

## Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

1. The FY 2023 CoC Program Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for specific application and program requirements.
2. The FY 2023 CoC Application Detailed Instructions which provide additional information and guidance for completing the application.
3. All information provided to ensure it is correct and current.
4. Responses provided by project applicants in their Project Applications.
5. The application to ensure all documentation, including attachment are provided.

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It  
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.

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

### Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

### Attachments

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

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

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

## 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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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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| <b>1B-1.</b> | <b>Inclusive Structure and Participation–Participation in Coordinated Entry.</b>   |  |
|              | NOFO Sections V.B.1.a.(1), V.B.1.e., V.B.1f., and V.B.1.p.   |  |
|              | In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:  |  |
|              | 1. select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted—including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC’s coordinated entry system; or |  |
|              | 2. select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC’s geographic area:  |  |

|     | Organization/Person   | Participated in CoC Meetings | Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members | Participated in CoC’s Coordinated Entry System |
|-----|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| 1.  | Affordable Housing Developer(s)   | Yes                          | Yes   | Yes  |
| 2.  | CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction  | Yes                          | 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                          | No  | No   |
| 8.  | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Nonexistent                  | No  | No   |
| 9.  | Law Enforcement   | Yes                          | No  | No   |
| 10. | Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates                                | Yes                          | No  | No   |
| 11. | LGBTQ+ Service Organizations  | Yes                          | No  | No   |
| 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  |

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| 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 | No  | No  |
| 18. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities                           | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 19. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates  | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 20. | Public Housing Authorities  | Yes | No  | 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)  |     |     |     |
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**By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.**

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

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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, ensuring 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. Apart 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 Co C 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.

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

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| 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.                       |

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1.The CoC actively solicits and considers opinions from a diverse range of organizations and individuals with knowledge or interest in homelessness 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 dialog 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, taking into account 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.In response, the CoC is collaborating with nonprofits and community organizations to explore innovative solutions. They are working together to develop a non-congregate shelter utilizing a motel and providing round-the-clock supportive services. This approach is a direct result of the input received during public meetings where individuals shared their experiences and advocated for more immediate options.

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

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| 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. |

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1.The CoC released an RFP on 4/25/23.The request was e-mailed & posted on the website raising awareness about the local selection process. RFP included funding priorities for new & renewal projects, application & scoring criteria & timeline for submissions. The CoC had a Technical Assistance webinar on 5/4/23 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. The CoC's proactive communication efforts create a transparent, accessible application process, enabling 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

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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)   |  |



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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The State of NJ Department of Community Affairs is the ESG recipient responsible for the Ocean County CoC region. DCA hosts public comment conference calls and provides an opportunity for community stakeholders to submit written comments related to their funding priorities and anticipated allocations per eligible activities.
2. CoC Executive Committee members participate in DCA mtgs to discuss local needs and funding priorities and identify ways state ESG funds can assist with local efforts. CoC Executive Committee members also participated in specialized conference calls with DCA on the administration of ESG-CV funding and RRH-CV program, ensuring the RRH program utilized the coordinated entry process. DCA also requires applicants for ESG funds to submit a letter of support from the CoC as evidence that the project is in line with local policies & planning. The CoC participates in the DCA public comment opportunities and provides letters of support to projects seeking funding through the ESG program after careful evaluation of the agency and program. The CoC evaluates performance for all HMIS programs on a regular basis. This evaluation will include state funded ESG programs should projects be awarded funding in the future.
3. The CoC met with Community Development in May of 2023 and provided up to date HIC and PIT data from the 2022 process. This data will be included in the HOME ARP plan.
4. The CoC participates in Statewide CoC conversations where there is an opportunity to discuss local needs and priorities with DCA representatives for inclusion in the consolidated plan. While the local con-plan jurisdictions don't have ESG funds, they do attend CoC meetings and participate in the homeless system strategic planning process. All information regarding local needs and strategies is shared with the local con-plan jurisdictions for inclusion in their process as appropriate.

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| 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:

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

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| 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 |

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| 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 CoC conducts an annual training for the homeless liaisons in local schools in the region to inform them of services available through the homeless service system, how to access services & the PIT count process including training for administering the PIT survey. The homeless liaison participated in the 2023 PIT count and schools were included and trained in administering the PIT survey for any families experiencing homelessness or at risk.

The CoC elected a new member to the Exec committee in July 2023 of whom is the ED at a community partner agency that offers shelter to families, case management, family mentoring, tutoring, after school program resources and support to 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.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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 resources and assist families in developing an educational plan for the children in the household when needed. The CoC review committee monitors all CoC funded projects and reviews program files and protocols to ensure agencies serving families demonstrate evidence that they provide education related services to families they serve.

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| <b>1C-4c.</b> | <b>Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.</b> |  |
|               | 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)   |         |                        |
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| <b>1C-5.</b> | <b>Addressing Needs of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Survivors–Collaboration with Federally Funded Programs and Victim Service Providers.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.1.e.  |  |

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

|    | Organizations                                 |     |
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| 1. | state domestic violence coalitions            | No  |
| 2. | state sexual assault coalitions               | No  |
| 3. | other organizations that help this population | Yes |

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated in Question 1C-5 to:

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| 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.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC provides an annual training to the full CoC and other attendees, specifically on trauma informed care and understanding the needs of survivors of sexual violence. This training was provided by St. Francis Counseling Services in May 2023. They are a community partner agency, and the designated provider in Ocean County specializing in treatment of sexual assault and child sexual abuse and trauma-informed care. They provide community education on sexual violence and consent. The training covers recognizing DV cases and providing trauma-informed services and the basics of safety planning. All CoC funded programs including coordinated entry staff are required to attend all CoC trainings.

The CoC has an up-to-date resource list to refer DV survivors to agencies who specialize in DV services and utilize trauma-informed and victim-centered care. Currently the Coordinated Entry program assesses households or persons that are victims during the initial assessment. The CE will then refer the person or household to the DV hotline to be assessed for level of safety risk and shelter in the county. If the shelter is full there are reciprocal relationships with DV providers and programs in surrounding communities to refer clients for placement. The CE utilizes de-identified data for DV Survivors on the prioritization list to protect their identification.

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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. DVD families can have access to other services including advocacy, counseling, safety planning, or other services.

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.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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.

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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.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:

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| 1. | whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;           |
| 2. | the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and                  |
| 3. | the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.All housing agencies within the region have an emergency transfer plan for all tenants to move should their safety be compromised while in program. The CoC implemented the emergency transfer plan 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 CE program does not release any client information unless express permission in writing was given by the client. The CE would enact increased safety measures to protect victims of DV by de-identifying client information and not admitting the client in the HMIS with full demographic info.

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

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**



Staff for the CE agency are trained in safety protocols and trauma informed care. They collaborate with local service providers, local DV shelter and organizations to provide safe and confidential access to housing options and supports that the survivor may need while aligning into the existing streamlined prioritized process.

To ensure DV victims/survivors have equal access to all crisis response resources, making sure no one falls through the cracks & callers have access to safe shelter at the time of access, the CoC has implemented strategies such as Increase quality & efficiency of data collection, build relationships with landlords and increase housing opportunities, and create & maintain a Housing Hub that is a real-time database where clients & staff can research available housing opportunities. The Housing Hub will provide a supportive environment where clients who are housing insecure, at risk, or those currently unsheltered can go for resources & guidance on finding appropriate housing to meet their individual household needs.

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. There were two intimate focus groups of persons with lived experience of homelessness coupled with their experiences of various domestic situations. In the focus groups, CoC Lead briefly reviewed program policies and procedures to identify potential barriers or gaps in service. Feedback from survivors was collected regarding their experiences. The Co C continues to work toward removing barriers and improving access to safe housing.

Coordinated Entry agency incorporated a new staff member to the CE team, a housing navigator. This new role will fill a gap & will quickly move individuals & families into permanent housing & will reduce the time it takes persons in crisis to obtain housing. Assisting clients to find the right housing match will promote stability & allow for the use of new voucher opportunities. The housing navigator will also assist in supporting survivors in obtaining safe housing. This enables continued client confidentiality & safety while still linking the client to PH.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC is participating in a Community-Led Planning and Development project, developed by department of community affairs (DCA), which is intended to establish a partnership between CoC leadership and persons with lived experience (PWLE) in which PWLE have an active stake in providing feedback on the homeless response system and helping to inform CoC leadership on system barriers and strategies for improvement. The CoC is in the initial phase of this project and has initiated focus group conversations with people with lived experience to better understand their experience navigating the homeless response system and the barriers they have faced. Phase two of this project is continuing participation of people with past or present lived experience of homelessness and creating an Advisory Board committee in the CoC geographic area. Another goal of this project is to open the door for PWLE to identify the unique experiences and barriers faced by survivors with lived expertise, and to gain their input on reviewing and updating CoC-wide and policy and programs as the PWLE advisory board will be implemented into the full CoC.

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

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| 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 |

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

Describe in the field below:

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| 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)

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.
- 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, 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.

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| 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 and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry | Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference? | Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On? |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|
| NJ DCA                     | 6%  | Yes-Both  | Yes   |
| CSP                        | 1%  | Yes-HCV   | No  |

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| 1C-7a. | <b>Written Policies on Homeless Admission Preferences with PHAs.</b>   |  |
|        | 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. The CoC continues outreach to Lakewood Housing Authority (LHA) and Lakewood Township Residential Assistance Program (LTRAP) to have conversations regarding implementing a homeless preference within the PHA admin plans. CoC leadership has met with the LHA director to present data on the need in the community and information about coordinated entry. The LHA director coordinated presentations for the CoC leadership before the LHA Board of commissioners or consideration of establishing a homeless preference. The CoC has been attending LHA board of commissioner meetings to answer questions and address concerns raised about establishing a homeless preference for over a year. The Board of Commissioners chose not to establish a homeless preference but the CoC continues to keep conversations open with the LHA. With the advent of the Emergency Housing Voucher Program, the CoC leadership connected with the LTRAP director to discuss EHV program implementation and referral process through the coordinated entry system. The CoC used this opportunity to begin conversations about establishing a broader homeless preference for LTRAP HCVs. This is an on-going conversation the CoC is engaging in with the leadership of LTRAP. The CoC was able to successfully fill all of the LTRAP EHV vouchers.

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

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

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

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| <b>1C-7c.</b> | <b>Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry.</b> |  |
|               | 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:

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| 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:                             |     |
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| <b>1C-7d.</b> | <b>Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness.</b> |  |
|               | NOFO Section V.B.1.g.  |  |

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

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

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

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

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

**Name of PHA:** LTRAP

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

**Name of PHA:** DCA PHA

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

**Name of PHA:** Lakewood Township

## 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition.   | 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 2023 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 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing. | 100% |

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| 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.



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|    | Describe in the field below:  |
| 1. | how your CoC evaluates every project—where the applicant checks Housing First on their project application—to determine if they are using a Housing First approach; |
| 2. | the list of factors and performance indicators your CoC uses during its evaluation; and   |
| 3. | how your CoC regularly evaluates projects outside of your local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.                          |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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. 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. 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’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.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

•In the past year, there has been 4 main street outreach (SO) teams in the CoC & service-based drop-in programs. A CoC agency operates a comprehensive Housing Resource Center(HRC) for unsheltered adults & families in the north-central region. Another CoC agency has a day center in the southern region. Both daytime centers provide a safe place for individuals to shower, do laundry, receive mail, eat, store personal items, meet with case managers, apply for benefits & connect with partner agencies for services.

“Meeting people where they are” is the guiding principle of the CoC Coordinated Entry team. The CE team performs assessments and makes referrals literally anywhere; parking lots, in the woods, library, etc. CE team takes calls 24/7 but SO occurs 7 days a week with on-call availability after hours. The team outreaches known locations where the unsheltered are known to access.

The CoC has a formal code blue protocol including specific code blue locations & flexible funding for hotel placements as appropriate on nights of extreme cold. Code blue protocol enables CoC outreach teams and service provider agencies to better connect & build rapport with the unsheltered, identify locations where unsheltered persons stay, & secure participation of new partners to assist in the process of outreach & engagement. One of those partner agencies, directed by people with lived experience, organized efforts of all SO teams to target a few encampments this year. Since then, collaboration of all SO teams, mental health included, SO efforts are matrimonial. In addition, a CoC Exec committee member works parallel to a partner agency, to conduct outreach at the local courts. They ensure those facing eviction obtain access to homeless services & connect them to providers or to Coordinate Entry

•Amid the variety of SO teams, mainly each covers a specific region (north, central & south) to ensure coverage in 100% of the CoC geographic area. The HRC is open 2 days per week from 8am-6pm. The day center operates 7 days from 7am-6pm.

•The teams work closely with law enforcement & 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.

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

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

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

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

|  | HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data | 2022 | 2023 |
|--|----------------------------|------|------|
| Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR. | HIC                        | 56   | 38   |

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| <b>1D-6.</b> | 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)                 |                               |
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| <b>1D-6a.</b> | Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. |  |
|               | NOFO Section V.B.1.m  |  |

Describe in the field below how your CoC:

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 is 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 identifies 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.

A few years ago 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 services.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The majority of shelter options in the community are structured as non-congregate shelters. Over the past year, the CoC lead agency (EHG), Board of Social Services (BOSS) and Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA), have been meeting weekly, at least, to develop a comprehensive plan for both a congregate shelter and a non-congregate shelter. AHA is the COC's coordinated entry agency. EHG is in process of signing a lease with a 22 room motel to serve as a non-congregate shelter utilizing the entire property for unsheltered guests. Clients will be referred and overseen by AHA serves as the CE team and is also a housing and wrap-around service provider in the community. There are a handful of CoC agencies that all engage in motel placement for vulnerable populations. The state of New Jersey's Department of Community Affairs (DAC) also provided resources streaming from a variety channels to help communities connect households experiencing homelessness to non-congregate shelter options as well.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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. The AHA CE team’s approach is to “meet people where they are.” The team responds to consumers using this outreach to conduct assessments. They cover 100% of the COC’s geographic region.

The coordinated assessment process covers the entire CoC geographic region through a large network of provider agencies strategically located throughout the CoC. The coordinated assessment process focuses on assessment and connection to permanent housing opportunities however the coordinated assessment agency CAA also works to connect clients to other community services as needed.

The coordinated assessment 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, and housing and employment history. Determining factors that meet prioritization are chronic homeless status, vulnerability score & length of time homeless. These factors will ensure targeted assistance is provided to those who need it most. Coordinating agencies administering the AT access the tool using the HMIS system.

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.

Allowing partner agencies to complete the assessments eliminates the consumer from having to retell sensitive and vulnerable information resulting in less trauma endured by consumer. 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.

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| 1D-9a. | Program Participant-Centered Approach to Centralized or Coordinated Entry. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |

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

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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 system has staff that provide stellar outreach, and in community assessment and linkage services to those experiencing homelessness that do not have transportation access. The CE team is mobile and frequents areas the homeless congregate (libraries, soup kitchens, drop-in centers, 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.

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| 1D-9b. | Informing Program Participant about Rights and Remedies through Centralized or Coordinated Entry-Reporting Violations. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.p.  |  |

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|  | Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:  |
|  | 1. affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness; |
|  | 2. informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and        |

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| 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. |
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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. Throughout the year there has been shower & laundry truck events, several food and clothing giveaway events, project homeless connect events, haircut events, even 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. On March 13, 2023, Southern Jersey Legal Services conducted a training on Fair Housing/Equal Access at a full membership CoC meeting. The CoC chair also works for SJLS and always has great insight on how to combat inequalities.

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

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| 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 |

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

Describe in the field below:



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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC executive committee 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. 2023 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 27.4% of the population experiencing homelessness. Persons identifying as black or African American non-Hispanic/Latino represent 32% of the sheltered population and 15% of the identified unsheltered population. Also noted, persons identifying as white non-Hispanic/Latino represent 53 of the sheltered population and 60% of the identified unsheltered population.

The CoC aims to address some of these disparities amongst the unsheltered population in FY2023 strategic plan. The CoC also identified that service provision can vary from agency to agency & will look to create standards for all CoC funded agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

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 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 aspect of the homeless system with an equity lens and provide participants the opportunity to share solutions. A series of focus groups was performed that consisted of persons with present and past lived experience of homelessness, to identify gaps and barriers in the system as well as systemic issues like racial disparities. The focus groups led to participants ready and willing to continue participation and form a lived experience advisory board committee. They are currently formalizing the committee and will ask the CoC Executive committee to vote on them becoming an official subcommittee of the CoC

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC 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. 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. Providers that did ask questions inquired if the consumer should no longer be receiving services. EHG asked the CoC if any agency had meeting space available to host focus groups but ended up independently exploring other options. EHG found that public libraries are excellent resources & have rooms available at no charge, to facilitate focus groups in a neutral space.They are also excellent locations for advertising meetings to the public. EHG partnered with a statewide advisory board member and chose 2 dates/times to facilitate 2 focus groups.They dispersed a flyer to agencies & orgs in the community advertising details of each focus group, including that food & compensation of a \$50 gift card would be provided to attendees. 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.

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

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

|    | Level of Active Participation   | Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant | Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations |
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| 1. | Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.            | 13  | 6   |
| 2. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.                            | 5   | 2   |
| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 3   | 0   |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.        | 3   | 2   |

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC 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 2022 and 2023. The Statewide board of PWLE co-facilitated the statewide PIT trainings for 2023 and also The CoC plans to develop a community-specific advisory board within the next year.

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.

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

Describe in the field below:

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.CoC members gather feedback from Persons currently experiencing homelessness & those who have received assistance through CoC & ESG funding. There are CoC members with 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. Many funded CoC agencies have client satisfaction of feedback surveys that are completed in their housing & supportive service programs, & they allow clients can securely submit their comments, complaints, or suggestions. Senior staff review & discuss issues & suggestions with the staff, clients, & boards.

The CoC routinely gathers feedback from persons with lived experience through survey administration at the program level as well as 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.CoC providers are monitored every year and scored on whether the agency is regularly conducting consumer feedback surveys on their experience receiving assistance. The annual monitoring requires agencies to report on the steps they have taken to engage and/or hire those with lived experience of homelessness in leadership roles and decision-making processes, and to report the number of PWLE who are included in program planning, agency wide decision-making, who review and recommend revisions to policies, and who participating on CoC subcommittees.

3.Challenges raised by people with lived experience on the CoC’s advisory board have been presented to various leadership teams, including the Coordinated Entry (CE) Leadership Team as well as the Executive Committee to hear and vote on the matters brought forth. For example, the advisory board members have raised challenges with the Coordinated Entry System, including upholding confidentiality. Since this issue was raised, the CE and Executive Committees have approved to restructure their process to invite PWLE to attend case conferencing meetings, operate case conferencing meetings in a confidential manner by using de-identified data during meetings, and requiring all case conferencing participants to complete CE training and to sign an updated Confidentiality Agreement.

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| 1D-12. | Increasing Affordable Housing Supply.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.1.t.   |  |
|        | Describe in the field below at least 2 steps your CoC has taken in the past 12 months to engage city, county, or state governments that represent your CoC’s geographic area regarding the following: |  |
| 1.     | reforming zoning and land use policies to permit more housing development; and  |  |
| 2.     | reducing regulatory barriers to housing development.  |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| 1E-1. | <b>Web Posting of Your CoC’s Local Competition Deadline–Advance Public Notice.</b><br>NOFO Section V.B.2.a. and 2.g.<br>You must upload the Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |
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| 1. | Enter your CoC’s local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.            | 05/26/2023 |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC’s local competition—meaning the date your CoC published the deadline. | 05/26/2023 |

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| 1E-2. | <b>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.</b> |  |
|       | 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:   |  |

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| 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 |



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| 5. | Used data from comparable databases to score projects submitted by victim service providers.  | Yes |
| 6. | Provided points for projects based on the degree the projects identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers. | Yes |

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| 1E-2a. | 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:

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

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

Describe in the field below:

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

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(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 no penalized

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| 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:

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| 1. | how your CoC used the input from persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, to determine the rating factors used to review project applications;   |
| 2. | how your CoC included persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population in the review, selection, and ranking process; and   |
| 3. | how your CoC rated and ranked projects based on the degree to which their project has identified any barriers to participation (e.g., lack of outreach) faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population, and has taken or will take steps to eliminate the identified barriers. |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.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 FY2023. 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 FY23.

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

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| <b>1E-4.</b> | <b>Reallocation–Reviewing Performance of Existing Projects.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.2.f.   |  |

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| 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)**

The goal of the 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 FY20 23 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

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

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|  | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023? | No |
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| 1E-5. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps.  |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.2.g.   |  |
|       | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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| 1. | Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?  | Yes        |
| 2. | Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?  | No         |
| 3. | Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?  | Yes        |
| 4. | If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023. | 08/01/2023 |

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023. | 08/01/2023 |
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| 1E-5b. | Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects.   |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.2.g.   |  |
|        | You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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|  | Does your attachment include:<br>1. Project Names;<br>2. Project Scores;<br>3. Project accepted or rejected status;<br>4. Project Rank—if accepted;<br>5. Requested Funding Amounts; and<br>6. Reallocated funds. | Yes |
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| 1E-5c. | Web Posting of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application 2 Days Before CoC Program Competition Application Submission Deadline. |  |
|        | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95.  |  |
|        | You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.             |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC’s website or partner’s website—which included:<br>1. the CoC Application; and<br>2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings. |  |
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**You must enter a date in question 1E-5c.**

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC notified community members and key stakeholders that the CoC-approved Consolidated Application was posted on your CoC’s website or partner’s website. |  |
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**You must enter a date in question 1E-5d.**

## 2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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

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

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

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|  | Enter the name of the HMIS Vendor your CoC is currently using. | Foothold Technology |
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| 2A-2. | HMIS Implementation Coverage Area. |  |
|       | Not Scored–For Information Only    |  |

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

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|  | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX. | 04/28/2023 |
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| 2A-4. | Comparable Database for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.b.  |  |

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|    | In the field below:  |  |
| 1. | describe actions your CoC and HMIS Lead have taken to ensure DV housing and service providers in your CoC collect data in HMIS comparable databases;         |  |
| 2. | state whether DV housing and service providers in your CoC are using a HUD-compliant comparable database–compliant with the FY 2022 HMIS Data Standards; and |  |

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

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 2022 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.

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

| Project Type                               | Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC | Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers | Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS | HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds             | 69                                | 42  | 26                            | 96.30%                            |
| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds                    | 0                                 | 0   | 0                             |                                   |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds          | 12                                | 0   | 12                            | 100.00%                           |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds             | 38                                | 0   | 34                            | 89.47%                            |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 348                               | 0   | 101                           | 29.02%                            |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds      | 113                               | 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.

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| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0.                                |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.3.d.  |  |
|       | You must upload your CoC's FY 2023 HDX Competition Report to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |  |

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| Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST? | Yes |
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## 2B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count

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

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

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| <b>2B-1.</b> | <b>PIT Count Date.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.4.a   |  |

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|  | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count. | 01/24/2023 |
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| <b>2B-2.</b> | <b>PIT Count Data–HDX Submission Date.</b> |  |
|              | NOFO Section V.B.4.a                       |  |

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

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|  | 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.

For the January 2024 PIT count, the CoC intends on collaborating with the newly developed Lived Experience Advisory Board as the board has a few youth members. The advisory board's youth members will play a vital role in the planning process. By involving the youth on the Advisory Board, the CoC will be certain their voices are represented in the planning process to capture information more accurately about the youth population experiencing homelessness.

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| 2B-4. | PIT Count–Methodology Change–CoC Merger Bonus Points.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.a and V.B.7.c.   |  |
|       | In the field below:   |  |
|       | 1. describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;       |  |
|       | 2. describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and |  |
|       | 3. describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or   |  |
|       | 4. state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.  |  |

(limit 2,500 characters)

For FY2023 the PIT survey was updated to identify barriers & needs of participants before responding to questions on homeless history. The PIT survey was modified by the Statewide Advisory Board of persons with lived experience to be less tautological & more person-centered using a motivational interview approach to improve data collection of all the characteristics of homeless history. Their efforts provided invaluable insight and reshaped the survey to gather required data while respecting the humanity of respondents. In conjunction with survey updates, the CoC provided enhanced trainings for volunteers & agencies completing the survey to ensure full understanding of the changes to the data collection, CH definition & distinctions related to counting length of time & episodes of homelessness.

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. PIT Count & outreach trainings were also organized & co-facilitated by the Advisory Board. 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 condition

The changes affected the CoC PIT Count. From 2022-2023 there was a 6% 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 63% in 2023 & there was a very slight decrease in sheltered numbers.

## 2C. System Performance

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- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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| <b>2C-1.</b> | <b>Reduction in the Number of First Time Homeless–Risk Factors Your CoC Uses.</b>  |  |
|              | 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. 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, transport unsheltered to ES or other service 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

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| <b>2C-1a.</b> | <b>Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless.</b> |  |
|               | 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:

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| 1. | natural disasters?                                     | No |
| 2. | having recently arrived in your CoCs' geographic area? | No |

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| <b>2C-2.</b> | <b>Length of Time Homeless—CoC's Strategy to Reduce.</b> |  |
|              | 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)**

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. Through this prioritization households with the longest histories of homelessness are the first households connected to permanent housing opportunities. 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. 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.

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| 2C-3. | Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC’s Strategy<br>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.                    |  |

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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.

4.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, which includes 3 new staff at AHA to work with those experiencing homelessness. 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 & CoC Lead.

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| 2C-4. | Returns to Homelessness—CoC’s Strategy to Reduce Rate.   |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.e.  |  |
|       | In the field below:  |  |
| 1.    | describe your CoC’s strategy to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness;  |  |
| 2.    | describe your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness; and   |  |
| 3.    | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC’s strategy to reduce the rate individuals and persons in families return to homelessness. |  |

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

1. All households in SO, ES, and TH programs are connected to the Coordinated 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 are responsible for implementing these strategies. The Executive committee is responsible for oversight of implementation.

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| 2C-5. | Increasing Employment Cash Income—CoC's Strategy. |  |
|       | NOFO Section V.B.5.f.                             |  |

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| 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.                                 |

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Homeless service agencies assess employment income & history at program intake. Many CoC provider have job coaches & financial assessment services to assist households in reviewing their budgets, understanding their income needs & identifying options for improving their income. Households are connected to the Ocean County One-Stop employment & training program to identify earning potential and strategies to increase income. The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Services & Workforce Now programs assist clients who have the ability to work & are currently unemployed or accessing mainstream benefits in strengthening their skills.

Available services include job coaching, educational/specialized training, resume building, interview skills, job search as well as soft skills such as job interview etiquette, resume building, and communication. Ocean County College operates the Displaced Homemakers Program of Ocean County (DHP). DHP aims to provide services to individuals who have lost their primary source of income due to separation, divorce, disability, or death of the primary provider. The program assists individuals with career, employment, & life counseling & partners with agencies to assist with connection to housing resources. The CoC holds an annual training on employment services offered by the Ocean County PIC (Workforce Investment Board provider) provider agencies to ensure their knowledge of employment & training services available in the community. The training 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.

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| 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. |  |

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

### 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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

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

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

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

### 3A-3. List of Projects.

1. What is the name of the new project? Habcore Ocean Leasing AP14OC Expansion FY 23

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

3. Select the new project type: PH-PSH

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

5. Select the type of leverage: Both

### 3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## 4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

1. You must include a Document Description for each attachment you upload; if you do not, the Submission Summary screen will display a red X indicating the submission is incomplete.
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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.
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6. If you cannot read the attachment, it is likely we cannot read it either.
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  - . 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 |
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| 1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference                            | No        | PHA Admin Plan-Mo... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference                           | No        | PHA Admin Plan Ho... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group                   | Yes       |                      |               |
| 1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation                          | Yes       | Housing First Eval   | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline          | Yes       | NOI w/ New & Rene... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool                     | Yes       | Local Competition... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project                      | Yes       | Renewal Scored Ap... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced          | Yes       | Rejected Projects... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted                 | Yes       | Funding Notificat... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results               | Yes       | Local Competition... | 09/20/2023    |
| 1E-5c. Web Posting—CoC-Approved Consolidated Application | Yes       |                      |               |

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

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** PHA Admin Plan-Move-on Multifamily Assistance Housing Owner's Manual

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** PHA Admin Plan Homeless Preference

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** Housing First Eval

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** Housing First Eval

## **Attachment Details**

**Document Description:** NOI w/ New & Renewal Applications

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**Document Description:** Local Competition Scoring Tool

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**Document Description:** Renewal Scored App-Habcore, New Scored App-Habcore

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**Document Description:** Rejected Projects-Family Promise, Harbor House, STEPS

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## Submission Summary

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

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| 1A. CoC Identification                            | 09/11/2023      |
| 1B. Inclusive Structure                           | 09/18/2023      |
| 1C. Coordination and Engagement                   | 09/18/2023      |
| 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd            | 09/19/2023      |
| 1E. Project Review/Ranking                        | Please Complete |
| 2A. HMIS Implementation                           | 09/20/2023      |
| 2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count                     | 09/20/2023      |
| 2C. System Performance                            | 09/20/2023      |
| 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare      | 09/20/2023      |
| 3B. Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs         | 09/20/2023      |
| 3C. Serving Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes | 09/20/2023      |

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| <b>4A. DV Bonus Project Applicants</b> | 09/20/2023        |
| <b>4B. Attachments Screen</b>          | Please Complete   |
| <b>Submission Summary</b>              | No Input Required |



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

# STATE OF NEW JERSEY 2018 Annual Action Plan



**State of New Jersey  
Phil Murphy, Governor**

**Department of Community Affairs  
Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver, Commissioner**

500 households who are involved with the child welfare system.

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

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

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

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

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

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Discussion**

1C-7. PHA Administration Plan:  
Homeless Preference

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

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
PHA Plan

## **SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION**

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

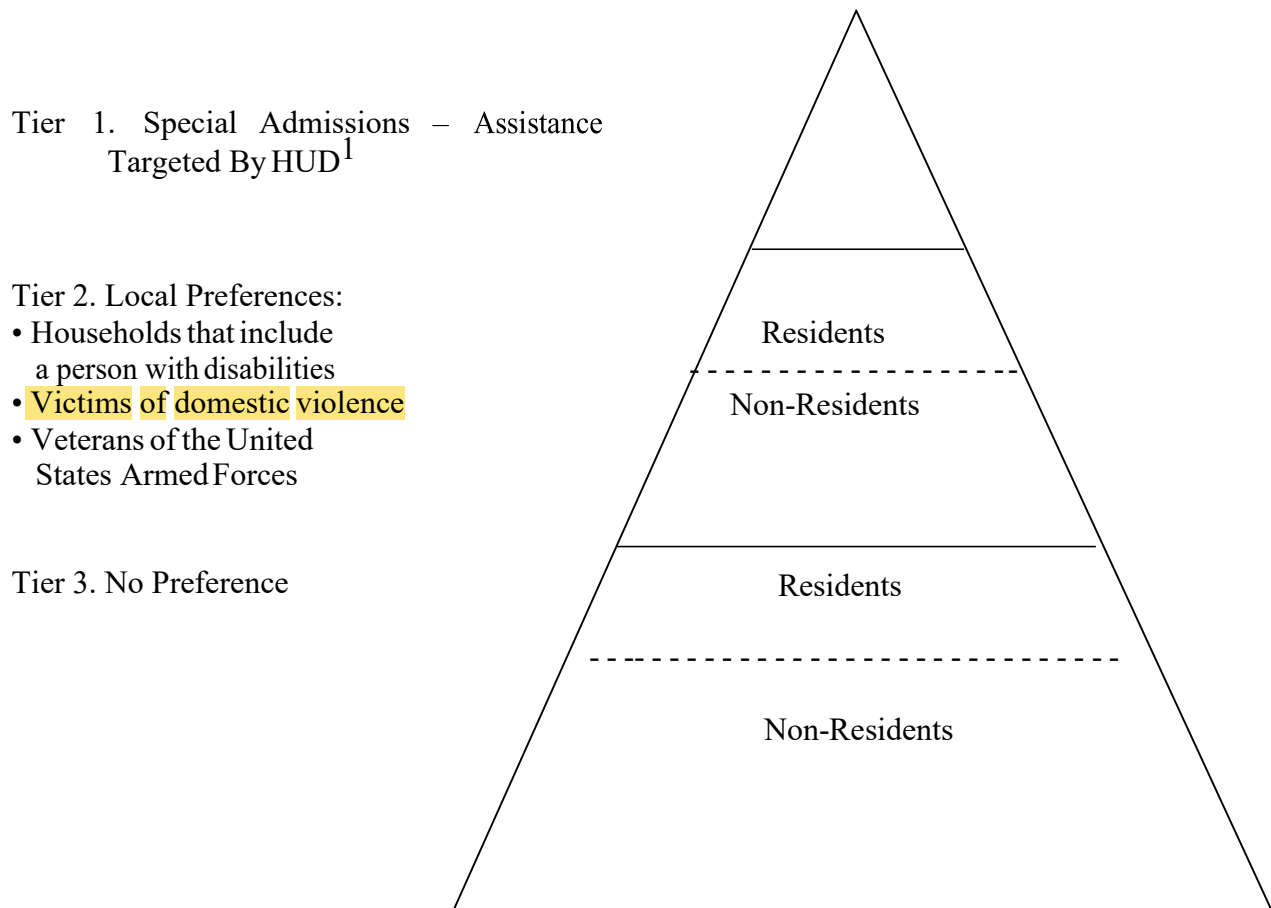
Applicants selected from the waiting list must provide all required documentation within fifteen (15) business days of the date of the notice from the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Extenuating circumstances will be considered in order to provide a reasonable accommodation, on a case-by-case basis.

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

### **Single Member Households**

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

## ILLUSTRATION OF THE DCA'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY



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

## EXHIBIT 5-2

### **Verification Standards for the Local Preferences**

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

#### **Households That Include a Person with Disabilities**

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

#### **Victims of Domestic Violence**

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

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

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## **5. SELECTION OF HOUSEHOLDS FOR PARTICIPATION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY

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

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

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

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

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

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

selection of this group of applicants.

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

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

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



**EXHIBIT 5-1**

**ILLUSTRATION OF CSP-NJ'S APPLICANT SELECTION POLICY**

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

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

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

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

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

**HOMELESS**

A homeless household includes any person or household that:

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

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

## **VERIFICATION STANDARDS FOR CEC'S RANKING PREFERENCES**

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

### **A) Household That Includes a Person With Disabilities**

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

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

**EXHIBIT 5-4**

**COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES CORPORATION  
VERIFICATION OF DISABILITY FORM**

Re: \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of person claiming disability)

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

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

(1) Means a person who:

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

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

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

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

**CERTIFICATION OF DISABILITY**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

T e l e p h o n e

Number: \_\_\_\_\_

A g e n c y :

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Exhibit 5 - 4**

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

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

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

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

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

**Exhibit 5 - 5**

**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PREFERENCE**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Application Number A-A9999

Dear Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_:

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

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

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

Housing Director  
CEC  
11 Spring ST  
Freehold, NJ 07728

Sincerely,

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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-2a Housing First Evaluation

# Ocean County Homeless Prevention and Assistance Coalition

## PROGRAM MONITORING TOOL

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Monitoring Performed By: \_\_\_\_\_

### Monitoring of Homeless Service Program of:

Recipient Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Sub-recipient Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address  
\_\_\_\_\_

Primary Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Client Files Reviewed: \_\_\_\_\_

Site Monitoring Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Program Performance Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Monitoring Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## Program Administration & Recordkeeping: Agency, Program, Subcontracted Partners

|    | QUESTION  | YES                  | NO | N/A | SCORE |
|----|---|----------------------|----|-----|-------|
| 1  | Are all records regarding the project (outside of financial records) centrally located?                         | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
| 2  | Do these records contain:   | 0                    | 0  |     | 0     |
|    | a. Program Grant Agreements with program regulations  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | b. Grant Agreement Amendments and Budget Revisions  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | c. Program Grant Application  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | d. Program policies & procedures in compliance with HUD regulations   | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | e. Program goals and process to track progress  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | f. Conflict-of-Interest policy for program  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
| 3* | Does the agency have a policy on client confidentiality or a filing system to safeguard client confidentiality? | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
| 4  | Does the agency adhere to HMIS confidentiality regulations?   | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
| 5  | Is there documentation that the agency has passed most recent HMIS site audit?                                  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
| 6  | Does the Agency subcontract for any services in administration of program activities?                           | 0                    | 0  |     | 0     |
|    | a. Are there written agreements/MOUs with partner agencies?   | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | b. Are grant agreement requirements passed along to sub-recipients/subcontractors?                              | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | c. Is there regular contact with sub-recipients/subcontracts in program administration/implementation?          | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    | d. Is there evidence of a monitoring process for program partners?  | 2                    | 0  |     |       |
|    |   | Total score          |    |     |       |
|    |   | Total possible score |    |     |       |

## Financial Management

|   | QUESTION  | YES                  | NO | SCORE |    |
|---|---|----------------------|----|-------|----|
| 1 | Are all project financial records centrally located and stored in a secure location?  | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 2 | Does the agency financial management system provide evidence that there are controls in place to account for all funds, property, and other assets?   | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 3 | Does the agency compare budgeted line item costs against incurred costs in order to identify over/under spending on a line item basis so that adjustments can be made in a timely fashion?  | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 4 | Are all project expenditures supported by timesheets, invoices, contracts, purchase orders, etc.?   | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 5 | Is the project drawing down funds from eLOCCS on at least a quarterly basis?  | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 6 | Is the adequate match being provided by the project for all funds requested?  | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 7 | Does the agency retain project records for a minimum of seven (7) years after close—out of the grant or clearance of any audit findings, and 15 years after close-out of a grant that funds acquisition, construction or rehabilitation activities? | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
| 8 | Has the agency been audited by independent auditors? If yes, were there any findings that the recipient is required to resolve? Note: obtain a copy of the agency's most recently completed audit.  | 2                    | 0  |       |    |
|   |   | Total score          |    |       |    |
|   |   | Total possible score |    |       | 16 |

## Compliance & Program Participant Recordkeeping

|                      | QUESTION   | YES | NO | N/A | SCORE |
|----------------------|--|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 1                    | Do <u>all</u> records regarding program participants contain the following:<br>(Note: Inconsistencies amongst recordkeeping will receive partial credit)   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0     |
|                      | a. Documentation for verification of homeless status?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | b. Documentation that program participants have been screened via centralized assessment system and determined eligible for CoC Program Assistance?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | c. A valid lease (if applicable) and program occupancy agreement or program participation agreement signed by program participants?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | d. Documentation for all sources of income?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | e. Documentation of total adjusted income and rent calculation?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | f. Annual re-certification of homelessness?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | g. Summary of steps taken to verify the participant does not receive other subsidies for rent, utilities, etc?   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | h. Documentation for termination if the participant has been terminated from the program?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | i. Documentation of any appeals by program participants?   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | j. Verification of the participant's disability (required for CoC-funded PSH programs)   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
| 2                    | Does the project deny admission due to gender identity?  | 0   | 2  |     |       |
| 3                    | Does the project reject families due to composition or require family breakup for program admission or retention?  | 0   | 2  |     |       |
| 4                    | Is there documentation that the case manager has met with the household at least <u>monthly</u> during their program enrollment period to develop individual service plan? Do these documents include: | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | a. Program intake/eligibility documentation; e.g. participant application, executed release of information forms, etc.   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | b. Identification; e.g. government issued proof of citizenship: birth certificate, social security card, driver license, passport  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | c. HMIS consent forms for all clients (signed by both client and staff)  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | d. Evidence that all participants have been notified of program requirements/regulations, termination reasons and process, appeals process, privacy, and other participant rights at intake.           | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | e. Evidence of referrals to mainstream resources, etc. based on participant's supportive service needs   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
|                      | f. Copy of household budget and budget goals   | 2   | 0  |     |       |
| 5                    | For Permanent Housing programs, are the most recent unit FMR and Rent Reasonableness guidelines being used?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
| 6                    | For RRH or TH-RRH projects, do the entry-exit dates exceed the 24-month limitation of stay? Does the file explain the need?  | 2   | 0  |     |       |
| Total score          |  |     |    |     |       |
| Total possible score |  |     |    |     |       |

## Housing First

|    | QUESTION   | YES | NO                   | SCORE |
|----|--|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 1  | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on criminal history?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 2  | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on criminal history?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 3  | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on transgender identification?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 4  | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on transgender identification?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 5  | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on income or credit history?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 6  | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on income or credit history?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 7  | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on "housing readiness"?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 8  | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on "housing readiness"?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 9  | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on mental health history, including medication adherence?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 10 | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on mental health history, including medication adherence?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 11 | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on substance use history, including current use and/or willingness to attend treatment services? (not applicable for recovery housing projects) | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 12 | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on substance use history, including current use and/or willingness to attend treatment services? (not applicable for recovery housing projects)         | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 13 | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on history of domestic or intimate partner violence?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 14 | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on history of domestic or intimate partner violence?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 15 | Have any prospective participants been denied program entrance based on immigration status or residency?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 16 | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on immigration status or residency?   | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 17 | Have any participants been terminated from the program based on rules that interfere with community integration (e.g., employment, educational pursuits)?  | 0   | 2                    |       |
| 18 | Are participants able to refuse the offer of wraparound and support services and still remain in the program?  | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 19 | Does client input impacts program design, implementation, services, etc.?  | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 20 | Is there an expedited enrollment process? (e.g. minimal entry barriers related to documentation)   | 2   | 0                    |       |
|    |  |     | Total score          |       |
|    |  |     | Total possible score | 40    |

**Staff Training - Evidence should indicate that the training followed a curriculum**

|                      | QUESTION  | YES | NO | SCORE |
|----------------------|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1                    | Is there evidence that program staff been trained in person-centered planning?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 2                    | Is there evidence that program staff been trained in motivational interviewing?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 3                    | Is there evidence that program staff been trained in trauma-informed approaches?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 4                    | Is there evidence that program staff been trained in harm reduction philosophy and strategies?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 5                    | Is there evidence that program staff been trained in racial awareness and the link between race and homelessness?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 6                    | Is there evidence that the Agency ensures annual training for all staff on LGBTQ cultural competency and agency policies and procedures related to the HUD Equal Access Rule? | 2   | 0  |       |
| Total score          |   |     |    |       |
| Total possible score |   |     |    | 12    |

**Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**

|                      | QUESTION   | YES | NO | SCORE |
|----------------------|--|-----|----|-------|
| 1                    | Is there more than one person with lived experience on the Agency's Board?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 2                    | Is there evidence that the Agency reviews internal policies and procedures with an equity lens on at least an annual basis, and has a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies that do not impose undue barriers?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 3                    | Is there evidence that the Agency collects data and/or reviewing HMIS to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races & ethnicities in its program, on at least an annual basis?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 4                    | Is there evidence that the Agency has identified steps it will take to help the board of directors & decision-making bodies better reflect the population served by the program?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 5                    | Is there evidence that the Agency has referred program participants to join CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 6                    | Is there evidence that persons with lived experience review & recommend revisions to policies addressing homelessness related to services, & housing, on at least an annual basis?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 7                    | Is there evidence that the Agency documents and maintains records of compliance with HUD's Equal Access Rule for a minimum of 5 years?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 8                    | Is there evidence that the Agency publically posts 1) evidence of their compliance with HUD's Equal Access Rule, stating LGBTQ and gender-nonconforming consumers are a protected class under the policy, and 2) a grievance procedure in relation to discrimination complaints? | 2   | 0  |       |
| 9                    | Is there evidence that consumers are notified of the Agency's compliance with HUD's Equal Access Rule and grievance procedure related to discrimination complaints upon program admission?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| Total score          |  |     |    |       |
| Total possible score |  |     |    | 18    |

### Data Standards for HMIS Agencies

|   |  |   |                      |   |
|---|--|---|----------------------|---|
| 1 | Based on attendance records, is the agency represented regularly at Data Quality meetings/trainings required by the CoC? | 3 | 0                    |   |
| 2 | Based on attendance records, has the agency site administrator completed reports training through HMFA?                  | 1 | 0                    |   |
| 3 | Is consent expiration in HMIS set to 84 months?  | 1 | 0                    |   |
| 4 | Is the annual update option selected for all clients?  | 1 | 0                    |   |
| 5 | Is the "aging in" update option selected for all clients under the age of 18?  | 1 | 0                    |   |
|   |  |   | Total score          |   |
|   |  |   | Total possible score | 7 |

### Data Standards for Non-HMIS Agencies

|   |  |   |                      |   |
|---|--|---|----------------------|---|
| 1 | Based on attendance records, is the agency represented regularly at Data Quality meetings? | 3 | 0                    |   |
| 2 | Does the agency have a process for providing aggregate data?                               | 1 | 0                    |   |
| 3 | Has program data staff completed training on this software, including reports training?    | 1 | 0                    |   |
| 4 | Does the agency have a software system that collects the same data as HMIS?                | 1 | 0                    |   |
|   |  |   | Total score          |   |
|   |  |   | Total possible score | 6 |

### Coordinated Entry Participation

|   | QUESTION   | YES | NO                   | SCORE |
|---|--|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Is there evidence of admitted households coming from CE?         | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 2 | Is there evidence of notification of vacancies to CE?            | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 3 | Is there evidence of referrals received from CE?                 | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 4 | Is there evidence of notification of acceptance/rejection to CE? | 2   | 0                    |       |
|   |  |     | Total score          |       |
|   |  |     | Total possible score | 8     |

### Housing Quality Management

|   | QUESTION   | YES | NO                   | SCORE |
|---|--|-----|----------------------|-------|
| 1 | Are all units providing housing/shelter inspected on an annual basis?  | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 2 | If so, is there evidence of the most recent unit/building inspections (completed by either agency staff or third party agencies) showing the unit/building is up to appropriate standards? | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 3 | Are all units in compliance with local Fire codes? Is there documentation in program files supporting this?  | 2   | 0                    |       |
| 4 | Do all units/buildings have the proper Certificate of Occupancy documentation issued by the local municipality?  | 2   | 0                    |       |
|   |  |     | Total score          |       |
|   |  |     | Total possible score | 8     |

**Performance**

|                      | QUESTION  | YES | NO | SCORE |
|----------------------|---|-----|----|-------|
| 1                    | Is the number of participant being served consistent with the number of participants targeted in the grant application?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 2                    | Is there evidence that the number of participants served based on client files matches the number of participants indicated in HMIS? (this includes all admissions and discharges from the program) | 2   | 0  |       |
| 3                    | Does the program have a plan to utilize client feedback to help assess overall program performance and make improvements on at least a yearly basis?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 4                    | Does the program provide clients with a clearly accessible means to express and resolve grievances with a neutral party?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 5                    | Do you have program goals that guide the services provided to program participants? If so, please provide a copy of program goals.  | 2   | 0  |       |
| 6                    | Does the agency have evidence of program outcomes based on agency identified program goals?   | 2   | 0  |       |
| 7                    | Has the program made efforts to address Ocean County's chronically homeless populations?  | 2   | 0  |       |
| Total score          |   |     |    |       |
| Total possible score |   |     |    | 16    |

| Additional Notes/Comments |
|---------------------------|
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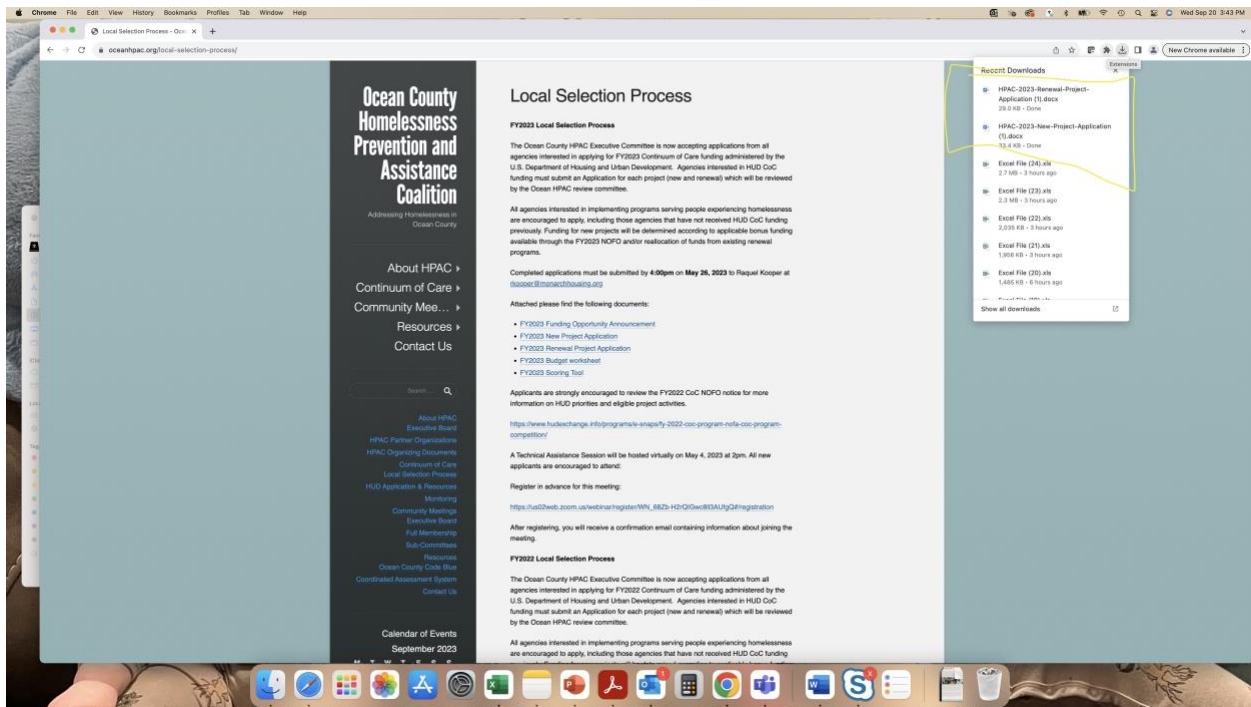
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**Total Possible Site Monitoring Points:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Monitoring Score (%):** \_\_\_\_\_



1E-1 Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline



## 1E-2 Local Competition Scoring Tool

## Ocean HPAC 2023 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 serve the full geographic area of the CoC including Cape May, Camden, Gloucester, and Cumberland Counties? |          |
| 3. Does the agency agree to participate in the CoC's established Coordinated Entry System?   |          |
| 4. Does the agency agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for Domestic Violence programs?                               |          |

### Section 1 - All Projects

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

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

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

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

| <b>Overall Application and Budget - Maximum 20 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

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

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

| <b>Rapid Implementation - Maximum 10 points</b> | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
|---|-----------------------|--------------|

|  |    |  |
|--|----|--|
| 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 |  |
|--|----|--|

| <b>Organizational Experience - Maximum 20 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Applicant demonstrates experience providing housing and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.                                       | 10                    |              |
| 2. Applicant demonstrates experience with HUD or other federal funding and has the capacity both administratively and financially to operate the CoC funding. | 10                    |              |
| 3. Applicant demonstrates an ability to meet the match requirement.   | 5                     |              |
| 4. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.   | 5                     |              |

### **Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only**

| <b>Clients Safety and Victim Centered Approach - Maximum 20 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

| <b>Desk Monitoring Findings - Maximum 10 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

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

**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.<br><b>Q22a</b>        | 85% will remain housed for a least 12 months, exit to other permanent housing, or continue in permanent housing | ≥85%=10<br>80%-84%= 8<br>65%-79%= 4<br>55%-64%= 1<br>≤55%= 0  |               |                |
| 2. Households exiting permanent housing will not return to homelessness (Including transitional housing)<br><b>Q23</b>                                    | <10% of those exiting permanent housing return to homelessness  | ≤10%= 10<br>11%-20%= 4<br>21%-30%= 3<br>31-45%= 1<br>≥31%= 0  |               |                |
| 3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income (Includes wages and mainstream resources)<br><b>Q19a1</b>                              | 85% will maintain or increase income at exit or annually  | ≥85%= 10<br>75%-84%= 7<br>65%-74%= 5<br>50%-64%= 3<br>≤49%= 0 |               |                |
| 4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.*<br><b>Q17 (earned income)<br/>Compare to Q19a1</b> | 20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually                                 | ≥20%= 10<br>10%-19%= 6<br>5%-9%= 3<br>≤5%= 0                  |               |                |
| 5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits<br><b>Q20a</b>   | 85% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits at exit or annually                                    | ≥85%= 10<br>75%-84%= 7<br>65%-74%= 5<br>50%-64%= 3<br>≤49%= 0 |               |                |
| 6. Program operates at full capacity, with low vacancy rate, and quickly fills vacancies<br><b>Esnaps application 5a &amp; Q5<br/>APR</b>                 | >90% occupancy during reporting period  | ≥90%= 10<br>70%-89%= 7<br>51%-69%= 4<br>≤50%= 0               |               |                |
| 7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS<br><b>Q6b &amp; c</b>  | See Data Quality Report   | A - to A =10<br>B to B+ = 5<br>< B- = 0                       | N/A           |                |
|   |   |   | <b>Total:</b> |                |

**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

**Transitional Housing Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Goals  | Required Performance Standard  |   | %   | Points Awarded |
|--|--|---|-----|----------------|
| 1. Households residing in transitional housing will have low average lengths of stay among households        | % of households whose length of stay in transitional housing does not exceed 18 months | ≥45%= 10<br>31-45%= 7<br>21%-30%= 5<br>11%-20%= 3<br>≤10%= 0    |     |                |
| 2. Households exiting transitional housing programs will move directly to permanent housing.                 | 75% will obtain permanent housing  | ≥75%= 10<br>60%-74% = 7<br>40%- 59%= 5<br>25%-39%= 3<br>≤24%= 0 |     |                |
| 3. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income. (Includes wages or mainstream resources) | 54% will maintain or increase income   | ≥54%= 10<br>45%-53%= 7<br>35%-44%= 5<br>25%-34%= 3<br>≤25%= 0   |     |                |
| 4. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed.*       | 20% of adults who are not on SSI/D will be employed at program exit or annually        | ≥20%= 10<br>10%-19%= 6<br>5%-9%= 3<br>≤5%= 0                    |     |                |
| 5. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits between entry and exit.                   | 25% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits                               | ≥25%= 10<br>21%-24%= 7<br>11%-20%= 3<br>≤10%= 0                 |     |                |
| 6. Program operates at full capacity   | >90% occupancy   | ≥90%= 10<br>70%-89%= 8<br>51%-69%= 5<br>≤50%= 0                 |     |                |
| 7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS   | See Data Quality Report  | A - to A =10<br>B to B+ = 5<br>< B- = 0                         | N/A |                |
| <b>Total:</b>  |  |   |     |                |

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

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**Emergency Shelter Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Goals   | Required Performance Standard  |  | %             | Points Awarded |
|---|--|--|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Households exiting emergency shelter move directly to permanent housing  | >30% move to permanent housing   | ≥30%= 15<br>25%-29%= 12<br>20-24%= 9<br>15%-19% = 6<br>10-14% =3<br>≤9%= 0 |               |                |
| 2. Very few households exiting emergency shelters remain homeless.  | <20% remain homeless or exit to "unknown" location                             | ≤20%= 5<br>21%-30%= 4<br>31%-40%= 3<br>41-51%= 1<br>≥51%= 0                |               |                |
| 3. Households residing in emergency shelter will have low average lengths of stay   | Average length of stay is <60 days   | <60 = 10<br>60-75 = 7<br>75-90 = 3<br>>90 = 0                              |               |                |
| 4. Households will maintain or increase earned and unearned income between entry and exit. (Includes wages or mainstream resources) | 54% will maintain or increase income by program exit                           | ≥20%= 10<br>15%-19%= 7<br>9%-14%= 3<br>≤9%= 0                              |               |                |
| 5. Adults will obtain or maintain employment while in the program and will exit the program employed                                | 18% of adults staying over 30 days will have employment income at program exit | ≥20%= 10<br>10%-19%= 6<br>5%-9%= 3<br>≤5%= 0                               |               |                |
| 6. Households will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits between entry and exit   | 56% will maintain or obtain mainstream non-cash benefits by program exit       | ≥20%= 10<br>15%-19%= 7<br>9%-14%= 3<br>≤9%= 0                              |               |                |
| 7. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS  | See Data Quality Report  | A - to A =10<br>B to B+ = 5<br>< B- = 0                                    | N/A           |                |
|   |  |  | <b>Total:</b> |                |

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**Supportive Services Only Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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The following HMIS reports are used:

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**Rapid Rehousing Program:** \_\_\_\_\_

| Goals  | Performance Standard  | Points  | %   | Points Awarded |
|--|---|---|-----|----------------|
| 1. Households exiting Rapid Rehousing will remain in permanent housing 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<br>70%-84%= 8<br>50%-69%= 4<br>31%-49%= 1<br>≤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<br>11%-20%= 4<br>21%-30%= 3<br>31-45%= 1<br>≥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<br>75%-84%= 7<br>65%-74%= 5<br>50%-64%= 3<br>≤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<br>30%-39%= 6<br>20%-29%= 3<br>≤20%= 0               |     |                |
| 5. Program maintains adequate data quality in HMIS   | See Data Quality Report   | A - to A =10<br>B to B+ = 5<br>< B- = 0                       | N/A |                |
| <b>Total:</b>  |   |   |     |                |

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

The following HMIS reports are used:

1. The CoC Annual Performance Report run through HMIS

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

**Ocean HPAC  
2023 CoC Local Application Score Sheet**

Agency Name: Habcore

Project Name: AP14

Project Type: PSH

Renewal or New Project: Renewal

**Renewal Project GIW Breakdown:**

| Total Budget | Leasing     | Rental Assistance | Supportive Services | Operating Costs | HMIS         | Admin       |               |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| \$ 325,564   | \$ 280,539  | \$ -              | \$ 13,723           | \$ 17,327       | \$ -         | \$ 13,975   |               |
| 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 serve the full geographic area of the CoC including Cape May, Camden, Gloucester, and Cumberland Counties? |          |
| 3. Does the agency agree to participate in the CoC's established Coordinated Entry System?   |          |
| 4. Does the agency agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for Domestic Violence programs?                               |          |

**Section 1 - All Projects**

| <b>Vulnerable Population Priorities - Maximum 30 points</b> - all categories are calculated as a percentage of dedicated beds out of the total number of project beds | Percentage | Possible Score | Score |
|---|------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Beds are dedicated to chronically homeless households.   | 100%       | 10             | 10    |
| 2. Beds are dedicated to families with children   | 50%        | 5              | 2.5   |
| 3. Beds are dedicated to veterans.  |            | 5              |       |
| 4. Beds are dedicated to Unaccompanied Youth (under 25).  |            | 5              |       |
| 5. Beds are dedicated to Victims of Domestic Violence   |            | 5              |       |

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

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

| <b>Racial Equity and Consumer Input - Maximum 15 points</b> | 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 |

| <b>Overall Application and Budget - Maximum 20 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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 - New Projects Only**

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

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

| <b>Rapid Implementation - Maximum 10 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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                    |              |

| <b>Organizational Experience - Maximum 20 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Applicant demonstrates experience providing housing and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.                                       | 10                    |              |
| 2. Applicant demonstrates experience with HUD or other federal funding and has the capacity both administratively and financially to operate the CoC funding. | 10                    |              |
| 3. Applicant demonstrates an ability to meet the match requirement.   | 5                     |              |
| 4. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.   | 5                     |              |

**Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only**

| <b>Clients Safety and Victim Centered Approach - Maximum 20 points</b> | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
|--|-----------------------|--------------|

|  |    |  |
|--|----|--|
| 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**

| <b>Desk Monitoring Findings - Maximum 10 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

| <b>Scoring Category</b>                           | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Total Score</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Section 1 - All Projects                          | 75                    | 77.5               | 103%              |
| Section 2 - New Project Only                      |                       |                    |                   |
| Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only |                       |                    |                   |
| Section 4- Renewal Projects Only                  | 10                    | 10                 | 100%              |
| Performance Review                                | 70                    | 53                 | 76%               |
| Site Monitoring                                   | 185                   | 183                | 99%               |
| <b>Final Application Score</b>                    | 340                   | 323.5              | 95%               |

## Ocean HPAC 2023 CoC Local Application Score Sheet

Agency Name: Habcore

Project Name: AP 14 Expansion

Project Type: PSH

Renewal or New Project: New

### Renewal Project GIW Breakdown:

| Total Budget | Leasing     | Rental Assistance | Supportive Services | Operating Costs | HMIS         | Admin       |               |
|--------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
|              | \$ 26,316   | \$ -              | \$ 3,000            | \$ 3,000        | \$ -         | \$ 1,984    |               |
| 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?  | yes      |
| 3. Does the agency agree to participate in the CoC's established Coordinated Entry System?               | yes      |
| 4. Does the agency agree to participate in HMIS or a comparable database for Domestic Violence programs? | yes      |

### Section 1 - All Projects

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

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

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



| <b>Racial Equity and Consumer Input - Maximum 15 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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            |

| <b>Overall Application and Budget - Maximum 20 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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 - New Projects Only**

| <b>Project Type Priorities - Maximum 5 points</b> | <b>Response</b> | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. is this project a Rapid Rehousing project?     | no              | 5                     | 0            |
| 2. Is this project a Joint TH-RRH project?        | no              | 5                     | 0            |

| <b>Project Description - Maximum 20 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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                    | 10           |
| 2. Applicant demonstrates a wide variety of services related to program goals that will be made available to participants and demonstrates that services will be client-centered and accessible.                      | 10                    | 10           |

| <b>Rapid Implementation - Maximum 10 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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                    | 10           |

| <b>Organizational Experience - Maximum 20 points</b>  | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Applicant demonstrates experience providing housing and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness.                                       | 10                    | 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                    | 10           |
| 3. Applicant demonstrates an ability to meet the match requirement.   | 5                     | 5            |
| 4. Applicant has current partnerships with relevant community partners and demonstrates how they will leverage these partnerships for the proposed project.   | 5                     | 5            |

**Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only**

| <b>Clients Safety and Victim Centered Approach - Maximum 20 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

| <b>Desk Monitoring Findings - Maximum 10 points</b>   | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Score</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|
| 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**

| <b>Scoring Category</b>                           | <b>Possible Score</b> | <b>Total Score</b> | <b>Percentage</b> |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Section 1 - All Projects                          | 95                    | 80                 | 84%               |
| Section 2 - New Project Only                      | 70                    | 60                 | 86%               |
| Section 3 - Domestic Violence Bonus Projects Only |                       |                    |                   |
| Section 4- Renewal Projects Only                  |                       |                    |                   |
| <b>Final Application Score</b>                    | 165                   | 140                | 85%               |

## 1E-5 Notification of projects Rejected-Reduced

1. Family Promise of the Jersey Shore
2. Harbor House
3. STEPS

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 09:56:10 Eastern Daylight Time

**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10:26:33 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Raquel Kooper  
**To:** Elizabeth Golla (EGollaFPSOC@gmail.com)  
**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org  
**Attachments:** Appeals policy.pdf

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal. The HPAC Executive Committee has not selected the Family Promise FP Jersey Shore RRH program for funding in the FY2023 CoC cycle. The HPAC committee is limited in the amount of funding available for new projects and this year your project was not able to move forward to be recommended. The Ocean County HPAC Committee would encourage you to apply in future funding cycles for the allowable project types. Please reach out to Raquel Kooper to discuss future funding opportunities at [rkooper@monarchhousing.org](mailto:rkooper@monarchhousing.org). If you would like to appeal this decision, please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

If you would like to go over the scoring in more detail, please reach out to Raquel Kooper at the above listed email address, and we would be happy to provide technical assistance and support.

| Tier | Rank | Score | Agency         | Project             | Request  | Award | Notes                            |
|------|------|-------|----------------|---------------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------|
|      |      | 82%   | Family Promise | FP Jersey Shore RRH | \$91,525 | \$ -- | Project not selected for funding |

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 09:56:34 Eastern Daylight Time

**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10:24:28 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Raquel Kooper  
**To:** Tricia Bradley  
**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org  
**Attachments:** Appeals policy.pdf

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal. The HPAC Executive Committee has not selected the Harbor House Next Steps program for funding in the FY2023 CoC cycle. The HPAC committee is limited in the amount of funding available for new projects and this year your project was not able to move forward to be recommended. The Ocean County HPAC Committee would encourage you to apply in future funding cycles for the allowable project types. Please reach out to Raquel Kooper to discuss future funding opportunities at [rkooper@monarchhousing.org](mailto:rkooper@monarchhousing.org). If you would like to appeal this decision, please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

If you would like to go over the scoring in more detail, please reach out to the above listed email address, and we would be happy to provide technical assistance and support.

| Tier | Rank | Score | Agency       | Project    | Request  | Award | Notes                            |
|------|------|-------|--------------|------------|----------|-------|----------------------------------|
|      |      | 74%   | Harbor House | Next Steps | \$86,822 | \$ -- | Project not selected for funding |

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**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10:34:06 AM Eastern Daylight Time  
**From:** Raquel Kooper  
**To:** pricesteps@aol.com  
**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org  
**Attachments:** Appeals policy.pdf

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 Continuum of Care Funding. The review committee has evaluated your proposal. The HPAC Executive Committee has not selected the Dwelling Stability Program for funding in the FY2023 CoC cycle. The project described was to assist households at risk of homelessness in preventing homelessness and providing back rental assistance. HUD is not allowing for prevention programs; as you have applied for; through the FY2023 CoC cycle and the review committee was unable to consider this project type for funding. HUD allows for the following project types through the CoC cycle:

- SSO-CE projects
- TH-RRH projects
- RRH projects
- PSH projects

The following link provides the FY23 CoC Competition Notice of Funding Opportunity (there is a pdf available at that link) which describes the allowable project types:

<https://www.grants.gov/search-grants.html>

The Ocean County HPAC Committee would encourage you to apply in future funding cycles for the allowable project types. If you would like to appeal this decision, please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process. An appeal letter must be submitted to Ending Homelessness Group, [rkooper@monarchhousing.org](mailto:rkooper@monarchhousing.org), within 3 business days from the delivery of this notification.

If you would like to go over the scoring in more detail, please reach out to Raquel Kooper at the above listed email address, and we would be happy to provide technical assistance and support.

| Rank | Score | Agency | Project                    | Request   | Award | Notes   |
|------|-------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|-------|---|
|      |       | STEPS  | Dwelling Stability Program | \$280,000 | \$0   | Project type/description not applicable for CoC funding |

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## 1E-5a Notification of Projects Accepted

**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice

**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 10:03:59 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Raquel Kooper

**To:** kgreene@brightharbor.org

**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 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 FY2023 application cycle. If you would like to appeal this decision, please see the attached Appeals Policy for information on how to complete the appeals process.

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

| Tier | Rank | Score | Agency                       | Project                    | Request  | Award    | Notes                                 |
|------|------|-------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 1/2  | 5    | 90    | Ocean Mental Health Services | Ocean County OMHS S+C 2009 | \$50,409 | \$50,409 | Project awarded full amount requested |

Please be aware that the following requirements and deadlines will be in effect for the FY2023 application cycle:

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

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

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

All applicants must submit PDF copies of their application to Raquel Kooper by **Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>**.

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

HUD FY2023 CoC Competition page:

<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/>

E-snaps project applicant instructions:

Renewals:

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

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**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice

**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:28:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Raquel Kooper

**To:** Randi Moore

**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 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 FY2023 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    | 100   | EHG    | Ocean HPAC Coordinated Exit | \$183,686 | \$183,686 | Project awarded full amount requested |

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**Subject:** FY2023 Funding Notice

**Date:** Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:39:47 AM Eastern Daylight Time

**From:** Raquel Kooper

**To:** sheisman@habcore.org

**CC:** Kasey Vienckowski, nmclaurin@lsnj.org

Good Morning,

Thank you for submitting an application to the Ocean County HPAC Committee for FY2023 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 FY23, Habcore Capstan II FY23, Habcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY23, and Leasing Expansion projects have been supported for funding through the FY2023 application cycle.

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

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

| Tier | Rank | Score | Agency        | Project                    | Request   | Award     | Notes  |
|------|------|-------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|
| 1    | 2    | 97    | HABcore, Inc. | HABcore Capstan II FY19    | \$69,113  | \$69,113  | Project awarded full amount requested          |
| 1    | 3    | 95    | HABcore, Inc. | Ocean Leasing AP14OC FY 22 | \$325,564 | \$325,564 | Project awarded full amount requested          |
| 1    | 4    | 93    | HABcore, Inc. | HABcore Ocean RRH17OC-FY22 | \$88,720  | \$88,720  | Project awarded full amount requested          |
| 2    | 6    | 96    | Habcore, Inc  | Leasing Expansion          | \$34,300  | \$144,486 | 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



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

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

### Total Population PIT Count Data

|                                       | 2020 PIT | 2021 PIT * | 2022 PIT | 2023 PIT |
|---------------------------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count | 349      | 369        | 419      | 434      |
| Emergency Shelter Total               | 274      | 296        | 354      | 389      |
| Safe Haven Total                      | 0        | 0          | 0        | 0        |
| Transitional Housing Total            | 50       | 58         | 52       | 10       |
| Total Sheltered Count                 | 324      | 354        | 406      | 399      |
| Total Unsheltered Count               | 25       | 15         | 13       | 35       |

### Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

|   | 2020 PIT | 2021 PIT * | 2022 PIT | 2023 PIT |
|---|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons | 44       | 65         | 38       | 104      |
| Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons                       | 35       | 59         | 32       | 92       |
| Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons                     | 9        | 6          | 6        | 12       |

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## PIT Count Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

### Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

|  | 2020 PIT | 2021 PIT * | 2022 PIT | 2023 PIT |
|--|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children | 47       | 59         | 65       | 65       |
| Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children                                     | 47       | 59         | 65       | 64       |
| Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children                                   | 0        | 0          | 0        | 1        |

### Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

|  | 2011 PIT | 2020 PIT | 2021 PIT * | 2022 PIT | 2023 PIT |
|--|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------|
| Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans | 14       | 6        | 18         | 16       | 11       |
| Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans                                     | 10       | 3        | 16         | 15       | 6        |
| Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans                                   | 4        | 3        | 2          | 1        | 5        |

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

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## HIC Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

### HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

| Project Type | Total Year-Round, Current Beds | Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds | Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds* | HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds | Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database | Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds** | HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds | Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database | HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| ES Beds      | 69                             | 26                                   | 27                                       | 96.30%                                     | 0   | 42                                    | 0.00%  | 26   | 37.68%                                     |
| SH Beds      | 0                              | 0                                    | 0  | NA   | 0   | 0                                     | NA   | 0  | NA   |
| TH Beds      | 12                             | 12                                   | 12                                       | 100.00%                                    | 0   | 0                                     | NA   | 12   | 100.00%                                    |
| RRH Beds     | 38                             | 34                                   | 38                                       | 89.47%                                     | 0   | 0                                     | NA   | 34   | 89.47%                                     |
| PSH Beds     | 348                            | 101                                  | 348                                      | 29.02%                                     | 0   | 0                                     | NA   | 101  | 29.02%                                     |
| OPH Beds     | 113                            | 0                                    | 0  | NA   | 0   | 0                                     | NA   | 0  | 0.00%                                      |
| Total Beds   | 580                            | 173                                  | 425                                      | 40.71%                                     | 0   | 42                                    | 0.00%  | 173  | 29.83%                                     |

2023 HDX Competition Report

HIC Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC



# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## HIC Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

**Notes**

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

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

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

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

### PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

| Chronically Homeless Bed Counts   | 2020 HIC | 2021 HIC | 2022 HIC | 2023 HIC |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC | 87       | 87       | 94       | 109      |

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

| Households with Children                         | 2020 HIC | 2021 HIC | 2022 HIC | 2023 HIC |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| RRH units available to serve families on the HIC | 3        | 10       | 14       | 9        |

### Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

| All Household Types                                    | 2020 HIC | 2021 HIC | 2022 HIC | 2023 HIC |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC | 25       | 77       | 56       | 38       |

2023 HDX Competition Report

HIC Data for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

# 2023 HDX Competition Report

## FY2022 - Performance Measurement Module (Sys PM)

### Summary Report for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

#### Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

This measures the number of clients active in the report date range across ES, SH (Metric 1.1) and then ES, SH and TH (Metric 1.2) along with their average and median length of time homeless. This includes time homeless during the report date range as well as prior to the report start date, going back no further than October, 1, 2012.

**Metric 1.1:** Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES and SH projects.  
**Metric 1.2:** Change in the average and median length of time persons are homeless in ES, SH, and TH projects.

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

|                               | Universe (Persons) |         | Average LOT Homeless (bed nights) |         |            | Median LOT Homeless (bed nights) |         |            |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------------------|---------|------------|
|                               | Submitted FY 2021  | FY 2022 | Submitted FY 2021                 | FY 2022 | Difference | Submitted FY 2021                | FY 2022 | Difference |
| 1.1 Persons in ES and SH      | 324                | 302     | 28                                | 11      | -17        | 5                                | 2       | -3         |
| 1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH | 338                | 314     | 36                                | 18      | -18        | 6                                | 2       | -4         |

b. Due to changes in DS Element 3.17, metrics for measure (b) will not be reported in 2016.

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer 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.

NOTE: Due to the data collection period for this year's submission, the calculations for this metric are based on the data element 3.17 that was active in HMIS from 10/1/2015 to 9/30/2016. This measure and the calculation in the SPM specifications will be updated to reflect data element 3.917 in time for next year's submission.

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|  | Universe (Persons) |         | Average LOT Homeless (bed nights) |         |            | Median LOT Homeless (bed nights) |         |            |
|--|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|----------------------------------|---------|------------|
|  | Submitted FY 2021  | FY 2022 | Submitted FY 2021                 | FY 2022 | Difference | Submitted FY 2021                | FY 2022 | Difference |
| 1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")     | 419                | 440     | 384                               | 375     | -9         | 156                              | 133     | -23        |
| 1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in") | 433                | 452     | 380                               | 370     | -10        | 157                              | 134     | -23        |

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

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

|                               | Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior) | Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months |              | Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months |              | Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months |              | Number of Returns in 2 Years |              |
|-------------------------------|--|---|--------------|---|--------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|                               |  | FY 2022                                       | % of Returns | FY 2022                                     | % of Returns | FY 2022                                      | % of Returns | FY 2022                      | % of Returns |
| Exit was from SO              | 12   | 0   | 0%           | 1   | 8%           | 0  | 0%           | 1                            | 8%           |
| Exit was from ES              | 39   | 4   | 10%          | 0   | 0%           | 2  | 5%           | 6                            | 15%          |
| Exit was from TH              | 2  | 0   | 0%           | 0   | 0%           | 0  | 0%           | 0                            | 0%           |
| Exit was from SH              | 0  | 0   |              | 0   |              | 0  |              | 0                            |              |
| Exit was from PH              | 29   | 0   | 0%           | 0   | 0%           | 0  | 0%           | 0                            | 0%           |
| TOTAL Returns to Homelessness | 82   | 4   | 5%           | 1   | 1%           | 2  | 2%           | 7                            | 9%           |

### Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

#### Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

|  | January 2021<br>PIT Count | January 2022<br>PIT Count | Difference |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons | 369                       | 419                       | 50         |
| Emergency Shelter Total  | 296                       | 354                       | 58         |
| Safe Haven Total   | 0                         | 0                         | 0          |
| Transitional Housing Total                                     | 58                        | 52                        | -6         |
| Total Sheltered Count  | 354                       | 406                       | 52         |
| Unsheltered Count  | 15                        | 13                        | -2         |

### Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

|   | Submitted<br>FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons | 344                  | 315     | -29        |
| Emergency Shelter Total                                 | 330                  | 303     | -27        |
| Safe Haven Total  | 0                    | 0       | 0          |
| Transitional Housing Total                              | 18                   | 15      | -3         |

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

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

|  | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|--|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)      | 37                | 36      | -1         |
| Number of adults with increased earned income    | 3                 | 2       | -1         |
| Percentage of adults who increased earned income | 8%                | 6%      | -2%        |

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

|   | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)                   | 37                | 36      | -1         |
| Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income    | 13                | 14      | 1          |
| Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income | 35%               | 39%     | 4%         |

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

|   | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)     | 37                | 36      | -1         |
| Number of adults with increased total income    | 16                | 16      | 0          |
| Percentage of adults who increased total income | 43%               | 44%     | 1%         |

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

|  | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|--|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)   | 8                 | 11      | 3          |
| Number of adults who exited with increased earned income | 2                 | 5       | 3          |
| Percentage of adults who increased earned income         | 25%               | 45%     | 20%        |

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

|   | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)                | 8                 | 11      | 3          |
| Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income | 2                 | 2       | 0          |
| Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income         | 25%               | 18%     | -7%        |

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

|   | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)  | 8                 | 11      | 3          |
| Number of adults who exited with increased total income | 2                 | 6       | 4          |
| Percentage of adults who increased total income         | 25%               | 55%     | 30%        |



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

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

|   | Submitted<br>FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.  | 379                  | 379     | 0          |
| 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.   | 67                   | 49      | -18        |
| 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) | 312                  | 330     | 18         |

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

|  | Submitted<br>FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|--|----------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.   | 463                  | 490     | 27         |
| 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.  | 59                   | 52      | -7         |
| 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.) | 404                  | 438     | 34         |

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

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

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

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

|   | Submitted FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|-------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach  | 29                | 15      | -14        |
| Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations | 0                 | 0       | 0          |
| Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations          | 2                 | 6       | 4          |
| % Successful exits  | 7%                | 40%     | 33%        |

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

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|   | Submitted<br>FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing | 469                  | 425     | -44        |
| Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations  | 69                   | 72      | 3          |
| % Successful exits  | 15%                  | 17%     | 2%         |

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

|   | Submitted<br>FY 2021 | FY 2022 | Difference |
|---|----------------------|---------|------------|
| Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH  | 106                  | 97      | -9         |
| Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations | 105                  | 95      | -10        |
| % Successful exits/retention  | 99%                  | 98%     | -1%        |

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## FY2022 - SysPM Data Quality

### NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

|  | All ES, SH       |                  |        | All TH           |                  |        | All PSH, OPH     |                  |        | All RRH          |                  |        | All Street Outreach |                  |        |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|------------------|--------|---------------------|------------------|--------|
|  | Submitted FY2020 | Submitted FY2021 | FY2022 | Submitted FY2020 | Submitted FY2021 | FY2022 | Submitted FY2020 | Submitted FY2021 | FY2022 | Submitted FY2020 | Submitted FY2021 | FY2022 | Submitted FY2020    | Submitted FY2021 | FY2022 |
| 1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC                          | 40               | 26               | 26     | 21               | 21               | 12     | 322              | 320              | 424    | 25               | 77               | 56     |                     |                  |        |
| 2. Number of HMIS Beds                                   | 26               | 26               | 26     | 21               | 21               | 12     | 128              | 129              | 120    | 16               | 41               | 49     |                     |                  |        |
| 3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC ( % )                | 65.00            | 100.00           | 100.00 | 100.00           | 100.00           | 100.00 | 39.75            | 40.31            | 28.30  | 64.00            | 53.25            | 87.50  |                     |                  |        |
| 4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)                    | 279              | 394              | 272    | 20               | 18               | 15     | 104              | 107              | 99     | 108              | 171              | 219    | 54                  | 40               | 53     |
| 5. Total Leavers (HMIS)                                  | 239              | 393              | 270    | 13               | 13               | 7      | 6                | 4                | 7      | 27               | 73               | 68     | 26                  | 13               | 15     |
| 6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS) | 142              | 272              | 132    | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                | 0                | 0      | 0                | 6                | 5      | 20                  | 11               | 7      |
| 7. Destination Error Rate (%)                            | 59.41            | 69.21            | 48.89  | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00             | 0.00             | 0.00   | 0.00             | 8.22             | 7.35   | 76.92               | 84.62            | 46.67  |

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## Submission and Count Dates for NJ-510 - Lakewood Township/Ocean County CoC

### Date of PIT Count

|                                   | Date      | Received HUD Waiver |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Date CoC Conducted 2023 PIT Count | 1/24/2023 |                     |

### Report Submission Date in HDX

|                               | Submitted On | Met Deadline |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2023 PIT Count Submittal Date | 4/28/2023    | Yes          |
| 2023 HIC Count Submittal Date | 4/28/2023    | Yes          |
| 2022 System PM Submittal Date | 1/18/2023    | Yes          |

### 3A-1a Housing Leveraging Commitments



ADMINISTRATION

VICTOR LUNA

11 SPRING ST. FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

Chief Executive Officer

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September 13, 2023

Steve Heisman  
Executive Director  
HABcore, Inc.  
PO Box 2361  
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Dear Mr. Heisman,

This letter serves as a commitment of Collaborative Support Program's (CSP) Public Housing Authority Moving On Vouchers to the HABcore Leasing Expansion project. CSP will dedicate one voucher to a homeless or formerly homeless household that has low service needs to financially stabilize the household in the community. The voucher will be on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Sincerely,



Joan Butcher-Farkas, MSW  
Director of Public Housing



### 3A-2a Healthcare Formal Agreements

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

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

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENTS**

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

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


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

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

The term of this agreement will cover the annual term of the HUD Leasing contract beginning at grant execution in 2024.

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

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

  
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Pinni Friedman  
VP of Program Development  
Beacon of Life

9/13/2023  
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Date

  
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Steve Heisman  
Executive Director  
HABcore, Inc.

9-13-23  
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