Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It

- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

Answering Multi-Part Narrative Questions

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

Attachments

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

- Attachments must match the questions they are associated with–if we do not award points for evidence you upload and associate with the wrong question, this is not a valid reason for you to appeal HUD's funding determination.
- We must be able to read the date and time on attachments requiring system-generated dates and times, (e.g., a screenshot displaying the time and date of the public posting using your desktop calendar; screenshot of a webpage that indicates date and time).

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

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

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1A-1. CoC Name and Number: TX-604 - Waco/McLennan County CoC

1A-2. Collaborative Applicant Name: Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition

1A-3. CoC Designation: CA

1A-4. HMIS Lead: Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition

1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation

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

	In the chart below for the period from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:
1.	**select yes or no in the chart below if the entity listed participates in CoC meetings, voted–including selecting CoC Board members, and participated in your CoC's coordinated entry system; or**
2.	**select Nonexistent if the organization does not exist in your CoC's geographic area:**

	Organization/Person	Participated in CoC Meetings	Voted, Including Electing CoC Board Members	Participated in CoC's Coordinated Entry System
1.	Affordable Housing Developer(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
2.	CDBG/HOME/ESG Entitlement Jurisdiction	Yes	Yes	Yes
3.	Disability Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
4.	Disability Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
5.	EMS/Crisis Response Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
6.	Homeless or Formerly Homeless Persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
7.	Hospital(s)	Yes	Yes	No
8.	Indian Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) (Tribal Organizations)	Nonexistent	No	No
9.	Law Enforcement	Yes	Yes	No
10.	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
11.	LGBTQ+ Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	No
12.	Local Government Staff/Officials	Yes	Yes	Yes
13.	Local Jail(s)	No	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	Yes	Yes	Yes
17.	Organizations led by and serving LGBTQ+ persons	Yes	Yes	Yes
18.	Organizations led by and serving people with disabilities	Yes	Yes	Yes
19.	Other homeless subpopulation advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
20.	Public Housing Authorities	Yes	Yes	Yes
21.	School Administrators/Homeless Liaisons	Yes	Yes	Yes
22.	Street Outreach Team(s)	Yes	Yes	Yes
23.	Substance Abuse Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
24.	Substance Abuse Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
25.	Agencies Serving Survivors of Human Trafficking	Yes	Yes	Yes
26.	Victim Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
27.	Domestic Violence Advocates	Yes	Yes	Yes
28.	Other Victim Service Organizations	Yes	Yes	Yes
29.	State Domestic Violence Coalition	No	No	No
30.	State Sexual Assault Coalition	No	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)			
34.	Veterans Service Providers	Yes	Yes	Yes
35.	RHY Grantees	Yes	Yes	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The opportunity to join the CoC is open year-round and posted on the Heart of Texas Homeless CoC's website. The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition (HOTHC) regularly sends email invites, posts on social media, and promotes membership at each meeting to actively recruit new members to the CoC. General Membership meetings of HOTHC are open to the public. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for filling board seats with qualified board members. Annually, the CoC Board solicits new members through a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee submits a slate of directors at the December CoC meeting. During this meeting, nominations are also taken from the floor.
2. Members who are disabled can review membership for the CoC and other CoC information, on the CoC's website, using computers at the public library. The library assists disabled clients with computer usage as needed. Disabled members may contact the City of Waco's Homeless Coordinator (which can be found on the city's website) for information on membership. Disabled members can also receive membership information from homeless services providers within the CoC. All providers within the Heart of Texas Region are members of the CoC and educated on membership processes. Meetings are often in a hybrid format with a virtual option or completely virtual to help with facilitating access so members can choose whether to attend virtually or in-person based on their need and access ability.
3. Board members are encouraged to solicit membership from agencies that work specifically with people of color, Indigenous persons, LGBTQ+, and persons with disabilities. As new agencies representing these sub-populations are identified, board members quickly invite them to the CoC for inclusion.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Monthly, the CoC meets to provide information on homelessness and to receive input and information on ending and preventing homelessness. Agencies attending the meeting consist of homeless services providers, homeless advocates, businesses, educational institutions, and anyone interested in ending homelessness. Information on the monthly meetings can be found on the CoC's website. Feedback provided is passed to committees for response, which often leads to program development and implementation. Additionally, the CoC conducts quarterly training on topics such as Equal Access and DV that are open to the community where opinions from organizations and individuals, including those with lived experience, which have knowledge of homelessness share to train others on best practices and ways to improve work towards preventing and ending homelessness.
2.The CoC often presents information at City Council and Town Hall Meetings for public comment. All meetings held by City Officials are streamed and available to watch live or at a later date. These meetings are used to receive feedback on strategic plans to end homelessness, the encampment ban, and new grant funding requests.
3.The CoC ensures effective communication with individuals with disabilities by posting electronic documents on multiple online platforms and providing technical assistance via telephone or face-to-face visits from the CoC Lead.
4.As information is gathered during public meetings, the CoC takes that into consideration when addressing improvements or innovative approaches for the homeless system. For example, during a committee meeting with homeless response system providers, a partnering agency stated that clients were returning to homelessness or at imminent risk of becoming homeless after receiving short term assistance from a Rapid Rehousing provider. After a review of HMIS data, including the coordinated entry system, it was noted that rapid rehousing programs needed to be redefined and developed to include up to 24 months of assistance for clients still at risk after short term assistance was provided. Rapid rehousing programs are being redeveloped to prevent clients from becoming at risk.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC announced via email, using a listserv of homeless services providers and agencies/individuals interested in homeless services, and public notification on social media and the CoC's website the local competition for the FY2023 NOFO process. This announcement was released on July 5th and on July 27th (second announcement was after HUD released the ARD report so the CoC could announce amount approved for bonus projects) and included information on how new agencies interested could apply. New agencies meeting the NOFO's priorities were encouraged to apply. Homeless services providers were asked to share the announcement with partners to encourage application.
2.New and renewal project applications were asked to complete applications in eSNAPS and notify the CoC Administrator when completed. All applications were to be completed in eSNAPS by August 20th. Technical assistance is provided by the CoC as needed by applicants to assist them in the submission process.
3.The CoC uses a Scoring and Ranking Committee to review, score and rank project applications. Committee members are not project applicants and do not present a conflict of interest. The committee uses a matrix to score all project applications. The matrix scores are based on measures and outcomes, priorities as set forth by the CoC and HUD, and the ability to adequately use and spend all grant funds. Project applications are ranked, listing non-competing applications at the top of the list. Project applicants are given the opportunity to grieve if necessary. The Grievance Committee will hear the grievance, review the project application, and then make a recommendation to the Steering Committee who makes the final decision on the project applications submitted and the ranking tool.
4.The disabled can review the application process on the CoC's website, using computers at the public library. Disabled members may contact the CoC Administrator for more information. Disabled members can also receive information from homeless agencies within the CoC. All providers within the Heart of Texas Region are members of the CoC and able to inform on the application process.

1C. Coordination and Engagement

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

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

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

18.	Economic Opportunity Development Center	Yes

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Salvation Army of Waco receives ESG funding from the State of Texas, through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Funds are allocated according to priorities set by the CoC with input from the ESG recipient. Funding of a project requires approval from the State of Texas, HOTHC, and the City of Waco. The Salvation Army consulted with the CoC Lead Administrator and the HOTHC Board to report their intent to apply. The CoC Lead and HOTHC gave their support for the activities indicated in the application. The City of Waco signed a Consistency with the Consolidated Plan form indicating support of planned ESG activities being in alignment with the Consolidated Plan.
2. The Salvation Army of Waco is monitored by the State of Texas and the results of these monitoring visits, and their expenditure of funds are shared with HOTHC. Monthly Expenditure Reports and Performance Reports are sent to the HMIS Administrator for CoC oversight. The Salvation Army is also monitored by the HMIS Lead for its use of HMIS as it relates to ESG and CoC projects, data quality, and performance.
3. The Salvation Army participates in the annual Point in Time count and Housing Inventory Count with the CoC. PIT data is collected using the CoC's dedicated app. HIC data is collected by the HMIS Lead. All data collected from the Salvation Army is shared with jurisdictions completing a consolidated plan. Jurisdictions can request this data from the CoC.
4. Municipalities requesting information for the Consolidated Plan contact the HMIS Administrator for data and information as it relates to homelessness and housing, including agencies ESG and CoC funded. The Salvation Army reports all data and information on homelessness in HMIS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The Cove supports high school youth who are experiencing homelessness. The Cove partners with and has MOUS with local school districts to provide “seat time” for homeless students to ensure each student has access to an education. Students can come to the drop-in center when it’s convenient for them to complete assignments and class work. By going to the drop-in center, students are not counted absent from school and receive credit for attending. This partnership was extremely crucial during the pandemic as schools closed leaving homeless students without access to electricity, computers and wifi. The CoC partners with local school districts to engage immediately with students as soon as they become homeless to ensure homelessness becomes rare, brief, and nonrecurring. Waco ISD, Waco Public Housing Authority, and the Salvation Army partner to provide emergency housing to youth and families experiencing homelessness. Referrals are made by homeless school liaisons. The CoC was awarded YHDP funding during 2019. This funding allowed the CoC to partner with the local education agency, Region XII, to provide training to school staff on engaging with homeless students and families. Agencies within the CoC partner with local school districts to offer education and training opportunities to homeless youth. The Cove provides seat time which counts attendance on a 2:1 scale (credit is given for 2 days per 1 day of attendance). HOTRMHMR coordinates and provides mental health services for homeless students suffering from mental illness for youth experiencing homelessness. The CoC Board has reserved seats for an Education Partner to ensure that there is representation from youth education providers, SEAs, LEAs, and school districts, and this is part of the CoC Board governance. Additionally, the CoC has a policy and procedure related to coordinating education resources for youth experiencing homelessness to ensure that they have access to their school of origin, if possible, to provide educational stability to youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

In the CoC policies and procedures, there is inclusion of a policy related to informing individuals and families experiencing homelessness about eligibility for educational services. The policy states: Per 24 CFR 578.23, the CoC will monitor to ensure that grant recipients (1) “take the educational needs of children into account when families are placed in housing and will, to the maximum extent practicable, place families with children as close as possible to their school of origin so as not to disrupt such children’s education, and (2) they “designate a staff person to be responsible for ensuring that children being served in the program are enrolled in school and connected to appropriate services in the community.”

1C-4c.	Written/Formal Agreements or Partnerships with Early Childhood Services Providers.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.d.	

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

		MOU/MOA	Other Formal Agreement
1.	Birth to 3 years	Yes	No
2.	Child Care and Development Fund	No	No
3.	Early Childhood Providers	Yes	Yes
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.	Child Protective Services	No	Yes

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

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

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

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC regularly collaborates with organizations indicated 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.CoC-wide policies are developed by the CoC Advisory Committee, which includes Family Abuse Center, our local housing and service provider for survivors. Policies are then approved by the CoC Board, which has a designated seat for organizations who help provide housing and services to survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
2.Through community-wide training by the CoC and through the Domestic Violence Conference that occurs annually, all housing and service providers in the CoC are trained to meet the needs of survivors, including training on trauma-informed care. Trauma Informed Care training is integrated in all participating agency's new employee and annual training. Coordinated Entry assessors are also trained in how to work with survivors and how to connect them to Family Abuse Center to go through the DV Coordinated Entry System.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC coordinates to provide training for:
1.	**project staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually); and**
2.	**Coordinated Entry staff that addresses best practices (e.g., trauma informed care) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence and indicate the frequency of the training in your response (e.g., monthly, semi-annually).**

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Family Abuse Center (FAC), the CoC's domestic violence provider, conducts an annual Domestic Violence Conference for the local community, which CoC providers attend, to provide training on best practices in serving survivors of domestic violence. Training is also provided at CoC general membership meetings on a recurring basis. Training is provided to new employees and annually for employees of partnering agencies on Trauma Informed Care and person-centered care.
2. Coordinated Entry access point staff can attend the Domestic Violence Conference and are also educated on policies regarding confidentiality, safety protocols, transfer protocols, and ensuring non-disclosure of secure service locations. CE assessor staff attend, at a minimum, an annual assessor staff training which includes safety and planning protocols for serving survivors of domestic violence and those fleeing human trafficking. FAC has been actively engaged in designing Heart to Home, the local Coordinated Entry System so that DV survivors are protected and directed appropriately to services within the community. FAC has helped to guide the design of the CE assessor scripts and training provided to assessors. If a survivor is identified during CE assessment, they are directed to FAC's DV Coordinated Entry System so that they can work on housing solutions with the team at FAC but are also able to go through the CoC's main CE System, Heart to Home, if they choose to not go through the DV CE System.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry includes:
1.	safety planning protocols; and
2.	confidentiality protocols.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Survivors are first referred to Family Abuse Center's hotline. Upon answering the phone, the Family Abuse Center staff person determines if the caller is in a safe place to talk. If the caller is not safe, they are advised to call 911. As the conversation continues safety planning is an integral part of the entire conversation. Safety planning is not a single question, but it is a continuous conversation. For safety reasons, clients are NEVER given directions directly to the shelter. Clients are directed to either Providence Hospital ER or Hillcrest Hospital ER. If a friend is driving the client to the shelter, the friend will be given directions if the friend consents to coming into the shelter and signing a confidentiality form which states they promise not to disclose the location of the shelter to anyone. Case Managers in partnering agencies are trained in how to complete safety planning and when to refer a client to Family Abuse Center for services.
2. To ensure confidentiality, the Family Abuse Center utilizes a separate, comparable database for client-level data called OSNIUM. Names of Family Abuse Center clients are never shared during CoC Coordinated Entry group meetings nor are Family Abuse Center clients' names ever included on CoC lists. For example, Family Abuse Center clients granted EHV vouchers are listed on the Coordinated Entry EHV list as FAC 1, FAC 2, etc. Family Abuse Center staff review the weekly lists sent out by the Coordinated Entry Lead Administrator. Then, if a client needs to be discussed by name, Family Abuse Center first gets a signed release of Information from the client and will then call the Lead Administrator to talk about the client's situation on the phone. Family Abuse Center staff never use client's names in email communication.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Family Abuse Center, the CoC's only DV provider, uses a comparable database called OSNIUM. Aggregate data from this database is shared with the CoC as needed and CoC APRs are shared with the HMIS Administrator on a quarterly basis. All data is de-identified and no personal identifiable information (PII) is shared in the aggregate data. Aggregate data from this database is also used when submitting APRs and other reports. Again, no PII is shared when submitting APRs.
2.Aggregate data is utilized in homeless system planning to help with identifying and meeting the specialized needs related to domestic violence, including gaps in services and pathways survivors are taking through the homeless system. This data from APRs is used during Scoring and Ranking to evaluate the performance of Family Abuse Center.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC communicates to all individuals and families seeking or receiving CoC Program assistance:
1.	whether your CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan;
2.	the process for individuals and families to request an emergency transfer; and
3.	the process your CoC uses to respond to individuals' and families' emergency transfer requests.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC has policies and procedures that include an emergency transfer plan, which was developed in coordination with the Family Abuse Center.
2.The Emergency transfer plan policies and procedures are publicly posted on the HOTHC website and are provided to program participants when receiving CoC Program assistance. To request an emergency transfer, the individual/family inform their program of the need so to that the program can plan with the landlord and complete the emergency transfer to another unit in the community.
3.If possible, if the participant is not in a DV program and there is an opening, the program participant is transferred to the DV housing provider program in the area to ensure all safety planning and emergency transfer protocols are in place. All housing providers are educated on the emergency transfer protocols if there is not the ability to transition the client into a DV housing program and follow the CoC Emergency Transfer Plan policy and procedures.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking can access the non-DV programs by accessing the local coordinated entry process. All programs are open to those surviving domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. When coming through the local coordinated entry process, Heart to Home, they are connected to Family Abuse Center, who runs the parallel coordinated entry process for survivors. They also run a full array of services including emergency shelter, transitional housing, YHDP rapid rehousing, adult rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing. Survivors can go through both Coordinated Entry processes, non-DV and DV, to access services through the entire system.
2.To be proactive in identifying systemic barriers within the CoC, the CoC Board has a designated Victim Service Provider seat on the CoC Board and includes Victim Service providers in all homeless planning work to hear feedback on and identify potential barriers with them to get in front of any issues that may arise. All service providers are trained on how to work with survivors to reduce barriers to safely housing and providing services to survivors, including training on Trauma Informed Care, Client-Centered Care, and the CoC's Emergency Transfer Plan.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC had ensured that survivors with a range of lived expertise are involved in the development of CoC-wide policy and programs through the integration of a lived expertise seats on the Board of Directors, including an adult and a youth expert. The adult current lived experience expert Board Member is a survivor and is the facilitator of the Youth Action Board. This staff is compensated through a position at the YHDP Lead Agency, the Heart of Texas Region MHMR. Family Abuse Center also has lived experience expertise on their Board of Directors to inform programming and policies through the DV portion of the CoC. Lived experience experts are recruited within programs and through announcement by the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. Those not on staff with a service provider are trained in how to engage in the work and compensated via donation funds by the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition or the Heart of Texas Region MHMR (for the Youth Action Board) to participate in the work. A feedback mechanism has been developed to have intentional and meaningful integration of survivors' feedback, including the sharing of information gathered at listening sessions and community meetings with individuals with lived experience. Additionally, through having seats on the CoC Board, they are integrated in CoC planning and policy making.
2.To account for the unique and complex needs of survivors, the CoC ensures having the consent of the survivor to share their status and participation within the CoC. The CoC collaborates with Family Abuse Center to ensure appropriate safety protocols are in place and to provide multiple options for safe communication with survivors. When in meetings, participants introduce themselves with their name, pronouns they use, and any other identities they wish to disclose. Lived experience experts chose what they disclose regarding their past and their trauma experiences to reduce traumatization and to protect their confidentiality and safety.

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

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

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

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

4.	your CoC's process for addressing noncompliance with your CoC's anti-discrimination policies.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Stakeholder feedback is solicited for annual policy manual updates and is accepted by the CoC Board and CoC Advisory Committee at any time. Policies are reviewed annually, except for special circumstances when a policy is brought up for review based on stakeholder feedback.
2.When the Equal Access Rule came out, CoC assisted providers were provided technical assistance in developing project-level anti-discrimination policies and submitted them for final approval by the CoC to ensure that they are consistent with the CoC-wide anti-discrimination policy ensuring that LGBTQ+ individuals and families receive supportive services, shelter, and housing free from discrimination.
3.Annually, CoC grantees are monitored to ensure that they are compliant with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies.
4.If there is an agency that is not compliant with the CoC's anti-discrimination policies, the agency creates a plan of corrective action with the CoC Lead. All grantees are required to participate in annual Equal Access and anti-discrimination training.

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

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

Public Housing Agency Name	Enter the Percent of New Admissions into Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program During FY 2022 who were experiencing homelessness at entry	Does the PHA have a General or Limited Homeless Preference?	Does the PHA have a Preference for current PSH program participants no longer needing intensive supportive services, e.g., Moving On?
Housing Authority of the city of Waco	10%	Yes-Both	Yes
Housing Authority of Marlin	2%	No	No

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

A letter was sent by the CoC Lead to each of the PHAs in the CoC region requesting from them to identify if they have a homeless preference and to encourage them to adopt a homeless admission preference if one was not identified in their written policies. Follow up with the housing authorities occurred via email. The Housing Authority of Marlin responded to the inquiry and reported they do not have a homeless preference at this time. The Housing Authority of Marlin reported that although they do not have an official homeless preference in their administration plan, they do prioritize those experiencing homelessness unofficially. Waco Housing Authority responded to this request and identified that they have a homeless preference in their policies and provided a copy of these policies. Waco Housing Authority is by far the largest PHA and is highly involved in CoC activities and committees. Waco Housing Authority and the CoC are beginning discussions on how to create moving on strategies for the community and establishing a preference for current PSH program participants who no longer need intensive supportive services. The Waco Housing Authority and Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has provided Emergency Housing Vouchers to the CoC to route through Coordinated Entry that are being used for those who are homeless and for those in need of move-on vouchers. WHA also participates in Coordinated Entry Case Conferencing to assist in identifying those who are eligible for Section 8 and public housing from the Prioritization List that meet the homeless preference policy they have in place.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1C-7e.1.	List of PHAs with Active MOUs to Administer the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program.	
	Not Scored–For Information Only	

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

PHA
Waco Housing Auth...
Texas Department ...

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

Name of PHA: Waco Housing Authority

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

Name of PHA: Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

1D. Coordination and Engagement Cont'd

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

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

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

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

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

1D-2.	Housing First–Lowering Barriers to Entry.	
	NOFO Section 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 2023 CoC Program Competition.	14
2.	Enter the total number of new and renewal CoC Program-funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects your CoC is applying for in FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach.	14
3.	This number is a calculation of the percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, SSO non-Coordinated Entry, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC has ranked in its CoC Priority Listing in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition that reported that they are lowering barriers to entry and prioritizing rapid placement and stabilization to permanent housing.	100%

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

You must upload the Housing First Evaluation attachment to the 4B. Attachments Screen.

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.During the application process, every applicant is required to submit a Housing First Worksheet that is evaluated by the Scoring and Ranking Committee to ensure that all new and renewal projects are adhering to using a Housing First approach.
2.During the scoring process, program participants are given up to 10 points if they meet the CoC's priority of adhering to Housing First. Additionally, on the renewal project score card, participants can earn up to 10 points based on the answers they provide on the Housing First Worksheet. A total of 10 points are also awarded to projects that target hard to serve populations, including 10 points for percent of participants with no income at project entry and 10 points for percent of entries from literal homelessness.
3.During annual project monitoring, projects are evaluated on their Housing First policies and implementation. Additionally, grantees do a peer review to evaluate how well they adhere to Housing First.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The Heart of Texas Region MHMR Center's PATH Team and YHDP Navigation street outreach staff conducts street outreach in campsites, under bridges, in wooded areas, on streets, and in-reach at drop-in centers and shelters where persons experiencing homelessness are identified. Heart to Home Coordinated Entry System brochures are distributed and list local information including emergency shelter locations and hours, food pantry and drop-in center location and hours. Outreach teams identify themselves when approaching any individual for the safety of both parties and give a brief introduction of outreach purpose. PATH and YHDP street outreach team members may speak privately with individuals depending on size of group/campsite approached. If an individual would like to engage in services or learn more, a brief screening form is completed, and a follow-up appointment is scheduled with a PATH or YHDP street outreach caseworker. If an individual is not interested in engaging, outreach items and a business card are still offered. PATH or YHDP street outreach team members will continue to work towards engagement with these individuals. Other agency outreach team members are often invited to join in outreach efforts or conduct outreach on a routine basis within the community, and include VA HCHV, Endeavors, The Cove, Central Texas Youth Services, and Throwing Aces.
2. The PATH Program and YHDP Navigation Team conducts outreach in both Waco and the rural areas of the Heart of Texas Region – Bosque, Falls, McLennan, Limestone, Freestone, and Hill counties, with 100% coverage. Throwing Aces, Endeavors, VA HCHV, and Central Texas Youth Services conduct street outreach in Waco/McLennan County.
3. Street outreach is conducted by PATH twice per week, and rural county outreach is scheduled for a full day once per month. The YHDP Navigation Team conducts street outreach at a minimum once a week. Non-CoC funded street outreach teams provide street outreach on alternating days to ensure coverage is at 100% weekly.
4. Individuals least likely to engage in services are provided case management and street outreach services at their request via the PATH team, YHDP Navigation Team, VA HCHV, and Throwing Aces Outreach. All provide person-centered care and meet individuals where they are. Outreach teams will continue to meet a client where they are at, physically and emotionally, until they are ready to engage further.

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

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

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

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

		HIC Longitudinal HMIS Data	2022	2023
	Enter the total number of RRH beds available to serve all populations as reported in the HIC or the number of households served per longitudinal HMIS data, e.g., APR.	HIC	113	130

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Information on mainstream benefits is shared as received on the CoC's website as received and shared with the CoC at general membership meetings. Central Texas Food Bank also informs homeless clients on how to access, use and enroll in mainstream benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP and TANF benefits. Many of the agencies, such as Heart of Texas Region MHMR, have benefit specialists in-house who help with enrollment into mainstream benefits, and when they do not, the assigned case manager assists with this process.
2. The CoC has presentations at general membership meetings about how to connect participants to mainstream benefits including healthcare, substance abuse treatment, and mental health treatment. Central Texas Food Bank assists homeless clients with enrolling in health insurance benefits such as Medicaid. Indigent Health Care and Waco Family Medicine assists homeless clients with enrollment in healthcare programs.
3. The CoC connects programs to training on accessing SSI benefits such as SOAR. Heart of Texas Behavioral Health Network houses the SOAR Lead in our area, who helps develop SOAR-trained case managers across the CoC. The SOAR Lead promotes SOAR with service providers via Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition meetings.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC has been working to increase its capacity to provide non-congregate shelter by creating a hotel-based emergency shelter policy manual and partnered with the City of Waco and ERA2 grantees to fund hotel-based emergency shelter in the area. The CoC has also been in discussions with the City of Waco about the need for additional non-congregate shelter capacity and the City has been exploring ways to potentially fund this and make it goal in the upcoming Homeless Plan in coordination with the CoC. Through a partnership with the Waco Housing Authority, Salvation Army, and Waco ISD Homeless Outreach, there have been 2-3 non-congregate units available via the Waco Housing Authority that have been used for non-congregate sheltering for families. Referrals come from Waco ISD Homeless Outreach to Salvation Army, who provides the only family emergency shelter in the area, and they identify families appropriate for non-congregate sheltering to utilize units when available from Waco Housing Authority.

ID-8.	Partnerships with Public Health Agencies–Collaborating to Respond to and Prevent Spread of Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC participates in a Leadership Call with public health and emergency management. Through these partnerships, the CoC has developed policies and procedures to respond to infectious disease outbreaks. During COVID, the local public health authority partners with the CoC in the development of a hotel-based emergency shelter manual to help guide CoC policies during an infectious disease outbreak. Public health officials also helped to develop local shelter policies for infectious disease management. Through these partnerships during COVID, improved relationships and communication between Public Health and the CoC have led to collaborations at community events that occur in the homeless system, where Public Health is able to share information to the homeless population related to public health measures and provide access to vaccinations and testing for infectious diseases on a recurring basis.
2.The CoC has partnered with the local public health district to access testing and vaccinations for persons experiencing homelessness, including access at public events and homeless service fairs, in local drop-in centers, and at the local health clinic that serves those experiencing homelessness on a routine basis. The local Office of Emergency Management provides agencies with PPE to use in programing to help prevent and manage the spread of infection.

ID-8a.	Collaboration With Public Health Agencies on Infectious Diseases.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.o.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC website and social media are utilized to share information publicly about infectious disease outreach and management. On the website is information shared by the local public health agency and the CDC focused specifically for homeless service providers and participants. Programs are educated on the proper use of PPE and how to access PPE in the community. At community homeless resource fairs that occur at least twice a year, people experiencing homelessness and agencies receive information related to public health measures from the Public Health District, Indigent Health, local hospitals, and Waco Family Medicine, who also participate in the resource fair event. Street outreach teams are educated on infectious disease and how to use PPE and protocols to limit the spread of disease, which they can share when out in the field with people experiencing homelessness.
2.The CoC Lead participates in Community Leader calls with the public health district, local hospitals, and community health clinics to ensure communication is maintained between the CoC and health providers. The CoC Lead connects this information to agencies via information shared publicly through emails and the CoC's website. Programs are educated on how to connect clients to treatment, testing, how to prevent and limit outbreaks, how to access PPE, and how to access vaccinations for infectious diseases.

1D-9.	Centralized or Coordinated Entry System–Assessment Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.1.p.	

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	covers 100 percent of your CoC's geographic area;
2.	uses a standardized assessment process; and
3.	is updated regularly using feedback received from participating projects and households that participated in coordinated entry.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Heart to Home, the Coordinated Entry System for the CoC, was designed to reach the entire 6 county region using a phone line for assessment. The phone line allows for those fleeing domestic violence, those with transportation issues, and those with disabilities to have a means of being assessed. There are two physical access points located in Waco at the two community shelters and outreach staff in the area are also trained to conduct assessments so they can complete an assessment during outreach if this is desired by the person being served. Additionally, through the addition of YHDP, there have been access points added for youth and young adults, including a phone, physical, and outreach access points/assessors. The CE Administrator conducts outreach and advertising in all counties for CE. Advertising for CE also occurs on the CoC's website, which includes a Prezi presentation on what CE is, flyers that advertise the access points, and resource lists for people to utilize.
2.Assessor conducts a Coordinated Entry Assessment, utilizing the VI-SPDAT as the triage tool, to screen households experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness. After being assessed, homeless clients will be put on the Prioritization List and matched to housing programs (as openings become available within the Continuum of Care region) through case conferencing conducted by the Coordinated Entry Committee. Homeless clients will be contacted by the housing program, if they are found eligible for entry into the housing program, they were referred to via the Coordinated Entry process.
3.The local coordinated entry process is updated based on feedback by stakeholders, program participants, and participating agencies. The CE Committee hears and implements feedback monthly or as needed. Currently, due to feedback from the community partners, the CE Committee is evaluating the current common assessment tool being used and developing a newly updated tool that is being tested in comparison to the current tool. Feedback from households with lived experience is obtained via surveys, listening sessions, and the Youth Action Board, to help improve the processes.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC's coordinated entry system:
1.	reaches people who are least likely to apply for homeless assistance in the absence of special outreach;
2.	prioritizes people most in need of assistance;

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Coordinated Entry System was designed to reach the entire region using a phone line for assessment. The phone line allows for those fleeing DV, with transportation issues, and with disabilities to have a way to be assessed. There are two physical access points located in Waco at the shelters and outreach staff in the area are trained to conduct assessments. Through the addition of YHDP, there have been access points added for youth, including a phone, physical, and outreach access points/assessors. The CE Administrator conducts outreach and advertising in all counties. Advertising for CE also occurs on the CoC's website, which includes a Prezi presentation on what CE is, flyers that advertise the access points, and resource lists.
2.Heart to Home works in collaboration with the street outreach teams and staff at the shelters to identify and engage individuals who are least likely to apply for homelessness assistance. Law Enforcement, PHAs and providers have been educated on CE processes and advertising is also conducted throughout the community about the process and how to refer someone for assessment.
3.An assessor completes the assessment with the individual, as well as some additional questions to identify those with the highest level of need. The individual is placed on the Prioritization List and the Heart to Home Committee conducts case conferencing twice a month to determine the level of need, program eligibility, referrals to openings in housing programs, and track length of time until they receive assistance to ensure participants receive assistance in a timely manner. Participants are referred to housing providers using the CoC's Order of Priority, which is in place to prioritize people most in need of assistance. If the individual assessed is not found eligible for any housing programs or if there is a lack of openings into the housing programs, the local Housing Navigators are available to assist with locating housing for those with income.
4.To reduce the burden on participants of CE, the community has multiple access points including phone, physical, and street outreach assessors being trained to do assessments. Participants can check in monthly at their convenience with any access point or through their current supportive service or shelter provider to let Heart to Home know that they are still in the community and in need of housing. Housing Navigators help those selected for a housing program or voucher to identify housing.

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

	Describe in the field below how your CoC through its centralized or coordinated entry:
1.	affirmatively markets housing and services provided within the CoC's geographic area and ensures it reaches all persons experiencing homelessness;
2.	informs program participants of their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws; and
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 provided within the CoC's geographic area regarding Coordinate Entry via the CoC's website and brochures that are located at service providers throughout the CoC region. For those who do not have access to the internet, they can access the information via street outreach staff and at public libraries in the region.
2.On the CoC website, the Coordinated Entry Policy and Procedures Manual is publicly posted, including information for program participants on their rights and remedies available under federal, state, and local fair housing and civil rights laws. Program participants are also able to contact the Coordinated Entry Administrator or CoC Administrator if they have questions on their rights and remedies. Contact information for both parties is posted publicly on the CoC's website.
3.The CoC Administrator, working for the CoC Lead, participates in the creation of the Consolidated Plan and helps to ensure the CoC is consistent with this plan. The CoC Administrator works in the same department as the Fair Housing staff for the local jurisdiction and is able to report any observed conditions or actions that impede fair housing so that it may be remedied through formal processes set by the jurisdiction.

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

1.	Has your CoC conducted a racial disparities assessment in the last 3 years?	Yes
2.	Enter the date your CoC conducted its latest assessment for racial disparities.	09/26/2022

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC utilizes HUD's Racial Equity Analysis Tool which looks at CoC PIT data in comparison to ACS data. Additionally, the CoC looks at data from HMIS and from a community back-bone agency that does analysis of community data.
2.In past racial equity analyses, the CoC has identified an over representation of Black and African Americans in the homeless system. Looking at data from a past analysis, in the CoC, 35% of individuals experiencing homelessness identify as Black, while they only represent 14% of the population of the CoC region. At the state-level, the disproportionality is slightly greater with 38% of individuals experiencing homelessness identify as Black, while they only represent 12% of the population of Texas. This holds true for families with children who identify as Black, as they represent 42% of the population of those experiencing homelessness in the CoC region versus only representing 13% of the general population of the CoC region. At the state-level, those who identify as Black represent 41% of families with children experiencing homelessness, while they represent only 11% of the general population in Texas. This trend of over-representation remains true when looking at youth under the age of 25 and Veteran sub-populations.

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

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

1.	The CoC's board and decisionmaking bodies are representative of the population served in the CoC.	Yes
2.	The CoC has identified steps it will take to help the CoC board and decisionmaking bodies better reflect the population served in the CoC.	Yes
3.	The CoC is expanding outreach in geographic areas with higher concentrations of underrepresented groups.	Yes
4.	The CoC has communication, such as flyers, websites, or other materials, inclusive of underrepresented groups.	Yes
5.	The CoC is training staff working in the homeless services sector to better understand racism and the intersection of racism and homelessness.	Yes
6.	The CoC is establishing professional development opportunities to identify and invest in emerging leaders of different races and ethnicities in the homelessness sector.	Yes
7.	The CoC has staff, committees, or other resources charged with analyzing and addressing racial disparities related to homelessness.	Yes
8.	The CoC is educating organizations, stakeholders, boards of directors for local and national nonprofit organizations working on homelessness on the topic of creating greater racial and ethnic diversity.	Yes
9.	The CoC reviewed coordinated entry processes to understand their impact on people of different races and ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
10.	The CoC is collecting data to better understand the pattern of program use for people of different races and ethnicities in its homeless services system.	Yes
11.	The CoC is conducting additional research to understand the scope and needs of different races or ethnicities experiencing homelessness.	Yes
	Other:(limit 500 characters)	
12.		

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

Based on the strategies indicated by the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, the CoC has pursued the following strategies to reduce disparities in the local homeless system. These strategies include: 1) Ensuring that staff at the CoC project level are representative of the people accessing homeless services in the CoC; 2) Partner with and include more people with lived experience in all facets of homeless system planning and decision making; 3) Provide training on race equity for CoC members or encourage them to participate in local race equity training provided in the community; 4) Evaluate CoC policies to determine if they are enforced equitably and if they meet the needs of those over-represented as experiencing homelessness; 5) Assessing the scope of racial disparities, using available data, to identify over and under-representation in experiences of homelessness within the CoC, to better align strategies; 6) Assess local project data to ensure that programs are connecting people experiencing homelessness to housing and services at equitable rates, and that programs are achieving equitable outcomes for clients served; 7) Examine whether the data being collected answers all of the questions the CoC has revolving around race equity within the homeless delivery system and identify what other questions should be asked and what additional outcomes need to be measured; 8) Identify training that is needed to better understand and analyze data related to racial disparities within the homeless system and how to better understand the dynamics of this data; 9) Share findings with community partners and leaders to develop a shared understanding of racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness; and 10) Created an Equity and CQI Committees under the YHDP Program to focus on this topic in the launch of the new youth homeless system.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.To track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the provision or outcome of homeless assistance in the CoC, the community conducts recurring racial equity analyses to track outcomes which includes a look at HMIS and other community data. Additionally, through YHDP, the Continuous Quality Improvement Work Group is quarterly tracking outcomes in the youth system, which includes a focus on the Coordinated Community Plan's Goal #6 to "Ensure that the pursuit of racial equity guides all decision making and program implementation." The CoC is looking at measures such as racial/ethnic percentage breakdowns as compared to census data, returns to homelessness, exits to permanent housing, education outcomes, and qualitative data such surveys conducted with clients.
2.The CoC uses the CoC Racial Equity Analysis tool, HMIS data and reporting, qualitative survey data, and a YHDP Continuous Quality Improvement tracking tool to evaluate measures that track progress on preventing or eliminating disparities in the CoC.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

For the past decade, community partners have been encouraged to invite those they serve in programs to attend general membership meetings of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. The CoC has outreached at emergency shelters, drop-in centers, social media, the CoC website, and through general membership meetings to community providers to share the need and how to engage with their clients, and through those with lived experience outreaching within their peers to find new individuals to serve in leadership and decision-making processes. In 2018, a formalized Youth Action Board was established for application and participation in YHDP. Recruitment for these groups has been through youth service providers, schools, drop-in centers, social media, the CoC's website, flyers placed at libraries and community colleges, and through peer-recruitment. The CoC Board has a minimum of two seats for individuals with lived experience (adult and youth) but has often had at least 3-5 members with lived experience. During the planning and implementation of YHDP, the YAB was engaged in all aspects and meetings and received compensation for their time in planning, feedback, and implementation meetings. A lived experience work group is formed during the NOFO season, and outreach for this was done by the CoC Board's lived experience board members, during CoC community meetings, flyers, social media, and the CoC's website to bring those with lived experience together to evaluate the CoC's priorities and projects being submitted during the NOFO season.

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

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

	Level of Active Participation	Number of People with Lived Experience Within the Last 7 Years or Current Program Participant	Number of People with Lived Experience Coming from Unsheltered Situations
1.	Included in the decisionmaking processes related to addressing homelessness.	10	5
2.	Participate on CoC committees, subcommittees, or workgroups.	10	5
3.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's local competition rating factors.	8	5
4.	Included in the development or revision of your CoC's coordinated entry process.	8	5

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The CoC provides professional development through training meetings and online training resources. Additionally, those engaged in these opportunities are compensated for their time. CoC leadership has led special meetings with Youth Action Board members to train them on the foundations of what a CoC is, what the YHDP program is, what Continuous Quality Improvement is, and how to participate and have a voice at the table with adult partners. Additionally, the CoC has had training with adult partners on adultism and the importance of lived experience to help both youth participants and adult partners meet in partnership in the work. All Board members, including those with lived experience, can participate in annual Board training provided by a local foundation and training provided to the entire CoC around topics such as trauma informed care, positive youth development, equity, LGBTQ+, Equal Access, human trafficking, and domestic violence. People with lived experience are hired for peer support positions within the CoC and are encouraged to apply for other openings where qualified.

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

	Describe in the field below:
1.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness;
2.	how your CoC routinely gathers feedback from people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG Programs; and

3.	the steps your CoC has taken to address challenges raised by people with lived experience of homelessness.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC routinely gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness by inviting those with lived experience to participate in CoC meetings and committees, during listening sessions at events (such as twice annually at Project Homelessness Connect), during listening sessions at shelters and drop-in centers, through lived experience work groups such as the NOFO work group and Youth Action Board, and through Coordinated Entry access points and listening sessions about CE.
2. The CoC gathers feedback from people experiencing homelessness and people who have received assistance through the CoC or ESG program on their experiences receiving assistance at Project Homelessness Connect via listening sessions, at listening sessions held monthly at drop-in centers within the community including youth-serving projects, and through project-level feedback processes such as suggestion boxes and program surveys.
3.The CoC has taken feedback from individuals with lived experience of homelessness and brought it to programs and the CoC Board to address challenges raised. Feedback loops with lived experience work groups and the Youth Action Board have been developed. An example of how the CoC has taken steps to address challenges raised by people with lived experience is when, during feedback sessions at the local youth drop-in center, youth reported challenges accessing the local emergency shelters. This feedback was brought to the local emergency shelters to look at shelter program design and policy to make updates to programming to better serve youth experiencing homelessness and reduce barriers to accessing shelter.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

The local CoC leadership has been involved in the development and launch of a new Housing Plan coordinated by the City of Waco with community partners. Through this work, the CoC has had more opportunities to engage city and county governments regarding increasing the affordable housing supply.
1.The CoC leadership has been involved in a Housing Task Force as part of the launch of the Housing Plan. In this Task Force, the CoC leadership has been able to advocate for rezoning of land for use for a new emergency shelter, rezoning of areas of the community to allow for increased high-density housing, and the development of new accessory dwelling unit ordinances to go before City Council. CoC staff have been involved in attending zoning meetings with elected and non-elected officials to discuss ways to reform zoning and land use policies within the community to permit more housing development and increase housing density within the core of Waco.
2.Through participating in the Housing Task Force, the CoC leadership has had the opportunity to advocate for reduction of regulatory barriers to housing development. Additionally, the CoC leadership participates in an Advocacy Work Group through Texas Homeless Network to advocate with state and federal government leaders to reduce regulatory barriers to housing development. CoC members participated in a letter writing campaign led by the Waco Housing Authority to advocate for reducing regulatory barriers to housing development. CoC leadership participated in Capital Hill Day at the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference to meet with elected officials regarding reducing regulatory barriers and advocating for expansion of program funding to assist people with accessing affordable housing.

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

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

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- 24 CFR part 578;
- FY 2023 CoC Application Navigational Guide;
- Section 3 Resources;
- PHA Crosswalk; and
- Frequently Asked Questions

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

1.	**Enter your CoC's local competition submission deadline date for New Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.**	08/20/2023
2.	**Enter the date your CoC published the deadline for Renewal Project applicants to submit their project applications to your CoC's local competition–meaning the date your CoC published the deadline.**	08/20/2023

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.	What were the maximum number of points available for the renewal project form(s)?	200
2.	How many renewal projects did your CoC submit?	11
3.	What renewal project type did most applicants use?	Tie

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC looks at Annual Performance Reports data to evaluate the effectiveness of permanent housing programs. To improve project-level data, a data quality improvement plan has been developed and launched within the CoC by the HMIS Administrator. During competition season, the CoC Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluates project applications based on HUD priorities, program performance, system performance measures, PIT data, APR data, population served, and audits.
2.Through CE data in HMIS, the CoC can see how long it takes from a person enters the homeless system to entering permanent housing, whether it is through self-resolving, receiving a voucher, or entering a permanent housing program. CoC and YHDP project data also track length of time from project entry to move-in date.
3.The CoC evaluates whether the project follows a Housing First approach. Additionally, there are points available during the competition for projects that serve those with severe service needs and that are hardest to serve. Locally, rapid placement has been challenging across all programs due to housing costs tripling in the past five years because of impacts of the popularity of the community due to being on the national spotlight due to the TV show Fixer Upper and Magnolia Network as well as impacts from the pandemic and inflation. Through implementation of adult and youth housing navigation projects in the community, we can see the impact of these teams assisting those with severe service needs and vulnerabilities navigate this complex housing market with support from case managers and peer support specialists.
4.During competition, there are points for projects who focus on meeting the severity of needs and vulnerabilities of those considered “hard to serve” which includes serving individuals who are literally homeless and those with no income at program entry. PSH projects have different point ratings due to the challenges faced with serving populations with severe service needs and vulnerabilities. Due to lack of family emergency shelter which leads to families doubling up and not qualifying under HUD definition of homelessness, the CoC’s lowest ranked family RRH program struggles to spend down funds and maintain performance expectations. The Scoring and Ranking Committee reallocated funds from this project in the past and the CoC annually works with this agency to create a corrective action plan to improve performance due to the need of this project.

1E-3.	Advancing Racial Equity through Participation of Over-Represented Populations in the Local Competition Review and Ranking Process.	
	NOFO Section V.B.2.e.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Rating factors used to review project applications were decided upon by input by the CoC Board and CoC Committee, which are diverse groups that are made up of different races and ethnicities, particularly those over-represented in the local homeless population. According to the last Racial Equity Analysis for the CoC completed in 2022, the City of Waco is 71% white and 21% Black, and 2021 PIT numbers report 74% White, 23% Black and 3% other, informing that there is an overrepresentation of Black individuals experiencing homelessness in the Waco. The CoC Board and CoC Committee represents a composition that mirrors the population served in the homeless system. Additionally, every year the rating factors are evaluated, and priorities are decided upon based on feedback from under-served populations at events such as Project Homeless Connect and general membership meetings of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. Feedback from these groups informed changes needed on the rating factors, particularly the Priorities set by the CoC.
2. The CoC's Scoring and Ranking Committee is called annually through a call for volunteers within the CoC. The CoC Administrator curates this group to ensure there is mixed representation of race and ethnicity within the region, with the aim of creating a group annually that represents the composition of the local homeless system. The Scoring and Ranking Committee also involves individuals with lived experience of homelessness, and this lived experience work group is a very diverse group that is representative of the populations served within the homeless system. On the Scoring and Ranking Committee and Lived Experience Work Group, approximately 25% of them are Black, which is the over-represented population in the region.
3.The CoC designated one of the CoC Priorities, for which the projects received points for, on equity. The applicants had to show how they were advancing equity through demonstrating that they have created policies and procedures designed to eliminate barriers, with the aim to improve equity and address disparities. The applicants had to demonstrate hiring practices that aim to create a diverse, representative workforce. Finally, applicants had to demonstrate that they participate in the work of the CoC to reduce the over representation of people of color and LGBTQ+ experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Reallocation policies state that projects are to be reviewed by a scoring rubric using project information such as APRs, grant closeouts, audits, system performance measures, and HMIS data. If a project is unable to expend at least 90% of their funds or if they underperform, as evidenced by a low score in the competition, they are subject to a possible reallocation or reduction. Per policy, projects have also been reallocated in the past if the project type is deemed to no longer meet CoC priorities, as evidenced by score received on the priorities section of the scoring rubric.
2. The Scoring and Ranking Committee determined that the lowest performing project, Salvation Army's Rapid Rehousing for Families. Reallocation did not occur due to the Scoring and Ranking Committee's decision that further reallocation from this project would make it not operable and that the project is highly valued in the community due to it being the only CoC program that is not subpopulation specific. Due to this, the agency will be expected to participate in technical assistance (which has already been formally requested by the CoC Point of Contact for all Rapid Rehousing programs within the region) and to implement a performance improvement plan.
3.The Scoring and Ranking Committee determined to not reallocate from any low performing projects this year. No projects were determined as less needed for the CoC. Due to a shortage of family emergency shelter in the area and this program being the only non-subpopulation rapid rehousing project, this project is highly valuable so the Scoring and Ranking Committee decided to not proceed with reallocation until another agency is able to compete to operate a comparable project within the region as the project has already had a portion of the funds reallocated in the FY 2021 competition and is at the lowest funding rate to reasonably operate a rapid rehousing project.

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

	Did your CoC cumulatively reallocate at least 20 percent of its ARD between FY 2018 and FY 2023?	No

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

1.	**Did your CoC reject any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?**	Yes
2.	**Did your CoC reduce funding for any project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?**	No
3.	**Did your CoC inform applicants why your CoC rejected or reduced their project application(s) submitted for funding during its local competition?**	Yes
4.	**If you selected Yes for element 1 or element 2 of this question, enter the date your CoC notified applicants that their project applications were being rejected or reduced, in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.**	09/08/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC notified project applicants that their project applications were accepted and ranked on the New and Renewal Priority Listings in writing, outside of e-snaps. If you notified applicants on various dates, enter the latest date of any notification. For example, if you notified applicants on 06/26/2023, 06/27/2023, and 06/28/2023, then you must enter 06/28/2023.	09/08/2023

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

	Does your attachment include: 1. Project Names; 2. Project Scores; 3. Project accepted or rejected status; 4. Project Rank–if accepted; 5. Requested Funding Amounts; and 6. Reallocated funds.	Yes

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

	Enter the date your CoC posted the CoC-approved Consolidated Application on the CoC's website or partner's website–which included: 1. the CoC Application; and 2. Priority Listings for Reallocation forms and all New, Renewal, and Replacement Project Listings.	09/25/2023

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

	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.	09/25/2023

2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Implementation

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- Frequently Asked Questions

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

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

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

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 HIC data into HDX.	04/28/2023

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.Our local DV provider, Family Abuse Center, utilizes OSNIUM as the comparable database which is compliant with all HUD's comparable database requirements and uses by DV provides across the state of Texas. The CoC and HMIS Lead annually monitor the DV provider to ensure that an approved comparable database is used in DV programs in the CoC.
2.All DV service providers enter into a comparable database that is compliant with the HMIS Data Standards. Domestic Violence agencies use a comparable database that's able to support the HMIS Data Standards.
3.The CoC's HMIS is compliant with the currently released HMIS Data Standards. The HMIS Lead provides annual training to users that covers the HMIS Data Standards, including Universal Data Elements and Program Data Elements relevant to each provider's programs.

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

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

Project Type	Total Year-Round Beds in 2023 HIC	Total Year-Round Beds in HIC Operated by Victim Service Providers	Total Year-Round Beds in HMIS	HMIS Year-Round Bed Coverage Rate
1. Emergency Shelter (ES) beds	116	23	93	100.00%
2. Safe Haven (SH) beds	0	0	0	
3. Transitional Housing (TH) beds	126	26	30	30.00%
4. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) beds	130	19	111	100.00%
5. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) beds	110	4	106	100.00%
6. Other Permanent Housing (OPH) beds	0	0	0	

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.A large amount of the Transitional Housing Beds not captured in HMIS is due to an agency losing their funding, during this time the Executive Director at the time opted to no longer HMIS. They have hired a new Director and conversations have been started to explain and demonstrate the importance of utilizing HMIS for the community as a whole to get a better picture of what is happening through the system.
2. The CoC and HMIS Administrator will continue to encourage participation in HMIS and demonstrate to agencies who wish to not participate the importance of having their information included.

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

Did your CoC submit at least two usable LSA data files to HUD in HDX 2.0 by February 28, 2023, 8 p.m. EST?	Yes

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

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

	Enter the date your CoC conducted its 2023 PIT count.	01/24/2023

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

	Enter the date your CoC submitted its 2023 PIT count data in HDX.	04/28/2023

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. HOTHC youth stakeholders, such as YHDP program staff, school district homeless liaisons, education service center staff, youth homeless drop-in center providers, and homeless outreach workers, attended multiple planning meetings with the CoC and HMIS Administrators to discuss the best methodologies for counting youth. The Youth Action Board and peer support specialist staff with lived experience of homelessness are invited to participate and encouraged to be involved in the planning and implementation of the PIT.
2. During planning, stakeholders worked with the Youth Action Board and Peer Support Specialists to identify sites where youth are likely to be found in the community, such as youth homeless drop-in centers, parks, and schools. Additionally, the CoC plans the Project Homeless Connect event, an annual service and resource fair that is used as a service count for the PIT to capture individuals not counted during the PIT on the previous night. Youth are counted at various agencies counted by the shelter PIT, at agencies that serve meals, and in areas identified by outreach workers and law enforcement, including a helicopter survey conducted prior to PIT to identify new encampments not seen from the street view. These encampments are entered prior to the PIT to build rapport and identify youth and others to count in the PIT.
3.The homeless drop-in centers, street outreach teams, and Youth Action Board members shared information about the PIT count with youth experiencing homelessness, but none were interested in participating in the count/volunteering. However, they were able to provide the youth PIT team with ideas of where to count. We did have Peer Support Specialists involved in conducing the PIT, who experienced homelessness as a youth in the area in the recent past.

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

	In the field below:
1.	describe any changes your CoC made to your sheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable;
2.	describe any changes your CoC made to your unsheltered PIT count implementation, including methodology or data quality changes between 2022 and 2023, if applicable; and
3.	describe how the changes affected your CoC's PIT count results; or
4.	state "Not Applicable" if there were no changes or if you did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2023.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The Counting Us App was continued to be used for conducting the sheltered PIT count. This was the first year where things were back to normal after COVID so there was in increase in volunteers and staff within the shelters to allow for better capacity of conducting the PIT count.
2.This year allowed for our Unsheltered PIT count to be done early morning by both staff and volunteers within the community. As a result of having more people available to spread out into teams all over the CoC, as opposed to last year when it was only the street outreach team conducting surveys due to concerns from COVID.
3.As a result of shelters being able to operate fully staffed and able to utilize all beds, in addition to having more teams and volunteers to go spread out amongst the CoC to do the unsheltered surveys our count was larger and more accurate than the previous year.

2C. System Performance

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. Through the CE process, data is obtained that helps the CoC to identify potential risk factors. Through YHDP CQI, the CoC is identifying risk factors related to youth such as education status, trauma, and identification with certain sub-populations such as LGBTQ+ youth. Per the Consolidation Plan, an identified risk factor is the poverty rate in this area, which is 24.8% (much greater than the Texas rate of 14%). The CoC has used Racial Equity Analysis work to identify other risk factors to becoming homeless for the first time such as racial identity, criminal history background, and co-occurring disorders.
2. HOTHC has developed a Homelessness Prevention Committee, in collaboration with the ESG Grantee and the Heart to Home Coordinated Entry System, to create strategies to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, the HOTHC Permanent Housing Task Force works on affordable housing issues, in collaboration with the Waco Housing Authority. Waco Housing Authority and Salvation Army have utilized Housing Stability Service Grant funds to assist with addressing needs of households at risk of homelessness to help stabilize the into permanent housing. The Salvation Army prioritizes families and individuals who are at risk of homelessness who have a court ordered eviction notice. SA's TBRA program serves families and individuals who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act and their TX Veterans Commission program provides homeless prevention services. Endeavors provides homeless prevention services and RRH to Veterans and their families. All CoC providers collaborate with clients on improving life skills, access to mainstream benefits, and employment.
3. HOTHC's CoC Committee and CE Committee, in collaboration with the HMIS, CE, and CoC Leads are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce or end the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time. The CoC Committee includes the grantees who receive CoC and ESG funding in the region. The HMIS Lead provides data and evaluation, the CoC Committee and CoC Lead monitor strategy effectiveness, and the CE Committee and Lead assists in the evaluation of persons in need of homelessness prevention services, from which data is obtained on risk factors to first time homelessness.

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

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

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

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

	In the field below:
1.	**describe your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and persons in families remain homeless;**
2.	**describe how your CoC identifies and houses individuals and persons in families with the longest lengths of time homeless; and**

3.	provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing your CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless.

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CE Committee has taken several planning steps to reduce the average length-of-time homeless by creating a priority for housing for those with the longest time spent homeless in the Coordinated Entry system. As the CE system has been developed and implemented, system roadblocks are being identified and resolved. The Housing Navigator Team and Permanent Supportive Housing Task Force work to decrease barriers to housing in the local community through activities such as landlord engagement and advocating for affordable housing in the community. The CoC is working with agencies and landlords to develop low-barrier housing and all grantees currently use a Housing First approach. Local emergency shelters have agreed to quickly engage participants with caseworkers and refer clients for CE assessment while engaging the clients in diversion and housing problem conversations. CoC grantees are monitored on performance outcomes and evaluated on this during the Scoring and Ranking process.
2.The CoC's CE assessment has an element of acuity based on length-of-time homeless and identifies households with the longest time homeless. The Housing Navigator prioritizes participants served based on acuity and length-of-time homeless. The CoC Order of Priority designates length of time homeless as a priority to housing placement. Heart to Home and the HMIS Lead uses HMIS data and client report to determine the length of time homeless. The HMIS Lead utilizes LSA and Stella data to help the CoC identify barriers to effectively and quickly housing people and what pathways are available to most effectively house people.
3. The CE and CoC Committees, in collaboration with the CoC and HMIS Leads are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length of time individuals and families remain homeless. The CoC Committee includes grantees who receive CoC and ESG funding in the region. The HMIS Lead provides data and evaluation, the CoC Committee and CoC Lead monitor strategy effectiveness, and the CE Committee, CE Lead, and Housing Navigators assists in the system flow and prioritization of clients into housing programs to reduce the length of time homeless.

2C-3.	Exits to Permanent Housing Destinations/Retention of Permanent Housing–CoC's Strategy	
	NOFO Section V.B.5.d.	

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC has implemented CE and Housing Navigator programs to improve the rate of individuals and families who move to permanent housing. The CoC continues work to improve options in the community by educating landlords and implementing goals to reduce barriers and retention of permanent housing. Individuals and families participate in housing problem solving conversations and supportive services to develop goals to have a positive outcome when exiting programs. Participants are connected to SOAR, education programs, workforce, and vocational rehab to assist with obtaining income to maintain permanent housing. Programs are working to develop and/or improve existing aftercare programs to aid in retention of permanent housing. When working with persons residing in emergency shelters and safe havens, diversion conversations are helping to identify potential positive housing destinations available to the person to assist with rapid exit from the shelter. For persons in transitional housing and rapid rehousing, through employment development and skills training, the case management staff work with the individual to develop income sources to obtain and maintain permanent housing. The CoC has been developing partnerships with housing authorities to access more vouchers such as HCV, EHV, and FYI Vouchers to connect participants to more permanent housing options and housing move-on options to assist more participants with long-term housing subsidy assistance.
2.The CoC has worked with the state SOAR Lead to obtain SOAR training to improve access to SSI/SSDI for those experiencing homelessness as well as those who are in PSH be able to retain their housing. RRH providers provide ongoing case management and skills training with the participant, including budgeting, connection to education/employment resources, access to mainstream benefits, and connection to ongoing supports needed to help assist the person with obtaining and maintaining permanent housing. Through YHDP programming, youth are able to access up to three years of rapid rehousing while obtaining a degree or trade to help them with developing the skills needed to maintain their housing after they leave the program.
3.CoC grantees, the CoC Committee, the Permanent Housing Task Force, and the CoC and HMIS Leads oversee the CoC’s strategy to increase the rate of permanent housing retention. The HMIS Lead provides data, while the CoC Committee and CoC Lead monitor strategy effectiveness.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1.The CoC uses multiple strategies to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness, including the utilization of broad reaching street outreach teams, identification at emergency shelters, and identification through the Coordinated Entry process when someone is reassessed for housing resources. The CoC identifies common factors of individuals and people in families who return to homelessness through data evaluation. Utilizing HMIS data, we can identify commonalities and risk factors. Through the CE system, we also identify a portion of those who are returning to homelessness through multiple CE entries and referrals to the Priority List. Case Conferencing of these individuals through the CE process has led to higher rates of identification and connection to services that will best serve those individuals. Street outreach teams and emergency shelters are able to identify those who have returned to homelessness to reconnect them with resources needed to rapidly exit them from homelessness. The HMIS Team is able to look at system data to determine if returns to homelessness are increasing.
2. By continuing to prioritize individuals with a history of homelessness and determining the best combination of CoC resources to help individuals retain permanent housing. Continued improvements to Coordinated Entry are expected and continuing to engage and educate Landlords, developers, and management companies on how to lower or eliminate barriers and continue to adapt procedures to provide support and direction. Additional returns to homelessness will be reduced by connecting individuals and families to case management and supportive services such as SOAR, education/employment services, and mainstream benefits. Case Conferencing through the CE process allows an opportunity for community partners to discuss those who have had a return to homelessness and how to prevent future returns to homelessness by utilizing targeted resources and problem-solving strategies as a team and how those can improve the system as a whole.
3.Use of System Performance Measures allows the CoC Committee and CoC Lead to monitor performance and allows the CoC to analyze data that identify gaps and needs. The CoC's decision to reallocate funds of lower performing projects allows for higher performing programs to be funded that in turn help to improve the rate of return to homelessness by offering more effective services to clients.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC continues to work on growing collaborative relationships with training, education, and technical programs within the communities served, that provide or increase job skills for those engaged in services which will increase employment income. CoC projects work with clients to increase access to employment through case management and referrals to community organizations who focus on income development such as Workforce and Vocational Rehab. Agencies provide access to employment specialists who work with participants to complete job applications, work on skills to improve work readiness, and act as liaisons between potential employers and the client. The Waco Employee Resource Network within the community focuses on how to increase training and employment opportunities to clients served with the goal of helping employees maintain their job. CoC Projects are incentivized to increase participant cash income through points available when scored during the CoC Competition.
2. The CoC works to increase access for those experiencing homelessness to employment by engaging clients in job fairs, employment services, job readiness training programs, certificate programs, and referrals to education/employment resources when accessing Coordinated Entry. Collaboration with the Texas Workforce and Vocational Rehab helps to connect participants to employment readiness programs and employment options. The CoC has partnered with the local technical school, TSTC, to access training programs for those experiencing homelessness. This program connects participants to employment at the completion of the training program.
3. The CoC Committee, CE Committee, CoC grantees, and CoC Lead are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase jobs and income from employment.

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

1. The CoC strives to develop collaborative relationships amongst agencies that provide non-employment cash income. This provides participants access to mainstream benefits specialists within the community. The CoC has been working to increase the number of SOAR-trained staff to connect individuals to SSI/SSDI, along with building relationships with the local SSI office. All CoC Projects are incentivized to increase participant non-employment cash income through points available when projects are scored during the CoC Competition. All CoC funded projects provide case management assisting clients with resources and assistance in obtaining non-employment benefits, this is included but not limited to access to benefits specialists who assist with obtaining SNAP benefits, TANF or other income.
2. The CoC Committee, CE Committee, and CoC Lead are responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase non-employment cash income.

3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses housing subsidies or subsidized housing units which are not funded through the CoC or ESG Programs to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

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

	Is your CoC applying for a new PH-PSH or PH-RRH project that uses healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness?	No

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

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

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

3B. New Projects With Rehabilitation/New Construction Costs

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

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

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

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

(limit 2,500 characters)

N/A

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

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

	Did your CoC submit one or more new project applications for DV Bonus Funding?	No

Applicant Name
This list contains no items

4B. Attachments Screen For All Application Questions

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

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
1C-7. PHA Homeless Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Homeles...	09/22/2023
1C-7. PHA Moving On Preference	No	1C-7. PHA Moving ...	09/22/2023
1D-11a. Letter Signed by Working Group	Yes	1D-11a. Letter Si...	09/22/2023
1D-2a. Housing First Evaluation	Yes	1D-2a. Housing Fi...	09/22/2023
1E-1. Web Posting of Local Competition Deadline	Yes	1E-1. Web Posting...	09/22/2023
1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool	Yes	1E-2. Local Compe...	09/22/2023
1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project	Yes	1E-2a. Scored For...	09/22/2023
1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced	Yes	1E-5. Notificatio...	09/24/2023
1E-5a. Notification of Projects Accepted	Yes	1E-5a. Notificati...	09/24/2023
1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results	Yes	1E-5b. Local Comp...	09/22/2023
1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5c. Web Postin...	09/25/2023

1E-5d. Notification of CoC-Approved Consolidated Application	Yes	1E-5d. Notificati...	09/25/2023
2A-6. HUD's Homeless Data Exchange (HDX) Competition Report	Yes	2A-6. HUD's Homel...	09/22/2023
3A-1a. Housing Leveraging Commitments	No		
3A-2a. Healthcare Formal Agreements	No		
3C-2. Project List for Other Federal Statutes	No		
Other	No		

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Document Description: 1E-2. Local Competition Scoring Tool

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Document Description: 1E-2a. Scored Forms for One Project

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Document Description: 1E-5. Notification of Projects Rejected-Reduced

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Document Description: 1E-5b. Local Competition Selection Results

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Document Description: 1E-5c. Web Posting–CoC-Approved Consolidated Application

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Submission Summary

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

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WACO Housing Authority & AFFILIATES

September 13, 2023

HUD Continuum of Care Grant
Waco, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being provided to you as a part of the Continuum of Care Grant being submitted on behalf of the City of Waco. Waco Housing Authority and Affiliates first adopted the Homeless Preference for its Public Housing and HCV (Housing Choice Vouchers) Program on 2/17/15.

The Preference states applicants must meet the HUD Definition of homelessness of the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.

Waco Housing Authority participates in the Continuum of Care process, is represented on the Homeless Coalition, and will assist in any future homeless programs toward the betterment of our community.

At present we serve the homeless through the following programs, including those served via move-on vouchers:

VASH 5 searching/68 housed

Mainstream 4 searching/76 housed

FYI 3 housed/1 searching

EHV 38 housed/10 searching

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions. I can be reached at 254-752-0324 ext. 280.

Sincerely,

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Waco, TX

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being provided to you as a part of the Continuum of Care Grant being submitted on behalf of the City of Waco. Waco Housing Authority and Affiliates first adopted the Homeless Preference for its Public Housing and HCV (Housing Choice Vouchers) Program on 2/17/15.

The Preference states applicants must meet the HUD Definition of homelessness of the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness.

Waco Housing Authority participates in the Continuum of Care process, is represented on the Homeless Coalition, and will assist in any future homeless programs toward the betterment of our community.

At present we serve the homeless through the following programs, including those served via move-on vouchers:

VASH 5 searching/68 housed

Mainstream 4 searching/76 housed

FYI 3 housed/1 searching

EHV 38 housed/10 searching

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions. I can be reached at 254-752-0324 ext. 280.

Sincerely,

Milet Hopping,
President/CEO

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HEART OF TEXAS
HOMELESS COALITION
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PO BOX 23025, WACO, TX 76702

September 18, 2023

Dear HUD Continuum of Care Team,

The Lived Experience of Homelessness Work Group of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition is a group of individuals from the Heart of Texas Region with lived experience of homelessness. Our purpose in convening this work group is to evaluate the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care's (CoC) Collaborative Application projects and planning priorities being submitted for the Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Opportunity. As a working group, we are in support of the priorities of the CoC and the projects being submitted in this NOFO.

Printed Name	Signature	Date
Sarah Muse	Sarah Muse	September 18, 2023
ADRIANMUSE	ADRIANMUSE	09/18/23
Randy Medrano	[signature]	09/18/2023

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COC NOFO LIVED EXPERIENCE WORK GROUP MEETING SIGN IN

Printed Name	Signature	Lived Experience of Homelessness (Yes or No)
Randy Mediano		yes Waco 5 1/2 yrs.
Sarah Muse / Ravyn Muse	Sarah Muse / Ravyn Muse	yes Waco, Tx 2 years (yes)
ADRIAN MUSE / LUNA	ADRIAN MUSE / LUSE	yes TX, MO, PA, AZ 11 MONTH (yes)
TAYLOR DONALDSON	Taylor Donaldson	yes (10 yrs)
Nicole Wiscombe	Nwiscombe	NO

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NOFO Information and Materials for CoC & YHDP Grantees

FY 2023 Awards

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FY 2023 TX-604 NOFO Debriefing

FY 2023 Collaborative Application

FY 2023 TX-604 Registration

FY 2023 TX-604 Review

FY 2023 TX-604 Grant Inventory Worksheet

FY 2023 TX-604 Collaborative Application

FY 2023 TX-604 Ranking List

FY 2023 NOFO Project Application Information – TX-604 CoC Materials

HUD's CoC/YHDP NOFO Resources

FY 2023 NOFO Public Notice & Timeline

FY 2023 New Project Threshold & Scoring Tool

FY 2023 Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Tool

TX-604 HOTHC CoC Policies & Procedures

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Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition
Continuum of Care Grant Competition

July 27, 2023

NOTIFICATION OF INTERNAL COMPETITION FOR HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE FUNDS

The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition (TX-604 Waco/McLennan County Continuum of Care) announces the internal competition for HUD Continuum of Care Funding.

This competition is to award funding made available through the HUD Continuum of Care Notification of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) issued on July 5, 2023. HUD has made available extensive resources to support applicants. These can be found here:

- Complete information on the HUD NOFO can be found at this location: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/fy-2023-coc-program-nofa-coc-program-competition/
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- Potential applicants for funding are strongly encouraged to take advantage of the extensive resources for the application process found on this HUD website. Instructions and resources for the application process are found here: https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/e-snaps/

APPLICATION DEADLINE

All organizations interested in obtaining funding through the HUD NOFO – **including both new and renewal** project applicants – must submit their application in the ESNAPS grant management system. Renewal, bonus, DV bonus, and expansion projects are due no later than **August 20, 2023, at 5 pm Central Standard Time.** YHDP renewal and replacement projects are due no later than **August 25, 2023, at 5 pm Central Standard Time.**

LETTER OF INTEREST & INQUIRIES

Please submit a letter of interest if your organization intends to apply. Applicants should review the information available in this Internal Competition Notification and the Notice of Funding Opportunity from HUD. Please review those materials prior to starting the application or submitting an inquiry to HOTHC. Letters of Interest and Inquiries are to be submitted to heartoftexashomelesscoalition@gmail.com.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Renewal Applications

- Only existing HUD CoC/YHDP grants are eligible for renewal. The only eligible renewal grants are those with an existing grant agreement with HUD.
- The renewal amount must be consistent with the Final Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the CoC. The renewal amount may not be exceeded, and the budget lines must conform to those indicated on the GIW.

New Project Applications

TX-604 WACO/MCLENNAN COUNTY
FY 2023 COC NEW PROJECT EVALUATION

Name of Agency and Project: _____

Project Type: ☐ PSH ☐RRH ☐ Joint TH-RRH ☐ CE-SSO ☐ DV Bonus RRH ☐ DV Bonus TH-RRH ☐ DV Bonus CE-SSO

Name of Reviewer: _____

CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT NEW PROJECT ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD

Threshold Review Criteria *Applicants must fully meet threshold criteria.* *Projects not meeting all the specified criteria will not be reviewed further.*	**Meets Criteria? Yes, No, N/A**
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2. Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type:
• Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1 & 4 homeless.
  ○ All projects must be either 100% dedicated to chronically homeless or all beds/units must be Dedicated PLUS.
  ○ All projects must serve exclusively disabled individuals/households as defined by HUD.
• Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1 & 4 homeless.
  ○ Residing in TH funded as part of a Joint TH-RRH project
  ○ Receiving assistance from a VA homeless program and met one of the above criteria on intake into the VA program
• Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1, 2, & 4 homeless.
  ○ All participants must initially receive TH services and transition as soon as practical to rapid rehousing.
• Coordinated Entry (CE-SSO)
  ○ Can serve Category 1, 2, & 4 homeless. This project type is accessible to all participants eligible for all other project types.	

3. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type: • PSH: Rental assistance (tenant, sponsor, or project based), leasing or operating funds, supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs • RRH: Rental assistance (tenant based only), supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs • TH-RRH: For TH component – operating, leasing or rental assistance, for RRH component tenant based rental assistance only, supportive services and admin costs eligible for entire project.TH-RRH: Operating or leasing assistance and supportive services for the TH phase; tenant based rental assistance plus supportive services for the RRH phase. • CE-SSO: assessment of service needs, assistance with moving costs, case management, child care, education services, employment assistance, food, housing/counseling services, legal services, life skills, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, utility deposits, operating costs	

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4. Project applicant is an eligible entity: • Must have an active registration in the SAMS system. • Must have a UEI number. • Must be a nonprofit organization, state or local government, or instrumentalities of state or local government. • Must be in good standing with the Federal government.	
5. Match is greater than or equal to 25%.	
6. Project agrees to participant in Coordinated Entry and HMIS.	
7. Project agrees to use Housing First principles and be low barrier.	
8. Project applicant must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.	

Project meets threshold eligibility criteria? If any of the above answers are no, the project does not meet threshold, and is therefore not eligible for funding consideration.

☐ Accepted

☐ Rejected

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CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT NEW PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD

Rating Factor for New Project Types	Points Available	Points Awarded	Criteria
Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing			
New permanent housing projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1		The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
	1		The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	1		The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	1		Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
Total Points	**4**		☐ **Accepted** ☐ **Rejected**
Joint TH-RRH			
New Joint TH and PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.	1		The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)
	1		The proposed project will provide enough rapid re-housing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid re-housing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.
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	1		The project has low barriers to entry and prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing.
Total Points	**6**		**☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected**
SSO-Coordinated Entry			
New SSO-Coordinated Entry project applications (also known as centralized or coordinated assessment) must receive at least 3 out of the 5 points available and must receive the point under the fifth criteria for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 of the 5 points available and the point under the fifth criteria will be rejected.	1		The centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
	1		There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.
	1		There is a standardized assessment process.
	1		Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.
	1		The proposed project has a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from the mainstream programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
Total Points	**5**		**☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected**

Comments:

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PRIORITY CHECKLIST WORKSHEET

PRIORITY	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	SCORE
ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL PERSONS • Identify, engage, and effectively serve persons experiencing homelessness. • Develop housing and supportive services tailored to the needs of those experiencing homelessness. • Use data to measure project effectiveness in ending homelessness.	**10**	
REDUCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS • Provides access to low barrier housing and services to youth and adults experiencing homelessness that is not conditional to a particular subpopulation or service provision (i.e., person served does not have to be a Veteran, fleeing domestic violence, in services with any particular agency to receive assistance). • Project assists Coalition in meeting benchmarks towards achieving the goal of making homelessness brief, rare, and non-recurring. • Agency implements trauma-informed practices that emphasize resiliency and strength-based strategies. • Project targets hard to serve populations and persons coming from literal homeless situations.	**10**	
USES A HOUSING FIRST APPROACH • Meets Housing First requirements outlined in Housing First Assessment Worksheet. • Individuals are rapidly placed and stabilized in housing without any preconditions regarding income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor. • Projects should help participants move quickly into permanent housing and should measure and reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. • Projects engage landlords and property owners, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. • Service participation requirements occur only after a person has been stabilized in housing, and program participants are not required to participate in disability-related services (i.e., mental health services, outpatient health services, provision of medication) as a condition of continued participation in the program.	**10**	
PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE • Agency prioritizes hiring people with lived experience. • Agency includes persons with lived experience in their planning and decision-making processes, including representation in staff and on the board of directors. • Project evaluation process includes persons with lived experience.	**20**	

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IMPROVE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE • Using cost, performance, and outcome data, the project should improve how resources are utilized to end homelessness. • Uses data to review project quality, performance, and cost effectiveness. • Participates in the Coordinated Entry System and follows the Order of Priority designated by the CoC to fill openings in housing projects. • Employs strong use of data and evidence, including the cost-effectiveness and impact of project on positive housing outcomes, recovery, self-sufficiency, and reducing homelessness. • Trains project staff on best practices, which are then implemented when working with project participants.	**20**	
PARTNERING WITH HOUSING, HEALTH, AND SERVICE AGENCIES • Collaborates with mainstream resources in the community to connect participants with assistance in areas such as employment, education, healthcare, and benefits. • Partners with local workforce development center to improve employment opportunities. • Works closely with public and private health and mental health care organizations to connect program participants to health insurance and health services.	**10**	
ADVANCING EQUITY • Agency are creating policies, procedures, and processes with attention to eliminating barriers for persons of color, gender identity, and sexual orientation with the aim to improve equity and to address disparities. • Agency should address the needs of LGBTQ+, transgender, gender non-conforming, and non-binary individuals and families, ensuring privacy, respect, safety, and access regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation in programs. • Agency hires staff and has board members that are diverse and are representative of the clients in services. • Agency participates in the work to reduce the over representation of people of color and LGBTQ+ experiencing homelessness and housing instability.	**20**	
Total Points	**100**	

**Priorities obtained from the FY 2023 Continuum of Care NOFA and the HOTHC 2023 Priorities vote.*

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Name of Reviewer: _____

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DATA SOURCES

While some data will be collected from narratives such as the project descriptions, the majority of the data used in project evaluation comes from projects' Annual Performance Reviews (APRs), data from the Heart of Texas HMIS/Victim Service Provider Comparable Database and Coordinated Entry data. Some information is obtained directly from providers or from Sage. Data from these sources is verified by HUD whenever possible:

- HUD audit/monitoring findings documentation.
- Information on timely draws and unspent funds from each applicant's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) accounts.
- Information on project matching funds; and
- Information collected by HUD field offices as shown through SAGE, including total LOCCS draw amounts.

RENEWAL PROJECT RANKING AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The CoC Lead Agency for the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition accepts all qualifying applications that meet HUD threshold requirements as established in the NOFA. Qualifying projects are then submitted to the CoC Scoring and Ranking Committee for scoring, ranking recommendations, and final approval for the CoC Competition Priority Listing.

REALLOCATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

The HOTHC Board and CoC Committee understands and acknowledges that through the reallocation process very valuable projects may be defunded. The HOTHC Board and CoC Committee is striving to develop a reallocation process that will ensure that projects submitted in the CoC Consolidated Application best align with the HUD CoC funding mechanism's priorities and contribute to a competitive application that collaboratively secures these dollars to improve our community. The HOTHC Board CoC Committee seeks to make data-driven decisions based on information gathered from APRs and other HUD recommended data tools. This does not mean that the HOTHC Board and CoC Committee do not value reallocated projects or the diversity of programs in our community. Rather, the HOTHC Board and CoC Committee anticipates that most reallocated projects will seek funders with priorities better suited to cultivate the unique contributions these projects make to our community that HUD's CoC funding mechanism is not designed to recognize.

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	8. Participants with more than one disability at entry.	APR13a2	% of persons with more than one disability (Total persons with 2 conditions + total persons with 3+ conditions/Total)	50-100%	25-49%	0-24%	10	
	9. Project uses a Housing First Model	Housing First Assessment Worksheet	Scoring of Housing First Assessment Worksheet	15	10-14	0-9	10	
Financial & Cost Effectiveness	10. Audit Review	Audit submitted by agency	Outcome of audit	Audit shows agency as a low risk auditee AND has no findings	Audit shows agency as low risk auditee OR agency has no findings	Audit shows agency high risk auditee AND findings	10	
	11. Grant Spent Down	APR Q28/Q1a	% of grant expended (Q28 Total Expenditures / Q1a Total Award for Grant Year)	**20 points:** 90-100%	**10 points:** 80-89%	**0 points:** 0-79%	20	
	12. Project Unit Utilization	APR Q2	Average % of unit utilization	**20 points:** 90-100%	**10 points:** 70-89%	**0 points:** 0-69%	20	

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	14. PIT Involvement	Registered Users in Counting Us App	Staff involved in conducting PIT	Yes	—	No	10	
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Total	**Total Possible Points before Penalty Points**						**200**	

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TX-604 WACO/MCLENNAN COUNTY
FY 2023 COC RENEWAL PROJECT EVALUATION

Name of Agency and Project: Salvation Army RRH

Project Type: ☐ PSH ☒ RRH ☐ DV PSH ☐ DV RRH ☐ DV TH

Name of Reviewer: Melissa Ishio

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Scoring and Ranking Committee will complete a Renewal Project Evaluation Tool for each renewing CoC project (except for 1st year renewals due to lack of an Annual Performance Review to use for scoring). Projects failing to submit required information for a priority area will receive zero points for that priority area. After completing all Renewal Project Evaluation Tools, the CoC Scoring and Ranking Committee will rank all renewal projects according to their evaluation score and how well they meet the priorities set by HUD and HOTHC.

DATA SOURCES

While some data will be collected from narratives such as the project descriptions, the majority of the data used in project evaluation comes from projects' Annual Performance Reviews (APRs), data from the Heart of Texas HMIS/Victim Service Provider Comparable Database and Coordinated Entry data. Some information is obtained directly from providers or from Sage. Data from these sources is verified by HUD whenever possible:

- HUD audit/monitoring findings documentation.
- Information on timely draws and unspent funds from each applicant's Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) accounts.
- Information on project matching funds; and
- Information collected by HUD field offices as shown through SAGE, including total LOCCS draw amounts.

RENEWAL PROJECT RANKING AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The CoC Lead Agency for the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition accepts all qualifying applications that meet HUD threshold requirements as established in the NOFA. Qualifying projects are then submitted to the CoC Scoring and Ranking Committee for scoring, ranking recommendations, and final approval for the CoC Competition Priority Listing.

REALLOCATION PROCESS AND PROCEDURE

The HOTHC Board and CoC Committee understands and acknowledges that through the reallocation process very valuable projects may be defunded. The HOTHC Board and CoC Committee is striving to develop a reallocation process that will ensure that projects submitted in the CoC Consolidated Application best align with the HUD CoC funding mechanism's priorities and contribute to a competitive application that collaboratively secures these dollars to improve our community. The HOTHC Board CoC Committee seeks to make data-driven decisions based on information gathered from APRs and other HUD recommended data tools. This does not mean that the HOTHC Board and CoC Committee do not value reallocated projects or the diversity of programs in our community. Rather, the HOTHC Board and CoC Committee anticipates that most reallocated projects will seek funders with priorities better suited to cultivate the unique contributions these projects make to our community that HUD's CoC funding mechanism is not designed to recognize.

HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET

Project Agency and Name: The Salvation Army-Waco RRH Renewal

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all homeless people access and sustain permanent stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can be well-run and safe without imposing requirements that prevent many homeless individuals from entering and/or remaining in housing. As part of the NOFA solicitation for new and renewal projects applicants are required to answer the following questions related to the existing or proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules. Each question will be scored as indicated. At the completion of the questionnaire, the applicant will tabulate the total score. Maximum points is 15.

1. **Low Barrier access:**

   a. **Will/Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?**

      Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 point]

   b. **Will/Does the project require all persons with specified criminal convictions to be excluded on a blanket basis from admission (excluding registered sexual offender/predator, and background screening imposed by other funders)?**

      Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 point]

   c. **Will/Does the project require participants to be clean and sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?**

      Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 point]

   d. **Will/Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status and are transgendered persons served according to the gender with which they identify?**

      Yes ☒ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

   e. **Will/Does the project expedite the admission process including aiding in assembling necessary documents to support the application for admission?**

      Yes ☒ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

   f. **Does the project actively participate in coordinated entry including attendance at meetings and case conferencing and, if applicable, are all new project entrants being referred through coordinated entry?**

      Yes ☐ No ☒ [Yes = 1 point]

2. **Housing Retention**

a. **Will/Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 point}

b. **Will/Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 [point]

c. **Will/Does the project require participants to obtain earned or benefit income as a condition of remaining in the project?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 [point]

d. **Will/Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

e. **Are/Will project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ [No = 1 point]

3. **Participant engagement**

a. **Will/Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community based services?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ [Yes = 1 point]

b. **Will/Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ [Yes = 1 point]

c. **Will/Does the project employ Person Centered Planning as a guiding principle of the service planning process? Person Centered Planning focuses on helping the individual to identify and then accomplish their own goals in terms of relationships, community and program participation, achieving control over their lives, and developing the skills and resources needed to accomplish these goals**

Yes [X] No [ ] [Yes = 1 point]

d. **Are/Will the project staffed be trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, trauma informed approaches, and strength based?**

Yes [X] No [ ] [Yes = 1 point]

TOTAL SCORE: 14

Certification of Responses

I attest that the answers above are true and are provided without any additional comment or clarification.

Meredith Donovan

Authorized Applicant Signature

Meredith Donovan, Grants Manager

Authorized Applicant Name and Title

8/18/2023

Date

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Total	**Total Possible Points before Penalty Points**						**200**	**95**

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9/8/2023

Art Penahle
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Dear Art Penhale,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The SSO Coordinated Entry program has been ranked #3 and the amount of funding recommended is $86,801
2. The Rapid Rehousing program ranked #11 and the amount of funding recommended is $89,028
3. The Coordinated Entry Expansion has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $10,258
4. The Rapid Rehousing Expansion project has been declined.

You may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/, the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov. The grievance process can be found in the HOTHC Policies and Procedure Manual at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-HOTHC-TX-604-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf, in Appendix E. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your submissions to this year's competition.

Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Art.penhale@uss.salvationarmy.org
Cc: Meredith Donovan
Subject: Salvation Army Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: TSA 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter for this year's outcomes of the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity.

As indicated in the letter attached letter, you may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/ , the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Laurel Cowan
HMIS System Administrator

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Galen Price
209 S 28th St.
Waco, TX 76710

Dear Galen Price,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The HMIS Grant has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $62,653

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Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

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Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:39 PM
To: galenp@wacotx.gov
Cc: Nicole Wiscombe
Subject: FY2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: City of Waco 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

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Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Thank you,

Laurel Cowan
HMIS System Administrator

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PO BOX 23025, WACO, TX 76702

09/08/2023

Whitney Thomas
Family Abuse Center, Inc.
PO Box 20395
Waco, TX 76702

Dear Whitney Thomas,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31,2023, the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The Rapid Rehousing program ranked #10 and the amount of funding recommended is $90,154
2. The Permanent Supportive Housing program ranked #7 and the amount of funding recommended is $54393
3. The Transitional Housing program ranked #9 and the amount of funding recommended is $131,816
4. The Permanent Supportive Housing Families has been ranked #5 and the amount of funding recommended is $73,407
5. The SSO Coordinated Entry has been ranked # and the amount of funding recommended is $76,031
6. The YHDP Rapid Rehousing has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $114,816

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Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:21 PM
To: Whitney.Thomas@familyabusecenter.org
Cc: Samantha Dietzler
Subject: Scoring and Ranking Notification FY2023
Attachments: FAC 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

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Thank you,

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9/8/2023
Daniel Thompson
110 South 12 Street
Waco, TX 76703

Dear Daniel Thompson,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The Supportive Services Only-Housing Navigator program ranked #2 and the amount of funding recommended is $145,048
2. The Permanent Supportive Housing program ranked #8 and the amount of funding recommended is $285,193
3. The Rapid Re-housing program ranked #6 and the amount of funding recommended is $86,102
4. The Rapid Rehousing Expansion has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $159,702
5. The YDHP DOBEY/HYGEH BEAR Consolidation has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $170,364
6. The STARRSKYE Rapid Rehousing program has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $360,019
7. The HOTTCHY Transitional Housing program has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $175,000

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Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:33 PM
To: daniel.thompson@hotbhn.org
Cc: Nicole Wiscombe
Subject: FY2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: HOTBHN 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter for this year's outcomes of the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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Thank you,

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9/8/2023

Shannon Eckley
PO Box 23025,
Waco, Texas 76702

Dear Shannon Eckley,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The Planning Grant has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $114,073

You may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/, the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov. The grievance process can be found in the HOTHC Policies and Procedure Manual at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-HOTHC-TX-604-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf, in Appendix E. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your submissions to this year's competition.

Sincerely,

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Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:17 PM
To: shannon@throwingaces.org
Cc: Nicole Wiscombe
Subject: FY2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: HOTHC 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter for this year's outcomes of the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity.

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Thank you,

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9/8/2023

Timothy Packer, Ph.D.
524 W. Waco Drive, Suite B
Waco, TX 76701

Dear Timothy Packer, PhD,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The YHDP Drop-In SSO program has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $155,760

You may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/, the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov. The grievance process can be found in the HOTHC Policies and Procedure Manual at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-HOTHC-TX-604-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf, in Appendix E. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your submissions to this year's competition.

Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

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Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:26 PM
To: Tim Packer
Cc: shaunl@thecovewaco.org
Subject: FY2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: The Cove 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter for this year's outcomes of the Heart of Texas Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity.

As indicated in the letter attached letter, you may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/ , the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov.

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9/8/2023

Art Penahle
4721 W. Waco Dr.
Waco, TX 76710

Dear Art Penhale,

I am writing to officially inform you of the outcome of the Scoring and Ranking Committee evaluation of the project applications your agency submitted to The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition. On August 31, 2023 the following projects were accepted to receive the following recommended funding amount in the FY2023 Continuum of Care NOFA competition:

1. The SSO Coordinated Entry program has been ranked #3 and the amount of funding recommended is $86,801
2. The Rapid Rehousing program ranked #11 and the amount of funding recommended is $89,028
3. The Coordinated Entry Expansion has been accepted and the amount of funding recommended is $10,258
4. The Rapid Rehousing Expansion project has been declined.

You may review the entire ranking document at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/, the FY 2023 HOTHC CoC NOFA webpage. If you have any grievances regarding this, you may file a grievance complaint with the CoC Lead Agency by emailing Galen Price at galenp@wacotx.gov. The grievance process can be found in the HOTHC Policies and Procedure Manual at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-HOTHC-TX-604-Policies-and-Procedures.pdf, in Appendix E. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you for your submissions to this year's competition.

Sincerely,

CoC Scoring & Ranking Committee

Laurel Cowan

From: Laurel Cowan
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Art.penhale@uss.salvationarmy.org
Cc: Meredith Donovan
Subject: Salvation Army Scoring and Ranking Notification
Attachments: TSA 2023 Scoring and Ranking Notification Letter.docx

Good afternoon,

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FY 2023 TX-604/HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION RANKING

Rank	Score	Accepted/ Rejected	Applicant	Project	Project Type	Funding Type	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
UNRANKED PROJECTS								
		Accepted	Heart of Texas	Planning Grant	Planning	renewal	$ 114,073	$ 114,073
TEIR 1 PROJECTS							$ 1,180,626	$ 1,097,982
1		Accepted	City of Waco	HMIS Grant	HMIS	renewal	$ 62,653	$ 62,653
2		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	SSO Housing Navigator	CE-SSO	renewal	$ 145,048	$ 145,048
3		Accepted	The Salvation Army	SSO Coordinated Entry	CE-SSO	renewal	$ 86,801	$ 86,801
4		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	SSO Coordinated Entry DV	CE-SSO	1st yr renewal	$ 76,031	$ 76,031
5		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Permanent Supportive	PH-PSH	1st yr renewal	$ 73,407	$ 73,407
6	160	Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 86,102	$ 86,102
7	135	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Permanent Supportive	PH-PSH	renewal	$ 54,393	$ 54,393
8	120	Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	renewal	$ 285,193	$ 285,193
9	115	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Transitional Housing	TH	renewal	$ 131,816	$ 131,816
10	105	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 90,154	$ 90,154
11	95	Accepted	The Salvation Army	CoC Rapid Rehousing for Families	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 89,028	$ 6,384
TEIR 2 PROJECTS AND COC BONUS PROJECTS								
11		Accepted	The Salvation Army	CoC Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	renewal		$ 82,644
12		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	CoC bonus	$ 159,702	$ 149,444
13		Accepted	The Salvation Army	Coordinated Entry Expansion	CE-SSO	CoC bonus	$ 10,258	$ 10,258
		Rejected	The Salvation Army	Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	CoC bonus	$ 65,700	$ -
YHDP PROJECTS								
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP DOBEY Drop-In Center	SSO	renewal - consolidation	$ 124,870	$ 124,870
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP HYGEH BEAR Navigation	SSO	renewal - consolidation	$ 170,364	$ 170,364
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	STARRSKYE Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	replacement	$ 360,019	$ 360,019
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	HOTTCHY Transitional Housing	TH	replacement	$ 175,000	$ 175,000
		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	YHDP Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 114,816	$ 114,816
		Accepted	The Cove	YHDP Drop-In SSO	SSO	renewal	$ 155,760	$ 155,760

FY 2023 TX-604/HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION RANKING

Prelim Pro Rata Need	Estimated annual Renewal Demand ARD	Tier 1 - Estimated ARD @ 93%	CoC Planning	CoC Bonus	Domestic Violence Bonus
$ 2,240,823	$ 2,281,455	$ 1,097,982	$ 114,073	$ 159,702	$224,082

NOFO Narratives.docx - Google | FY 2023 Continuum of Care Prog | FY 2023 CoC/YHDP NOFO – HEA
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Apps FB Meta Business Suite Twitter WordPress HOTHC Maps GDrive HMIS E-Snaps Sage HUD HUD HDX HDX 2.0 Housing eLoccs Neighborly e3 - Login UDPaaS - VHA Texas CoC Coordina... All Bookmarks
HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION Customize 1 0 New Edit Page Howdy, Nicole Wiscombe

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FY 2023 CoC/YHDP NOFO

NOFO Information and Materials for CoC & YHDP Grantees

FY 2023 Awards

FY 2023 TX-604 Heart of Texas CoC Awards

FY 2023 Texas CoC Awards

FY 2023 Texas CoC Awards

FY 2023 TX-604 NOFO Debriefing

FY 2023 Collaborative Application

FY 2023 TX-604 Registration

FY 2023 TX-604 Review

FY 2023 TX-604 Grant Inventory Worksheet

FY 2023 TX-604 Collaborative Application

FY 2023 TX-604 Ranking List

FY 2023 NOFO Project Application Information – TX-604 CoC Materials

HUD's CoC/YHDP NOFO Resources

FY 2023 NOFO Public Notice & Timeline

FY 2023 New Project Threshold & Scoring Tool

FY 2023 Renewal CoC Project Evaluation Tool

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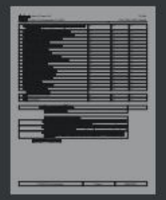
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Before Starting the CoC Application

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

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

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

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

Your CoC Must Approve the Consolidated Application before You Submit It
- 24 CFR 578.9 requires you to compile and submit the CoC Consolidated Application for the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition on behalf of your CoC.
- 24 CFR 578.9(b) requires you to obtain approval from your CoC before you submit the Consolidated Application into e-snaps.

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

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

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- Follow Up
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- Homeless Services
- Housing Services
- HOTHC
- YHDP DOBEY 16
- YHDP ALL 1
- KCFLeadershipTeam 259
- KCF All 2488

Nicole.Wiscombe@hotb...
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	Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition/TX-604 Continuum of Care Members and Stakeholders, I am writing to notify you all that the FY 2023 Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Collaborative Applica...					
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	Jerry, It looks like my ED signed the documents. You were cc'ed on them so should be able to view the document via DocuSign but if you need me to send them separately, please let me know. Thanks! Nicole Wiscombe (she/her/hers) <htt...					

FY 2023 CoC/YHDP NOFO Collaborative Application Notification

Reply Reply All Forward

Nicole Wiscombe

To Abby Waters; acastanon@tstc.edu; opendoor@advocacycntr.org; aascherl@advocacycntr.org; ali.shepherd@unboundnow.org; Amanda_samaniego@compassionwaco.com; awalker@esc12.net; amy.jimenez0509@gmail.com; Amy.Lowrey@co.mclennan.tx.us; Ana Johnson; awen@caritas-waco.org; AnnieB@wacopha.org; **+177 others**

Cc Laurel (laurel@prosperwaco.org)

Mon 9/25/2023 2:20 PM

Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition/TX-604 Continuum of Care Members and Stakeholders,

I am writing to notify you all that the FY 2023 Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Notice of Funding Opportunity Collaborative Application has been publicly posted on the HOTHC website and is open for public viewing and comment between now and submission, which HOTHC is aiming to do on September 27th. The Collaborative Application can be viewed at http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/FY-2023-Consolidated-Application-Draft-for-Posting.pdf. This published draft is subject to revision between now and the submission date as comments are addressed and editing improvements are made. Once submission is completed, the draft will be replaced with the final submission on the HOTHC FY 2023 NOFO page, http://www.heartoftexashomeless.org/fy-2023-coc-yhdp-nofo/. On this page you will find all the materials related to the competition, such as the public notice, timeline, scoring tools, and ranking list. If you have any questions or comment, please feel free to reach out to myself or Laurel Cowen, HMIS Administrator, as the lead authors of the Collaborative Application, on behalf of HOTHC.

Thanks!

Nicole Wiscombe (she/her/hers)
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HEART OF TEXAS Behavioral Health Network

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for TX-604 - Waco/McLennan County CoC

Total Population PIT Count Data

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count	**234**	**143**	**195**	**242**
Emergency Shelter Total	88	50	54	92
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	70	52	66	77
Total Sheltered Count	**158**	**102**	**120**	**169**
Total Unsheltered Count	**76**	**41**	**75**	**73**

Chronically Homeless PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	**29**	**18**	**36**	**25**
Sheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	7	5	9	9
Unsheltered Count of Chronically Homeless Persons	22	13	27	16

2023 HDX Competition Report

PIT Count Data for TX-604 - Waco/McLennan County CoC

Homeless Households with Children PIT Counts

	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Households with Children	**30**	**16**	**21**	**22**
Sheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	30	16	21	22
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Households with Children	0	0	0	0

Homeless Veteran PIT Counts

	2011 PIT	2020 PIT	2021 PIT *	2022 PIT	2023 PIT
Total Sheltered and Unsheltered Count of the Number of Homeless Veterans	**40**	**16**	**11**	**16**	**15**
Sheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	23	9	8	8	10
Unsheltered Count of Homeless Veterans	17	7	3	8	5

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

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HMIS Bed Coverage Rates

Project Type	Total Year-Round, Current Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds	Total Year-Round, Current, Non-VSP Beds*	HMIS Bed Coverage Rate for Year-Round Beds	Total Year-Round, Current VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	Total Year-Round, Current, VSP Beds**	HMIS Comparable Bed Coverage Rate for VSP Beds	Total Current, Year-Round, HMIS Beds and VSP Beds in an HMIS Comparable Database	HMIS and Comparable Database Coverage Rate
ES Beds	116	93	93	100.00%	23	23	100.00%	116	100.00%
SH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
TH Beds	126	30	100	30.00%	26	26	100.00%	56	44.44%
RRH Beds	130	111	111	100.00%	19	19	100.00%	130	100.00%
PSH Beds	110	106	106	100.00%	4	4	100.00%	110	100.00%
OPH Beds	0	0	0	NA	0	0	NA	0	NA
Total Beds	482	340	410	82.93%	72	72	100.00%	412	85.48%

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Notes
***For OPH Beds, this does NOT include any beds that are Current, Non-VSP, Non-HMIS, and EHV-funded.**
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In the HIC, "Year-Round Beds" is the sum of "Beds HH w/o Children", "Beds HH w/ Children", and "Beds HH w/ only Children". This does not include Overflow ("O/V Beds") or Seasonal Beds ("Total Seasonal Beds").
In the HIC, Current beds are beds with an "Inventory Type" of "C" and not beds that are Under Development ("Inventory Type" of "U").

PSH Beds Dedicated to Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness

Chronically Homeless Bed Counts	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
Number of CoC Program and non-CoC Program funded PSH beds dedicated for use by chronically homeless persons identified on the HIC	81	79	56	56

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

Households with Children	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH units available to serve families on the HIC	26	11	25	35

Rapid Rehousing Beds Dedicated to All Persons

All Household Types	2020 HIC	2021 HIC	2022 HIC	2023 HIC
RRH beds available to serve all populations on the HIC	130	45	113	130

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Summary Report for TX-604 - Waco/McLennan County CoC

Measure 1: Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless

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

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

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

	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES and SH	637	704	36	31	-5	10	7	-3
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, and TH	655	722	83	83	0	13	9	-4

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

This measure includes data from each client's "Length of Time on Street, in an Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven" (Data Standards element 3.17) response and prepends this answer to the client's entry date effectively extending the client's entry date backward in time. This "adjusted entry date" is then used in the calculations just as if it were the client's actual entry date.

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

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	Universe (Persons)		Average LOT Homeless (bed nights)			Median LOT Homeless (bed nights)		
	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
1.1 Persons in ES, SH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	780	826	469	568	99	117	108	-9
1.2 Persons in ES, SH, TH, and PH (prior to "housing move in")	852	897	470	568	98	111	108	-3

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

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

	Total # of Persons who Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination (2 Years Prior)	Returns to Homelessness in Less than 6 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 6 to 12 Months		Returns to Homelessness from 13 to 24 Months		Number of Returns in 2 Years	
		FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns	FY 2022	% of Returns
Exit was from SO	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from ES	67	2	3%	11	16%	2	3%	15	22%
Exit was from TH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from SH	0	0		0		0		0	
Exit was from PH	76	4	5%	4	5%	4	5%	12	16%
TOTAL Returns to Homelessness	143	6	4%	15	10%	6	4%	27	19%

Measure 3: Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts

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

	January 2021 PIT Count	January 2022 PIT Count	Difference
Universe: Total PIT Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons	143	195	52
Emergency Shelter Total	50	54	4
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	52	66	14
Total Sheltered Count	102	120	18
Unsheltered Count	41	75	34

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Unduplicated Total sheltered homeless persons	666	747	81
Emergency Shelter Total	648	728	80
Safe Haven Total	0	0	0
Transitional Housing Total	19	19	0

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	60	65	5
Number of adults with increased earned income	3	0	-3
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	5%	0%	-5%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	60	65	5
Number of adults with increased non-employment cash income	12	11	-1
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	20%	17%	-3%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults (system stayers)	60	65	5
Number of adults with increased total income	13	11	-2
Percentage of adults who increased total income	22%	17%	-5%

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Metric 4.4 – Change in earned income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	16	34	18
Number of adults who exited with increased earned income	0	1	1
Percentage of adults who increased earned income	0%	3%	3%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	16	34	18
Number of adults who exited with increased non-employment cash income	5	8	3
Percentage of adults who increased non-employment cash income	31%	24%	-7%

Metric 4.6 – Change in total income for adult system leavers

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Number of adults who exited (system leavers)	16	34	18
Number of adults who exited with increased total income	5	9	4
Percentage of adults who increased total income	31%	26%	-5%

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH or TH during the reporting period.	635	704	69
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	201	159	-42
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time)	434	545	111

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Person with entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during the reporting period.	752	881	129
Of persons above, count those who were in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 months prior to their entry during the reporting year.	231	173	-58
Of persons above, count those who did not have entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in the previous 24 months. (i.e. Number of persons experiencing homelessness for the first time.)	521	708	187

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

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

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

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons who exit Street Outreach	32	37	5
Of persons above, those who exited to temporary & some institutional destinations	4	3	-1
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	10	34	24
% Successful exits	44%	100%	56%

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

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	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH who exited, plus persons in other PH projects who exited without moving into housing	586	678	92
Of the persons above, those who exited to permanent housing destinations	56	76	20
% Successful exits	10%	11%	1%

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

	Submitted FY 2021	FY 2022	Difference
Universe: Persons in all PH projects except PH-RRH	79	79	0
Of persons above, those who remained in applicable PH projects and those who exited to permanent housing destinations	77	77	0
% Successful exits/retention	97%	97%	0%

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	All ES, SH			All TH			All PSH, OPH			All RRH			All Street Outreach		
	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022	Submitted FY2020	Submitted FY2021	FY2022
1. Number of non-DV Beds on HIC	94	89	87	73	91	94	134	126	105	107	35	94			
2. Number of HMIS Beds	94	89	87	5	27	30	134	126	105	107	35	94			
3. HMIS Participation Rate from HIC (%)	100.00	100.00	100.00	6.85	29.67	31.91	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00			
4. Unduplicated Persons Served (HMIS)	683	655	727	0	0	19	166	154	149	220	303	386	300	450	553
5. Total Leavers (HMIS)	640	595	673	0	0	0	23	13	10	68	64	110	109	73	105
6. Destination of Don't Know, Refused, or Missing (HMIS)	286	334	301	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	6	28	28	18	9
7. Destination Error Rate (%)	44.69	56.13	44.73				4.35	0.00	10.00	5.88	9.38	25.45	25.69	24.66	8.57

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Submission and Count Dates for TX-604 - Waco/McLennan County CoC

Date of PIT Count

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

Report Submission Date in HDX

	Submitted On	Met Deadline
2023 PIT Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2023 HIC Count Submittal Date	4/28/2023	Yes
2022 System PM Submittal Date	2/22/2023	Yes

Before Starting the Project Listings for the CoC Priority Listing

The CoC Consolidated Application requires TWO submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Application MUST be completed and submitted prior to the CoC Program Competition submission deadline stated in the NOFO.

The CoC Priority Listing includes:
- Reallocation forms – must be completed if the CoC is reallocating eligible renewal projects to create new projects or if a project applicant will transition from an existing component to an eligible new component.
- Project Listings:

- New;
- Renewal;
- UFA Costs;
- CoC Planning;
- YHPD Renewal; and
- YHDP Replacement.
- Attachment Requirement

- HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan – Collaborative Applicants must attach an accurately completed, signed, and dated HUD-2991.

Things to Remember:
- New and Renewal Project Listings – all project applications must be reviewed, approved and ranked, or rejected based on the local CoC competition process.
- Project applications on the following Project Listings must be approved, they are not ranked per the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition NOFO:

- UFA Costs Project Listing;
- CoC planning Project Listing;
- YHPD Renewal Project Listing; and
- YHDP Replacement Project Listing.
- Collaborative Applicants are responsible for ensuring all project applications accurately appear on the Project Listings and there are no project applications missing from one or more Project Listings.
- For each project application rejected by the CoC the Collaborative Applicant must select the reason for the rejection from the dropdown provided.
- If the Collaborative Applicant needs to amend a project application for any reason, the Collaborative Applicant MUST ensure the amended project is returned to the applicable Project Listing AND ranked BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing to HUD in e-snaps.

Additional training resources are available online on HUD's website.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition

1A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Identification

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

Collaborative Applicant Name: Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition

2. Reallocation

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this form, please reference the FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and FY 2023 CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide on HUD's website. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

2-1 Is the CoC reallocating funds from one or more eligible renewal grant(s) that will expire in Calendar Year 2024 into one or more new projects?	No

Continuum of Care (CoC) New Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the New Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all new project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of new projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the New Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make the necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps. https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

WARNING: If you amend project applications back to project applicants to make changes or corrections in e-snaps, you must approve the resubmitted project applications. If you do not approve the resubmitted project applicatins, they will not be included on your CoC's Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding. HUD lacks the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which tell us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field

Project Name	Date Submitted	Comp Type	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Grant Term	Rank	PH/Realloc	PSH/RRH	Expansion
FY2023 HOTRMHMR R...	2023-09-12 17:09:...	PH	Heart of Texas Re...	$149,444	1 Year	E12	PH Bonus	RRH	Yes
FY 2023 The Salva...	2023-09-11 14:14:...	SSO	The Salvation Arm...	$10,258	1 Year	E13	PH Bonus		Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the Renewal Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all renewal project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of renewal projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the Renewal Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

The Collaborative Applicant certifies that there is a demonstrated need for all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing.	X
The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.	X
The Collaborative Applicant does not have any renewal permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing renewal projects.	

WARNING: If you amend project applications back to project applicants to make changes or corrections in e-snaps, you must approve the resubmitted project applications. If you do not approve the resubmitted project applicatins, they will not be included on your CoC's Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding. HUD lacks the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which tell us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

EX1_Project_List_Status_field List Updated Successfully

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Rank	PSH/RRH	Comp Type	Consolidation Type	Expansion Type
FY 2023 Family Ab...	2023-09-12 15:26:...	1 Year	Family Abuse Center	$131,816	9		TH		
FY 2023 Family Ab...	2023-09-12 15:25:...	1 Year	Family Abuse Center	$90,154	10	RRH	PH		
FY 2023 The Salva...	2023-09-11 14:15:...	1 Year	The Salvation Arm...	$86,801	E3		SSO		Expansion
FY2023 Family Abu...	2023-09-12 15:30:...	1 Year	Family Abuse Center	$76,031	4		SSO		
FY2023 HOTRM HMR P...	2023-09-12 16:32:...	1 Year	Heart of Texas Re...	$285,193	8	PSH	PH		
FY 2023 Family Ab...	2023-09-12 15:24:...	1 Year	Family Abuse Center	$73,407	5	PSH	PH		
FY2023 HOTRM HMR R...	2023-09-12 16:45:...	1 Year	Heart of Texas Re...	$86,102	E6	RRH	PH		Expansion
FY2023 HOTRM HMR H...	2023-09-12 16:17:...	1 Year	Heart of Texas Re...	$145,048	2		SSO		
FY 2023 Family Ab...	2023-09-12 15:24:...	1 Year	Family Abuse Center	$54,393	7	PSH	PH		
FY 2023 Heart of ...	2023-09-23 21:49:...	1 Year	City of Waco	$62,653	1		HMIS		
FY2023 The Salvat...	2023-09-24 18:45:...	1 Year	The Salvation Arm...	$89,028	11	RRH	PH		

Continuum of Care (CoC) Planning Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the CoC Planning Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload the CoC planning project application submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes while the project is located in the e-snaps system. You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review the CoC Planning Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to view the project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application, you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

Only one CoC planning project application can be submitted and only by the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC which must match the Collaborative Applicant information on the CoC Applicant Profile.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

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EX1_Project_List_Status_field

Project Name	Date Submitted	Grant Term	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Accepted?
TX-604 CoC Planni...	2023-09-12 15:43:...	1 Year	Heart of Texas Ho...	$114,073	Yes

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Renewal Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Renewal Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP Renewal project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP Renewal projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system.

You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP Renewal Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked (if applicable) or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps. .

As stated in the FY 2023 NOFO, CoCs must rank all YHDP Renewal projects that HUD initially funded in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP Competition.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

The Collaborative Applicant certifies that there is a demonstrated need for all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the YHDP Renewal Project Listing.	X
The Collaborative Applicant certifies all renewal permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing projects listed on the YHDP Renewal Project Listing comply with program requirements and appropriate standards of quality and habitability.	X
The Collaborative Applicant does not have any renewal permanent supportive housing or rapid rehousing YHDP renewal projects.	

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Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted?	Rank	PSH/RRH	Consolidation Type
FY 2023 YHDP HOTR...	2023-09-12 18:04:...	Heart of Texas Re...	$170,364	SSO	1 Year	Yes	---		
FY 2023 YHDP HOTR...	2023-09-12 17:56:...	Heart of Texas Re...	$124,870	SSO	1 Year	Yes	---		Survivor
FY 2023 Family Ab...	2023-09-12 15:26:...	Family Abuse Center	$114,816	PH	1 Year	Yes	---	RRH	
FY 2023 - The Cov...	2023-09-12 09:46:...	The Cove, Heart o...	$155,760	SSO	1 Year	Yes	---		

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name:	FY 2023 YHDP HOTRMHMR HYGEH BEAR Navigation SSO-SO
Project Number:	212052
Date Submitted:	2023-09-12 18:04:40.757
Applicant Name	Heart of Texas Region MHMR
Budget Amount	$170,364
Project Type	SSO
Program Type	SSO
Component Type	SSO
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	SSO

Instructions

This form provides the basic information for the YHDP Renewal project applications that were selected for review.

If “Yes” is selected, click “Save & Back to List.” If “No” is selected, click “Save.” A new drop-down menu will appear asking for the reason the CoC rejected the project application. Select the appropriate response from the list and then click “Save & Back to List.”

If the YHDP Renewal project was initially funded by HUD in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP competition, you must first answer "Yes" or "No" to the question "Do you want to rank this project?" Round 1 YHDP Renewal project applications must be ranked based on the CoC local competition process that includes the rating and ranking or rejection process.

If “Yes” is selected, click “Save” and a new field labeled “Rank” will appear where you must enter a unique rank number for the project application, then click “Save & Back to List.” If “No” is selected, click “Save.” A new drop-down menu will appear asking for the reason the CoC rejected the project application. Select the appropriate response from the list and then click “Save & Back to List.”

Do you want to submit this project? Yes
(Make selection and click the 'save' button below)

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name: FY 2023 YHDP HOTRMHMR DOBEY SSO-SO

Project Number:	212051
Date Submitted:	2023-09-12 17:56:34.345
Applicant Name	Heart of Texas Region MHMR
Budget Amount	$124,870
Project Type	SSO
Program Type	SSO
Component Type	SSO
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	SSO

Instructions

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If “Yes” is selected, click “Save & Back to List.” If “No” is selected, click “Save.” A new drop-down menu will appear asking for the reason the CoC rejected the project application. Select the appropriate response from the list and then click “Save & Back to List.”

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Do you want to submit this project? (Make selection and click the 'save' button below) Yes

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name:	FY 2023 Family Abuse Center YHDP RRH Renewal
Project Number:	210644
Date Submitted:	2023-09-12 15:26:16.028
Applicant Name	Family Abuse Center
Budget Amount	$114,816
Project Type	PH

Program Type	PH
Component Type	PH
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	PH

Instructions

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
(Make selection and click the 'save' button below)

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name:	FY 2023 - The Cove - YHDP Drop-in renewal - SSO
Project Number:	211526
Date Submitted:	2023-09-12 09:46:45.119
Applicant Name	The Cove, Heart of Texas
Budget Amount	$155,760
Project Type	SSO
Program Type	SSO
Component Type	SSO
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	SSO

Instructions

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
(Make selection and click the 'save' button below)

Continuum of Care (CoC) YHDP Replacement Project Listing

Instructions:

Prior to starting the YHDP Replacement Project Listing, review the CoC Priority Listing Detailed Instructions and CoC Priority Listing Navigational Guide available on HUD's website.

To upload all YHDP Replacement project applications submitted to this Project Listing, click the "Update List" button. This process may take a few minutes based upon the number of YHDP renewal projects submitted by project applicant(s) to your CoC in the e-snaps system.

You may update each of the Project Listings simultaneously. To review a project on the YHDP Replacement Project Listing, click on the magnifying glass next to each project to view project details. To view the actual project application, click on the orange folder. If you identify errors in the project application(s), you can send the application back to the project applicant to make necessary changes by clicking the amend icon. It is your sole responsibility for ensuring all amended projects are resubmitted, approved and ranked (if applicable) or rejected on this project listing BEFORE submitting the CoC Priority Listing in e-snaps.

As stated in the FY 2023 NOFO, CoCs must rank all YHDP Replacement applications for projects replacing YHDP Renewal projects that HUD initially funded in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP Competition.
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition.

WARNING: If you amend project applications back to project applicants to make changes or corrections in e-snaps, you must approve the resubmitted project applications. If you do not approve the resubmitted project applicatins, they will not be included on your CoC's Priority Listings, which could result in your CoC losing funding. HUD lacks the authority to fund projects unless they are included on the Priority Listings, which tell us which projects your CoC is prioritizing.

Project Name	Date Submitted	Applicant Name	Budget Amount	Comp Type	Grant Term	Accepted?	Rank
FY2023 HOTRMHM R Y...	2023-09-22 12:32:...	Heart of Texas Re...	$360,019	PH	1 Year	Yes	---
FY2023 HOTRMHM R Y...	2023-09-22 12:25:...	Heart of Texas Re...	$175,000	TH	1 Year	Yes	---

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name:	FY2023 HOTRMHMR YHDP STARRSKYE Rapid Rehousing
Project Number:	205423
Date Submitted:	2023-09-22 12:32:40.804
Applicant Name	Heart of Texas Region MHMR
Budget Amount	$360,019
Project Type	PH
Program Type	PH
Component Type	PH
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	PH

Instructions

This form provides the basic information for the YHDP Replacement project applications that were selected for review.

If the YHDP Replacement project will noncompetitively renew in the FY 2023 CoC Program Competition, you must first answer "Yes" or "No" to the question "Do you want to submit this project?". YHDP Replacement applications to replace YHDP projects initially funded by HUD in the FY 2017 (Round 2) or later YHDP Competition will renew noncompetitively and must not be ranked.

If “Yes” is selected, click “Save & Back to List.” If “No” is selected, click “Save.” A new drop-down menu will appear asking for the reason the CoC rejected the project application. Select the appropriate response from the list and then click “Save & Back to List.”

If the YHDP Renewal project being replaced was initially funded by HUD in the FY 2016 (Round 1) YHDP competition, you must first answer "Yes" or "No" to the question "Do you want to rank this project?" Round 1 YHDP Renewal project applications must be ranked based on the CoC local competition process that includes the rating and ranking or rejection process.

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
(Make selection and click the 'save' button below)

Project Applicant Project Details

Project Name:	FY2023 HOTRMHMR YHDP HOTTCHY Transitional Housing
Project Number:	205421
Date Submitted:	2023-09-22 12:25:10.456
Applicant Name	Heart of Texas Region MHMR
Budget Amount	$175,000
Project Type	TH
Program Type	TH
Component Type	TH
Grant Term	1 Year
Priority Type	TH

Instructions

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Do you want to submit this project? Yes
(Make selection and click the 'save' button below)

Funding Summary

Instructions

This page provides the total budget summaries for each of the project listings after you approved and ranked the New, Renewal, Round 1 YHDP Renewal and Round 1 YHDP Replacement projects, or rejected project applications. You must review this page to ensure the totals for each of the categories is accurate.

The "Total CoC Request" indicates the total funding request amount your CoC's Collaborative Applicant will submit to HUD for funding consideration. As stated previously, only 1 UFA Cost project application (for UFA designated Collaborative Applicants only) and only 1 CoC Planning project application can be submitted and only the Collaborative Applicant designated by the CoC is eligible to request these funds.

Title	Total Amount
Renewal Amount	$1,180,626
New Amount	$159,702
CoC Planning Amount	$114,073
YHDP Amount - Competitive	$0
YHDP Amount - Non-Competitive	$1,100,829
Rejected Amount	$0
TOTAL CoC REQUEST	$2,555,230

Attachments

Document Type	Required?	Document Description	Date Attached
Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (HUD-2991)	Yes	HUD-2991, Certifi...	09/22/2023
Other	No	Local Competition...	09/22/2023
Other	No		
Project Rating and Ranking Tool (optional)	No	Local Competition...	09/22/2023

Attachment Details

Document Description: HUD-2991, Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

Attachment Details

Document Description: Local Competition Selection Results

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Document Description:

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Document Description: Local Competition Scoring Tool

Submission Summary

WARNING: The FY2021 CoC Consolidated Application requires 2 submissions. Both this Project Priority Listing AND the CoC Consolidated Application MUST be submitted.

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5D. CoC Planning Project Listing	09/22/2023
5E. YHDP Renewal Project Listing	09/22/2023
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Funding Summary	No Input Required
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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Certification of Consistency Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the Continuum of Care Program Competition

I certify the proposed activities included in the Continuum of Care (CoC) project application(s) is consistent with the jurisdiction's currently approved Consolidated Plan.

Applicant Name: Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition/TX-604 Heart of Texas Continuum of Care

Project Name: Continuum of Care & Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants

Location of the Project: Waco, TX

Name of Certifying Jurisdiction: City of Waco, TX

Certifying Official of the Jurisdiction Name: Bradley Ford

Title: City Manager

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Signature: [signature]

Date: 8/11/23

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3.0 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, completing the form, attaching a list of projects if submitting one form per jurisdiction, obtaining local jurisdiction's signature, and uploading to the electronic e-snaps CoC Consolidated Application. This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless that collection displays a valid OMB control number.

Privacy Act Statement. This form does not collect SSN information. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is authorized to collect all the information required by this form under 24 CFR part 91, 24 CFR Part 578, and is authorized by the McKinney-Vento Act, as amended by S. 896 The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act of 2009 (42 U.S.C. 11371 et seq.).
HUD considers the completion of this form, including the local jurisdiction(s) authorizing official's signature, as confirmation the project application(s) proposed activities submitted to HUD in the CoC Program Competition are consistent with the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and, if the project applicant is a state or unit of local government, that the jurisdiction is following its Consolidated Plan per the requirement of 24 CFR part 91. Failure to either submit one form per project or one form with a listing of project information for each field (i.e., name of applicant, name of project, location of project) will result in a technical deficiency notification that must be corrected within the number of days designated by HUD, and further failure to provide missing or incomplete information will result in project application removal from the review process and rejection in the competitive process.

FY 2023 CoC/YHDP Projects

Applicant	Project Name	Project Type	Funding Type
Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition	Planning Grant	Planning	renewal
City of Waco	HMIS Grant	HMIS	renewal
Family Abuse Center	Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing - Domestic Violence	renewal
Family Abuse Center	Family Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing - Domestic Violence/Families	renewal
Family Abuse Center	Singles Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing - Domestic Violence/Individuals	renewal
Family Abuse Center	Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing - Domestic Violence	renewal
Family Abuse Center	YHDP Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing - Domestic Violence/Youth ages 18-24	renewal
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	SSO Housing Navigator	Coordinated Entry - Housing Navigators	renewal
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	Permanent Supportive Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing - Mental Health	renewal
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	Rapid Rehousing Grant	Rapid Rehousing - Mental Health	renewal & expansion
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP DOBEY Drop-In Center	Drop-In Center - Youth ages 18-24	renewal
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP HYGEH BEAR Navigation	System & Housing Navigation - Youth under 25 yrs old	renewal
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	STARRSKYE Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing - Youth ages 18-24	replacement
HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	HOTTCHY Transitional Housing	Transitional Housing - Youth ages 16-24	replacement
The Cove	YHDP Drop-In SSO	Drop-In Center - Youth under 18	renewal
The Salvation Army	SSO Coordinated Entry	Coordinated Entry - Heart to Home CE Admin	renewal & expansion
Family Abuse Center	SSO Coordinated Entry	Coordinated Entry - Domestic Violence System CE Admin	renewal
The Salvation Army	Rapid Rehousing	Rapid Rehousing - Families	renewal

FY 2023 TX-604/HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION RANKING

Rank	Score	Accepted/ Rejected	Applicant	Project	Project Type	Funding Type	Amount Requested	Amount Approved
UNRANKED PROJECTS								
		Accepted	Heart of Texas	Planning Grant	Planning	renewal	$ 114,073	$ 114,073
TEIR 1 PROJECTS							$ 1,180,626	$ 1,097,982
1		Accepted	City of Waco	HMIS Grant	HMIS	renewal	$ 62,653	$ 62,653
2		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	SSO Housing Navigator	CE-SSO	renewal	$ 145,048	$ 145,048
3		Accepted	The Salvation Army	SSO Coordinated Entry	CE-SSO	renewal	$ 86,801	$ 86,801
4		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	SSO Coordinated Entry DV	CE-SSO	1st yr renewal	$ 76,031	$ 76,031
5		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Permanent Supportive	PH-PSH	1st yr renewal	$ 73,407	$ 73,407
6	160	Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 86,102	$ 86,102
7	135	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Permanent Supportive	PH-PSH	renewal	$ 54,393	$ 54,393
8	120	Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Permanent Supportive Housing	PH-PSH	renewal	$ 285,193	$ 285,193
9	115	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Transitional Housing	TH	renewal	$ 131,816	$ 131,816
10	105	Accepted	Family Abuse Center	CoC Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 90,154	$ 90,154
11	95	Accepted	The Salvation Army	CoC Rapid Rehousing for Families	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 89,028	$ 6,384
TEIR 2 PROJECTS AND COC BONUS PROJECTS								
11		Accepted	The Salvation Army	CoC Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	renewal		$ 82,644
12		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	CoC Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	CoC bonus	$ 159,702	$ 149,444
13		Accepted	The Salvation Army	Coordinated Entry Expansion	CE-SSO	CoC bonus	$ 10,258	$ 10,258
		Rejected	The Salvation Army	Rapid Rehousing Expansion	PH-RRH	CoC bonus	$ 65,700	$ -
YHDP PROJECTS								
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP DOBEY Drop-In Center	SSO	renewal - consolidation	$ 124,870	$ 124,870
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	YHDP HYGEH BEAR Navigation	SSO	renewal - consolidation	$ 170,364	$ 170,364
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	STARRSKYE Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	replacement	$ 360,019	$ 360,019
		Accepted	HOTBHN *(HOTRMHMR)*	HOTTCHY Transitional Housing	TH	replacement	$ 175,000	$ 175,000
		Accepted	Family Abuse Center	YHDP Rapid Rehousing	PH-RRH	renewal	$ 114,816	$ 114,816
		Accepted	The Cove	YHDP Drop-In SSO	SSO	renewal	$ 155,760	$ 155,760

FY 2023 TX-604/HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION RANKING

Prelim Pro Rata Need	Estimated annual Renewal Demand ARD	Tier 1 - Estimated ARD @ 93%	CoC Planning	CoC Bonus	Domestic Violence Bonus
$ 2,240,823	$ 2,281,455	$ 1,097,982	$ 114,073	$ 159,702	$224,082

TX-604 WACO/MCLENNAN COUNTY
FY 2023 COC NEW PROJECT EVALUATION

Name of Agency and Project: _____

Project Type: ☐ PSH ☐RRH ☐ Joint TH-RRH ☐ CE-SSO ☐ DV Bonus RRH ☐ DV Bonus TH-RRH ☐ DV Bonus CE-SSO

Name of Reviewer: _____

CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT NEW PROJECT ELIGIBILITY THRESHOLD

Threshold Review Criteria *Applicants must fully meet threshold criteria.* *Projects not meeting all the specified criteria will not be reviewed further.*	**Meets Criteria? Yes, No, N/A**
1. Project must be for eligible project type: Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) or Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH); or additional services for the Coordinated Entry System (CE-SSO).	

2. Project proposes to serve an eligible population for the project type:
• Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1 & 4 homeless.
  ○ All projects must be either 100% dedicated to chronically homeless or all beds/units must be Dedicated PLUS.
  ○ All projects must serve exclusively disabled individuals/households as defined by HUD.
• Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1 & 4 homeless.
  ○ Residing in TH funded as part of a Joint TH-RRH project
  ○ Receiving assistance from a VA homeless program and met one of the above criteria on intake into the VA program
• Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing (TH-RRH)
  ○ Can serve Category 1, 2, & 4 homeless.
  ○ All participants must initially receive TH services and transition as soon as practical to rapid rehousing.
• Coordinated Entry (CE-SSO)
  ○ Can serve Category 1, 2, & 4 homeless. This project type is accessible to all participants eligible for all other project types.	

3. Project proposes to use eligible costs for the project type: • PSH: Rental assistance (tenant, sponsor, or project based), leasing or operating funds, supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs • RRH: Rental assistance (tenant based only), supportive services, HMIS and administrative costs • TH-RRH: For TH component – operating, leasing or rental assistance, for RRH component tenant based rental assistance only, supportive services and admin costs eligible for entire project.TH-RRH: Operating or leasing assistance and supportive services for the TH phase; tenant based rental assistance plus supportive services for the RRH phase. • CE-SSO: assessment of service needs, assistance with moving costs, case management, child care, education services, employment assistance, food, housing/counseling services, legal services, life skills, mental health services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, utility deposits, operating costs	

Threshold Review Criteria *Applicants must fully meet threshold criteria.* *Projects not meeting all the specified criteria will not be reviewed further.*	**Meets Criteria? Yes, No, N/A**
4. Project applicant is an eligible entity: • Must have an active registration in the SAMS system. • Must have a UEI number. • Must be a nonprofit organization, state or local government, or instrumentalities of state or local government. • Must be in good standing with the Federal government.	
5. Match is greater than or equal to 25%.	
6. Project agrees to participant in Coordinated Entry and HMIS.	
7. Project agrees to use Housing First principles and be low barrier.	
8. Project applicant must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds.	

Project meets threshold eligibility criteria? If any of the above answers are no, the project does not meet threshold, and is therefore not eligible for funding consideration.

☐ Accepted

☐ Rejected

Comments:

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CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT NEW PROJECT QUALITY THRESHOLD

Rating Factor for New Project Types	Points Available	Points Awarded	Criteria
Permanent Housing: Permanent Supportive Housing or Rapid Rehousing			
New permanent housing projects must receive at least 3 out of the 4 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 points will be rejected.	1		The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families).
	1		The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention in or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.
	1		The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	1		Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
Total Points	**4**		☐ **Accepted** ☐ **Rejected**
Joint TH-RRH			
New Joint TH and PH-RRH component project applications must receive at least 4 out of 6 points available for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 4 points will be rejected.	1		The type of housing proposed, including the number and configuration of units, will fit the needs of the program participants (e.g., two or more bedrooms for families.)
	1		The proposed project will provide enough rapid re-housing assistance to ensure that at any given time a program participant may move from transitional housing to permanent housing. This may be demonstrated by identifying a budget that has twice as many resources for the rapid re-housing portion of the project than the TH portion, by having twice as many PH-RRH units at a point in time as TH units, or by demonstrating that the budget and units are appropriate for the population being served by the project.
	1		The type of supportive services that will be offered to program participants will ensure successful retention or help to obtain permanent housing, including all supportive services regardless of funding source.

Rating Factor for New Project Types	Points Available	Points Awarded	Criteria
	1		The proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs for which they are eligible to apply meets the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
	1		Program participants are assisted to obtain and remain in permanent housing in a manner that fits their needs (e.g., provides the participant with some type of transportation to access needed services, safety planning, case management, additional assistance to ensure retention of permanent housing).
	1		The project has low barriers to entry and prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing.
Total Points	**6**		**☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected**
SSO-Coordinated Entry			
New SSO-Coordinated Entry project applications (also known as centralized or coordinated assessment) must receive at least 3 out of the 5 points available and must receive the point under the fifth criteria for this project type. Projects that do not receive at least 3 of the 5 points available and the point under the fifth criteria will be rejected.	1		The centralized or coordinated assessment system is easily available/reachable for all persons within the CoC's geographic area who are seeking information regarding homelessness assistance. The system must also be accessible for persons with disabilities within the CoC's geographic area.
	1		There is a strategy for advertising that is designed specifically to reach homeless persons with the highest barriers within the CoC's geographic area.
	1		There is a standardized assessment process.
	1		Ensures program participants are directed to appropriate housing and services that fit their needs.
	1		The proposed project has a specific plan to coordinate and integrate with other mainstream health, social services, and employment programs and ensure that program participants are assisted to obtain benefits from the mainstream programs for which they may be eligible (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education).
Total Points	**5**		**☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected**

Comments:

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PRIORITY CHECKLIST WORKSHEET

PRIORITY	TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	SCORE
ENDING HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL PERSONS • Identify, engage, and effectively serve persons experiencing homelessness. • Develop housing and supportive services tailored to the needs of those experiencing homelessness. • Use data to measure project effectiveness in ending homelessness.	**10**	
REDUCING UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS • Provides access to low barrier housing and services to youth and adults experiencing homelessness that is not conditional to a particular subpopulation or service provision (i.e., person served does not have to be a Veteran, fleeing domestic violence, in services with any particular agency to receive assistance). • Project assists Coalition in meeting benchmarks towards achieving the goal of making homelessness brief, rare, and non-recurring. • Agency implements trauma-informed practices that emphasize resiliency and strength-based strategies. • Project targets hard to serve populations and persons coming from literal homeless situations.	**10**	
USES A HOUSING FIRST APPROACH • Meets Housing First requirements outlined in Housing First Assessment Worksheet. • Individuals are rapidly placed and stabilized in housing without any preconditions regarding income, work effort, sobriety, or any other factor. • Projects should help participants move quickly into permanent housing and should measure and reduce the length of time people experience homelessness. • Projects engage landlords and property owners, remove barriers to entry, and adopt client-centered service methods. • Service participation requirements occur only after a person has been stabilized in housing, and program participants are not required to participate in disability-related services (i.e., mental health services, outpatient health services, provision of medication) as a condition of continued participation in the program.	**10**	
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Project Agency and Name: _____

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TX-604 WACO/MCLENNAN COUNTY
FY 2023 COC RENEWAL PROJECT EVALUATION

Name of Agency and Project: _____

Project Type: ☐ PSH ☐ RRH ☐ DV PSH ☐ DV RRH ☐ DV TH

Name of Reviewer: _____

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- Information on project matching funds; and
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RENEWAL PROJECT RANKING AND FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

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CONTINUUM OF CARE GRANT RENEWAL SCORING TOOL

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				DV 15-100%	***DV 5-14%***	***DV 0-4%***		
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				DV 50-100%	***DV 30-49%***	***DV 0-29%***		
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				DV >270	***DV 180-270***	***DV <180***		
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Coordinated Entry & Targeting Hard to Serve	6. Percent of entries from places not meant for human habitation	APR Q15 & Q5a	Number of Entries from Place Not Meant for Human Habitation/ Adult Heads of Household	**20 points:** 50-100%	**10 points:** 25-49%	**0 points:** 0-24%	20	

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HMIS Monitoring & Data Quality	15. HMIS/Comparable Database Monitoring	Monitoring Letter(s) & Response Letter(s)	Findings from most recent monitoring	No Findings	Resolved Findings	Unresolved Findings	10	
	16a. HMIS Data Quality and Completeness	HMIS	Average of UDE Completeness from Data Quality/Completeness Report for all UDEs	**20 points:** 95-100%	**10 points:** 90-94%	**0 points:** 0-89%	20	
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Penalty	17. Application turned in after internal deadline	E-Snaps Submission Date	E-Snaps Submission Date	Turned in after internal deadline	—	Turned in on time	**-10**	
	18. Data Quality and Completeness	HMIS	Average of UDE Completeness from Data Quality/Completeness Report for all UDEs ***(DV Exception)***	0-79.99%	—	—	**-10**	
Total	**Total Possible Points before Penalty Points**						**200**	

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