# Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

**1A-1. CoC Name and Number:**   MN-511 - Southwest Minnesota CoC

**1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name:**   Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

**1A-3. CoC Designation:**   CA

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

# 1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

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

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

| 17. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | Yes | No | No |
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| 18. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | No | No | No |
| 19. | Other homeless subpopulation advocates | Yes | No | Yes |
| 20. | Public Housing Authorities | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 21. | School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons | Yes | No | No |
| 22. | Street Outreach Team(s) | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 23. | Substance Abuse Advocates | No | No | No |
| 24. | Substance Abuse Service Organizations | No | No | No |
| 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 | No | No |
| 30. | State Sexual Assault Coalition | Yes | No | No |
| 31. | Youth Advocates | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 32. | Youth Homeless Organizations | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 33. | Youth Service Providers | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| | Other: (limit 50 characters) | | | |
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## By selecting "other" you must identify what "other" is.

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

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

### (limit 2,500 characters)

In previous years targeted outreach continued to people with current or former lived expertise of homelessness who are Black, Indigenous or People of Color to join and contribute to our CoC. The experts are offered $50/hour to participate in the CoC.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC's Invitation Process typically starts with an announcement at the beginning of January in the regions four largest newspapers: "The Southwest Minnesota Continuum of Care is our region's 18-county homelessness response system planning group.  We meet monthly online.  Our first 2023 meeting will be on Thursday, January 12 from 10 – 12.  For joining information, email the CoC Coordinator at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org." Also each January customized invitations are emailed to law enforcement, substance abuse service organizations, county social workers, hospitals, city and county law makers, and school homeless liaisons. These groups are invited to participate in the CoC process, come to the January annual meeting (and future meetings) and assist with the Point in Time homelessness count.  These invitations, combined with the ability to join meetings via phone and Zoom most months in addition to in-person/hybrid meetings for greater engagement and interaction at locations across the region which feature a training component has led to stronger bonds formed with new and seasoned members.

2. Regarding individuals with disabilities, all CoC Agendas and Minutes are provided in Microsoft Word format which allows for text enlargement for those with visual impairment.  During meetings, all agenda topics are announced before discussed for those unable to read.  Attendance can be in-person, online or via phone.  The CoC coordinator has provided rides to CoC meetings to a person with lived expertise of homelessness who is unable to drive.

3. In past years the CoC has increased collaboration with the Lower Sioux Indian Community on homelessness prevention and assistance projects. Former CoC Coordinators have also done targeted outreach to the other tribal community in our CoC, the Upper Sioux Community. Our new CoC Coordinator has also this year reached out to the SMSU Women's Center and LGBTQ+ Center facilitator and the director of Marshall Pride who has begun attending meetings and serving on the CoC's Ranking and Review Committee. While these centers serve people regardless of housing or homelessness status, this person has mentioned that housing insecurity and homelessness does impact those in the LGBTQ+ community in the region as well as students at SMSU that she has known and helped.

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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. | |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. In addition to CoC meetings, three CoC subcommittees meet CoC Coordinator participates. These groups include membership from a variety of agencies listed in section 1B-1 above.  The subcommittee meetings feature CoC updates, data sharing, and an opportunity for attendees to share opinions regarding preventing and ending local homelessness.  Also, this CoC provides funds to pay for persons with lived expertise of homelessness to participate in CoC meetings. CoC participation by people with lived experience of homelessness has doubled in the past year.  In the fall of 2023, a needs assessment was conducted and 574 number of people were surveyed, 67% were people with incomes lower than $50,000 per year. Furthermore, this CoC Coordinator and CoC members attend trainings hosted by a variety state and federal public and private agencies related to improving our homelessness response system. Finally, the SW CoC this year has prioritized having in-person meetings 3-4 times per year which feature a training component.

2.  The CoC regularly sends out information about regional homelessness statistics and group accomplishments via email and press releases. Furthermore, 94 area stakeholders from a diverse variety of public and private agencies receive regular emails from this CoC Coordinator and are invited to contribute opinions via online surveys, open meetings, phone and email.  Also, the CoC's subcommittee meetings feature CoC updates, data sharing, grant opportunities and time for attendees to share opinions regarding preventing and ending area homelessness.

3. Info related to CoC is shared and input gathered at monthly committee meetings including the Adult Mental Health Consortium, Homelessness and Hunger Task Force, People with Lived Experience work group, and Racial Equity Accountability work group. Discussion on improvements to CoC system wide policies and procedures are shared with the CoC membership group.

4.  As a result of information gathered at public meetings and forums in the past year, this CoC has: (1) increased participation and input from people with lived expertise of homelessness, (2) engaged in an ongoing effort to increase system-wide racial equity and accountability, (3) placed a greater emphasis on trauma-informed services, and (4) become more data-driven. In addition, the results of the needs assessment informed funding decisions about programming that prevents first time homelessness and reduces length of time homeless.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Multiple emails were sent out which notified agencies in the CoC region, in summer 2024 with the Local CoC Program Competition Call for Projects. The email went to the 94 people (representing 56 agencies) on the CoC's email list. The call for projects was announced and posted on the CoC's public website.

1. Regarding new applicants, the announcement contained the following text: "New projects applications are welcome from any eligible and qualified applicant, including organizations that have not previously received CoC Program funding." It went on to state, "Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. Grants must only provide service in the "Southwest" region of Minnesota shown on the map HERE (link).

2. Regarding the process, the announcement went on to say, Notify CoC Coordinator Lillian Lamoreux (swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org or 507-836-1625) of intent to apply for a new project by June 14, 2024. All Draft Application submissions for both new and renewal projects are due by August 9, 2024 for the CoC Local Competition project reviews. We also extended the deadline for all project applications to September 23, 2024 They are to be emailed to swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org in PDF form. E-snaps is the required online application system for the HUD CoC Program national competition.
For renewal projects: PDF file first draft applications are due by Friday, September 6, 2024. to swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org."

3. Regarding decisions on which applications to submit, the announcement stated, "Required HUD national competition application requirements for all projects: Complete, correct, and consistent Project Application, with complete and current Applicant Profile; HUD required forms and attachments." The announcement also stated that "Local Applications will be scored and ranked using the SW MN CoC's FY2024 SW MN CoC Grant Scoring Form for Project Ranking" with a link to the Grant Scoring Form for Project Ranking. A list of internal deadlines for project grant submissions was provided.

4. For individuals with disabilities, the announcement began, "If you need assistance with this announcement or with applying due to disability, contact Lillian Lamoreux, SW MN CoC Coordinator at swmn.coordinator@swmhp.org or (507) 836-1625.

# 1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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| | 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 | Nonexistent |
| 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) | Nonexistent |
| 8. | Housing and services programs funded through U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) | Yes |
| 9. | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) | Nonexistent |
| 10. | Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations) | Yes |
| 11. | Organizations led by and serving Black, Brown, Indigenous and other People of Color | Yes |
| 12. | Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons | Yes |
| 13. | Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities | No |
| 14. | Private Foundations | Yes |
| 15. | Public Housing Authorities | Yes |
| 16. | Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) | Nonexistent |
| 17. | Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) | Yes |
| | Other:(limit 50 characters) | |
| 18. | | |

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

| | In the chart below select yes or no to indicate whether your CoC: | |
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| 1. | Consulted with ESG Program recipients in planning and allocating ESG Program funds? | Yes |
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| 2. | Provided Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data to the Consolidated Plan jurisdictions within its geographic area? | Yes |
| 3. | Ensured local homelessness information is communicated and addressed in the Consolidated Plan updates? | Yes |
| 4. | Coordinated with ESG recipients in evaluating and reporting performance of ESG Program recipients and subrecipients? | Yes |

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

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

| | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate the entities your CoC collaborates with: | |
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| 1. | Youth Education Provider | No |
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| 2. | State Education Agency (SEA) | Yes |
| 3. | Local Education Agency (LEA) | No |
| 4. | School Districts | Yes |

| 1C-4a. | Formal Partnerships with Youth Education Providers, SEAs, LEAs, School Districts. | |
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| | 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 CoC, with all the MN CoCs, entered a new, ongoing Collaborative Agreement with the MN Dept. of Education (MDE) in September 2022. This agreement outlines the roles of CoCs and MDE and our collaborative efforts in ensuring that families and youth experiencing homelessness are informed of their rights under McKinney Vento and have access to resources they need to be stably housed.

In the agreement, MDE commits to a) Provide training to CoC Coordinators on how to use MDE aggregate public data on youth experiencing homelessness in Districts and Schools. b) Provide a list of training offered to District and School Homeless Liaisons, to CoC Coordinators. c) Provide to District and School Homeless Liaisons, a list of CoC Coordinators with contact information sortable by county; and encourage Liaisons to communicate and collaborate with their CoC.

The CoC commits to MDE to a) By Oct 1 each year, provide MDE a current list of CoC contacts. bb) By Oct 1 of each year, provide information on how to become members of a CoC with District and School Homeless Liaisons. c) Invite MDE and educational entities within the CoC to become members of the CoC. d) As needed, provide clear information about date, time, and agenda of agreed upon collaboration meetings.

Together, MDE and the CoC commit to collaborate to distribute a bimonthly MN Homeless Education Newsletter to all homeless school liaisons with important training dates, resources, and connections to assist LEAs with serving the needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

The CoC has adopted the following policies and procedures to inform individuals and families who become homeless of their eligibility for education services:

"Families with Children Policies

All homeless assistance projects within the SW MN COC region that serve households with children (shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing) will be expected to comply with the following policies:

i. Inform families of the name and contact information of the School Homeless Liaison for their school district.  Work with the school homeless liaisons on the following items.
ii. Ensure that all homeless families are informed that their children are able to maintain enrollment in the same school despite address changes caused by homelessness, per the federal HUD legislation.
iii. Advocate for families with their school district to ensure that transportation is arranged (as needed).
iv. Track school attendance for all children served within your program and help families to resolve any barriers that are contributing to the absences (as needed).
v. Assist families in developing education related goals for all family members when completing housing goal plans.
vi. Ensure that all family members are connected to relevant educational resources in the community.
vii. Encourage and assist families with children ages 3-5 to apply for the Head Start Program and provide referrals to agencies that offer Head Start.

With exceptions for program eligibility requirements, SW MN CoC programs prohibit the denial of admission to or separation of any family members from other family members based on age, sex, gender or disability when entering shelter or housing."

A list of the CoC's current School Homeless Liaisons, sorted by county, with their contact information is available to case managers and clients on the CoC's website.  The CoC Coordinator and state homeless education coordinator provide an online training to this CoC's School Homeless Liaisons at the beginning of every school year.  The training is held at 3:30 to accommodate those liaisons who teach during the school day.

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.There are five agencies that help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in our 18-county CoC: Southwest Crisis Center, Women's Rural Advocacy Project, Safe Avenues, McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence and New Horizons Crisis Center. Over the last five years, three of these five agencies have had representatives on this CoC's Governing Board. Per CoC policies, all DV organizations can vote at CoC monthly meetings regardless of their attendance record. Every January, this CoC reviews its Governance Charter, Policies and Procedures, Written Standards and Performance Targets. Every April, this CoC reviews its Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures. There are two agencies within the CoC that receive ESG funds, both these agencies also receive CoC funds and had representation at every CoC meeting held in 2023. Over the last five years, as we have worked to improve these CoC-wide documents, three of our five VSPs contribute their perspective to ensure that our CoC serves those in our region facing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking are served in the best way possible.

2.To ensure all housing and services provided in the CoC, including CoC and ESG providers, are trauma-informed and can meet the needs of survivors, once a year an in-person training is offered to all direct service staff on how to best offer trauma-informed services. This is a live training offered by credentialed staff of one of our victim service provider agencies. The training covers safety, trustworthiness and transparency, peer support, collaboration, empowerment, humility, and responsiveness. The training emphasizes for leaders that being trauma-informed happens at both the individual level and the agency level. The training help staff to realize the widespread impact of trauma and understand paths for recovery; recognize the signs and symptoms of trauma in patients, families, and staff; integrate knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices; and actively avoid re-traumatization. Our CoC's training guidelines recommend training on trauma-informed care for all staff. Another live, Minnesota online-training is available three times a year. The state of Minnesota CoCs, working in collaboration with the Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness, has a working group developing a system of statewide training for all working with those facing homelessness.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC address safety planning protocols through the Coordinated Entry policies and procedures. Coordinated Entry involves developing strategies and interventions to enhance safety and minimize the risk of further harm. Safety planning is integrated into the overall process to provide survivors with a secure environment where they can access services and support without fear of retaliation or exposure. In order to further ensure safety, the CoC actively collaborates with domestic violence services providers to provider survivors with specialized support tailored to their unique needs. This collaboration helps bridge any gaps in services and ensures a coordinated response to survivors safety concerns. The CoC has established standardized procedures for safety assessments and developing safety plans for survivors. This ensures consistency of approach for survivors across service providers within the CoC.

2. Confidentiality protocols are also addressed through the Coordinated Entry policies. Service providers and Assessors within the Coordinated Entry system receive comprehensive training on safety planning and confidentiality protocols. This training equips Coordinated Entry Assessors and service providers with the necessary knowledge and skills to support survivors effectively while maintaining confidentiality. All households have the option of being added to the non-shared Coordinated Entry list that is held outside of HMIS. Maintaining a list outside of HMIS for survivors allows for confidentiality when making referrals to housing programs.

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

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

| | | Project Staff | Coordinated Entry Staff |
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| 1. | Training Occurs at least annually? | No | Yes |
| 2. | Incorporates Trauma Informed best practices? | No | Yes |
| 3. | Incorporates Survivor-Centered best practices? | No | Yes |
| 4. | Identifies and assesses survivors' individual safety needs? | No | Yes |
| 5. | Enhances and supports collaboration with DV organizations? | No | Yes |
| 6. | Ensures survivors' rights, voices, and perspectives are incorporated? | No | Yes |
| | Other?  (limit 500 characters) | | |
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| 1C-5d. | Implemented VAWA-Required Written Emergency Transfer Plan Policies and Procedures for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.e. | | |

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| | Describe in the field below: |
| 1. | whether your CoC's written policies and procedures include an emergency transfer plan; |

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| 2. | how your CoC informs all households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance about their rights to an emergency transfer; | |
| 3. | what your CoC requires households to do to request emergency transfers; and | |
| 4. | what your CoC does in response to households requesting emergency transfers. | |

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1. The CoC has policies and procedures for an Emergency Transfer Plan. The plan states CoC "is concerned about the safety of its tenants, and such concern extends to tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA),1 the SWMNCoC transitional housing, rapid rehousing and permanent supportive housing programs allow tenants who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the tenant's current unit to another unit."
The policies go on to detail eligibility, documentation needed, confidentiality, timing and availability of transfers, and safety and security of tenants.

2. All households seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance are made aware of the emergency transfer plan. Plan and policies are posted online as well.

3. To request an emergency transfer, the participant, with the assistance of his or her housing program case manager, notifies their housing program's management and submits a written request for a transfer to that program's management and to the CoC Coordinator. The tenant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either: 1. A statement expressing that the tenant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the tenant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the housing program; OR 2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer.

4. Housing Programs act as quickly as possible to move a tenant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a tenant believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the tenant may request a transfer to a different unit. If a unit is available, the transferred tenant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the new unit. If Housing Programs have no safe and available units for which the tenant is eligible, they will assist the tenant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the tenant could move. At the tenant's request, Housing Programs will also assist tenants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to violence victims.

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| 1C-5e. | Facilitating Safe Access to Housing and Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking. | |
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| Describe in the field below how your CoC ensures households experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking have safe access to all of the housing and services available within your CoC's geographic area. |

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Across all 18 counties of this CoC, the well-advertised coordinated entry points for those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence are Domestic Violence / Victim Service Provider (DV / VSP) agencies. Three of these agencies have been part of the Continuum of Care's Governing Board in the last three years and two currently are. Once persons make contact with DV / VSP agency, a safety and life plan is created. Survivors are connected and referred to all community agencies that might assist them and their children.

To be considered for any CoC housing program (not just DVRRH) the households need to do an assessment and clients have choices about if and how much of their data they are willing to share. One of the assessment questions asks if the client is currently working with a DV / VSP so that non DV / VSP agencies know which agencies are stakeholders regarding the survivor's plan.
Once assessed, survivors are placed on the CoCs Priority List either using their initials or a code that keeps them anonymous. Weekly, a CoC wide online meeting takes place to match those on the list with all available vacancies in the region based on client choice, household size and eligibility. Survivors are quickly and confidentially contacted about housing opportunities and warm referrals take place. DV / VSPs work closely with non-DV / VSPs to expedite any needed documentation required for housing.

In addition to getting survivors in consideration for housing opportunities via the CoC's Coordinated Entry system, case managers assist clients in finding other affordable housing options. This includes assisting persons in applying for Section 8 vouchers, public housing, and other units subsidized via various programs. Every month, this CoC Coordinator receive from the Minneapolis HUD Field Office a Minnesota HUD Assisted Housing Vacancy list which is shared with the CoC's email list. This CoC Coordinator also receives vacancy lists from large regional property management companies of affordable and income-based unit vacancies which are also shared with the CoC via email.

In the case of scattered site housing programs (which includes DVRRH), both DV and non-DV agencies have developed relationships with landlords who are be good collaborators. These landlords keep our agencies informed of current and upcoming unit availability.

All of these efforts provide survivors with safe access to all of the housing and services available within the region.

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

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

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1. Staff from five DV agencies across the region participate in CoC Governing Board and CoC committee meetings. Staff share their input and feedback on policies from the perspective of the participants they serve within their programs. In addition, the CoC collects information directly from participants through surveys. The last survey was done in fall of 2022 and showed 23% of the respondents identified domestic violence as a concern. The survey collected information on housing barriers ranging from lack of affordable housing, childcare, employment and health care. The results of the survey were used to inform decision making about programming for homeless prevention resources and to inform the strengthening of CoC polices.

2. The CoC utilizes the information gathered through surveys and provided by DV staff to keep CoC policies up to date ensuring they address the unique needs of and provide equal access to survivors. The input gathered informs updates to the emergency transfer policy to ensure safety and confidentiality protocols meet the needs of survivors. In addition, the CoC keeps information related to VAWA on its website to help housing and service providers stay updated on the most up to date language and best practices.

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

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

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

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

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1. This CoC reviews its CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy at least annually. Our homelessness response agencies have procedures for clients to give feedback and file complaints about the services provided by the agency. Additionally, the Coordinated Entry Post-Assessment Client receipt includes instructions on how to give feedback on the process and/or file a discrimination complaint.  Agency-level and system-level client feedback and complaints are considered when the CoC Governing Board does its annual review of our Anti-Discrimination policy.

2. In the past this CoC worked with the True Colors Fund, a nonprofit which educates people regarding LGBTQ+ youth homelessness, for training and assessments to agencies to help them be aware of their current level of LGBTQ inclusive and affirming practices and provide recommendations for making improvements. Additionally, working with Marshall Pride and the SMSU LGBTQ+ Center opened up access for free trainings to agencies specifically regarding LGBTQ+ community barriers and experiences in housing and more.

3.  This CoC looks at these factors in evaluating compliance with the CoC's anti-discrimination policy:
•Data regarding the agency's acceptance patterns for Coordinated Entry referrals based on race and ethnicity.
•Housing project performance data regarding housing stability and successful program exits for participants who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color.
•Housing project performance Data regarding returns to homelessness after 12 months for participants who are Black, Indigenous, or Persons of Color.

4. To date, we have not had a CoC agency that we know of which has demonstrated noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies. Since our anti-discrimination policies are based on state and federal law, the CoC would consult with local legal aid agencies regarding alleged or suspected noncompliance with our anti-discrimination policies.  These agencies have helped us this year when a large regional landlord attempted an illegal utility charge policy change in all of their units.  Mid Minnesota Legal Aid brought the matter to the Minnesota Attorney General where it was resolved in the tenants' favor.  If an agency was accused of noncompliance with this CoC's antidiscrimination policy and/or state and federal antidiscrimination law, we would not attempt to do an internal investigation, but would seek the advice and counsel of legal aid experts.

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

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

| Public Housing Agency Name | Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2023 who were experiencing homelessness at entry | Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference? | Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On? |
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| Worthington HRA | 21% | Yes-HCV | Yes |
| Kandiyohi County HRA | 44% | No | No |

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.  The two largest PHAs in this CoC are the Worthington HRA (WHRA) and the Kandiyohi County HRA (KCHRA).  The first has a homeless admissions preference and a Moving On initiative with the CoC.  The second has not yet adopted a homeless admissions preference.  Outreach has been done by the CoC Coordinator to the Board of Directors of the Kandiyohi County HRA asking that they adopt some form of homeless admissions preference for their Section 8 vouchers and public housing units.  To date, they have not adopted such a preference.  Nonetheless, the KCHRA is already doing a great deal of service work toward addressing homelessness in their service area, as follows:

a.  They have been part of the CoC Governing Board for over a decade.
b.  They currently administer one HUD CoC grant.  The grant provides site based PSH and supportive services for families.
c.  They participate in weekly CoC Coordinated Entry Case Management meetings.
d.  They are the property managers for 17 family PSH units that are located in three developments in Willmar.
e. They are already considering adopting a Moving On Initiative similar to the one that our Worthington HRA has adopted.  The KCHRA Executive Director expressed openness to this prior to the COVID pandemic and it will be revisited this with her when the KCHRA has the capacity to take this on.

Given their strong efforts in addressing regional homelessness, and their understanding of the extent of the issue, this CoC Coordinator believes that the KCHRA is close to adopting a Homeless Admissions Preference for their Section 8 vouchers and possibly for their Public Housing units.

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

| | Select yes or no in the chart below to indicate affordable housing providers in your CoC's jurisdiction that your recipients use to move program participants to other subsidized housing: | |
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| 1. | Multifamily assisted housing owners | Yes |
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| 2. | PHA | Yes |
| 3. | Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developments | Yes |
| 4. | Local low-income housing programs | Yes |
| | Other (limit 150 characters) | |
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| 1C-7c. | Include Units from PHA Administered Programs in Your CoC's Coordinated Entry. | |
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| | 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 |
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| 2. | Family Unification Program (FUP) | No |
| 3. | Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) | No |
| 4. | HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) | No |
| 5. | Mainstream Vouchers | No |
| 6. | Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers | No |
| 7. | Public Housing | No |
| 8. | Other Units from PHAs: | |
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| 1C-7d. | Submitting CoC and PHA Joint Applications for Funding for People Experiencing Homelessness. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.1.g. | |

| 1. | Did your CoC coordinate with a PHA(s) to submit a competitive joint application(s) for funding or jointly implement a competitive project serving individuals or families experiencing homelessness (e.g., applications for mainstream vouchers, Family Unification Program (FUP), other programs)? | No |
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| | | Program Funding Source |
| 2. | Enter the type of competitive project your CoC coordinated with a PHA(s) to submit a joint application for or jointly implement. | |

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

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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 |

# 1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

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

| 1. | Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. | 9 |
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| 2. | Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach. | 9 |
| 3. | This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH,  SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing. | 100% |

| 1D-2a. | Project Evaluation for Housing First Compliance. | |
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| | 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: |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC evaluates every CoC-funded project outside of the CoC's local competition rating and ranking process. Our CoC uses the Housing First Evaluation tool from HUD's Housing First Assessment Tool and Implementation Resources. The CoC Coordinator evaluates a project's Housing First Evaluation before the project goes to the Ranking and Review Committee for review.

2. As listed in the HUD Housing First Evaluation, standards have been arranged into the categories Access, Evaluation, Services, Housing, Leases, and Project-Specific. For each standard the criteria "Say It" (staff can verbally describe what they do for each standard), "Document It" (there is written documentation that supports the project's compliance with each standard), and "Do It" (there is evidence supporting the project's compliance with each standard such as administrative files or client acknowledgement).

3. The CoC does not yet regularly evaluate projects outside of our local CoC competition to ensure the projects are using a Housing First approach.

4. The CoC has included a training component at their in-person CoC meetings which happen 3/4 times per year. Our most recent CoC 101 training included elements about Housing First to ensure all CoC members have a base knowledge to understand what Housing First means and further resources to learn more about Housing First. Additionally, our CoC posts training opportunities in our meeting minutes which may include Housing First-specific trainings happening.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

This CoC's Street Outreach is based on an 18-county rural geography the size of Maryland, but with only 4% of the population of Maryland. Street outreach occurs throughout the CoC region, with frequency and activity varying by community. In the CoC's largest city, Willmar, outreach occurs at least weekly at libraries, schools, parks etc. to identify, engage, and screen people for housing and services. The remainder of street outreach is done in collaboration with public safety. Public safety departments know where the Coordinated Entry points are in each county and do not treat unsheltered homelessness as criminal. The CoC operates a 24-hour shelter hotline that allows the unsheltered on their own or with the help of public safety to connect to shelter at any time. Public safety responds to unsheltered homeless emergencies brought to their attention by community members. Housing agencies respond to unsheltered persons brought to their attention by public safety.

By providing targeted street outreach in the CoC's largest city, and collaborating with public safety departments informed of Coordinated Entry points and the shelter hotline, outreach covers 100% of the CoC's 12,000 square mile geography. An increase in outreach funding has led to weekly outreach in Kandiyohi, Nobles, McCleod, and Lyon counties. To tailor street outreach to persons who are least likely to request assistance, the CoC advertises its Coordinated Entry system in English, Spanish, and Somali at meal programs, food shelves, laundry mats, and thrift stores throughout the region. We have found that non-English speakers are the least likely to request assistance when faced with homelessness. The largest groups of foreign-born Minnesotans are from Mexico (about 64,500) and Somalia (about 33,500). The CoC advertising offers both a website and a 211 phone number. Those who call 211 for information are connected to a statewide call center are staffed 24/7 by trained Community Resource Specialists who can speak English, Spanish, Somali, Hmong and Russian. Locally, our CoC can do intake and assessment in English, Spanish and Somali. Staff are available to serve clients who speak these languages. When needed, workers access translation services through the Minnesota Department of Human Services Interpreter Resources and State Services for the Blind and Deaf.

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

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

| | Your CoC's Strategies | Engaged/Educated Legislators and Policymakers | Implemented Laws/Policies/Practices that Prevent Criminalization of Homelessness |
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| 1. | Increase utilization of co-responder responses or social services-led responses over law enforcement responses to people experiencing homelessness? | Yes | Yes |
| 2. | Minimize use of law enforcement to enforce bans on public sleeping, public camping, or carrying out basic life functions in public places? | Yes | Yes |
| 3. | Avoid imposing criminal sanctions, including fines, fees, and incarceration for public sleeping, public camping, and carrying out basic life functions in public places? | Yes | Yes |

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| 4. | Other:(limit 500 characters) |

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

| | HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data | 2023 | 2024 |
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| 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 | 119 | 156 |

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

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

| | Mainstream Benefits | CoC Provides Annual Training? |
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| 1. | Food Stamps | No |
| 2. | SSI–Supplemental Security Income | No |
| 3. | SSDI–Social Security Disability Insurance | No |
| 4. | TANF–Temporary Assistance for Needy Families | No |
| 5. | Substance Use Disorder Programs | No |
| 6. | Employment Assistance Programs | No |
| 7. | Other (limit 150 characters) | |
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| 1D-6a. | Information and Training on Mainstream Benefits and Other Assistance. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.m | |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness through monthly, statewide online trainings offered by the MN Department of Human Services and annual trainings offered specifically to our CoC by local MN "Careerforce" Centers.  Additionally, any announcements about mainstream benefit trainings available, whether online or in-person, are emailed to the CoC's listserv and announced at CoC meetings.  County social workers participate in CoC subcommittee meetings and can act as consultants regarding mainstream resources.  Dissemination of information about mainstream and other resources is done: in person by county social workers who attend meetings and accept clients combined application for SNAP, TANF, and Public Health Insurance; a formerly homeless governing board member with experience navigating the system; and a website run by the MN Department of Human Services called Disability Benefits 101. At intake, clients are connected to MNSURE navigators who provide help with enrollment in a variety of health plans including MN Care, Medicaid and private.  In most cases, these navigators are available at the community action agencies that are the CoC's Coordinated Entry points.  Navigators help clients connect to health insurance and use benefits by finding clinics that take the insurance.

2. The CoC provides information about resources that support program participants in applying for SSI/SSDI. United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) has historically had a SOAR trained staff. As the one of the primary Coordinated Entry access points, UCAP is able to quickly assess if someone needs support in apply for SSI/SSDI. UCAP has had transition in staffing and does not currently have a SOAR staff person, however they intend to fill the SOAR position in 2024. Once UCAP has a SOAR staff person, they will offer SOAR services to people within their service area and programs. In addition to supporting UCAP in re-filling their SOAR position, the CoC provides information on grant opportunities through MN DHS to support additional agencies within the CoC to become SOAR providers.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Currently, the SW CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies but does not have specific CoC-wide policies and procedures that respond to infectious disease outbreaks. Individual agencies have policies and procedures in this area which have been shaped by advice from state and local public health agencies. Recently our CoC has begun reviewing and updating our policies and procedures in order to be compliant with and adhere to HUD, State, and Local best practices. As our CoC body reviews our policies and procedures, this is one area we will address, and because we already have a relationship with our state and local public health agencies, we are able to engage their assistance in this addition to our CoC policies, procedures, and practices.

2. Likewise, the SW CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies but does not have specific CoC-wide policies and procedures that prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. Individual agencies have policies and procedures in this area which have been shaped by advice from state and local public health agencies. As previously stated, our CoC has begun reviewing and updating our policies and procedures in order to be compliant with and adhere to HUD, State, and Local best practices. As our CoC body reviews our policies and procedures, this is another area we will address, and again because we already have a relationship with our state and local public health agencies, we are able to engage their assistance in this addition to our CoC policies, procedures, and practices.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The SW CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies that prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. Individual agencies have policies and procedures in this area which have been shaped by advice from state and local public health agencies. These agencies have been posting and disseminating information and distributing health and safety protection equipment to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

2. The SW CoC collaborates with state and local public health agencies that prevent infectious disease outbreaks among people experiencing homelessness. Individual agencies have policies and procedures in this area which have been shaped by advice from state and local public health agencies. These agencies and the relationships they have built with each other ensure communication about outbreaks and disease and more. Additionally, the SW CoC has this past year begun revising the committees that meet outside of but report back to the CoC Governing Board Meetings. This includes the development of the onboarding and welcoming Committee which looks at participating agencies within the CoC, recognizing and acknowledging who is and isn't at the table, and reaching out to those agencies which would benefit and benefit from the CoC. This includes health agencies, schools, other service providers, and more. We believe that as this committee continues its work, these partnerships and communication will grow and help serve those we are trying to serve.

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

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

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1.This CoC has 18 counties that cover 12,000 square miles. Clients and prospective clients can utilize contact information from the website to get into CE or utilize the 211 line for resources and referrals. Agencies not serving DV survivors utilize the state's HMIS system for client tracking and Coordinated Entry. There are five agencies serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in this CoC.  The first two use HMIS-compatible Apricot Software for their client database.  The remaining three use their own secure digital client databases.  All five DV agencies in this CoC provide de-identified aggregate data to the CoC.

2. The data from our agencies, which shows the extent of the need in each county, the number of adults and children per household, and county-by-county service numbers and need, has helped us improve our current grants and inform funding decisions for projects that support the prevention of first time homelessness and reduce length of time homeless funded through state funds. This data is also able to use a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services. Each Monday the Prioritization list is reviewed for openings and households are contacted in regard to barriers, need, choice, etc. by a team of people across agencies. All participating CES agencies agree to reduce barriers to
housing access. This means the system is meant to, as much as possible, screen people into assistance, rather than screen people out. Offering the fewest possible barriers to service is a goal of all CES agencies.

3. Our CoC's Coordinated Entry System is completed by agencies trained in and recognizing trauma-informed practices and understanding how trauma in housing can present barriers to those seeking help. The standard assessment process for intake into CE is posted on the CoC website and includes anti-discrimination policies, evaluation measures, information about data sharing and more which lead to a comprehensive picture of how personal information is collected and more.

4. The CoC has this past year begun revising the committees that meet outside of but report back to the CoC Governing Board Meetings. This includes the development of the Coordinated Entry Committee which looks at participating projects, households, needs and gaps in the region, and best practices to update Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC uses multiple platforms and connections with other agencies serving populations least likely to apply for assistance. Marketing and outreach is done to ensure all people know about programs and services.

2. The Coordinated Entry Committee has been formed to ensure prioritization is measured based on data in our area and barriers we know of in housing and homelessness. The data from our agencies, which shows the extent of the need in each county, the number of adults and children per household, and county-by-county service numbers and need, has helped us improve our current grants and inform funding decisions for projects that support the prevention of first time homelessness and reduce length of time homeless funded through state funds. This data is also able to use a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services. Each Monday the Prioritization list is reviewed for openings and households are contacted in regards to barriers, need, choice, etc. by a team of people across agencies.

3.  The CoC measures housing prioritization based on its use of a standardized assessment process to achieve fair, equitable, and equal access to housing and services. Each Monday the Prioritization list is reviewed for openings and households are contacted in regards to barriers, need, choice, etc. by a team of people across agencies.

4. Our CoC schedules focus groups with people currently in programs to collect their feedback and to help understand needs and gaps. Additionally, agencies receive trauma-informed trainings to ensure we are reducing burdens and barriers for those in need of services and assistance. Case managers and staff in both ESG and CoC programs develop trusting relationships with those they serve which allow clients to give feedback in an ongoing way. Additionally, measures have been taken through focus groups and best practices to ensure our CoC is reducing burdens and barriers such as not asking invasive questions or collecting unnecessary information during assessments (for example about a person's gender/gender identity) as stated in the CE policies posted on the CoC website.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC affirmatively markets housing and services throughout the geographic region through advertising of Coordinated Entry access points. CoC data show that the growing Hispanic, and Somali populations in our region are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance in the absence of special outreach. Therefore, the CoC's Coordinated Entry System is advertised in English, Spanish, and Somali. Coordinated Entry points are also advertised on a user-friendly website (www.swmnhousinghelp.org) which allows clients to click on their county and find the appropriate entry point.  Locally, our agencies have staff who speak English, Spanish and Hmong.  So not only does this CoC's Coordinated Entry System cover the entire geography, it serves our large Spanish and Somali speaking communities.  The 211 number and website is advertised at food shelves, county human and family services, laundromats, thrift stores, police stations, and community action agencies in all 18 of the CoC's counties.

2. Upon completion of the Coordinated Entry assessment, all household receive a Coordinated Entry receipt that explains the next steps in the process and who to contact with questions or concerns. The CoC also partners with Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services (SMRLS) to ensure households have access to information about their rights and fair housing laws. In addition, service providers are educated in fair housing and inform households on their rights as support participants in housing search.

3. The CoC has a strong relationship with the Consolidated Plan jurisdiction agency. Through regular discussion, the CoC provides information to the Consolidated Plan agency about any issues service providers are identifying as they work to house participants in the community. Discussions include systematic barriers and trends happening across the region as well as specific examples of violations of fair housing practices.

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

| 1. | Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years? | Yes |
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| 2. | Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities. | 08/22/2022 |

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

| | Describe in the field below: | |
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| 1. | the data your CoC used to analyze whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance; and | |
| 2. | how your CoC analyzed the data to determine whether any racial disparities are present in your CoC's provision or outcomes of CoC Program-funded homeless assistance. | |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.  Previously, this CoC formed a Racial Equity Accountability Program (REAP) Leadership team of six people.  On the team are representatives from two victim service providers, two from a community action agency, one from a youth agency, and the last person is this CoC Coordinator.  Of the six on the team, one is Hispanic and one is African American.

Our REAP team has collected, sorted, and analyzed the quantitative data regarding racial disparities in provision or outcomes within our homelessness response system.  We used the following sources for our data:

•HUD's CoC Racial Equity Analysis Tool
•A Racial Equity Accountability Project Quantitative Data Collection Tool created by our state HMIS lead.
•Race and ethnicity distributions for households served in different project types, available in Stella P.

Our REAP team has studied the currently available data and plans to continue to analyze these data as they are updated.  We will analyze project level race-based data on service and outcomes more frequently, as it is available in real time.  Our REAP team is also beginning a process of collection and analysis of qualitative data.  Data will be collected via conversations and surveys with those who have entered an experienced our homelessness response system.

2.  In general, we have found that while there are disparities in who faces homelessness in our CoC, there are smaller disparities in assistance provision or outcomes.  Some disparities we have found are in our data from 2019 to 2023:
•In our CoC, Blacks are more likely than Whites to experience poverty and homelessness.
•Blacks make up 2% of our CoCs population but 12% of our homeless population.
•Hispanics are more likely than non-Hispanics to experience poverty and homelessness.
•Whites averaged the longest length of time homeless (61 days), Blacks were second (58 days) and all other races averaged shorter lengths of time homeless.
•Hispanics averaged 55 days homeless, Non-Hispanics 53 days.
•Whites were 3% more likely than Blacks to exit our system to permanent destinations.
•Whites are more likely than Blacks to be placed into Permanent Supportive Housing.
•Whites are more likely than blacks to receive no housing intervention after system entry.
•Whites are slightly more likely than Blacks to be served with Rapid Rehousing.

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

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

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

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

## (limit 2,500 characters)

In this process of addressing disparities, we will look to the work of Community Solutions. Working with racial equity leaders, homeless services staff, and people with lived experience of homelessness, Community Solutions created a framework for improving key indicators of a racially equitable homeless response system and are developing interventions for tackling each indicator.

To address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance in an ongoing way, we will look at our decision making power structures both at the CoC and project agency levels. Using a "nothing about us without us" philosophy, we will integrate more input and decision making power to those with lived experience of being served by our system, especially those who are among races and ethnicities over-represented in our system.  In the spring and summer of 2022, we initiated targeted outreach to BIPOC people with lived experience. We continue our targeted efforts to have at least on BIPOC person with lived experience contributing to our CoC decision making.

Our CoC's will continue to remove the disparities we find in our system, agency and project level race-based outcomes.  Agencies and projects that show poorer outcomes among BIPOC participants will work with the REAP Leadership Team to improve in this regard.Our REAP Leadership will be responsible for this and this team will not be time-limited, but will be an ongoing feature of our CoC.

Furthermore, we have the added our own policies and procedures as a continuing line on the agenda to continue to address, grow, and best meet the challenges our region faces and adhere to best practices in all areas including in terms of racial equity.

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

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

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1. One way our CoC has begun to address disparities is by adding BIPOC outcomes criteria to our project scoring and ranking, specifically looking at housing stability and returns to homelessness among BIPOC clients.

To address disparities identified in the provision or outcomes of homeless assistance in an ongoing way, we will look at our decision making power structures both at the CoC and project agency levels. Using a "nothing about us without us" philosophy, we will integrate more input and decision making power to those with lived experience of being served by our system, especially those who are among races and ethnicities over-represented in our system.  In the spring and summer of 2022, we initiated targeted outreach to BIPOC people with lived experience. We continue our targeted efforts to have at least on BIPOC person with lived experience contributing to our CoC decision making.

2. Our REAP Leadership Team will align our efforts with the current administration's "Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government."  In our efforts, we will use resources available on HUD Exchange, such as:

•Rehousing Activation and Racial Equity (Part 1): Equity as a Foundation
•Data & Equity: Using the Data You Have
•Advancing Racial Equity through CE Assessment and Prioritization
•Equity Driven Changes to Coordinated Entry Prioritization
•Prevention to Promote Equity

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| **1D-10.** | Involving Individuals with Lived Experience of Homelessness in Service Delivery and Decisionmaking–CoC's Outreach Efforts. | |
| | NOFO Section V.B.1.q. | |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

Previously, this CoC began a three month course of technical assistance on Partnering with People with lived experience. This was provided by Maseta Dorley of ICF and included workshops with other presenters and teams from other CoC's present. Our CoC's team included a person with lived experience, a staff person from one of our victim service provider agencies, and the CoC Coordinator. A second person with lived experience joined the group later. In addition to the workshops, Maseta met with just our team on three occasions.

The CoC's Persons with Lived Experience Committee started meeting in October 2022 and has continued to meet and work to grow since then. Recruitment efforts continue through announcements at CoC meetings that include the information that participants are be compensated for their time. These efforts have led to one person with lived experience joining our CoC. This person with lived experience, who is also a Veteran, has joined our June, July, August and September CoC meetings and participated in two of our technical assistance sessions with Maseta. This person has been paid $50 per hour for his contributions.

More targeted outreach commenced at the June 2022 United Community Action Partnership Homelessness Response Team Meeting (UCAP is responsible for homelessness response in 13 of our 18 counties). A request was made to discuss possible program participants who could join our CoC work. This led to identification of a woman currently in a UCAP PSH program who agreed to join. Our CoC team of persons with lived experience now equals three but we still lack a BIPOC member. A BIPOC member was identified in August 2022 but has yet to respond to messages left for her. Another announcement was made at a UCAP team meeting that we are seeking participation from a BIPOC person with lived experience and that that person will be paid for her time.

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

| You must upload the Lived Experience Support Letter attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. |
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| 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. | Routinely included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness. | 3 | 2 |
| 2. | Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups. | 3 | 2 |
| 3. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors. | 3 | 2 |
| 4. | Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process. | 1 | 2 |

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

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

1.People with lived experience can join our CoC and be compensated for their time at $50 per hour.  This is in the budget from state of Minnesota funds to support CoC planning.
2.Staff encourage persons with lived experience to volunteer in the community, including at agencies where they are or have been served.  Lists of volunteer opportunities and contact information are provided upon request.  Food shelf volunteer work is one example of this.
3.People with lived experience interested in employment are encouraged to apply for CoC agency jobs for which they may be eligible.  One of the persons with lived experience on are CoC's Governing Board has been employed full time for many years with one of our CoC agencies, and our CoC Coordinator is a person with lived experience.
4.We spread the word about a new Minnesota-wide newsletter for engagement opportunities for people who have experienced or are currently facing homelessness. The Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness is building a new newsletter list to share opportunities for people who have faced or are currently facing homelessness to share their input, ideas, and expertise. Interested individuals can sign up for the newsletter which will share a range of opportunities from state agencies and partner organizations and the newsletter will be sent out as opportunities are available.
5.All of our participants are educated by CoC partners about our six regional Careerforce Centers.  These centers offer our clients to opportunity to assess skills and interests and set practical goals for personal fulfillment, market themselves with greater confidence and search thousands of new career opportunities.  Many of our people with lived experience don't have the skills employers need because of the fast-changing economy and ever-evolving technology.  Careerforce offers Pathways to Prosperity to help them close this skills gap through integrated services to help participants succeed in in-demand careers  as well as:
•Help people with criminal records find work
•Provide opportunities for current and former military members
•Offer career planning and education resources for youth and
•Help with career planning and education programs that serve people of color, women, veterans and people with disabilities.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.This CoC has had at least one person with lived experience participating in the CoC for over ten years.  When we established an official Governing Board in 2013, we agreed that at least one person on the board will be a person(s) with lived experience (PWLE).  PWLE have always been reimbursed for their time and expenses related to meeting participation. This has allowed us to have the perspective of persons with lived experience of homelessness, who have been served by our system, contributing to our decision making.

2. There are not yet many opportunities our CoC has had or taken to gather feedback from those we haven't provided assistance to in a way that has been tracked and measured.

3. In addition to Q1's answer, another way we have gathered feedback from persons with lived experience is through informal HUD grant monitoring visits that we have done over the years.  One feature of these visits is distributing surveys and stamped, addressed envelopes.  This allowed participants to submit feedback to the CoC without fear of their case manager seeing any negative feedback. A third way that participants can submit feedback is announced in the receipt that they receive after their coordinated entry assessment.  This receipt gives instructions on whom to contact to give feedback or file a complaint.

4. United Community Action Partnership and Prairie 5 are the two agencies that receive ESG funds within the CoC. Both agencies also receive CoC funds. Case managers and staff in both ESG and CoC programs develop trusting relationships with those they serve which allow clients to give feedback in an ongoing way. In addition, the CoC conducts a needs assessment every 2 years. This needs assessment includes focus groups with people currently in programs to collect their feedback and to help understand needs and gaps.

5. Steps our CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness have included improvements to our Coordinated Entry System.  We heard from someone facing homelessness that when she called the entry point agency in one of our counties, the automated voicemail instructions were not entirely clear about how to leave a message if facing homelessness.  This led to a review of the automated instruction messages across our system and improvements so that when a live person cannot answer the phone, the automated instructions are clear about how to get connected to help if facing homelessness.

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

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

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1. The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP), which is the grantee for the Coordination of this CoC, has engaged city, county, or state governments that represent SW CoC's geographic area regarding these topics.

2. The Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership (SWMHP), which is the grantee for the Coordination of this CoC, has engaged city, county, or state governments that represent SW CoC's geographic area regarding these topics.

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

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

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

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

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| 1. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for New Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition. | 08/09/2024 |
| 2. | Enter the date your CoC published its submission deadline and scoring and rating criteria for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications for your CoC's local competition. | 08/09/2024 |

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

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| 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 |
| 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. | |
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| | 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. |
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| Complete the chart below to provide details of your CoC's local competition: |

| 1. | What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)? | 115 |
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| 2. | How many renewal projects did your CoC submit? | 9 |
| 3. | What renewal project type did most applicants use? | PH-PSH |

| 1E-2b. | Addressing Severe Barriers in the Local Project Review and Ranking Process. | |
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| | 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. | the severe barriers your CoC considered. |

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Projects were scored and ranked using data regarding chronic homeless bed %, % potential units for households with children, % potential units for youth-only households. For renewal projects we added data regarding housing stability, client income improvement, APR and drawdown timeliness, % spent funds, CoC participation, HMIS data quality, and, among BIPOC populations, housing stability and returns to homelessness data.

1. This year our scoring and ranking committee analyzed data on how long it takes to house people in permanent housing in renewal grants. This was added to the scoring tool for 2023 but not yet scored until 2024.

2. Regarding the severity of needs and vulnerabilities considered when ranking and selecting projects, in 2023: (1) % of beds dedicated to the chronically homeless; (2) % of units for HH with children and (3) % of units for youth-only households. These points reward serving clients with higher severity of need compensate for potentially lower housing stability scores due to working with higher need populations. In tie-breaking situation, priority was given to projects who were the only project of its kind in our geographic area serving a special homeless population/subpopulation.

3. Regarding scoring considerations that this CoC gave to projects working with hard
Up to 10 can also be earned for % of units for households with children. This prioritization gave such projects an advantage to compensate for the fact that, due to the disabled youth population that they serve, these projects also tend to do less well in two other of our scoring categories: Housing Stability and Increases in Employment Income. Up to 10 points can be earned for % of beds dedicated to the chronically homeless. This prioritization gave such projects an advantage to compensate for the fact that, due to the chronic population that they serve, these projects tend to do less well in two other of our scoring categories: Housing Stability and Increases in Employment Income.

4. All project applicants take all referrals from our Coordinated Entry Priority List, use a Housing First model, and work with those with histories of victimization or abuse, criminal histories, low or no incomes or past or current substance abuse. We do not score using these criteria as all projects would receive the same score for serving these populations.

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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. | |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Every year, the CoC reviews it scoring and ranking policies and procedures to ensure that they align with CoC need and goals and with HUD priorities described in the most recent NOFO questions. This process takes place at the full CoC meeting with all participating CoC members, including nine people of color attending since 2020. In 2022, 11% of CoC meeting attendees have been people of color. They have been involved in meeting conversations about the ranking factors that were to be used in the 2022 competition.

2. The CoC's scoring and ranking was done a team of five people, four Non-Hispanic white and one persons of color. As part of continued efforts to include people of color and people with lived experience of homelessness in decision making we worked to ensure the committee had representation of both groups. According to data from the Institute for Community Alliances, our CoC's Non-Hispanic white population is 93.3%, much higher than the U.S. as a whole. Our CoC's homeless at a point in time by race is 81.5% Non-Hispanic white. Our Scoring and Ranking Committee has non-white and LGBTQ members ensuring representation from those communities.

3. In 2018 the CoC updated it Coordinated Entry Prioritization Policy with input from the U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness. We proposed using race and ethnicity as a prioritization factor so that those overrepresented in our homeless population could be prioritized for housing. Our Coordinated Entry System uses our Prioritization Policy for referrals to housing programs but prioritization cannot and is not allowed to be done based on race and ethnicity.

Our CoC's HUD projects use mostly scattered site units. We know that there is covert racial discrimination in hiring, renting units and not renewing leases. We include the following in our project scoring and ranking:
•Percent of BIPOC participants who maintain permanent housing for more than six months or who exit to permanent housing;
•Percent of BIPOC participants who return to homelessness after six months; and
•Percent of adults who increased employment income.
These criteria address how projects counteract barriers faced by persons of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homelessness population and prioritizes projects that do the best at eliminating these barriers. Unfortunately, in transition of reporting systems, this criteria was unable to be pulled for scoring this year.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC's written process for reallocation states, "In the months leading up to the release of HUD's CoC Notice of Funding Availability, the CoC coordinator puts potential project applications on CoC meeting agendas. Grants may be considered for reallocation for any of the following reasons: a. They have been underutilized and returned money to HUD. b. They are underperforming. c. They no longer meet the CoC's Priorities.
If reallocation is a possibility, the entire CoC is informed and a request for new project applications is announced."

2. Our CoC did not identify any low performing or less needed projects through the process described above.

3. Our CoC did not reallocate any low performing or less needed projects this year.

4. While our CoC did not identify low performing or less needed projects this year, our CoC also was in a transition through this year with the change to SW having a full time CoC Coordinator. Between onboarding and transition as well as changes in our HMIS system reporting, a deep dive into performance and need wasn't a top priority for this year, but on a surface level we were able to reflect and see that the programs we have are serving needs in our communities and are performing for the benefit of those in the region experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

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

| | Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2019 and FY 2024? | No |
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| 1E-5. | Projects Rejected/Reduced–Notification Outside of e-snaps. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. | |
| | You must upload the Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

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

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

| | Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2024, 06/27/2024, and 06/28/2024, then you must enter 06/28/2024. | 09/30/2024 |
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| 1E-5b. | Local Competition Selection Results for All Projects. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. | |
| | You must upload the Local Competition Selection Results attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

| | Does your attachment include:<br>1. Project Names;<br>2. Project Scores;<br>3. Project Status–Accepted, Rejected, Reduced Reallocated, Fully Reallocated;<br>4. Project Rank;<br>5. Amount Requested from HUD; 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. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.2.g. and 24 CFR 578.95. | |
| | You must upload the Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen. | |

| | Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included:<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.

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

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

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  - 24 CFR part 578;
   - FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 HIC data into HDX. | 03/27/2024 |
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| 2A-4. | Comparable Databases for DV Providers–CoC and HMIS Lead Supporting Data Collection and Data Submission by Victim Service Providers. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.3.b. | |

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. With the support and direction of this CoC and the state's HMIS Lead (Institute for Community Alliances – ICA) Minnesota's statewide coalition for victim-service providers (VSPs), Violence Free MN, recently led a grant-funded initiative to assist VSPs in assessing their software vendors. The goal was to assess whether their available databases were truly HMIS comparable databases. Violence Free MN staff also met with vendors directly. Staff from the HMIS Lead Agency were actively involved in this initiative, providing guidance with respect to HMIS data standards. ICA staff participated in meetings with VSPs and funders as needed.

The HMIS Lead Agency continues to engage with Violence Free Minnesota, working with a new position funded through a grant from the Office of Justice Programs (MN Department of Public Safety). This new role aims to identify data collection, technology, and privacy barriers for VSPs and evaluate how these barriers may have prevented VSPs from obtaining sufficient funding. With this partnership between the statewide coalition and HMIS Lead, ICA agreed to provide technical guidance for VSPs via Helpdesk as they work to ensure compliance (while maintaining clear separation of client data; VSP data is not in HMIS nor shared with the HMIS lead directly). This will benefit this CoC by continuing to develop partnerships between the HMIS Lead and VSPs.

Two VSP agencies are on the Continuum of Care Governing Board and three VSPs are collaborating agencies with the grantee of our DV RRH grant. Through the 2022 NOFO the CoC expanded the DV RRH project to fund a full time housing coordinator at a VSP agency. Given this close collaboration with VSPS, this CoC continues to work with our Violence Free MN and ICA to get to a point where all VSPs collect data in databases that meet HUD's comparable database requirements.

2. There are five agencies serving survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in this CoC. The first two use HMIS-compatible Apricot Software for their client database. The remaining three use their own secure digital client databases. All five DV agencies in this CoC provide de-identified aggregate data to the CoC. Our CoC is compliant with the 2024 HMIS Data Standards.

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

| Using the 2024 HDX Competition Report we issued your CoC, enter data in the chart below by project type: |
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| Project Type | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current Non-VSP Beds [Column F of HDX Report] | Adjusted Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds [Column K of HDX Report] | Total Year-Round, Current, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database [Column M of HDX Report] | HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate [Column O of HDX Report] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds | 92 | 19 | 80 | 72.07% |

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| 2. Safe Haven (SH) beds | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds | 98 | 6 | 104 | 100.00% |
| 4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds | 158 | 0 | 156 | 100.00% |
| 5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds | 220 | 0 | 220 | 100.00% |
| 6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds | 46 | 0 | 46 | 100.00% |

### You must enter a value for elements 1 through 6 in all four columns.  If the project type does not exist in your CoC, enter '0' in all three columns for that project type.

| 2A-5a. | Partial Credit for Bed Coverage Rates at or Below 84.99 for Any Project Type in Question 2A-5. | |
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| | 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: | |
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| 1. | steps your CoC will take over the next 12 months to increase the bed coverage rate to at least 85 percent 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 CoC was about 13 percentage points shy of 85% bed coverage for emergency shelter (ES) on the 2024 HIC. Based on 2024 HIC data, CoC and HMIS Lead staff have identified potential paths for the CoC to reach at least 85% moving forward. On the 2024 HIC, there were 3 non-VSP projects with 28 total year-round beds that are not participating in HMIS. We will prioritize outreach to Family Promise of Kandiyohi County and United Community Action Partnership to discuss the importance of their data to understanding the experience of homelessness in our CoC and to problem-solve around any barriers they may have to entering this data into HMIS. If one of the agencies agrees to participate in HMIS, our bed coverage for ES projects will be above 85%. With the transition of the CoC Coordinator position, while efforts were prioritized and made in areas of outreach this past year to Family Promise of Kandiyohi County, requests have as yet not been met in part because of the transition and on-boarding. Plans are in place to expand and coordinate outreach efforts to ensure the percentage meets the 85% or more goal.

| 2A-6. | Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) Submission in HDX 2.0. | |
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| | NOFO Section V.B.3.d. | |
| | You must upload your CoC's FY 2024 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 January 24, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EST? | Yes |

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

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

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

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| | Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2024 PIT count. | 01/24/2024 |

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

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| | Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2024 PIT count data in HDX. | 04/17/2024 |

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

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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)**

1.This CoC has many agencies that serve homeless youth who were engaged in our 2024 PIT count planning process.  They include:

a.Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Youth Programs in Willmar (our largest city), offers street outreach, shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to homeless youth in six of our counties.  They serve on our CoC Governing Board.
b.United Community Action Partnership (UCAP) has a program specific to homeless youth which offers shelter and supportive services to assist them in returning to housing.  They also serve on our CoC Governing Board.
c.School Homeless Liaisons (SHLs) receive annual training each fall from the CoC Coordinator and are engaged each winter is assisting with our PIT count.

2. LSS youth programs have been doing street outreach in our most populous county of over ten years.  They are experts at knowing of locations where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.  Similarly, SHLs, especially in our larger cities, are knowledgeable about identifying where homeless youth are most likely to be identified.  This has led to a burgeoning collaboration in one of our four largest cities which will bring outreach workers from UCAP into the high schools to assist homeless youth, some unaccompanied, in connecting with services to help them and their families.

3. LSS, UCAP, and the School Homeless Liaisons worked with homeless youth in their programs and schools to achieve the most thorough and accurate count possible.  LSS and UCAP made sure to collect data on all those in their street outreach, shelter and transitional housing programs and collect their data.  While consulting with these participants currently being served, they asked them if they knew of other youth experiencing homelessness who should be included in the count.  LSS youth program participants, especially those unsheltered, in shelter or in transitional housing, often know of other peers currently experiencing homelessness.

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. Due to transition of the CoC Coordinator around the time of the PIT Count as well as changes that had recently been implemented from 2022 to 2023, no additional methodology changes were made this season.

2. Due to transition of the CoC Coordinator around the time of the PIT Count as well as changes that had recently been implemented from 2022 to 2023, no additional data quality changes were made this season.

3. Our CoC's PIT count was not affected from people displaced by a natural disaster or similar

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5. Not Applicable

# 2C. System Performance

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    - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.Processes used to identify risk factors for first-time homelessness include having MN's Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (HPAP) providers on the CoC's Governing Board where they can provide the CoC data on causes of housing crises. The HPAP program covers the CoC's entire geography and totals $1,182,500/year for 2023 - 2024 in this CoC's entire geography. Data from the HPAP grant is reviewed and discussed at least quarterly at the CoC's Homeless and Hunger Task Force subcommittee meeting. This CoC Coordinator and the CoC Governing Board chair attend these meetings. This data reveals to us the most common risk factors for homelessness is insufficient or lost income. Also on the CoC Governing Board is the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership which provides foreclosure assistance in all 18 of this CoC's counties. The most recent Minnesota Homeless Study, a project of the Wilder Foundation, found that most common reasons that adults reported leaving their last housing were: eviction or not having their lease renewed (39%) and being unable to afford rent or house payments (38%). These statewide data are consistent with our local findings. Based on this our CoC works to secure as many homelessness prevention resources as possible to prevent first-time homelessness in our CoC.

2.Prevention is done first by advertising (in English, Spanish, and Somali) that the CoC's Coordinated Entry System is for either "homeless or about to become homeless." Public advertising is done by radio, newspapers, and hundreds of flyers in the CoC's restaurants, food shelves, laundry mats etc. Agencies, including hospitals, foster care, mental health and corrections, are kept informed of Coordinated Entry intake sites where prevention assistance is offered. DV programs, mental health programs, and substance abuse programs all direct those at risk for homelessness to the CoC's intake points for prevention and diversion assistance. The same is true for Workforce Centers, which assist those unemployed, and county human service offices, which serve those seeking emergency assistance, SNAP and TANF.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working closely with the Homeless Prevention Assistance Program grantee, sub-grantees, and the grant's oversight committee. The CoC's Homeless and Hunger Task Force are responsible for reducing first-time homelessness in this CoC's entire geography.

| 2C-1a. | Impact of Displaced Persons on Number of First Time Homeless. | |
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| | 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 |
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| 2. | having recently arrived in your CoC's geographic area? | No |

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless includes: having a well-advertised Coordinated Entry system covering the CoC's entire geography; advertising the system in Spanish and Somali and offering services in these languages; using Housing First for all RRH and PSH programs; developing and maintaining trusting relationships with local landlords (since much of our RRH and PSH is scattered-site), having a landlord risk mitigation fund to help landlords be more willing to rent to those experiencing homelessness with imperfect criminal, credit and housing histories; prioritizing our Chronic and Family PSH programs in the CoC's ranking process; using a CoC-approved Prioritization Policy that prioritizes chronic homeless and those with longest lengths of time homeless; providing presentations to community groups and School Homeless Liaisons about CoC resources and Coordinated Entry; having a CoC-wide non-discrimination policy; providing ongoing Coordinated Entry, HMIS, Domestic Violence, and Trauma Informed Care trainings to CoC staff; continually monitoring grant performance and considering reallocation of funds based on performance and need data; and effectively using diversion and problem solving as the first response in addressing those who enter our homelessness response system.

2.This CoC identifies individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless through its HMIS-based common assessment tool which collects data on length of time homeless and chronic homelessness status. Priority Lists, showing length of time homeless and chronic homelessness status, are shared, with client consent, at least weekly and reviewed in CoC-wide online/phone case management and referral meetings. Length of time homeless is used as a prioritizing factor in our CoC's Coordinated Entry System.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working in collaboration with the CoC / Coordinated Entry Governing Board, is responsible for the strategy to rapidly rehouse individuals and families with children and to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. This process has led to the CoC being recognized by HUD and USICH in 2019 as the fourth Continuum of Care in the U.S. to have ended chronic homelessness.

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

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| | 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 | |

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| 3. | provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to increase the rate that individuals and families exit to or retain permanent housing. | |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in ES, SH, TH and RRH exit to permanent housing destinations include: improvement of the quantity and quality of our landlord/property management relationships through individualized outreach; growing our Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund; expanding our Section 8 "Move Up" program to more HRAs; growing our collaboration with PHAs to maximize use of HUD's new Emergency Housing Vouchers; outreach and collaboration to local PHAs and HRAs to bring in to our CoC as many new HUD Stability Vouchers as possible, increasing outreach to and collaboration with cities, employers and the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership regarding development and rehabilitation of affordable, low-barrier housing units; continuing to outreach with state senators and representatives in our region to advocate for housing bonding dollars, employing high-performing, well-trained case managers; growing our collaboration with our CoC's six "Careerforce" centers to increase client earned income and the ability to pay rent without assistance; and continuing to reallocate money from underperforming grants to fund more and higher performing PSH-RRH and PSH grants.

2.The CoC's strategy to increase the rate at which individuals and persons in families in PH projects retain their permanent housing or exit to permanent housing destinations, includes: increasing emphasis on connecting clients to the resources that make employment possible (e.g. transportation, child-care, physical and mental health care, and training in job search, application, and interviewing skills); improving our case manager training through partnership with a statewide initiative to offer the best trainings on topics such as successful tenancy, motivational interviewing, landlord tenant law, and VAWA law, all topics that can help clients retain permanent housing; and, having officially ended Veteran and Chronic homelessness, building and promoting a community-wide campaign to finish ending youth and family homelessness with buy-in from developers, landlords, property managers, and local and state government to contribute to this common goal.

3.The CoC Coordinator, working in collaboration with the CoC / Coordinated Entry Governing Board, is responsible for the strategy to rapidly rehouse individuals and families with children and to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC identifies common traits of individuals and persons in families who return to homelessness via the Minnesota Monthly Dashboard provided by our state HMIS lead. It includes a monthly snapshots of four system performance measures: Measure 3 (total clients served), Measure 2 (returns to homelessness from exits to permanent housing), Measure 5 (persons newly experiencing homelessness), and Measure 7 (exits to permanent housing). We can work with our state HMIS lead, the Institute for Community Alliances, to get more detailed data about returns to homelessness. APRs, which are reviewed by this CoC before submission, also inform the CoC of clients returning to homelessness. By looking at data in APR Q23c: Exit Destination, the CoC can see which projects, if any, a having participants exit to temporary destinations. Projects with participants exiting to temporary destinations can be offered ideas and assistance in lowering or eliminating exits to temporary destinations. The CoC monitors and updates the Coordinated Entry Priority List at least weekly and flags clients who have returned to homelessness or have a history of returning to homelessness after leaving previous housing program anywhere in the state. We are able to use data and case notes on the factors that led to the return so that it will not be repeated for them or others.

2. The CoC's strategy to reduce the rate of additional returns to homelessness includes: working with cities and developers to add affordable, low-barrier rental units; reviewing project-level 'returns to homelessness' HMIS report data and considering lower-performing projects for technical assistance and/or reallocation; continuing to fund and use high-performing, well-trained case managers; having staff continue to assist clients in finding employment, unearned income, transportation and all resources to maximize their housing stability; continuing to refine our CE System so as to match clients with housing where they will be most successful; continuing to use statewide HMIS data sharing to track returns to homelessness, and reasons for such returns; and increasing recruitment and training of landlords to minimize evictions and maximize collaboration.

3. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board and Project Performance and Review Committee, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for reducing returns to homelessness for individuals and persons in families in our 18 county CoC.

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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. | |

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1. The CoC's strategy to access employment cash sources is first having all case managers consult with clients upon entry regarding income and helping those able to work form a plan to increase employment income, and connecting those unable to work to resources (e.g. treatment, mental health care) that might bring them to employability. Case Managers help clients connect to any childcare and transportation that are needed prior to employment. Next, in 2019 this CoC Coordinator led a statewide Economic Advancement Workgroup. The group created an Income Advancement Referral Decision Chart that helps intake, assessment, and case management workers guide clients to, whenever possible, jobs for the unemployed and better-paying jobs for the employed. The group also created a Coordinated Entry Income Planning Checklist which has helped this CoC to systematically identify at what points in the CE process clients will be helped with getting the best employment possible and which staff are responsible for ensuring this happens. This CoC has MN "CareerForce" staff attend CoC meetings and annually do a presentation on their employment resources. "CareerForce," run by The MN Department of Employment and Economic Development, is a business-led network of private, public and nonprofit partners throughout MN committed to helping individuals start, advance or change their career and helping employers attract, develop and retain talent. There are "CareerForce" centers in the six largest cities in this CoC.

2. Regarding mainstream employment organizations, this CoC has large employers with ongoing job availability often providing worker transportation (e.g. JBS Pork, Schwan Foods, Turkey Valley Farms, Jennie-O Turkey, Avera Marshall Regional Medical Center, temporary agencies, etc.). Our agencies are kept informed of these employment opportunities and job fairs and connect clients to them.

3. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board and full CoC, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase income from employment.

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

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

**(limit 2,500 characters)**

1.The CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income includes:
•Having all grantees continuing to work with clients upon entry and throughout program participation regarding increasing income;
•having case managers, working with county human service workers, assist clients in applying for potential cash benefits, such as MN General Assistance or the MN Family Investment Program (Minnesota's TANF equivalent) or accessing disability insurance, pension, child support, or alimony;
•Having three people with lived experience of homelessness involved in our CoC. These members who have gone through the process of increasing nonemployment income can help inform our system's efforts to increase nonemployment income and offer guidance to CoC program participants in this regard;
•working with the Central Minnesota Jobs and Training SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery (SOAR) program for clients in our 18 counties;
•offering an annual training on how to help disabled clients get connected to help in applying for SSI/SSDI;
•having SW MN Careerforce staff annually present to the CoC regarding their resources. While Careerforce is primarily focused on helping people increase their employment income, they can also help with non-employment income by assisting people to file for unemployment;
•having on our CoC website an Income Advancement Referral Decision Chart that helps intake, assessment, and case management staff guide clients to nonemployment cash income;
•having all Case Managers and clients being able to access to MN's Disability Benefits 101 website which is a clearinghouse for benefit information. If answers cannot be found on the site, the site offers a phone number, live chat and email where one can receive guidance from an expert about accessing non-employment cash sources;
•having staff that can provide services in English, Spanish, Somali, the three most common languages in the region and;
•referring all veterans to Veteran Service Officers and/or the MN Assistance Council for Veterans to assist in accessing veteran pensions and other benefits.

2. The CoC Coordinator, working with the CoC's Governing Board, is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for increasing non-employment cash income.

# 3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

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  - 24 CFR part 578;
    - FY 2024 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
  - Section 3 Resources;
  - PHA Crosswalk; and
    - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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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? | No |

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

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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? | No |

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

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| 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 |
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| This list contains no items | | | |

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

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  - PHA Crosswalk; and
   - Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

| | If you answered yes to question 3B-1, describe in the field below actions CoC Program-funded project applicants will take to comply with: |
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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 Serve 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. | Cost Effectiveness of Serving Persons Experiencing Homelessness as Defined by Other Federal Statutes. | |
| | NOFO Section V.F. | |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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