Before Starting the CoC Application

You must submit all three of the following parts in order for us to consider your Consolidated Application complete:

 1. the CoC Application,
 2. the CoC Priority Listing, and
 3. all the CoC's project applications that were either approved and ranked, or rejected.

 As the Collaborative Applicant, you are responsible for reviewing the following:

 1. The FY 2024 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
 2. The FY 2024 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
 3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
 4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
 5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

 Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
 - 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
 - 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

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

 Attachments
 Questions requiring attachments to receive points state, "You Must Upload an Attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen." Only upload documents responsive to the questions posed–including other material slows down the review process, which ultimately slows down the funding process. Include a cover page with the attachment name.
 - Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
 - We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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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: NJHMFA

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024:
1.	select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or
2.	select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:

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

17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	No	No
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes
31.	Youth Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
32.	Youth Homeless Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
33.	Youth Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Other: (limit 50 characters)			
34.				
35.				

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

1B-1a.	Experience Promoting Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section III.B.3.c.	

Describe in the field below your CoC's experience in effectively addressing the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities, who are substantially overrepresented in the homeless population.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works hard to address the needs of underserved communities, particularly Black and Brown communities. This past year the CoC formed an advisory board of people with lived experience. The CoC facilitated 2 focus groups in order to engage people with lived experience for the advisory board. The CoC reached out to agencies throughout the county, as well as faith based communities in the county to ensure the broadest, most diverse population was reached. Ultimately, the board was formed with 4 people and is racially diverse with half of the members identifying as Black/African American.

The CoC has prioritized engaging and working with those experiencing unsheltered homelessness through the following initiatives: 1) During the winter months the CoC works with several faith-based organizations who provide warming centers for persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness. On nights that reach 32 degrees or below Code Blue is called by local OEM per NJ state law. On these Code Blue nights the Warming Centers serve a diverse population and anyone that wants shelter is able to access it. 2)The CoC is also currently working with residents of an encampment, which has a diverse community. Outreach workers are working closely with the residents of the encampments to access permanent housing with locally dedicated RRH funds. The outreach workers assist those who need it in acquiring all of their documents, ensuring they are on the CE list, and helping them find apartments. The outreach workers are working with directly with the landlords to ensure there is no discrimination.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:
1.	communicated a transparent invitation process annually (e.g., communicated to the public on the CoC's website) to solicit new members to join the CoC;
2.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
3.	invited organizations serving culturally specific communities experiencing homelessness in your CoC's geographic area to address equity (e.g., Black, Latino, Indigenous, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities).

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC ensures a transparent invitation process annually to solicit new members to join by implementing effective communication strategies. This includes providing accessible electronic platforms for mass communication, ensures individuals with disabilities have equal access to information.
To promote transparency, the CoC disseminates information about the invitation process through various channels such as websites and e-mail list. These platforms provide clear instructions, in PDF format, of eligibility criteria, applications and deadlines for interested stakeholders to apply for membership. The CoC executive committee encourages stakeholders to consider membership at all human service-related meetings. Invitations for membership are extended to non-CoC partners throughout the year in homeless planning activities. The CoC dedicates time during the annual meeting to make an official request for membership. All members of the community are encouraged to invite anyone that is an advocate or who may be interested in participation.
2.To communicate effectively with individuals with disabilities, the CoC adopts accessible communication practices. This includes providing alternative formats for information, such as large print and audio recordings. The CoC also ensures their website uses screen reader friendly formatting. Any necessary accommodations would be made for those with disabilities. Moreover, the CoC encourages feedback from persons with disabilities to improve communication methods.
3.Inclusivity is a priority, and the CoC Executive Committee actively engages with organizations serving culturally specific communities, outreach agencies, sheltering programs and faith-based agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness in the geographic area. Part of the recurring scheduled CoC Executive committee or sub-committee meetings, these non-CoC partner meetings happen at least quarterly or whenever needed or requested.
CoC member agencies have been connecting formerly homeless persons to CoC meetings. The CoC has established an advisory board comprising Individuals who have personally experienced homelessness. This board ensures the voices and perspectives of those who have lived through homelessness are directly incorporated into decision making processes and have equal opportunity to participate and contribute to the COC's mission.

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

		Describe in the field below how your CoC:
	1.	solicited and considered opinions from a broad array of organizations and individuals that have knowledge of homelessness, or an interest in preventing and ending homelessness;
	2.	communicated information during public meetings or other forums your CoC uses to solicit public information;
	3.	ensured effective communication and access for persons with disabilities, including the availability of accessible electronic formats; and
	4.	took into consideration information gathered in public meetings or forums to address improvements or new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC actively solicits and considers opinions from a diverse range of organizations and individuals with knowledge or interest in homeless prevention and ending homelessness. The CoC hosts bimonthly 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 discussions. The CoC is made-up of service providers, government entities, nonprofit agencies, faith-based agencies, and formerly homeless persons. The CoC Executive committee meets with key community stakeholders to discuss relevant issues of homelessness and identify areas for collaboration.

2. The CoC effectively communicates information by providing clear and accessible materials. The meeting schedule is published on the CoC website and monthly meeting reminders are sent out by e-mail. The e-mail listserv includes all persons who have attended meetings in the past or have requested information about the CoC. The meeting agenda provides opportunity for subcommittee updates, trainings, and open discussion of community issues. The input received due to the open dialogue at meetings allows all attendees to offer and/or receive valuable input. The open discussion helps the CoC identify areas for improvement and explore new approaches to preventing and ending homelessness.

3. The 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. The CoC analyzes feedback and insights shared by attendees, considering the diverse perspectives and experiences expressed. Recently, concerns and suggestions were raised from individuals experiencing homelessness about the lack of shelter options. By actively listening, the CoC recognized the need for a more comprehensive approach to address the housing crisis.

4. The County was able to use the community feedback to leverage local ARP dollars to address housing insecurity in the community. Two grants were released with over $20 million in funds cumulatively allocated to developing congregate and non-congregate shelter in the CoC, as well as a robust RRH initiative targeting those experiencing unsheltered and chronic homelessness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC released an RFP on 5/8/2024 .The request was e-mailed & posted on
the website. RFP included
funding priorities for new & renewal projects, application, scoring criteria & timeline for submissions. The CoC had a Technical Assistance webinar on 5/23/24 providing clear instructions and guidance to interested organizations, ensuring everyone had equal opportunity to apply. The webinar educated on eligible funding activities, funding priorities, & how to complete the local selection process. TA session is recorded & available to the community.
By actively notifying the public about the opportunity, the CoC aimed to encourage a diverse range of agencies to participate & bring forth innovative ideas, ensuring new voices & perspectives are considered in the process. This process, enabled organizations that had not previously received
CoC funding to have a fair chance at securing support for new projects.
2.Renewal projects are evaluated on performance, monitoring results for HUD compliance & regulation, use of housing first model, & participation in Coordinated Entry. Project expenditure rates over the last 3 years and 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 a set of predetermined criteria which includes factors such as the project's alignment with CoC funding priorities, agency's track record & capacity, budget & sustainability, proposed performance measures & potential impact on the target population. Each criterion is scored & the totals are used to prioritize & select the projects for submission to HUD for consideration. New and renewal projects are scored on separate scoring scales. 3.Final scores are a % of points received for each respective scoring scale allowing for comparative review & rank of new & renewal projects. The CoC accepts proposals from those who have not received funding in the past and advertises this throughout the local selection process & TA session.
4.To ensure transparency, the CoC emphasized following the application format and meeting all requirements & deadlines. The CoC provides electronic versions of application materials in accessible formats such as PDFs with text that can be read by screen readers & word documents with adjustable screens.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

	Entities or Organizations Your CoC Coordinates with for Planning or Operations of Projects	Coordinates with the Planning or Operations of Projects?
1.	Funding Collaboratives	Yes
2.	Head Start Program	Yes
3.	Housing and services programs funded through Local Government	Yes
4.	Housing and services programs funded through other Federal Resources (non-CoC)	Yes
5.	Housing and services programs funded through private entities, including Foundations	Yes
6.	Housing and services programs funded through State Government	Yes
7.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)	Yes
8.	Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)	Yes
9.	Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)	Yes
10.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent
11.	Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color	Yes
12.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes
13.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes
14.	Private Foundations	Yes
15.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes
16.	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	Yes
17.	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	Yes
	Other:(limit 50 characters)	
18.		

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

In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC:

1.	Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds?	Yes
2.	Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area?	Yes
3.	Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates?	Yes
4.	Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients?	Yes

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

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

1.	Conducted mandatory training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure families are not separated?	Yes
2.	Conducted optional training for all CoC- and ESG-funded service providers to ensure family members are not separated?	Yes
3.	Worked with CoC and ESG recipient(s) to adopt uniform anti-discrimination policies for all subrecipients?	Yes
4.	Worked with ESG recipient(s) to identify both CoC- and ESG-funded facilities within your CoC's geographic area that might be out of compliance and took steps to work directly with those facilities to bring them into compliance?	Yes
5.	Sought assistance from HUD by submitting questions or requesting technical assistance to resolve noncompliance by service providers?	Yes

1C-4.	CoC Collaboration Related to Children and Youth–SEAs, LEAs, School Districts.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Regional Director of the McKinney Vento Homeless liaisons is an active member of the CoC. He provides regular updates on the needs in schools 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 & employment services for youth. The homeless liaison participated in the 2024 PIT count and schools
were included and trained in administering the PIT survey for any families experiencing
homelessness or at risk.
The CoC has a Board member on the Exec committee who is
the ED at a community partner agency that offers shelter to families, case management, family mentoring, tutoring, after school program resources and support homeless students for academic and social purposes.
The director of Ocean County's care management organization (CMO) is member of the Executive committee. The CMO organization serves youth up to 21 with mental health, substance use, intellectual and developmental needs and their families. The organization works alongside school homeless liaisons to help meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness and decrease barriers to their education by connecting them and their families to resources. The organization is funded through Medicaid.

1C-4b.	Informing Individuals and Families Who Have Recently Begun Experiencing Homelessness about Eligibility for Educational Services.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

> Describe in the field below written policies and procedures your CoC uses to inform individuals and families who have recently begun experiencing homelessness of their eligibility for educational services.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC 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 and ensure individuals and families experiencing homelessness are aware of their rights and options regarding education. Case managers provide clear guidance on how to access necessary supports and 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 V.B.1.d.	

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

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

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

	In the chart below select yes or no for the organizations your CoC collaborates with:

	Organizations	
1.	State Domestic Violence Coalitions	Yes
2.	State Sexual Assault Coalitions	Yes
3.	Anti-trafficking Service Providers	Yes
	Other Organizations that Help this Population (limit 500 characters)	
4.		

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations that you selected yes to in Question 1C-5 to:
1.	update CoC-wide policies; and
2.	ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC's geographic area are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry addresses the needs of DV survivors by including:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC works closely with victim service providers to develop and implement
safety protocols, ensuring that survivors' safety is prioritized, their information is kept confidential, and appropriate specialized services for support are provided. Coordinated Entry includes protocols such as risk assessment, comprehensive safety plans, and prioritizes them for access to emergency shelter and transitional housing or other housing assistance.
To ensure confidentiality, when DV client present to a Coordinated Entry point while experiencing an imminent threat or a safety risk trauma informed care trained staff implement CE policy by offering the household the choice to be referred directly to the CoC's DV provider they feel most comfortable with. DV families can have access to other services including advocacy, counseling, safety planning, or other services.

2.The CoC's Confidentiality protocols ensure that survivor information is kept private and shared only with authorized service providers. These measures aim to create a safe and supportive environment for survivor households. of domestic violence. CE may exercise protocols such as providing secure and private spaces for interviews and assessments, implementing strict confidentiality policies for staff and service providers, utilizing pseudonyms or code names to protect survivor identities, and ensuring that survivor information is securely stored and accessed only by authorized personnel.
The CoC CE may also include providing information on legal rights and resources available to survivors, offering trauma informed care & counseling services, collaborating with law enforcement and community organizations to enhance survivor safety, and conducting ongoing training for staff and service providers to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the unique needs of survivors.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.All housing agencies adhere to the CoC
emergency transfer plan policy the CoC adopted in 2019. 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 CoC does not require households to do anything to request an emergency transfer, beyond reporting they have the need. The agencies then would enact safety protocols established in the plan to find the household temporary shelter.
4.The CoC ensures the household has access to safe shelter in immediate response to an emergency transfer request. Once that immediate need is met the household is referred to CE and Providence House, DV provider in the community, for long term permanent housing stabilization.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC ensures that survivor information is kept private and shared only with authorized service providers. These measures aim to create a safe and supportive environment for survivor households of domestic violence. CA exercise protocols such as providing secure and private spaces for interviews and assessments, implementing strict confidentiality policies for staff and service providers, utilizing pseudonyms or code names to protect survivor identities, and ensuring that survivor information is securely stored and accessed only by authorized personnel.
The CoC CA also provides information on legal rights and resources available to survivors, offering trauma informed care & counseling services, collaborating with law enforcement and community organizations to enhance survivor safety, and conducting ongoing training for staff and service providers to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the unique needs of survivors.
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.
Providence House is an active member on the HPAC and has been involved in focus groups that the CoC hosted regarding people experiencing homelessness: Survivors of DV, single adults, families and youth.

1C-5f.	Identifying and Removing Barriers for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.e.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures survivors receive safe housing and services by:
1.	identifying barriers specific to survivors; and
2.	working to remove those barriers.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is working to identify systemic barriers in the homeless response system to safely house and provide services to survivors of domestic violence through comprehensive assessments and ongoing collaboration with service providers, survivors, and other community stakeholders. The newly formed lived experience advisory board spent time talking about the growth around trafficked individuals this past year. They are concerned about how to determine best practices; raising awareness, language barriers, and ensuring there are collaborative efforts in the community. These concerns led the CoC to provide a training on Human Trafficking at a Monthly Meeting. The CoC continues to work toward removing
barriers and improving access to safe housing. The Coordinated Entry agency's housing navigator quickly moves individuals & families into permanent housing & reduces the time it takes persons in crisis to obtain housing. Assisting clients to find the right housing match promotes stability & allows for the use of new voucher opportunities. The housing navigator also assists in supporting survivors in obtaining safe housing. This enables continued client confidentiality & safety while still linking the client to PH. Also, when a DV survivor is identified in RRH, they are able to be sent directly into a county-funded program (HHI) where they are provided with immediate funding for rent.

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC strives to create an environment where discrimination is not tolerated and
where everyone can access housing and services without fear of discrimination based on factors such as race, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity.
1)The CoC evaluates all policies on an annual basis and will make updates to its anti-discrimination policy or develop new policies, as needed. If a stakeholder, partner, or CoC member notifies the CoC Lead of any updates needed the Lead will make policy updates. The CoC adopted a grievance policy to allow recipients of homeless services, agencies, and advocates to report any concerns of discriminatory practice to the CoC lead in 2024.
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 any way that does not meet housing first, anti-discrimination CoC-wide policies the agency would have findings. The CoC would then provide the agency with technical assistance to develop the appropriate processes for serving those experiencing homelessness in Ocean County. The CoC would also pull in partners from within the county, state, or federally that could aid 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, the CoC lead or Exec committee would follow the CoC monitoring policy and complete additional evaluations to ensure the agency/program were adhering to all CoC policies and HUD regulations
4)If concerns or findings are identified in the annual monitoring or through a grievance submitted, the agency in
question 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 isn't resolute to the issues, they risk loss of funding and further corrective action.

1C-7.	Public Housing Agencies within Your CoC's Geographic Area–New Admissions–General/Limited Preference–Moving On Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.g.	

You must upload the PHA Homeless Preference\PHA Moving On Preference attachment(s) to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Enter information in the chart below for the two largest PHAs highlighted in gray on the current CoC-PHA Crosswalk Report or the two PHAs your CoC has a working relationship with–if there is only one PHA in your CoC's geographic area, provide information on the one:

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
NJ Dept of Community Affairs	33%	Yes-Both	No

CSPNJ	100%	No	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC continues to maintain a strong relationship with two PHAs in Ocean County. Two PHAs in the region, NJ Dept. of Community Affairs and CSP, have homeless preferences within their HCV admin plans. \
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. This past year, the CoC began working with Brick PHA for the FYI Initiative to Ocean County. The CoC was able to forge a strong relationship with the Brick PHA and there is currently an MOU with the Brick PHA and DCP&P for the FYI Initiative. The CoC has also set up MOUs with service providers to provide support services to the youth in the FYI housing.

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)	Yes
2.	Family Unification Program (FUP)	No
3.	Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)	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:	
	FYI	Yes

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

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

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

	Did your CoC coordinate with any PHA to apply for or implement funding provided for Housing Choice Vouchers dedicated to homelessness, including vouchers provided through the American Rescue Plan?	Yes

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition.	5
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	5
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC evaluates projects where the applicant checks "housing first" on their
project application to determine if they are using a housing first approach. The CoC monitoring tool includes 27 points and local application includes 10 points related to project adherence to housing first principles.
2.The monitoring tool
evaluates program policies & procedures, best practices, compliance with fair housing & equal access rules, input from persons with lived experience of homelessness, efforts to prevent evictions, use of standard leases, use of culturally appropriate & 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.
3.The CoC evaluation process involves
reviewing project documents, assessing outcomes and performance measures using HMIS data to ensure fidelity to the housing first model. In addition, the CoC evaluates the program data 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 CoC adopted a grievance policy in 2024 and the CoC lead evaluates all grievances for evidence the agency/program is operating outside of the housing first policies. The CoC lead would trigger a monitoring of any agency found to be operating this way.
4.The CoC's projects that include PSH programs, RRH initiatives, and scattered site housing models prioritize individuals experiencing homelessness with immediate access to stable and permanent housing, without preconditions providing individualized support services and promoting client choice and self-determination.
The focus is on housing as a fundamental human right and then
providing the necessary support services to help individuals maintain their housing stability.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is working with 3 street outreach teams and 2 PATH teams in the community. These teams work with a philosophy of "meeting people where they are at". They are identifying locations where unsheltered people are staying and going out to them to better connect and build rapport with the people. The street outreach teams (SO) work closely together so that they do not duplicate services. Each team tries to cover a specific area of the county. The SO teams will provide the unsheltered clients with the services they need and/or ensure they are physically connected to those services. The SO teams bring the clients to the Coordinated Entry office to ensure that the clients are entered into the CE system and they help them obtain any documents that are missing. The teams work closely with law enforcement and hospitals to respond to calls for assistance with unsheltered persons. Outreach teams & drop-in centers use translation tech to assist those with limited English proficiency. The teams conduct outreach to community groups serving specific populations to raise awareness of available services & encourage communities that don't traditionally access services to connect with the outreach teams if needed.

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

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

	Your CoC's Strategies	Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers	Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness
1.	Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness?	Yes	Yes
2.	Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places?	Yes	Yes
3.	Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places?	No	Yes
4.	Other:(limit 500 characters)		

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2023	2024
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	Longitudinal HMIS Data	41	74

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

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

	Mainstream Benefits	CoC Provides Annual Training?
1.	Food Stamps	Yes
2.	SSI–Supplemental Security Income	Yes
3.	SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance	Yes
4.	TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Yes
5.	Substance Use Disorder Programs	Yes
6.	Employment Assistance Programs	Yes
7.	Other (limit 150 characters)	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The board of social services(BOSS) is an active member of the CoC, with a seat on the executive committee which meets monthly, most CoC subcommittees that also meet monthly, as well as general bimonthly CoC meetings. BOSS and other agencies implementing benefits programs, provide changes & updates to, and availability of, benefits programs at all meetings they are in attendance. Any changes/updates in benefits programs are published on the CoC website oceanhpac.org as well as sent via email to the complete listserv.

Through the CoC's Coordinated Entry system, assessments are done that identify individuals and families who could be eligible for benefits. The state of New jersey has a website, NJHelps, that is available to anyone interesting in applying for benefits. Eligibility is determined through a brief screening tool online.

The vast majority of CoC provider agencies in the county provide clients with assistance in application process in order to receive benefits, including healthcare benefits such as Medicaid in addition to providing services or housing. Part of the case management provided by most mental health and/or substance use service providers consists of ensuring consumers attend all appointments necessary to maintaining physical/mental health.

In 2018 the CoC in conjunction with county government initiated formal code blue protocols. The CoC partnered with 2 hospitals nearest Code Blue warming centers to develop safe discharge plan protocols for admitted hospital guests that are experiencing homelessness not to be discharged to warming centers. Both hospitals have been active participants at full CoC meetings and other subcommittees.

Several CoC agencies, a few being CE, staff at the drop-in and day center all have SOAR trained staff that assists consumers in connecting to SSI or SSD. Recently, DCA awarded two agencies to prevention service funding and both agencies will be responsible for connecting program participants with SOAR

	ID-7.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent the Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
		NOFO Section V.B.1.n.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC effectively collaborates with state and local public health agencies to develop CoC-wide policies and procedures that:
	1.	respond to infectious disease outbreaks; and
	2.	prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. The CoC is able to work with the County Dept of Health to set up vaccination days at the Coordinated Entry site. The SO staff are able to bring homeless individuals to the site for these days.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC:	
1.	effectively shared information related to public health measures and homelessness; and	
2.	facilitated communication between public health agencies and homeless service providers to ensure street outreach providers and shelter and housing providers are equipped to prevent or limit infectious disease outbreaks among program participants.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC works closely with the county Department of Health (DOH) to disseminate any up-to-date information on COVID-19 safety precautions or other alterations made to state or local mandates as well as other public health information. The CoC and county DOH will communicate any necessary safety measures to the community through e-mail, the CoC's listserv, CoC's website & DOH's website.
Additionally, local and state DOHs 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.
Through the practices used during the pandemic, the CoC continues the virtual meeting model and has set up the infrastructure and communication allowing virtual intakes of clients and electronic collection of documentation that will be required in future unexpected health crises

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) administers the Coordinated Entry (CE) system in Ocean County. Households needing assistance call Coordinated Entry directly or the homeless hotline through NJ 211. This past year, AHA has partnered
with CSPNJ to provide Outreach to conduct assessments. CSPNJ covers 100%of the
CoC's geographic region and is "meeting people where they are". This is allowing for more
realistic engagement and an easier time receiving documents. Both consumers and staff are
seeing/feeling the benefits.
The coordinated assessment (CA)process covers the entire CoC geographic region through a large network of provider agencies strategically located throughout the CoC. The CA process focuses on assessment and connection to permanent housing opportunities however the CA also works to connect clients to other community
services as needed.
2.The CA process involving various stakeholders, is administered by trained staff of the COC's homeless service provider agencies. The assessment tool (AT) is tailored to meet the specific needs and priorities of the local population centered on homeless history, presence of disabling conditions, involvement in the corrections system, physical and mental health conditions, housing and employment history. Determining factors that meet prioritizations are chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of time homeless. These factors will ensure targeted assistance is provided to those who need it most.
3.All CA staff attend an annual training about how to provide trauma-informed care.
4.AHA regularly engages with community agencies advertising the coordinated assessment process and encouraging collaboration efforts. AHA has strong working relationships not only with CoC partner agencies but they have established good relationships with referral partners outside the CoC to guarantee all persons with housing insecurities can access CA.
The CoC Executive committee evaluates AHA's performance monthly collecting progress reports of persons assessed &
referrals. The Permanent Housing Committee meets monthly to provide updates on the timeliness of referrals to ensure households are quickly connected to assistance. Participating projects have the opportunity during monthly Case Conferencing to also provide feedback.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.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. A few CoC partner agencies that participate in Code Blue, extended their outreach services beyond the Code Blue season and have been exercising outreach and engagement all year long. In collaboration with other partner agencies, they were able to locate 2 new encampments, linking several individuals and families to CA and other services. The encampments are intentionally removed from any frequented areas because it is mainly a population with complex barriers that has lost faith in accessing services.
2. The CA tool determines vulnerability based on homeless history & barriers 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 immediately when available.
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. Back in 2021, CoC funded a new Coordinated Entry Expansion project to increase staffing dedicated to CE and expand outreach.
4.The Coordinated Entry agency has contracted with CSPNJ to provide outreach services and reach people in the community who are not able to get in to the CE office. The CSPNJ outreach team is
mobile and frequents areas the homeless congregate (libraries, soup kitchens, drop-in centers, encampments) to ensure all are connected to CE and mainstream
resources. The team frequents their visits to said areas to build rapport with the consumers and establish trust.   Other outreach teams working in the area are also closely connected to the CE program and   transport people to the program sight, help people attain their documentation and link them to services. The CE staff also reaches out to outreach workers when they hear that people are in locations without transportation to ensure they are able to connect to services.

1D-8b.	Coordinated Entry–Informing Program Participants about Their Rights and Remedies–Reporting Violations.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

		Describe in the field below how your CoC through its coordinated entry:
	1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
	2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
	3.	reports any conditions or actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction(s) responsible for certifying consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CoC agencies market housing and services throughout the entire geographic area by organizing multiple events throughout the year. Several agencies partner together and coordinate many different community events in which outreach happens prior to any planned event. Agencies partner with one another, many times using faith-based organizations such as churches, as the host site. The CE has partnered with the Toms River Housing and Homeless Coalition to provide Agency Days, which bring in various providers once a month that help consumers in different ways. There are shower trucks, food trucks, Social Services, Senior Services, NJ Reentry, free haircuts and other ancillary services. This partnership has helped expand the marketing and has helped expand the providers. There have been healthcare events where medical assistants and RNs check basic vitals and offer Covid and/or flu vaccines and testing. Community
resources are collected or represented at these events.
2.The CoC centralized system informs program participants of their rights by incorporating educational materials as handouts or electronic sharing, as part of resources provided ensuring program participants have access to information about their rights and how to address any potential violations. By empowering individuals with this knowledge, the CoC helps ensure that consumers are aware of their rights and can take appropriate action if their fair housing or civil rights are violated.
3.The CoC will report any actions that impede fair housing choice for current or prospective program participants to the jurisdiction responsible for certifying consistency with the consolidated plan. This reporting ensures that barriers & discriminatory practices that hinder fair housing options are identified and addressed, promoting equal access to housing opportunities for all individuals within the CoC's jurisdiction. The CoC may report a landlord or a housing provider's lack of accessibility in housing units for individuals with disabilities, rejection or unequal treatment based on race, gender, or other protected characteristics. Reporting these issues, the CoC can work towards addressing and eliminating discriminatory practices and promoting equal access.

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

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

1D-9a.	Using Data to Determine if Racial Disparities Exist in Your CoC's Provision or Outcomes of CoC Program-Funded Homeless Assistance.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and	

2.	how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC executive committee addresses pressing community wide issues determining systemic racial disparities as a prioritized concern. They review PIT, LSA, and each HMIS data, as well as coordinated entry data annually to identify specifics of over representation of any population or household characteristics experiencing homelessness. Until there are significant systemic changes, the CoC will not stop trying different approaches to combat the issues.

2.2024 PIT data shows persons experiencing homelessness that identify as Black, non-Hispanic/Latino are overrepresented in the population experiencing homelessness. While 3.0% of the general population, persons identifying as Black or African American are 3% of the population in poverty and yet account for 21.0% of the population experiencing homelessness.

The CoC aims to address some of these disparities amongst the unsheltered population in FY2024 strategic plan, the CoC identified the need for effective PSH programs to provide low-barrier housing; a housing-first framework; trauma-informed care and the need for additional housing and services. Currently PSH programs vary as to how they provide services. The CoC will look to ensure that all CoC funded PSH programs are providing the type of programs that are truly the most effective and that are using best practices.

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

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

1.	Are your CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies representative of the population served in the CoC?	
2.	Did your CoC identify steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC?	Yes
3.	Is your CoC expanding outreach in your CoC's geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups?	Yes
4.	Does your CoC have communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups?	Yes
5.	Is your CoC training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness?	Yes
6.	Is your CoC establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector?	Yes
7.	Does your CoC have staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness?	Yes
8.	Is your CoC educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity?	Yes
9.	Did your CoC review its coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
10.	Is your CoC collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system?	Yes
11.	Is your CoC conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness?	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	

12.	

You must select a response for elements 1 through 11 in question 1D-9b.

1D-9c.	Plan for Ongoing Evaluation of System-level Processes, Policies, and Procedures for Racial Equity.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below your CoC's plan for ongoing evaluation of system-level processes, policies, and procedures for racial equity.

(limit 2,500 characters)

Starting in 2022, the annual monitoring process and local selection applications began 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 tools 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.
The CoC will also continue to host workshops & trainings that aim to examine different aspects of the homeless system with an equity lens and provide participants the opportunity to share solutions. A CoC lived experience advisory board was formed this year and became an official subcommittee. The board is comprised of 2 African American people and 2 Caucasian people; 3 women and 1 man. The Chair of the advisory board sits on the Executive Committee. The chair reports community concerns and needs to the committee. The committee then aims to address the gaps and barriers faced by the homeless population in the community through policy change, leveraging local funds, and advocating for additional program needs.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC collected baseline data of disparities in the provision of service delivery using client feedback & HMIS data provided by CoC agencies during the monitoring process. 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 to determine whether the agency has the capacity to serve those from all varying 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-10. | Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.q. | |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC lead, Ending Homelessness Group (EHG) took a proactive approach to
engage persons previously/currently experiencing homelessness in the
geographic area to form an advisory board. In summer 2023, EHG asked for referrals from
shelters, PSH providers & outreach organizations. EHG announced at broad CoC meetings & other community meetings that they would host focus groups to initiate an advisory board. Requests for referrals were made to a variety of agencies in the system (outreach programs, drop-in centers, CE programs, ES,PSH,etc.). There was very little follow-up from agencies for further
clarification, and very few referrals.
EHG partnered with a statewide advisory board member and chose 2 dates/times to facilitate 2 focus groups. A flyer was dispersed to agencies & orgs in the community advertising details of each focus group. These meetings included
food & compensation of a $50 gift card and that was published on the flyers. The
flyer stated that individuals with current or previous experience of homelessness were welcome to join the group to have discussions on homeless service system improvements. Flyers were sent out to the greater communities, posted in the library, & distributed among agencies' consumer bases. This deployment worked well & reached far more individuals in the system than asking agencies for referrals. Consumers that RSVP'd to attend focus groups were asked to spread the word, referring anyone else they may know that would be willing or interested in participating. We decided that focus groups should range in size from 5-25 individuals (preferably close to 15) to facilitate robust conversation. Participants were provided with information on the role of the advisory board & expectations of members. They were also provided with a brief overview of the CoC structure & the bulk of each session was held to identify the community needs, barriers faced & answer any questions.   The Ocean County Advisory Board was established and had its first meeting in August 2023. It currently meets bi-monthly and has 4 members. The chairperson of the Board sits on the Executive Committee of the CoC.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	2	4
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	2	2
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	1	1

4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	1	1

1D-10b.	Professional Development and Employment Opportunities for Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness.
	NOFO Section V.B.1.q.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has an 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 meet income eligibility. The DVR program provides funding to attend college, vocational/trade school, earn a skilled certification to assist individuals in raising their income and stabilizing them in the community. The Dept of Community Affairs(DCA) 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 processes for 2023. The Statewide board of PWLE co-facilitated the statewide PIT trainings for 2024The CoC plans to engage the Ocean County AB in developing strategies for the 2025 PIT. That said, CoC agency, Ending Homelessness Group(EHG), organized &
facilitated focus groups for people with lived experience in the CoC geographic area, to determine who was interested in continued participation of individuals that would serve as an advisory board committee. The CoC will provide a space for the advisory board of persons with lived experience of Homelessness, to come together, exchange ideas and integrate with the CoC committees on all levels.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.CoC members gather feedback from persons currently experiencing homelessness & those who have received assistance through CoC & ESG funding. There are CoC members who have received assistance & they provide input in updating CoC policies which includes procedures for ESG implementation as well as individual program implementation during CoC board & subcommittee meetings.

The CoC developed a survey for Code Blue consumers this past year. It is offered to them after they have utilized a code blue warming center. The survey is online, is easily accessible and can be done anonymously. The survey allows consumers to securely submit comments, complaints or suggestions about the warming center that they stayed in; results are provided to the HPAC Executive Board at the end of the season.

The CoC routinely gathers feedback from persons with lived experience through the Advisory Board of PWLE. The CoC prioritizes incorporating and amplifying the voices of
PWLE in order to rebuild a better homeless response system.

2.The CoC-funded agencies collect client satisfaction surveys throughout the year. During the CoC Monitoring, each agency is scored on whether the agency is conducting those surveys. The PWLE Advisory Board are included in program planning, agency wide decision making and they participate in subcommittees.

3.The CoC gathers feedback from persons who currently receive assistance through CoC programs. There are CoC members who have received assistance & they provide
input in updating CoC policies which includes procedures for ESG implementation as well as individual program implementation during CoC board & subcommittee meetings. The CE agency has also developed a client satisfaction and feedback survey that they ask their clients to complete. These results are shared with the CoC leadership team.

4.The CoC asks for feedback about the services at each monthly CoC meeting.

5.Challenges raised by people with lived experience on the CoC's advisory board have been presented to various leadership teams,
For example, the advisory board
members have raised challenges with the Coordinated Entry System, Since this issue was raised, the CE and Executive
Committees have approved to restructure their process.

1D-11.	Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.s.	

	Describe in the field below at least two steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC's geographic area regarding the following:
1.	reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and
2.	reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.

(limit 2,500 characters)

The State of NJ monitors municipalities to ensure that they are providing their 'fair share' of the region's need for affordable housing for moderate and low income 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 A4/S50 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 met with the Planning Dept to discuss HOME ARP funds, the planning dept reports they will be dedicating the HOME ARP to the development of affordable housing.

The CoC has also had meetings with JBJ Soul Foundation in and around expanding services and affordable housing in the county. The Foundation reached out to the CoC wanting to know how they could help with the affordable housing crisis in the area. The CoC is talking to them about the needs in the community and how they can help. They are currently interested in helping with the opening of a local shelter.

(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:

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

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

1.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/05/2024
2.	Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition.	08/05/2024

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

You must upload the Local Competition Scoring Tool attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.
Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate how your CoC ranked and selected project applications during your local competition:

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

6.	Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers.	Yes

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	55
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 V.B.2.d.	

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding each project that has successfully housed program participants in permanent housing;
2.	how your CoC analyzed data regarding how long it takes to house people in permanent housing;
3.	how your CoC considered the specific severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by program participants preventing rapid placement in permanent housing or the ability to maintain permanent housing when your CoC ranked and selected projects; and
4.	the severe barriers your CoC considered.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

•85% of households will remain housed for at least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing (PH), or continue in PH(permanent housing retention)

•Less than 10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness

•85% of households will maintain or increase income at exit and annual assessment

•20% of adults who are not on SSI/SSD will be employed at program exit or annual assessment

•85% of households will maintain or obtain mainstream 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.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
		NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

		Describe in the field below:
	1.	how your CoC used input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;
	2.	how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and

3.	how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree that proposed projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and steps the projects took or will take to eliminate the identified barriers.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC is a multicultural multi-agency group that worked to diversify the funding committee that serves to develop and approve all local applications and scoring tools during FY2024. This engagement includes diversification based on race & gender to more equitably serve the CoC.The Executive Board annually reviews all monitoring, performance, and local application documents & scoring criteria. Based on input from the full membership, local priorities and areas of concern, the Exec Board determines additional rating factors and weight of scoring for that year.

2.The CoC funding committee was comprised of 5 Executive Committee members of different races/cultures that represent the homeless population in the community. The input of these persons was critical in implementing a racial equity evaluation on both the monitoring and local selection application materials for FY24.

3.The CoC made changes to the monitoring tool that included questions on consumer input & cultural competency for renewal applications to address the racial breakdown of projects, evaluate agencies on their ability to provide equitable & culturally appropriate services, & if it is reflective of the current homeless population. Projects who prioritize the most vulnerable, include client feedback to improve services, and implement Housing First & projects working to incorporate input of person s with lived experience & having agency leadership include persons with lived experience are viewed as promoting racial equity. 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 V.B.2.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC's Review Committee is to optimize resources and ensure
that funding is directed towards projects that have a greater impact and are
most effective on addressing homelessness for the most vulnerable in the
community. The review committee reviews all applications submitted based on
the approved funding priorities & applications tools released at the time of the
local selection process. Projects are evaluated on factors such as funding
priorities, performance metrics, outcomes & community needs, participation in
planning & agency health. The review committee scores projects and
determines level of funding based on application score, monitoring and
performance reviews. the CoC's Local Selection Process Policy establishes
objective scoring criteria
that are used to make funding recommendations based on the CoC's
established project priorities, project monitoring results, & project performance.
During the FY2024 local selection process, the Co C carefully evaluated all
projects and determined that there were no low performing or less needed
projects for reallocation. The review committee demonstrated the effectiveness
of the selection process in making sure that only impactful and necessary
projects move forward. In the local selection application and funding
announcement all agencies are
informed of the possibility of reallocation based on scoring and program need
and that new projects will be considered for funding through reallocation as well
as bonus funding. These announcements are sent via email, communicated at
the TA session, and posted on the CoC website.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024?	No

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024.	08/23/2024

1E-5b.	Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated; 4. Project Rank; 5. Amount Requested from HUD; and 6. Reallocated Funds +/-.	Yes

1E-5c.	Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.	
	You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	

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

1E-5d.	Notification to Community Members and Key Stakeholders by Email that the CoC-Approved Consolidated Application is Posted on Website.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.g.	
	You must upload the Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

	Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC's website or partner's website.	

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

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

	Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using.	Foothold Technology

2A-2.	HMIS Implementation Coverage Area.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

	Select from dropdown menu your CoC's HMIS coverage area.	Multiple CoCs

2A-3.	HIC Data Submission in HDX.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.a.	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX.	05/08/2024

2A-4.	Comparable Databases for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.b.	

	In the field below:	
1.	describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases; and	
2.	state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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. The CoC's HMIS is compatible with FY 2024 HMIS Data Standards

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

Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type:

Project Type	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report]	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report]	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report]	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report]
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	20	42	20	32.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	12	0	12	100.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	236	0	236	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	295	0	50	16.90%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	0.00%

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

	For each project type with a bed coverage rate that is at or below 84.99 percent in question 2A-5, describe:
1.	steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent for that project type; and
2.	how your CoC will implement the steps described to increase bed coverage to at least 85 percent.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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.
The CoC's Data subcommittee will work closely with the community's new data analyst to review accurate & timely HMIS data entry. In collaboration with the lead HMIS agency (NJHMFA), the data subcommittee chair will be arranging meetings to address barriers identified by community agencies & coordinate the 1-1 HMIS trainings for staff. The CoC Lead (EHG), the data analyst and data subcommittee will connect with state agencies to further discuss strategies to increase bed coverage in HMIS.

2A-6.	Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.	
	NOFO Section V.B.3.d.	
	You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST?	No

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

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
  - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

2B-2.	PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.a	

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX.	05/08/2024

2B-3.	PIT Count–Effectively Counting Youth in Your CoC's Most Recent Unsheltered PIT Count.	
	NOFO Section V.B.4.b.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC's youth and families committee engaged unaccompanied youth and youth-serving agencies in attempt to improve the youth count for the PIT. The committee conducted outreach to local agencies providing services for subpopulations of youth in need that focus on services such as shelters, schools, community centers, and faith-based organizations, to actively involve them in the PIT count planning process. These agencies were encouraged to complete surveys with all the youth they encountered during the PIT count timeframe. The committee held meetings and workshops specifically for youth organizations to familiarize and help them understand how to administer the PIT survey and addendum.
During the PIT planning process, the chair of the Outreach Committee and Coordinator of Ocean Partnership for Children (OPC), actively participates along with other OPC staff, providing insight on locations to identify homeless youth, engagement strategies, and provides several volunteers to assist with PIT data collection on the day & night of the count.

2B-4.	PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. For FY2024 the CoC provided enhanced trainings for volunteers and agencies completing the survey to ensure full understanding of the data collection, CH definition and distinctions related to counting length of time and episodes of homelessness

2. The CoC Outreach team partnered with volunteers to count the unsheltered population more effectively throughout the CoC geographic region. 6 virtual trainings were conducted & readily available to all agencies, interviewers, and volunteers alike prior to the count. Outreach trainings had a heavy focus on motivational interviewing. PIT trainings provided viewers a full understanding of data collection requirements for all elements associated with PIT analysis including homeless history & disabling conditions.

3.The PIT count was not affected by people displaced by a natural disaster or by people who recently arrived in the geographic area.

4.These enhanced trainings helped the volunteers engage more people and this showed in our numbers. From 2023-2024 there was a 28% increase in the overall homeless population, both sheltered and unsheltered. The CoC has an extensive network of providers that assist with outreach activities throughout the year. The Outreach committee worked closely with the advisory board to identify locations where unsheltered persons stay & to improve engagement and secure participation in the PIT & on-going services in the community. Outreach efforts strengthened this year's PIT process & having PWLE participating. 18% of the PIT data was collected through HMIS & the remaining 82% of data was collected via client surveys . As a result of these changes, the CoC saw an increase in volunteer engagement & a reduction in the number of potentially duplicate surveys. The unsheltered PIT count increased by about 14% in 2024 & there was a very slight decrease in sheltered numbers.

2C. System Performance

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

2C-1.	Reducing the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b.	

	In the field below:	
	1.	describe how your CoC determined the risk factors to identify persons experiencing homelessness for the first time;
	2.	describe your CoC's strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and
	3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC is actively working to reduce first-time homelessness by implementing various strategies. The Coordinated Entry(CE) process not only focuses on connecting people to permanent housing but also works with those who would benefit from prevention services. They collaborate with prevention programs and participate in monthly case conferencing meetings. In FY22, the CoC proposed strategies such as strengthening the Ocean ResourceNet, identifying provider agencies offering prevention services, and increasing prevention/diversion resources. Ocean County implemented a Homeless Trust Fund in July 2023 to provide flexible funding for existing programs, rental assistance vouchers, supportive services, and prevention services. This fund aims to fill the gap in serving individuals previously ineligible for other services. In 2023, the CoC, through County funding, provided prevention funding to Family Promise of the Jersey Shore. This money was to be used to reduce the number of persons entering homelessness. FPJS has been using the funds to help people stay in their homes. The CE Agency has expanded its scope to include prevention assistance, and two CoC member agencies, HABcore and Just Believe, have received state
funding to provide street outreach, mobile case management, low-barrier prevention services, and diversion assistance to those at risk of homelessness. Street Outreach agencies offer essential services to unsheltered individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelters, housing, critical services, and providing case management and physical needs support. They will also provide Housing Stabilization Counseling & monitor consumer progress, referrals to other providers, develop individualized housing & service plan, facilities
The CoC Lead Agency (EHG) reviews HMIS data for households at risk of homelessness to understand the profile of at risk families. The CoC Exec Committee & EHG are responsible for oversight & implementation of these strategies

2C-1a.	Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.b	

	Was your CoC's Number of First Time Homeless [metric 5.2] affected by the number of persons seeking short-term shelter or housing assistance displaced due to:	

	1.	natural disasters?	No
	2.	having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area?	No

2C-2.	Reducing Length of Time Homeless–CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.c.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC is working to reduce the length of time homeless(LOT) through prioritization in the Coordinated Entry(CE) process. The CE agency (AHA), prioritizes households by CH status, vulnerability score and LOT homeless. The County utilized local ARP funds to fund a low barrier RRH program dedicated to serving the CH and unsheltered.

2.Through this prioritization households with the longest histories of homelessness are the first households connected to permanent housing opportunities including the county's RRH program. Additionally AHA has been working diligently to connect PH 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.

3.AHA 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 CE during winter months. The CoC is also working with PSH providers to provide training & ensure all providers use a Housing First framework to ensure households identified are able to access the available PSH opportunities. Information on LOT is collected at program intake for shelters and transitional housing programs and is included in the CE assessment tool. The prioritization list calculates length of homelessness from identified start date of homelessness to point of intake & adds on time in program if the person is in ES, TH or on the street. AHA and Exec Committee are responsible for implementation of these strategies. The CoC Lead agency provides oversight of implementation.

2C-3.	Successful Permanent Housing Placement or Retention –CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

	In the field below:
1.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in emergency shelter, safe havens, transitional housing, and rapid rehousing exit to permanent housing destinations;
2.	describe your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and persons in families residing in permanent housing projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations; and
3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC is working to increase access to permanent housing through the following:
a)Working with PSH providers to review eligibility requirements. CoC works with providers to remove barriers to program entry & provide training to ensure agencies understand & implement the Housing First model.
b)Assess all households via CE process to ensure they are connected to the appropriate type of housing based on household needs
c)Expand PH options connected to the system through targeted outreach to affordable housing & LIHTC providers. The CE agency has referral protocols & secured preferences for homeless households referred by signing MOUs with housing providers. CoC member agencies offer connections to financial literacy & employment placement to increase income.
2..Retention in PH continues to strengthen by the additional support services including mental health counseling/treatment, life skills training, childcare, legal assistance services & substance use treatment, all offered by agencies in the region. These services will reduce the return to homelessness & increase economic & housing stability, & overall self-sufficiency.

3.The CE Agency (AHA)works to increase the exit to PH rate through an expansion of the Homeless & Housing Insecurity (HHI) grant from the county. A robust RRH approach was implemented, providing short & medium term rental assistance, AHA staff assists to find appropriate housing, with rent & provides supports to achieve stability. The RRH program primarily operates out of AHA's day center providing quick access to support. AHA uses the expertise of their in-house HUD Certified Housing Counseling team to ensure those transitioning out of homelessness are provided financial coaching, case management, & benefit navigation as tools to allow them to thrive. Staff assist in all aspects of securing housing including completing applications, negotiating with landlords, budgeting, moving services, furniture & other services.
To maintain a high rate of retention in PH the Exec Committee reviews PSH provider policies, procedures & service provision to ensure the focus is on retention. The PH Committee is working to develop PSH service standards that will foster housing retention to be adopted by all PSH providers. The PH committee & CE agency are responsible for implementing these strategies with oversight by the Exec committee and CoC Lead.

2C-4.	Reducing Returns to Homelessness—CoC's Strategy.	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

CoC works to maintain a low rate of returns to homelessness 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 Entry agency to complete an assessment and receive assistance with connecting to PH opportunities. The CE agency identifies household needs and connects households with the appropriate type of housing that will foster long term housing stability.

2.When households are transitioned to permanent housing, agencies provide information about prevention services, should the household demonstrate a potential risk to housing stability. The CoC is finalizing coordinated prevention service protocols to make it easier for household to access services and reduce duplication. The CoC is also working with 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 Entry case conferencing committee is 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 V.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Homeless service agencies assess employment income & history at program intake. Many CoC providers 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 holds an annual training on employment services offered by the Ocean County PIC (Workforce Investment Board provider) provider agencies to ensure the knowledge of employment & training services available in the community. The training focuses on services available, how to access services & reviews 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 are held at full CoC meetings & with staff from Code Blue warming centers, 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 V.B.5.f.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.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. NJHelps 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. 2. The CoC executive committee is responsible for oversight of strategy implementation.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	Yes

3A-2.	New PH-PSH/PH-RRH Project–Leveraging Healthcare Resources.	
	NOFO Section V.B.6.b.	
	You must upload the Healthcare Formal Agreements attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	

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

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

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

Project Name	Project Type	Rank Number	Leverage Type
HABcore Ocean Lea...	PH-PSH	7	Healthcare

3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? HABcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC Expansion FY24

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: 7

5. Select the type of leverage: Healthcare

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

	Is your CoC requesting funding for any new project application requesting $200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?	No

3B-2.	Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs–New Projects.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.r.	

	If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with:
1.	Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u); and
2.	HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 75 to provide employment and training opportunities for low- and very-low-income persons, as well as contracting and other economic opportunities for businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low-income persons.

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

	Is your CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO, TH, or Joint TH and PH-RRH component projects to serve families with children or youth experiencing homelessness as defined by other Federal statutes?	No

3C-2.	Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes.	
	NOFO Section V.F.	

	You must upload the Project List for Other Federal Statutes attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.	
	If you answered yes to question 3C-1, describe in the field below:	
1.	how serving this population is of equal or greater priority, which means that it is equally or more cost effective in meeting the overall goals and objectives of the plan submitted under Section 427(b)(1)(B) of the Act, especially with respect to children and unaccompanied youth than serving the homeless as defined in paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of the definition of homeless in 24 CFR 578.3; and	
2.	how your CoC will meet requirements described in Section 427(b)(1)(F) of the Act.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	Yes

4A-1a.	DV Bonus Project Types.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.	

	Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the type(s) of new DV Bonus project(s) your CoC included in its FY 2024 Priority Listing.	

	Project Type	
1.	SSO Coordinated Entry	No
2.	PH-RRH or Joint TH and PH-RRH Component	Yes

You must click "Save" after selecting Yes for element 1 SSO Coordinated Entry to view questions 4A-2, 4A-2a. and 4A-2b.

4A-3.	Data Assessing Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects in Your CoC's Geographic Area.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c) and I.B.3.j.(3)(c)	

1.	Enter the number of survivors that need housing or services:	184
2.	Enter the number of survivors your CoC is currently serving:	21
3.	Unmet Need:	163

4A-3a.	How Your CoC Calculated Local Need for New DV Bonus Housing Projects.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(c)	

	Describe in the field below:	
1.	how your CoC calculated the number of DV survivors needing housing or services in question 4A-3 element 1 and element 2; and	
2.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects); or	
3.	if your CoC is unable to meet the needs of all survivors please explain in your response all barriers to meeting those needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.We calculated the number by the initial referrals and intake process. All referrals are tracked as well as those that have self-identified as DV survivors.
2.The data source is pulled directly from Family Promise's database and the NJHMIS system.
3.The barriers to meet the needs of all survivors are the ability to find affordable housing units and landlords willing to accept a rental subsidy. The other barriers are that we do get survivors that refuse to leave their abusive situation due to fear and not wanting to work with an agency. The additional barrier is enough staff to accommodate the growing need.

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

	Use the list feature icon to enter information on each unique project applicant applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH Component DV Bonus projects–only enter project applicant information once, regardless of how many DV Bonus projects that applicant is applying for.	

Applicant Name
Family Promise of...

Project Applicants Applying for New PH-RRH and Joint TH and PH-RRH DV Bonus Projects

4A-3b.	Information About Unique Project Applicant Requesting New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)	

	Enter information in the chart below on the project applicant that applied for one or more New DV Bonus housing projects included on your CoC's FY 2024 Priority Listing for New Projects:

1.	Applicant Name	Family Promise of Jersey Shore
2.	Rate of Housing Placement of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%
3.	Rate of Housing Retention of DV Survivors–Percentage	100%

4A-3b.1.	Applicant's Housing Placement and Retention Data Explanation.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	For the rate of housing placement and rate of housing retention of DV survivors reported in question 4B-3b., describe in the field below:
1.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing placement;
2.	whether the rate for housing placement accounts for exits to safe housing destinations;
3.	how the project applicant calculated the rate of housing retention; and
4.	the data source (e.g., comparable databases, other administrative data, external data source, HMIS for non-DV projects).

(limit 1,500 characters)

1.The rate of housing placement is calculated by taking how many survivors were placed divided by how many sought services, then were multiplied by 100 to get to the percentage.
2.Yes
3.The rate of housing retention is calculated by the number of survivors that maintained housing divided by how many were placed and then multiplied by 100 to get the percentage.
4.HMIS and Local data-base that is cross referenced

4A-3c.	Applicant's Experience Housing DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below how the project applicant:
1.	ensured DV survivors experiencing homelessness were quickly moved into safe affordable housing;
2.	prioritized survivors–you must address the process the project applicant used, e.g., Coordinated Entry, prioritization list, CoC's emergency transfer plan;
3.	determined survivors' supportive services needs;
4.	connected survivors to supportive services; and

5.	moved survivors from assisted housing to housing they could sustain–address housing stability after the housing subsidy ends.

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS utilizes several strategies to ensure that domestic violence (DV) survivors experiencing homelessness are quickly moved into safe, affordable housing. We often use a rapid rehousing model to provide immediate assistance to survivors. Wrapping around individuals with case management and financial support like security deposits and rental assistance has helped secure housing quickly. Initial intakes and assessments are conducted to determine the urgency of each survivor's situation. FPJS partners with Providence House, Dottie's House, Affordable Housing Alliance, and other agencies to create a network of resources and access to safe housing options. Sometimes relocation becomes the safest plan, in which case that individual is relocated and collaboration with other DV agencies in other counties is key. FPJS has established and continues to create new relationships with landlords and housing agencies to secure affordable housing units. FPJS offers tailored case management services to address the unique needs of each survivor. Case managers work closely with survivors to develop personalized housing plans and connect them with relevant resources. In addition to housing, FPJS provides access to essential support services such as counseling, legal assistance, and job training, which help survivors stabilize their situations and maintain their housing. We provide housing navigation by helping them find affordable options that meet their safety and accessibility needs. In urgent situations, FPJS may offer temporary emergency housing solutions, ensuring that survivors have a safe place to stay while longer-term arrangements are being made. Case managers assist in navigating community resources to connect survivors with local service providers such as mental health, childcare, medical, schools, and more to tailor to each family needs. The life skills workshops on topics such as financial literacy, job readiness, and parenting skills, providing survivors with essential tools to achieve stability.

FPJS case managers work with survivors to create individualized housing plans that include budgeting and financial planning, job training, helping them understand their future housing costs once FPJS subsidy ends. Participants receive ongoing case management and follow-up support even after initial placement to help survivors navigate challenges and maintain their housing.

4A-3d.	Applicant's Experience in Ensuring DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below examples of how the project applicant ensured the safety and confidentiality of DV survivors experiencing homelessness by:
1.	taking steps to ensure privacy/confidentiality during the intake and interview process to minimize potential coercion of survivors;
2.	making determinations and placements into safe housing;
3.	keeping survivors' information and locations confidential;
4.	training staff on safety and confidentially policies and practices; and
5.	taking security measures for units (congregate or scattered site), that support survivors' physical safety and location confidentiality.

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS takes several important steps to ensure privacy and confidentiality during the intake and interview process for survivors of domestic violence (DV). Intake interviews are conducted in private, secure locations to protect the identities and stories of survivors. These spaces are designed to be comfortable and free from interruptions. Staff members are trained in trauma-informed care and confidentiality practices. They understand the sensitivity of the information being shared and work to build trust with survivors, allowing them to feel safe during the intake process. FPJS clearly communicates its privacy policies to survivors explaining how their information will be used, stored, and shared, reassuring them that their details will remain confidential. Information is only shared with relevant staff members who need to provide direct assistance to the client. FPJS ensures that no unnecessary details are disclosed to third parties without the survivor's consent. DV survivors are encouraged to disclose only what they feel comfortable sharing. FPJS values their choices and does not pressure them to provide more information than they wish to. The organization fosters a non-judgmental and supportive atmosphere, where survivors can express their needs and concerns openly, without fear of judgment or retaliation. The staff ensures that follow-up communications and services maintain the same level of confidentiality, further reassuring survivors that their privacy is prioritized throughout their journey. To enhance safety and maintain confidentiality, FPJS ensures that all housing units are equipped with safety features such as secure locks, monitored entry points, and emergency contact systems. FPJS utilizes confidentiality agreements with landlords to protect survivors' addresses and personal information, ensuring that their locations are kept private. All survivors develop personalized safety plans with trained staff that include protocols for entering and exiting their housing discreetly and responding to potential threats.

4A-3d.1.	Applicant's Experience in Evaluating Its Ability to Ensure DV Survivors' Safety.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below how the project evaluated its ability to ensure the safety of DV survivors the project served in the project, including any areas identified for improvement throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS utilizes a multifaceted approach that includes ongoing assessment, feedback mechanisms, and data analysis. Regular surveys and feedback sessions are conducted with survivors to gather insights about their experiences with safety measures in place. This direct feedback helps identify any concerns or suggestions for improvement. FPJS implements a confidential incident reporting system that allows staff and survivors to report any safety concerns or incidents. This data is reviewed regularly to identify trends and areas needing attention. Staff work with survivors to develop personalized safety plans. These plans are assessed for effectiveness, and adjustments are made based on changing circumstances or feedback from the survivors as well as in collaboration from other DV agencies. Regular training sessions are held for staff on safety protocols, trauma-informed care, and risk assessment. FPJS collaborates with Providence House and Dottie's House to assess community safety resources. This collaboration helps identify gaps in safety measures and areas for improvement. Regular case reviews are conducted to assess the safety of individuals served, examining the appropriateness of interventions and support provided. These reviews help identify best practices and areas needing enhancement. The project analyzes data on safety outcomes, such as the incidence of re-victimization, the effectiveness of safety planning, and the success rates of survivors in accessing safe housing. This quantitative data helps to identify trends and necessary improvements. FPJS regularly reviews its policies and procedures related to safety. This includes examining protocols for confidentiality, emergency responses, and interactions to ensure they align with best practices. Through all this data, FPJS develops action plans to enhance programming, policy changes, and safety.

4A-3e.	Applicant's Experience in Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below the project applicant's experience in:
1.	prioritizing placement and stabilization of survivors;
2.	placing survivors in permanent housing;
3.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their preferences; and
4.	placing and stabilizing survivors consistent with their stated needs.

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS prioritizes the placement and stabilization of survivors by assessing urgency and risk levels. Through the initial contact and intake process, staff assesses the survivor's immediate safety needs and long-term goals. This process often includes collaborating with community resources to expedite housing placements, ensuring survivors have access to safe environments as quickly as possible. By utilizing a strengths-based approach while being trauma informed, case management assists survivors feel empowered in their choices while streamlining the process for immediate support. The staff has developed strong landlord relationships and works with housing agencies to assist in the placement into permanent housing. FPJS staff reviews the affordability criteria and safety risks while obtaining all documentation with the survivors. Most survivors are learning how to collect documentation, how to build credit, and live on their own. FPJS staff works to empower each survivor to overcome these barriers and assist in teaching life skills, promoting sustainability. Staff take the time to listen to their housing preferences, whether it's related to location, type of housing, or community resources. By incorporating their feedback into the housing search process it assists in fostering a sense of ownership and comfort in their new living situations.

4A-3f.	Applicant's Experience in Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

	Describe in the field below examples of the project applicant's experience using trauma-informed, victim-centered approaches to meet needs of DV survivors by:
1.	establishing and maintaining an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures survivors and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;
2.	providing survivors access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing survivors with information on the effects of trauma;
3.	emphasizing survivors' strengths, e.g., strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans worked towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;
4.	centering on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;
5.	providing a variety of opportunities for survivors' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and
6.	offering support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.

(limit 5,000 characters)

FPJS prioritizes creating a welcoming environment where survivors feel empowered to make their own choices. This is achieved by actively listening to survivors, validating their experiences, and respecting their decisions throughout the process. Staff are trained in trauma-informed care, which fosters a culture of mutual respect, allowing survivors to feel safe and valued as they navigate their recovery. FPJS confirms that survivors have access to educational resources about trauma and its effects. This includes workshops, informational pamphlets, and one-on-one discussions that help survivors understand the impact of their experiences as well as access to domestic violence psychoeducational material and connection with domestic violence agencies. They facilitate opportunities for survivors to connect through support groups, workshops, and social events. These gatherings encourage sharing experiences, building networks, and fostering relationships, which can be instrumental in creating a support system for survivors as they rebuild their lives. The life skills workshops are including parenting, child-care resources, and focus on parenting tools to assist with any parent and child trauma. Staff work with survivors to identify their strengths, skills, and past successes, helping them to build confidence. This encourages survivors to take active roles in their decision-making processes. FPJS actively seeks to understand and honor the diverse backgrounds of the survivors we serve. This includes providing language access services, culturally relevant resources, and tailored support that reflects the unique cultural contexts of each survivor. FPJS tries to ensure that all survivors feel seen and respected.

4A-3g.	Applicant's Experience Meeting Service Needs of DV Survivors.	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(d)	

Describe in the field below examples of supportive services the project provided to domestic violence survivors while quickly moving them into permanent housing and addressing their safety needs.

(limit 5,000 characters)

Examples of supportive services are ongoing case management and peer support groups where survivors can connect with others who have had similar experiences. FPJS offers financial assistance for security deposits and first month's rent, enabling survivors to secure permanent housing quickly. Gift cards for food, clothing, toiletries also assist in providing necessary essentials so the survivors can focus on getting established in their homes. Through the case management plans, staff work to create safety plans, housing stability plans, goals, and more. Connections to local resources such as legal services if needed for restraining orders, custody, and more. Collaboration to local counseling and mental health agencies to assist with the psychological impact is highly sought. Life skills programming includes job readiness, including resume workshops, interview preparation, and connections to local employers to promote financial independence, budgeting, keys to good tenancy, and more. After securing housing, FPJS maintains regular follow-up communication to ensure that survivors are adjusting well and that their safety needs continue to be met. This ongoing support is crucial for helping survivors feel secure in their new homes.

4A-3h.	Applicant's Plan for Placing and Stabilizing Survivors in Permanent Housing Using Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Approaches in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).		
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)		

	Describe in the field below how the project(s) will:	
1.	prioritize placement and stabilization of program participants;	
2.	place program participants in permanent housing;	
3.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their preferences; and	
4.	place and stabilize program participants consistent with their stated needs.	

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS prioritizes placement and stabilization by first conducting comprehensive assessments to understand the urgency and specific circumstances of each participant. They utilize a triage system to identify those in the most immediate danger or with the highest needs. We employ a rapid response approach, mobilizing resources quickly to secure safe temporary housing while concurrently working on long-term solutions. This involves collaboration with service providers to ensure participants are connected to necessary resources as soon as possible. This project uses a rapid re-housing model that focuses on securing permanent housing for participants. This includes providing financial assistance for deposits and rent, as well as advocating for participants with landlords. Staff work closely with participants throughout the application process, offering support in completing necessary paperwork and preparing for landlord meetings as well as continuing the communication with the landlords as needed. To ensure placements align with participants' preferences, FPJS staff actively involves them in the decision-making process regarding housing options. During initial assessments, staff take time to understand each participant's desires related to location, type of housing, and community resources. By providing options that reflect these preferences, FPJS empowers participants to make informed choices, enhancing their comfort and ownership over their new living situations.

They work to match participants with housing that meets these needs, ensuring that the accommodations are safe, accessible, and appropriate. Ongoing follow-up support is provided to address any emerging needs and to facilitate a smooth transition, ensuring participants feel secure and stable in their new homes.

4A-3i.	Applicant's Plan for Administering Trauma-Informed, Survivor-Centered Practices in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).		
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(e)		

	Describe in the field below examples of how the new project(s) will:	
1.	establish and maintain an environment of agency and mutual respect, e.g., the project does not use punitive interventions, ensures program participant and staff interactions are based on equality, and minimize power differentials;	
2.	provide program participants access to information on trauma, e.g., training staff on providing program participants with information on the effects of trauma;	
3.	emphasize program participants' strengths–for example, strength-based coaching, questionnaires and assessment tools include strength-based measures, case plans work towards survivor-defined goals and aspirations;	

4.	center on cultural responsiveness and inclusivity, e.g., training on equal access, cultural competence, nondiscrimination, language access, improving services to be culturally responsive, accessible, and trauma-informed;	
5.	provide a variety of opportunities for program participants' connections, e.g., groups, mentorships, peer-to-peer, spiritual needs; and	
6.	offer support for survivor parenting, e.g., trauma-informed parenting classes, childcare, connections to legal services.	

(limit 5,000 characters)

FPJS will create an environment where program participants feel empowered and respected by fostering open communication and active listening. All staff is trained in trauma-informed care, emphasizing the importance of respecting participants' choices and independence. Regular feedback sessions will be conducted, allowing participants to voice their opinions on services and programs, ensuring they feel valued and involved in their own process. FPJS will offer educational resources about trauma and its effects through workshops, informational materials, and one-on-one discussions. This will include resources on coping strategies and recognizing trauma responses. By equipping participants with this knowledge, the organization aims to help them better understand their experiences and facilitate healing. FPJS uses a strengths-based approach by helping participants identify and build upon their existing skills and resilience. Staff will engage participants in discussions about their past successes and capabilities, creating individualized plans that focus on leveraging these strengths for personal growth and empowerment. Regular check-ins will reinforce their progress and achievements.
FPJS will prioritize cultural responsiveness by recognizing and valuing the diverse backgrounds of program participants. This will include offering language support services, incorporating culturally relevant materials, and tailoring programming to reflect the needs of various cultural groups. Staff training will focus on cultural competency to ensure that all interactions are respectful and inclusive. FPJS will facilitate connections among program participants through support groups, social events, and community-building activities. These opportunities will encourage networking and relationship-building, helping participants to establish a sense of community and support. Additionally, Family Promise may connect participants with local resources and services to broaden their networks.
FPJS will also provide specialized resources and support tailored to their needs. This may include parenting workshops, access to childcare services, and parenting support groups. Staff will work with survivor parents to address their specific concerns, helping to strengthen the parent-child relationship and promote family stability.

4A-3j.	Applicant's Plan for Involving Survivors in Policy and Program Development, Operations, and Evaluation in the New DV Bonus Housing Project(s).	
	NOFO Section I.B.3.j.(1)(f)	

	Describe in the field below how the new project will involve survivors:
1.	with a range of lived expertise; and
2.	in policy and program development throughout the project's operation.

(limit 2,500 characters)

FPJS will actively recruit and engage survivors from diverse backgrounds and experiences to ensure a broad spectrum of perspectives. Each participant will be given surveys where survivors can share their insights and experiences related to the challenges they faced and the types of support they found most helpful. These discussions with staff and advisory members will inform program design and service delivery. Establishing specific survivor advisory committees that include individuals with various lived experiences will assist in providing feedback and evaluating the surveys that were conducted. The committee will also serve as an opportunity for survivors to share their stories to assist in informing staff training and awareness about the densities of domestic violence. All this input will assist in program development and policy development. Participants will be invited to participate in brainstorming and planning meetings ensuring their voices shape the direction of services. Regular check-ins will also assist to gauge participant satisfaction and gather input on potential changes.

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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	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.
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Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homele...	10/25/2024
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving...	10/25/2024
1D-10a. Lived Experience Support Letter	Yes	1D-10a. Lived Exp...	10/25/2024
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	10/25/2024
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	10/25/2024
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored Fo...	10/25/2024
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	10/25/2024
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	10/25/2024
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	10/25/2024
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		
1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes		

2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Home...	10/25/2024
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No	3A-1a. Housing L...	10/25/2024
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No	3A-2a. Healthcar...	10/25/2024
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No	--	No Attachment
Other	No		

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Submission Summary

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

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3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs	10/24/2024
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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-base 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

1C-7. PHA Administration Plan:
Homeless Preference
1. Collaborative Support Programs
Admin Plan

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

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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	
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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.

EXHIBIT 5-2

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.

EXHIBIT 5-3

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 <u>Application for Section 8 Mainstream Housing Assistance</u> 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 <u>Verification of Disability</u> 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:_____

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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 sever, 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⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯⎯

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

     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

1D-10a Letter Signed by Working Group

October 9th, 2024
Attn: Ending Homelessness Group
Ocean County CoC

Ms. Jennifer Hakim,

Subject: Support for the 2024-2025 HUD Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity
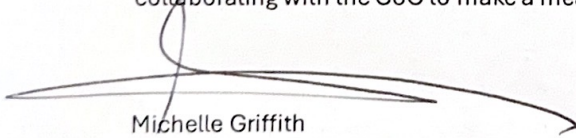
On behalf of the Ocean County Continuum of Care, the Ocean County Lived Experience Advisory Board, we are writing to express our strong support for the 2025 HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). As individuals who have directly experienced homelessness in the community, we understand the critical importance of these funds in providing essential services and support to those in need.

Our advisory board is composed of individuals from diverse racial backgrounds, representing the black and brown communities overrepresented in homelessness. We believe that this diversity is one of our strengths, as it brings a wide range of perspective and experiences to our group who has faced the challenges of homelessness and have firsthand knowledge of the gaps and needs within our community. We are committed to ensuring that the voices of those with lived experience are heard and considered in the planning and implementation of CoC programs.

The 2024-2025 HUD CoC NOFO represents a significant opportunity to enhance our community's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. These funds will enable the CoC to:

- Increase the availability of affordable and supportive housing units.
- Enhance Support Services, ensuring programs provide comprehensive services that address the diverse needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- Foster Collaboration by strengthening partnerships between service providers, government agencies, and community organizations to create a cohesive and effective response to homelessness.
- Ensure that resources are allocated equitably, addressing the unique challenges faced by marginalized and underserved populations.

We urge you to consider the insights and recommendations of our advisory board as you review and allocate the 2024-2025 HUD CoC funds. Our lived expertise provides unique perspective that can help shape more effective solutions. We look forward to continually collaborating with the CoC to make a meaningful impact in our community.

Michelle Griffith
Board Chair
Ocean County Lived Experience Advisory Board

Ending Homelessness Group

Executive
Committee

Nina Hagen
Ocean County Jail

Rose Bulbach
Ocean County
Department of
Human Services

Kathryn Colhoun
Ocean
Partnership for
Children

Michelle Griffith
Ocean Advisory
Board

Mark Harding
Soldier On

Kim Santora
Contact

John Tritto
Ocean County
Board of Social
Services

September 29, 2024
Attn: HUD Washington
SNAPS Office

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to highlight the exceptional contributions of Michelle Griffith, who has been an invaluable member of the Ocean County HPAC since early 2020. Michelle has previous experience with homelessness, which fuels her passion for helping others in similar situations. She was actively involved with a Community Action organization parallel to working on public relations for a church as part of an initiative set forth for a whole community.

Michelle's dedication and leadership were quickly recognized upon the development of a lived experience advisory board, leading to her election as chair and subsequent nomination to the Ocean County CoC Executive Board in January 2024.

Since joining the HPAC Executive Board, Michelle has played a crucial role on the Continuum of Care review committee and monitoring team. Her efforts have extended beyond the county level, serving as the Ocean County liaison to the Department of Community Affairs Advisory Board at the state level. In this capacity, Michelle has been a staunch advocate for the homeless, working tirelessly to make state programs more accessible and instrumental in implementing changes to the PIT survey to ensure it is more trauma informed.
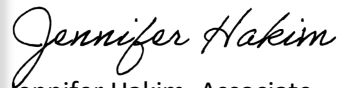
Michelle's experience and insight have been invaluable to both the CoC and the statewide advisory board over the past three years. We look forward to her continued leadership and the positive impact she will undoubtedly have in the future.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hakim

Jennifer Hakim, Associate
Monarch Housing Associates
Ending Homelessness Group

1D-2a Housing First Evaluation
Desk Monitoring Tool
Local Selection Application

Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition
Habcore Capstan II

Desk Monitoring Review

Area of consideration	Total Possible Score	Score	Notes
Client Feedback	**12**	**12**	
Consumer Surveys	3	3	
Communication of rules and regulations	3	3	
Process to resolve complaint	3	3	
Incorporation of consumer feedback	3	3	
Program Coordination	**12**	**12**	
Coordination with CE	3	3	
Formerly homeless person on board	6	6	
Subreciepents (if applicable)	3	3	
Agency Staff and Cultural Competency	**20**	**20**	
Strategies	7	7	
Active Participation	8	8	
Promoting Racial Equity	5	5	
Housing First Principles	**24**	**18**	

Project access	6	6	
Project input	6	0	
Lease agreements (if applicable)	3	n/a	
services	6	6	
Housing provision	6	6	
Project Administration	**13**	**12**	
HUD Audit	3	n/a	
Budget Narrative	3	3	
match	1	1	
Program goals	3	2	Did not discuss how they track their goals
Intake process/eligibility	6	6	
Program modifications	5	n/a	
Documentation submitted	**5**	**5**	
Total	**83**	**76**	

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

Ocean HPAC
2024 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	
$ 72,353		$ 68,760	$ 1,905			$ 1,688	
Total Units	# SRO Units	# 0 BR Units	# 1 BR Units	# 2 BR Units	# 3 BR Units	#4 BR Units	# 5+ BR Units

Section 1 - All Projects

Housing First Identification - Maximum 15 points	Response	Possible Score	Score
1. Does the project identify as low barrier based on eligibility critiera?		5	5
2. Does the project ensure participants are not terminated by using a housing first approach?		5	5

Racial Equity and Consumer Input - Maximum 20 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 2 - 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 Categorty	Possible Score	Total Score	Percentage
Section 1 - All Projects	45	45	100%
Section 2 - Renewal Projects	10	10	100%
Desk Monitoring	83	76	92%
Performance Score	70	44	63%
Final Application Score	208	175	84%

1E-2 Local Competition Scoring Tool

Ocean HPAC
2024 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	# 5+ BR Units

Threshold Review - New Projects Only

Review Items	Response
1. Does the agency agree to become an active member of the CoC?	
2. Does the agency agree to participate in the CoC's established Coordinated Entry System?	
3. Does the agency agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for Domestic Violence programs?	

Section 1 - All Projects

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

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.	10	
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	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	Score
		5	
		5	

Project Description - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score	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. Plan to increase employment and/or income	5	
3. Plan to rapidly secure and maintain housing	5	
3. 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	
4. Program describes coordinated entry participation	5	

Rapid Implementation - Maximum 10 points	Possible Score	Score
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	

Organizational Experience - Maximum 20 points	Possible Score	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 anility to adequately staff the program.	5	
4. Applicant will appropriately train staff on methods of engagement; cultural comptency, trauma-informed care, etc	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	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	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	55	0	0%
Section 2 - New Project Only	90	0	0%
Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only	20	0	0%
Section 4- Renewal Projects Only	10	0	0%
Final Application Score	175	0	0%

Coordinated Entry:_____

Goals	Required Performance Standard		%	Points Awarded
1. Households assessed will be placed on the prioritization list CE APR-Q9b	90% of households assessed will be placed on the prioritization list	≥90%=10 80%-89%= 8 65%-79%= 4 55%-64%= 1 ≤55%= 0		
2. CE projects will provide in person and virtual service connection to best meet the community needs. CE APR-Q9a	Atleast 10% of households participating will be seen in person	≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0		
3. Unsuccessful referral events CE APR- Q10	<10% of those referred have an unsuccessful placement	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0		
4. The CoC will see a reduction in returns to homelessness from PH placements SPM	>5% of persons return to homelessness at 6,12, and 24 month	≥20%= 10 10%-19%= 6 5%-9%= 3 ≤5%= 0		
5. Coordinated Entry programs are reflective of the total homeless population in the CoC Compare SPM total # and CE APR Q	CE will reflect 85% total CoC homeless population	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0		
6. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS Q6	<20% data quality errors	<20%= 10 21%-30%= 7 31-45%= 4 ≥31%= 0		
			Total:	

Of 60

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

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. Q22 a	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) Q23	<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) Q19 a1	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.* Q17 (earned income) compare to Q19 a1	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 Q20 a	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 Esnaps application 5A and Q5 APR	>90% occupancy during reporting period	≥90%= 10 70%-89%= 7 51%-69%= 4 ≤50%= 0		
7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS Q6 b & c	<10% data quality errors	<10%= 10 11%-20%= 7 21%-30%= 4 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	N/A	
			Total:	

Of 70

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

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

All data is taken directly from HMIS using the following dates:
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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	≥85%=10 70%-84%= 8 50%-69%= 4 31%-49%= 1 ≤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	≤10%= 10 11%-20%= 4 21%-30%= 3 31-45%= 1 ≥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	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤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	≥40%= 10 30%-39%= 6 20%-29%= 3 ≤20%= 0		
5. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS	<10% data quality errors	<10%= 10 11%-20%= 7 21%-30%= 4 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	N/A	
			Total:	

Of 50

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1E-2a Scored Forms for One Project

Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition			
Habcore Capstan II			
Desk Monitoring Review			
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Process to resolve complaint	3	3	
Incorporation of consumer feedback	3	3	
Program Coordination	**12**	**12**	
Coordination with CE	3	3	
Formerly homeless person on board	6	6	
Subreciepents (if applicable)	3	3	
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Project input	6	0	
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Performance Score			
Total Monitoring Score			

Ocean HPAC
2024 CoC Local Application Score Sheet

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Project Name: _____ Capstan II _____

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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 2 - Renewal Projects Only

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Final Scoring

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2. Households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing) Q23	<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) Q19 a1	85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually	≥85%= 10 75%-84%= 7 65%-74%= 5 50%-64%= 3 ≤49%= 0	67%	5
4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.* Q17 (earned income) compare to Q19 a1	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	0%	0
5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits Q20 a	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	83%	7
6. Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fills vacancies Esnaps application 5A and Q5 APR	>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 Q6 b & c	<10% data quality errors	<10%= 10 11%-20%= 7 21%-30%= 4 31-45%= 1 ≥31%= 0	25%	4
			Total:	44

1E-5 Notification of projects Rejected-Reduced

Ending Homelessness Group

Board

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Ocean County Jail

Kathryn Colhoun
Ocean Partnership for Children

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Soldier On

Kim Santora
Contact

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Michelle Griffith
Ocean County Advisory Board

John Tritto
Ocean County Board of Social Services

October 17, 2024

To Whom it May Concern:

We did not have any projects rejected or reduced in FY2024 process.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Hakim

Jennifer Hakim, Associate
Monarch Housing Associates
Ending Homelessness Group

1E-5a Notification of Projects Accepted

Dear Randi:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2024 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 FY2024 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	1	89	EHG	Ocean HPAC Coordinated Exit	$183,686	$183,686	Project awarded full amount requested

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https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/FY2024_FY2025_CoC_and_YHDP_NOFO_FR-6800-N-25.pdf
E-snaps project applicant instructions:
Renewals: https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2910/coc-project-application-instructions-for-renewal-projects/

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Dear Kathy:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2024 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 FY2024 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	3	82	Ocean Mental Health Services	Ocean County OMHS S+C 2009	$48,576	$51,825	Project awarded above full amount requested

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Dear Elizabeth:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2024 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposals. The HPAC Executive Committee is pleased to inform you that the Family Promise RRH DV project has been supported for funding through the FY2024 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
2	6	103	Family Promise of Jersey Shore	FP RRH DV	$54,117	$392,745	Project awarded above full amount requested

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Cc:	Kasey Vienckowski; Bulbach, Rosemarie; nhagen@co.ocean.nj.us; Nina Rizzo
Subject:	CoC FY2024
Attachments:	2024 Esnaps Office Hour Registration.pdf; Appeals policy.pdf

Dear Steve:

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2024 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 FY24, Habcore Capstan II FY24, Habcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY24, and Leasing Expansion projects have been supported for funding through the FY2024 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.

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Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Request	Award	Notes
1	2	84	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Capstan II FY19	$68,760	$72,353	Project awarded above full amount requested
1/2	5	75	HABcore, Inc.	Ocean Leasing AP14OC FY 22	$288,955	$334,500	Project awarded above full amount requested
1	4	81	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY22	$78,948	$90,556	Project awarded above full amount requested
2	7	103	HABcore, Inc	AP14 Leasing Expansion	$63,468	$314,196	Project Awarded full amount of bonus available

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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/

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1E-5b Local Competition Selection Results

Ocean CoC FY2024 Budget

Tier	Rank	Score	Agency	Project	Program Type	Leasing	Rental Assistance	Supportive Services	Operating Costs	HMIS	VAWA	Admin	2024 GIW Amounts	Total Proposal Requested	Recommended	HUD Award
1	1	89	Ending Homelessness Group	Ocean HPAC Coordinated Exit 2023	SSO	$0	$0	$168,350	$0	$0	$0	$15,336	$183,686		$183,686	
1	2	84	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Capstan II FY23	PH	$0	$68,760	$1,905	$0	$0	$0	$1,688	$72,353		$72,353	
1	3	82	Ocean Mental Health Services, Inc	Ocean County OMHS S + C 09CSPNJ FY23	PH	$0	$48,576	$0	$0	$0	$0	$3,249	$51,825		$51,825	
1	4	81	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Ocean RRH17 OC FY23	PH	$0	$78,948	$7,992	$0	$0	$0	$3,616	$90,556		$90,556	
1/2	5	75	HABcore, Inc.	HABcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC FY 23	PH	$288,955	$0	$13,723	$17,847	$0	$0	$13,975	$334,500		$334,500	
2	6	103	Family Promise of the Jersey Shore	FP RRH DV Project	PH		$208,560	$140,779			$8,000	$35,406		$54,117	$ 392,745	
2	7	103	HABcore, Inc.	AP 14 Expansion	PH	$26,316		$30,000	$3,000			$4,152		$63,468	$ 314,196	
			Ending Homelessness Group	Planning Grant 2024											$ 130,915	
	n/a													Total	$ 1,570,776	$ -

Reallocation

			N/A													

Rejected

			N/A													

HUD approved renewal demand	$ 732,920
Ocean CoC PPRN	$ 2,618,299
Allowable Planning Grant	$ 130,915
Tier 1 funding line	$ 659,628
Total PH Bonus Allowable	$ 314,196
Total DV Bonus Allowable	$ 392,745
Tier 2 funding amount	$ 780,233
Maximum project funding	$ 1,439,861
Maximum allowable funding request	$ 1,570,776

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

2024 HDX Competition Report

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

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On Accessibility, Navigability, and Printability:

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

For Questions:

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

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2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - Summary
NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

HDX Data Submission Participation Information

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

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

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

LSA Usability Status 2023

Category	EST AO	EST AC	EST CO	RRH AO	RRH AC	RRH CO	PSH AO	PSH AC	PSH CO
Fully Usable									
Partially Usable									
Not Usable	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑	☑

EST

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	324	226	643
AO	252	172	379
AC	35	14	130
CO	30	36	37

RRH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	169	214	308
AO	63	79	164
AC	102	131	145
CO	0	0	0

2024 Competition Report - LSA Summary & Usability Status

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

PSH

Category	2021	2022	2023
Total Sheltered Count	76	99	97
AO	38	45	47
AC	38	54	50
CO	0	0	0

1) Glossary: EST = Emergency Shelter, Save Haven, & Transitional Housing; RRH = Rapid Re-housing; PSH = Permanent Supportive Housing; AO = Persons in Households without Children; AC = Persons in Households with at least one Adult and one Child; CO=Persons in Households with only Children

2) Because people have multiple stays in shelter over the course of a year and stay in different household configurations, a single person can be counted in more than one household type. Therefore, the sum of the number of people by household type may be greater than the unique count of people.

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

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

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data
NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC
FY 2023 Reporting Year: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

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

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

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

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, and SH	525	13.8	2.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and TH	536	20.7	2.0

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NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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b. This measure is based on data element 3.917

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

Metric	Universe (Persons)	Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)	Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)
1.1 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	679	358.0	117.0
1.2 Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	690	358.4	121.0

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

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

Metric	Total # of Persons Exited to a PH Destination (2 Yrs Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months (0 - 180 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months (181 - 365 days)		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months (366 - 730 days)		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
	Count	Count	% of Returns	Count	% of Returns4	Count	% of Returns6	Count	% of Returns8
Exit was from SO	5	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from ES	26	5	19.2%	1	3.9%	0	0.0%	6	23.1%
Exit was from TH	3	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from SH	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Exit was from PH	41	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	75	5	6.7%	1	1.3%	0	0.0%	6	8.0%

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NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

Please refer to PIT section for relevant data.

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	537
Emergency Shelter Total	526
Safe Haven Total	0
Transitional Housing Total	14

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

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

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35
Number of adults with increased earned income	2
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	5.7%

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	21
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	60.0%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	35
Number of adults with increased total income	21
Percentage of adults who increased total income	60.0%

Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	11
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	0
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0.0%

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	11
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	4
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	36.4%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

Metric	Value
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	11
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	3
Percentage of adults who increased total income	27.3%

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NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH or TH during the reporting period.	768
Of persons above, count those who were in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	52
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	716

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2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	923
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	68
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	855

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

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

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

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

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	26
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	4
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	8
% Successful exits	46.2%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in ES-EE, ES-NbN, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	774
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	85
% Successful exits	11.0%

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

Metric	Value
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH who exited after moving into housing, or who moved into housing and remained in the PH project	91
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	83
% Successful exits/retention	91.2%

2024 Competition Report - SPM Data

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

System Performance Measures Data Quality

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

Metric	All ES, SH	All TH	All PSH, OPH	All RRH	All Street Outreach
Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	771	14	98	314	157
Total Leavers (HMIS)	722	7	12	54	26
Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	370	1	0	0	0
Destination Error Rate (Calculated)	51.3%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

2024 HDX Competition Report

2024 Competition Report - SPM Notes

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

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

Notes For Each SPM Measure   Note: Cells may need to be resized to accomodate notes with lots of text.

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

2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current Beds in HMIS or Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV[†] Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster*	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds	Adjusted HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round, Current Beds
ES	62	20	20	0	20	100.0%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	12	12	12	0	12	100.0%
RRH	236	236	236	0	236	100.0%
PSH	295	50	295	0	295	16.9%
OPH	178	0	178	178	0	NA
Total	**783**	**318**	**741**	**178**	**563**	**56.5%**

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For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds	Removed From Denominator: OPH EHV† Beds or Beds Affected by Natural Disaster**	Adjusted Total Year-Round Current, VSP Beds	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds
ES	62	0	42	0	42	0.00%
SH	0	0	0	0	0	NA
TH	12	0	0	0	0	NA
RRH	236	0	0	0	0	NA
PSH	295	0	0	0	0	NA
OPH	178	0	0	0	0	NA
Total	**783**	**0**	**42**	**0**	**42**	**0.00%**

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2024 Competition Report
NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/C
For HIC conducted in January/I

HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS-Comparable Database	Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP and VSP Beds	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES	62	20	62	32.26%
SH	0	0	0	NA
TH	12	12	12	100.00%
RRH	236	236	236	100.00%
PSH	295	50	295	16.95%
OPH	178	0	0	NA
Total	**783**	**318**	**605**	**52.56%**

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2024 Competition Report - HIC Summary

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

For HIC conducted in January/February of 2024

Rapid Re-housing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

Metric	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
RRH beds available to serve all pops. on the HIC	25	77	56	38	236

1) † EHV = Emergency Housing Voucher

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

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

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

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

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

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

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2024 Competition Report - PIT Summary

NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

Submission Information

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

Total Population PIT Count Data

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
PIT Count Type	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and full unsheltered count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	Sheltered and Unsheltered Count
Emergency Shelter Total	226	274	296	354	389	508
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	49	50	58	52	10	8
Total Sheltered Count	275	324	354	406	399	516
Total Unsheltered Count	30	25	15	13	35	37
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count*	305	349	369	419	434	553

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

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

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

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NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC
For PIT conducted in January/February of 2024

3A-1a Housing Leveraging Commitments

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10.11.24

Elizabeth Golla
Executive Director
Family Promise of the Jersey Shore
1001 South Main St
West Creek, NJ 08092

Ms. Golla,

Please let this letter serve as a commitment of the Brick Housing Authority to partner with Family Promise of the Jersey Shore to commit 3 FYI vouchers to Ocean County. The initial application will be submitted to by December 31st 2024 in coordination with the Ocean County CoC and NJ Dept of Children and Families. Brick Housing Authority will work with Family Promise of the Jersey Shore to identify 3 eligible households in early 2025 and will apply to HUD for FYI vouchers on behalf of the youth.

Sincerely,

Jake Naszimento | Executive Director

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3A-2a Healthcare Formal Agreements

Memorandum of Understanding
BETWEEN
HABcore
AND
YMCA of Greater Monmouth County (YMCA)

The YMCA of Greater Monmouth County 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 the YMCA and HABcore for purposes of providing healthcare services to individuals formerly experiencing homelessness who are affordably housed in HABcore's project.

<u>**ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS**</u>

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

HABcore Supportive Housing Coordinators will coordinate visits upon request to the YMCA Counseling and Social Services Center for program participants where they can receive additional mental health counseling, substance abuse services, including intensive outpatient and intervention services, as well as additional employment assistance and access to childcare services and the Freehold YMCA.

Sessions are valued at $90 per session. Participants may schedule sessions up to once per week.

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

Any changes in this agreement will be requested in advance in writing by the YMCA CEO or COO 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.

Jennifer Dunn   9.23.24
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Jennifer Dunn   Date
Chief Operating Officer
YMCA of Greater Monmouth County

_____   9-23-24
Steve Heisman   Date
Executive Director
HABcore, Inc.