeless veterans. To date, 468 applicants were approved and 392 were leased up.

The State's Moving On Initiative provides SRAP vouchers to people in permanent housing programs who no longer need a high level of services. As people move on to the SRAP vouchers, currently homeless individuals and families will backfill the vacancies in the existing permanent supportive housing programs.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

DCA also administers 832 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and 273 project-based Housing Choice Vouchers for homeless and at-risk veterans. In addition, DCA has "graduated" 32 formerly homeless veterans from VASH to Housing Choice Vouchers.

DCA has also committed rental assistance to the Keeping Families Together Initiative with the Department of Children and Families (DCF). This program targets rental assistance and supportive services to extremely vulnerable families who are homeless or live in unstable housing, and who are involved with the child welfare system. The goal is to ensure that children are not removed from their families, or that families can reunify, with stable housing and services designed to support their tenancy. DCA committed 50 project-based Housing Choice Vouchers to this program in 2015 and 2016, and will commit an additional 100 vouchers in 2017. In addition, DCA has committed 100 vouchers for homeless and at-risk youths.

Rental assistance will continue to be provided to people who are homeless and working towards self-

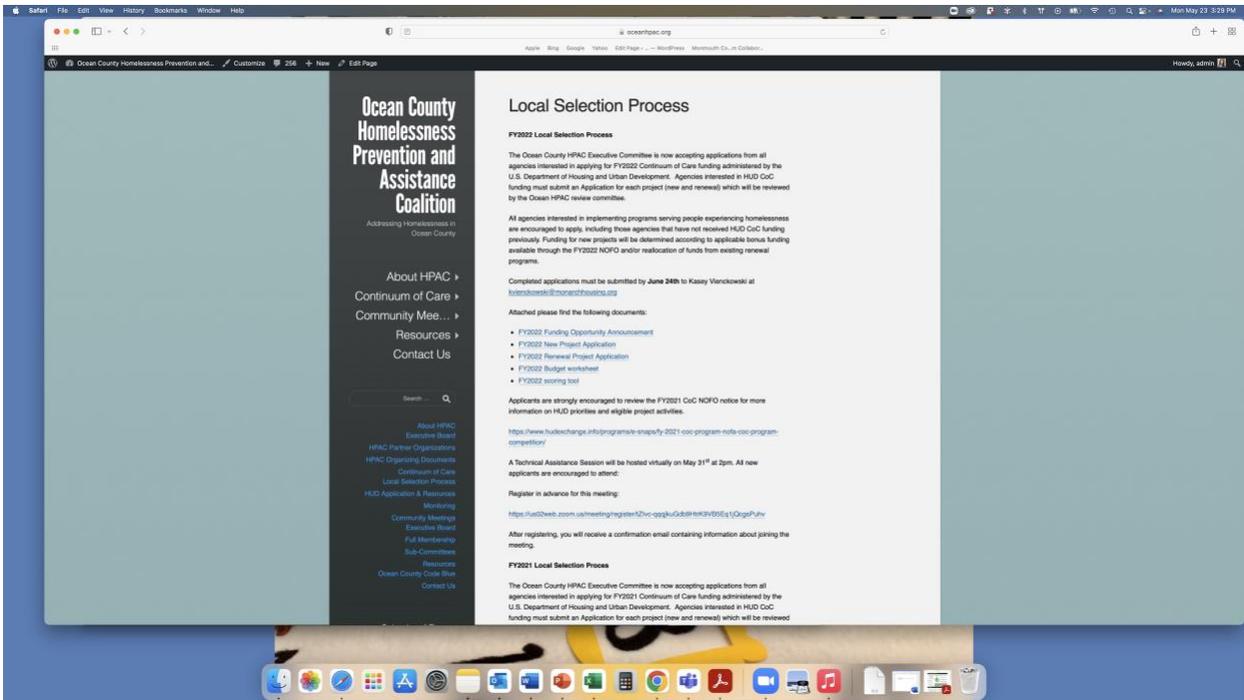
sufficiency through the Housing Choice Voucher, State Rental Assistance and the HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The State will continue to use a portion of its Emergency Solutions Grant funds along with State Homelessness Prevention funds to provide financial assistance and services to either prevent households from becoming homeless or rapidly re-house those who are homeless. In addition, the State will utilize Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities program vouchers, recently awarded, along with State Rental Assistance Program and Division of Developmental Disabilities vouchers to provide rental assistance to low-income individuals being discharged from institutions.

Discussion

1E-1. Local Competition Deadline



1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool
Renewal and New Scoring Tool
Monitoring Scoring Tool
Performance Standards

Ocean HPAC 2022 CoC Local Application Score Sheet

Agency Name: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Type: _____

Renewal or New Project: _____

Renewal Project GIW Breakdown:

Total Budget	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	Admin
Total Units	# SRO Units	# 0 BR Units	# 1 BR Units	# 2 BR Units	# 3 BR Units	#4 BR Units

Threshold Review - New Projects Only

Review Items
1. Does the agency agree to become an active member of the CoC?
2. Does the agency agree to serve the full geographic area of the CoC including Cape May, Camden, Gloucester, and Cumberland Counties?
3. Does the agency agree to participate in the CoC's established Coordinated Entry System?
4. Does the agency agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for Domestic Violence programs?

Section 1 - All Projects

Vulnerable Population Priorities - Maximum 30 points - all categories are calculated as a percentage of dedicated beds out of the total number of project beds	Percentage	Possible Score
1. Beds are dedicated to chronically homeless households.		10
2. Beds are dedicated to families with children		5
3. Beds are dedicated to veterans.		5
4. Beds are dedicated to Unaccompanied Youth (under 25).		5
5. Beds are dedicated to Victims of Domestic Violence		5

Housing First Identification - Maximum 10 points	Response	Possible Score
1. Does the project identify as low barrier based on eligibility criteria?		5
2. Does the project ensure participants are not terminated by using a housing first approach?		5

Program Operation - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score
1. Program provides adequate staffing levels of training for services and program operation.	10
2. Program is able to accommodate accessibility needs for persons with disabilities.	10

Racial Equity and Consumer Input - Maximum 15 points	Possible Score
1. Agency is making efforts to address racial equity - full points would be awarded for agency's who staff reflect minority populations and populations they are serving and they are utilizing multiple strategies to address racial disparities.	5
2. Agency works to incorporate input of persons with lived experience of homelessness - full points would be awarded for agency's who's leadership and/or agency board includes persons with lived experience of homelessness and have a clear process for using input from persons with lived experience in service delivery and project administration.	5
3. Agency is able to deliver services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent and reflects the needs of the minority populations it serves.	5

Overall Application and Budget - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score
1. Application was completed accurately and submitted on time.	5
2. Application budget was complete, accurate and reasonable. For renewals, to receive full points, the budget must match or be less than the GIW.	5
3. Application budget indicates the correct amount of match or higher.	5
4. For renewals only, the unit breakdown matched what was in prior applications and on file.	5

Section 2 - New Projects Only

Project Type Priorities - Maximum 5 points	Response	Possible Score
1. is this project a Rapid Rehousing project?		5
2. Is this project a Joint TH-RRH project?		5

Project Description - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score
1. Applicant provides a complete and concise description that addresses the entire scope of the proposed project. This includes the target population, area of need the project is addressing and projected outcomes.	10
2. Applicant demonstrates a wide variety of services related to program goals that will be made available to participants and demonstrates that services will be client-centered and accessible.	10

Rapid Implementation - Maximum 10 points	Possible Score
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1. Applicant demonstrates a plan for rapid implementation of the program; the project narrative must document how the project will be ready to begin housing the first program participant within 6 months of the award.	10
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Organizational Experience - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score
1. Applicant demonstrates experience providing housing and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.	10
2. Applicant demonstrates experience with HUD or other federal funding and has the capacity both administratively and financially to operate the CoC funding.	10
3. Applicant demonstrates an ability to meet the match requirement.	5
4. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.	5

Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only

Clients Safety and Victim Centered Approach - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score
1. Applicant demonstrates the ability to utilize trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to ensure housing, resources and safety needs of clients are met.	10
2. Applicant demonstrates a process for addressing client's safety needs including maximizing client choice for housing and services and ensuring confidentiality.	10

Section 4 - Renewal Projects Only

Desk Monitoring Findings - Maximum 10 points	Possible Score
1. Applicant demonstrates that they have reviewed the most recent monitoring tool and have plans or have taken action to rectify any areas where improvements were needed	10

Final Scoring

Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	95	0	0%
Section 2 - New Project Only	70	0	0%
Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only	20	0	0%
Section 4- Renewal Projects Only	10	0	0%
Monitoring Score		0	0%%
Final Application Score	185	0	0%

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Desk Monitoring Review

Area of consideration	Total Possible Score	Score	Notes
Client Feedback	12		
Consumer Surveys	3		
Communication of rules and regulations	3		
Process to resolve complaint	3		
Incorporation of consumer feedback	3		
Program Coordination	12		
Coordination with CE	3		
Formerly homeless person on board	6		
Subrecipients (if applicable)	3		
Agency Staff and Cultural Competency	20		
Strategies	7		
Active Participation	8		
Promoting Racial Equity	5		
Housing First Principles	27		

Project access	6		
Project input	6		
Lease agreements (if applicable)	3		
services	6		
Housing provision	6		
Project Administration	16		
HUD Audit	3		
Budget Narrative	3		
match	1		
Program goals	3		
Intake process/eligibility	6		

	total possible score	score	%
Compliance Score	87		
Performance Score			
Total Monitoring Score			

Permanent Supportive Housing Program: _____

Goals	Required Performance Standard		%	Points Awarded
1. Households residing in permanent housing will remain in this housing for a minimum of 1 year or exit to other permanent housing.	85% will remain housed for a least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing, or continue in permanent housing	≥85%=10 80%-84%= 8 65%-79%= 4 55%-64%= 1 ≤55%= 0		
2. Households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing)	<10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness	≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0		
3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income (Includes wages and mainstream resources)	85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0		
4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.*	20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually	≥20%= 10 10%-19%= 6 5%-9%= 3 ≤5%= 0		
5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits	85% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0		
6. Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fills vacancies	>90% occupancy during reporting period	≥90%= 10 70%-89%= 7 51%-69%= 4 ≤50%= 0		
7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	See Data Quality Report	A - to A =10 B to B+ = 5 < B- = 0	N/A	
			Total:	

Of 70

*Projects serving 100% chronically homeless or SSI/SSD clients exempt from this measure

All data is taken directly from HMIS using the following dates:

The following HMIS reports are used:

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

Supportive Services Only Program: _____

Goals	Required Performance Standard	Points	%	Points Awarded
1. Households exiting the program will move directly to permanent housing	>50% move to permanent housing	$\geq 50\% = 15$ $35\% - 49\% = 12$ $25\% - 34\% = 9$ $15\% - 24\% = 6$ $10\% - 14\% = 3$ $\leq 9\% = 0$		
2. Very few households exiting the program remain homeless.	<20% remain homeless or exit to "unknown" location	$\leq 20\% = 5$ $21\% - 30\% = 4$ $31\% - 40\% = 2$ $41\% - 51\% = 1$ $\geq 51\% = 0$		
3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income between entry and exit. (Includes wages or mainstream resources)	30% will increase or maintain income	$\geq 30\% = 10$ $21\% - 29\% = 7$ $11\% - 20\% = 3$ $\leq 10\% = 0$		
4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.	20% will have employment income at program exit or annually	$\geq 20\% = 10$ $10\% - 19\% = 6$ $5\% - 9\% = 3$ $\leq 5\% = 0$		
5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits between entry and exit	30% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits	$\geq 30\% = 10$ $21\% - 29\% = 7$ $11\% - 20\% = 3$ $\leq 10\% = 0$		
6. Program operates at full capacity	>90% occupancy	$\geq 90\% = 10$ $70\% - 89\% = 7$ $51\% - 69\% = 4$ $\leq 50\% = 0$		
7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	See Data Quality Report	A - to A = 10 B to B+ = 5 < B- = 0	N/A	
Total:				

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The following HMIS reports are used:

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

Rapid Rehousing Program: _____

Goals	Performance Standard	Points	%	Points Awarded
1. Households exiting Rapid Rehousing will remain in permanent housed for a minimum of 6 months or will exit to other permanent housing	85% will remain housed for a least 6 months or will exit to other permanent housing	$\geq 85\% = 10$ $70\% - 84\% = 8$ $50\% - 69\% = 4$ $31\% - 49\% = 1$ $\leq 30\% = 0$		
2. Households exiting Rapid Rehousing housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing)	<10% of those exiting rapid rehousing housing return to homelessness	$\leq 10\% = 10$ $11\% - 20\% = 4$ $21\% - 30\% = 3$ $31 - 45\% = 1$ $\geq 45\% = 0$		
3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income (Includes wages and mainstream resources)	85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually	$\geq 85\% = 10$ $75\% - 84\% = 7$ $65\% - 74\% = 5$ $50\% - 64\% = 3$ $\leq 49\% = 0$		
4. Adults who are not enrolled in SSI/D will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.	40% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually	$\geq 40\% = 10$ $30\% - 39\% = 6$ $20\% - 29\% = 3$ $\leq 20\% = 0$		
5. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	See Data Quality Report	A - to A = 10 B to B+ = 5 < B- = 0	N/A	
Total:				

Of 50

All data is taken directly from HMIS using the following dates:

The following HMIS reports are used:

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

1E-2a. Scored Renewal Project Application
Scored Forms for One Project

**Ocean HPAC
2022 CoC Local Application Score Sheet**

Agency Name: Habcore

Project Name: Capstan II

Project Type: PSH

Renewal or New Project: Renewal

Renewal Project GIW Breakdown:

Total Budget	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	Admin	
\$ 69,113		\$ 65,520	\$ 1,905	\$ 17,327		\$ 1,688	
Total Units	# SRO Units	# 0 BR Units	# 1 BR Units	# 2 BR Units	# 3 BR Units	#4 BR Units	# 5+ BR Units
		5					

Section 1 - All Projects

Vulnerable Population Priorities - Maximum 30 points - all categories are calculated as a percentage of dedicated beds out of the total number of project beds	Percentage	Possible Score	Score
1. Beds are dedicated to chronically homeless households.	100%	10	10
2. Beds are dedicated to families with children		5	
3. Beds are dedicated to veterans.		5	
4. Beds are dedicated to Unaccompanied Youth (under 25).		5	
5. Beds are dedicated to Victims of Domestic Violence		5	

Housing First Identification - Maximum 10 points	Response	Possible Score	Score
1. Does the project identify as low barrier based on eligibility criteria?	yes	5	5
2. Does the project ensure participants are not terminated by using a housing first approach?	yes	5	5

Program Operation - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score	Score
1. Program provides adequate staffing levels of training for services and program operation.	10	10
2. Program is able to accommodate accessibility needs for persons with disabilities.	10	10

Racial Equity and Consumer Input - Maximum 15 points	Possible Score	Score
1. Agency is making efforts to address racial equity - full points would be awarded for agency's who staff reflect minority populations and populations they are serving and they are utilizing multiple strategies to address racial disparities.	5	5
2. Agency works to incorporate input of persons with lived experience of homelessness - full points would be awarded for agency's who's leadership and/or agency board includes persons with lived experience of homelessness and have a clear process for using input from persons with lived experience in service delivery and project administration.	5	5
3. Agency is able to deliver services in a manner that is culturally and linguistically competent and reflects the needs of the minority populations it serves.	5	5

Overall Application and Budget - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score	Score
1. Application was completed accurately and submitted on time.	5	5
2. Application budget was complete, accurate and reasonable. For renewals, to receive full points, the budget must match or be less than the GIW.	5	5
3. Application budget indicates the correct amount of match or higher.	5	5
4. For renewals only, the unit breakdown matched what was in prior applications and on file.	5	5

Section 4 - Renewal Projects Only

Desk Monitoring Findings - Maximum 10 points	Possible Score	Score
1. Applicant demonstrates that they have reviewed the most recent monitoring tool and have plans or have taken action to rectify any areas where improvements were needed	10	10

Final Scoring

Scoring Category	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	75	75	100%
Section 4- Renewal Projects Only	10	10	100%
Monitoring Score	157	150.5	96%
Final Application Score	242	235.5	97%

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Desk Monitoring Review

Area of consideration	Total Possible Score	Score	Notes
Client Feedback	12		
Consumer Surveys	3	3	
Communication of rules and regulations	3	3	
Process to resolve complaint	3	3	
Incorporation of consumer feedback	3	1.5	How is consumer input incorporated at program/agency level
Program Coordination	12		
Coordination with CE	3	3	
Formerly homeless person on board	6	6	
Subrecipients (if applicable)	3	3	
Agency Staff and Cultural Competency	20		
Strategies	7	6	
Active Participation	8	8	
Promoting Racial Equity	5	4	
Housing First Principles	27		

Project access	6	6	
Project input	6	6	
Lease agreements (if applicable)	3	3	
services	6	6	
Housing provision	6	6	
Project Administration	16		
HUD Audit	3	3	
Budget Narrative	3	3	
match	1	1	
Program goals	3	3	
Intake process/eligibility	6	6	

	total possible score	score	%
Compliance Score	87	83.5	96%
Performance Score	70	67	96%
Total Monitoring Score	157	150.5	96%

Permanent Supportive Housing Program: Capstan

Goals	Required Performance Standard		%	Points Awarded
1. Households residing in permanent housing will remain in this housing for a minimum of 1 year or exit to other permanent housing.	85% will remain housed for a least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing, or continue in permanent housing	≥85%=10 80%-84%= 8 65%-79%= 4 55%-64%= 1 ≤55%= 0	100%	10
2. Households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing)	<10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness	≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	0%	10
3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income (Includes wages and mainstream resources)	85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	80%	7
4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.*	20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually	≥20%= 10 10%-19%= 6 5%-9%= 3 ≤5%= 0	100%	10
5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits	85% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	100%	10
6. Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fills vacancies	>90% occupancy during reporting period	≥90%= 10 70%-89%= 7 51%-69%= 4 ≤50%= 0	100%	10
7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	<10% data quality errors	<10%= 10 11%-20%= 7 21%-30%= 4 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	0	10
Total:				67

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*Projects serving 100% chronically homeless or SSI/SSD clients exempt from this measure

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The following HMIS reports are used: 02/01/2021-01/31/2022

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

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The following HMIS reports are used: 02/01/2021-01/31/2022

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

Subject: FY2022 CoC funding Ocean County
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:46:19 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Vienckowski, Kasey
To: Tricia Bradly, Alice Woods
Attachments: Appeals policy.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2022 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal. The HPAC Executive Committee has not selected the Harbor House Next Steps program for funding in the FY2022 CoC cycle. The HPAC committee is limited in the amount of funding available for new projects and this year your project was not able to move forward to be recommended. The Ocean County HPAC Committee would encourage you to apply in future funding cycles for the allowable project types. Please reach out to Kasey Vienckowski to discuss future funding opportunities at kvienckowski@monarchhousing.org. If you would like to appeal this decision please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Request	Award	Notes
			72	Harbor House	Next Steps	\$86,669	Project not selected for funding

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1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted

Subject: FY2022 Ocean CoC funding
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:40:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Vienckowski, Kasey
To: Carol Sainthilaire (csainthilaire@cspnj.org)
Attachments: Appeals policy.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2022 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposals. The HPAC Executive Committee is pleased to inform you that the Ocean County OMHS S+C 2009 CSPNJ project has been supported for funding through the FY2022 application cycle.

If you would like to appeal this decision please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved projects.

Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Request	Award	Notes
1/2	5	80	Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey	Ocean County OMHS S+C 2009	\$50,409	\$50,409	Project awarded full amount requested

Please be aware that the following requirements and deadlines will be in effect for the FY2022 application cycle:

- Projects may not request more funding than is approved and shown in the above identified budget
- Applications must be completed in their entirety in the e-snaps system
- Once applications have been completed, **DO NOT** hit the submit button in the system
- Applicants must email a pdf copy of the completed application to Kasey Vienckowski at kvienckowski@monarchhousing.org for review
- Applicants may only hit the submit button once the application has been reviewed and approved by Monarch

You may access the E-snaps website at the following location:

<https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

All applicants must submit PDF copies of their application to Kasey Vienckowski by **Wednesday September 7th**.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to access the resources below in completing their application:

HUD FY2022 CoC Competition page:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2022-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

E-snaps project applicant instructions:

Renewals:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2910/coc-project-application-instructions-for-renewal-projects/>

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Subject: FY2022 Ocean County CoC funding

Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:38:52 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: Vienckowski, Kasey

To: April McKenzie-Creech, Peter Boynton

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2022 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposals. The HPAC Executive Committee is pleased to inform you that the Affordable Housing Alliance Ocean Coordinated Exit Program has been supported for funding through the FY2022 application cycle. The review committee has allocated \$183,686 for a one year grant term to AHA to operate the Coordinated Entry project for Ocean County Continuum of Care.

If you would like to appeal this decision please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved projects.

Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Request	Award	Notes
1	2	97	EHG	Ocean HPAC Coordinated Exit	\$183,686	\$183,686	Project awarded full amount requested

Please be aware that the following requirements and deadlines will be in effect for the FY2022 application cycle:

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Subject: FY2022 Ocean County CoC Award
Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4:37:40 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Vienckowski, Kasey
To: Steve Heisman
Attachments: Appeals policy.pdf

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2022 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposals. The HPAC Executive Committee is pleased to inform you that the Habcore Ocean Leasing AP14 Consolidated FY22, Habcore Capstan II FY22, Habcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY22, and Leasing Expansion projects have been supported for funding through the FY2022 application cycle.

If you would like to appeal this decision please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

You may begin the process of completing your application through the on-line e-snaps system. Please see below for the funding levels for your approved projects.

Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Request	Award	Notes
1	1	97	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Capstan II FY19	\$69,113	\$69,113	Project awarded full amount requested
1	3	96	HABcore, Inc.	Ocean Leasing AP14OC FY 22	\$325,564	\$325,564	Project awarded full amount requested
1	4	93	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY19	\$88,720	\$88,720	Project awarded full amount requested
2	6	100	Habcore, Inc	Leasing Expansion	\$33,495	\$83,605	Project Awarded full amount of bonus available

Please be aware that the following requirements and deadlines will be in effect for the FY2022 application cycle:

- Projects may not request more funding than is approved and shown in the above identified budget
- Applications must be completed in their entirety in the e-snaps system
- Once applications have been completed, **DO NOT** hit the submit button in the system
- Applicants must email a pdf copy of the completed application to Kasey Vienckowski at kvienckowski@monarchhousing.org for review

· Applicants may only hit the submit button once the application has been reviewed and approved by Monarch

You may access the E-snaps website at the following location:

<https://esnaps.hud.gov/grantium/frontOffice.jsf>

All applicants must submit PDF copies of their application to Kasey Vienckowski by **Wednesday September 7th**.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to access the resources below in completing their application:

HUD FY2022 CoC Competition page:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2022-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

E-snaps project applicant instructions:

Renewals:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2910/coc-project-application-instructions-for-renewal-projects/>

New Projects:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2909/coc-project-application-instructions-for-new-projects/>

Expansion Projects:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5853/applying-for-expansion-projects-during-the-coc-program-competition/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Very truly yours,

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1E-5b. Final Project Scores for All Projects

3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements

**Memorandum of Understanding
BETWEEN
HABcore
AND
Beacon of Life**

Beacon of Life and HABcore have a history of collaborating to better serve the community.

The purpose of this Affiliation Agreement is to memorialize the working relationship between Beacon of Life and HABcore for purposes of providing healthcare services to three households to be affordably housed in the HABcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS

HABcore is applying for an expansion to the HABcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC Program.

Project eligibility will be consistent with the HUD PH-PSH and Continuum of Care fair housing guidelines for Leasing programs reserved for the chronically homeless.

HABcore Supportive Housing Coordinators will coordinate services upon request with the Beacon of Life's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) for program participants 55+ where they can receive all-inclusive services such as additional mental health counseling, occupational or physical therapy, primary health care or RN in-home care, transportation or dietary and recreational services.

Services are valued at \$5,905.19 monthly. Participants may access as many services as they need.

The term of this agreement will cover the annual term of the HUD Leasing contract beginning at grant execution in 2023.

Any changes in this agreement will be requested in advance in writing by a Beacon of Life Director or HABcore's Executive or Associate Directors.

Sixty (60) days notice in writing by either party prior to the end of any term can terminate this agreement.



Pinni Friedman
Corporate Director of Program Development
Beacon of Life

9/7/2022

Date



Steve Heisman
Executive Director
HABcore, Inc.

9-7-22

Date